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### EDITORIAL

Sorry we are late, truthfully the post strike is mainly to blame with cards arriving and everything else following in line, as you already know, the cards plough through a few channels before they arrive at the correspondents door. The correspondents in turn were between brilliant and excellent in their returns; being the last lines of defence Mrs Lambert (typing) and Sefton ITEC, I don't expect them to drop everything for us, so will have to wait and hope.

The twelve team division are just the jobs for secretaries, free weeks for rearranged games and not so many games, particularly with the new rule of playing outstanding games within eight weeks. Whether players who enjoy their weekly game are pleased is a different matter. For instance one player who cannot play on Friday, has no game for five weeks, not exactly an appetiser for the enthusiasm that the player has for the game. Let your opinions be known. If we all agree on twelve team divisions, I think it should be applicable to all divisions.

## TABLE EDGES

Congratulations to Roy Cook-Hannah and his boys for their additional team in Division 6 they changed the trend a bit.

Nigel Conquest (English Electric) had continued his table tennis in Edinburgh and at the halfway stage in undefeated.

With an England ranked youngster in the city, I wonder how he didn't get in the Liverpool red side against the Chinese boys. A game for Andrew Eden would surely have done him a power of good.

Don Cameron our Treasurer is not in the best of health at the moment. To such an extent that he has relinquished the title he has held for over 30 years. Our finances were expertly administered by our financial expert. To Don our thanks for years of dedicated work, also our sincere and best wishes Don that you will soon be back in the best of health.

A bit of a shock to find a Plessey's team turn up with ex Cadwa Secretary Trevor Hughes in it. Trevor has always been a dedicated Cadwa man. Secretary for 15 years, his casual and maybe way out secretarial approach was not truly to the book - but nevertheless a top class man as secretary - we cannot afford to lose good administrations - two in one column. Trevor took over from Val Blore - Lee remember Val.

I mentioned in a previous issue that veterans are in with reference to Mabel Neary - but try and get hold of Alex Gould at the weekend you will be lucky - he really has got veteranitis.

There is an account elsewhere of the Liverpool Rep side v China, but I make no apology for mentioning the co-operation of and the staff of the Peter Lloyd Sports Centre who provided bouquet, laid on refreshments and helped in so many ways including an excellent layout. Out appreciation to Don Davies for 'sussing out' a golden opportunity, but what can we say to ex Liverpool Y.M.C.A. player Phillip Liu - simply thank you Phil for helping where it counted.

I think our M.C.Y.A. lads went one better than us at Peter Lloyd's. To be having a knock up at your club and have a dozen world ranked players walk in for knock - what can you say except you lucky people.

The Closed Championship will be held at Kirkby Sports Centre on Sunday 14 April - with the Finals at the Police Club Prescott Road, on Tuesday 18 April. Enter for the fun and social contact even if winning is a bit dodgy.

It is 25 years since the Maxwell Fyffe Trophy was played for. He was the M.P. for West Derby and a judge at the Nuremburg Trials - any other news of the Maxwell Fyffe would be welcomed.

A major alteration to your Handbook if the appointment of Bill Salter of Maghull as our Treasurer, so your Hon.Treasurer on page 1 should now read W. Salter, 5 Green Park Drive, Maghull, L31 8EN, 526 6495 (H.) Good Luck Bill.

For two weeks, two thirds of the League didn't have a game, a few weeks later over half the League had two games in a week. Both situations were bad news - very naughty.

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## THE CHINA CHALLENGE

Some years ago visitors to China varied between nil and zero. After the World Champions in Tokyo. The Chinese invited the English team to visit and play in China. These were the first visitors allowed in for many moons and were headlined in the national press as 'The Ping

Pong Diplomats' amongst them was Tony Clayton a Liverpool league player. So it is appropriate that when the Chinese boys are in the area we see them, as we now have done on two occasions.

Considering the short time the organisers had to arrange things every credit must go to everyone involved to allow us to see these truly great Chinese players.

Results:- China 5 Liverpool Reps. O. The result as far as we who were there were concerned was incidental. We had seen some of the world's top players they showed us how to break the hearts of our top players, in fact four Liverpool champions - Stuart Richards (Colonsay) v Wangzhuiyi, Keith Williams (Liverpool Y.M.) v Chenzhibin, Paul Hutchings (Bath Street) v Hui Jun; Wayne Percival v Fau Yi Yong. Also Ming Liu (Y.M.C.A) Liverpool Restricted champ v Wang Zhui Yi. Our lads were all at sixes and sevens - I mean sevens and eights. The match was followed by a single exhibition with the World No.7 Chen Zhin Hua playing Chen Zhi Bin and the four matchplayers playing doubles, these games had to be seen to be believed, the control, hitting and defending was truly a magnificent table tennis spectacular. Our thanks must go first of all the Chinese manager and his team, for the game. To Brian Leeson the referee for running the game so smoothly and efficiently as usual including his brilliant Norman Collyer impersonation - also his assistants Ken Armson, Alex Gould and Stan Clarke looked and acted their parts superbly.

To Don Davies and Phillip Liu the ex Liverpool Y.M. player for seizing the opportunity and to Phil for his support in many ways particularly regarding finance, the manager of the Peter Lloyd centre and his staff could not have been more helpful, an excellent arena, transport (Bradford and back twice) bouquets and their assistance in every way deserves special thanks and our appreciation to all concerned.

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## 100 CLUB NEWS

At present we are one month behind with the monthly draws because of the postal strike, but we will be catching up by having two draws in December. One will be held in the middle and the other between Christmas and New Year. The three monthly prizes have been raised to £25, £15 and £12 respectively and we shall be having a special Christmas 'Drinks' draw in line with normal festivities. The first draw as held at English Electric on 27 October 1988 where Peter Taylor won the £25 prize, Peter Scarisbrick the £15 and Mrs A Clark the £12, and the second draw will take place shortly - so watch the post for that little brown envelope.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the 100 Club this year because without you we would never have reached our target and yes! in only our third year we have reached the magical number of 100. If anyone doesn't know about the club and wants further information contact me - my number's in the book!. Happy (hic) Christmas.

Sylvia Graham

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## **DIVISION ONE**

## **KEN ARMSON**

At the end of last season it was beginning to look as if we would have a more finely balanced division this season with the possibility of more closer finishes and a wider spread of teams battling for honours. Such hopes, cherished by many for several years, meekly went the way of past seasons as we experienced the all too familiar pattern of club losses and gains and

worst of all the complete loss of a club. Also back with us already is another team having to do a 'Maghull'.

Fernhill is the club which has gone and with it has gone Dave Wilson who founded the club and was mainly responsible for its success. We can ill afford to lose players of his ilk for he tried to put back into this League something to replace the enjoyment he received from having been a member. His players have dispersed, with the most talented making only guest appearances for their new clubs.

Cadwa, struggling to survive the internal problems which split the club, and cost them so many players, have brought Graham Parr and Paul Ashcroft in to replace Keith Williams and Mike Mahoney. This split has seen them move to Liverpool Y.M. to team up with Peter Lee to form a formidable combination. Peter Taylor having been relegated to their 'A' team and Malcolm Pu moving to Y.M.C.A. in the 2nd Division. Peter sees his team as a sound bet for the title and having disposed of champions Wavertree Labour in the cup entitles him to his views. Not wearing the same rose coloured glasses, as Peter, I see it differently. For me, they lack the strength in depth for such a bid, relying heavily on Keith to swing results in their favour. A 6-4 defeat by Electric Supply supports this view as Keith was their only singles winner.

Phil Thompson has also returned and transferred his allegiance back to Colonsay. His inclusion has given them the extra strength needed to make them serious contenders for the title. Chris Ford is not making forecasts but with such a strong line-up must fancy their chances. They have strength in depth, great ability, Stuart Richards at No.1 and a string of victories behind them. Their weakness lies in the fact that Chris and Phil are suspect under pressure and this could be their downfall. Electric Supply exploited this to the full and emerged winners of their clash with Mal McEvoy taking away Stuart's 100%. Not a great set-back, for titles tend to be won by teams notching up convincing victories against the weaker teams as Wavertree Labour proved last season. That is their second weakness, dropping too many sets due to not regularly turning out a full strength team. They need to get their act together quickly if they mean to be champions.

Bath Street are another team having suffered a setback having lost Paul Dilger for the rest of the season. As I forecast last season his results have improved and he has been in tremendous form and this was reflected in their results. His loss is a tremendous blow and one which leaves them as just an average 1st division team. His replacement would appear to be Mike Keane, who having left Bootle Y.M. and moved to English Electric has just as quickly left them and joined Bath Street. I wonder why. Amongst all the doom and gloom we have received a bonus with the return of Police, back after a long absence, and bringing with them the welcome return of John Rankin and Paul Gitten. John is not the player he once was, his long lay-off having blunted his style, but who knows what a return to 1st division play will bring about. I wonder how he sees the strength of the present 1st division compared with his previous spell.

Wavertree Labour are also having their share of problems having lost all their Welsh contingent with the exception of Justin Evans. They were unable to put out a third 1st division standard team and did everything correctly in their bid to have their 'B' team officially taken out. Their request was declined and they had to soldier on. They rightly declined to make do with the alternative put to them of conceding 3 walk overs as this would have been a costly exercise. It seems certain we will see more of this in the future and it is time someone grasped this particular nettle. The only thing left now is to see if Labour 'B' fare better than Maghull

see wise. Their 'A' team looked likely to do much better and are fortunate that their 'B' team is there to hold them up. Wavertree 1st team have gone for a four man team by including Justin Evans following his excellent performance last season. Unfortunately Justin is playing below par as is Dave Roberts, this, coupled with some bad results has lost them ground. They were unlucky to meet a Bath Street team which included Paul Hutchings who was making his only appearance for them this half. They duly went down 6-4 with the two Pauls' winning three each. They could only manage a draw with Y.M. 'A'. Dave Roberts losing his three. Their problem is still the lack of player assured of victory and they have to work hard for their points. They won the title last season by keeping going as others stumbled and this season will have to do the same again.

English Electric are the reverse of Wavertree Labour having a player of high standard at No.1 but lacking the back-up strength to be a front runner. Andrew Eden is said to be in great form and he disposed of the Y.M. trio all in 2 straight. Why, I wonder, was a non-registered player, Wayne Percival, a member of the team chosen to play against the Chinese touring team, when presumably players such as Andrew and Malcolm were available. They could have been given expert tuition in that quaint old custom of smashing your bat by our resident expert.

Colonsay 'A' and YM 'A' can afford to look down at Labour 'A' & 'B' knowing that however badly they fare relegation will not be a problem with these two teams to support them. But is that same relegation a threat to anyone? We started with a 14 team division, have two vacancies, two to come up will make the 14. Question now to be answered, perhaps not until the season ends is, will they decide to maintain this as a 14 team division thus saving Labour 'B' from the drop, or make a 12 team as with the others and to do this relegate the bottom two? Wavertree might be on their way to a record in more ways than one.

Almost forgot Electric Supply. At present out front and having beaten all the other contenders would indicate that a Malcolm forecast could at last be correct. After their victory over Colonsay and his destruction of Stuart Richards' 100%. Malcolm is full of what they are going to do this season. Certainly they are going well with Rob Bevan playing well and Les Molyneux playing even better, but can they keep it up. Their ace is having Lawrence Kenwright to call on as a reserve. Only a fool would ignore their claims and perhaps I fall into that category. Then again, perhaps I am not.

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## DIVISION TWO

SYLVIA GRAHAM

Well the season is well underway, Christmas isn't far away and here I am gradually working my way up the divisional notes. Watch it Ken! One of these days I may prise the first division from your iron grip. When I first started in the League one old table tennis sage quoted me the 'up and down algorism' of 'seven to go up' and 'four to stay up'. Using this rule of thumb I intend making my divisional predictions early though I shall probably regret this rash move as the season progresses. Bootle J.C. with their squad of Chris Spedding, Andrew Clark, Pete Scarisbrick, Steve Neild and Dave Graham haven't lost in the league to date, and seem a very well balanced team capable of promotion and Plessey are the other obvious promotion side. Their normal squad of Bob Edwards, Trevor Owens, Ray Lavin and newly signed ex-Vags, Bobby Owen are a pretty formidable line-up. They did lose their first match against Cadwa 'A', who turned out Ken Hartley but since then they've never looked back. Both English Electric teams are close behind.

On the other hand, though I hope they prove me wrong, my tips for demotion are two from Bootle Y.M. Electric Supply 'A' and Liverpool Y.M.C.A. 'B'. To be fair, Bootle Y.M.C.A. have a few matches in hand and the Liverpool Y.M.C.A. squad of Jeff Huntington, George Smith, Francis Lay, Jimmy Clewett, Ted Mandaluff and Peter Lau should do better.

Looking through the cards I've got, the second division appears to be as tough as ever with lots of draws and six sets to four wins. Bath Street 'A's first match of the season against Fords must have been a good game to watch with six of the ten sets going to 21/19 or closer in the third. Billy Proffitt for Fords won his two singles comfortably but Bath Street won five of the six close sets, including both doubles to clinch the match 6-4. Watch out for Bath Street they've obviously gotta lotta bottle'. Both English Electric sides have had good wins and they usually turn out settled sides. Tony Leary has filled in for both of them and has had several convincing wins including a straight sets victory 21/12; 21/10; against Justine Thomas of Cadwa. A good win because Justine Thomas certainly hasn't been hanging around this season winning doubles against Bootle J.C. Peter Scarisbrick, and Steve Neild, and again at Electric Supply against Alan Biggs and Alan Radcliffe. Newly promoted M.C.Y.A. have settled into this division well and have recently strengthened their side with the signing of Malcolm Pu. He has an unfortunate debut for them when he lost both his opening sets against Bob Edwards and Bobby Owen of Plessey. John Lau beat Bobby Owen 21/18; 19/21; 20/22 in that same match. Close matches seem to be at a premium, Barbara Smallwood (Bath Street) beat Clive Roberts (Cadwa) 17/21; 25/23; 23/25; and teamed up with Ian McElwee to beat Clive and Billy Hargreaves 19/21; 23/21; 21/19; Dave Garbe (Fords) lost to Joseph Yau (MCYA) 17/21; 22/20; 23/25; Derek Sullivan (Bootle YMCA) lost to Bob Edwards (Plessey) 21/19; 23/25; 19/21; Billy Proffitt (Fords) lost to Mike Allen (English Electric) 22/20; 16/21; 23/25; and again to Andrew Clark (Bootle J.C.) 22/20; 18/21; 24/22; and Ian McElwee (Bath Street) lost to Frank McCann (English Electric 'B') 21/23; 21/15; 24/26. Three players deserve a mention in saving their teams from a whitewash. Tom Killip beat Bobby Owen 15/21; 21/18; 21/13; in Bootle's Y.M.C.A. defeat by Plessey. Dave Southall beat Chris Spedding 21/19; 24/22 when his side went down at Bootle YC. A great win because it is Chris's only league defeat to date, and Jeff Huntington beat Alan Chase 21/17; 21/16 to score YM's only set against English Electric 'A'.

Now if anyone would like a mention in these notes all you have to do is beat one of the top players this season. To help you I've devised my own special 'hit list'. In alphabetical order

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Rourke, Mike Power, Ian Wensley, Bill Harris, John O'Sullivan, Barbara Kirkman and Paula French. A very formidable 3rd division side and one which I would normally tip to win the league.

But English Electric 'D' have signed the ex Bootle team who have won the 3rd division cup and league on many occasions, Frank Brady, Keith Miller, Ricky Brown, John McLoughlin and Tommy Downing.

The 3rd top team should be Plessey with a team consisting of Ted Gilmour, Mark Whittaker, Peter Wass, Paul Moran and Trevor Hughes. I think these teams will dominate this season completely and any team who wants fame, only has to do well against them, O.K. so much for theory, what has happened so far? Colonsay and Electric 'D' are both unbeaten so far and fought out an exciting draw when the two teams met, Ricky Brown and Bill Harris both winning three each, but Colonsay were without Colin Rourke. Plessey have tried to prove me wrong by losing to Electric 'C' and drawing with Linacre. Tony Leary, beat Ted Gilmour and Paul Morgan for Electric, and Ken Ainsworth beat Trevor Hughes and John Southworth, well done Ken, fame at last! or is it 'again'.

Good wins so far:- Len Dyson (Police) had a cracking game against Mike Power (Colonsay) winning 18 in the third, Len also took Bill Harris to three in Colonsays' 7-3 win, Chris Roberts surpassed even him this time, he beat Colin Rourke 16, 18, 17 in a super game, Chris nullified Colins two sided loop to great effect. The return game will be much awaited, Chris followed this up by beating Ted Gilmour 20, 20 20 - great stuff. Joan Connor beat Bill Clayton in two straight in Wavertree's 5-5 with Bath Street Captain Val Franco won his usual 3 and will be aiming for his top doubles title again which he held last year with Peter Jones. Battle of the mega-stars was won by Bill Clayton over Trevor Hughes in two straight, in Bath Street's 2-8 to Plessey. Bath Street bounced back in style and walloped Linacre 9-1. Jack Davidson playing well this season, beating Colin Owens for the one point, Colin Owen and Phil Wilkinson (both ex Warwick Bolam) have had some great wins so far and will make a difference to Bath Street.

Barbara Smallwood did well to hit off fellow No1 Stuart Fay 18, 18 but lost to the counter hitting of Rod Bulmer in Maghulls 6-4 win over Bath Street Maghull's ace resrve Kevin Lewis made the difference by winning his three games, Kevin's tennis loop really works with the smaller racquet and the added side spin makes it a match winning shot.

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with Julie Prince to beat Mike and John O'Sullivan in the doubles. Captain Craddock won another epic duel over John Pilkington of Bootle J.C. for once John's forehand was misfiring slightly although the previous week John had had two good wins over John Moore and Alan Wood, two policemen who are difficult to beat Clive Roberts had a fine win over Colin Owens (Bath Street) 18, 16, 19 in a game full of forehand looping with Colin's spin serves just giving him the edge. John Watson returning to this division did well to beat Don Davies 13, 17, 13. Kevin Lewis again won his three in a fine 7-3 for Maghull over Electric 'C'. He beat Ro Craddock 25-23 in the third in singles and doubles, mind you Rod Bulmer was a wonderful steady-influencing influence in the doubles, Stuart, Rod and George, each won one singles.

Electric 'C' have now lost No.2 Tony Leary (Liverpool Junior Champion) due to internal promotion to the 2nd division. It all proved too much for Tony, he lost the two in Electric's 8-2 win over Cadwa. Clive Roberts serves and forehand lops, and George Highams guile and disguised blocks were just too good. Tony has been replaced by Wally Sill one of the few players still using Tony hold anti-loop coupled with tackiness to produce great variations of spin and speed, as Wally says "if he doesn't know what spin is on the ball, what chance has the opponent got of knowing". Captain read this next paragraph twice.

The score cards are a mess - it is your fault, please fill in all the details and if possible put a star alongside the best games so that I can highlight the star player and the players who perform just that little extra to gain crucial points.

Finally I'll chance my arm by tipping Colonsay for the title and Cadwa for the wooden spoon, don't worry I'm correct.

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## DIVISION FOUR

KEN ARMSON

With no writer at present available you have me for this issue. Usual conditions apply i.e. anyone interested to contact Jack Lambert. When you have digested my effort I expect a rush of applications.

Obviously the survivors from last season will be hoping for better things following the departure of Bootle JC 'A' and Plessey 'A' and the added departure of Police 'A'. Those coming down, Rodney Youth and Electric Supply 'B' will be hoping for speedy return to the 3rd. How will it all pan out?

As usual the rude awakening familiar to the lower divisions awaits all would be contenders. First in the queue to provide this is Waterloo. They have stolen a march by signing Alan Walton, ex Bath Street and finally promoting Alan Reid to No.2. Their decision last season to keep him at No.4 must have cost them vital points. Just by moving him up and the rest down one could have pushed them into 2nd place. With their house in order and Alan Walton at No.1 they will take some stopping. Alan 'W' is a steady experienced player and a great clubman. Prior to their meeting with Plessey 'B' I might have been tempted to forecast he could achieve the magic 100%. Alas, for any such hopes Alan, himself, may have had, for after seven matches without defeat he came up against the redoubtable one and only Trevor Hughes. For good measure, Trevor also beat Alan Reid. Trevor's forte, in addition to a style all his own, is to submerge his opponents with highly flowery comments on the quality of their shots. Players basking in this flood of praise suddenly find the game is over and they have lost. Quite a lad, is our Trevor. Why is he now with Plessey, I don't know. Do you? Various rumours abound as to the split in Cadwa's ranks, but the winners are Plessey and the losers those hopefuls in this division who find a promoted Plessey 'B' to be as strong as their 'A' team who



proved a stumbling block last season. At present they are 4th, due to too many 6-4's. I expect a much better return once they decide which formation is their strongest for the task in hand.

Rodney Youth found the 3rd too strong and were obliged to rejoin the 4th and are seeking a quick return. They lost the services of Alan Noor to Liverpool Y.M. last season, but he is back having found that life is pretty ruthless the 1st. His return is reflected in their results. Presently in 2nd place and achieving big wins they will take some stopping. Electric Supply 'B' who came down with them are currently in 3rd place but I can't see them maintaining that for long. A useful team obtaining steady results but lacking the strength needed to turn an outside possibility, into a positive challenge. Their main problem being that the club suffers from 1st division syndrome. Our other newcomer, Bath Street 'C' also have an experienced line-up and will do well, but their results are not consistent enough to make them contenders for the title. They can, and will, cause upsets, but are unlikely to achieve further promotion.

No real changes at Brownmoor Park and the team should succeed in maintaining a position in the top half, or just below, as they did last season. If we have an enigma, then it has to be English Electric 'E'. The team have the ability and will to win, and in Ritchie Cragg they have your real 100% player for effort. Unfortunately, effort, no matter how great, is never quite enough. Their current placing of 9th tends to bear this out, but I am confident they will climb to a higher place, possibly finishing about 7th.

Labour 'D' finished a creditable 5th last season, but have had a few problems teams wise. They are getting it sorted out, but too much ground has been lost. Included in their line-up is Alan Hall, absent for some 5 years due to illness and pleased to be back with us. As is all too often the case, the relegation issue is beginning to sort itself out with Jewish 'B' and Bootle YM 'A' currently fighting for the dubious honour of finishing bottom with little hope of either of them avoiding relegation. I don't expect any real fireworks, but Jewish 'B' and their current 12th placing bears this out. No fireworks, but plenty of entertainment from that colourful character, Dave Cohen, striving to prove his thigh is stronger than his bat. Les Travis, back from I don't know where, trying to prove every ball can be soundly walloped. This game needs characters like these, like I need £1m. There is more to any sport than just the winning. I once had the pleasure of watching Dave prove to a young cocky and arrogant player from my own club, who thought he was better than he was, that you can be a winner even when losing. Possibly the only occasion I have hoped one of my players would be beaten.

What can one say about Bootle YM 'A'. A great crowd, less a few familiar faces striving to stay up and finding, like Jewish 'B', that this time it might just be beyond them. I hope I will be proved wrong, but doubt it. Maghull 'A' will be hoping even more fervently that I am right for if one of those two can pull it off the Maghull team will be favourites to take their place.

Pausing to reflect on how you can be kicked in the teeth when you reach for the stars, one has only to look at Maghull. A few years ago players flocked to join them and they had it all at their feet, only to see it all slip away and the club crumble as the dream faded. Those who are left are the ones who kept their loyalty to the club. Such loyalty being more important to the success of any club than the shallow loyalty which often accompanies great ability.

Last, but by no means least, come Action Youth. They are not going to win anything, but could prove a stumbling block to those with aspirations. Playing at home is a definite advantage for them, but an even greater advantage is their dress. Each player wearing a proper strip and this makes them a team and not four players just thrown together. As a firm sup-

porter of club strip, although having failed to convince my own club of its importance, they are my No.1. Dare I hope that one day every club will have a recognised strip and all players will wear it for matches.

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## DIVISION FIVE

**BARRY MEYER**

As I am writing these notes on the 22nd November I suppose I'd better say "Hope you had a nice Christmas" Satire in the first line? cut it out Baz.

Anyway at least I have a few more cards than most years for the first notes. I have decided to start at the bottom of the division so my team gets an early mention. On current results, the wooden spoon seems likely between Electric Supply and Aigburth 'A', with the former the favourite. Both teams have had some good individual performances but don't seem to be able to all play well on the same night, with the exception of Aigburth 'A's win over their first team - we've been threatening to do it for the last four years and finally the better has come out on top - all the previous results were sheer flukes! Best performance in this match was Eric Woods' 21/10; 22/20 defeat of Bill Leeming. Best performance from Electric Supply have been Neil Bascombes wins over Jerry O'Keefe 21/10; 21/11 and Andy Howarth 21/12; 12/21; 25/23. Hot on the heads of these two teams are Bootle YM 'B', Police, Cadwa and Liverpool Jewish with Aigburth 1st not much ahead. The title seem certain to rest between Vagabonds, Bath Street 'D' Plessey and Maghull, with on present form the latter looking the likely winners, having already defeated Plessey's 8-2. Talking of Maghull its good to see King deuce Andy Howarth back in harness (with his back out of harness). Of these top four, I must admit that we found Plesseys the toughest opponents by far, whereas our 3-7 against Maghull could well have gone either way. This can be said of many matches to date right through the division and the gap in standards between top and bottom is possibly the lowest for many years. My most enjoyable match so far this season was a Veterans cup game against Wavertree Labour, despite the totally unexpected 9-0 scoreline. It was great to play Roy Smith again after a gap of about 100 years. It was, HONEST IT WAS.

I hear Cadwa after their troubles last season, have 'coped' for FOUR points against Police through the Fairfield outfit playing out of order. Nice to see them on the receiving end this time but this rule annoys me so much I'm thinking of organising a protest outside the next A.G.M. - I don't think Sue and her colleagues would arrest me!

Maghull have (as a reserve) one of the most exciting prospects I've seen for years in Kevin Lewis, who came to play us after training at school followed by an indoor tennis match and proceeded to inflict on me the heaviest defeat I've had for several years.

Strange match; Aigburth 5 Bath Street 'D' 5 no three setters and only one deuce in the entire match. Strange game; Alan Fowler (Aigburth A) v Andy Howarth 21/8; 4/21; 23/25. Other close ones so far Peter Knight (Aigburth A) v Ted Cramsie (Jewish) 16/21; 30/28; 19/21, and in the same match Peter and Eric Wood lost to Ted and Richard Blackburne 17/21; 21/18; 25/27. Bobby Bell (Plessey) beat Jack Power (Cadwa) 14/21; 21/16; 23/21. It wasn't Jack's night as he and son Dave lost to Tony Moon and Ted Green 22/20; 18/21; 20/22. Pauline Lawrenson (nice to see her back in our division) defeated Dave Batty (Vagabonds) 22/24; 16/21; 22/20. Bobby Bell overcame Bill Leeming 14/21; 21/15; 26/24. Peter Highton (Electric Supply) lost to Robert Peat (Bath Street) 22/20; 17/21; 21/23; Peter and Neil lost to John Gratton and Jack Highton (any relation?) of Vagabonds 14/21; 22/20; 22/20. Bill Holmes (Aigburth) defeated Peter Roberts (Cadwa) 21/13; 23/25; 21/19 but Peter got his revenge

in the double partnered by Jack Power beating Holmes and Leeming (a double Bill?) 18/21; 23/21; 21/19. For the Supply - Karl Devereau and Mike Masterson overcame Mike Hughes and Nick Ryan respectively 24/22; and 22/20 in the third. Peter Knight beat Peter Roberts 22/24; 21/17 21/19 (making P.R into a Blue Peter).

Bill Leeming defeated Eddie Preston (Bootle YM) 19/21; 23/21; 21/19 (but Eddie Prest-on regardless to win his other game) Don Chalkley (Police) needed ar-rest after beating Peter Mercer (Bath Street) 19/21; 21/12; 24/22. Nick Ryan beat Dave Batty 24/22. Ken Ray (Vagabonds) defeated SueAnderson 23/21. Ted Green overcame Ian Andrews (Jewish) 23/21; John Langton (Bath Street) beat Peter Knight 23/20; all in the third. And finally, (I told you there were some close games this year) Ian Andrew beat Pauline Lawrenson 16/21; 22/20; 24/22 phew! I suppose I could have said Phew! after all these games but then again it was a case of too Phew! to mention.

Only three lonesome pines (Sole Winners) so far:- Eric Wood against Jerry Richardson (Plessey) Ted Cramsie over Tony Moon (Plessey) and the previously mentioned game between Neil Bascombe and Andy Howarth.

Oh! dear I must close now as I've just realised that I'm missing Match of the Day Southport v Portvale but then I could have some real excitement watching my goldfish feeding.

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## DIVISION SIX

## JACK LAMBERT

My goodness - my Guinness or words to that effect - was my first reaction - am I writing notes for division 6 or division 2. Paula, Barbara, Dave, Harry, Brian, yes the Colonsay side. A bit disappointing in a way as the competitive thrust for the top is negated if this is the terrific strength of the club fair enough - but a set back for the up and coming which should be what our division is all about. Five starters for ten show the strength of the Colonsay 'C' side. Their 'D' team were one of the sufferers they in turn had a solid 9-1 against University 'A' only Mike Watson beating Martin Hunter 14 & 18. Two local Derby's in the true sense of the word Jewish 'F' - Jewish 'D' 5 each. Is the 'D' team D for Dutch? Ken still proving his worth with 3 wins - with Susan and Julian following in me father's footsteps. Ken Miller and Gordon Nelson tying up the game with a close 21/19; 19/21; 21/19 win over Susan Dutch and Russell Thornton, the second Derby a 6-4 win for Rodney Youth 'A' over their 'B' team Paul Keatings' three wins clinched it for the 'A' although John Garbe fought well for the 'B' with close games against Paul Kevin Barton.

Youth and experience came out even when Rodney Youth drew with Bath Street 'F' Dave Cheeney and Eugene Berger were top of the pops a good game. Jewish 'E' and University 'A' both won a doubles at deuce in the third in their five all draw. Gordon Nelson and Ye Wong on the ball with a couple of wins each and welcome to Heather Bridgland, the more ladies the better.

After a late start only one card from University when they lost 6-4 to Rodney Youth 'A'. Nice to see teams helping out and rearranging games. Mike Watson and Gautam Mitr won a singles and a doubles each, Joe Williams was top for Rodney with three wins. Susan Dutch and Heather Bridgland met when Jewish 'D' had a good win over University 'A' with Susan winning this one. Eugene Berger saved Bath Street from a fate worse then death when he beat Ray Perry 13 in the third against Bootle J.C. 'A' who in turn lost 7-3 to Rodney Youth 'A' thanks to Joe Williams treble.

A couple of face savers Wayne Gould (Bath Street) beat John Garbe (Rodney Youth) 18 and 16 and John McCreddie (Rodney Youth) beat Gautam Mitra (University) 21/18; 18/21; 21/17. Close games are the lifeblood of our game, there is nothing better than a close competitive game. Peculiarbats lost a lot of the competitive edge and lots of our players. Quite a few players don't fancy playing until early hours, this can be avoided by starting games at 7.30pm as per rule.

Enjoy your table tennis and bring a friend along - like Rodney Youth do.

P.S. If you really fancy yourself as an up and coming table tennis correspondent this is your big moment!?

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## HANDBOOK ALTERATIONS

Stan Clarke, Coaching Sec., 25 Nazeby Ave, Liverpool 23

Div 5 Aigburth M.N. Wed

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Barry Meyer 727 3357 Club number

Div 2 Bootle J.C. M.N. Fri

Div 3 Bootle J.C. 'A' M.N. Mon

Div 6 Bootle Y.M.C.A. 'C' Out

Div 1 Cadwa M.N. Thurs

Div 6 Cadwa 'D' Out

Fernhill Out

Div 3 Liverpool Jewish 'A' Out

Div 3 M.C.Y.A. Out - Police 'A' take over Key 3

Div 2 M.C.Y.A. take over Key 3

Div 2 Bootle J.C. take over Key 11

Div 2 Eng. Elec. 'B'

Div 3 Eng. Elec. 'C' and 'D'; M.N. Thurs

Div 4 Eng. Elec. 'E' M.N. Wed

Jack Lambert 546 3081

Div 6 Maghull 'C' out

Div 1 Merseyside Police M.N. Tues

Div 6 Rodney Youth 'B' M.N. Wed; take over 6

Div 5 Wavertree Labour 'E' Out

Div 6 Bootle J.C. 'B' take over Key 5

**DIVISION 1**

	P	W	L	D	PTS
COLONSAY	11	10	1	-	86
ELECTRIC SUPPLY	11	9	1	1	83
LIVERPOOL YMCA	11	8	2	1	80
WAVERTREE LABOUR	12	6	4	2	76
BATH STREET	12	5	4	3	63
ENGLISH ELECTRIC	10	7	3	-	58
CADWA	11	5	4	2	57
POLICE	11	2	8	1	44
WAVERTREE LAB. 'A'	11	3	7	1	44
L'POOL YMCA A	11	1	7	2	34
COLONSAY A	11	2	8	1	31
WAVERTREE LAB. B	11	-	11	-	4

**DIVISION 2**

ENGLISH ELEC A	12	6	2	4	78
PLESSEY	11	9	1	1	76
ENGLISH ELEC B	12	6	5	1	65
CADWA A	11	4	4	3	54
LIVERPOOL JEWISH	11	4	4	3	54
M.C.Y.A.	10	6	4	-	54
BOOTLE JC	7	6	-	1	50
FORDS	11	5	6	-	49
BATH STREET A	12	3	8	1	41
ELECTRIC SUPPLY A	11	1	7	3	40
LIVERPOOL YMCA B	11	1	9	1	40
BOOTLE YMCA	10	1	5	4	37

**DIVISION 3**

ENGLISH ELEC D	11	9	-	2	84
COLONSAY B	10	9	-	1	80
PLESSEY A	11	7	3	1	63
ENGLISH ELEC C	11	7	4	-	58
BOOTLE JC A	11	5	5	1	57
MAGHULL	10	5	4	1	54
POLICE A	10	3	7	-	43
BATH ST B	11	2	7	2	41
CADWA B	10	3	5	2	36
LINACRE	11	1	7	3	36
WAVERTREE LAB. B	11	1	9	1	30

LIVERPOOL JEWISH C - EXPUNGED

**KNOW YOUR SCORE CARD No.1**

**MATCH No** - THE MATCH NUMBER IS THE WEEK NUMBER AS SHOWN ON PAGES 8 OR 9 OF THE HANDBOOK

**( ) No** - THE BRACKETS AFTER YOUR TEAM NAME ARE YOUR FIXTURE KEY AS SHOWN ON PAGES 10 OR 11 OF THE HANDBOOK

IF YOU CAN ENSURE THESE PARTS OF THE CARD ARE CORRECTLY FILLED IN YOU WILL ASSIST THE FIXTURE SECRETARY CONSIDERABLY.

**DIVISION 4**

	P	W	L	D	PTS
RODNEY YOUTH	10	9	-	1	87
WATERLOO	11	10	-	1	82
ELEC.SUPPLY B	12	7	5	-	74
ENGLISH ELEC.E	11	9	2	-	71
BATH STREET C	12	5	5	2	63
PLESSEY B	12	7	4	1	63
BROWNMOOR PARK	10	5	3	2	49
ACTION YOUTH	9	3	6	-	38
MAGHULL A	10	2	6	2	35
WAVERTREE LAB D	10	1	8	1	32
BOOTLE YMCA A	11	-	10	1	30
L'POOL JEWISH B	11	-	8	3	26

**DIVISION 5**

BATH STREET D	11	8	1		81
PLESSEY C	11	9	2	-	74
VAGABONDS	11	7	3	1	70
MAGHULL B	10	9	1	-	65
POLICE B	11	5	5	1	62
AIGBURTH	11	4	5	2	50
CADWA C	11	3	7	1	49
L'POOL JEWISH C	11	3	6	2	45
BOOTLE YMCA B	10	3	5	2	40
AIGBURTH 'A'	11	3	8	-	37
ELECTRIC SUPPLY C	12	-	11	1	26

**DIVISION 6**

COLONSAY C	10	9	-	1	92
UNIVERSITY	10	7	2	1	73
BOOTLE JC B	9	6	2	1	63
COLONSAY D	9	6	2	1	58
RODNEY YOUTH A	9	6	2	1	53
L'POOL JEWISH D	10	3	5	2	48
L'POOL JEWISH F	11	5	5	1	46
BATH STREET E	11	3	7	1	37
UNIVERSITY A	9	2	6	1	32
RODNEY YOUTH B	11	1	9	1	27
L'POOL JEWISH E	11	1	9	1	21