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EDITORIAL

Off we go again – I say that loosely as it will be nearing Christmas by the time you read this.

I suppose that we are down to five divisions could be a source of club talk, on the bright side they are pretty full.

One item that comes up continuously is three aside which flourishes in Division One and in the intercity games. One of the advocates of three aside is Eddie Clein. There is no doubt that three aside is the fairest way to assess the relative strengths of two sides playing each other. During the conversation Eddie said his club could have put two more teams in but they hadn't the accommodation so Eddie inadvertently had put both sides of the argument perfectly which is exactly as I see it. Can a church or Sports Club allow the use of a room for 3 members? and more nights or rooms will be required with less in a team. There are a few other reasons like cliques being formed over the years, but the main contestants as I see it fair competitive matches more sets v availability of rooms.

Think about it, you might have to make a decision at the A.G.M.

Having delivered the print for the Digest to Sefton ITEC at an all time 'early'. We were sadly let down when we were informed that they were unable to print the magazine. At the moment we are grateful to S & A Print Services and Alan Smethurst for helping us out.

DIVISION 1

KEN ARMSON

Over the years this division has seen, and suffered, from the fickleness of 1st division 'stars' who see loyalty in terms of medals and success. They generally achieve this by kicking loyalty in the teeth and moving on to a stronger club weakening their own club in the process. This season the fickleness reached an all time low when Mal McEnvoy, as secretary of Elec. Supply registered his club at the League Handbook Meeting and then informed them he would not register with them unless at least one other top player was signed on to replace Rob Bevan, who for reasons of his own had dropped a late bombshell advising them he would not be signing on for them. No suitable player being available, Mal just up and left to join Eng. Elec. leaving Elec. Supply in disarray. Eng. Elec. have not come out of this smelling of roses for it must be a matter for concern that at what would appear to be very short notice they accepted his registration knowing he was the secretary of another club.

Abandoned at short notice by his team-mates, Les Molyneux presumably decided it was all too much for him to handle and moved back to his old club, Wav. Labour. But the real losers were Elec. Supply closely followed by the League as a whole. Forced to reshuffle their players and finding they would be unable to fulfill all their fixtures they withdrew their 5th div. team. Like a stone on water the ripples spread. The club lost a team, the 5th div. lost a team and matches, players had to move up a division or two and the 1st div. was left with yet another team of willing volunteers below 1st div. standard which they will have to play. All this because one player wanted to play only in the company of others of like ability. Is this really the face which 1st div. players want exhibited to their fellow League members?

So far the third season in succession we have a team whose members would much prefer not to be playing in this division, with the rest of the division not wanting to have to play them. Much as I decry the view of some players that they are entitled to a good game every match, I do agree that if we are to improve the standard of play in Liverpool then the standard of the 1st div. must be maintained at as high a level as is possible. Having failed yet again to grasp the nettle in respect of clubs finding themselves in such a situation and wanting out, the Management Committee must address themselves to what has now become a regular and unacceptable feature of this division. I don't claim to know the answer, but I do know that an ostrich type act is far removed from what is required.

Moving to less troubled waters, the div. has seen other changes and the levelling out that was beginning to look possible has vanished yet again. Colonsay, hoping to repeat their championship success are at present unchanged, but with the strong likelihood that Phil Thomson will be moving abroad again they have registered a Manchester junior, Darren Howarth, who, they say, will prove a difficult player to beat. Also starting off unchanged were Liverpool Y.M. but they have been strengthened unexpectedly by the signing of Rob Bevan, the unwitting architect of the pre-season charade. A quote from Peter Lee was to the effect that they may not be considered a championship team player wise, but they are the champion drinkers of the 1st div. Anyone wishing to challenge them on this aspect should contact Peter.

Also unchanged are Wav. Labour who have put Les Molyneux in their 'A' team to

replace Paul Kinsey, another lost player, found themselves on the receiving end of their clubs' decision when they met in the first fixture and lost 6-4 with Les winning his three singles and teaming up with Mike Tierney to take the doubles. Those of us who know Phil Luxon will see Les's ranking position as a form of punishment. Cadwa, Bath St. and Y.M. 'A' are also unchanged but there are rumours of changes at Liverpool Y.M. who also suffered the embarrassment of having a lower team player take sets from their 1st team when Ming Liu playing as a reserve for their 'A' team took a set from Peter Lee and Mike Mahoney. All good stuff.

Police have lost John Rankin, reason not known, and newly promoted G.P.T. have brought Trevor Owen back into the 1st div. with Bob Edwards and Ray Lavin completing their line-up. Just what the format of Eng. Elec. 'A' will eventually be is not really clear. The injection into the club of Paul Hutchings, Mal McEvoy, Peter Flint and Lawrence Kenwright has been accompanied by the disappearance of some familiar faces. The current flavour appears to be those stalwarts Alan Chase and Ted Birch, assisted by Mike Allen and Mike Corcoran.

Obviously much attention will be centered on the championship battle which gives the indication of becoming a two team affair between Colonsay and Eng. Elec. with Liverpool Y.M. and Wav. Lab. close at hand. A far more intriguing battle will be the relegation issue which is very open ended at present. A very weak Elec. Supp. already have more points than other contenders thanks to the generosity of Lab. 'A' who played one short, and Police who did not play at all. If they can pick up sets against other contenders they will have every chance of surviving. Police seem to be in disarray following the loss of John Rankin and must seek a settled team. There are question marks against G.P.T. who may find it difficult to hang on to their newly won 1st div. status. Liverpool Y.M. 'A' have had a ropery start but the expected changes may improve their results. Flushed by their 6-4 win against their 1st team, Lab. 'A' consider themselves to be untouchables and have dismissed any suggestions of relegation. Bath St. also feel strong enough to push aside any attempts by those mentioned to push them into the relegation zone. A long way to go and much for some to do.

Early days, yes, but some good wins around which could affect both issues. In spite of their galaxy of Stars Eng. Elec. allowed a chink to appear in their armour when Mike Keane beat 'reserve' Lawrence Kenwright and another set was dropped to G.P.T. when Fred Pheysey popped back to weigh up the new look side and lost to Bob Edwards. G.P.T. picked up two more precious points when Ray Lavin beat Mike Keane and Bob Edwards beat Ian McElwee.

Another recurring problem of this division is the practice of teams to agree a postponement when not at full strength on the basis of the 'we must have a good game' philosophy. I heard rumblings last season that this may have affected the outcome of important matches, if so, it should stop. If only to ensure that anything won or lost is the result of playing correctly to the Rules of this League and not to the unwritten ones applied to suit the occasion.

DIVISION 2

SYLVIA GRAHAM

Well now the pre-season migrations have taken place and every one is settled into their respective teams let's have a look at how 'our season is progressing. English Electric would appear to be the new Mecca of our table tennis league with players coming from near and far to join Jacks' band of merry men. Don't be surprised to see new faces, old faces and some not so old sprinkled throughout the divisions. But I am not here to talk about them; only my own special division two. Who loves ya baby!! . Anyway by popular request so I'm told (conned???) I've been given the honour of continuing as your own special divisional scribe.

Firstly let us welcome all the new teams; the fallen angels from last seasons' first division, Colonsay and Wavertree Labour and the promotees from the third, Colonsay (again!!) and English Electric.

Secondly a warm welcome to everyone else. Before we start with all the interesting items in the notes let me state my golden rule. Do something outstanding, outrageous, different, funny?? or just amazing and you are guaranteed a mention... but let us now continue.

As usual all the teams started equal; played none, won none, lost none and no points but now the positions are changing weekly and there have been some really interesting matches. The one match that must stand out to date is Cadwa 'A' v Colonsay 'A'. It finished (with 2 N's so Mike believes at 12.20 a.m. - is this a proposal for all night table tennis I ask myself? The match ended with the Colonsay side the 7-3 winners but from the score card, Cadwa could just as easily have won 8-2. There just was not an easy set and that includes the doubles. Ian Miller of Cadwa lost to Rob Lowe and Bill Harris, both deuce in the third, then both doubles went to Colonsay, deuce and 19, and lastly Mike Power lost to Ian Wensley -19 16 -23. Knowing the teams, and the evenness of the sides a good nights' table tennis was had by all.

The derby between the two English Electric sides, both very strong teams, saw the 'C' team the eventual 7-3 winners. You don't often see Uncle Fred, Electric 'B', lose both singles in one night but Frank Brady and Keith Miller both beat him in three. There's a little asterisk by Keith's name, perhaps it's a star!!, so I reckon he gets the nomination for 'man' of the match though Ricky Brown has made yet another good start to a season too.

Bootle Y.M.C.A. have washed the cobwebs away this season and must be somewhere near the top of the division. A good 8-2 win over M.C.Y.A. followed by a 6-4 against Colonsay 'B' has set their standard for the rest of the season. Lee Pilkington picked up his two against Colin Rourke 11. -12 16 and Brenda Buoey -16 19, 16 while Derek Sullivan had a peculiar win against Steve Gittins 20 -23 8. What happened in the third Steve? You know that shots always come back from Derek he's got elastic arms and a killer of a sidespin loop. The Y.M. have strengthened since then by signing Julian Quirk. I'll make a deal Juliam, a mention in every Digest if you'll loan me your car.

Colonsay 'B' on the other hand have had a disappointing start to the season. A side

the strength of Colin Rourke, Brenda Buoey, Steve Gittins and Paula French would surely be thought of as promotion contenders, but I feel they may have blown their chances in the first few weeks. Rumour has it that swops will occur between the 'B' and 'C' teams to keep one team in the promotion race.

Bootle J.C. are continually playing well and to date remain unbeaten newly signed Nick Miller, ex English Electric has fitted into the side well replacing the injured Chris Spedding. Chris should be back soon after a brief affair with a physiotherapist (I'm told in confidence that there are no plans for marriage!!!). By the way if they look smart the next time you see them it's because they've been given tracksuits, shirts and socks by Newman Roofing. It's nice to see a company willing to support a table tennis team.

Electric Supply as a club have had a tough start to the season by losing their whole first division side, which meant all Supply's teams have been pushed up. Supply 'A' are probably finding the second a bit tough but after starting the season with a 10-0 loss to Cadwa 'A' they continued with a 6-4 win against Wavertree Labour 'B', Wavertree Labour 'B' are in much the same position, but saying that doesn't mean that they are a walkover because they'll fight for each set and deserve the ones they get.

Finally the close matches so far: Alf Southall, Fords, lost to Chris Spedding -12, 22,-19, and in the same match John McGhee lost to Dave Graham Bootle J.C. 19, -19, -23. Colin Rourke, Colonsay 'B' lost 17, -13,-25 to Frank Brady of Electric 'C'. Lee Pilkington, Bootle Y.M.C.A. lost to Deli Oluyombo, M.C.Y.A., 22, -18, 18. Malcolm Pu, M.C.Y.A. lost to Eddie Clein, Liverpool Jewish -16, 22, -20 and Ian Wensley, Colonsay 'A' lost to John Reynolds, Labour 'B' 9, -21, -18. All I can say now is please annotate some matches; a few words wouldn't go amiss either. These notes are for you so any help (criticisms??) will be gratefully received.

DIVISION 3

COLIN PRATT

This season sees a return to a 14 team division for the first time for several years. Y.M.C.A. and Bath St. have dropped from the 2nd division and Waterloo, Rodney Youth and English Electric have been promoted from the 4th division.

Colonsay have been promoted from the 6th division to play at their correct level, a good decision by out management committee.

With these additions the division looks very strong and it will take a very good team backed by good reserves to win it.

The team which has made the best start is G.P.T. (Plesseys) with an average so far of 8.8 pts. per match. Their team of Ted Gilmour, Bob Owen, Pete Wass, Mark Whittaker and Paul Morgan is an excellent line-up and if they play regularly, will be in with a shout at the end of the season.

Maghull have made a great start, averaging 8 pts. per match, their 10-0 win over Colonsay was a terrific result, Colonsay having to adjust to the pace and consistency of 3rd division play after several seasons away. Colonsay have used 8 different players so far and for this reason I am not tipping them for stardom.

Bootle Job Centre could be promotion candidates if they play their best players regularly, with new signings Rod McPherson and Southport star Roger Neal pushing for places alongside Dave, Sylvia, Dave, John, Ray, Mark and Ray.

Job Centre lost 2-8 to Y.M.C.A. in a very strange match with Mark Jagger losing two to Peter Lau and Arthur Pierce, Marks first game against Peter going to 34-32. Rod McPherson winning J.C.'s only singles against Peter Lau. (mind you Sylvia wasn't playing).

Rodney Youth have bounced straight back as I had hoped with Alan Hamid back at No. 1 and have strengthened the team by signing top coach Dave Garbe to add security at No. 3 Rodney have the best supported team in all the leagues and are a pleasure to play.

Don't forget - cards with asterisks get preferential treatment, here is an example:- English Electric beat Bath St. 7-3 and the game of the night was the one between Julie Prince and Barbara Smallwood, both are Ladies Champions of Liverpool and Southport and both wanted to win.

Barbara made the best start and blasted the first game with Julie unable to control Barbara's speed and forehand kill. The 2nd started the same way but Julie, instead of trying to slow the game down now started to match hit of hit, and ran out the winner 21-17. In the 3rd Julie dominated the rallies with her strong forehand loop and her very tight serves which tend to frustrate opponents, never being able to attack the serve.

Barbara's concentration and excellent attitude nearly got her back into the game as Julie relaxed slightly but Julie won 21-18. A super game to watch - well worth the asterisk.

Here is an asterisk for a different reason - Cadwa 5, Waterloo 5. Rob Davies opens up at 7.00 p.m., leaves the hall during the 2nd set to make an electrical repair in an adjacent hall, returns while the players are knocking up for the 4th set only to find that his game against Ken Nelson had been claimed. A very unusual thing to happen in this division, when only last year we had Wavertree waiting until 10.15 for Colonsay to find a team, and English Electric waiting until 9.00 to start their match against Bath St. No doubt Waterloo have their reasons, but I always thought we were out to play Table Tennis.

A team which impressed me for general effort and the will to win was Bath St. 'B' In their two recent games against Electric 'D' and 'E' they only scored 2 pts. but had really bad luck as nothing went their way. They have to make the change between the 5th division where they won the cup and the league, and the very competitive 3rd division where points are not as easily won. But I am sure that Rob Peat, Dave Stoddern, John Langton, Pete Mercer and Jack Letch will have some excellent wins very soon.

Maghull and Job Centre fought a 5-5 draw at Thornton with Stu Fay and Rod Bulmer winning two each for Maghull, Job Centre taking both doubles. Rod is now back to the form of several years ago although he now plays a more varied game from the all

out attack of his 2nd division days.

Phil Wilkinson and John Watson picked up their sides 2 pts in the game against Plesseys beating Bob Owen and Mark Whittaker, well done Phil, not many players will beat Bob this season.

The English Electric derby ended at 5-5 with new signing Trevor Hughes winning two for the 'D' team and Julie Prince two for the 'E'. Ian Lunt of the Electric 'D' has added a formidable forehand loop to his incredible backhand and his spin serves and has won some excellent games so far. (incidentally - all his serves have passed the close inspection of Alex Gould, so no complaints if you have trouble getting them back).

Wavertree dynamic duo Joan Connor and Mabel Neary both won their two in the 5-5 draw with Y.M. beating the power of Peter Lau, the energy and guile of Jim Clewitt and the consistency of Arthur Pierce, Y.M. took both doubles to scrape the draw.

Colonsay 7 Police 3, 5 games going to three. John O'Sullivan beating Tom Purcell 23-21 in the third, Tom and George 22-20 in the third and losing to George Wright 21-23 in the third. John makes sure he gets his moneys worth. In the same match Len Dyson and Barbara Kirkman had a terrific scrap, Len winning 16, -10, 17.

Sandy Sanderson who on his night can beat the top players, prevented a whitewash against Maghull by beating Bill Salter 17,19,16. Bill seems to have replaced George Frost in the Maghull line up.

Pete Holmes kept Electric 'D' in the game against Rodney Youth by winning the only two singles for his side, Electric taking the two doubles to make a 4-6 out of it. For Rodney, Alan Hamid and Joe Williams won two each, Justin Quinn and Dave Garbe won one each, with 7 sets going to three. Ritchie and Trevor went to three in all their games but lost out narrowly in all of them.

Who is the top doubles duo this season, its usually Val Franco with any of three partners, but he is not playing this year so if you are unbeaten when you play my team let me know and I will make you the pair to beat.

John Langton prevented a whitewash two weeks on the trot for Bath St. 'B' when he won a terrific game against Trev Hughes (Elec. 'D'). His speed and left handed attack proved too much for Trevor in a very tense third game which finished 21-16.

Singles stars, if I had to hazard a guess, will probably be two or three from Stu Fay, Bob Owen, Julie Prince, Barbara Smallwood, Mike Power, Alan Hamid, Alan Walton or Barbara Kirkman. So if you beat any of the above you have done very well and deserve a mention in future Digests.

Players still on 100% are Pete Wass, Stu Fay, Rod Bulmer, Alan Hamid, Alan Walton and Ray Hibbs, only Stu and the two Alans play at No. 1 of course so they are the fellows to beat.

DIVISION 4

JACK LAMBERT

When Ken Armson and I voted unanimously that I should do your notes, I thought I have little chance of seeing these players, but on looking at the cards I find that over the years I have been hammered by most of them or dare I say it, vice versa. Nevertheless there are a couple more magazines so if any of you vets. are mingling with Div. 4 players each week would like to go into print, please let Ken or I know.

All correspondents including myself have a minimum of cards and so not a lot of details on games. The reason being the hopes of many and the directive from the committee to let you have a little news before Christmas.

At the time of writing the only teams who have played more than one match and are still unbeaten are Maghull and G.P.T. 'B' but I have no doubt that this situation with so many good and experienced sides knocking about could change. Wilf Gibson led his side to a good 6-4 win over Waterloo 'A' with three wins with a Rowland double for Waterloo. Nice to see Brownmoor Park and Waterloo Park getting together, it would be tragic to lose Bill Spencer, Allan Williams and Coy. because of the 'noise' next door.

I always love to receive lots of cards with 6-4 and 5-5 score lines it invariably means that we have good competitive games. Three five all draws - one between Linacre and G.P.T. 'B' could be interesting - a couple of results typical of the match - Jack Davidson beat Paul Morgan 23-21; 19-21; 21-19 and Ken Ainsworth beat Les Griffin 19-21; 23-21; 22-20; Davidson and Price scored doubles, But why I say it could be interesting because I reckon these two teams could be up fighting for the championship, but maybe the same could be said about a team with Billy Clayton winning two at number one and John Letch at 4 although they drew with G.P.T. 'C' the last doubles being a highlight, Letch and Gould losing to Southworth and Harvey 24-22; 19-21; 19-21: another good draw Maghull 'B' and Bootle Y.M. 'A' another old comrades association meeting led by Andy Howarth and Roly Wright to name but two.

Maghull 'A' 6 Maghull 'B' 4 a good local derby Woods and Gregory doubles. Battling for a first win, Police 'B' lost 6-4 to Bootle Y.M. 'A' with six games going to three and Sue Anderson claiming two of the four. I nearly missed another local derby at Bootle with the 'B' beating the 'A' 6-4 once again a close one, six games going to three. Bert Rivers and Peter Shackleton scoring five of the six - pretty cool. Vagabonds (Ken Ray 2) had a good win against Aigburth (Bill Holmes 2) 7-3 a similar score for Vags against Bath St. 'D' John Letch number one here. With John Gratton and Dave Foulis sharing five good wins. A little sympathy for Police 'B' going down 7-3 to Elec. Supply 'B' Tony Dixon and Ian Turner doubles, Bob Rawlinson losing to Peter Highton 22-20; 17-21; 25-27 and Richie Winkle losing to Tony 21-16; 23-25; 17-21: Bill Leeming (Aigburth) was his sides lone winner against Bath St. 'C'.

The division looks good and solid and I feel a good season lies ahead. Christian names on cards not only help correspondents but introduces you to the odd new bloke or blokes. Most teams in other divisions mark outstanding or crunch games - how about it?

DIVISION 5

TONY CONNOR

Bootle J.C. have averaged 7 sets a match during the early stages and Alan Langfield is playing with a new bat. Which statement is a deliberate mistake? No prizes for the right answer, but all donations please to the 'New Bat for Alan' fund. Seriously though Alan with (mature rubber) and Ray Parry should win a majority of their games as should promising youngster Ritchie Beattie and establish Bootle as serious promotion contenders. My tip for the top.

We at Wavertree Labour fancy our chances for promotion too, but we'll have to improve on our current 6 sets a match to average Mike Ashton and talented newcomer Mark Vincent have a strong look about them, and Sandie Sanderson (especially when awake!) has proved himself a match for the best in this division with his skillful 'combination' play.

Wavertree's Alan Jones, under the guidance of coach John O'Sullivan has shown improved form. He and Sandie combined to beat Liverpool Jewish 'A's Gordon Nelson/Ted Crannie 2 straight in the doubles, to record his first victory.

Talking about funny bats I was surprised and pleased to see my 'ol' mate Dave Garbe playing as reserve for Rodney Youth. It did cross my mind that Roy Cook-Hannah should re-christen his club 'Rodney Youth and occasional Elderly' - sorry Dave but you did beat me 2 straight!! However Rodney are basically young and (like Dave) talented and enthusiastic. Twenty Three points from the first three games is a promotion chasing start, but I feel it will be difficult for them to maintain such a high average of nearly 8 a game. Dave's nephew, John Garbe made his Liverpool debut this season. Well done John. Not only has John got talent but in our match he showed that he has a good temperament as well. This is always good to see in young (and older) players.

Of the three Liverpool Jewish teams, the 'C' team have made the best start, averaging 6 points a game, Derek Dorman, Dave Cohen, Les Walsh and 'floater' Richard Blackburn seem to form the core of the team. People like Richard who are willing to play as and when necessary, often at short notice are the life blood of multi team clubs like Liverpool Jewish and Labour.

Liverpool Jewish 'A' have a settled look about them and whilst I wouldn't expect them to set this division alight, I would guess that the family base of Ken, Julian and Susan Dutch must bring it's own satisfaction and unique brand of team spirit. Gordon Nelson (Jewish 'A') recently showed us what it's all about. He arrived in public transport, unluckily he lost all his games, but took time to shake all our hands, wishing us all the best before setting off on a difficult public transport journey back to Southport. Nice one Gordon.

Ted Cramsie, Jerry O'Keffe and unorthodox pen-holder Eric Young appear to form the core of Liverpool Jewish 'B'. I would tip them as possible promotion contenders if I felt they could field a consistently strong team each week. Instead I fancy them for mid-table. Jerry is as crafty and 'spinnny' as ever, and had a good double over Colonsay 'D's Stan Clarke and Alan Hunter.

Jerry's old friend Russell Thornton has parted company with him this season by joining Cadwa 'C' where I've no doubt his unusual but effective back-hand style will continue to bamboozle many opponents, including, unfortunately, myself. Russells new team mates are Pauline Lawrenson, Jack Power and greatly improved Gloria Burns.

The match with Labours Mike Ashton was a fine attacking affair, Mike edging it 15 and 19. Jack is playing as determinedly as ever, and seems to have more than his fair share of close 3 games -19, 17, 16 wins over Labours Mike Ashton. A 12, -12, -20 loss to Liverpool Jewish's Julian Dutch. A mid-table season for Cadwa, I fancy.

Like Bootle J.C., Colonsay 'D' have a nice balance between experience and youthful promise with Brian Leeson, Alan Hunter, Gary Allan and Martin Hunter. Their first 5 games have averaged 5 points each, so yet another team initially shaping up - towards mid-table.

In fact this division looks very interesting with many teams looking similar in ability. Promotion issues could prove to be very tight, with many clubs separated by few points, keeping interest for many very much alive. Anyway we'll see how things develop.

Waterloo 'B' yet to register or win, are finding points hard to come by in their first season. However, P. Carr only just failed to overturn Les Walsh and Derek Dorman of Liverpool Jewish 'C', both games going to three. Anyway it's nice to see a club expanding rather than the usual contraction job that unfortunately affects so many of us these days.

University, happily have entered 2 teams again. Given their need for a delayed start to the season its too early to report on them, but I wouldn't be surprised if their first team also began to figure in the mid-table promotion rush. I'll end on a challenging note. Whilst there are more youngsters in the bottom division than 5 years ago when I first joined Liverpool, there is little structure and organisation for youngsters who are not yet good enough for our 5th division. So they are lost to the game before they start. Perhaps a 'Youth Coordinator' could do a good P.R. job with primary and secondary schools and organise interested and talented 1st division players to put on an exhibition in the schools. The Youth Coordinator would follow up on the interest created in the schools and organise teams/league with the help of other league members who will form a 'Junior Committee'. These teams would enable development of keen youngsters and provide a 'feeder' into Liverpool Leagues. What do others feel about these thoughts? Maybe it's a pipe dream requiring a commitment from people thats unrealistic. Comments?

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Div. 3 – Eng. Elec. 'E' M.N. Wed.

Div. 3 – G.P.T. 'A' M.N. Wed.

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Div. 5 – Aigburth 'B' withdrawn

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TABLE EDGES

Congratulations to Andrew Eden of Eng. Elec. on being selected by Nicky Jarvis to take up the game in a professional capacity.

Congratulations also to Don Cameron our treasurer for so many years on being presented with the Stamp Award of Merit at the Annual General Meeting. There can be no more worthy recipient. Your retirement is complete now Don, enjoy every minute of it with our best wishes and thanks for your valued help and expertise.

You girls are very inconsiderate. Poor old Ken Armson struggling for players and one of his stalwarts warns him of a happy event just after Christmas, that's the middle of the season you know Joan - all the best may everything go well.

Two signs of the times the ladies gain a 10-0 walk over - the visitors couldn't raise a team. A home junior game the visitors (Southport) arrive at 10.25 p.m. and at kick off time 11 o'clock we had one player.

Help out where possible and assist Dave Cohen and Jewish who cannot play on Friday and M. Watson and his boys at University who start their term after our season starts and they have to catch up.

A closing of ranks at the A.G.M. gave overwhelming support to our wooden bat contingent - Chairman Ted Mandaluff, Secretary Billy Clayton?

Knock up time Eng. Elec. - Sunday morning and in walks Wally Allanson playing and looking as well as ever an a chat, knock and drink with Ted Birch which took them both back 20 years to Bootle Y.M.C.A. in Stanley Road. As I have said before, my all time great club.

Don't forget the 100 Club is still going strong - Sylvia Graham is the brain behind the scheme. It is only run to help you and ease our finances.

Did I hear someone say three aside throughout the league - the answer is yes.

A local derby in the Wilmott Cup saw Liverpool beat Warrington 5-2.

Neil Gravener (Cadwa) made his debut for Lancashire 2nd against Suffolk who won 6-4. Brenda Buoey (Colonsay) who won her two games and Paul Hutchings (Eng. Elec.) were also in the Lancashire side quite a trip for a game of table tennis.

So we are having mixed doubles again. They will take the place of the ladies doubles. Nice work Paula French - although we must take the tiniest of pats.

Both hands behind the table edge and the ball thrown up as near as makes no matter to vertical - so don't be surprised if you are pulled up for throwing the ball onto the bat.

Neil Gravener was outstanding in the National league 4-4 draw against Ormseyby.

Jack McCraig had a rare chance to show his prowess as acting chairman at the handbook meeting.

Jack's rare opportunity occurred as our chairman Arthur Upton was absent off parade. He was not 100% after a recent operation, although Jack did a good job it will be nice to see you back Arthur - get well soon.

Bootle Job Centre have started a new line in sponsorship Newman Roofing, Wigan who are experts in roofing provide full kits for the first team.

Liverpool 'A' team require a non-playing captain - please contact Don Davies or John McKim.

The English Open Championships will take place in Manchester - 4th to 7th of January. Stan Clarke is you man for tickets and information - 928 3771.

The Liverpool Junior team of Justine Thomas, Martin Hunter and Michael Thomas won the Jack Kivingstone Trophy for the first time 6-3 after trailing twice, congratulations a great performance.

DIVISION 1	P	W	L	D	PTS
COLONSAY	7	7	-	-	69
WAVERTREE LAB.	8	5	3	-	57
LIVERPOOL YMCA	7	6	1	-	51
ENGLISH ELEC.	6	5	1	-	42
BATH STREET	7	3	4	-	34
WAVERTREE LAB "A"	7	4	2	1	34
CADWA	7	4	3	-	32
LIVERPOOL YMCA "A"	7	2	5	-	27
POLICE	7	2	4	1	25
ENGLISH ELEC. "A"	8	1	7	-	18
ELECTRIC SUPPLY	7	1	6	-	17
G.P.T.	6	1	5	-	14

DIVISION 2	P	W	L	D	PTS
BOOTLE J.C.	8	8	-	-	70
BOOTLE YMCA	8	6	1	1	56
ENGLISH ELEC "B"	8	5	1	2	51
COLONSAY "A"	8	4	2	2	46
CADWA "A"	8	3	4	1	41
MCYA	8	3	3	2	41
ENGLISH ELEC "C"	6	4	2	-	37
FORDS	7	3	2	2	37
WAVERTREE LAB "B"	9	1	8	-	22
ELECTRIC SUPPLY "A"	8	1	6	1	20
LIVERPOOL JEWISH	8	1	6	1	20
COLONSAY "B"	6	1	5	-	19

DIVISION 3	P	W	L	D	PTS
G.P.T. A	10	9	-	1	83
MAGHULL	10	7	2	1	64
LIVERPOOL YMCA "B"	9	7	1	1	60
WATERLOO	10	5	3	2	58
ENGLISH ELEC "E"	8	4	2	2	46
RODNEY YOUTH	7	6	1	-	44
ENGLISH ELEC "D"	8	3	3	2	43
BATH STREET "A"	9	2	4	3	40
BOOTLE J.C. "A"	7	1	2	4	32
POLICE A	9	-	7	2	32
COLONSAY "C"	9	3	6	-	32
CADWA "B"	8	2	4	2	31
WAVERTREE LAB. "C"	9	1	7	1	29
BATH STREET B	9	-	8	1	14

DIVISION 4	P	W	L	D	PTS
G.P.T. "B"	10	8	-	2	76
LINACRE	9	7	1	1	59
BATH STREET "C"	8	6	1	1	57
MAGHULL "B"	10	5	4	1	55
BOOTLE YMCA "A"	10	5	4	1	54
MAGHULL "A"	9	6	3	-	48
WATERLOO "A"	9	6	3	-	48
ELECTRIC SUPPLY "B"	8	4	3	1	47
G.P.T. "C"	9	3	4	2	45
VAGABONDS	9	3	6	-	35
BOOTLE YMCA "B"	7	3	3	1	35
AIGBURTH	10	1	9	-	26
BATH STREET "D"	9	1	8	-	24
POLICE "B"	8	-	8	-	19

DIVISION 5	P	W	L	D	PTS
COLONSAY "D"	7	4	2	1	40
WAVERTREE LAB. "D"	6	4	1	1	36
RODNEY YOUTH "A"	5	3	1	1	33
UNIVERSITY	4	3	-	1	31
BOOTLE J.C. "B"	4	3	-	1	28
LIVERPOOL JEWISH "C"	5	1	2	2	25
CADWA "C"	5	2	2	1	25
LIVERPOOL JEWISH "A"	6	1	4	1	20
LIVERPOOL JEWISH "B"	5	-	3	2	16
UNIVERSITY "A"	2	1	1	-	9
WATERLOO "B"	5	-	5	-	7

FIXTURE SECRETARIES NOTES

(a) Match regulation 10 states all matches up to week 18 (Jan. 29th) must be played within 8 weeks of the original date. All week one matches therefore must be played by week 9 (Nov. 13th) week 2 by week 10 (Nov. 20th) etc.

(b) What a mess the cards are this year missing week numbers, grouping numbers and fixture key numbers in particular. Police, G.P.T., Aigburth, Wavertree Labour, Fords are amongst the teams that try hardest.

Eddie Cameron