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## DIGEST

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### EDITORIAL

The tournaments, the cup finals and league positions have been and gone, we just have the A.G.M. to look forward to !?

What have we to look back on – the girls did us proud again, Keith won the big one again – a couple of promising young players on the horizon and Justine going from strength to strength.

The Cup finals were not the greatest because apart from one they all had firm favourites. Multi league players are just fine for the individual player, but for teams and secretaries they are quite a pain. The players who want more games get them at a competitive level – teams get a player they need and want – so everything is fine until nights clash and then cancellations, pleadings and arrangements come to the fore which cover a multitude of sins during the season. Unfortunately it happened to our major game of the season – the Readman Cup final – it so happened thanks to some spirited play by the losers it did not turn out a farce but not in the class of some of the great finals we have seen, and we expect to see at the game of the season.

Walkovers also create problems in the main due to match night changes. It's tragic for table tennis when matches are not played but more so when they affect promotion or relegation. I suppose you could ban change of nights but that would probably mean losing a team.

Can you see an answer to either problem?

Leaders from the start and never having been stretched or under pressure, Wav. Labour finished comfortable champions. Consistency over the past few seasons, which always saw them in with a chance, has now brought its reward for long serving captain Roy Smith, and team mates Dave Roberts, Alan Timewell, Rob Bevan assisted in the later stages by Steve Green. Congratulations to all of them, three of whom are veterans. Where, we ask, have all those younger players gone?

Runners-up, were Wav. Lab. 'A' who can look back with satisfaction on a very successful season. Unfancied cup contenders and unfancied in the league stakes they were faced with a hard cup draw. They emerged as Readman Cup winners and then added the runner-up spot. On their way to the Cup Final they defeated Liv. Y.M., their own 1st team and Cadwa and no w/over into the Final. I wonder when an 'A' team last defeated their own 1st team and then went on to win this Cup. In the Final they easily disposed of their opponents, Bootle J.C. who were without two of their regular team due to the curse of our League, players with commitments in too many leagues. On this occasion it was Preston which was considered by them to have a higher priority than Liverpool. Congratulations to Mike Tierney, Gary Watson, Bernie Wentworth and Steve Green. After a one season return from University, Bernie is off to distant parts.

Looking at times possible Cup contenders and a good bet for runners-up, and at other times a good bet for relegation, Cadwa failed to fulfil any of their main hopes and had to settle for a 3rd place well adrift of Wav. 1st and 'A'. They had to call on reserves too many times which cost them valuable points and also had its effect on relegation matches. Once again this was due to the priority factor. With greater commitment to their club and this League, 2nd place, perhaps even 1st., was a possibility.

Much fancied Liv. Y.M. had to settle for an early exit from the cup and 4th place. Hampered by the loss of Peter Lee and an injury to Mike Mahoney which must have affected his game, they faced a mountain too big to climb. Peter's enforced absence was their biggest blow for they missed his determination and encouragement. It was left to Mr Consistency, Keith Williams, to salvage their endeavours and ensure they finished in a reasonable position.

Colonsay could only manage 5th place in a season when they were expected to be the front-runners and a strong bet for the championship. Instead they struggled along the victims of players only willing to turn out when it suited them. Their only consistent player was Rob Lowe, and he was not in their top three rankings.

Much was expected of Bootle J.C. after their Readman Cup successes of last season which included the scalp of Wav. Labour, and this whilst only a 2nd Div. team. Somewhere along the way their bubble burst and results started to fluctuate. They finished with a total of eight defeats which included a 10/0 w/over to our Walkover Champions, Eng. Elec. 'A'. They beat them 7-3 in the return encounter and a similar score in the claimed match would have pushed them up one place and seen Elec. 'A' relegated. On the credit side, although committed in other leagues, they turned out on a regular basis with the Cup Final being a lone situation.

Moving to the lower half, Bath St. finished in a creditable 7th place with Ken Jackson again being their best player. Few 1st division players can afford to relax when playing Ken and his whirlwind game often demoralises his opponents. If we had a 'Mr Nice Guy' competition, then I reckon Ken would be a strong bet to win it.

Eng. Elec. and G.P.T. both finished with 91 points, although Eng. Elec's. total included a 10.0 w/over which made them runners-up in the w/over championship to their "A" team. Both of

them having claimed a w/over against Bootle Y.M. who may be forgiven if they feel Eng. Elec. have a grudge against them. From champions last season, to relegation candidates this season, is quite a drop. We all know the reason why, but what we should be asking ourselves is why should we put up with players using our League for their own ends? One thing Eng. Elec. did prove, as did Wav. Lab., that this is not, as many consider, a younger persons game, for they have two established veterans, Ted Birch and Alan Chase, always capable of taking most and stretching the best. Ted sometimes appears to run out of steam, but is full of craft and guile, plus 150% endeavour. For them the season really revolves around the Veterans Cup which they duly won again and earn our congratulations. The Final was won in the record time of 1 hour 10 mins. leaving their opponents, Cadwa, with little more than a medal for their efforts, and host Stan Harvey with a scramble to produce his usual high standard of refreshments. Well done, Eng. Elec. and Stan Harvey, the perfect host.

For G.P.T. it was a steady season with some good results achieved by endeavour and aided by a regular team using four players. They were determined to hold onto their 1st division status and comfortably achieved their aim.

Eng. Elec. 'A' also hung onto their 1st division status for at least one more season and achieved this with the assistance of two claimed 10/0 w/overs. Probably the easiest thing to find is a reason for claiming a w/over and no doubt they have plenty. Will theirs stand up to the fact that one was claimed at a crucial late period? I don't know. What I do know, is, that I just happen to believe that the aim is to complete your quota of matches by competing against all your opponents. Any Wav. Lab. player will confirm my views on this aspect. Sorry, Fred, but I have to say that in my opinion, survival at all costs replaced survival by our own endeavours. I don't know the facts, and can only go by my own views on w/overs, particularly crucial ones.

We lose Liv. Y.M. and Bootle Y.M. to the 2nd Division. There was never really anything down for Bootle YM for they lacked the strength and ability to survive at this level. They have youth on their side and will have gained experience from this season. The loss of Y.M. 'A' will be keenly felt for they have been an established team for many years and perhaps this marks the end of an era. Aware from the start of the task ahead they gave their all to retain 1st div. status. With Peter Lee becoming available during the final matches, they dropped Harry Johnston and put Peter in. Their results picked up aided by his inclusion and assisted by Cadwa who chose their final match to field a weak team against a relegation possible, but it was all too no avail and they go down by the narrow margin of 5 points. It is certain that they will be looking at the w/overs claimed by Elec. 'A' with a very jaundiced view. These would have made no difference to the plight of Bootle Y.M. but certainly contributed to the relegation of Liv. YM 'A'. I did hear that their decision to change their team in a late effort to avoid relegation has led to internal strife which may have had an adverse effect on them, but the club has always got to be the first priority and must take precedence over other matters. Having glossed briefly through the teams and their placings we need to inspect the impact which players and match results allied to team turn-outs have had on many of the season's issues. This includes some outstanding performances and lone wins. We can start with Cadwa who used eleven players and produced in and out results because of that, and gave away a lot of sets in the process. Against Bath St. GPT. Liv YM 'A' and Bootle YM 'A' they fielded weakened teams. They duly lost to Bath St. 7-3 with Neil Gravener being a lone triple winner. They beat GPT 7-3 with reserve Justine Thomas dropping two and Bob Edwards picking up the 3rd with a win. Another weak team of three reserves against Liv. YM 'A' resulted in an 8-2 defeat with a double from Ken Hartley saving them from an ignominious 10-0. One week earlier against the other relegationists they could only manage a draw. Reserve Justine Thomas, dropping her three and Bootle reserve John Higham chipping in with a 2 straight win

straight win over Alex Bryce. Wav. Lab. got the two reserve treatment and it was left to Ken Hartley to save face for Cadwa with a lone win over Rob Bevan. Just to show it was not all give and no take, Liv Y.M. turned up with only one player, Dave Tagg, who did a 'Ken Hartley' and achieved a lone win over reserve Justine Thomas. Should YM 'A' have gone down? They will think not and point to the two w/overs previously mentioned and conveniently forget the 8 sets gifted to them by a weak Cadwa team. They will also point to their efforts against Eng. Elec. winning 6-4 with doubles for Peter Lee and Ahmed Thabet. Also against Bath St. four sets won with two more doubles from Peter and Ahmed. A further 3 three sets taken off G.P.T. when with Peter not available, and Harry Johnston perhaps declining to play, they called on George Smith who responded with a win and Peter Taylor chipped in with a double. Against Bootle J.C. they picked up two more, thanks to another double from Ahmed, one of his victims being Andrew Clark. They also got three sets off high flyers, Wav. Lab. 'A'. Ahmed and Peter getting one each with the other coming from the doubles. They played Bootle J.C. again in the final run-in and picked up three more with a double from Peter Lee and one from Peter Taylor. They also got a draw against their 1st team who were one short. Despite these sterling efforts they could only manage a draw in the crucial match against fellow travellers Bootle Y.M.

Let us have a look at Eng. Elec. 'A'. They recorded an excellent 8-2 win against G.P.T. but lost to Bath St. by the same score, Fred 'walkover' Pheysey, getting their two sets. Cadwa got in on the act again by providing 3 sets from a reserve in a 5-all draw. Against Liv Y.M. Harry Harrison chipped in with a valuable lone win over Dave Tagg. Against Wav. Lab. it was Captain Fred's turn to chip in with a valuable lone win over Steve Green. No co-operation from their 1st team beset with their own problems, but Fred and Harry chipped in with two more valuable points. The crunch match versus Liv. YM 'A' left them reeling being beaten 8-2 with another sterling performance from Captain Fred as their singles winner. Once again Fred did his heroic captain act with a double against Wav. Lab. which included another win over Steve Green, just to prove the first was no fluke. They took three off Bootle J.C. with Harry Harrison getting in on the doubles win act beating Nick Miller and Chris Spedding, and Frank (1st div. next season) Brady getting the other.

For Bootle YM 'A' it was a struggle and conceding 20 sets didn't help, but it was not all doom and gloom. Derek Sullivan being a lone winner against Colonsay, beating Rob Lowe. Jason Killip going one better by being a lone winner against Lab. 'A' with a win over Mike Tierney and putting the icing on his cake with a great win over Andy Clark (Bootle J.C.) the following week. They also beat Liv. Y.M. who were again one short, with Derek Sullivan winning two and Jason Killip one. Jason got into the act yet again with another lone win against Bath St. his victim this time being Ian McElwee. Perhaps the best wins were recorded by Les Pilkington when he picked up the only two sets against GPT with two good wins over Paul Price and Trevor Owens. Great stuff from a player catapulted into the 1st division. Consistency allied to a regular team eventually won the day for Eng. Elec. 'A' but that won't stop Y.M. 'A' and perhaps even Bootle Y.M., wondering would the playing of those two 10-0 w/overs have changed things in their favour.

To finish, a few other good wins. For Bath St., Ken Jackson recorded a double over Rob Bevan and Alan Timewell for his teams only sets. Against Wav. Lab. in a 9-1 defeat, Ted Birch was a lone winner, but the score did not really do justice to a hard fought match. For G.P.T Trevor Owens was a lone winner against Liv. Y.M. The following week Bob Edwards and Ray Lavin starred with a singles each off Alan Timewell to record their teams only sets. G.P.T. have had a good season with plenty of good individual performances to complement an all round team performance. Against Eng. Elec. in a surprising 8-2 defeat, Bootle J.C. had to rely on a double from Andy Clark over Mike Allen and Ted Birch for their meagre sets haul. Earlier in the

season, Alan Chase earned himself an early Christmas present with a lone win against Wav. Lab. by taking a hard won set off Alan Timewell. Alan seems to keep all his best performances against fellow veterans for the 'Closed' tournament.

I have tried to highlight as many as possible and also look closely at the problems which arise when clubs are unable to regularly field their best team. I leave you to ponder on it all and perhaps if you are one of those players over committed, whose absence in crucial matches may have affected important issues, you will ask yourself, have you been fair to this League, your club and your team-mates. If you have missed out on a mention because you let a noteworthy win slip away then perhaps it will encourage you to try harder next season. The championship and relegation issue are often tight and a lone win can often be expensive to your opponents or valuable to your team.

Talking of next season, already my ear is being bent with news of player moves. Knowing the strange views some players hold on the meaning of loyalty and their belief that they and their game are more important than a mere club, I let it pass over me. One day, I hope, clubs will tire of being subjected to what happened to Eng. Elec. and others before them and get together to agree a Code of Conduct which would put a stop to it.

Congratulations again, to Champions, Wav. Lab. Runners-up and Readman Cup winners, Wav. Lab. 'A', Veteran Cup Winners, Eng. Elec.

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## DIVISION 2

## STAN CLARKE

There I was minding my own business thinking my duties were over for the season, when your previous correspondent dumps a pile of cards on my knee and says "Stan, how about helping me out with the notes for division 2." Now as one who has never aspired to playing in the upper echelons of the league I must say that it seemed a little off to be writing these notes, but then I thought if Ken Armson can write for division 1 why not. Anyway I can't do much worse than my predecessor, can I?

Congratulations to English Electric "C" worthy winners of the divisional championship by over 24 points from runners up Cadwa "A". Electric with Frank Brady, Keith Miller, Ricky Brown and John McLoughlin lost only one match all season with one draw, a very consistent team performance. Cadwa "A" consisted of Ken Hartley, Ian Miller, Mike Power and Billy Hargreaves, is there a better number 4 in the division, the team however lost 3 matches and drew 2.

Colonsay "B" finished in third spot only six points behind Cadwa and with the same record of wins etc. as Cadwa but included a win over Electric, they looked at one time to be strong contenders for promotion but the loss of Steve Gittins for several weeks proved to be too much of a handicap.

Electric Supply in fourth spot had a disappointing season, had Mal McEvoy been available more often the story may have been different, having returned a points total of 113 from only 9 wins and 11 defeats is not easy, I'd be interested to know how many of those defeats were by 6/4.

At the bottom of the division Fords take the drop into div. 3 next season, only one team relegated this year as Rodney Youth were expunged having conceded 3 walkovers. I'm sorry to see Rodney in this position having seen them climb from the fifth division and in the process produce some good players.

Harold House (whatever happened to Jewish?) M.C.Y.A. and Colonsay "A" fought out the bottom positions and no doubt breathed a collective sigh of relief when Rodney dropped out.

G.P.T. "A", Police and English Electric "B" formed the middle of the division, I must say that I am a little surprised that Police didn't finish higher, their team of Paul Gittins, Gareth Jones, John Greene and Len Dyson seems to me to be strong enough to be amongst the front runners.

If like me your primary interest in the notes is to see if your name has been mentioned the following section is the one you will read with most interest, the list of players who covered themselves in glory by saving their teams from a whitewash; Paul Keating (Rodney) beat Mike Power (Cadwa) 21/16, 13/21, 21/15; Colin Owen (Elect.) beat John O'Sullivan (Colonsay) 18/21, 21/15, 21/18; Denise Conroy (Elect. Supply) beat Richie Cragg (Elect.) 13/21, 21/19, 21/19; Arthur Pierce (Harold House) beat John McLoughlin (Elect.) 21/19; 21/18; Paul Gittins (Police) beat Brenda Buoe (Colonsay) 17/21, 21/16, 21/13; Peter Choi (M.C.Y.A.) beat Tom Purcell (Police) 21/17, 20/22, 21/15; Peter Lau (M.C.Y.A.) beat Mike Feerick (G.P.T. "A") 21/8, 21/18, nice to see you back Mike; Robbie Goldson (Fords) beat Ricky Brown (Elect.) 21/18, 14/21, 21/17; Paula French (Colonsay) beat Mike Power (Cadwa) 21/12, 22/20; and in the same match Peter Coyle beat Billy Hargreaves 21/13, 23/25, 21/17; Neil Parker (Fords) recorded a double over M.C.Y.A. duo of John Lau and Dele Oluyombo, Dele also fell to Joey Williams (Rodney) 13/12; John Lau (MCYA) beat Brenda Buoe (Colonsay) 21/8, 21/17; Billy Harris and Harry Nelson (Colonsay) both beat Bobby Owen (G.P.T.) in a match where Colonsay "A" turned up with only 2 players; Bill Proffitt (Fords) beat Peter Wass (G.P.T.) 14/21, 21/16, 21/16; Colin Rourke (Colonsay) beat Alex Bryce and Ian Miller (Cadwa) and finally John McGee (Fords) beat John O'Sullivan (Colonsay) 21/12, 19/21, 23/25, in a very tight game.

There we are, if your name wasn't mentioned sorry, better luck next season. I wish you all a good rest over the summer and hope that you will return next season refreshed and eager and how about doing us all a favour and introduce a friend or relative to the game. We desperately need new players in the game, especially girls, at the present rate of decline we will be lucky to have two divisions in five years time unless we all make a positive effort to attract new players to the sport, so let's all endeavour to encourage more people to participate who knows it may help to raise standards and make the season more enjoyable.

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## DIVISION 3

## COLIN PRATT

Yet another season over with and the the race for the 3rd division title won by Bath Street with Bootle JC in second place.

Bath Street also won the Hyde Cup, beating Bootle in the final after two drawn games and a count back on individual games won. The top teams were chased all season by G.P.T. and Maghull, GPT would have done better if their top players had been available for more games, but Maghull after yet another near miss must now be getting fed up finishing 3rd or 4th every season.

5th & 6th were those perennial runners-up Waterloo & English Electric "D" (the Julie Prince Electric), these two teams finish in the same positions every season but just cannot clinch a higher place.

Relegation this year was always going to be Wavertree Labour but it was never clear who would be joining them between Police and Bath Street. They eventually finished equal on points and this resulted in a play-off which Police won 6-4 to gain another season in the 3rd division. The deciding factor was Len Dyson dropping down from the second division to No. 1 and Dave Crispin playing at 2.

Both teams must have cursed all those games throughout the season when players had lost when they should have won, or when players had let them down, forcing them to play with less than 4 players.

Cadwa must be looking forward to next season already with their un-earthing of two of the region's finest young players Phil Musgrove and Kevin Dolder.

Both these young players picked up a fan club at the Closed Tournament when players from other divisions saw them for the first time. Phil and Kevin both play the modern top-spin game

but also play with enjoyment and sportsmanship high on their list. Whether or not Don Davies can hang on to them in his team is another matter, they already look good enough for Division Two.

The other top junior in this division is Ritchie Beatty, Bootle's No 1, Ritchie is another fine young player who is now showing more maturity and taking control of his temperament. He does have an out-going personality but has an enthusiasm for the game of TT, well done Ritchie - keep it going in 91.

This seasons stars - not counting the No 1 players who are all star players, but the lesser players who pick up lots of team points in a season. My list would contain:- Ken Strahan, Chris Roberts, Ian Wensley, Phil Musgrove, Ray Hibbs, Jim Clewitt, George Wright, Pete Holmes, George Higham, John Watson, Rob Conley and Ro Craddock.

Wouldn't it be great to get back to playing in any order on the team sheet?

No more knowing who you were going to play in every match, no more games that have the same result year in - year out. Being able to change the line up at will is a tremendous tactic and adds to the skills of captaincy, as well as enabling players to play against different players in other teams.

Our No 4 for example, often wants to play up the order against certain teams and would do so if it were possible.

Let's start with the battle of the giants, Bath St against Bootle, their 2nd league game finished the same as all their meetings, a 5-5 draw. Norman Challoner was the man of this match, his defence was just too good for loopers Ritchie Beatty and Steve Nield. Bootle captain Dave Graham got his serve and loop game working to beat Fred Bainbridge by 21-16, 21-7. and with Steve, also won a very good doubles over Fred and John Watson. Roger Neal won his usual two singles by sheer hard work against Pete Ross and John.

Here's a card with 7 asterisks on it and when I look down the scores I can see why. It's bottom of the league Wavertree against high fliers GPT in which Wavertree won 3 games fairly comfortably - Peter Jones, Tony Connor and Peter and Sandy in the 2nd doubles.

But then Peter lost 18 in the 3rd to Ian Wensley in a great game with Peter's forehand dominating the rallies but Ian counter hitting whenever he could. Mike Ashton played wonderfully but just lost two 3-setters to Ian and to Fred Price, the game with Fred being a real mixture of hitting and defending by both players. Tony Connor and Sandy were also involved in terrific games and losing by 2 points in the 3rd to Paul Morgan and to Fred. This was a match which most certainly could have been won by Wavertree 8-2 or 9-1.

This game obviously lifted Wavertree's confidence because they then won their 1st match of the season against Eng' Elec' 6-4. Woman of this match was Joan Connor with wins over Ian Lunt and John McCann in singles and doubles. Joan had no trouble getting Ian's serves back and will be issuing a training bulletin soon on the subject of returning spin serves. Peter Jones beat Pete Holmes in this match and only used his forehand to do it, and the old fox Sandy pushed his way to the win over John. Incidentally Joan- Ian went straight out the next day and with the help of a mortgage, bought new Hi-spin rubbers and a new blade so maybe relegation is the best way to avoid him.

YMCA were unable to raise a team for the trip out to Waterloo and conceded a 10-0. I've seen lots of walkovers this season as well as lots of teams with 3 players (one team of one player), Is this the shape of things to come or is it players signed on for too many teams?.

Cadwa's cards are a correspondents dream, order of play - running score - games highlighted and all filled-in, just thought I'd mention it in case any other Captains get the message.

Emma Fletcher (a young Wirral Junior destined for great success) won her first 3rd div game when she out hit Tony Connor, Emma also went to a close three with Peter Jones. Emma's

greatest fan is her Dad Bill who does a tremendous job of coaching and driving. Mr Quietly Consistant won his usual three in this 7-3 victory for Cadwa, George is playing better than ever now as I found out to my cost this season. You've made me break a 20 odd year rule never to mention myself, well done Geo.

A great game to watch was Ritchie Craggs 15,19,18 loss to Phil Musgrove when Cadwa beat E 7-3, the hall wasn't quite big enough for Ritchie but he covered the rest of it with his roll forehand defence and gave Phil lots of practise against high lobs.

Julie Prince had two big hitting games when Eng. Elec beat YMCA 7-3, first of all hitting John Henshaw's dead bat dummy top spin and then hitting Mark Vincent's Hi-spin low speed forehands, the game with John was very close and could have tipped either way. Jimmy Clewitt picking up YM's points with his all action game, any tips on how to play against Jim should be passed to the author.

Electric Supply have had a pretty good season with a team of top spin hitters who play with 100% effort. Ian Turner and John Moore have had the best results and I would expect Ian to move up the order next season. Ian's win over the classy Martin Hunter (Colonsay 4-6) was a terrific performance, when Ian smashes, the ball doesn't come back. Sad news for Supply was Rob Conley's broken wrist sustained in the match with E Electric just as Rob was back to his form of the Wally Lewis, Les Evans, Dennis Underhill days. Best wishes for a speedy recovery Rob.

Mega Star Bill Clayton proved that his first win over one of this division's best players Alan Walton was no fluke, Bill repeated the win 18,18,19. How the heck he does it, I just don't know!.

Waterloo 7 Cadwa 3 that's a good win, who won Cadwa's two singles, need you ask- George again. The two Alan's Walton and Reid picked up their usual 5, this is why Waterloo are so difficult to beat, when you add the class and all round skill of Ray Hibbs and Ken Nelson, they are a formidable side.

Stuart Fay, who's results prove that he is one of the top three No. 1's has had some outstanding games this season. He absorbs the out and out hitters and he out-hits the moderate hitters, he can even chop or push his way to victory. He too had a cracker with Ritchie Craggs (2 in fact), he contained Julie Prince, fought off Bill Clayton, out pushed John McLoughlin, hit off John Moore and only failed against the Division's top player- Fred Bainbridge.

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## DIVISION 4

## SYLVIA GRAHAM

No surprises this season to where the Divisional and Cup honours go in fact I think it's been a forgone conclusion from the first match played. Any team which can go through the whole season without losing a league or cup match must surely deserve the position of champions and I'm sure we would all like to congratulate the Bootle YMCA 'A' team on this achievement and in particular John Higham whom I believe was unbeaten - though he did have one or two close matches such as the one against Harry McGanity which he won -14, 11 and 19 and another against Eddie Preston in YM's "B" team.

The one team who should have our commiserations are the Wavertree Labour side who have the distinction of being knocked out of the Forrest Cup on not one ... but two occasions in one season and I feel that someone somewhere should take the blame for bringing the quarter final week so far forward into the first half of the season to be bordering on the ridiculous!!!!!! Let's hope that the lesson has been learnt and it returns to its' old position next season.



It's nice to see that people do read the notes and in some cases remember them whilst they're playing (and after the match!!!) and then after all that physical exercise a little '\* ' appears by the celebrated sets. I must say that there was a vast improvement from the first half of the season with a total of three cards being annotated. I can hardly believe that there were only three people worthy of mention but for those people who deserve a mention here goes. Dave Stoddern (Bath St) beat Les Higham (YM 'B') -17, 14 and 19. J Langton and P Mercer (Bath St) beat T. Killip and D Every (Y.M.) 24 and 13. M Feerick (GPT) had a most amazing double beating M Moran (Bootle JC) 16, 17 and S. Graham (Bootle JC) 10, 18. Revenge is sweet so they say. Mike may well be a name to beat next season - if he has not moved up to a higher division.

Looking through the notes there were quite a few matches worthy of mention but two which were particularly interesting were the ones between the two promoted teams, Linacre and Bootle YM and ten the one between relegated Aigburth and Linacre. Both matches ended in draws. In the first John Higham picked up his usual three for YM but Linacre replied with an equally impressive three from Frank Lacey. Harry Reeves, Mal Cray, Tom Killip and Dave Every each picked up a singles.

In the second I dreaded to think of what the total ages was of the combined teams was but needless to say I was too much of a lady to ask their ages (men can be funny about such things can't they?) and I think too much of my calculator to ask it to add them all together. Aigburth played brilliantly in the singles and they picked up all of their five sets there, whereas Linacre had two convincing doubles wins plus a singles from Frank Lacey and a double from Harry Reeves.

It just goes to show that it's horses for courses and that scores in games does not necessarily reflect the game itself.

Going back to my predictions in the first digest I'm not really sure what happened to Bath St 'C'. I thought they had the slight edge on Linacre but Linacre ended up as the more consistent and with the added help from Harry Reeves they finished five points clear. So much for my prediction that the deciding match for the runner up position would be the return match between Bath st and Linacre because Bath St won it 6:4. In reflection I think the crunch was the way in which Linacre coped with Bootle YM whereas Bath St were defeated 9:1. If Bath St held the same side next season I should imagine they will be going for promotion but saying that there could be rivalry it Bath St 'C' get 'the drop' from the third.

My own team Bootle JC were never going to get promotion because they played short on several occasions. They've definately got the length and breadth to the team and should be a serious threat in 91/92. Rumour has it that the dreaded Mr Strahan and the indomitable Mr Graham will be in the team next year on a regular basis. Fair makes yer want to quake in yer boots don't it!!!! In that case will there will be a place for yours truly?

GPT 'C' and the two Maghull teams ended up following the pack and all had some good wins but could not quite manage to get into the placings. In the GPT side Trevor's son seems to be a chip off the old block (though with a better style) and if he had his dads' head (god forbid it!!!) he'd be playing well up the divisions.

The remaining two teams, Police and Waterloo are having a playoff to determine who gets relegated. Waterloo have doubled their points in the second half of the season and invariably play the same four whereas the Police can choose any four from a vast team of about fifteen. I don't think that Waterloo deserve to go down as they had a bad start to the season with a lack of players due to holidays but things am't always fair.

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Good wins: Charlie Gallantry (Aigburth) beat Sue Anderson (Police) 21, -20 and 17. Bill Leeming (Aigburth) beat Don Chalkley (Police) 20 and 16. Bill Salter (Maghull) beat Jim Geddes (Bootle YM) 15 and 10. Ray Parry (Bootle JC) beat Ken Ray (Wavertree Labour) 17 and 14.

Close matches this time:

Roger Neal and Norman Cooke (Bootle JC) beat Rob Peat and Dave Stoddern (Bath St) 19, -19 and 23. Mike Moran (Bootle JC) beat Tom Killip (Bootle YM) 21 and 20 and Bill Salter (Maghull) 20 and 20. Ken Roberts (Wavertree Labour) beat Dave Stoddern (Bath St) -20, 20 and 19). Rob Peat (Bath St) beat Harry McGanity (Maghull) 24, -12 and 21 and Bob Rawlinson (Police) - 18, 19 and 21. Ted Green (GPT) beat Bill Holmes (Aigburth) - 18, 21 and 21 and Ken Ray (Wavertree Labour) 24 and 20. Ritchie Winkle (Police) beat John Gratten (Wavertree Labour) - 26, 19 and 19. John Langton and Dave Aimson ( Bath St) beat Ted Green and A Owens 23, -16 and 20. Wilf Gibson (Maghull) beat John Gratten (Wavertree Labour) 29 and 23 but then went on to be beaten by Gordon Langshaw 14 and 18. That's typical of John! A good team man - tiring out his opponent to give his team mate the advantage.

Facesavers:

A Ravenscrott (Wavertree Labour) beat Ken Ainsworth (Linacre) -21, 13 and 20. Bert River and Les Higham (Bootle YM) beat Ken Strahan and Norman Cooke (Bootle JC) 14 and 14. Charlie Gallantry (Aigburth) beat Tony Moon (GPT) 16 and 15 and Roly Wright (Bootle YM) 17 and 12. Toks Fowewe (Police) beat Norman Cooke (Bootle JC) 13 and 17. John Moore (Police) beat Rob Peat (Bath St) 16 and 21, Eric Wood (Aigburth) beat Pete Mercer (Bath St) - 17, 21 and 17. Bill Holmes (Aigburth) beat Jim Geddes (Bootle YM) 22 and 14.

Well that's all for this edition but I'll leave you with the little light relief. Solve the clues below because they are all about persons in this division. Take the first letter of each answer and you'll have one of the teams left in the Forrest Cup

1. 1st name/Aigburth receipt .....
2. Surname/GPT 'C' Step up from the 5th .....
3. As above (can't think of another clue) .....
4. 1st name/Male cat but murderous surname .....
5. Surname/do up shoes at Linacre .....
6. 1st name/of town famous for its Guild .....
7. Surname/a little? of sunshine (reversed) .....
8. Surname/can be full, new or crescent .....
9. Surname/add to fish .....
10. Surname/Police Lady .....
11. 1st name/ of tower birds + scottish farm .....

Good luck – but no prizes for the winners, unless you're in that team ... and win the cup!

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## DIVISION 5

## JACK LAMBERT

The 90/91 season has been most unkind to you my friends in Division 5. In the first issue my notes were meagre to say the least, based on the half a dozen cards I received. The charming news is that these notes are based on the same half dozen cards. The reason being that after the last Digest a volunteer appeared out of the blue, from your own division which of course is ideal. Cards and letters of urgency were duly dispatched plus phone reminders unfortunately to

date, less than a week before the A.G.M. (our deadline) no notes have been received – woe is me. Add to the fact that University and L.I.H.E. failed to stay the course you season could have been better.

G.P.T. as a club go from strength to strength thanks to the dedication of Stan Harvey and Trevor Owens and their two teams didn't let the division down. The team are to be congratulated on being our champions, undefeated and with Les Griffin leading the way a great performance. In the 'E' team nice to see my old oppo Gerry Richardson still winning games.

Harold House 'B' just had the edge on Cadwa 'C' once again we are talking of dedication at the highest level with Dave Cohen, Mr. 'Harold' Cohen himself (no pun on the original Harold) John Hodges still puffing away merrily with Richie Blackburn (not puffing).

Cadwa 'C' 6 Bath St. 'D' 4 were close companions as the score line suggests, all the golden oldies Jack Power, Jack Leitch, Fraser Farguarson, Dave Cunningham, Ron Georgeson and there's more in Harold House 'A' how about Jerry O'Keefe and Eric Young, a couple of young names to note Emma Fletcher (Cadwa) and Andrew Owens (GPT). What a pity there aren't more.

Last but by no means least – T.A.G. – I had to toss up whether or not to give them preference over the champions. T.A.G. without a win and T.A.G. 'A' with four both battled on to the end and it was more than pleasing to see a mixed side from both teams receive a medal, I might be wrong but I felt that T.A.G. and Harold House combined their teams in the Cup Final to field their strongest. Ray Sefia had an outstanding season with some fine wins, with excellent support from Andrew Sefia, Myles Joel, Jerry Draper and Jamie McCafferty not forgetting our friends Aridaon, Dollan, Worsley and company. The enthusiasm of the club at the final was superb. With due respect to Wavertree Labours' outstanding performance.

I would name T.A.G. club of the year.

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## TABLE EDGES

Nice to see Billy Neary and Frances Lay up and about again – keep up the good work.

Thurstons of St. Anne St. although specialising in snooker and bowls have now taken us under their wing and have a full range of table tennis equipment, give them a look in or a bell.

English Electrics' second victory in the Frank Murphy Trophy was a bit special as they have played in all four finals, with the same three players Alan, Ted and Fred.

Ming Liu (Y.M.) who played for Liverpool last season and against China the year before is now into martial arts and working in London.

Justine Thomas (Cadwa) won the Welsh Closed for the second year running. After winning the Liverpool Closed for the third time, Justine buzzed off the Kenya for the Commonwealth Championship – nice work.

As the oldest player in the veterans final Jack Power certainly held his end up in a bevy of Division 1 players. In the semi's he beat a Division 1 player also against English Electric.

Phil Musgrove (Cadwa) stepped into the Liverpool men's 1st twice on short notice and had a win each time – good stuff.

A lot of rumbles about the restricted final not being on finals night!?

Alec Gould (Bath St.) reached the final of the over 70 Eastern Masters Vets. and had hard luck losing in the third and just failing in his ambition to win a Vets. title.

In the same tournament Colin Pratt (English Electric) won acclaim by beating Ron Langheim, England over 40's number 7.

The Liverpool Ladies team won the Lancs. and Cheshire league for the third time running. Undefeated Justine Thomas with Paula French and Brenda Bouey not a bad record specially if you add another win and runner-up.

On June 1st the Police are having their annual presentation social and Alan Wood is retiring (again!) there will be quite a table tennis interest, if you are interested contact Len Dyson – tickets £3.00 they are limited.

Who are you playing tonight luv? I am playing a veterans match – no joking? who are you playing – we are playing in the Veterans Cup – but you are only 40 – exactly – it is a joke isn't it a veteran at 40!

If the Olympics come this way – which I doubt, London would have stood a better chance – table tennis will be played here putting Brian Leeson, Stan Clarke and company in the big frame I would think.

Play Off's for relegation Police 'A' beat Bath Street 'B' in Division 3, Bath Street go down. Police 'B' beat Waterloo 'A' in Division 4 Waterloo will – probably – go down.

The season has not been short of incident. Rob Conley tripped and fell but finished his game. Astute nurse Julie Prince noticed that something was not right and was over before he passed out and then used her nursing skills finishing in hospital. Ro Craddock also deserves a mention as voluntary ambulance driver.

If we manage the Digest by the A.G.M. you have to thank Alan Smethurst and the boys at S & A Print Services, 13 Waterloo Road, Liverpool L3 7BB

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## THE LIVERPOOL CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

APRIL 1991

Hon. Referee Mr. B. A. Leeson

Keith Williams kept his Men's Singles Title when he defeated Steve Green in two straight games at the Merseyside Police Club on Tuesday evening 9th April. Keith, having come through his group, had then to overcome Gary Watson and Roy Smith before reaching the Final.

The only player to take even one game off Steve before his final defeat was Mal McEvoy in the semi-final. The score was 21/16, 12/21, 21/19, a very close result indeed. Steve's previous wins were against Richard Beattie and Robert Lowe.

Richard Beattie, incidentally, had achieved a tremendous result in his group play, not only winning his group, but in so doing, defeating the seeded Rob Bevan. Richard then went on to take not only the Junior Singles Cup by snatching the title from Philip Musgrove, having been 20/17 down in the third, to win eventually 30/28, but then to take the Restricted Single Title from his club colleague, Steve Nield, in two straight in the Final. In previous rounds, Richard had beaten Peter Holmes and in the semi-final Fred Bainbridge.

Robert Lowe and Justine Tomas took the Mixed Doubles title, beating Mal McEvoy and Denise Conroy in the Final, having dispatched the previous winners, Keith Williams and Paula French, in the semi.

The Veterans' Cup, The Linacre Cup, was retained by Alan Timewell, the third year in succession he has won the Vets. event. Mick Tierney, his final opponent, had earlier upset both the second and the third seeds, Roy Smith and Alan Chase, before giving Alan a very hard struggle and a knife-edge result for all the spectators present. Alan's previous victims included John Higham and Kenny Jackson.

The Women's Singles event consisted of two groups of three, with the winners and runners-up of each group going forward to the semi-finals. In the first semi, Justine Thomas narrowly defeated Julie Prince 24/22, 19/21, 21/12, while in the other semi, Denise Conroy got home against Joan Connor 21/14, 22/20. In the Final, Justine overcame Denise to take the title without being seriously troubled. Justine, the Welsh Closed Champion, leaves for Kenya in three days time to represent her country, Wales, in the Commonwealth Championships. We all wish her the best of luck in Nairobi.

The Men's Doubles Final was a two straight affair between the two top seeded pairs, Keith Williams and Mal McEvoy against Bernie Wentworth and Rob Bevan, with Keith and Mal taking the title without much difficulty.

The Trophies were presented by the representatives of our Sponsor, Bill Fawley Construction Company Limited, and Mr. Lea Crone and his wife, Carole, and David and Jane Fawley, together with the many spectators present had enjoyed an evening of entertaining, keenly contested Table Tennis.

### FINAL EVENTS – TUESDAY, 9th APRIL MERSEYSIDE POLICE CLUB

1. Semi-Finals	(a) K. Williams	v	W. R. Smith	21/5	21/14	
– Men's Singles	(b) S. Green	v	M. McEvoy	21/16	12/21	21/19
2. Junior Singles Final	R. Beattie	v	P. Musgrove	14/21	21/13	30/28
3. Restricted Singles Final	R. Beattie	v	S. Nield	21/14	21/16	
4. Mixed Doubles Final	R. Lowe & Miss J. Thomas	v	M. McEvoy & Miss. D. Conroy	21/15	21/16	
5. Veterans' Singles Final	A. Timewel	v	M. Tierney	20/22	21/18	21/18
6. Mens Doubles Final	K. Williams & M. McEvoy	v	B. Wentworth & R. Bevan	21/19	21/15	
7. Women's Singles Final	Miss J. Thomas	v	Miss D. Conroy	21/15	21/14	
8. Men's Singles Final	(a) K. Williams	v	(b) S. Green	21/16	21/13	

*ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: To BILL FAWLEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED for generous sponsorship of this Tournament.*

## CUP FINALS

### Frank Murphy Memorial Trophy

English Electric 5    Cadwa 0

A daring and surprise call by Cadwa saw Alan Chase beat Alec Bryce 21-19; 15-21; 21-16, Fred Pheysey (5) beat Jack Power (10) 21-19; 21-15; Ted Birch (5) beat Ken Hartley 21-7; 21-17, Alan Chase beat Jack (10) 21-17; 21-17: a spirited game by Jack but Alan played the handicap brilliantly. Fred (5) 21-7; 21-14 beat Alec Bryce.

The time is 8.45 the game is over – is this a record? A bit disappointing?

Match official – Stan Clarke, presentations by Chairman – Arthur Upton,

Club official – Stan Harvey. Played at G.P.T.

## Forrest Cup

Bootle Y.M. 'A' 7 Police 'B' 3

A confident call by Police saw Tom Killop lose to Richie Winkle 17-21; 19-21: John Higham beat John Moore 21-12; 21-17: Danny Every beat Tony Harris 9-21; 21-14; 21-17: quite a turn round there. Tom Killip beat Sue Anderson 21;15 21;14: John and Roly beat Richie and Tony 21-13; 21-15: Tom and Darry beat John and Sue 21-15; 21-14: Bootle 5-1 up and victory in sight, but John Moore had different ideas and beat Roly 21-14; 26-24: in a cliff hanger. Another cracking game saw John Higham beat Richie 21-17; 20-22; 21-16: Roly beat Tony 21-17; 21-17; and then Sue turned on the heat beating Danny 21-14; 10-21; 19-9: an undefeated Bootle side had to battle all the way but were worthy winners.

Match official – Stan Clarke, trophy presented by Vice-President – Jack Lambert,  
Club official – Jack Lambert. Played at English Electric.

## Stamp Cup

Harold House 'A' 6 T.A.G. 'A' 2

Ted Cransie and Jerry O'Keefe beat Ray and Andrew Sefia 21-18; 19-21; 21-12: a T.A.G. call that didn't quite come off. Ted and Ray stayed on Ray winning 19 & 15. John Hodges and Dave Cohen beat Jamie McCafferty and Myles Joel 21-10; 21-15: John beat Myles 21-9; 21-18: Jerry lost to Ray which started as Cliff Hanger 22-24; 24-22; 9-21: 3-2 for Harold House Ted beat Myles 21-11; 21-15: Dave beat Andrew 21-18; 21-11: and then the crunch with John and Jamie in the arena, Jamie won the first 21-14 but John came back strong with wins of 14 & 11 and the match. A good final made better by the supporters of both sides, mainly T.A.G. who also looked like table tennis players with their smart rigout.

Nice to see the dedicated Bets of Jewish winning a final.

Match official – Ken Armson, trophy presented by Vice-President – Jack Lambert,  
Club official – Jack Lambert. Played at English Electric.

## Hide Cup

Bootle J.C. 'A' 5 Bath Street 'A' 5

Richard Beattie lost to Fred Bainbridge 11-21; 21-16; 17-21: Dave Graham and Steve Neild beat Norman Challoner and Peter Ross 21-18; 21-16: Dave lost Fred 9-21; 17-21: after being 17-13 up. Roger Neal beat John Watson 18-21; 21-11; 21-19: quite a game. Steve beat Norman 21-17; 23-21: Richard and Roger beat Fred and John 21-16; 21-14. 4-2 for Bootle. Dave lost to Peter 10-21; 14-21: Steve lost to John 19-21; 18-21: 4 all – Roger Neal lost to Peter Ross 14-21 14-21; 13-21: Richard lost the first to Norman 15-21 and it looked good for Bath St. but Richard had other ideas and won the next two 16 and 18, an exciting match particularly the last game – great to watch.

Match official – Don Davies. Played at Liverpool Y.M.

## Rumjahn

English Electric 'C' 6 English Electric 'B' 2

John McLaughlin beat Colin Owens 21-12; 21-15: Keith Miller and Rikki Brown beat Brian Crolley and John Evans 21-12; 21-12: John Mac lost to John Evans 14-21; 10-21: Frank Brady beat Frank McCann 21-13; 21-17: Rikki beat Brian 21-14; 21-15: despite the scores all good games this doubles the best, Keith lost to Frank Mac 15-21; 19-21: Rikki beat Colin 21-15; 21-17. The 'B' team were satisfied that they made a game of it against the best team in the division the 'C' team.

Match official – Alec Gould, Ted Rumjahn presented the trophies, introduced by the Chairman Arthur Upton, Club official – Jack Lambert. Played at English Electric.

## Readman

Wavertree Labour 'A' 6 Bootle J.C. 0

Gary Watson beat Nick Miller 22-20; 18-21; 21-15: Steve Green beat Dave Graham 21-14; 21-19; Bernie Wentworth beat Roger Neald 21-22; 21-14: Gary certainly wanted the evening to be interesting another three setter beating Dave 21-18; 16-21; 24-22: Steve beat Nick 21-17; 10-21; 21-9: Bernie beat Nick 21-18; 8-21; 21-8: The effort put in by Dave and Roger in no way compensated for the fact that Job Centre's other two players were otherwise engaged with Preston table tennis.

Match official – Stan Clarke, trophies presented by Chairman Arthur Upton, Club official – Stan Harvey. Played at G.P.T.

## Hyde (Replay)

Bath St. 'A' 5 Bootle J.C. 'A'

Fred Bainbridge and John Watson lost to Dave Graham and Steve Neild 17-21; 16-21: Norman Challoner and Pete Ross beat Richard Beattie and Ken Strahan 9-21; 21-14; 21-13 Peter lost to Ken 20-22; 2-10: with Peter withdrawing the score becoming 2-21: Fred beat Richard 19-21; 21-15; 21-17: John lost to Steve 23-21; 15-21; 16-21: Fred beat Graham 21-12; 17-21; 21-15: three three setters on the trot and a battle royal on our hands. Norman lost to Richard 15-21; 21-14; 19-21: John beat Ken 21-18, 21-14 this was an important win (aren't they all?) 5-3. Peter lost to Dave 21-19; 19-21; 8-21: 5-4. Norman lost to Richard 15-21; 21-14; 19-21: 5-5. All heavy drama – Job Centre won this match, 14 games to 13. Ah! but Bath St. won the first on all games to 10 - 24 games all. Bath St. winning on points – super final.

Match official – Don Davies, trophies presented by Vice President – Jack Lambert, Club official Rob Davies. Played at Cadwa

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## YOUR '100' CLUB

The '100' club commenced in 1987/88 and replaced the selling of ETTA raffle tickets as our fund raiser. As a result of the sterling efforts of Sylvia Graham it became firmly established, with the League and it's members benefiting from Sylvia's efforts. This season Sylvia had to give up organising and running the fund due to greater demands on her time related to her employment. Because of lack of personal involvement support this season has fell away badly and there was a danger of our having to abandon this fund raising scheme.

It has now been agreed by your Management Committee that I will take over the running of the '100' Club for the 1991-1992 season, and hopefully get it back on it's feet. For the first time it will be operated as a separate fund with it's own Bank account. The profit generated being paid into the League funds on completion of prize pay-outs. If my efforts are to be successful, I will need your financial support. Ideally, we should commence the prize draw at the Handbook Meeting, but we never have the funds available until much later due to the slow recruitment of members. If you would like to become a member for the 1991-1992 season, cost £12 for the season, then please give me a ring, or drop me a line, and I will supply the required form. My number is 051-486 3073 and I do have an answering machine which will enable you to leave your name and address if I am out. If I can enroll sufficient members, and get the cash from them, the first draw will take place at eh Handbook meeting.

I will be making every effort to build up membership and with your help attain the required 100 members as quickly as possible. The greater the membership, the better the prize money. We can all benefit from this fund so don't run away when you see me heading in your direction. This is your chance to put something back into your sport in Liverpool.

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DIVISION 1	P	W	L	D	PTS
WAVERTREE LAB.	22	21	-	1	180
WAVERTREE LAB. 'A'	22	17	1	4	149
CADWA	22	12	5	5	138
LIVERPOOL YMCA	22	9	7	6	126
COLONSAY	22	13	8	1	124
BOOTLE J.C.	22	12	8	2	108
BATH STREET	22	7	13	2	95
ENGLISH ELEC.	22	4	14	4	91
G.P.T.	22	7	14	1	91
ENGLISH ELEC. 'A'	22	6	14	2	88
LIVERPOOL YMCA 'A'	22	4	14	4	84
BOOTLE YMCA	22	2	16	4	54

DIVISION 2	P	W	L	D	PTS
ENGLISH ELEC. 'C'	20	18	1	1	156
CADWA 'A'	20	15	3	2	132
COLONSAY 'B'	20	15	3	2	126
ELECTRIC SUPPLY	20	9	11	-	113
G.P.T. 'A'	20	10	7	3	112
POLICE	20	7	7	6	102
ENGLISH ELEC. 'B'	20	8	8	4	91
COLONSAY 'A'	20	4	14	2	71
M.C.Y.A.	20	4	13	3	71
HAROLD HOUSE	20	5	14	1	67
FORDS	20	2	16	2	59

*RODNEY YOUTH record expunged having given 3 walk-overs.*

DIVISION 3	P	W	L	D	PTS
BATH ST. 'A'	26	22	-	4	196
BOOTLE J.C. 'A'	26	22	1	3	184
MAGHULL	26	17	6	3	173
G.P.T. 'B'	26	19	5	2	169
ENGLISH ELEC. 'D'	26	14	8	4	145
WATERLOO	26	15	7	4	145
CADWA 'B'	26	9	11	6	122
LIVERPOOL YMCA 'B'	26	12	14	-	122
ENGLISH ELEC. 'E'	26	7	15	4	111
COLONSAY 'C'	26	6	20	-	105
ELECTRIC SUPPLY 'A'	26	7	17	2	103
POLICE 'A'	26	7	18	1	93+
BATH STREET 'B'	26	5	17	4	93+
WAVERTREE LAB. 'B'	26	1	24	1	57

DIVISION 4	P	W	L	D	PTS
BOOTLE YMCA 'A'	22	21	-	1	188
LINACRE	22	16	3	3	150
BATH ST. 'C'	22	18	3	1	145
BOOTLE J.C. 'B'	22	12	8	2	117
G.P.T. 'C'	22	11	10	1	112
MAGHULL 'A'	22	8	11	3	110
MAGHULL 'B'	22	8	12	2	104
BOOTLE YMCA 'B'	22	6	14	2	88
WAVERTREE LAB. 'C'	22	5	13	4	88
POLICE 'B'	22	6	14	2	81+
WATERLOO 'A'	22	6	14	2	81+
AIGBURTH	22	1	16	5	56

DIVISION 5	P	W	L	D	PTS
G.P.T. 'D'	14	13	-	1	107
HAROLD HOUSE 'B'	14	9	3	2	93
CADWA 'C'	14	9	4	1	89
BATH ST. 'D'	14	6	5	3	75
G.P.T. 'E'	14	4	7	3	64
HAROLD HOUSE 'A'	14	3	6	5	62
T.A.G. 'A'	14	4	9	1	50
T.A.G.	14	-	14	-	20

*UNIVERSITY and L.I.H.E. records expunged having given 3 walk-overs.*

#### NOTE

##### Division 3 and Division 4

In these two divisions a play off is being held to resolve the relegation position.

POLICE 'A' v BATH STREET 'B'  
at Bootle J. C.

POLICE 'B' v WATERLOO 'A'  
at Wavertree Labour

Both games to be played on Monday, April 22nd