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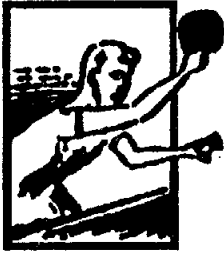


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EDITORIAL

We start with a spot or two of good news. Firstly we are having three digests this Season - one up on the last two Seasons. At the risk of repeating myself - the Magazine is yours, you can make it interesting by discussing or writing in the Digest as well as sorting it out in the Clubroom. Most players look to see if they get a mention - so have a go if you have a point to make and your name very much in print. The other good news is that we have a full Fifth Division - not a piece of news to hit the headlines, but it could be a sign of better times and very good news for the Division Five gang. Another personal item which **may** or may not interest our coaching contingent, we had a couple of tables for sale and we have had three enquiries taking in best part of thirty players. As far as the coaching fraternity are concerned not a youthful potential champion amongst them. They are all eighteen to forty five group - all from factories. Is this a potential source of new players and, if it is, are we interested. (We sold both the tables) any more for sale?

DIVISION 1

KEN ARMSON

The new season brings back a three team club, Eng. Electric, the last one being Wav. Lab. until their 'B' team were relegated in 1988/89. The arrival of Cadwa 'A' brings up another two team club. A position not previously enjoyed by Cadwa for many years. Player moves sees Paul Hutching moving to G.P.T. and Jason Killip to Bath St. Labour 'A' have introduced Wirral Jnr Mark Newns and there is news of a new signing by Eng. Elec. who have signed on Natasha Williams, No.1. Welsh Jnr. girl who also doubles as the Welsh No.1. woman player. This at the age of 15. Having seen her play recently at the Cleveland Junior I feel certain she will soon make her mark. Good news for Natasha and Eng. Elec. Her debut saw wins over Mike Keane and Jason Killip which have already put her in the spotlight. Bad news for Eng. Elec. and the whole League is the closure of the Club around March '92; victims of today's big business profit profile. With the demise of Wav. Labour Club still a strong possibility we could find two big clubs without premises before the season ends. Grim news, for suitable premises are difficult to find.

Eng. Elec. 'B' having got here the hard way via a steady climb through the divisions will be wanting to make their newly won status safe. Although at present lurking near the bottom, I expect them to comfortably avoid relegation. They started off in grand style by thrashing their 'A' team 9-1; the white wash being narrowly avoided when John Evans beat. Keith Miller. They followed up with a draw against Cadwa and had an early hand in the Championship battle when Frank Brady took 2 sets, beating Peter Lee and Mike Mahoney. He also took Keith Williams to 3. With a further four sets taken from Bath St. they can look forward with confidence to the future. Their team-mates in the 'A' Team can only look forward to life at the bottom and a season fraught with the spectre of relegation. Of course, there could be a life-saver if a few w/overs drift their way to boost their total. The 'Old Firm' are still in charge of the 1st Team and they look set for a middle area position. They beat a weakened Colonsay team 6-4 and had a draw in their 'Vets' match against Bath St. Only non-vet present, Mike Allen, obviously over-rawed by finding himself in such exalted company being the only player not to win a set.

The other newcomers, Cadwa 'A' are finding it hard work at this level but their arrival has brought some much needed jnr talent into the division. The div. will benefit from this challenge, as will the youngsters, and we are certain to see some leading players humbled. Biggest problem is identifying just who is in their 1st. and 'A' team. Of the jnrs. Phil Musgrove looks the player most likely to cause an upset, but the best result to date must go to Ian Miller who recorded a lone win for his team over Alan Timewell. Both promoted teams now having had a say in the Championship battle. Will they stay up? I hope so, but have to mark them down as a strong relegation possibility.

Their 1st team are doing well and challenging strongly for a final 3rd place, but as with the 'A' team and Colonsay seem to have many problems in respect of player availability. This problem, when it affects strong teams, can, and often does, have an adverse effect on Championship and Relegation issues. With a regular full strength team they could have been pushing Liverpool Y.M. and Wav. Lab. very strongly. It borders on the ridiculous when 1st div. teams show player numbers such as 19; 13; 15; 12; on their scorecards.

Bath St. appear to have dropped Ian McElwee for new signing Jason Killip who left Bootle Y.M. because they were relegated and he wanted 1st. div. play. I would have thought the best way to achieve that aim would be to get your team promoted again. All

depends on your point of view as to what has the highest priority, loyalty or ambition. Being, perhaps, old-fashioned, I believe players owe to their club loyalty and are entitled to expect loyalty in return. A view obviously not shared by Bath St. or Jason. Be that as it may, the team will enjoy an untroubled season and cause a few upsets. Jason doing his share of that by taking a lone set from Alan Timewell and Ken Jackson did likewise against Y.M. by taking a lone set from Peter Lee. Bath St. may well be feeling it should have been more than one set and 9-1 did not do justice to their efforts. Six sets went to three and Bath St. lost them all. An unusual feature of the match being that Keith Williams went to three in all four of his sets and won them, with six of the games going to deuce. Quite a match for both teams with Y.M. being thankful they only lost one set, and Bath St. feeling 'Lady Luck' had not looked too kindly on their efforts.

Strengthened by the arrival of Paul Hutchings will mean a safe position for G.P.T. and his regular haul of sets is certain to improve the performance of his team-mates relieved of the pressure of relegation and encouraged by the knowledge of a lot of guaranteed sets which in turn will improve their approach. Bootle J.C. will also be safe in a middle table position the promise of better things hinted at when they arrived on the 1st div. scene not having been fulfilled. They lack the in-depth strength needed for a sustained attempt on the Championship. They will always be in amongst the sets as they have demonstrated with wins against Cadwa 'A'; Lab. 'A'; Bath St., a good win 7-3 with Andy Clark winning his three only to become an early victim to Phil Musgrove in the match v Cadwa which Bootle J.C. won 6-4. They went down to Colonsay 7-3 with Nick Miller having a good win against Chris Ford. All good results, but not good enough for any kind of challenge.

Colonsay again find themselves languishing outside the top three and are again having problems turning out a regular full strength team. This led to two early defeats at the hands of Cadwa 'A' and Eng. Elec. with both inflicting 6-4 defeats on them. Their full strength team of Stuart Richards, Chris Ford and Rob Lowe producing a 10-0 against Elec. 'A' and 7-3's against Bath St. and Bootle J.C. For Eng. Elec. Mike Corcoran had an outstanding win against Stuart 22/20 in the 3rd. and Mike Keane did likewise for Bath St. 17 in the 3rd.

Shorn of the services of Bennie Wentworth has blunted the thrust of Lab. 'A' but newcomer Mark Newns is settling down well and along with Gary Watson will pose a threat to most teams. Gary recently recording one of his best wins when he beat Keith Williams in his team's 6-4 defeat by Y.M. which gave their 1st team a good lift in the championship stakes. They won't repeat last season's excellent result of Cup winners and 1st div. runners-up, but will be up amongst the front-runners and looking for a good cup run.

That leaves us with Liverpool Y.M. and Wav. Lab. A re-vitalised Liverpool Y.M. making a determined challenge for the title, the return of Peter Lee having given them the required shot in the arm. Early indications are that it could be a very close finish and Y.M. must be feeling this is their turn after so many seasons of falling short of their target. The result of their two clashes will have a bearing on the final outcome and the first one came in Week 2. Presumably the change to a 12 teamchart was responsible for this change in match order which brought the two contenders face to face so early in the season. With the same three plus Steve Green, as their squad, Wav. also set out their stall early and came out of the match with a 7-3 win. Six sets went to three and Steve Green was at his flamboyant best and took his three sets, inflicting on Keith an early defeat. Keith took his other two,

Mike Mahoney adding the 3rd with a two straight win over Dave Roberts. I can't see either of them managing to open up a big gap at any time and it will be late in the season before the final position will take shape. Much may depend on the teams turned out by other front-runners such as Colonsay and Cadwa and their next clash which is booked for the early date of Thursday 12th December, when most of you may not yet have seen this first issue.

No blank week for the 1st Round Cups, Quarters and Semis split and 1st division contenders meeting early. What has happened to normality? One small point in respect of scorecards which few seem to get right. The match number shown should be that in the handbook. If you play Match No.3. at the end of the season it is still match No. 3 not Match No. 22, The brackets on the line for the team name are to show your Fixture Key number and not, as many do, 'A'; 'B' etc. This is the top division and your cards should reflect that standing in that they should be correctly completed. Your team may not be first in the League table but you can make it 1st in the scorecard table by ensuring it is correct in every section and that includes your current record. This may appear trivial and unimportant to you, but to Wyn and Eddie Cameron who compile the results it is of the utmost importance. Give it a try, it won't cost you anything.

DIVISION 2

STAN CLARKE

What a strange division, within the first 6 weeks of the season there have been no less than 5 walk-overs claimed from the 20 cards I have at this time. What an appalling indictment of the interest shown by some of our clubs and what a mockery it makes of the promotion/relegation issues within the division. I have some sympathy for the Police who have conceded 2 walk-overs to date, as their work patterns can make it difficult to raise a team on occasions, but I find it difficult to find reasons to explain why Bootle J.C. "A" failed to turn up against Bootle Y.M.C.A. or why Electric Supply (who expect to win the division) failed to appear against Bootle J.C. "A". The other team to fail to turn up for a match were M.C.Y.A. who have since withdrawn from the League.

Having got that off my chest time to look at how the division stands after 6 weeks, the top spot at the moment is held by Liverpool Y.M.C.A "A" and they look to be a very strong team but I will be surprised if they turn out as division winners, but a good bet for a promotion spot. In 2nd place are Bootle J.C. "A" the signing of Julian Quirk, Steve Fay and Derek Sullivan have strengthened the team into potential promotion candidates, and had they not conceded the walk-over to Bootle Y.M.C.A. they would almost certainly be in top spot.

Third placed at this time are Electric Supply who will certainly win the division if they can consistently turn out their strongest team, the trouble with using players like Mal McEvoy, Peter Flint and Ken Connor is that they are playing in other leagues and tend to pick and choose which games they will play in and that can prove fatal for promotion chances. Bootle Y.M.C.A. are in 4th position but seem to be having problems turning out their strongest team each week a problem caused in no small way by having lost their full first team to other clubs during the closed season.

G.P.T. "A" are currently in 5th spot and look likely to finish the season in or near this position, whilst Colonsay with 2 teams in the division are really struggling, if loosing the services of 9 players for a variety of reasons isn't bad enough they lost the services of Gary Thornton-Allen after only two weeks of the season then were unable to play any home games for the first month of season due to building work at the school. Having

decided to split their strength across the two teams their main objective will be maintain both teams in the division.

Bath Street "A" are somewhat of an enigma, I would have expected them to be in a higher position as they are a very hard team to beat and are extremely competitive but at the time of writing they have lost 4 and drawn 2. Police as I have already mentioned have had great difficulty in fulfilling their fixtures but on paper they have a team to give anybody a run for their money. That leaves only English Electric "C" and Harold House to talk about and I have to say that I feel one of these two will be the unfortunate team to drop into the 3rd division next season. Only one team will be relegated this season with the withdrawal of M.C.Y.A. and on balance I feel that the most likely to loose out is Harold House, but then again I have been wrong before. Of course by the time you read this many more games will have been played and you may wonder what on earth I am prattling on about but that is the risk you take when you put pen to paper with only a small number of cards for guidance.

One final point to get you all talking, does anybody in the division have any idea of the rules governing service? If so why do the vast majority of players foul serve every time they are called upon to put the ball into play? Having umpired games at all levels all over the country I feel it is safe to say that the standard of serving in the Liverpool League is nothing short of diabolical. What can be so difficult about placing the ball on the flat palm of the free hand, projecting the ball near vertically for a minimum of six inches before striking the ball with the bat as it descends? ensuring that throughout the whole of the service action the ball and bat remain wholly above the playing surface and behind the end line. A rather simplistic explanation of the service rule but not a bad point to start with. It really is time that we all insisted that every player plays the game within the rules and not turn a blind eye to quite deliberate attempts to ignore the very basic rules of the service law, after all nobody would expect to be awarded a point if they fail to return the ball successfully so why expect to be allowed to ignore other rules? Your comments would be welcome.

DIVISION 3

ROD BULMER

Well here we go again, a new season and a new scribe. I'm not too sure when these notes will be read so Merry Christmas, Happy Easter and have a nice holiday.

Sorry to report that after only 9 weeks we see the loss of one team already namely Colonsay C, let's hope this is not the way the league is going, though the answer is for all of us who play table tennis to encourage new players into the sport.

Fords lead the Division with 50 points from 8 games though they seem unable to field the same 4 on more than one occasion. Waterloo lie second 11 points back but with 2 games in hand, the next 7 teams are all within 13 points of Waterloo so the divisional championship is up for grabs. The only side who seem out of it are Bootle YMCA "A" who are suffering from the loss of a complete team forcing this side up to the 3rd division.

Now for some specific match details, good win by Fords over Electric Supply 9-1 with a John Moore win over Bill Proffit saving the whitewash. A hard fought draw in the English Electric "D" v Fords fixture saw an excellent double by Graham Reid over the hard to beat Julie Prince and the deceptive Colin Pratt. Incidentally good wishes to Colin in his change of job and home, please keep in touch.

Once again English Electric are fielding 2 strong sides. The D team of Julie, Colin, Ro and Tommy seem to have been together longer than some marriages last. In their 8-2 win

over Cadwa "B" a 22-20 third game gave George Higham a fine win over Julie, sorry Julie if I seem to be reporting only your losses but they are the exception to the norm.

The English Electric "E" team have used only 5 players so far John McLoughlin leading them with only 1 loss to his name. Good double by Peter Holmes in their 8-2 win over Maghull "B" beating both Steve Woods and Wilf Gibson. Richie Cragg did his part beating both Neil Parker and Alf Southall in the 6-4 win over Fords.

Waterloo are another side who enjoy the luxury of a settled side with the two Alans Walton and Reid being more than able supported by Ray Hibbs and Ken Nelson, certainly a side I expect to push for promotion. Fine result 7-3 against Electric Supply "A" but a bit of a hiccup against English Electric "E" going down 2-8. Though they beat Linacre 9-1, 3 sets went to 3 and 4 others had very close 2nd games.

GPT "B" seem to be off to a steady start but with players such as Ted Gilmour and Mark Whittaker plus the depth of talent at the club then maybe it's handy to play them at start of the season which is what Maghull did winning 6-4. Harry McGanity winning his singles against Mike Feerick and Fred Price both going to three. Though they lost the match 6-4 against Fords the quiet retiring Ted beat both Bill Proffitt and Grahame Reid.

Please don't worry if your team has not been mentioned as I will try to cover all teams by the end of the season. A request to all team captains please mark in some way those sets which you consider worthy of mention.

DIVISION 4

SYLVIA GRAHAM

Hello! - I'm sure Ken Armson said that I was writing for the fourth division, but something must be wrong when I see names like Peter Ross, Billy Clayton, Bob Hudson and Bobby Owen. Have I mistakenly been given the wrong cards or is it all a dream. No a few sharp pinches (I have the bruises to show) and I guarantee it's not a dream; more of a nightmare. I just did not believe that the fourth division could be so strong although unlike other divisions it still has a reputation for enjoyment and gentlemanly conduct. As this division has the most women players I wonder if after all the fairer sex just brings out the best in the men? Any constructive comments, particularly from KA, will be published next time.

Is everyone enjoying their TT this season? I hope you are because with nearly half the season over I find it hard to pick the two promotees and I think that the teams that do make it will be those that have dragged themselves there by hard work and team spirit. You can see the strength of the division as there are only two players to my knowledge who are still hanging onto their 100%. Bobby Owen, Wavertree Labour 'C' almost lost his to Karen Gibson, Bath St 'B' but eventually won 23:21 in the third and Mike Moran, Bootle JC 'B' is having a tremendous season and hasn't really been tested yet. The clash of the Titans may well be in glorious technicolour when these two eventually meet. The only tip I can give Mike is to 'watch out for flying swans' eh, Bob!!

Something which I do find it hard to figure out from the cards is exactly which Bath St. players play for the 'B' team and which for the 'C'. It must be nice being able to call on such strong reserves in a crisis but very disconcerting to have to do it so frequently. Both Bath St teams along with both the Wavertree Labour teams must be aiming for promotion but it poses problems in derby matches because the teams take vital points off each other which can be crucial to the final placings. Bootle JC do not have this problem and they have enough players to cover for any emergencies so I guess they must be the team to

beat. Their seven man squad has both breadth, depth and team spirit which is the ideal recipe for success.

Before I forget I must take this opportunity to congratulate GPT on their new non-smoking policy. It's such an innovative way of building inter-team relationships. Four or five persons crammed together outside the table tennis room is just so cosy - especially if you're the only woman!! I definitely approve.

Yet again I'm going to ask for your help - I'll even say pretty please. Do you remember those little white pieces of paper you fill in every match? (not the drinks order!!!) - those little insignificant things you put a stamp on and send off(?) to Messr Cameron. Well again there is a dearth of asterisks, blotches or even smudges. If you want me to give the division the recognition and interest it deserves send the cards off promptly and with comments on the game (including the order of play) attached.

Now lets' start thinking about our division.....as I see it the promotees will come from Bootle JC, the two Bath St. sides or the two Wavertree Labour sides. Bootle JC should be favourite and if I have to choose another then I think it must be either Wavertree Labour 'C' or Bath St. 'C' but the race is anything but over at this point in time.

At the other end of the table there are a number of possibilities. Bootle YMCA 'B' are struggling which is not surprising when the club lost its' whole first division side during the close season so all the players had to move up. This side is a mixture of experience and new talent. A particularly good win was Chris McGuire's defeat of Andrew Owen (GPT 'D') 9, 8. This was in YM's first win of the season and I hope this is just the beginning for them. Police are the other team that are straggling behind at the moment but I'm told by the rest of my team that they should not be underestimated. They have a good squad of players but as usual have problems turning the best four out at the right time. It would be a shame to lose them from this division so let's hope they are all heckling the duty officer to let them be on days for match nights!!!

The dark horse of the division must be Harold House who appear to be lagging behind with games played but seem to be accruing points steadily. Bob Hudson has definitely strengthened the side although not unbeaten. George Frost (Maghull 'A') beat him 15 and 17 but other than that he appears to be on form as can be seen by his win against Billy Clayton (Bath St 'B') 18 and 2. In the same match Dave Cunningham (Bath St) picked up his two against D. Cohen and T. Cramsie although both were good matches. Dave always seems to play well as reserve and has picked up points on more than one occasion.

Both the Maghull and GPT teams in the division are destined, I fear, for mid table positions though GPT 'C' do have a strong squad and feel they may pull off a few surprises and could quite possibly finish fourth or fifth.

Looking through the cards about half the matches are draws or close 6 set to 4 wins and only a third are 9:1's or greater. In the latter case the score does not always reflect the actual match but its the old story of 'luck on the night'.

Now the roles of honour:-

Good wins:

Rob Peat (Bath St) beat John Gratton (Wavertree Labour) 18,-13 and 19. George Frost (Maghull) beat Bobby Bell (GPT) 2 and 9. Bill Salter (Maghull) beat Karen Gibson (Bath St) -18, 14 and 19. Andrew Owens (GPT) beat Rob Peat (Bath St) 12, -19 and 18.

Close matches this time:

Karen Gibson (Bath St) beat Gordon Langshaw (Wavertree Labour) 15, -22 and 18. Stan

Harvey (GPT) beat Keith Whittaker (Maghull) 13, -22 and 21), Jim Geddes (Bootle YMCA) beat Bobby Bell (GPT) -18, 18 and 20). John Langton (Bath St) beat Wilf Gibson (Maghull) 15, -18 and 21 and Alan Wood (Police) -18, 19 and 20. Ted Green (GPT) beat Jimmy Gill (Maghull) -21, 13 and 20). Gordon Langshaw and Ken Roberts (Wavertree Labour) beat Alan Wood and John Moore (Police) 19, -19 and 21. Fred Price and Les Griffin (GPT) beat Harry McGanity and Jimmy Gill (Maghull) -20, 12 and 20. Tony Moon and Ted Green (GPT) lost to Gordon Langshaw and Ken Ray (Wavertree Labour) 18, -20 and 17.

Facesavers:

Harry McGanity (Maghull) beat Fred Price (GPT) 18 and 19. Alan Wood (Police) beat Gordon Langshaw (Wavertree Labour) 16, -14 and 12. Bobby Bell (GPT) beat Dave Graham (Bootle JC) 19 and 19. Les Higham (Bootle YMCA) beat Rob Peat (Bath St) -19, 16 and 18. Don Chalkley (Police) beat Les Griffin (GPT) -13, 16 and 20). Andrew Owens (GPT) beat Mike Ashton (Wavertree Labour) 13 and 18. Wilf Gibson and George Frost (Maghull) beat John Langton and Pete Mercer (Bath St) 19 and 15.

DIVISION 5

TONY CONNOR

Look no further than Electric Supply 'B' for the Divisional Championship as Alan Biggs, Neil Jennings and Peter Carney remain unbeaten. Clearly this would be a competent 3rd Division team and anyone taking a set off this trio is guaranteed a very favourable future write up. So, let's go for it, fellow 'Fifties'.

Electric Supply benefit, too, from a very settled team with Arthur 'Hitter' Harrison, making up the quartet. Is there any truth in the rumour that Alan and Neil are leaving to join their 3rd Division Team? In a 'normal' Season, we at Wavertree Labour 'D' might have expected to be clear championship favourites. Especially with Sandie 'Seventeen Bats' Sanderson strutting his stealthy stuff. Sandie has lost just twice, 19 and 11 to Neil Jennings and 13, 13, -22, in a humdinger to Richard Blackburne, playing for Harold House "C" is the shock of the Season so far.

This was a most impressive display of controlled forehand hitting by Ritchie, Mike Ashton (Labour) too, has lost just twice against Alan and Peter of Supply and, actually, had chances to bury Alan 2-0 in a tight second deuce game.

Waterloo 'A' are strong with Fraser Farquharson a committed exponent of the 3rd-Ball-Kill game. However he did come unstuck against the experienced Billy Holmes (Aigburth) 16 and 16, though he managed to shade Bill Leeming 16 in the 3rd. Waterloo team-mate John Forrest, is about as opposite in style as you can get with his clear, no-error combination play, but he too was outdone by Billy Holmes in what was a creditable double for the Aigburth number 2. Bill Spencer and Eugene Berger have made steady starts for Waterloo with Eugene particularly unfortunate in losing out to Labour's Sandie after leading 20-16 in the 3rd.

Eddy Mosherhe has turned out for both TAG teams and is pledging revenge against myself and Mike Ashton (Labour) after 4 losing sets against us. The scores are getting closer and Eddy has good reason for optimism as he continues to improve.

Both TAGS are in credibly keen, none more so than Jamie McCafferty playing number 1 for the 1st team. He took Ken Miller (Harold House 'B') to 22 in the 3rd, and I shouldn't be surprised if he converts some close losses, to victories as the Season progresses. David Rudd (TAG) possesses a very strong backhand hit, perhaps the hardest in the division

overall. TAG 'A' seems slightly the stronger at the moment, perhaps helped by their travelling supporters club. I expect LIHE to maintain their middling position, but they seem to lack the strength in depth to make a top half push. I would back Vivien Smallwood against anyone in an open top-spin game where she is very strong on both flanks. But life is 'tuf' and she will have to cope with those nasty people who will seek to close her down and chop her out. Vivien did well to out hit Labour's John Reynolds, but succumbed to Mike Ashton's craft chiselling and, occasional, backhand top-spin. Fraser versus Vivien is a game I would like to see, but I doubt if I could follow the ball.

I am fascinated by Edmund Hung's classical penhold play for LIHE. He seems to play penhold as it 'should' be played and is very fast on his feet. However he is finding it hard to win in these early stages, but surely this will change.

Along with LIHE, Wavertree Labour 'E' have made a belated entry to the Season. This brings our strength to 12 teams and dare I say it, I get the feeling this time, that we will all finish. I certainly hope so, as it's the very least the regulars of this Division deserve.

Labour 'E' will struggle to avoid the bottom positions but I am assured by Ken Armson that their refreshments are top of the league. Well you can have your cake and eat it Ken. Ted Mandaluff hasn't quite got his game going yet, but there will be no surprise when he begins to make life very difficult for most with his consistent wooden bat play. Ken Armson celebrates 25 years as Club Secretary and it is perfectly fitting that he has a regular place when he has unfailingly over recent years, held squad positions to allow others a regular place. Ken Ray at Number 1, had a dramatic victory over John Reynolds 18 in the 3rd, in the Wavertree Derby. John wont lose many in this Division, though he admits to losing games he should really win. There isn't a better looping game in the Division. Reza Mirdamadi makes up the Labour 'E' team, in his 1st Season of League Table Tennis.

Bath Street will do well to reach mid-table, but Jack Letch is performing consistently at number 1. Jack and Ron Georgeson both beat Arthur Harrison in a 2-8 reversal to leaders Supply.

Cadwa 'C' seem stronger than most, though Russell Thornton not playing as well as last Season. He appears to be in the process of developing a stronger forehand component to his game, and a period of adjustment is inevitable. Jack Power and Peter Roberts will continue to get their fair share of sets, though both lost closely to an inspired Bill Leeming in the match against Aigburth. Squad player, Steve Perry, looks to have fine potential, and victories, with self belief, will surely follow.

Aigburth, relegated last Season, are another top half team. Eric Wood most impressively routed Bill Spencer and Eugene Berger (Waterloo) both 9 in the 2nd.

Harold House "C" will struggle, but full marks for bringing in youngsters to learn their trade and to increase the strength of our league. Benjamin Kay seems most likely to top this team's averages, but perhaps Steve Daniel and Mark Harrison would have something to say about that.

In contrast, Harold House 'B' have a more familiar look about them, with Ted Cramie, Gerry O'Keefe, Ken Miller and Eric Young, playing most games. I look forward to crossing pens again with Eric.

Gerry is unbeaten in the cards that I have and playing at number 3 will be far too good for most. I imagine that Ted's 17, 18 defeat to CADWA's Peter Roberts was an all out attacking affair and this is Ted's only defeat on cards so far in.

Anyway, 'Enuffs Enuff' and so to bed. Have a nice Christmas and enjoy the rest of the Season. Perhaps these excellent notes will make up in a small way for last Seasons' pathetic efforts.

EDITOR

TABLE EDGES

Not the greatest Table Tennis player in the world, but a great guy and friendly socializer - Bill Neary - who played for Wavertree Labour and English Electric, died during the close season - our sincere condolences to Mabel.

Difficulty with premises found the Pagoda boys from MYCA dropping out. At one time I thought they were destined for the top.

Walking down Bold Street, I was called into a Café and bought a coffee by Peter Lee, to be informed he is back in the fold - that can only be good news.

Perhaps the saddest Table Tennis news for a long time is that the English Electric Sports and Social Club is closing on March 31st. So if you know of a Club of any kind who would like a home made Table Tennis Club, please let any member of English Electric know.

In the European Youth Championships,, the best we could do was Cadet girls team, third with Marling and Deaton runners up in the Cadet girls doubles.

I am thinking of suing the ITTF their world cover magazine is - Table Tennis Digest.

Emma Fletcher (CADWA) brilliantly took top place in the Lancashire Junior Trials.

English men rankings 1 Carl Pream, 2 Alan Cooke, 3 Chen Xinhui, 4 Desmond Douglas.

My old pal, Brenda Buoeu (Colonsay) still makes news. Top of the Lancashire Ladies Trials and in the Lancashire 2nd Team.

Keith Williams (Liverpool Y.M.) soldiers on in the Liverpool Men's Team now joined by Neil Gravener (CADWA) and Steve Green (Wavertree Labour) not forgetting Stuart Richards.

A contingent from Liverpool will be competing in the World's Veteran Championships in Dublin next June. Colin Pratt and Alex Gould are the boys to contact 0695 422989 or 920 0012.

Nice to see Paula French giving her expertise on the League Management and no doubt, fighting for our female contingent.

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Two games 14 October - 9 December - 20 January and no games 25 November and 16 December? and not a word of protest, so everyone is quite happy???

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

With reference to Ken Armson's caustic comments on English Electric and F. P. in particular, I think it should be pointed out that dates were offered and refused - even Sunday morning.

In retrospect, I feel we did slip up in not offering to play certain games providing the naughty teams paid the £12-£15 travelling expenses incurred by two of the players, who had already turned up and didn't get a game.

JACK LAMBERT, English Electric

HANDBOOK ALTERATIONS

Division 2	Bootle Y.M.C.A. M/N Monday
Division 5	Electric Supply 'B'. M/N Monday fixture 5
Division 2	G.P.T. 'A'. M/N Friday
Division 4	Wavertree Labour 'C'. M/N Wednesday
Division 5	Wavertree Labour 'D'. M/N Monday
Division 5	Wavertree Labour 'E'. Fixture 7
	Electric Supply – Malcolm McEvoy – Hon. Secretary.
Division 3	Colonsay 'C' – out
Division 2	M.C.Y.A. – out
Division 5	T.A.G. Fixture 6

'100' CLUB

Starting in September, the 100 Club has been taken over by new management – that is if you can call Ken Armson new! New he might not be but enterprising he certainly is and no doubt the club will flourish under his marketing expertise. My advise to readers is to give up and pay up.

Bill Salter

February	1st P. M. Carney	2nd A. Upton
March	1st J. McKim	2nd T. Killip
April	1st J. Cameron	2nd E. Young
May	1st M. Cray	2nd E. Rumjahn
June	1st J. Power	2nd E. Caird
July	1st E. Cameron	2nd D. Cohen
August	1st D. Cohen	2nd Rodney Youth

The drive to rejuvenate the 100 Club has been quite successful with membership having reached the 80's. We are still seeking additional members to attain our target and if you would like to become a member and assist your League, please contact Ken Armson on 051-486-3073. Membership for the period January '92 to August '92 is only £8 and there will be thirty odd prizes to be won.

The Draw for September and October was made at the Management Committee meeting, the November Draw being made during a league match played at Wav. Labour. Four members of the 100 Club taking part in the match picking the winning numbers. In addition to helping make the November Draw, Jack Power also received his winners cheque from his win in the September Draw. Winners to date are:-

Sylvia Graham	£15	Maghull T.T.C.	£15	Faith Moore	£15
Chris Spedding	£10	Wyn Cameron	£10	Stan Clarke	£12
Jack Power	£9	Elec. Supp. T.T.C.	£9	Mike Poole	£10
				Arthur Ravenscroft	£10

DIVISION 2	P	W	L	D	PTS
WAVERTREE LABOUR	11	10	-	1	87
LIVERPOOL Y.M.C.A.	10	9	1	-	77
CADWA	10	6	3	1	55
WAVERTREE LAB. 'A'	10	4	4	2	54
COLONSAY	8	5	3	-	51
BOOTLE J.C.	9	5	2	2	51
ENGLISH ELECTRIC	11	3	6	2	44
BATH STREET	10	3	5	2	42
G.P.T.	9	3	5	1	40
ENGLISH ELEC 'B'	10	1	5	4	40
CADWA 'A'	10	2	7	1	34
ENGLISH ELEC 'A'	10	-	10	-	18

DIVISION 2	P	W	L	D	PTS
LIVERPOOL Y.M. 'A'	8	7	-	1	62
BOOTLE J.C. 'A'	9	6	2	1	54
ELECTRIC SUPPLY	8	6	1	1	53
G.P.T. 'A'	9	4	3	2	48
BOOTLE Y.M.C.A.	9	3	4	2	43
BATH ST. 'A'	9	2	5	2	43
POLICE	9	4	5	-	35
ENGLISH ELEC. 'C'	8	2	4	2	34
COLONSAY 'B'	8	2	5	1	34
COLONSAY 'A'	7	1	4	2	25
HAROLD HOUSE	6	-	4	2	19

DIVISION 3	P	W	L	D	PTS
FORDS	10	5	3	2	62
G.P.T. 'B'	9	6	2	1	60
CADWA 'B'	10	7	1	2	59
WATERLOO	10	5	3	2	57
ENGLISH ELEC. 'E'	10	6	4	-	55
ENGLISH ELEC 'D'	9	4	2	3	52
POLICE 'A'	10	4	4	2	49
ELECTRIC SUPPLY 'A'	9	4	5	-	44
LINACRE	9	3	6	-	38
MAGHULL	10	2	7	1	35
BOOTLE Y.M.C.A. 'A'	10	-	9	1	19

DIVISION 4	P	W	L	D	PTS
BOOTLE J.C. 'B'	10	9	-	1	79
WAVERTREE LAB. 'C'	11	7	1	3	73
BATH ST. 'C'	11	7	3	1	69
WAVERTREE LAB. 'B'	11	6	3	2	67
BATH ST. 'B'	10	4	2	4	52
G.P.T. 'C'	8	3	2	3	44
G.P.T. 'D'	10	2	7	1	38
MAGHULL 'B'	9	2	5	2	37
MAGHULL 'A'	8	3	4	1	32
HAROLD HOUSE 'A'	7	1	4	2	32
POLICE 'B'	9	-	8	1	19
BOOTLE Y.M.C.A. 'B'	8	1	6	1	18

DIVISION 5	P	W	L	D	PTS
WAVERTREE LAB. 'D'	10	8	1	1	82
ELECTRIC SUPPLY 'B'	8	7	1	-	65
WATERLOO 'A'	8	7	-	1	62
CADWA 'C'	8	5	3	-	44
AIGBURTH	9	5	4	-	43
T.A.G. 'A'	7	4	3	-	34
BATH ST. 'D'	8	2	6	-	31
HAROLD HOUSE 'B'	6	2	4	-	28
L.I.H.E.	8	2	5	1	26
T.A.G.	10	1	9	-	24
WAVERTREE LAB. 'E'	5	1	3	1	18
HAROLD HOUSE 'C'	5	-	5	-	3

FIXTURE SECRETARY'S NOTES

1. Please check your records and let me know if you disagree, posting the missing cards at the same time.
2. Please note that the week number shown on page 8 of the handbook should be entered on the score card against 'match no.' (top left corner)
3. The fixture key for your team should be entered in the brackets on the score card.

Do not enter your 'A', 'B' or 'C' team suffix in this space.
