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EDITORIAL

This season opened with the loss of another long established Club when Colonsay closed down due to the ever-present problem of a suitable playing venue. Our new Chairman, Stan Clarke, a member of Colonsay, will be hoping this is not the start of further closures and loss of players. This raises the question of the measure of support players give in respect of organised table tennis in Liverpool. Few offer their services at Club level, even fewer are prepared to assist at League level. When my own Club lost its premises I found myself virtually alone in seeking new premises. Plenty of critics since I found a venue, few helpers to assist in preparing it for our use and improving conditions. It is probably true to say that as an Organisation this League gets more support and assistance from the City Leisure Services Directorate than it gets from its own members.

Your Committee, with the support of the Leisure Services Directorate, now run two major Open tournaments, one Senior, one Junior, our own Closed Tournament and a weekly coaching session for beginners. Appeals for assistance with these ventures have fallen on deaf ears resulting in the same few dedicated members having to bear the brunt of this workload. Whilst quite a number of members are no longer in employment we only have the support of 4/5 members at our Friday 5-7pm coaching sessions. Our League at present has no junior team and you can count the number of junior players on your fingers. Organisation wise you need a calculator for the combined ages of Management Committee members. Many of them, myself included, have given yeoman service to our League and should now be enjoying our T.T. in a playing capacity only. Instead, because of this lack of interest and support we are still running YOUR LEAGUE.

Two examples which should, but probably won't, shame all members. At the conclusion of our Senior Open last August, our Chairman who is over 60 found himself virtually working alone when taking down the tables and moving associated equipment. At the conclusion of our recent Junior Tournament he was more fortunate in having two other 'youngsters', Frank Lacey and Arthur Garnett to assist.

Your Management Committee are working hard to promote and develop our sport in Liverpool for the future benefit of this League and its members, but we lack a dedicated T.T. Centre. Enthusiasts in Leagues much smaller than ours have succeeded in setting up their own Centre and so put behind them the spectre of club closures and loss of players. All of these are thriving and T.T. is on an upward trend. We, on the other hand, have stood back and watch clubs close down.

If more members were to get involved in helping to run our League and work towards shaping and ensuring the future of table tennis in Liverpool we would be better placed to apply pressure for a Centre of our own. This in turn would create increased interest and participation in our sport.

Think about it, it makes sense!

Ken Armson

MATCH SECRETARY'S
ROUND UP by Don Davies



The Lancashire and Cheshire League has kicked off in fragmented fashion with postponed matches affecting the Men's team challenge for a fourth successive title. The opening fixture was postponed when Bolton were unable to raise a team although we got off the mark with a 10-0 victory at Ellesmere Port. The only blip came when Keith Williams dropped the first game against Ian Campbell and trailed 20-17 in the second before taking the next five points and then the decider.

The next match against Stockport was also called off due to Adam Robertson being on duty with Wales. Manchester were the next opponents and although they put up a splendid fight, we left with a 10-0 scoreline. With Kevin Dolder out of action due to a motoring accident, Ken Jackson was called up and although he may not wish to be reminded of it, he became the oldest player to play his first ever senior Liverpool match and what a debut it turned out to be. In his opening clash he came up against England number 39 veteran and Lancashire player, Brian Clements. The Bath Street man was in tremendous form and after beating his county teammate in a super set, completed his hat-trick in memorable fashion.

The Ladies team, also champions for the past three seasons, scored a comfortable 10-0 victory away to Macclesfield, closely followed by a 9-1 win against Burnley who arrived with just two players.

For the first visit to arch rivals Wirral, Brenda Buoeoy and Delyth Davies were available but with Paula French working we were left without a third player. Three times Liverpool Closed champion, Sue Burgess (nee Manning), who has signed for C.A.D.W.A. was drafted in and she brought back memories of former glories in winning her three singles while linking with Brenda to capture the doubles rubber for a sensational 9-1 victory. Halton were then walloped 10-0 but they are not in action again until January when they entertain Blackpool before playing their final match against joint title

favourites Oldham the following month.

The Veterans first team opened up in the newly formed Premier Division with a surprising 9-1 success against a weakened Mid Cheshire team who arrived without Ian or Brian Johns. The vagaries of the fixtures means that they don't play again until January.

An 8-2 defeat at Oldham was a disappointing opening to the season for the Veterans 'A' team. Ted Birch and new signing Dave Evans with one each replied for Liverpool. Alan Chase returning empty handed for the first time in memory. They bounced back ten days later with a fine 9-1 triumph over Macclesfield, Ted Birch losing to Phil Mayman. Their next outing though ended in defeat at Preston 'A' who pipped us by 6 sets to 4. The match turned when Evans and Birch were both beaten 21/19 in the third by Bill Ingham and Ray Ashley respectively.

The Men play their home matches at C.A.D.W.A., the Veterans 'A' at Waterloo, with the Ladies and Veterans 1st teams at Wavertree St Marys. I believe that teams perform better in front of a good crowd and I urge members to support as many as possible. For details of matches check the weekly articles in the Liverpool Echo or give me a ring.

LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE LEAGUE
RESULTS

MEN

Ellesmere Port	H	Won	10-0
Manchester	A	Won	10-0

LADIES

Macclesfield	A	Won	10-0
Burnley	H	Won	9-1
Wirral	A	Won	9-1
Halton	A	Won	10-0

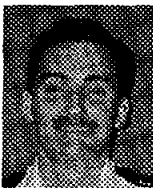
VETERANS

Mid Cheshire	H	Won	9-1
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VETERANS 'A'

Oldham	A	Lost	2-8
Macclesfield	H	Won	9-1
Preston 'A'	A	Lost	4-6

SECRETARY'S COLUMN



I must begin by mentioning the Merseyside Open Tournament that took place at the end of August at the Wavertree Tennis Centre. Once again table tennis stars from across the country supported the event and it turned out to be another hugely successful tournament.

This event is certainly putting Liverpool back on the TT map and it was pleasing to see so many league members in attendance, either playing or as spectators.

Highlight of the weekend was the performances of Liverpool players, Adam Robertson, Kevin Dolder, Claire Newns and Delyth Davies. Adam and Kevin met each other in the Mens Under 21 final, Adam securing a victory, but it was in the Mens Event that both players sparkled.

Kevin had what must be his best victory to date, beating last year's finalist and top ten England ranked, Darren Blake in a breathtaking quarter final, before losing out to Mark Smith in a very tight semi. Adam also excelled to reach the semi-finals where he put up a good fight against No.1 seed and eventual winner, Bradley Billington. Clare Newns and Delyth Davies brought more prestige to the city with a surprising but well deserved victory in the Ladies Doubles Final.

A more recent event held on the 5th and 6th December was the City of Liverpool Junior 3 Star Tournament which saw approximately 150 talented youngsters converge on the city. This was the first ever Junior Tournament run by the League and again it was a great success.

These tournaments are only possible due to the hard work and effort of your Committee and would not be possible without the continued support of the Liverpool Leisure Services Directorate to whom we are very grateful.

Our aim is to make these tournaments permanent fixtures of the ETTA calendar and I know we can count on your continued support.

Alongside these events, we have recently played a major role in writing a Table Tennis Development Plan for the City of Liverpool. In partnership with the City Council, N.W. Regional Development

Officer, Martin Ireland and our friends in the Business Houses League, we intend to implement many activities which will develop our sport in the community, with an emphasis on children.

The Liverpool Closed Tournament will take place on Sunday 28th March, 1999, at Wavertree Tennis Centre. This event is run especially for league members and again I ask you to support it. The Divisional events ensure that all standards of play are catered for on the day and you will enjoy plenty of table tennis. Entry forms will be circulated to Club Secretaries some time in the New Year but if you don't receive yours, please contact our new Tournament Referee, Ken Armson.

Finally, there have been several occasions recently where players have played in the incorrect ranking order. This has resulted in a couple of teams in cup competitions having the match awarded against them, and in league matches, teams not only lose the intelligible player's points but have 10 points deducted from their total league points and may be fined. Although clubs have appealed claiming it was a 'genuine mistake', these are the rules and it can be costly for the team concerned. The message is a simple one for Team Captains - please ensure that you have the correct ranking order from your Club Secretary.

Good luck for the rest of the season. Hope to see you at the 'Closed.

Tony Harris

LIVERPOOL CLOSED TOURNAMENT

**WHEN
SUNDAY 28TH MARCH, 1999**

**WHERE
WAVERTREE TENNIS CENTRE**

**FINALS NIGHT
FAIRFIELD POLICE CLUB
TUESDAY 30TH MARCH**

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT!

DIVISION ONE by Paul Gittins

They say that if you can see the Welsh hills from Liverpool then it's a sure sign it's going to rain but if you can't see them, it must be raining. Another reminder to how close the Welsh hills are is when young Adam Robertson walks through the door. Having set the League on fire two seasons ago he's now progressed to the 'barbecue' stage.

His three sets are guaranteed and to date he's yet to concede a single game with most being won under 10, and he's played most of the top players. Andrew Eden was the last youngster to 'grace' the League in such a fashion. However, he was the type of kid who went to school without any boots because they couldn't get a pair to fit him. The same, thankfully, can not be said of young Adam.

Needless to say WSM's 1st are topping the table. Bernie Wentworth has yet to lose and Dave Roberts is still as awkward as ever. Even at this early stage I could quite happily predict WSM for the title except for one reason. I believe that YMCA are going to win it!

Their team of Chris Dunne and Peter Lee has been strengthened by the arrival of Chris Ford and they also have Pat McLoughlin to fall back on once he adapts to the arduous task of parenthood. If it's any consolation Pat - there'll be times when you wished you'd left the baby and kept the stork - but it's worth it in the end.

Chris Ford's arrival is obviously a direct result of Colonsay's withdrawal from the League and although it's always sad when a club folds, I must admit I will not miss playing at their venue. Not so much because of the conditions but the fear that you'll find, or more to the point not find, your car at the end of the night. I'm not saying the area is rough but the food in the local supermarket has 'steal by dates' printed on them.

Although Chris Dunne won't lose many this season he has already dropped sets against Kenny Jackson and Steve Gittins, his lack of concentration perhaps being exploited.

Like the majority of teams, CADWA are not content

to allow the 'chosen few' to fight for the title. To date Keith Williams and Kevin Dolder have yet to lose and both, according to the cards appear to be playing well. WSM 'A' team of Gary Watson, Roy Smith and Phil Luxon did however rock the boat when they beat CADWA 6-4, Keith being the only hat-trick man. Kevin didn't play.

The League's alcohol intake will no doubt double due to the welcome return of Bath St. 'A'. Dave Evans, Ian McElwee, Colin Owens and Brenda Buoy have already made their mark by forcing a draw from CADWA. Mike Mahoney lost all three and Dave beat Peter Taylor. Conversely, only time will tell the significance of Bath St's 6-4 defeat by the other newly promoted team, Maghull, consisting of Nick Millar, Fred Pheysey and Matt Wilson. The Maghull team are no pushovers. Steve and Matt's win over Ahmed Thabet confirms this and also contributed to 4 well earned points from YMCA 'A'.

Bath St. 1st are presently leading the middle of the table and will probably be there or thereabouts at the end of the season. Incidentally, congratulations must go to Kenny Jackson and Fred Bainbridge who recently participated in the 'World Vets Championships in Manchester. I believe Kenny won his group and finished within the top 30 of his category. Fred told me that the occasion, venue and the merchandise stalls were fantastic - particularly the 'Viagra' stall which they frequented daily.

Both Kenny and Fred must have ran out of 'Viagra' because neither could raise their games against Waterloo with Kenny losing to Alan Chase and Ted Birch whilst Fred lost all three. Mick Keane avenged the defeats by Alan and Ted but lost to Frank Brady. Final result 7-3 to Waterloo.

The Police team have the regular three players, the only change being that John Rankin is now rightly seeded at No. 1. He certainly justified this with his straight sets wins against WSM 'A's Gary Watson, Roy Smith and Mick Tierney, resulting in a 7-3 win for the Police. Phil Musgrove from Harold House did, however, spoil the fun when, having lost to Steve and I, beat John comfortably.

On a more delicate note, John has asked me,

correction, threatened me with physical harm if I continue to take the micky. So, being the coward I am, I promise John that from this moment on, the teasing will stop - as will the use of long words as I know they give you a headache.

WSM 'A' quickly recovered from the Police defeat and have started to notch up some useful performances. Roy's win over Peter Lee avenged Roy's defeat in the 'L'pool Closed Vets' final last year and Phil Luxon was equally impressive against Mike Mahoney and Fred Bainbridge. Coincidentally (oops, sorry John!), I heard that Phil Luxon got his 'come-uppence' during a recent T.T. social night out when Phil, being the charmer he is, was smoothly chatting to a young pretty girl when he was heard to say, 'If I saw you naked I'd die happy', to which the girl instantly replied, 'If I saw you naked, I'd die laughing'. Phil was finally speechless!

It's good to see that the Waterloo club had the sense to rank players on their ability thus dictating team selection. This has resulted in Alan Chase and Ted Birch remaining in the division aided by Frank Brady. Ted saved the whitewash against WSM when he had a tremendous win against Dave Roberts, 18 in the 3rd. Ted also proved too strong, as did Frank Brady, against Maghull's Steve Woods. Frank nearly had a hat-trick having also beaten Nick Millar but was thwarted by that stalwart, Fred Pheysey.

The capability of GPT to field their strongest teams will dictate whether they move away from the relegation zone. John Coysh and Bob Edward's proved their worth by beating Pat McLoughlin and Eddie Crowley's defeat of Bath St.'s Mike Keane saved the whitewash.

To be honest I would've expected the newly promoted teams to be holding up the division but not so. Both YMCA 'A' and Harold House are surprisingly in the basement. Peter Lee has twice guested for the 2nd team but his presence is, I believe, only temporary. Ahmed Thabet is also out with an injury which has resulted in young Alice Howard being given a chance to prove herself and I'm sure she'll welcome the challenge.

I can't, however, see H.H. struggling for too long as they always have the habit of creeping up the division during the season as Ray Jackson and Alex Bryce will always pick up points.

Anyway, I suppose I should be wishing everyone a

Happy Xmas and a prosperous New Year but if you're like me, the festive season is a period of frantic decorating whilst being constantly 'henpecked' by the boss. If you can relate to this, I'll leave you with a true 'Epitaph' written by a 'henpecked' husband for his recently departed wife.

"HERE LIES MY WIFE, HERE LET HER LIE!
NOW SHE'S AT REST, AND SO AM I."

DIVISION TWO by Mike Power

My first port of call is to welcome back a player who has returned to the game following a very serious operation. Trevor Owens, who has been playing table tennis since before I can remember, returned to the table at the beginning of the season after a one year lay off. I was very pleased to see him at CADWA, until he beat me 22/20 in the 3rd. On the same night Trevor lost out to Ken Hartley 23/21 and to Billy Hargreaves, 21/18 both in the 3rd. He then teamed up with Ray Lavin to beat Ken and I in the doubles, 21/18, also in the 3rd. In fact Trevor was on our table for so long I nearly asked him for subs. Seriously though, it's good to see you back.

It was with Trevor's help, along with much improved son, Andrew, that GPT 'B' achieved a creditable draw against Bath St. 'B' with both players chipping in with a brace. Colin Owens was the only player on the night to remain undefeated. This result shows just how close the division is, with GPT currently propping up the table and Bath St. near the top. It is apparent that each and every team is quite capable of picking up points no matter who they play and I therefore expect this to be a very close season.

Another player returning after a full year out of the game, this time through injury, is my mate Billy Hargreaves (I didn't kick you, honest!). I've always admired Billy's game and although he's not quite back to his best, once he starts moving his feet I'm sure most of his opponents will suffer. He's currently winning 66% of his games and I expect this to be 80% in the second half of the season.

If he can do this and if I can chip in with the odd win and with Ken Hartley in the side, I expect CADWA 'A' to fill one of the promotion places.

I expect the other promoted team to be GPT 'A', however I would place outside bets on both Bath St. 'B' and Fords. GPT 'A' are averaging 6.4 per game even though they suffered a 7-3 defeat to my own team, If they can complete the season with the same three players, namely Frank McCann, Ian Wensley and Peter Wass, I cannot see anyone staying with them and whether they like it or not, they will be playing first division table tennis next season.

As in previous seasons Fords have the players to challenge for promotion but they still opt to use a rotating system. This may mean that everyone gets a game but unless they decide to play their strongest three, week in, week out, they will still be in the second division next year.

Bath St. 'B' have lost just one of their first six matches and are one of the surprise teams of the season having escaped relegation last season by only three points. This is mainly due to the inclusion of Colin Owens who did in fact gain promotion last season with the 'A' team but with new signings at Bath St. decided to help out his buddies this season in the 'B' team. Colin's buddies are John Watson, who I understand had an interesting summer holiday this year, and the energetic Rob Peat who inflicted one of Billy Hargreaves defeats in their opening game.

The other surprise team to many is CADWA 'B' (it's no surprise to me). Promoted last season, they then lost the services of Liverpool Junior finalist, Paul Robinson due to work and travel difficulties. We therefore promoted the much improved Ray Parkinson to play alongside Steve Graham. The two of them have been the mainstays of the team with the third place being taken up by either George Higham or Rob Davies. Their best result so far was a 7-3 defeat of Bootle JC with both Steve and Ray winning three games each. They lost 6-4 to the other promoted team, WSM's. Steve beat Mark Miles 21/19 in the third but Mark gained revenge beating Ray 26/24 in the third and George 21/19 also in the third. WSM's Roy Adams

scored a very good treble.

Mark Miles had an excellent night against my own team winning his three in a 5-5 draw including the defeat of Ken Hartley, only Ken's second defeat in seven matches. If Mark could improve his consistency, on the evidence I have seen, he could become a future first division player. Anyone who has beaten him so far this season should class it as one to remember.

Both Bootle JC teams seemed to have settled in the middle of the table. When the two teams met it was the first team who sneaked a 6-4 win thanks to a fine hat-trick by Sylvia Graham over Alan Walton, Roger Neal and Mike Moran 24/22 in the third. Mike's also having a good season including a victory over Mark Miles 21/16, 20/22, 21/9 but lost out to Roy Adams 15/21, 22/20, 18/21. Derek Sullivan also beat Mark 15/21, 21/18, 23/21. Sylvia was also successful defeating Roy 16/21, 21/17, 21/17 in a 6-4 win.

The two remaining unmentioned teams are near the foot of the table along with GPT 'B'. Both Manweb and Waterloo 'A' are in danger of playing 3rd division table tennis next season, however, Manweb would argue that they have already played the top placed four teams in the division and when they met Waterloo they won 6-4 with John Hardy achieving a deserved hat-trick. They also beat CADWA 'B' 6-4, this time Alan Evans won his three. They lost to GPT 'A' 6-4, a good result by all accounts, the difference on the night being Ian Wensley winning his three. I'm sure Waterloo are up for the fight. They have recorded a 6-4 win over WSM's and a 5-5 draw with Bootle JC 'A', Peter Holmes winning his three and both Mike Corcoran and Alan Reid picking up one each.

Facesavers : Ray Lavin bt Peter Wass 21/19, 21/23, 21/17. Ted Gilmour bt Billy Proffitt 21/16, 21/16. John Hardy bt Billy Hargreaves 21/12, 11/21, 21/19 and Julie Prince beat myself 23/21, 23/21.

Tight games : Andrew Owens bt Rob Peat 11/21, 21/17, 22/20. Derek Sullivan bt Mike Moran 21/17, 17/21, 21/19. Colin Owens bt Paul Jennings 18/21, 21/14, 21/18. Alan Evans bt Frank McCann 22/20, 12/21, 23/21 and in the same match Alan bt Peter Wass 13/21, 27/25, 21/19. Ken Armson bt

Bob Hughes 13/21, 21/18, 22/20. Billy Proffitt bt Sylvia Graham 14/21, 21/14, 21/19. Ian Wensley bt Ken Hartley 21/15, 6/21, 21/19. Alan Reid bt Neil Jennings 14/21, 21/18, 22/20. Ray Parkinson bt Brian Crolley 19/21, 22/20, 21/16. John Ashley bt Rob Davies 20/22, 21/19, 21/17.

Finally I would point out that of the results received so far there has not yet been a 10-0 whitewash, only four matches have ended 9-1 and only two matches ended 8-2. I think this proves how tight this division is. I wonder if we will go all season without a 10-0. Happy Xmas and New Year.

DIVISION THREE by Arthur Garnett

"Arthur Who ?" Yes, that's me..... Arthur Who, but, for those who haven't met me yet, let me introduce myself. Arthur Garnett, captain of Police 'B'. Pleased to meet you. I thought that when we won promotion from Division Four last season that my career as Divisional Correspondant had come to an end, but, our illustrious Editor had other things in mind, so, here I am, scratching my head for something to write, again. I think I know most of the players in this division, but, for those I have not yet met, I hope you will bear with me.

The Division has already split into three distinctive parts.... those teams with a good chance of promotion - Police 'A' and Maghull 'A'. Those teams fighting relegation - Waterloo 'C' and the two Wavertree St Mary's teams 'C' and 'E', and the remainder in the mid table battling for as high a position as possible.

Police 'A', currently seven points clear at the top with 57 points from 7 matches, have strengthened their team since last season. The addition of Paula FRENCH at number two will, I am sure, guarantee their swift return to Division Two. The team of Gareth JONES, Paula, Len DYSON and Jonathan DYSON, is a strong one, which will need to battle it out all the way if they wish to end as Division Champions, with Maghull 'A' immediately behind them, at present, to keep them "honest".

Maghull 'A' - Rob HEENEY, Rod BULMER, Chris ROBERTS and Eddie PRESTON, will, I am sure

push Police 'A' all the way. Currently 7 points behind Police 'A', this team is clearly a very capable one. Their only set back to date is a 9 -1 loss to Police 'A', Rod BULMER gaining a point from Len DYSON - 17/21 18/21. Their tussle with Police 'A' will probably keep us interested right up to the end of the season (I hope).

Nine points back from Maghull 'A' are the first of the Wavertree St Mary's teams, the 'D' team of Ian BLACK, Richie JONES, Mike ASHTON and Bill STANLEY, although they seem to have only played with this line up on one occasion. If they could field their strongest team each week, the current top two teams could have another side to concern them. We'll just have to wait and see how it pans out.

One point then covers the next four teams. On 36 points from 6 matches are Manweb 'A'. The line up of Paul JENNINGS, Andy LLOYD, Neil JENNINGS and Alan BIGGS, should have gained more points than this, though, like WSM 'D' they don't play their strongest team every week. Perhaps they are content to remain in mid table.

Next come Police 'B', (my team) with 35 points from 6 matches. We have been playing with Tony HARRIS, Richie WINCKLE, myself and Brian BURROWS, because our regular number two - Tom PURCELL has been busy touring abroad for the Police. He's just come back and is now fighting to regain his place. Having just been promoted from Division Four, our aim is to stay in Division Three.

Also on 35 from 6, are Waterloo 'B'. Julie PRINCE, Harry NELSON, Andy ARMSTRONG and Ro CRADDOCK got off to a slow start, but, when they get going properly, will give any of the teams a tough match. Andy has been out of the game for a while and seems to be still "finding his feet". Once he does the points will start flowing for him again.

Then come Bath Street 'C' with 35 points from 7 matches. John LANGTON, Peter ROSS, Karen GIBSON and Chris FOLEY look strong enough to stay in mid table, well away from any dog fights to avoid the relegation spots, and may even move upwards to the fringes of the promotion zone.

Six points back on 29 points from 7 matches come CADWA 'C'. This is surely a false position for this team, although, I don't know who their settled four players are and wonder if they do? George HIGHAM, Rob PEVERALL, Alan DAVIES, Ian BURROWS, Paul MORGAN, Steve CRITCHLEY and Rob DAVIES have all played in the first four matches. Once they choose their best four each week they will move up the division.

John HIGHAM, Tom KILLIP, Danny EVERY and Roly WRIGHT make up Bootle YMCA on 27 points from 6 matches. This team are currently bottom of the mid table teams, but, even at this early point in the season, have opened up a large points gap over the relegation threatened sides.

Which brings me to the struggle at the bottom of the Division. In bottom place on 10 points from 6 matches are Waterloo 'C'. Austin HAYDEN, Granville VERNON, Eddie ROWBOTTOM and Bill SPENCER look as if they need a miracle to escape the drop to Division Four and, even when Ian LUNT plays the results do not appear any better. It's not just that they lose matches, they lose heavily, but they now need to win matches just to catch up. I don't think that they can do it.

Six points ahead of Waterloo 'C' after 6 matches are both the remaining Wavertree St Mary's teams, 'C' and 'E'. My team played the 'C' team a couple of weeks ago, and they looked a good outfit. Bob OWENS, Mabel NEARY, Tony CONNOR and Pete HOWDEN held us to a 5 -5 draw, on a night where every point was fought for. I had occasion to go to Bootle YMCA the following week and Mabel NEARY was the only person playing from the previous week. What's going on?

Where were Bob OWENS and Tony CONNOR? This team is in a fight and needs its strongest players out each week. No disrespect intended to the other players but the key to their survival lies in the number of matches Bob OWENS plays. As No 1 he needs to play all the matches possible.

The 'C' team of Steve JONES, John GRATTON, Gordon LANGSHAW, and Ken ROBERTS are arguably the weaker of these two WSM teams. However as the 'C' team, they can call on assistance

from the two other WSM teams in this division when they are short, and this may give them the edge over their own 'E' team at the end of the season.

Close Calls -

Richie JONES (WSM 'D') 19/21 20/22 over John HIGHAM (Bootle YM). John HIGHAM (BootleYM) 20/22 over Julie PRINCE (Waterloo 'B') in 3rd. Brian BURROWS (Police 'B') 20/22 21/19 22/20 over Ro Craddock (Waterloo 'B'). Paul JENNINGS (Manweb 'A') 21/18 18/21 22/20 over George HIGHAM (Cadwa 'C'). Gareth JONES (Police 'A') 22/24 over Mabel NEARY (WSM 'E') in 3rd. Ken ROBERTS (WSM 'C') 14/21 26/24 21/19 over Chris FOLEY (Bath St 'C'). Ken RAY (WSM 'C') 20/22 23/25 over Paul MORGAN (Cadwa 'C')

And finally, one for Eddie ROWBOTTAM, and Lancy speaker of note -

In Wigan, what's the difference between a camera and a sock?

(A) (Please read slowly) A camera takes photos and a sock takes five toes.

See you soon.

DIVISION FOUR by Doug Baker

A big thank you to Arthur Garnett for writing last season's insights. I will miss him, mainly because I'm taking over the mantle (thank you Ken Armson and Mike Power)! Please grant me a little reprieve as I get on first name terms with you all.

So, a big WELCOME to the new season, especially to the 'fresh' entries to the fourth: Liverpool YMCA 'B' and Manweb 'B' (no doubt looking to bounce back to the 3rd), Bath Street 'E' and Linacre (looking to establish themselves after successful promotion campaigns last year). So those are the dark horses to look out for. The old nags (lags) of last year know a good start is essential whether the final push is to secure promotion or avoid the drop. Points are never easy to come by, but at the start of the season such pressure hasn't begun to tell. The players from the seven teams that remain from last

year are all looking to improve on their individual win percentages. History shows, sticking to a strong, regular team of 4 seems to be the key. There will be a few teams using a 5/6 man squad system. Teams that bring players from higher or lower teams in the club tend to fare less well, as shown by Aigburth and Harold House 'A', having no players on the division four '50% or better' averages board last year, and both finishing just above the relegation zone.

So to the opening salvos (no pun intended). Harold House 'A' kicked off the season with a good 6-4 home win over new boys, Manweb 'B'. Eddie Clein and Dave Cohen tonking two singles wins. Dave overcame T. Weaver 21/13, 18/21, 21/15 but lost the first doubles with Gary Abrams to Mssrs Conley and Finnigan. Eddie doubled with Mike Poole to overcome A. Harrison and T. Weaver 21/17 in the third.

Maghull 'B' opened with a good 7-3 victory over last years youthful promotion contenders Bootle YMCA 'A'. Maghull 'B' are obviously out to make a point as they finished beneath their 'C' team last year. George Frost managed a 100% record mainly thanks to holding his nerve in a 21/17, 20/22, 22/20 epic against Chris McGuire. Chris had revenge with a 19/21, 21/18, 21/14 win over Tom Downing in the battle of the number ones. Tom was too strong for Bert Rivers who in turn won out 22/20, 21/19 over Harry McGanity. Bill Salter was the other 100%er with wins over Kathy Hayden and Mike Hughes. Mike lost out over three games to Harry and then Bill.

Liverpool YMCA 'B' had a shocking (in so much as the reverberations will be felt by all of division 4) 10-0 win over a not inconsequential Maghull 'C' team, 6 sets being won in the 3rd game. With Wilf Gibson perhaps the unluckiest, losing both his games in three, or was it Brian Gregory losing 22/20, 21/10, 19/21 to Jimmy Clewett. A. Tso had a rollercoaster with Wilf and Steve McGanity, on each occasion winning confidently in the first, losing narrowly in the second, and comfortably in the third. So, watch out, Ternent, Kee (didn't you used to be with WSM?), Clewett, Thornton and Tso are making sure that the Liverpool YMCA is not a place to go.

The Crobyites match Linacre v Bath St. 'D' had the away side taking the spoils, 7-3, with each side winning 2 games in the third. Val Franco narrowly lost to Jack Davidson 21/17 in the third. Ken Ainsworth had a topsy-turvy battle of three halves, 21/7, 10/21, 21/12 with Alex Gould. Alex lost by the narrowest margin 22/20, 22/20 to N. Appleby, who was in turn ousted by Dave Cunningham 15/21 in the third. Dave completed a good night with a 22/20, 21/19 win over Frank. Dave and John not only won both singles but turned up for a 3rd game win in the doubles.

Aigburth started their season with a draw at Bootle YMCA 'A' who were using Jim Geddes in place of Bert Rivers. Chris McGuire had all the aces with two 3 setters over Graham Rollinson and Ray Jones. Dave Evans and Billy Holmes had a similar brace of singles wins. Kathy Hayden did her nest to stop Dave with a 22/20, 17/21, 19/21, but did deny Graham Rollinson in two games, 22/20 in the second. Mike Hughes had a similar fate with Ray Jones again winning in the third, 23/21, 17/21, 19/21. The Bootle doubles combos won out in both events with Kathy and Jim electing not to play a third setter, with a tantalising 26/24 win in the second over Ray and Dave.

Bath St. 'E' eventually got their season kicked off by tackling Manweb 'B' away. They should have played my first team in the first week at their place, but due to difficulties in deciphering the three tier look-up system in the handbook, erm, we got the date wrong! (we eventually did play - thanks to Ron Georgeson and Bath St; for being understanding, when they could have claimed a 10-0 walkover. An example to us all). Any way, back to the match in hand. Alan Willis won both games, the closest being 21/18 in the 3rd against Rob Conley. Arthur Harrison had a full house for the home side with a good come back against Norman Lindsay 18/21, 21/15, 21/14. Dave Batty went to three with Ron Houghton. Ron teamed up against Alan and Norman for a very close doubles, again losing in the third, 14/21, 21/19, 18/21, the final score being 6-4 in Manweb's favour.

So finally, a look at my own CADWA 'D' teammates in their first game of the season, home

versus Maghull 'B'. Sadly, no home advantage as Maghull rolled us over 8-2. Steve Critchley was the lone star with a 21/15 third game victory over Tom Downing and teaming up with regular partner, Trevor Dolder for a convincing win over Tom and George Frost. The game between Jack Highton and Harry McGanity is the early season contender for the closest match of the season. The scores to beat are 21/23, 24/22 and 24/22! Harry, George Frost and Bill Salter had unblemished results. Bill had a slight blip against Trevor Dolder losing 21/18 in the second but made no mistakes in the decider. Harry also had a close run in with Jack Power, winning 17, and 18.

So those are the initial results. Results have since seen some close games.

Bath St. 'D' 5 - Liverpool YMCA 'B' 5. The three games that went to a deciding third were all won by the away team. Russell Thornton made his debut and suffered a cruel defeat to Alex Gould 19/21, 19/21.

Maghull 'C' 8 - Harold House 'A' 2 - The Maghull regulars overcame a much changed H.H. team. Ray Jackson won both his games for H.H. as did Wilf Gibson and Steve McGanity for the home side.

Maghull 'B' 7 - Manweb 3. Maghull's Tom Downing beat Rob Conley 22/20 in the third. Arthur Harrison beat George Frost 21/17 in the third and Bill Salter beat Ron Houghton 21/21, 25/23, this after Bill had been trailing 7/19 in the second.

Aigburth 7 - CADWA 'D' 3. Dave Evans lost to that old power house Jack Power, 21,19 in the third, and later got revenge beating Trevor Dolder, 19 in the third. Steve Critchley lost out to Ray Jones 21/19 in the third but didn't slip up in this third against Graham Rollinson. Ray and Derek Traynor were both undefeated in singles that night.

Liverpool YMCA 'B' 9 - Linacre 1. Billy Clayton got the visitor's sole point with a three set victory over Tim Ternent, the only win in five three setters. Unusually both doubles were very close. Unimpeachable stainless performance from Steve, Jimmy and Russell.

Manweb 'B' 6 - Aigburth 4. Alan Cameron

undefeated despite a strong challenge in the doubles from Rollinson and Wood, he and T. Weaver winning 21/18 in the third.

I can sympathise with Ron Houghton (see above), as I too have been subject to the Lazarus syndrome with Bootle's Mike Hughes coming from one set down and 14/19 in the second to win the match. But not to much sympathy as Ron did the same to me, coming from 16/19 down, receiving, to win the final set. If any such miracles occur, please write them down on the scorecard as it helps to add a bit of colour to an otherwise monochrome presentation of figures. Also, noting the game order would help me determine how things progresses.

Good luck for the rest of the season and keep those cards coming in.

DIVISION FIVE by Barry Meyer

What happened to the close season? It only seems a couple of months since I signed off for last season and here we are coming up to Christmas - perhaps it has something to do with the wonderful summer we didn't have!

The signs are pointing to a very close season with 'shock' results galore. My first reaction as to the likely winners of the division were WSM 'F' but they lost to their own 'G' team 6-4 for whom Paul Reed-Clayton is making a comeback after a few years absence.

Top player of the season already looks like being Delyth Davies of Hope, who as far as I know has lost only once to date and is unlikely to lose many more. Les Higham of Bootle YMCA was her conqueror.

On present form, depending on shifts etc. Police are likely to finish with the wooden spoon although any team that can play George Wright at number three can't be all that bad. It must be many years since Liverpool YMCA had a team in this division and it's surprising to see Francis Lay in the division - and losing the odd game. At present Alvin Tso (a newcomer?) appears to be their main set winner.

It is incredible how many teams fail to fill in their scorecards correctly. Some (Harold House have been

continual offenders on this) fail to fill in their records at the bottom of the card ; others never seem to fill in their group numbers - perhaps they take their lead from a team containing the League Chairman and the Digest Editor, MBE!!

Back to the script! An unusual match between Bootle YMCA 'B' and Hope resulted in a 5-5 draw, no sets went to three and the average score of the losing player in each game was only thirteen.

Only two face saving players in this edition, with pride of place going to George Wright for a double against Bath St. 'F', defeating Dave Batty 21/12, 21/12 and Graham Oates 21/19, 21/13. Also the indefatigable Bill Holmes (APH) beat Ken Ray (WSM 'F') 19/21, 21/18, 21/15. Strangest individual set? Jeff Banks (Maghull) overcame Jerry O'Keefe (H.H. 'B') 21/14 in the third.

Not many really close games so far but they include Andy Bird (WSM 'G') v Keith Whittaker (Maghull) 19/21, 21/19, 21/19 and in the same match Steve Perry beat Jeff Banks 24/22 in the third. Also John Mitchell (APH) outshot Jim Cannon (Bootle YMCA 'B') 19/21, 21/13, 22/20 and finally Nareshe Tajore (Maghull) beat Francis Lay 21/12, 19/21, 24/22.

As these are my last notes, I wish you all good fun, good results and more importantly, good health for the rest of the season.

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Dear Editor,

In the forty years since I first played in the old Southern Region, it was an ambition to get mentioned in the first division notes.

I finally made it in the last issue of last season. However, it still didn't mention my table tennis abilities (probably just as well!) but I would like to thank Paul Gittins for his kind comments on my (and my wife's) dancing.

Perhaps if I'd started dancing when I started TT I may now be getting mentioned as a first division dancer!!

Barry Meyer

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

My first 6 months as Chairman have proved to be full of incident in more ways than one and I am conscious that I have a hard act to follow in Arthur Upton.

After many years without an open tournament in the Merseyside area, we now have three, the second Merseyside Grand Prix was held in August and was once again a great success with over 240 entries.

On the 20th December, the first Knowsley 2 Star Veterans' Open tournament will be held at Heatwaves Leisure Centre. In its first year this will only be a one day event but should it prove successful it may well need to be expanded in some time in the future. This event is being held under the auspices of the Northwest Regional Development Committee and sponsored by Knowsley Council.

In my view, the most significant of the three events is the City of Liverpool 3 Star tournament held at the Wavertree Tennis Centre on 5/6 th December. As far as I am aware this is the first junior tournament ever held in the City and it proved to be a great success. The entry was not as high as I had hoped but for a first attempt it was well worth the effort. The one disappointing aspect was the lack of Liverpool juniors taking part although Merseyside was well represented mainly by players based in the Wirral area. The tournament comprised of 14 events, including juniors, cadets, under 12's and a grade 1 in the older age groups.

Chris Dunne of Liverpool YMCA won the junior boys singles beating Owen Griffiths of Wales in the final. Sarah Nouch of Yorkshire beat Terri-Ann Nolan of Wirral in the junior girls final. The grade 1 boys singles was won by Owen Griffiths of Wales who beat Liverpool's John Coysh in the semi finals before beating Brian Russell of Scotland in the final. The grade 1 girls singles was won by Deborah Flint of Surrey, runner up Katy Ingham of Runcorn. In the junior doubles event, Annabelle Sorrentino and Terri-Ann Nolan beat Laura Knowles and Gillian Edwards of Scotland while Chris Dunne and John Coysh combined to beat Gavin Rumgay and Mark Lundberg of Scotland.

On the Sunday, Faye Gasson of Cumbria beat Clara Howard of Wirral to become under 12's girls

champion and James Fletcher of Lancs beat Chris Gregory of Shropshire in the boys under 12's.

A vote of thanks to all of the league committee members who worked so hard to make the event a success, especially Ken Armson, assisted by Faith Moore, who worked incredible hours in the weeks before the event. Well done to you all!

Stan Clarke

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A one day seminar entitled 'Opportunities Table Tennis' will be held on Sunday 28th February, 1999, at the Autoquest Stadium, Halton, Cheshire.

This is your chance to speak to the ETTA 'top brass' about funding opportunities available but more importantly, details will be given of the new lottery programme, 'Awards for All'. This will give clubs the opportunity of applying for up to a maximum of £5,000 to support development programmes to assist with start up costs for new sports activities aimed specifically at juniors, women, older people or ethnic groups.

Importantly, no match funding is required from the club concerned so it really is an excellent opportunity that you should want to know more about.

For further information contact the Table Tennis Development Officer for the North West, Martin Ireland, on Tel. 0161 736 9448, ext. 340.

STARS WHO HAVE GRACED THE MERSEYSIDE OPEN



An England International, **Stanley Proffitt** of Manchester won the very first Merseyside Open Men's Singles title in 1929.



Vera Dace (nee Thomas) was English Open Champion in 1939/40. A member of the England team that won the Corbillion Cup in 1947 and 1948, Vera also won a World Doubles title in 1948 and was runner up in the World Championships the same year.



The great **G. Victor Barna**, (Hungary), World Champion and English Open Champion on five occasions. Seven times Men's World Doubles Champion and winner of the 'Merseyside' in 1935 and 1937.



Helen Elliot (Scotland), four times winner of the Ladies title at the Merseyside, along with several Doubles titles.



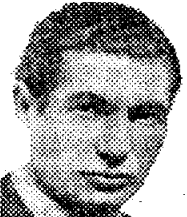
Laslo Bellak, (Hungary), the greatest player never to have won a world title, did however take the Men's Doubles title in the English Open on two occasions, 1937 and 38, with partner, Barna.



Margaret Osborne, Women's English Open Champion in 1933/34 and 1934/35, also won the Ladies Doubles three times and with Victor Barna won the Mixed title, on four occasions.



Michael Sabados (Hungary), World Champion in 1930/31, English Open Champion in 1931 and 1932 and six times Men's World Doubles Champion with partner Victor Barna.



Richard Bergman won the World title for Austria in 1936/37 and as a British citizen, took the title on three more occasions. Between 1938 and 1953 Bergman also won the English title on six occasions and was a regular visitor to Mersyside.



Johnny Leach made history for England when he won the World Championship in 1948/49 and again in 1950/51. A member of the England team that won the Swaythling Cup in 1952/53 he was Merseyside Champion on six occasions.



Aubrey Simmons was a star of the England team that won the Swaythling Cup in 1952/53, and he was the first recipient of the Victor Barna Award in the same year. Four times holder of the Merseyside Men's Double title and three times holder of the Mixed Doubles.



Jack Carrington was the coach of Johnny Leach, and the two teamed up to take the Merseyside Open Men's Doubles title in 1945 and 1948.



Ken Stanley, English Open Junior Champion in 1937/38 and 1938/39 and an English International.

HISTORY OF T.T. IN LIVERPOOL

'A HEARTY VOTE OF THANKS!'



L.E. FORREST
(Founder of the League, circa 1926)

THE HISTORY OF THE LIVERPOOL AND
DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE
1926 - 1998

Written by A.J. Harris

League Secretary, Tony Harris has spent 3 years trolling through old press cuttings, Digests and League memorabilia and has compiled a history of Table Tennis in Liverpool dating from 1902 to the present day (extract shown on P12).

The main focus of the book is the history of the LDTTTL and it makes fascinating reading. Not your 'run of the mill' league history attempt, containing endless lists of divisions and tournament winners etc this book contains many photographs, old and new, of the personalities and players involved during the League's 72 year old existence.

It is written in an easy to follow format and paints a picture of the sport's development from ping pong to the modern day game of table tennis.

Tony has kindly agreed to use the book as way of raising money for league funds and a sub-committee, comprising myself, Tony and Mike Power have been tasked with getting the book into print and marketing and selling it throughout the Region.

We are still at an early stage in this project and have no idea of price as yet. (see next Digest).

Every person who indicates a willingness to purchase the book (prior to it being printed) will have their name printed in a 'Roll of Honour' in the

book. I'm sure this will prove a valuable keepsake for all Liverpool T.T. enthusiasts and their families.

Arthur Garnett

CLUB PROFILE - LINACRE

by Don Davies

When the Liverpool League season got under way in 1948, the name of Linacre was among the list of new clubs.

Now, fifty years on, three of the original members still play regularly for the club. Frank Lacey, plus brothers, Jack and Alex Davidson, were in the Linacre side for their opening match in the then North region on 27th October, 1948, away to Silcock's, Orrell Road, Bootle.

They finished fourth in that first season, winning 6, losing 6 and drawing 4. Playing against them that season was our President and Life Member, Arthur Upton, who was a member of the Bootle Civil Defence team, who finished in third place, one point ahead of Linacre.

The Club Secretary in that first season was Jack Davidson and although others have filled this post over the years, Jack has held the post since 1986. Ken Ainsworth, Harry Reeve and Norman Appleby are also long serving members still turning out for Linacre, while others such as Mal Cray and Alan Horwood have also sported the club colours.

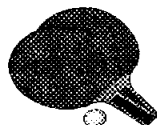
The pinnacle of their achievements came in 1966 when they won promotion to Div. One and although they spent just one season in the top flight, finishing bottom, relegation didn't seem to be important.

No club is more highly regarded in the League and at every home match a statutory interval is taken for refreshments. Players are able to chat about old times and pore over the club playing records which stretch back to their formation.

The likes of Linacre may never be repeated but every team visiting the Waterloo club leaves all the better for the experience.

Congratulations and well done 'lads'!

TABLE EDGES, NETS & ECHOES OF THE PAST



14 year old Adam Robertson continues to make the headlines! Adam reached the Mens Singles Final of the Eastern Open at King Lynn, losing out to Terry Young, recent conqueror of England No.1, Mathew Syed. Adam then went one better in December, becoming the youngest player to win a senior Grand prix open tournament when he won the Western Open at Bath. Well done Adam!

Congratulations also to Bath Street's Kenny Jackson, who in taking the Over 50's title in the Eastern Masters became the first Liverpool player to win an 'Open' in the modern Veterans' era.

Colonsay members donated a Cup to the League, purchased out of their remaining funds, when the Club folded. This is now in use as the Junior Open Singles Trophy and is naturally named, the 'Colonsay Cup'. Many thanks to all ex Colonsay members for this generous gesture, which will ensure their club's name remains on record.

League veterans beware! Keith Williams is now a Vet and will no doubt be seeking to add the Veteran Closed title to his list of achievements.

The new Liverpool 3 Star Junior Tournament got off to a good start recently with an entry of 145 juniors including competitors from Wales, Scotland, Ireland and the Isle of Man.

The League has entered a team in the Woolwich National Junior League comprising of Paul O'Donnell and Robert Aldridge, L'pool YM and Gary Jackson, Harold House. Although they have yet to win their first match they are benefiting from this opportunity to play against other players of their own age.

Our 'Closed' Championships will take place this season at Wavertree Tennis Centre on Sunday 28th March, 1999. Finals will again be at the Police Club on Tuesday 30th March. Entry forms will be available soon through your Club Secretary.

We now have three players in our League who have undergone major heart surgery and are back playing well. Trevor Owen, GPT, Dave Cohen, Harold House and Graham Rollinson, APH.

A challenging vacancy exists for a Correspondent for Division 5 notes. Any player interested should contact our Editor, no offer will be turned down. Qualifications required - Nil, if your are impervious to criticism. A great opening for anyone who wants to have their name in print and become the friend of every player in Division 5.

The Merseyside Open held last August saw Liverpool players performing well. Adam Robertson and Kevin Dolder met in the final of the Mens Under 21 - Adam securing victory. Both players did themselves and the city proud as they both reached the semi-finals of the Mens Singles, Kevin losing out to Mark Smith and Adam to the eventual winner, Bradley Billington. Kevin had earlier beaten last year's finalist and England ranked No.10, Darren Blake in a very exciting quarter final. Claire Newns and Delyth Davies kept the flag flying for the Ladies taking the Ladies Doubles title.

When Bradley Billington won the Merseyside Open Mens Singles title he followed in his father's footsteps. Back in 1960, Bradley's dad, Maurice won the Junior Boys Singles title, paving the way for England international Bradley to fly the flag for the Billington family.

The new national ranking list shows improvements for Liverpool players. The senior mens list shows Kevin Dolder ranked at number 71 while Brenda Buoey has improved to number 32 in the Ladies Seniors and number 4 in the Vets. Sylvia Graham is ranked 33 in the Ladies Vets' and Mabel Neary, 39. New Vet, Keith Williams is ranked number 20.

The ETTA are to campaign for a delay in the implementation of the long pimple ban (reducing the length of pimple from 1.8mm to 1.5mm) that is due to be introduced by the ITTF in July, 1999. It is as yet unclear how or if the ban will affect players in local leagues.

DIVISION 1	P	W	L	D	PTS
WAV. ST. MARYS	7	7	0	0	57
L'POOL YMCA	5	4	0	1	37
C.A.D.W.A.	6	2	2	2	36
BATH ST. 'A'	7	1	4	2	34
BATH ST.	6	2	3	1	30
POLICE	6	4	2	0	28
WAV. ST. MARYS 'A'	6	1	3	2	25
MAGHULL	5	1	2	2	24
WATERLOO	5	2	2	1	20
G.P.T.	6	2	4	0	20
L'POOL YMCA 'A'	5	1	3	1	18
HAROLD HOUSE	4	1	3	0	11

DIVISION 4	P	W	L	D	PTS
MAGHULL 'B'	7	6	1	0	50
L'POOL YMCA 'B'	5	2	1	2	32
BATH ST. 'D'	5	3	1	1	30
AIGBURTH	5	2	2	1	24
MANWEB 'B'	5	2	2	1	24
BOOTLE YMCA 'A'	4	2	1	1	23
MAGHULL 'C'	6	1	5	0	20
HAROLD HOUSE 'A'	4	2	1	1	19
BATH ST. 'E'	3	1	2	0	13
C.A.D.W.A. 'D'	4	0	3	1	13
LINACRE	4	1	3	0	12

DIVISION 2	P	W	L	D	PTS
C.A.D.W.A. 'A'	6	6	0	0	46
BATH ST. 'B'	6	3	1	2	35
G.P.T. 'A'	5	4	1	0	32
C.A.D.W.A. 'B'	6	3	2	1	32
BOOTLE J.C.	7	2	4	1	31
FORDS	6	2	3	1	28
WAV. ST. MARYS 'B'	6	2	3	1	28
BOOTLE J.C. 'A'	5	1	3	1	24
WATERLOO 'A'	6	1	3	2	24
MANWEB	5	2	3	0	20
G.P.T. 'B'	6	1	4	1	20

DIVISION 5	P	W	L	D	PTS
WAV. ST. MARYS 'G'	6	5	0	1	47
WAV. ST. MARYS 'F'	4	3	1	0	27
L'POOL YMCA 'C'	5	2	2	1	27
BATH ST. 'F'	4	3	0	1	26
AIGBURTH 'A'	5	2	2	1	25
MAGHULL 'D'	20	10	9	1	103
AIGBURTH 'A'	20	9	9	2	97
HAROLD HOUSE 'B'	6	1	3	2	24
MAGHULL 'D'	4	2	2	0	17
BOOTLE YMCA 'B'	4	1	2	1	11
POLICE 'C'	5	0	5	0	10

DIVISION 3	P	W	L	D	PTS
POLICE 'A'	7	7	0	0	57
MAGHULL 'A'	7	6	1	0	50
WAV. ST. MARYS 'D'	7	5	2	0	41
MANWEB 'A'	6	4	0	2	36
POLICE 'B'	6	3	2	1	35
WATERLOO 'B'	6	3	2	1	35
BATH ST. 'C'	7	3	4	0	35
C.A.D.W.A. 'C'	7	1	4	2	29
BOOTLE YMCA	6	2	3	1	27
WAV. ST. MARYS 'C'	6	1	5	0	16
WAV. ST. MARYS 'E'	6	0	5	1	16
WATERLOO 'C'	6	0	6	0	10

