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EDITORIAL

The Chairman and I recently attended a meeting organised by the English Sports Council covering various events concerning sport in general. We were not very impressed by a National Study undertaken by the ESC aimed at finding out how various ethnic groups got to the top in their chosen sport. The end result being that which we all know, that those with wealthy parents stand a far greater chance of getting to the top than those who come from poor or needy backgrounds. A lot of money to prove scientifically what is a well-known fact. When we questioned this waste of precious funding we were told; "that may be so, but in order to convince people of this it is necessary to carry out the required research." Scientific facts carry more weight than something known to everybody to be true does.

However, we did get to hear of the good areas of funding. The first of these being Sport Aid. This being an organisation that raises funds to assist those in need of financial support at all levels. Funds are allocated to those in real need and who would not otherwise be able to pursue their sporting abilities or to improve on them. So if you are asked to put money into anything associated with Sport Aid, such as sponsoring marathon runners etc. then dip into your pocket for your money will be used to assist a young would be sports person. It may not necessarily be our sport that will directly benefit, but our sport will get its share of funding wherever there is a need.

Next, and most important to us all, were the 'Awards for All' Lottery funding. Here is something we can all get our teeth into and which will help our sport at local level to expand and improve. Any properly constituted Club or Sporting Body can get up to £5000 pounds without the requirement of a complicated bid and own funding. This can be for equipment, hire of facilities, venue improvements and a host of other things. Every Table Tennis Club should be getting geared up for this new distribution of Lottery funds for our sport badly needs the injection at grass roots level of funding to help improve table tennis at all levels.

There was also a talk on the recruitment and retention of volunteers. The North West Regional Table Tennis Committee having won a National Award for recruiting and retaining volunteers. They obviously never used our League as an example as our repeated calls for volunteers continue to fall on stony ground. Our Friday coaching sessions continue to muster only four, sometimes five, experienced players. Should read three, sometimes four, as I don't really consider myself to be an experienced player. My main experience being related to losing. However, we do get plenty of enthusiastic beginners, many of whom we eventually lose, because we are unable to provide them with one to one coaching. All we ask is just two hours of your time - 5 till 7 - to help expand our

MATCH SECRETARY'S
ROUND UP by Don Davies



Lancashire and Cheshire League Premier
 Division champions for the fourth year in a row!

That distinction was earned by the Ladies after a fantastic victory over leaders, Oldham, who had previously won every match, for the loss of just four sets. Brenda Buoey, Paula French and Delyth Davies won 8-2 with Brenda remaining unbeaten on all four trips to the table.

Well done Ladies, I am proud of your achievement.

I must mention Sue Burgess, nee Alexander, who played in the 9-1 victory over Wirral. The score was adjusted to 5-5 when Sue didn't play the requisite number of matches by the end of 1998 and her registration was then cancelled, but her performance on the night was invaluable.

By the time the Digest reaches you, Liverpool will have played the semi-final of the Norman Cooke Memorial trophy against Lytham, who beat them in last season's quarter finals. The other tie is between Bury and Liverpool Business Houses who gave a first outing to Paula French in the last round.

The League's Veterans team has also qualified for the last four of the Dennis Smith Memorial Trophy and play the Halton trio of Ken Hartley, Alex Bryce and Ray Jackson, on Friday 12th Match, at CADWA.

On Monday 15th March, all table tennis fans should make their way to CADWA when Liverpool Men face Wirral in a title decider. If the visitors leave with both points they will lift the trophy, held by Liverpool for the past four years.

The teams will be selected from Adam Robertson, John Rankin, Keith Williams and Kevin Dolder, while Wirral are almost certain to turn out Bernie Wentworth, Chris Dunne and Rob Bevan.

It should be a fantastic night!

RESULTS TO DATE

Men

Bolton	H	W	9-1
Ellesmere Port	A	W	10-0
Stockport	H	W	9-1
Manchester	A	W	10-0

THE LIVERPOOL 'CLOSED' FINALS
NIGHT

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
WOULD LIKE TO USE THIS SPACE TO
INVITE ALL

LIFE MEMBERS, VICE PRESIDENTS, AND,
'OLD' FRIENDS

TO THE LIVERPOOL CLOSED
TOURNAMENT FINALS NIGHT

AT FAIRFIELD POLICE CLUB, PRESCOT
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ON TUESDAY 30TH MARCH, 1999

COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

Mid Cheshire	A	D	5-5
Burnley	H	W	6-4

Ladies

Macclesfield	A	W	10-0
Burnley	H	W	9-1
Wirral	A	W	9-1 * score amended to 5-5
Halton	A	W	10-0
Blackpool	H	W	7-3
Oldham	H	W	8-2

Veterans 1st

Mid Cheshire	H	W	9-1
Stockport	A	L	2-8
Preston	H	W	6-4
Burnley	A	D	5-5
Blackburn	H	W	6-4
Manchester	A	L	4-6

Veterans 'A'

Oldham	A	L	2-8
Macclesfield	H	W	10-0
Preston 'A'	A	L	4-6
L.B.H.	H	W	6-4
Halton	H	W	7-3
Rochdale	A	W	6-4

Norman Cooke Memorial Trophy

Wigan	A	W	5-1
Oldham	A	W	9-0 W/O

At home to Lytham in semi-finals

Dennis Smith Memorial Trophy

Mid Cheshire	H	W	7-0
Lanc/ M'cambe	A	W	5-1

Alec Brook Memorial Trophy

Mid Cheshire	H	L	4-5	Qualified for Q/F as R/up
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HISTORY OF T.T. IN LIVERPOOL

As stated in the last issue of the Digest Magazine, League Secretary, Tony Harris has written an excellent book about the history of table tennis, with an emphasis on the L.D.T.T.L. Not your 'run of the mill' league history attempt containing endless lists of divisions and cup winners etc. this book is 75 x A4 pages and contains over 170 photographs, old and new, of the personalities and players involved during the League's 72 year old existence.

The book is now complete and the next stage is getting it printed. Every person who indicates a willingness to purchase the book, prior to it being printed, will have their names 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.

If you would like to be included in the 'Roll of Honour' then please complete your details in the box below, cut out, and forward to either myself at 55 Twickenham Drive, Huyton, or Tony Harris at 7 Turnberry Close, Liverpool L12 9LX, or hand to any Committee member.

We cannot give the price of the book yet (the more orders we get the cheaper it will be) but we are aiming to keep it affordable and definitely under £10.00. Every book sold will help raise money for the League so please support this worthwhile effort!

Arthur Garnett

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EDITORIAL (Continued)

sport and ensure its future in our City. Is it really asking too much from those of you have received benefit from table tennis in various ways to ask you to now put something back in? I think not, you all obviously think differently.

Something we can congratulate ourselves about. Our team in the North West Division, Woolwich National Junior League, recorded their first team win in the third session which took place recently at Bolton T.T. Centre. The team, Paul O'Donnell, Robert Aldridge (Liv. Y.M.) Gary Jackson (H.H) and non playing Team Captain Ray Jackson, entered at short notice and with very little match experience and were on the receiving end of a string of heavy defeats. Now much more experienced they are making their mark and next session their aim is to record more match victories. This is good news for our League, the premier in the North West, but without a junior team in the L&C League.

Forms are now out for our 'Closed' Championships, so give a thought to entering. The League for the benefit of the members runs this and your support is needed to ensure its success. Many Leagues have difficulty in running a Closed tournament, some no longer bother. We are no strangers to reducing entry problems and efforts to encourage your participation by way of Divisional Individual singles events have not been very well supported in past seasons. Anyone over the age of 55 can enter up to five events and ensure for themselves a very full day's table tennis. Irrespective of how many events you can, or want to enter, you can be assured of an enjoyable day's play and the added opportunity to socialise with other players. This season, why not break the habit of a lifetime and give yourself a treat by entering. You won't regret it and I, for one, will be pleased to see you. If you can't get hold of a form, just give me a call and I will complete one for you. Think on, that the Divisional Singles events were introduced for the benefit of the many players who don't enter tournaments because they feel they are not good enough. In your Divisional Singles you will meet only players ranked to play in your own ranked division. **Ken Armson**

DIVISION ONE

by Paul Gittins

'How the hell Paul finds his way home I'll never know'. A true extract from my school report which indicated that my geography teacher's sense of humour was equal to his gift of knowing where my talents, or in this case, lack of them, did or didn't lie. My talent of prediction is also suspect when one considers that I had Y.M.C.A.'s Chris Ford polishing the champions trophy whilst W.S.M.'s Bernie Wentworth sobbed in the corner. I must confess that I thought Y.M.C.A. at this stage of the season would have had a clear lead, particularly when one considers that their clash with W.S.M. resulted in a 7-3 for the 'Young Men' with only Adam Robertson collecting for W.S.M. The score didn't reflect the match, with five games going to three and the match card endorsed, 'brilliant T.T.'. So, there's very little separating the top two teams and although both have had to use reserves, the detrimental effect has been limited. This now leaves the title race poised for a nail biting finale.

A regular full strength Cadwa team would certainly demand comments reserved for the first paragraph of any Digest, however, their inability for whatever reasons, to field Keith Williams and Kevin Dolder together regularly has dented their prospects of a title challenge. Notwithstanding this, the certainty of collecting the 'bronze' will no doubt please Mike Mahoney and, in particular, Peter Taylor, who has been consistently good throughout the season. His three against Maghull and G.P.T., together with collecting two at Bath St., Mike and Fred, and two at Waterloo, Ted and Mike Allen, suggests that Peter's on course for a decent average. Kevin Dolder should also take some comfort in the knowledge that he was the first player this season to take young Adam Robertson to three and by all accounts both players provided a spectacular game. Kevin was obviously on song as, in the same match, he beat Bernie Wentworth 21/3.

W.S.M. 'A' are flying the flag in fourth and will probably finish the season in this position. The team has surprisingly not been affected by the absence of Gary Watson and, if anything, are stronger than last year mainly due to the close games now going their way. Roy Smith continues to notch up results. His defeats of Alan Chase and

Ted Birch assisted in a 6-4 win over Waterloo and the same result was repeated when he was successful against Police's Steve Gittins and John Rankin although, in the latter match, the hat-trick man was 'Grandad' Luxon. My only moan in this game was that the match ball was older than Phil and looked as though it had taken a bath with Roy. Come on Ken MBE, a new ball at the start would be nice.

Whenever I view Bath St. cards I'm always on the look out for a Kenny Jackson defeat as the victor deserves a worthy comment. This in itself belies the consistency of the player who, season after season, retains his standard of play and very seldom loses a daft one. His three wins at Waterloo were reiterated against Harold House and contributed to a draw and a 6-4 win respectfully. Kenny excelled further when he defeated Cadwa's Keith Williams, Mike Mahoney and Peter Taylor, all two straight, resulting in a 3-7 in favour of Cadwa. Mike Keane had two fine wins over H.H.'s Alex Bryce and Ray Jackson but couldn't quite get the better of John Henshaw who had earlier been beaten by Fred Bainbridge.

As I predicted, Harold House have gradually moved up positions and are quite content to wallow mid table. Although Phil Musgrove has yet to discover his previous form, he does add that certain edge to the team which has obviously contributed to their mid-table climb. His defeats of Y.M.C.A.'s Peter Lee and W.S.M.'s Rob Bevan, Gary Watson, Phil Luxon and Mike Tierney support this claim, albeit Gary later avenged the earlier defeat and Rob was carrying an injury which Alex Bryce and Ray Jackson took full advantage of, forcing W.S.M. to settle for a draw.

On certain nights of the week you could be forgiven for thinking that you were playing the 'old' Bootle team instead of Police. What, with the arrival of Paul Hutchings, now playing alongside his old flame, John Rankin and one time apprentice Lawrence Kenright, I turn up half expecting Geoff Huntingdon squatting at one end of the table wearing those red Stiga shorts. Paul's first outing was against Y.M.C.A. where he comfortably won his three against Chris Dunne, Chris Ford and Peter Lee. John was also successful against Chris Dunne

and Peter but struggled against Chris Ford as did Steve who, although he went home empty handed, was happy with a 6-4 win. It's not every day that a player of Paul's quality knocks on our door so we intend to use him as much as possible. So, be warned!

My dad once told me that a highway man demands your money or your life - a woman requires both. They (women that is) also make you work very hard, as was the case when Bath St. 'A's Brenda Buoeu played and beat Roy Smith 26/24 in the third with the second game also having gone to deuce. Brenda also beat Mike Tierney in 3 and was unlucky to lose 25/27 in the third to Gary Watson. Alex Johns was also successful against Roy and Mike, a boring two straight, with the final result being 5-5. Alex also managed to save the whitewash against Cadwa when he defeated Mike Mahoney. Ian McElwee did well to beat GPT's Bob Edwards and Eddie Crowley and appeared to have a good game against Paul Price losing 19 in the third. A good win for Alex and Brenda in the doubles against Bob and Paul saw the match end 6-4 in bath St. 'A's favour.

I always believed that the definition of 'utter waste' was a coach load of solicitors going over a cliff with three empty seats. Fortunately, Waterloo's gentleman and scholar, Ted Birch, raises my faith in the legal trade and it is always a pleasure to play against the Waterloo team. They also have my 'field reporter', Alan Chase, who regularly endorses the cards with humorous match reports, a correspondent in the making and a lesson for you all. Alan's defeat of Cadwa's Peter Taylor was nearly overshadowed by Alan and Ted narrowly losing to Peter and Kevin Dolder 19 in the third, having been up 19-16. Waterloo were, however, happy with a 4-6 defeat. Frank Brady has settled in well to the division and has chalked up some reasonable scalps in Roy Smith, Mike Tierney, Paul Gittins, Mike Keane and Fred Bainbridge. It is also nice to see Mick Allen have the odd special appearance, as well as umpiring and pouring the pints.

The relegation zone beckons either Maghull or G.P.T. to join Y.M.C.A. 'A' who are already for the drop as I'm afraid you've got more chance of seeing Monica Lewinsky advertising 'Stain Devil', or Glen Heddle driving a 'Sunshine' bus than you have of seeing Y.M.C.A. 'A' grace the division next season. This then leaves Maghull and G.P.T. battling for

every point and Maghull did just that after Christmas when they met Y.M.C.A. 'A'. A draw seemed the fair result with Fred Pheysey being the Maghull hero by winning two, which included a fine win over Dele Olyumbo. Y.M.C.A.'s Dave Tagg also got two by beating Steve Woods and Fred. The likes of Fred's wins over Mike Keane and Fred Bainbridge together with a Nick Miller win over W.S.M.'s Mick Tierney could very well make the crucial difference.

G.P.T. are also no strangers to digging their heels in when it comes to survival. Bob Edwards is desperately trying to regain the form of two seasons ago and has of late had some good wins, namely, H.H.'s Phil Musgrove, Alex Bryce and Ray Jackson as well as W.S.M.'s Phil Luxon. So the gauntlets are out and only time will tell who will retain their 1st division status.

I'm now going to leave you on a non table tennis theme but one which, as tax payers, will give you food for thought. I recently had a brief conversation with my fit fanatic Police Inspector and just happened to mention that Tony Blair intended to get rid of all the psychopaths in the country. This resulted in the following serious response of, 'It wont bother me. I'll just use the bus lanes to get to work'.

If only the public knew!!

DIVISION TWO

by Mike Power

I always find it difficult to write these notes and this time it is far more difficult than usual. How can you write notes about a game when one of our dear friends has passed on so unexpectedly? Alan Reid was a friend to all of us and my heart goes out to his wife Carole and all of his family and friends. It is hard to believe that he was playing in November without any apparent problem and today he is gone. It will be difficult for his brother, Graham, and the Waterloo players to come to terms with Alan's death for I am sure that every time they pick up their bat, the memory of Alan will be at the front of their minds. My memory of Alan is

that he was first and foremost a very nice man. I cannot remember a single occasion where he had a bad word to say about anyone. He was always gracious in defeat and modest in victory and always had a smile on his face. He never moaned or complained. His sense of humour was one of his greatest gifts. At his funeral there wasn't enough room in the chapel for all of mourners to get in. Many of them had to stand in the corridor outside. It was a tribute to 'Big Al' that so many people turned up, all with their own story of the great man. I suppose it was also a tribute to the big man that later at the reception everyone seemed to have a good time reminiscing about their own experiences with Alan. Good Bye and God Bless.

At some point I will have to move on to write about table tennis and there is no better place to start than with Waterloo. My most recent league table puts them mid-table. This means they are very close to third place and also very close to the relegation struggle, if that makes sense! Peter Holmes is having one of his best seasons with good wins over Colin Owens, Steve Graham, Ken Strahan and Billy Hargreaves but occasionally fails to perform to his potential, he lost his three to Fords in a 6-4 defeat. After playing against him, and losing to him, I would say that Peter is one of the most improved players in the division, we all know how effective his forehand loop is but this season he has developed his backhand and now seems to be firing on all cylinders. All he needs is a little consistency and he will be a real threat to anyone who has to meet him. Mike Corcoran is a very steady player with the experience of playing First Division table tennis behind him. He won his three against both Bootle J.C. 'A' and CADWA 'B', beating George Higham 23/25, 21/10, 25/23 and Mike Moran in a strange game which ended 21/16 9/21 21/5.

Is there anyone in the division with more fight than Richie Craggs? I don't think so! His 'never say die' attitude is his strength. His style of play is anything but orthodox and this, combined with his willingness to work, makes him a difficult opponent. He has recorded wins over Ray Parkinson, Colin Owens, John Watson and Harry Johnston, all very good players in their own right, I'm just glad I haven't got to play him again this season. Newsflash. Waterloo have just beaten

Wavertree St' Mary's 'B' in the semi-final of the Rumjahn Cup and will meet CADWA 'A' in the final, I will have to play him again after all!

Leading the division is CADWA 'A', 13 points clear of GPT 'A', same games played who themselves are 16 points clear of Bath St 'B', who have played a game more. I will stick my neck on the line and tip CADWA 'A' to clinch promotion. This will be thanks mainly to Ken Hartley who must be the best player in the division having lost only four times. I suggested in my last set of notes that I expected Billy Hargreaves to have a better second half of the season than the first and he is proving me right having lost only twice since the turnaround. He won his three against GPT 'A', Bootle J.C. 'A' and Manweb and has an 87% average in this half, better than I predicted.

GPT 'A' are set to join CADWA 'A' in the first however if you look at the first division table you will see that GPT are having their own relegation battle. The teams may well swap over. My guess is they will but you will have to wait and see. Frank McCann, Ian Wensley and Peter Wass won't mind, they like it here!

Bath St 'B' are clear of any danger but have suffered defeats at the hands of CADWA 'A' 8-2, even though the re-ranked Ian McElwee turned out for the first time this season in the place of Colin Owens, GPT 'A' 7-3, Waterloo 'A' 7-3, Manweb 6-4 and GPT 'B' 7-3. They drew with Bootle J.C. 'A' and Fords have beaten Wavertree St. Mary's 8-2 and Bootle J.C. 6-4. Pretty topsy-turvy eh!

I suggested in my last set of notes that Fords could, if they wanted, fight for a promotion place. They have now settled down mid-table but must be looking over their shoulder as they are only 8 points ahead of bottom placed Bootle J.C. With only four games left they still have to play CADWA 'A', GPT 'A', Waterloo 'A' and Manweb. Not an easy run-in. CADWA 'B' are also in relegation danger and have an equally difficult run-in against CADWA 'A', GPT 'A' Waterloo 'A' and Bath St 'B'. GPT 'B' were the original favourites for the drop but with improved performances from Trevor Owens and Ray Lavin are starting to gather momentum. They only had one win in the first half of the season but have now recorded four wins out of five in the second half. I would also suggest they have the

easier run-in (no disrespect to their opponents intended). I suppose the other big question to be answered is how many teams will actually be relegated given that the division is already a team short. I am sure a precedent has already been set for this but would not advise anyone to relax for one moment.

The WSM boys are, in my opinion, clear of the danger area, above Fords by three points and with a game in hand. In order to ensure second division table tennis next season they have brought Steve Jones into the team who, like Mark Miles and Roy Adams, is a very stylish player. Once Steve has got used to life in this division I know he will be a handful. He has already recorded wins over Bob Hughes and Ken Strahan. The team did however turn up at Bootle JC 'A' with two reserves and went down 9-1. Mark also suffered a couple of defeats at the hands of the very awkward Roger Neal 21/17, 21/17 and the just as awkward Alan Walton 21/15, 17/21, 21/15. Good wins for them.

Manweb very rarely suffer a heavy defeat with plenty of the credit going to Alan Evans and Trevor Barraclough. Neither of them ever seem to lose any silly games. Alan and Trevor both won three each in an 8-2 victory over Bootle J.C. and Trevor also won his three against Fords in a 6-4 win. Earlier in the season they were also candidates for the drop but I will now tip them to stay up, especially if John Hardy could play more often.

The longest match of the season so far came when CADWA 'B' travelled to Waterloo 'A'. The game ended 7-3 in Waterloo's favour with the first nine sets all going to three. Steve Graham must have knackered in the final game losing to Mike Corcoran 21/13, 21/12. On the night Mike was the only player to win his three games. This match also received a mention because it was the only card that had any match comments on it!

The final question is can Bootle J.C. close the gap on those above them to remain in the second? The only possibility in my eyes is if they call upon the services of Andrew Eden who has not played yet but if called upon could keep the team up on his own. Personally I don't think he will play but if anyone does get the chance to play him, tell your wife that you will be home early!

Statistics: - So far I have recorded only 2 Games that ended 10-0, those being CADWA 'A' v CADWA 'B' and GPT 'A' v Manweb. Of the remaining games, 75 % of them have ended with a score line of 7-3, 6-4 or 5-1!

Close calls: - Alan Cameron bt Mike Moran 24/22, 7/21, 21/19. John Hardy bt Ray Parkinson 14/21, 21/13, 23/21. Mike Corcoran bt Colin Owens 22/20, 19/21, 21/19. John Watson bt Peter Holmes 18/21, 21/16, 24/22. Rob Peat bt Richie Craggs 19/21, 21/15, 23/21. Mike Corcoran bt Alan Walton 21/19, 26/24. Ken Strahan bt Peter Wass 21/14, 8/21, 22/20. Roger Neal bt Ted Gilmour 21/15, 11/21, 23/21. Frank McCann bt Mike Moran 21/17, 19/21, 21/19. Ray Lavin bt Roy Adams 14/21, 21/7, 22/20. Bobby Bell bt Paul Faulkner 21/17, 19/21, 21/17. Dave Graham made a rare appearance due to recurrent back trouble and must be more than satisfied to have beaten Peter Holmes 21/16, 17/21, 22/20. Nice to see you playing again.

Remember to order your tickets from me for the end of season knees-up at the Police Club on Friday 7th May. I think this should be a monthly event, but then again, I'm just a P##s Artist.

DIVISION THREE by Arthur Garnett

Hmmmm,..... munch, munch,..... chew, chew, chew,..... swallow..... burp... Oh, sorry, excuse me, I was just eating some of my words from my notes in the last Digest. I foolishly suggested that MANWEB "A" might be settling for a mid-table position, but, here we are with one third of the season still left to play and they are in second position, six points ahead of Maghull "A" with a game in hand, and looking almost a certainty for promotion

Police "A" appear to have the division sewn up already with a lead of 20 points over MANWEB and now having strengthened their already very strong team with the addition of Steve GITTINS. There wont be many in the Division who would relish a "night in" with this line up. For them not to end as Divisional Champions would entail a series of crushing

defeats and I can't see that happening. Police "A" defeated their nearest rivals MANWEB 7 - 3 at the Olive Mount venue, Paul JENNINGS claiming a point with a two sets win against Paula FRENCH, and young Alan BIGGS storming in for two more points, gaining victory in three sets over both young Len DYSON, and middle aged Tony HARRIS. Police "A" have more points and a higher average match score than any other team in the five divisions. If they don't finish as Champions I will show my arms out of Lewis' shop window.

As stated, MANWEB "A" are currently in second position 20 points behind the leaders, and six points above third placed Maghull "A". In a recent match between the two the MANWEB team won by 7 - 3 at the Country Club, Rod BULMER winning in three against Neil JENNINGS and Chris ROBERTS in two against Andy LLOYD. The other point coming from the same two players in the doubles. But as so often occurs, different days could mean different results - four of the eight singles went to three sets, and the second doubles Rob HEENEY/Eddie PRESTON -v- Andy LLOYD/Alan BIGGS was won by the electricians 24/26 and 20/22, so, only the odd edge or net in it then. These two teams are due to meet again at the end of the season and everything could be up for grabs on the night. I couldn't guess who will turn out as the winners.

Also in the reckoning for a possible third promotion place are the next two teams - Bootle Y.M.C.A. five points behind Maghull and my team Police "B" a further six points back having played one game fewer. With John Higham at number one picking up regular points, Tom KILLIP improving quite dramatically after what was for him a very slow start and Danny and Roly adding strength at the bottom, this team should not be underestimated by anyone. Although, our illustrious Chairman would not forgive me if I didn't mention that he gained the two point for Wavertree Str Marys "E" when guesting from Division Five last November. He defeated Danny in two and Roly by 20/22 in the third. Though, Danny and Roly gained some revenge in the doubles against Dave WILLIAMS and Stan CLARKE winning the second 26/24.

As usual, I don't want to say too much about my own team except that perhaps we shouldn't eat

too soon before a match. It may save us from the odd "hiccup". Our overall aim for the season has not changed, and is still to consolidate our position in this Division after promotion last time. Anything else, including a place in the cup semi final, is a bonus. Unfortunately we have just lost Tom PURCELL for the rest of the season, he has taken a small promotion and a three year posting to the "big smoke", no, he is not playing for B.A.T., he is going to London to show the Cockneys his back hand smash. A big loss for us though, if we moved our home night to Saturday... no.. forget it. Au revoir Tom, and thanks for everything.

In the mid-table positions are four teams, separated by fifteen points. First are Wavertree St Marys "D" who lead this group, and really should be doing better. I suppose that a team which cannot get its four top players out for each match will always show up and down results. They won 7 - 3 against the current fourth placed team, Bootle YMCA, Richy JONES and Bill STANLEY winning two apiece, Richy defeating John HIGHAM 21/12 in the third. Then lost by the large margin of 8 - 2 to Waterloo "B", Richy JONES and Ian BLACK gaining a point each on this occasion. But, I have eaten my words before, and am prepared to do so again if WSM"D" can "turn it on" for the remainder of the season.

One point behind WSM "D" are Bath Street "C", who are the Mid table team. John LANGTON, Dave STODDERN and Karen GIBSON seem to be almost ever present in the line-up but with the loss of Peter ROSS to a lower division, and Chris FOLEY working shifts, the lack of a "steady four" seems to have affected the team and their results, which also lack consistency. Mid table they are, and Mid table will probably remain.

A further three points adrift are Waterloo "B", having played two games fewer. This team started the season very sluggishly but now seem to have "come up to pace". Although most of their results indicate that they are likely to remain in mid table, the two games in hand could be important to them. A good strong finish could see them pushing for third place and, their final game of the season is at home to Police "A" who should have everything signed, sealed and delivered by then, and this could

be in favour of Waterloo "B". But then again....

Currently at the bottom of the mid table positions are CADWA "C". This team recently played against my team in the semi final of the Divisional Cup, and, if they played that team every week would, I have no doubt, be pressing Police "A" at the top. They played with such determination that it was difficult for any of our players to really get into the game. Perhaps they don't want to play in Division 2. I don't know the answer, but they do seem to have a fair number of players to call upon. In my notes for the last Digest I listed seven players used by this team up until then, to which can be added Alan FRENCH and Sue BURGESS. So that's nine players in all. How many team Captains would like to juggle that lot and keep them all happy? Of course, yet again, it shows in a series of up and down results.

And so to the bottom three teams. At the bottom, and as firmly ensconced there as Police "A" are at the top, are Waterloo "C". With only 23 points from 16 games and 34 points away from safety I feel absolutely certain that this team will enjoy their table tennis in Division Four next season. I don't know how many of you have ever been in a position like this but I have. Back in 1971 (eh up.... swing the lights) I found myself in a team promoted into Division Two. In the whole of that season I only won one game, and that was in a cup match. The whole team wanted the season to end as quickly as possible so that we could be back in Division 3 and enjoy our T.T. again. We never made the same mistake again. I know how Waterloo "C" feel about this season, but having said that, they are always friendly and cheerful and make their opponents feel welcome. Roll on the summer.

Battling to avoid the other relegation place are the two Wavertree St Marys teams - "C" on 46 points and "E" on 57 points. John GRATTON, Gordon LANGSHAW, Ken ROBERTS and Peter HOWDEN will have to put in some stunning performances if they are to catch the "E" team. I feel that the "E" team with Bob OWENS, Mabel NEARY, Tony CONNOR and Colin FYLES, will be far too strong and will resist any pressure from the "C" team, perhaps the games between the two sides will decide the matter, it will be interesting to

see the results.

And so the predictions - Police "A" to be Division Three Champions, with MANWEB "A" promoted in second place. The third place probably taken by Maghull "A". Waterloo "C" and Wavertree St Marys "C" to be relegated, and I have copied this report on rice paper just in case.

Finally, the story of a top ranked player who came to Liverpool for the Merseyside Open in 1997. While he was here he met a local girl and, shared a night of bliss before returning home at the end of the Tournament. This player returned to the Merseyside Open in 1998, and saw the girl pushing a pram across Wavertree Park. He approached her quite concerned and she told him that, yes, the child was indeed the result of their passion of the previous year. "You should have told me" he said, "I would have married you". "Oh no" said the girl, "My father said that he'd rather have a bastard in the family than a table tennis player" !!!

DIVISION FOUR by Doug Baker

Spring has sprung, like the floor boards at CADWA. Most creatures will be coming out of hibernation but not Chris Maguire, Bootle YMCA 'A's notable number one, who will be sleeping with the fishes in Cardiff. His team will have to bear the troubles of playing 'one up', and will look to Jim Geddes to plug the gap. CADWA will also sorely miss Jack Power, as much as he will sorely miss the TT.

Situations like this can affect the whole outlook of a season. Playing a team one short or without their top four players makes them a different proposition. Similarly, playing a team who field a 'supersub' alters the expected outcome. What I'm trying to say is, it's the ideal for all teams to be able to stick to the same four players throughout the season, providing a level playing field, with no quibble results. However, that's unachievable and if there is such thing as luck, it's in playing a team at their weakest moment.

So, by my reckoning, title contenders Bath St. 'D' and Liverpool YM were 'unlucky' to play Bootle YM at their strongest, both matches being drawn. Bert Rivers was undefeated in both and it's a rare day when Bert so much as drops a set nowadays. Liverpool YM's Steve Kee and Bath St.'s John McCann and Reg Edwards continued their good season bagging a brace of wins each. All four doubles games went to Bootle with the epic 18/21, 23/21, 21/19 victory of Bert and Kathy Hayden over Bath St.'s Val Franco and Reg Edwards, being the standout.

On the flip side, title contenders Maghull 'B' were 'lucky' to play Bootle YM when they were in a state of flux without Chris and one short. Bert Rivers did the business again, winning both his singles matches in the second set from deuce! Kevin Lewis stepped in with a good 2-0 win over Mike Hughes. Kathy Hayden went to 3 in both games, losing to Tom Downing and defeating Harry McGanity. Final score 3-7 to Maghull 'B'.

In the period since I last wrote, the pretenders to the crown have continued apace. Maghull 'B' have netted/edged 31 points out of 40, the most punishing being a 9-1 home roasting of CADWA (I know 'cos I was there!). Five games went to three but only Steve Critchley had anything to shout about, beating Tom Downing 21/19 in the 3rd. Bill Salter was no doubt grateful for his two victories in the deciding set, 21/19 over Trevor Dolder and 26/24 over myself. Bath St. 'E' has a similar story to tell with Les Gee recording a singular victory, 24/26, 21/8, 21/18 against Tom Downing.

Liverpool YM 'B' have slowed down somewhat, taking 25 points from 5 games, including one defeat at the hands of Manweb 'B', when they were without the services of Tim Ternent, wins in the 3rd set by Rob Conley and Ron Houghton being the key moments. There followed a home draw with CADWA 'D' playing that young veteran, Sue Burgess, who won both games.

Bath St. 'D' have been undefeated in this period and are looking for a good cup run to ensure they get some kind of mantelpiece conversation piece. Manweb came closest, making the most of John McCann's absence with a draw, Arthur Harrison

and Reg Edwards scooping up both their respective singles. Their 'E' team gave them a close run, 6-4, with John and George Crowley 'doing a double'. Clean victories in both doubles was crucial with the 22/20 3rd set win by Alex Gould and Reg over Ron Georgeson and George, leaving it's mark. Regularly in this spell, John, Reg, Dave Cunningham and Peter Ross have had unblemished performances.

Everyone else seems to have a win some/lose some time of it. Alas for Linacre, the latter is continually the case. Sprightly Billy Clayton is the shining star with impressive victories over the likes of John McCann, 21/17 in the 3rd, Arthur Harrison, 21/18 in the 3rd, Steve Critchley and Phil Christie. The afore mentioned should not feel singled out as there are some impressive names on the BBC line up this year, with more to follow. (BBC - Beaten by Bill Clayton). Linacre were certainly trying in the match against Maghull 'C', 6 games going to a deciding 3rd set but with Maghull taking 4 of them. Jim Gill narrowly lost to 20/22 in the 3rd to Ken Ainsworth, in the same way that Wilf Gibson narrowly won, 23/21 in 3rd against Jack Davidson.

Maghull 'C' seem to enjoy playing 3rd sets but were less fortunate against Liverpool YM where of the 6 games that went to 3, they won 2, lost 4. That man again, Jim Gill, went to 3 in both his games, losing to Russell Thornton by the narrowest of margins. Steve McGanity joined in with a 22/20 3rd setter versus Jimmy Clewett although Steve Kee and B. Syrykane turned the match YM's way, winning all their singles. Away at Harold House 'A' half the games went to three, HH winning both doubles but losing 3 singles in the 3rd, the closest being Mick Poole losing out to Wilf Gibson 22/24. These were the only games Maghull won, final score 7-3, with Eddie Clein and Ernie Komanschek being as formidable as ever. Dave Cohen can feel aggrieved losing both his games in 3, with Jim Gill (again, again!) getting one in his eye, 26/24, 20/22, 10/21.

Manweb v HH was another tight game, 5 games to 3, but 4 of them to Manweb, explaining the 7-3 result.

As we progress into the latter stages of the season

its noticeable that when teams from the same part of the division play each other, 1st v 2nd or 9th v 10th, etc. there's an extra edge to the event and points essentially count double.

For example, Bath St. 'E's 6-4 win over Aigburth, thanks in part to strong performances from Alan Willis and Norman Lindsay, means that not only will Bath St. 'E' have moved on 2 points but Aigburth will need to make up the difference elsewhere if they wish to leap ahead. So their 7-3 victory over Linacre, when Graham Rollinson came from one set down to beat Jack Davidson, and Ray Jones and Eric Wood proved too strong, is all to the good.

Face Savers and More Close Shaves

Dave Evans was the face saver for Aigburth with a narrow 21/18 in the 3rd over Russell Thornton in Liverpool YM's 9-1 win. Similarly Phil Christie for Maghull 'C' in their match with CADWA, where Steve Critchley pipped him 21/18 in the decider. Another close call that night was my own defeat of Steve McGanity 22/20 in the 3rd.

Steve Critchley also close against Bath St. 'D' Reg Edwards, 21/18 in the 3rd. Billy Clayton prevented a whitewash getting the only point for Linacre, very nearly getting two with a close 21/17, 18/21, 19/21 epic versus Bootle's Chris Maguire. Mind you, things went Billy's way in his game against Manweb's Arthur Harrison, 21/19, 18/21, 21/18.

CADWA's Trevor Dolder lost 18/21 in the 3rd to Bath St.'s Norman Lindsay after having a comfortable 18/21, 22/20, 21/17 encounter with John Letch. Bath St.'s Dave Cunningham came from a walloping in the 1st set to win 2nd and 3rd sets 22/20, 21/19 to thwart Maghull 'C's Brian Gregory.

Closest match in 2 sets was probably Aigburth's Dave Evans 21/23, 20/22 clash with Kathy Hayden, the team score being 6-4 to Bootle YM. Linacre's Ken Ainsworth's 21/18, 25/23 win over Manweb's R. Finnegan coming next.

DIVISION FIVE by Ken Armson

Bad news and more bad news. We have lost Barry Meyer as Digest Correspondent as he is no longer playing this season, following a tiff with his Club. In his place, for now, you have me. The saying about an ill wind, however, is true in that you will get more space from me, as I know what is available space wise. Being the democratic person you all know me to be means, if it is not available, I will take steps to ensure it becomes available thus provoking a gnashing of teeth from Paul Gittins.

Sods Law being an ever-present feature of this Division has invoked the loss of yet another team. Due to the departure of two players, Bootle YM have had to withdraw their 'B' team. A great loss in other ways as they were a friendly team to play against and contained a couple of League stalwarts, one of whom, Les Higham, recorded a great win over Delyth Davies earlier this season. Hopefully they will be back with us next season. There are a lot of players out there in Youth and Community clubs, a vast untapped source which is lost to us when they give up playing because of age and not knowing of the opportunity available to continue playing competitive table tennis.

We are now down to nine teams and with so many blank weeks you would expect ours to be the most up to date division so far as playing of matches is concerned. No such luck, as the recent league table shows with Maghull 'D' and Hope lagging behind. Hope are proving to be a real problem team in that they have a number of outstanding matches still to play and don't appear to be doing anything to correct this. It is bad enough having enforced breaks because of vacancies without Clubs adding to those breaks by postponing matches and making no effort to get them played. The vanishing time for students, Easter, is fast approaching so let us hope that Hope (no pun intended) get their act together and act responsibly. Varsity teams always encounter problems, but teams do go out of their way to assist them. They owe it to the League and this division to make every effort to keep up to date with their fixtures and complete these in full.

Down off my soapbox and over to current affairs. With only three matches left to play and a current record of Won 11; Drawn 1; WSM 'G' the only 'G' team in the League, are firmly ensconced in 1st place and determined to remain there. They have beaten all the other contenders and are up there on merit and commitment. They showed their commitment when beating us 6/4 and getting a draw earlier in the season when fielding a reserve. With no real resources to call on the team have done it their way. I spoke to their captain, Steve Perry, only recently to say we hoped to overhaul them in the run in. His response being, "you have two hopes. No hope, and Bob Hope."

But that all which glitters is not gold was forcibly proved to them in their cup semi final. They had everything to play for, a home draw, opponents they had not lost to, a chance of a Cup Final appearance against their own 'F' team, who they have also beaten. All this was lost in the dust of a dream which collapsed around them as Bath St. 'F' started as they meant to go on by taking the first set and never looking back. They departed victors by the massive margin of 5-1. This was not so much a defeat as a disorderly rout, the WSM players choosing this night, of all nights, to produce their worst performances of the season. Was it nerves, over eagerness or just that on the night B.S. 'F' proved themselves to be the better team. We will never know the answer, but BS 'F' will be looking to prove it was the latter by retaining the Stamp Cup for a 2nd season. So watch out WSM 'F' John Letch wants your scalp hanging from his belt come 13th April.

Surprise team have been YM 'C' they started badly and looked unlikely candidates for anything other than a middle spot. The signing of Boon and the play of the ever-improving Paul O'Donnell has changed all that. They are now firmly in 3rd place and although they are unlikely to catch up with the two above them, they are certain to gain promotion to the 4th next season. By my reckoning, barring any unexpected decisions by our Management Committee, four teams will need to be promoted from this division if all those above are to be restored to twelve apiece. Hopefully new teams will be entered to strengthen this division.

So which team will snatch that fourth promotional place? My money has got to be on BS 'F'. They have not exactly set the division on fire and their record is not that imposing. They do have a match in hand over A'burth 'A' who lie only 3 points above them, yours truly having a sneaking feeling that Eric and his team will not find the prospect of such elevation worthy of their consideration. They enjoy this division and are a really friendly and competitive team, if you exclude the non-provision of tea. Any team expecting a 10-0 win can think again. Early in the season they held a strong BS 'F' team to an away draw with all their sets coming from the terrible duo, Billy Holmes and Eric Wood. In most divisions there is generally a player who is news when he or she loses. In this division I rate that person as Billy Holmes, any victory against him being a hard won affair. I was surprised to note that in Week 1 he lost his two - a rare occurrence - being beaten in 2 st. by both Steve Simpson and Richard Blackburne. "I beat Billy Holmes" being as synonymous as a 1st Division player being able to say, "I beat Keith Williams."

Any resemblance between Jack Letch and a ready to play table tennis player can sometimes be put down to a coincidence. He keeps that for when he plays. Many have mistaken him to be an easy scalp when he is anything but, by time his opponent realises he has more strengths than weaknesses, Jack has already got the game sewn up. Aply backed by another difficult to beat player, Dave Batty, at No.2. with George Crowley and Graham Oates completing the regular foursome, they have edged their way towards possible promotion with a series of in and out results. Their best match result, one which made a dent in the title aspirations of WSM 'F' being a 6-4 win when they met. Both teams were at full strength but on the night it was Bath St. not WSM who looked a better bet. WSM 'F' struggled all night to turn the rapidly increasing prospect of a hefty defeat into a possible draw. It was not to be and they were happy to settle for a 4-6 defeat. Graham Oates starred for BS 'F' winning his three. Not far behind was Jack who set his team on the way to a very worthy victory by taking the first set at the expense of his opposing captain, Stan Clarke. Jack called the matches well and was responsible for their building up a winning lead. It

was his astute calling, which led to the downfall of WSM 'G' in their cup semi final. Had they been able to produce the same form and foursome in all their matches they would be undisputed leaders. But I reckon it will be they, not A'burth, who will clinch that fourth promotion spot.

Police 'B' are firmly anchored on the bottom and as miracles are as rare as wins by them, they will remain there. Most of their sets won have come from George Wright and he teamed up with captain Neil Thomas to help record their best result, a narrow 4-6 defeat against BS 'F'. Worth noting that on that occasion whereas it took George 3 games to overcome Richard Blackburne, Neil managed this in 2. George remains as difficult as ever to defeat and, I think is still undefeated. I have to say, I think, as there are few cards from this division to hand and it is difficult to assess the wins and losses of individual players. I hear that Police have conceded two walkovers to date, one being a cup match, and this leaves them on the verge of expulsion. Not a nice way to finish a season and not what any of us want to happen. Whatever their shortcomings, they are a friendly team, as are all teams in this division, and in Neil Thomas they have without doubt the politest player in the entire league.

Most teams in this div. are plagued with player problems, hence the withdrawal of Boo YM 'B'. It stems from their invariably being their club's bottom team and therefore last in the pecking order when it comes to player availability. Most of the upsets and unexpected results can be traced to this problem. Some, such as YM 'C', start the season weak and strengthen as it progresses. Others start strong and are weakened by lack of reserve strength or the demands of higher club teams. Ask Steve Perry or Jack Letch for their views on this aspect of Div. 5 Life.

Two teams, Hope and Police 'C' have yet to record a match win or manage a draw but hopefully this will change before the season ends. With Hope being guaranteed a 2 set start when Delyth plays, it is somewhat surprising to find them in this situation, or is it? The good players look elsewhere for a Club and those they do have available obviously rate table tennis as a low priority. Full marks, then, to Darren Morgan who although having now left Hope to go into teaching, still turns out for them. Not as easy as it sounds in that although Darren

teaches in a Liverpool school, he lives in Manchester. So for him a table tennis match must involve leaving home very early and arriving back very late. Don't forget to also include in his long day the hassle of teaching young children. Darren is a useful player, but his match play must be affected by his job and the long day involved.

There was a time when H. Hse 'B' posed problems in respect of playing matches. Not so now as they are well up to date and although not setting the division alight they have matured into a capable team. Strengthened at times with appearances by Richard Blackburne and Jerry O'Keeffe - in one match Dave Cohen managed to make an appearance - don't ask me how. The Harold House ranking list being something of a mystery even to the League Fixture Secretary. Be that as it may, they have had a good season with results well in keeping with their strengths. Steve Simpson recording wins against Naresh Tagore and Denise Cox (M'hull). Talking of Denise, I wonder what her mother would make of her service, it not being quite the way the Rule Book implies it should be. Not that she is alone in this respect, far from it. He also recorded a noteworthy double over Eric Wood and Bill Holmes.

Before going on holiday earlier in the season, and before my team had played our 'G' team, I wrote on our Club fixture sheet that we would beat them 10-0. For some reason this so infuriated Steve's team that they brought off a 6-4 win and have not omitted to remind me of this defeat whenever an opportunity presents itself. To prove that I am not afraid to stick my neck out, and that I have great confidence in my forecasting ability, I predict that we will reverse that result tonight. I further predict that we will emerge as champions, they will have to be content with second spot. However, bearing in mind our ignominious defeat at the hands of BS 'F' earlier in the season, I am not making any forecasts on the outcome of the Stamp Cup Final which involves our two teams. Mind you, this not taking place until 12th April, most of you will have put your bats away until next season. Two months after the semis, the mind boggles.



Can you recognise any of these young team-mates who had just won the Readman Cup?
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Dear Editor,

On Monday, 1st March, 1999, I am leaving Liverpool to work in London for a period of three years. The job opportunity was too good to turn down but unfortunately it means that I will no longer be playing in the Liverpool League.

I have already made enquiries about local leagues in London and I will be signing on in the Notting Hill and Tooting League.

Although I will no longer be playing in Liverpool on a regular basis I intend to continue my registration and hopefully I can play the odd game or two.

I would like to thank the members of the L.D.T.T.L. for the friendship and support I have received during the 25 years I have been playing in Liverpool.

Yours sincerely
Tom Purcell

TABLE EDGES, NETS & ECHOES OF THE PAST



A nice tribute to Alan Reid by Mike Power in Div. 2 notes. Alan will be sadly missed by all who knew him and our sympathies go out to his wife, Carole and all the family.

John Rankin has returned to the Liverpool team for the first time in twelve years and has shown tremendous form.

Adam Robertson (WSM's) who is listed at ten in England and the number one for his age in the U.K. will not play in the 'Closed' due to a match in the Welsh League, but what a talent he is turning out to be. Grand Prix 'Mens' Singles Champion before he was 15, plus two more appearances in the final. The most recent of these came in February when he beat England number 3, Terry Young in the last four before losing to Gareth Herbert, who stands at 7, in the final. Ironically, earlier in the tournament, Adam had beaten Herbert in the final of the Under 21 Singles. In the Welsh Open, Adam beat England number 6, Darren Blake, and 1996 World Veteran Champion, Herbert Neuberger, a tremendous victory.

Ted Birch also enjoyed a fine tournament in the Knowsley 2 Star Open, beating second seed, Keith Williams in the semi's, before losing 2-1 to England international and 1980 European Men's Champion, John Hilton. Well done to Ted, who is now ranked at 134 in England!

The closing date for the 'Closed' Tournament has been extended one week to **20th March, 1999**. This tournament is run specifically for you, the League members, so please give it your full support! The Divisional events mean that all standards of play are catered for, and as the competition is run on a 'group' basis, you are guaranteed plenty of T.T. If you haven't been able to obtain an entry form you can complete the form below, cut it out and send it, with a cheque (to L. & D. T. T.L.) and S.A.E. to **K.A. Armson, MBE, 21 Armscot Close, Liverpool L25 0NX**.

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DIVISION 1	P	W	L	D	PTS
WAV. ST MARY'S	14	12	1	1	110
LPOOL. Y.M.C.A.	13	12	0	1	100
CADWA	14	8	3	3	90
WAV. ST MARY'S 'A'	16	7	6	3	82
HAROLD HOUSE	15	5	8	2	70
BATH STREET	14	5	7	2	68
POLICE	11	6	3	2	56
BATH ST. 'A'	14	2	8	4	55
WATERLOO	13	4	7	2	53
MAGHULL	13	1	8	4	47
GPT	12	4	8	0	43
LPOOL YMCA 'A'	13	2	9	2	35

DIVISION 2	P	W	L	D	PTS
CADWA 'A'	13	11	0	2	95
GPT 'A'	14	9	4	1	88
BATH ST. 'B'	15	6	6	3	76
WAV. ST MARY'S 'B'	15	6	6	3	73
BOOTLE J.C. 'A'	13	6	4	3	70
MANWEB	14	7	6	1	67
WATERLOO 'A'	14	5	7	2	66
CADWA 'B'	15	5	8	2	65
FORDS	15	4	9	2	65
G.P.T. 'B'	15	5	8	2	64
BOOTLE JC	15	4	10	1	61

DIVISION 3	P	W	L	D	PTS
POLICE 'A'	15	14	0	1	124
MANWEB 'A'	15	12	1	2	104
MAGHULL 'A'	16	12	4	0	98
BOOTLE YMCA	16	9	5	2	93
POLICE 'B'	15	8	4	3	87
WAV. ST MARY'S 'D'	16	9	6	1	77
BATH ST.'C'	16	8	8	0	76
WATERLOO 'B'	14	6	6	2	73
CADWA 'C'	15	5	8	2	68
WAV. ST MARY'S 'E'	16	2	11	3	57
WAV. ST MARY'S 'C'	16	2	14	0	46
WATERLOO 'C'	16	0	16	0	23

DIVISION 4	P	W	L	D	PTS
MAGHULL 'B'	15	13	1	1	111
BATH ST. 'D'	15	9	1	5	93
MANWEB 'B'	15	7	5	3	82
BOOTLE Y.M.C.A. 'A'	14	7	3	4	81
LPOOL YMCA 'B'	13	5	2	6	79
CADWA 'D'	13	5	6	2	63
BATH ST. 'E'	15	3	10	2	56
HAROLD HOUSE 'A'	13	4	5	4	56
MAGHULL 'C'	15	3	10	2	56
LINACRE	14	3	8	3	54
AIGBURTH	14	3	10	1	53

DIVISION 5	P	W	L	D	PTS
WAV. ST MARY'S 'G'	13	11	0	1	101
WAV. ST MARY'S 'F'	10	8	2	0	78
LPOOL YMCA 'C'	12	6	5	1	69
AIGBURTH 'A'	11	4	4	3	52
BATH ST. 'F'	10	4	3	3	49
HAROLD HOUSE 'B'	12	3	7	2	46
MAGHULL 'D'	8	4	4	0	29
HOPE	6	0	6	0	18
POLICE 'C'	10	0	10	0	18
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