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EDITORIAL

This Digest is intended to cover the end of last season, and the Divisional reports have been compiled with that in mind, so the divisional reporters will have been unaware of the biggest change to the divisional set up having been recently decided by the ManCom for the start of the next season, 5 divisions of 12 teams,

So, disappointment for those teams who have been congratulated for their hard won promotion but won't be going up, and for those who thought they had escaped relegation but will be going down, this reversal of the situation a couple of seasons ago when we had to change to 14 team divisions, no one can be too surprised at this situation arising again, as our League secretary has pointed out at the AGM's that if we had too many teams, the ManCom would have to act quickly to compensate and decide the format.

Coincidentally, I have been scanning and putting onto my web site, old Digests, the latest one was from May 1963, Vol. 13 No. 5, and this same situation arose then, with a very passionate letter sent in by the well respected Jim Green of Linnets and Aigburth TTC suggesting that this should only take place after a 12 months warning that it will happen, trouble is that in 12 months time the situation may change again, can the ManCom ever win!! Greenbank's Mark Palmer has had a busy summer, starting in April before last season ended, he was invited to attend and give a demonstration at the opening of dedicated Disabled Table Tennis sessions at the highly respected Ormesby T.T. Club in Middlesborough; shortly after our season ended, he was off to Slovenia with the Great Britain Paralympic team, then off to Saudi Arabia to do some coaching. Mark is No.1 in the National BTTAD ranking wheelchair classes, so those of us who have played against Mark in a league match know why there's always a tough match waiting.

Another two of our players playing International T.T. are Brenda Buoeu and Kenny Jackson, both have been chosen to play for England in the 6 Nations VETTS tournament taking place at Llandudno, this 7th/ 9th September (07), so good luck to both. Both Kenny and Brenda did well in the recent Vets National Masters (12 / 13th May), Brenda won the O / 50's women's singles and doubles, Kenny was r/up in the O / 60's men's singles and doubles, Wayne Percival also just missed out, getting r /up



in the men's O /50's singles, well done to all as there was a big turn out as usual.

The ETTA is running a Level 1 Coaching Course at Halton on 7th October and 4th November 07, for anyone interested in furthering TT with youngsters, or even with 'oldies' this is the way to go, course fees are £225 which includes £25 for a 'child protection workshop' and £40 for a 'Emergency Life Support Course'

I missed the recent L&DTTL AGM due to being in London, but I was extremely disappointed by the report back to the

ManCom at the next urgently convened meeting. The contentious issue being the ManCom's attempts to reduce the amount of fines levied by the Lancashire & Cheshire League on the L&DTTL for non completion of fixtures. For those not aware, our League entered 4 teams as usual, the L&C Rule requires that they be entered by 1st July, well before our season starts and when we know which players will be signing on, when the time came to play the first matches, our match secretary could not get the expected players to turn out, and with the possibility that this situation may continue, it was decided to withdraw 3 teams. Then started a long and drawn out process of the L&C League sending fines, and members of the ManCom spending a huge amount of their "unpaid" time trying to reduce these fines, to the extent of asking for a meeting with the L&C to appeal against the draconian way the Rules were applied, all request for a meeting were rejected by the L&C Committee, remember that the ManCom weren't gaining any points for adopting this stance, we felt that there was an injustice to the L&DTTL taking place.

As it turned out at the AGM, the ManCom who were on the platform, were taken completely by surprise at the severity of the attack by certain members on the floor, I use the word attack because the ManCom just weren't given the chance to explain their case to the majority who attended who would be unaware of the problem between the L&DTTL and the L&CL, professional heckling comes to mind, the disappointment from the AGM is that this minority actually swayed the majority, and there were no efforts of support for the ManCom's stance, and the feeling was "just pay up".

To be fair, the floor should have proposed a vote of confidence in the ManCom, the 'nil' backing from the floor would have suggested a 'NO Confidence' vote and resignations should follow!!

At the next ManCom it was decided on a slim majority vote to 'pay up'. A very disappointing episode for the ManCom. and one which surely tests the will to carry on.

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Secretary's Report – Digest – August / September 2007.

By the time you read this you will all be aware of the fact your Management Committee has been able, this coming season, to formulate 5 divisions of 12 teams. At the time of writing, all divisions have a full compliment. This is good news for our League. At the end of last season the number of teams we had was down to 52, we now have 60. At least two teams have arrived due to the sad loss of the Liverpool Business League which after 59 years has had no alternative but to call it a day. I know the Management Committee of the Business House League have done all they could over the past few seasons to keep the League alive and I am also aware of the distress and upset it has caused those Management Committee members who have had no option but to allow the League to fold. Each and every one of them, together with previous committee members, should be praised for all the hard work they have done over the years which has brought enjoyment to so many people.



At our AGM in May 2007 a general discussion took place regarding the formation of our divisions. After much debate the general consensus of opinion was that the existing format of 14 teams per division was too many and the season too long and that divisions consisting of either 11 or 12 teams would be more preferable. As it happens we originally received an entry of 57 teams, this being one too many to form 4 divisions of 14 teams in any case. Over the course of the following six weeks we received a further 3 team entries making a total entry of 60, this being the perfect number for 5 divisions of 12 teams each.

Whenever a reduction in the number of teams per division takes place there are going to be consequences and I have already heard a number of comments, some in support and some against the action the MC has taken. The problem of course is that those teams that expected to be playing in a higher division next season are not and some teams have been placed in a lower division than they expected. When we changed from 12 to 14 teams per division a few years ago I went on record at the AGM at that time as stating if we ever reverted back to 12 teams this exact scenario would transpire and it was accepted by all those club secretaries and members present. At this years AGM I made the same statement and only one person queried my remark. You must remember that when we increased the divisions to 14 teams, more teams were placed in a higher division than they expected, now we have the reverse.

The only way the divisions could be formed for this season, given that we have 60 teams, was to perform an exercise of promoting and relegating two teams from each division, as per the league rules, and then draw a line under 12, 24, 36 and 48 teams. We have been mandated to manage the League in the interest of its members and this is what we have done.

On another note we were asked by one club if they could enter a team consisting of mainly juniors but due to their ages and travel issues they wished to play all their games at the own venue and on their own match night. It was felt by the MC that although we want to encourage new younger members, this concession could not be allowed. If it had been allowed it would have been unfair on those other teams that also consist of, or include, junior players. What we suggested to the club concerned was for them to ask each club individually if they would be prepared to accommodate them in the way they had requested. We believed this decision was fairer to all concerned and left the clubs to make their own decision rather than to enforce one on them. Following the MC's decision I understand the team has not been entered!

I hope you all have a good season, even though there are four fewer games to play.

Mike Power

Hon. League Secretary

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I had informed the ManCom before the AGM of my intention of stepping down as Cup Secretary and hopefully a replacement found to take over, it was meant to be announced at the AGM, but due to the events of that night, it was forgotten, I have agreed to carry on for this season, but new blood is required for the ManCom,

younger players must feel they have a little bit more to offer to help run their League, there's more to it than just playing.

And finally, welcome to new Club Arriva North West, who have joined the L&DTTL from the LBH, and also the other players who have either rejoined or committed themselves to playing to give us the extra teams, hopefully that commitment will last the season.

The new season's opening tournament, The City of Liverpool Butterfly Grand Prix Open, as usual, produced an excellent brand of play seen only in this famous tournament. The men's singles title, again went north of the border, holder Gavin Rungay, having to overcome the challenge from a former England number one and three times English champion, Kevin Dolder, ranked at 21 in England, was in fine form during the day, sailing through to the last eight without dropping a game. There he became involved in a rip roaring affair with England number 15 Dale Barham, the eight times Liverpool champion taking the opening game 11-3 before being pegged back when Barham took the next two, 11-6, 11-5, When the pumped up Dolder then stepped up a gear, Barham, a full England international, found it difficult to cope with the Liverpool man's all out attacking assault, Dolder winning the next two for his best win for years. This earned him a crack at Prean, who plays regularly in the German Bundesliga, had breezed through to the last four without dropping a game. The Isle of Wight man though, fended off Dolder's brave challenge to win in straight games, on the eve of his fortieth birthday.



the fourth before losing the next two points and then the decider 12-10. The top seed was again taken the distance in the semi's by Ireland's Amanda Mogy before squeezing home 11-9 in the fifth. Her final opponent 13 year old Karina Le Fevre from Middlesbrough, also sailed close to the wind in her semi-final clash with Nottingham's Sarah Perks but, recovered from 2-1 down to win 12-10 in the fifth. Miss Le Fevre, who stands at 8 in the England junior rankings, swept aside the England number 8 senior 3-1 after dropping the second game. She also reached the Under 21 Women's final but after taking the first game against Ireland's Claire Nelson, was beaten in the next three.

Mens Singles

Q/F Dolder bt Barham 3, -6, -5, 7, 6;

Prean bt W Cooney 1, 4, 1;

Rungay bt P Graham 7, 4, 8;

Marsden bt D McBeath 9, 8, 10;

S/F Rungay bt Marsden 10, 10, 5;

Prean bt Dolder 6, 4, 4;

Final Rungay bt Prean 5, 6, -7, 9;

Women's singles

Q/F L Reynolds bt S Rozek 7-, -9, 9, 14, 10;

A Mogy bt A Howard 8, 9, -9, 5;

K Le Fevre bt S Perks 9, -14, -11, 7, 10;

R Baker bt L May 9, -14, -11, 7, 10;

S/F Reynolds bt Mogy 6, -7, 11, -6, 9;

Le Fevre bt Baker 4, -10, 10, 4;

Final Le Fevre bt Reynolds 8, -7, 7, 8;

Restricted Singles

Dariusz Zurowski (Mi) bt Matt Pernet (Sy)

Men's Band 1

Dariusz Zurowski (Mi) bt Gary Tendler (E),

Women's Band 1

Amanda Mogy(IRL) bt Sylwia Rozek (POL),

Men's Band 2

Keith Knox (IRL) by Mark Simpson (Du),

Women's Band 2

Sylwia Rozek (POL) bt Rachel Baker (La),

Rungay also enjoyed a comfortable passage to the semi's, where he faced Durham's Michael Marsden, who played a number of matches in the Liverpool league in the past two seasons. It was touch and go at ten all in the first two games, the Scot though shading it 12-10 on both occasions. This seemed to take the sting out of Marsden, Rungay winning the third 11-5.

The final went according to seeding, Rungay comfortably taking the first two games 11-5, 11-6. Prean, who has chalked up many important victories for England over the years, rallied in the third taking it 11-7. In claiming the crown, Rungay became one of a rare brand to retain the title, winning the fourth game 11-9.

Although top seed Lancashire's Lindsey Reynolds, duly reached the final of the women's singles, she came close to being ousted in the previous two rounds. In the last eight, Poland's Sylwia Rozek, who will play in the Liverpool League this season although living in Preston, took the opening two games against Mrs Reynolds and stood at 12-12 in

The first recipient of this season's Tees Sport Player of The Week-end award in the Butterfly Grand Prix series was Kevin Dolder.

Kevin received the award at the City of Liverpool Butterfly Grand Prix which took place last weekend. Kevin, 29, lives in St.Helens, only a few miles from the Wavertree Tennis Centre, the venue for the City of Liverpool Butterfly Grand Prix, and having won the Liverpool league's Men's Singles title no less than eight times, is somewhat of a legend in that part of the world.

Kevin always performs well in front of his home crowd, and this year he did not disappoint with one of the best wins of his table tennis career, beating Dale Barham in a thrilling quarter final encounter.

Kevin received a framed certificate and a £50 Voucher from Tees Sport.

Harvey Webb



How many follow the ETTA web site, I do, the new site is very good, still lots of links, and sometimes difficult to find things till you get used to it, I was scanning through the different links the other week when I spotted a mention of Liverpool and stumbled onto The Fred Perry Table Tennis Urban Cup.

The following web page got me a little excited

13 August 2007

By Jim Beckley

Table Tennis has been put at the top of the governments sporting agenda as a key player in a new initiative to give teenagers in inner city deprived areas a chance to make their name in the run up to the 2012 Olympics.

Our sport is already becoming increasingly popular within inner city schools and youth clubs throughout the UK, due mainly to the lack of playing fields in these areas. Now 48 lucky youngsters from around the UK will have the chance to fly the flag for their city.

The Fred Perry Table Tennis Urban Cup is backed by Sport England, the English Table Tennis Association and Clubs for Young People and has government funding for the next three years.

Teams of 12 to 16 year olds will play in a nationwide competition with a grand final in London in September. The eight cities taking part in this competition include Liverpool, Edinburgh, Durham, London, Birmingham, Bristol and Cardiff who will each provide teams from within chosen youth clubs.

I thought, marvellous, then I thought, hang on, where have we got talent this good playing in the Liverpool League, so I asked around for info to see what was going on, turns out there hasn't been any approaches to the L&DTTL regards this tournament, we definitely fit the bill for nationally recognised inner city deprived areas.

Then I came across this page, also on the ETTA web site, a copy of an article in the Liverpool Daily Post, and there stands the answer to the mystery, Halton Table Tennis Club, Cheshire have hijacked the name of Liverpool and its Youth Clubs to enter the tournament.

Table Tennis: Coaches on look-out for top Liverpool talent

Aug 14 2007

by Alan Easel, Liverpool Daily Post Correspondent

ICONIC sports fashion label Fred Perry launches a new table tennis initiative, the Fred Perry Table Tennis Urban Cup in Liverpool today.

Youngsters are being encouraged to attend a training day to become part of the Liverpool team at Halton Table Tennis Club, Cheshire, between 6pm and 9pm, in preparation for the national finals.

Fred Perry, with the support of the Clubs for Young People, English Table Tennis Association and Sport England, have scoured the youth clubs of Liverpool to source the most promising table tennis talent in the area. A Liverpool team of boys and girls aged between 12 and 16 years, has now been selected to compete against teams from seven other major UK cities at the Urban Cup finals to be held in London on September 8, 2007. The winning city will be crowned Fred Perry Table Tennis Urban Cup Champions 2007

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Congratulations to Fords in winning the title for the first time in their history. The closing weeks of the season saw them maintain their narrow lead over Bootle YMCA and eventually win the league title by a 6 point margin (206-200). Their form was awesome during the last few weeks with 10-0 victories over Manweb CTK A and CADWA whilst Ken Jackson saved Bath Street from such a fate when he beat Terry Turner 11/7 in the 5th set. Wavertree Labour managed to secure 3 points off them, Christian Petzche beating Malcolm McEvoy and Phil Luxon and Alice Howard also getting the better of Phil. They averaged over 7.9 points per game throughout the season with Kevin Dolder 21 from 22 and an average of 95.45%, Malcolm 62/69 89.86%, Terry 47/58 81.03% and Andy Taylor 28/38 73.68%, a formidable set of stats that proved to be just too good for Bootle YMCA who were the only team to come close to matching them.



Bootle certainly never gave up hope but crucially dropped 4 points to Crosby High at week 21. In this match Andy Mudie and Tom Bray were both in excellent form in achieving victories over Wayne Percival and Alan Chase. 9-1 victories followed against Bath Street A and Marconi. The Marconi doubles pairing of those two 'young athletes', Bob Edwards and Trevor Owens played out of their skin to beat the Keith Williams/ Alan Chase partnership 12/10 in the deciding set, well done boys. Another resounding 8-2 win over Harold House kept the ball rolling but they could never get quite close enough to put real pressure on Fords, Keith was his usual consistent self throughout the season and once again ended up top of the averages with a magnificent 69 wins from 71 producing an average of 97.18%.

In third place we have Wavertree Labour on 104 points, having won the division the previous season and strengthening the squad with the acquisition of Christian Petzche, they must have hoped for better, however, after a fine first half to the season they gradually fell off the pace. In their 7-3 victory over Manweb, Aaron Beech was beaten by both Paul Evans and John Henshaw, and Paul confirmed his excellent form in also beating Alice Howard in 4 sets. At week 25 Aaron was joined by the up and coming Ken Armson and Stan Clarke when they faced CTK A. Aaron was in top form in winning his 3 on the night to secure his teams 3 points.

Christ the King took fourth spot on 153 points but they fell apart alarmingly during the run in, in the absence of Peter Lee and John Lau. In the last 6 weeks they gave a walk over to Bootle YMCA, played with only 2 players on 4 occasions but beat CADWA A 7-3 when they employed the surprise tactic of turning out 3 players, Keith Bird won his 3 in this match coming back from 2 sets down to defeat Graeme Black 11/8 in the decider and

partnering Michael Kwan to take the doubles. Michael and Jason Ao, who normally ply their trade in the fourth division, both contributed with Michael beating both Mike Power and Rob Davis and Jason getting the better of Rob. In their match (?) against CADWA we had the unusual final score of 7-2 because both teams fielded only 2 players, thus, making one match void and only 5 matches being played on the night, hopefully after paying all the fines incurred they will be able to afford to pay the league fees for next season and get back to normal.

Crosby High's young side came next on 147 points, In the closing weeks they had fine 9-1 victories over relegation candidates Bath Street A and CADWA A, but also went down by this score when they sent a weakened team to Harold House, Cherrith Graham saved a whitewash in coming back from 2 sets down to beat Alec Bryce. Andrew Mudie has proved to be a fine acquisition playing consistently and losing only to the better players in the league, he can be pleased with an 80% record in his first season in Liverpool.

Bath St (136) had a nice steady season with Ken Jackson as usual leading the way, playing in every match and ending up with a very respectable 84% win record, he was ably supported by Eddie Crowley, and Jamie Hewitt, who acquitted himself well in his first season at this level. They recorded a 7/3 victory over Manweb who had Les Molyneux making a rare appearance and proving how much Manweb have missed him by taking his 3 singles. Ricky Brown came in as a reserve in their 7/3 loss to Wavertree Labour and did well to get the better of Roy Smith. Gary Watson, however, was the star of the night winning his 3 without dropping a set.

After poor early season form Harold House rallied well to end on a respectable 130 points, Mark Roscaleer did well to beat Wayne Percival and Alan Chase when they went down 8/2 to Bootle YMCA. In their 8/2 victory over Cadwa A Ken Connor remained unbeaten with Graeme Black taking his teams 2 points with wins over Steve Whalley and Alec Bryce. This score was repeated when they visited Bath St A, with Ken again playing well to win his 3, including a marathon 11/9 fifth set victory over myself, I managed to secure a point in beating Steve, and Mike Keane rolled back the years in beating Mark 11/8 in the deciding game.

Merseyside Police (117) had a reasonable season and will have been pleased with the playing records of Jon Taylor (73%), Paul Gittins (65%) and brother Steve (54%). In his first season at this level Jon Dyson did not let them down and did well to beat Peter Lau when they gained an impressive 8/2 victory over CTK A. Week 25 saw them go down 6/4 to Crosby High when he joined Paul and Jon Taylor in beating Cherrith, with Jon T gaining their other point in beating Tom Bray.

In the final week of the season they beat Bath St A 6/4, Steve was in excellent form in winning his 3, but Paul, unusually for him, lost 2 on the night, Fred Bainbridge swung his bat to good effect in his 13/11 fifth set victory over Paul, whilst Paul and I forgot all about the 11 up rule when I secured a 21/19 win in the 3rd. before moving on I must congratulate the Police side on the refreshments they provide (by far the best in the division) and their continued friendly and sporting attitude towards all opponents.

After being in the relegation dog fight CTK A (110) did well to consistently pick up late season points and finish in a respectable position, they were the beneficiaries of some good fortune in playing against some weakened opposition in defeating Crosby High, who put out 2 reserves, 6/4, a 7/3 victory over their first team, who strangely had only 2 players, including a reserve, and the aforementioned 7/3 victory over a depleted Wavertree Labour.

Cadwa (105) also managed to pull clear of the relegation spots late in the season, their case was helped by Chris Ford turning out at week 23 against fellow strugglers Marconi resulting in a 9/1 win, Ian Wensley played very well to take Marconi's lone point in defeating Peter Taylor, they must have been particularly thankful for their 7/2 victory over CTK, mentioned earlier in my notes. They earned a creditable draw when facing the Police, and Gavin Lloyd had one of his best nights of the season, winning on his 4 visits to the table, he also did well in beating Aaron Beech when saving the whitewash at Wavertree Labour, Gavin has done very well in securing 54% in his first season in the division, he and Peter Taylor must have found it very hard throughout the season without the support of a regular 3rd player, as individuals they deserve full credit for "being there" most weeks and never letting their heads drop. No doubt Chris Ford's availability for 8 matches, in which he gained 22 points, was a major factor in keeping them up but I personally have found it a great disappointment to see the cards each week and find a team turning up regularly with only 2 players. Hopefully, Cadwa can sort out this problem for next season as it is not fair to Gavin and Peter, or their opponents, to play short on a regular basis.

Bath St A just about kept our heads above water (94) and could count ourselves lucky when we were the recipients of a 10/0 walk over against Wavertree Labour, initially Wavertree turned up on the wrong night for the original scheduled match and every effort was made to ensure the match was played, however, on the day of the rescheduled match a phone call was received to say they would not be appearing and we, therefore, were provided with the 10 points, without these points we would have deservedly been relegated, and Marconi who finished 2 points behind would have retained their first division status. A fine 9/1 victory over Manweb certainly helped the cause, with Paul Evans

coming back from 2 sets down to beat Mike Keane and gain Manweb's sole point.

Cadwa A (93) struggled towards the end of the season because of holiday arrangements resulting in the absence of Alan Timewell, at week 25 they lost 6/4 to close rivals Marconi with Graeme Black the star man winning on his 4 visits to the table. An 8/2 loss at Wavertree in the following week, when Alan returned and along with Graeme beat Alice Howard, meant they went into their final match, rearranged against Police, needing 2 points to be safe, they achieved that target in the first 2 matches and ended up with a comfortable draw. Graeme's return to the first division after a long absence with him ending up with a record of 46 wins from 76 (60%). This was by far the best of any player of the teams in the lower reaches, well done Graeme!

Marconi never gave up hope gaining a draw against 2 man CTK A at week 24, followed by that 6/4 victory over Cadwa A the following week, meant they had a realistic chance of staying up when facing up to their final match, unfortunately for them this match was against Bootle YMCA and the one point they took was not enough to escape the drop.

Manweb (76) were always doomed after losing the services of Tomas Rzeszotko before Christmas, Paul Evans and John Henshaw battled manfully, but without the support of a 3rd player capable of picking up points at this level, they were not good enough to escape relegation, just how different their fate could have been was displayed in the final 2 weeks of the season when Les Molyneux played against Bath St and Harold House, with his only loss being to Ray Jackson at HH. in this match Paul Evans and his father Alan both did well to get the better of Steve Whalley in their 6/4 defeat.

Another season over with both the championship and relegation issues going all the way, however, I cannot help believing that the 14 teams in the division meant that the season dragged on too long for some players and teams. The cards for last few weeks of the season were littered with teams playing short or playing reserves plus the occasional walk over, most teams were in the comfort zone with little to play for, their interest seemed to falter and too many easy points were conceded by fielding weakened sides, perhaps this aspect needs to be considered when deciding upon the formation of divisions for the forthcoming season.

In contrast to this moan I congratulate those magnificent club men who played virtually all the matches throughout the season, Mike Power led the way playing 78, Ken Jackson, Graeme Black and Ahmed Thabet 76, Paul Evans 75, Dave Tagg 73 and Keith Williams 71. The commitment of these players has to be praised and it is perhaps significant that with the exception of Keith none were playing in teams that had a chance of winning the league, without the commitment of these and many others whose results are not setting the world on fire the league would suffer greatly.

Well !! my last words in the last summary were, "I hope the rest of the season is as interesting and exciting" and it certainly panned out that way, the race for the line this season kept us, like a good Australian soap opera, gripped right to the end of the season, checking daily for any new instalments to the plot. Would Maghull be able to maintain their relentless surge for the title? would the top teams be able to stay free from injury? would Paul Banks be finally uncovered as merely a chopper from the old fifth division? would Bath Street 'B' wake up in the shower, realise it was all a dream and come back and win the title???? well let's see!!



Week 21

First up are **Wavertree Labour 'A'** with a home tie against **Manweb 'A'**, Dave Roberts moving into 4th gear, (yes I think his best is yet to return) is hardly troubled, and only Roy Adams is able to take a game off him, Dave Harse takes two off Mick Tierney and Paul Banks, while Roy Adams also chips in with a win over Mick, to make the score 7-3 to Wavertree. Next up, **Maghull** who beat **Fords 'A'** also 7-3, Matt Wilson and Steve Woods taking all three singles, Robbie Goldson and Grahame Reid proving once again what great players they are by beating Tony Kendall, both in the fifth. **Christ The King 'B'** faced an away match at **Marconi 'A'** this week, and were relatively untroubled winning 8-2, that man again, Ian Wensley pipping Billy Cheung 11-9 in the fifth for Marconi's only singles win. **Greenbank** went down 3-7 to **Bath Street 'C'** this week, with John Appleton, Mark Palmer and Tony Edge all taking one singles win, interestingly, each over different Bath Street players. **Police 'A'** entertained **Maghull 'A'** to a 5-5 draw this week. Terri-Ann, Alan Jones and Fred Pheysey all taking two singles wins. **Cadwa 'B'** managed to field Colin Rourke this week in their match with **Manweb 'B'** and he brought them their only two points, he was however unable to take Alan Evans, and Cadwa lost 2-8.

Week 22

Top of the table clash this week between **Christ The King 'B'** and **Maghull**, both sides had their big guns out and it lived up to its billing with five of the singles ties going to 5 sets, Mat Wilson was the man of the match here taking all three singles and combining with Tony Kendall to take the doubles gave Maghull a very respectable 7-3 win. Next up are **Manweb 'A'** who found a full strength **Greenbank** a bit of a struggle and only managed 3 singles wins, Roy Adams supplying two of them, one of these preventing John Appleton from taking a brace and Andy Lloyd taking the other over Mark Palmer. **Fords 'A'** only dropped two points at

home to **Police 'A'** this week, Dave Holland preventing Paula Adamson-French from her full compliment. **Bath Street 'C'** were in fine form this week as they sent **Manweb 'B'** home with an 8-2 loss, Alan Evans and Trevor Barraclough stopping the rot with wins over Dave Stodden. A two man **Cadwa 'B'** team faced an uphill struggle against **Marconi 'A'** and only managed one singles win from Steve Graham over Ted Gilmour, Peter Wass and Ian Wensley taking all their singles and the doubles for a 9-1 win. **Crosby High 'A'** visited **Maghull**

'A' this week and came away with a 7-3 win, Dave Evans was man of the match here taking his three, Peter Holmes tried to hold back the tide with wins over Roger Neal and Sylvia Graham.

Week 23

The **Maghull** express this week flattens poor **Cadwa 'B'** 10-0 and Tony Kendall has some words to say; *'we are managing to keep up the good scores and putting pressure on Wavertree and CTK. With beating CTK last week, we are in a good position to push on and both Matt and Steve played well this match and Tony K. even won his three!! It has been a long season and we look forward to the final two games'*. **Christ The King 'B'** took a 7-3 victory this week at **Fords 'A'** without losing any matches. The three points gained by Fords was due to CTK only fielding two players, I wonder how costly that will be at the end of the season. **Wavertree Labour 'A'** visited **Maghull 'A'** this week and came away with a 9-1 victory, Kevin Lewis stopping the rot here, with a win over John Rowan. **Marconi 'A'** faced **Bath Street 'C'** this week and were undone by man of the match John Langton who took his three. Rob Peat also chipped in with two and Ian Wensley provided two points for Marconi, the score finishing at 3-7 to Bath Street. The **Manweb Derby** was a bit of a one sided affair this week, **Manweb 'A'** winning 9-1. Dave Harse and Andy Lloyd, both taking their three, Sharon Woolerton managed some respectability with a win over Neil Jennings. What looked like it was going to be a great game fizzled out somewhat in the match between **Crosby High 'A'** and **Police 'A'**, **Police 'A'** unfortunately, could only field two players and subsequently lost 7-3, special mention here to Tom Purcell who had great wins over Rob Wylie and Roger Neal, only Sylvia Graham being able to stop Tom from taking his three here.

Week 24.

Christ The King 'B' made a further dent in their title hopes this week only managing a draw with **Police 'A'** at home, Dele Olyumbo providing three of the points for CTK, special mention here to Paula. A. French, who seems to be getting stronger as the season progresses, and would have taken her three here except for being pipped by Dele 11-8 in the fifth. **Wavertree**

Labour 'A' had a tough night at **Crosby High 'A'** this week, and managed, somehow to come away with a 3-7 win, Dave as usual took his three singles and was helped out by John Rowan picking up two points, Roger Neal had a great night totally bamboozling Paul Banks as well as pipping John Rowan 11-8 in the fifth. **Maghull** continued their relentless surge in a match away at **Bath Street 'C'** where they were only dragged into one five setter, Dave Stoddern being pipped 10-12 by Steve Woods, and they surged home with 10 valuable points in the bag. **Greenbank** only managed 3 points this week against **Maghull 'A'**, Peter Holmes and Kevin Lewis both bagging a brace. **Fords 'A'** showed little sympathy for **Cadwa 'B's** plight this week and thumped them 10-0, Frank James, Rob Goldson and Dave Holland the victorious team. **Manweb 'A'** should have taken all ten points from their home tie with **Marconi 'A'**, Dave Harse, Andy Lloyd and Roy Adams all took three points in the singles but were denied the tin hat by Frank McCann and Ian Wensley in the doubles.

Week 25. (Penultimate Week)

Police 'A' entertained **Wavertree Labour 'A'** this week, Terri-Ann, Paula and Tom Purcell all managed one singles win as the game finished 3-7, Dave Roberts and Mick Tierney remaining strong as ever and only let down by their number three, Paul Banks, who has only taken two points from his last two games and does appear to be regressing back to his fifth division days, difficult opposition, end of season pressure or over self-criticism?, probably all three!! No messing this week as **Christ The King 'B'** wallop **Cadwa 'B'** 10-0, Ming Liu, Billy Cheung and Dele Olyumbo, the team, only two sets going to the fifth set as Steve Graham and Rob Davies take Dele to a decider. **Maghull**, slightly less relentlessly, surged to an 8-2 win over **Manweb 'A'**, Tony Kendall takes over: - *"Our last game and a great result to beat a team of Manweb's quality by 8-2 is a tremendous achievement. It was a good game with only two being three setters. Notwithstanding any league changes, this result ensures our promotion as Christ The King can't catch us. Our results since Christmas have been fantastically consistent and I would like to thank my team mates Matt Wilson and Steve Woods."* Tony says it all here I think, only to add that these three have been a formidable team and well done!! **Greenbank** field Mr Rogala in their match against **Crosby High 'A'** and therefore limit the level of Crosby's success to 6-4, Dave Evans, Rob Wylie and Sylvia Graham, all successful over John Appleton and Tony Edge, special mention to Sylvia as the only one to take a game off Greenbank's number one. **Manweb 'B'** had a bit of an off night against **Maghull 'A'** this week and lost all of their singles, they were rescued by the doubles pairing of Neil Jennings and Alan Cameron who beat Alan Jones and Kevin Lewis in the fourth set. **Fords 'A'** managed their 8th draw of the season, (a feat only equalled by Merseyside Police in the first division), against **Bath Street 'C'**, Grahame Reid takes over: - *"With the exception of John*

Langton murdering me we won ours easier than they won theirs, but we still needed the doubles (again) to get a draw (again)".

Week 26. (Final Week)

Christ The King 'B' played out their last game of the season away at **Bath Street 'C'** with Ben Chen in as reserve at number three, Ben did manage to ask questions of the 'Bath Street Boys' but unfortunately for Christ The King, they all knew the answers, John Langton picked up the other point with a great win over Billy Cheung, Dele Olyumbo was the only unscathed player of the night as CTK won 6-4. **Cadwa 'B'** could only manage one point against **Police 'A'** as George Higham overcame Paula A-French in the fourth set, Brenda Buoe, Paula, and Tom Purcell the victors here. **Fords 'A'** ended the season with a flourish and a fine win over **Manweb 'A'** away, Rob Goldson untouchable on the night with wins over Dave Harse, Andy Lloyd and Roy Adams, and with Rob and Dave combining in the pairs they also took the doubles for a 7-3 win. Peter Holmes (again) was man of the match for **Maghull 'A'** as they inflicted a 7-3 defeat over **Marconi 'A'**, ably assisted by Alan Jones and Kevin Lewis, their main obstacle was Frank McCann who took two points for Marconi. Before they played their last game of the season **Wavertree Labour 'A'** knew that they had to get 5 points against **Greenbank** to draw and effectively win the division, Michael Rogala's presence in the team meant four (with the doubles) points down already, Dave Roberts and Paul Banks took their other two singles, John Rowan however loses out to Tony Edge to make the score line 5-4. Some kind of pressure for young John Rowan to take on in his last game against John Appleton, if he wins the game his side win the division!! these kind of things do not however seem to bother John, and he wins the game and the title for Wavertree.

Wavertree win the title despite drawing on points with Maghull due to rule 21a (Wavertree being the winners in the two games that the top two sides played).

Congratulations then to Wavertree Labour, Dave Roberts, Mick Tierney, Paul Banks and John Rowan.

Congratulations also to Maghull, Mat Wilson, Tony Kendall and Steve Woods, not only for coming second but also for the formidable form and focus they showed in the second half of the season.

Well we have had almost everything I promised at the start,(i) a relentlessly surging Maghull,(ii) the effect of not having a consistent line up / injuries etc and (iii) Paul Banks showing his shortcomings. (iv) Only Bath Street 'B' were unable to live up to their billing.

Seriously though, it has been a great season, with friendliness, competitiveness, good sports, and a very high standard of table tennis. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to summarise the season in the digests. Thank you all for making it so.

Paul Banks

At the time of writing my last set of notes Bootle Y.M.C.A.A held the top spot on level points with Harold House A with Bath St. D closely behind, and I forecast that the two promoted teams would be the teams that regularly turned out their strongest line-up, and so it proved to be. The three teams battled neck and neck until week 25 when Bootle Y.M.C.A.A lost the services of John Higham for the final two matches of the season and only managed to draw with Wav.Lab.B, and lost their final match of the season against Bath St. D 4/6, and that proved to be the final nail in their "Promotion coffin", missing second place by just three points, I suggest they place an embargo on John's holiday dates next year.



There were several similar close run things amongst the rest of the division, Bootle Y.M.B and Marconi B finished level on 136 points, Bootle being awarded fourth place, Wav.Lab C and Marconi C were separated by just one point and the two relegated teams Wav.Lab D and Maghull C finished on level points with Maghull taking the wooden spoon.

So much for the broad picture but now a more in-depth look at the matches week by week.

WEEK 21.

Harold House A continued on their merry way beating Manweb C 7/3, but not before Neil Jennings won all three of his sets, beating Eddie Clein 9/11 in the fifth before disposing of John Hughes three straight and pairing with brother Paul to beat Eddie and John in the doubles. Wav. Lab. D had Steve Perry making a rare appearance but despite him beating James Noon Labour went down 4/6. Bath St. D beat Bootle Y.M.B 7/3, but Shakil Malik beat Mark Patterson, Arthur Garnett beat Neil Pritchett and Bert Rivers beat Les Gee. Bath St. E also lost to Bootle Y.M.A 3/7 with Billy Clayton beating Ritchie Winkle and Keith Wright beating Roly Wright. Wav.Lab.C had an unexpected win against Maghull B 6/4, Dong Xia beating Phil Christie and Rod Bulmer, Dave Goulden made it a bad night for Phil taking their match 11/8 in the fifth, a great win for Steph Howard over George Frost in three straight, and Ken Armson beat Tom Downing. Marconi C beat Wav.Lab.B 6/4, and Maghull C were thrashed 2/8 by Marconi B, Chris Roberts winning both points for Maghull.

WEEK22.

The "Derby" match between Wav.Lab.B and C produced a rare victory for the C team over their club mates who were handicapped by the absence of Colin Fyles through injury, with Ken Armson winning two

singles and Steph. Howard unbeaten on the night. Another "Derby" match between the two Harold House teams, but this time the senior side put their colleagues to the sword with an emphatic 9/1 victory, Paul Morgan beating reserve Rob Midgley to save the whitewash. Manweb C lost to Bath St. E as Neil Jennings was unable to complete any of his sets due to an injury in his first set against Ted Cramsie. Marconi B disposed of Wav. Lab.D 7/3, another injury

saw Eric Spencer unable to play his final two sets, but a good win for Andy Bird over John McCann. Bootle Y.M.A beat Marconi C 8/2, but good wins for Paul Loftus over Ritchie Winkle and Ken Roberts over Roly Wright. Bootle Y.M. B roasted Maghull C 7/3, Eddie Preston the man of the match for Maghull as he beat Mike Hughes and Steve Daniels.

WEEK 23.

Maghull B suffered a 3/7 battering by Wav.Lab.B despite Tony Connor stepping down for the Wavertree side, Mike Ashton and Bill Stanley on song and undefeated on the night. Manweb C beat Marconi C 6/4 with Paul Jennings undefeated on the night. Bath St. E lost 4/6 against Harold House B, Billy Clayton losing to Rob Midgley and Paul Morgan for a rare double defeat. Harold House A inflicted a whitewash on Marconi B. As did Bath St.D over Maghull C, a bit closer this match with two sets needing all five games and Harry McGanity so very close when he lost 11/13 against Peter Ross. Wav. Lab. D lost 3/7 against Bootle Y.M.B, their points all down to Andy Bird who was undefeated on the night. Wav.Lab C were whitewashed by Bootle Y.M. A only Dong Xia pushing the opposition as he lost 9/11 to John Higham in the fifth.

WEEK 24.

Marconi B and Bath St. E fought out a draw, Ted Cramsie winning his two singles for the Crosby team and Karen Gibson holding out to beat Russell Thornton 17/15 in the fifth. Manweb C and Wav.Lab.C also drew with Neil Jennings winning two singles, Ken Armson and Steph Howard both beating Peter Carney, Stan Clarke beating Alan Biggs in their singles match and combining with Ken to beat Neil and Peter in the doubles. Bootle Y.M.A beat Maghull B 8/2, bad night for Danny Every as he lost to Tom Downing and Chris Roberts. Harold House B beat Marconi C 6/4 despite being a player short, Derek Scotland the only winner on the night for Marconi when he beat Mike Poole. Wav. Lab. B lost 3/7 against Bath St. D but Tony Connor went all the way against Mark Patterson and Neil Pritchett losing 10/12 against Mark and 7/11 against Neil, both

Colin Fyles and Bill Stanley beat Peter Ross. Harold House A continued on their merry way with a 9/1 defeat of Bootle Y.M.B, Shakil Malik saving the whitewash by beating Martin Roberts, and Maghull spoiled their run of defeats by beating Wav.Lab.D 7/3, Tony Mitchell beating both Bill Salter and Steve McGanity for the Wavertree boys.

WEEK25.

Just two more weeks of the season left, Harold House A lead with 184 points, ahead of Bootle Y.M.A on 182 and Bath St.E with 179 in third spot, so still all to play for, but for Bootle the wheels are about to come off as we will see.

Harold House A beat Maghull C 7/3, Steve McGanity and Brian Gregory beating Rob Midgley in the singles and Bill Salter and Harry McGanity beating Eddie Clein and John Hughes in the doubles. Wav.Lab.B drew with Bootle Y.M.A, with John Higham on holiday Bootle brought in Mick Allen at no. 4, not a bad reserve, but, he beat Colin Fyles then lost to Bill Stanley, Roly lost his two singles against Tony Connor and Colin Fyles and Wavertree won the first doubles, so from the Bootle point of view five sets lost and their grip on second place in jeopardy .Bath St. D capitalised on their opportunity by thrashing Wav.Lab. D 9/1, with a victory by Tony Mitchell over Les Gee saving the whitewash, so second place achieved and the crunch match to come next week. Bath St. E lost 4/6 against Bootle Y.M.B, another set conceded as Shakil Malik is injured and could not play Karen Gibson. Wav.Lab C had an excellent result against a weakened Harold House B winning 8/2, a rare treble for Stan Clarke and for Ken Armson, five sets needing five games to produce a winner, and just to round off a memorable evening the set between Steph. Howard and Mike Poole needed expedite for the last two games. The Marconi C v Marconi B match resulted in a draw, two singles wins each for Paul Loftus and Derek Scotland, with the last two sets of the night, the doubles, shared.

WEEK 26.

Final round of matches except for a few rearranged matches.

Wav. Lab. D were the hosts to champions elect Harold house A and duly succumbed 2/8 , the only singles win for Labour coming when Tony Mitchell beat Martin Roberts, he then combined with Andy Bird to beat Martin and Rod McPherson in the doubles. Bootle Y.M.A entertained Bath St. D to determine runners-up place, Bath St. took an early two sets lead by winning both doubles and went further ahead when Mark Patterson beat Roly Wright, the first success for Bootle came when reserve Mick Allen beat Les Gee in the fourth set, but Bath St. struck back to win the fifth set as Neil Pritchett beat Danny Every, Mick Allen gave the Bootle team a glimpse of hope as he beat Peter Ross

in the sixth set. Strange! Six sets played and neither no.1 having been in singles action, the seventh set rectified that as Ritchie Winkle played Mark Patterson in a set where Mark was the emphatic winner in the straight, that win in effect ensured Bath St. promotion as the best Bootle could achieve would be a draw which was not good enough, in the event Bath St. D went on to win the match 6/4.

Maghull C lost 2/8 when they entertained Bath St.E, another bad night for Billy Clayton as he lost to Brian Gregory and Eddie Preston. Bootle Y.M. B lost at home to Marconi C, who I think are probably the most improved team of the season, 3/7. Harold House B lost 6/4 against Maghull B, unusually George Frost losing both singles for the visitors. Manweb C suffered a thrashing 10/0 home defeat at the hands of Wav.Lab.B, it didn't help that they were a player short, but it is unusual for Neil Jennings to loose both singles, as he did in this match, against Tony Connor and Mike Ashton. Wav.Lab.C fought out a draw with a weakened Marconi B, mainly due to two good wins by Dong Xia over Tony Mullally and Paul Loftus.

Just a few rearranged matches to cover and I am done of this season.

Wav.Lab.C lost 4/6 against Marconi C, but then they did have yours truly in their team. Marconi B lost 3/7 against Bootle Y.M. B, I bet Bootle are thanking their lucky stars as on the night they lost 3/7, but Marconi played two players out of order, conceding for sets which they thought they had won, a plea on the back of the card for long pimples to be banned and I can guess who wrote that, funny though Bootle only have one player in this team who plays with long pimples. And finally Manweb C beat Maghull B 7/3, glad to report that my old friend George Frost won both of his singles in this match.

I wish you all a long rest until next season and a return on your best form.

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Congratulations to **Aigburth 1st** in becoming the Division 4 Champions, more congrats for not losing a match, the only team to do so across all divisions. Tops in the averages: No.1 - Alan, just losing 2 games, No.2 - Ian (4th Division Singles Champion too), No.3 - Graham and No. 4 - Lee, so they deservedly came out on top, and Cup winners; quite a golden season!

When CADWA 'D' played them in their last match, they were already Champions elect, but that didn't mean they took it easy, getting revenge for the previous draw, 9-1, Alan's bat was showing the strains of a long, tough season, maybe the flapping rubber helped to cool him down.

Against MCA'E', the showcase match was the battle of the No.1's, Davies v Preston, like two prize fighters, no love lost as both men went about the task exchanging blows, Eddie soaked up the punches till he put Alan on the ropes, over in round 4, 11/9 to Mr Preston, Alan didn't take it too well, and maybe that's where the bat damage came from. The team's average was 8-2, and there were a few 10-Nils dished out, good luck in the upper reaches.

They will be joined by club mates **Aigburth 'A'**, who probably had the bigger challenge in matching the 'A' team's big brother's achievements, working that bit harder to open up a gap on their rivals, the major difference between them and Ctk'C' was the ability to grasp wins out of draws, they did that on 3 occasions, when Ctk'C' failed to do so. Norman had a standout season at No 2/3, they also robbed Aigburth 1st of the one title they didn't get - best doubles performance, 36/40 a whopping 90%, which shows, like great comedy partnerships, Norman & Dave, Derek & Eric are getting better with age. Week 25 saw a crucial 6-4 win over Ctk'C', Dave was undone by Ben and Michael, Norman advanced his averages by winning his two with Alvin and Jason, however, his reputation in the doubles with Dave was dented due to a fine performance by Ben & Michael, Derek hit a purple patch beating firstly Alvin then Ben (12-10 in't 4th) in the last match to clinch the team's victory.

Aigburth 'B's Liam Tildsley was not in for the match with their promotion chasing 'A' team, so the 10-0 scoreline not entirely unexpected! Dropped? or just a case of not wishing to shoot oneself in the foot? A match that could have been postponed as it clashed with finals night was played 3 aside, as CADWA 'C' also had problems putting out a team and fielded 2 reserves! I know cos I was there. Liam beat I over 5, the only singles match not won in 3, the doubles also didn't



go to 3, but 4 as John & Liam took advantage of a narrow 14/12 3rd game win to open up in the 4th. In case you are wondering, if a game involves two no shows, then it is voided, hence the match score here was 3-5. The 3rd team is a great spot for social players and new beginners, thus Barry's jazzy shorts were a big discussion point as was the new found nugget of Liam, I don't see Liam playing at No.3 in the 3rd team again next year, the problem is in which team to play

Liam, the 8 men promoted will want to hold on to their places and quite rightly should be allowed to give it a go in the higher division.

For the club, 11 players in top 20, 70% of top 10 - a record of strength in depth.

Christ the King 'C's Michael Kwan was close to Alan in the averages, also losing only 2 but playing 10 games less, and playing at either 2/3. With Ctk it never seemed clear who the top 4 players were, the uncertainty caused their shock exit from the Cup, their last match was played out 10-0 against Bootle YMCA'C'. A fine 6-4 win at CADWA'C', Peter Roberts btg both Ben (in 5) & Robert early on, Michael & Jason putting points on the board. Linacre returned North with 4 plundered points, as everyone proved to be fallible, Mr Reeve was Mr unstoppable, Mr Nelson had his best win of the season, over Michael. First match on and Harry wasted no time in getting the 1st game down, Michael steadied with a win from deuce in the 2nd, Harry took the 3rd in the same affirmative fashion as the first, Michael again tied, winning the 4th, in the 5th Harry had enough wit and energy to take it 11/7, after that 'H' can be forgiven for letting a 2-1 lead against Ben slip in the 4th match, which would have seen them go 4-0 up! Jack helped set this up with a thrilling 5 setter with Francis, Francis got the better of a remarkable 21-19 (old rules?) 3rd game, but the exhilaration of winning such an epic game, didn't carry over as Jack bounced back to take the next 2 assuredly.

Indeed a good year for old warhorses **Linacre**, Harry Reeve 3rd in rankings, beating MCA'E's Eddie Preston on their turf - a personal triumph in a 7-3 win, Johnny Tsang won his 2; a great comeback against Jack Davidson 11/6 in the 5th, a situation Jack already knew having just beaten Alan Chan in the same manner. Best team performance - 8-2 over Bootle YMCA'C', Jim G was fast out of the traps in first singles on btg Harry Nelson in 3, Steve D bt Jack for the other point, Ken Ainsworth had a good night, emulating his doubles partner Mr Reeve in being undefeated on the night.

Peter Roberts was CADWA's best player, 4th equal in the averages, CADWA having a middle season, best exemplified by the players in the 2 teams, occupying ranking 7 out of the 9 spots from 22 to 30, position 22 corresponding to 2/3 wins and 30 being the 50% mark. Ian Lunt had a good season 72% pb. 'C's last game was a cruising 9-1 versus MCA'E', but significantly Eddie Preston got the point off Peter Roberts, battling across 5 games, he was latterly overturned by Ian Lunt (I said he was having a good season) in 4. What could have been if only George's error of good intention were undone?

MCA'D had one of their best wins right at the end - 7-3 over BYM'C', unusually Naresh lost his two, the back of card reveals: "Naresh played on valiantly despite injuring his leg in the first game, he was helped by being given lots of medical advice by everybody else! Gary did a great job of rescuing the ball from every nook & cranny, last game of the season so we had blueberry muffins all round." Draws with Aigburth 'B'; everyone winning a singles, Alan came close to an amazing comeback with Liam over 5. Across to Aigburth 'A' without Naresh was a tough ask, Loon assisted in taking 2 points off Ray Jones twice, firstly, in their singles match and then again in doubles where he was partnered by veteran Jimmy, whilst Ray had v.veteran Eric, Loon found Eric a much tougher prospect as Woodsy's "killer" instinct dominated.

CADWA 'D' went down 4-6 to Aigburth 'A'. Derek beat John in the battle of the ones, John recovered to beat Dave in a fantastic 5 setter, when it looked like he would go out in the 4th, but edged it 12/10. Dave found Jack Highton on form too, as he bounced back from 2-love down, Jack couldn't beat Eric Wood, who got some revenge after losing to Paul Webb in the first match on, his best win of the season, trounced 11/2, 11/3 in the 1st 2 games, the 3rd hung on a knife edge as Paul won 12/10, and he maintained momentum in the next 2 games.

Jack Highton v Dave Batty, 1st in the Harold House 'C's match, proved to be the best, Dave took an early lead by winning the 2nd set 13/11, Jack kept at Dave and wore him down to take the next 3. 2nd best match, Paul Webb v Garry Abrams, a tense start which Paul won from deuce, the tactics then worked out best for Garry, thus Paul changed his approach and went for everything, winning the decider to 4.

Bootle YMCA 'C' enjoyed a rare 7-3 win over Aigburth 'B', Neil Croxton beat Jim in 5, before losing to Dave Oakes in 5 as well, Liam at No.4 beat Steve & Gary for his brace, doubles to BYM, with the 1st by 11/9 in the 5th; experience telling (Jim & Dave over Neil & Liam). V. CADWA 'C' 2-8, surprisingly Ian Burrows beat No.2 Steve Daniels quite comfortably but lost to No.4 John Taylor! CADWA 'D' put out a strong side to ensure an 8-2 win, Jim nearly got a first ever victory over John O'Sullivan, just losing the decider 9/11, Steve also had a

pop at John and Me, unfortunately he saw 4 deuce matches go against him (one 15/17 and three 13/15), Gary Williams showed much character by putting aside defeat from Paul Lunan, to team up with Steve to win the 1st doubles in 3 games to the astonishment of O'Sullivan & Lunan, he used it as a springboard to a clean win in 2nd singles versus Paul Webb.

Personal thanks to Jim Geddes in getting the match played.

Maghull 'E', one short v CADWA D, but Eddie Preston enjoyed the night, beating John & I, the set with John could have gone either way and spun around the focal third game which John seemed to have but Eddie took charge of - this, a bounce back after John won the previous game with some exhibition stuff to 4. 8-2 over Harold House 'C' was their 3rd and last win, of course Eddie won, but Alan struggled to find form and luck, 1-3 v Garry Abrams, where all 3 of Garry's games were won from deuce and Alan's one was 11/3! Worse came against Dave Batty; coasting at 2 up, the 3rd turned on a sixpence 13/15 to Dave, who then took the 4th by the narrowest of margins, before winning by a furlong in the last. Andy & Johnny enjoyed their best night of the season, Andy beating Richard in 3 as did Johnny to Garry, Andy scribes it: "Another good humoured night at Maghull, with Dave Cohen on top form as usual, the "old goat" wasn't feeling too well, hence his less than high standard TT performance, but his wit and sarcasm was as sharp as ever, a good laugh had by all."

Harold House 'C'

Not much of a mention here as mentioned above, Mike Poole hasn't played many games, but can still put in a good show, Garry Abrams was 2-1 up to Lee Proffitt before Lee put his house in order to win out.

Saving the best to last.

Linacre just piped CADWA 'D' into the top 5 thanks to rule 21a, they only needed 1 point in their last game but cared a 0-10! Jack explains: "Both teams arrived but the church hall was taken over as a polling station. As Harold House do not play on a Friday, which is our match night, but we always arrange for a Thursday. Alas we were not informed to the hall being a Polling station.", being at the end of the season there was no time left to rearrange, just as well the match didn't matter in terms of promotion!

Well, not quite a nail biting finish to the season but competitive none the less, but at least we had more matches this year! A lot of players were unable to see out a full season due to serious illnesses and I hope they rest up over summer and are fit again by autumn.

With additional teams we have moved back to 12 division teams and this is certain to cause disappointment to some teams/players but it was made clear when the enforced change to divisions of 14 saw teams unexpectedly promoted that this would be reversed if we were again able to revert to 12 team divisions. The Management Committee will be hoping that this time a full division will be possible for the full season as this is the division that invariably loses out.

I read in a daily paper that the cost of providing new Tennis Centres is in the region of £40 million pound and often these are very poorly used. With this kind of money you could build at least thirty 8 court table tennis centres, possibly more dependent on land costs. Tennis, of course, is a multi million pound sport whereas table tennis is more in the multi thousands but most big towns or cities would have no problem making a table tennis centre viable.



Until I read a piece in the Echo recently I thought I lived in a suburb of Liverpool only to discover I live in a suburb of Halton, a suburb of Widnes. If you walk into Halton TTC for a knock you will rapidly discover that so far as they are concerned you are from Halton so it should be no surprise to learn that they have entered a team under the name of Liverpool in a competition being organised in London. No one outside of Halton knew of this event and the Liverpool League were never consulted or informed. Having looked further into this I find the event is the Fred Perry cup and apparently only open by invitation to selected major cities (since when has Halton been a city let alone a major one).

It is alleged trials would be held, if they were we were not invited to submit names and surprise, surprise those selected are all members of Halton TTC, have never played in Liverpool and to the best of my knowledge don't live in Liverpool. Those running the Fred Perry event have been conned and now find themselves with a team calling themselves Liverpool who have nothing to do with Liverpool and Halton is not even in the same county. How pathetic the lives of some people must be if they are prepared to stoop to such a level to win kudos and get themselves publicity. But should we be surprised at anything that happens concerning this club?

Rankings have always been a mystery to me and I have never been able to understand the self worship paid to player rankings by individuals but I now have cause to change my mind. I mentioned last season that I had entered a Vets tournament and found it a very enjoyable experience and that was that. When a Newsletter came out I casually glanced at the bottom of the Over 60 & Over 70 ratings thinking I just might be in with a zero rating. No such luck for as modern as Vets think they are no one gets listed unless they have 1000 points or more. Imagine my surprise when someone phoned telling me I had 2500 points in the O'70 list putting me in the top 40. I played 5 matches in each event, amassed 2500 in one event and zilch in the other. A very strange ranking system, I might not enter again just to preserve my first ever ranking in table tennis, bring on Keith Williams, I want a few more ranking points!!

Our Closed next season will be 9 March, a date that will again create a very minor clash and with this advance information I hope you will all get your entries in early. This season we are going to have an earlier closing date to see if this sharpens up your mailing priorities as leaving it until the last minute only serves to create stress and problems for yours truly. You will no doubt say serves me right, or more likely comment that I deserve all the stress you can heap on me. We run a quality tournament, try to give competitors as many matches as is possible and it really is your tournament. The Closed can only survive if members enter so if you don't want to see our Closed go the way of many others get your entry in as soon as it is available to you. Copies will be available for downloading from our website.

We have paid L&C League their blood money and next time anyone wants to sound off because our League have without sentiment or favouritism impartially and correctly applied a rule just be grateful you are not with the L&C League as they move the goalposts when it suits them, ignore any rules that don't suit their circumstances and ghost write them to meet their requirements. We have now requested they refund us the fees for the team they illegally expelled but we know they won't pay. The L&C, an organisation in Good Standing with the ETTA, believe their rule book is not binding on their Committee.

After having balanced precariously for several seasons on the edge of a precipice the LBH has finally had to call it a day. A sad day for Liverpool table tennis as this once strong league was popular with players wanting additional

competition and if we are not careful we could well follow them into extinction. For some years the LBH was held together by Arthur Knowlson and I was pleased to hear that he has retained his involvement in table tennis by taking over as secretary of CTK (always be L'pool YM to me) and his drive, knowledge and ability will not be lost to table tennis.

Look around your own club and you will see for yourself that we cannot afford to be complacent about the future of our league. How many new young players has your club introduced in the past two seasons? Does your club have a youth policy? Would your club welcome an influx of new young players? The answer to these questions will generally be a resounding no. Every club in our league is scratching round for players and it is becoming a survival race and we have only ourselves to blame. Most clubs view young players with suspicion and their members feel threatened. Most don't want to accept the additional workload and responsibility generally involved in looking after junior members. Not many have a youth policy and there are very few league members willing to put themselves out by coaching in their own club or in schools. We are way behind most other leagues and falling numbers will inevitably lead to less or smaller clubs. A very small group, Dave Graham being the main man, do take on this work and quite naturally want to see those they coach progress into our league.

The ITTF having finally taken off their blinkers made a decision on the use of glue; inevitably their decision is something of a whitewash. They have withdrawn approval of all glues containing solvents, a pathetic decision that will have zero impact on gluing up. Their decision goes on to say that junior players will not be allowed to use glue containing solvents after 1 January 2008 but seniors can continue using solvent based glue until 31 August 2008. To enforce this, glue testing will take place at major events but they don't say how this can be enforced at any other level. The excuse for senior players is that they need more time to get used to playing without the assistance of solvent glue and this would impact on Beijing. After years of pussy footing around the alleged collapse of a player related to use of solvent glue has compelled them to take action. Presumably they see their decision as being strong and positive when it is anything but.

We sometimes read of how brilliant the GPO is at delivering incorrectly addressed mail. A competitor in a Vetts event that I am due to referee phoned me to say his entry form had just been returned by the GPO after holding it for a month. He had accidentally shown my postcode as being L23 and his returned envelope is stamped 28 June saying no such address in L23. He contacted the GPO who alleged it was his fault for giving an incorrect postcode but what has happened to customer service and commonsense like checking an A to Z?

We ran another quality Grand Prix in August but had few local entries as the ETTA no longer send entry forms by post. As usual we put out an appeal for volunteers to help with a variety of jobs and on Friday afternoon had 15/20 members helping us set up. Come Saturday and Sunday when assistance was needed throughout both days we had only the usual small hard working group and breaking down on the Sunday was again done by the usual small group of volunteers. Plenty of league members dropped in during the day to watch but none volunteered their services. We don't run events for personal glory but for the benefit of our league and I don't believe it is asking too much of league members to spare a couple of hours as volunteers. We don't expect anyone to work all day even though we do, but 7/8 volunteers giving us two hours daily would ease the workload and greatly assist in running these events. I have been unwell for some time following a heavy fall but I still put in three long days and I never ask anyone to do anything I am not prepared to do myself. I paid dearly for my input but have the satisfaction of knowing that I played my part. Unfortunately Saturday was marred by a serious incident, one I view as being the worst I have known in 40 years of tournament work. What the outcome, if any, will be is obviously not known but reports etc have been submitted to ETTA.

I know how difficult writing divisional notes can be but a disturbing trend has crept in as writers try to encompass every match on a weekly match play basis and this has detracted strongly from any impact or interest. Paul Gittins was possibly our best ever correspondent and his notes were humorous, sometimes very critical but always worth waiting for. It is difficult to get material from team captains and an important requirement is to ferret round and find your own information, particularly events they don't want publicised and link this into an article. They are, after all, notes on matters of interest in the division highlighting selected matches rather than an attempt to cover every match in a division. This becomes boring and repetitious and lacks anything that will encourage members to read divisional notes. Writers should not shy away from being controversial or critical and if they have a point of view on any aspect in a division this should be aired to encourage a response from others. A writer may not be flavour of the month amongst his divisional colleagues but he will earn their respect and interest if notes for their division attract interest from players in other divisions.

Long Pimples

The following letter was sent to ETTA Chairman Alex Murdoch by Marconi player Dave Bradley, a passionate letter about his dislike of playing against 'Pimples'

Dear Sirs

I'm writing to add my voice to that of others who have complained about long pimple rubber. I have been playing league table tennis since 1990/1 mostly in the Liverpool Business Houses League, though I also had a season in Wales and this season I have mostly played in the Liverpool League. Last season I got 80% playing 4, then 3, in the Liverpool League 4th (bottom division), this season less than 50% in the 3rd at no. 4. so I am very much a 'lower level' player who plays for the love of the game.

Players like me don't have a prayer against long pimple rubber. It is very disheartening. I have told the club secretary that I will play as a reserve next season so long as the other team don't have a long pimples player. If, contrary to expectations, an opponent is using long pimples, I will concede the game. There is absolutely no point in playing it. I can't win and it is not enjoyable – painful in fact. I play to enjoy the game, winning isn't everything. There was one season I took the place of someone else in a team which had won promotion and only won 6/48 games, but it was an enjoyable season, pitting myself against good players. If I was the club secretary, I would say 'no thank you' and I will understand if that is the reaction – who wants a player who won't play or concedes games? But it is reached the point where I'm struggling to be polite to those using the rubbers as I regard them as cheats. So it really is better to stay away from them, and if that means giving up the game, so be it.

Table tennis is meant to flow. Rallies which flow are great to take part in, win or lose. Rallies involving long pimples are horrible, tense affairs offering nothing to the spectators. It is painful to watch a good player struggle to beat a weak player who has just learnt the trick of plopping the ball back over the net with these dreadful rubbers.

Young players aren't coming through at our level. There is a conveyor belt of coached players who do well at tournaments, but the leagues in Liverpool and North Wales have a dearth of young players who are playing just to enjoy the sport. It feels like no one really cares what happens at our level, and the toleration of unplayable rubbers is simply one symptom of that. Better players can cope with them, so it's just tough on the lower level players.

Items from the internet (many others could have been chosen) -

Hallmark Friction Special A "high effect long pimple rubber with friction. Produces devastating, wobbling

returns. This rubber has been developed to meet the new ITTF requirements for long pimple rubbers."
<http://www.hallmarktt.co.uk/e-long.php>

Hallmark actually have a 'disruption' score and give this rubber 100/100

Comment – this is typical of manufacturer's claims. They celebrate the fact that their rubbers are legal and produce unplayable wobbling returns, highly disruptive of the opponent's game. What other sport would tolerate this?

"when playing against long pimples, your experience lets you down. It is not what your opponent does with his bat that is important but what you did with your last shot. So you have got to re-train your brain and try to remember what you did with your last shot, surprisingly this is not very easy, and even after you train yourself to do it, you will often forget and make the most basic and, seemingly, simple mistakes." "you get your own spin back and make all sorts of mistakes, you become more and more bamboozled"
<http://www.masatenisi.org/english/utirtil3.htm>

The following reply from Alex Murdoch was received by Dave

Dear Dave

Many thanks for your letter of 9th May passed onto me by the office.

It was to be frank good to read your comments as recently I have had some opposition to the ITTF Equipment Committee re evaluation of 'Frictionless Rubbers'. It was agreed in Bremen by the ITTF last year that this matter would be looked at and tests are taking place on rubbers to establish levels

The results and changes will not be announced until 2008/9, so please stick with the sport and let us all see what will happen.

I and the ETTA do care about grass roots. I still play in two Local Leagues and visit many clubs and Local Leagues.

*I decided not to comment on the whole of your letter but to give you some brief background, if you want to chat about this please give me a call on [*] as I did not have your number to ring you*

*Kind regards
(Alex Murdoch)*

The following bits have been extracted from the current ITTF Rules & Regulations, they refer to all “racket coverings” including Dave’s disliked Pimples, but also all the “funny” rubbers of which there are many, mine included!!, I decided to use one of these rubbers (anti) because I was losing heart in my game as I just could not get to grips with the spins that players were throwing at me, now I feel that I can compete again, but it doesn’t give me a guarantee win, players soon get used to it and change their game to suit, and better players than me still win, it’s about adjustment , I’m sure the same goes for playing against pimples, the general game these days has changed from the standard long rallies of the old days, maybe players who have gone over to pimples did so to be able defend against the fast spin, hard hitters, I agree with Dave that when you come up against a “funny” rubber and cannot do anything against it and feel drained of all sense of competing, we feel dejected, but the thing to do is look forward to the next match with the intention of winning, ‘cos that’s what it’s all about playing league.

So don’t give up Dave, either miss playing the pimple players, or better still, go out to beat them.

Modern Technology is changing rubbers so fast and so much money is tied up in sponsorship from the manufacturers that I can’t see many changes, even though the ITTF uses the phrase “detrimental to the sport” many times
Editor

6. Changes in racket coverings

The ITTF authorisation applies to a racket covering as originally submitted and tested; its subsequent alteration, by a supplier, a player or anyone else, is not permitted. Changes from the original design will normally not be permitted. An exception will be changes in the text area only.

7. Supplier’s responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the suppliers to keep their brands on the **List** by paying the fees and keeping the coverings as they were when authorised.

8. Withdrawal of authorisation of racket coverings

It should be noted:

1. that the Equipment Committee has been instructed to deny authorisation to any racket covering that it deems detrimental to the sport,

2. that Board of Directors (BoD) has the right to withdraw the authorisation of any racket covering at any time, if it finds it detrimental to the sport ([The Law 3.2.1.1](#)),
3. that not paying the yearly fee will result in a deletion from the List and a message in the ITTF News if required.

Although only red and black coverings are permitted in ITTF-authorised events, coverings of other colours could still be available bearing the ITTF logo. The use of such coverings in any event is unacceptable use of the logo, which is ITTF’s property.

9. Re-testing of racket coverings

Racket coverings will be re-tested after having been approx. ten years on the **List**. The suppliers will be notified, and there is no additional information required. The test fee will be invoiced.

RONNIE RUMJAHN

It is with great sadness that I have to report the recent passing away of Ronnie Rumjahn, another of the ‘Greats of the 50’s’, Ronnie, a member of the seriously fanatic table tennis Rumjahn family, started playing at the age of 9, with the Rafters Club. Looking back through the Liverpool historical dates, Ron won his first Liverpool Men’s Closed title in 1942 aged 15 / 16, winning another 9 Men’s Closed titles in the following 12 seasons, he represented Lancashire many times and toured Czechoslovakia with the England team in 1946 as life was getting back to normal after WW2. He also enjoyed Hockey, representing Lancashire on many occasions. Ronnie married another T.T.star of the 50’s, Lillian (Pinky) May, who sadly passed away last year.

Our Sympathy goes out to brother Peter and all members and friends of his family

Comment from page 5

The Fred Perry Table Tennis Urban Cup

There doesn't need to be any element of sour grapes in my comments, if Liverpool had been approached in the correct manner, I'm sure we would have politely declined the offer of competing due to the fact that we just don't have this level of players in the required age groups, but I would like to know how this situation has arisen as this tournament is run under the umbrella of the ETTA, the L&DTTL could have been consulted, even informally through Ken Armson, who is a well known and respected figure in Junior and all other table tennis. Also, who fed the Liverpool Daily Post with their article, "have scoured the youth clubs of Liverpool to source the most promising table tennis talent in the area. A Liverpool team of boys and girls aged between 12 and 16 years has now been selected".

I'm sure if Halton would have entered under their own banner, we would have applauded them for the excellent club set up that they have, and wished them well, my Merseyside A to Z shows Halton on the edge, does that count!

Table Tennis will receive a lot in funding over the next 3 years for this tournament

Liverpool would love to have its own centre, but the only way these days of achieving that is through grants, and grants need youngsters, (there are plenty of them), youngsters need adults to nurture and coach, (not many of them), I'm sure if we had a centre we would get the helpers, but there lies the problem; no helpers no centre, no centre no helpers.

We have a few dedicated helpers, but nowhere nearly enough, contact ManCom or Ken A. with any offers of support.

Editor--- late information -: it seems that players with ETTA ranking points will not be accepted to play.

I had this remaining space to fill and the latest TTNews dropped through the door just in time, so I've gone through it and picked out a few articles which I thought may be of interest, a few seasons ago I started using articles from TTN in the Digest and wrote to the then Editor of TTN for permission, his reply was positive, as long as it is made clear that they are from the TTN. The 'New' TTN has settled down under new Editor Richard Pettit and is a very professional publication, but suffers with a similar problem to us, very few letters

On Insurance

The ETTA has just finished the negotiations with Perkins Slade for an overall civil liability policy covering all our, affiliated members including both players and officials. This policy will commence from 15th September 2007 and all PremierClubs, leagues, and counties will be advised of the costs which will be calculated for the leagues based upon team registration. This policy will replace all of those arranged separately with insurance companies, and will give a significant reduction to all members from the existing policies they have in place. All PremierClubs, leagues and counties who sign up to the new ETTA policy will be granted a rebate from their present insurers. It is intended to include the cost per team on the affiliation form sent out to the leagues, details of cost will be sent to the PremierClubs and counties. In addition this policy will cover coaches, which will reduce the

cost of their present insurance policy.

I believe it is essential and also part of their "duty of care" that all the affiliated organisations to the ETTA join this scheme. It will give them the cover needed and save them money and time.

All those joining the scheme will have to send in the Individual Registration Forms; this is to ensure that all members of the local organisations are covered and it will stop any problems when claims are made. As the policy cost is for teams and our calculations are based upon four person teams, it will cover all affiliated members even those who do not play regularly. This initiative will reduce costs for our members and give them the security of insurance cover for any civil liability claims up to the age of 80.

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Trinidad and Tobago female table tennis star Rheann Chung has been reprimanded by the disciplinary committee of the Trinidad and Tobago Table Tennis Association (TTTTA). The action came after the France-based professional was involved in a fracas at the Caribbean Championships.

The incident was described as bringing the game into disrepute and caused major embarrassment to the TTTTA. Bob Roopnarine, secretary of the TTTTA confirmed that the Chung and a close female relative who also represented Trinidad and Tobago were

found guilty by the disciplinary committee of using objectionable language

Last year, Chinese Olympic table tennis champion Chen Qi lost his temper during a televised game and kicked a chair. As a result, he was sent to military boot camp and forced to do a week of hard labour on a farm. Having fed pigs, plucked cucumbers and irrigated fields, Qi says he now feels like "a new person".

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Final Averages from last season (2006 - 07) positions 1 to 20 all divisions were inserted into the next season (07 - 08) Handbooks, positions 21 to 45 have been included here, not enough space to show complete list, but can always be found on L&DTTL web site

Qualification = 5 matches

Division 1

21	LIU Ming	Christ The King 'A'	14	9	64.3%
22	BLACK Graeme	Cadwa 'A'	76	46	60.5%
23	BEECH Aaron	Wavertree Labour	47	28	59.6%
24	LEE Peter	Christ The King	27	16	59.3%
25	SMITH Roy	Wavertree Labour	41	24	58.5%
26	CHASE Alan	Bootle YMCA	59	34	57.6%
27	THABET Ahmed	Christ The King 'A'	76	43	56.6%
28	GITTINGS Steve	M/Side Police	59	32	54.2%
29	LLOYD Gavin	Cadwa	61	33	54.1%
30	LLOYD Gemma	Crosby High	39	18	46.2%
31	LAU Peter	Christ The King 'A'	47	21	44.7%
32	TIMEWELL Alan	Cadwa 'A'	59	25	42.4%
33	WHALLEY Steve	Harold House	62	26	41.9%
34	McELWEE Ian	Bath St 'A'	61	25	41.0%
35	CROWLEY Eddie	Bath St	67	27	40.3%
36	WHELEN Tony	Christ The King 'A'	15	6	40.0%
37	BRYCE Alec	Harold House	59	23	39.0%
38	BIRCH Ted	Bootle YMCA	18	7	38.9%
39	TERNENT Tim	Marconi	29	11	37.9%
40	HEWITT Jamie	Bath St	52	19	36.5%
41	HOWARD Alice	Wavertree Labour	38	13	34.2%
42	BAINBRIDGE Fred	Bath St 'A'	44	14	31.8%
43	TAGG Dave	Christ The King 'A'	73	23	31.5%
44	EDWARDS Bob	Marconi	61	19	31.1%
45	LUXON Phil	Fords	29	9	31.0%

Division 2

21	ADAMS Roy	Manweb 'A'	44	24	54.5%
22	REID Grahame	Fords 'A'	15	8	53.3%
23	HARSE Dave	Manweb 'A'	53	28	52.8%
24	PEAT Rob	Bath St 'C'	57	30	52.6%
25	APPLETON John	Greenbank	44	23	52.3%
26	JONES Alan	Maghull 'A'	45	22	48.9%
27	EVANS Alan	Manweb 'B'	54	26	48.1%
28	WASS Peter	Marconi 'A'	38	18	47.4%
29	WOOLERTON S.	Manweb 'B'	51	24	47.1%
30	PALMER Mark	Greenbank	41	19	46.3%
31	BARRACLOUGH T	Manweb 'B'	54	25	46.3%
32	PHEYSEY Fred	Maghull 'A'	39	18	46.2%
33	NEAL Roger	Crosby High 'A'	35	16	45.7%
34	ROWAN John	Wavertree Lab 'A'	35	16	45.7%
35	ADAMSON-FRENCH P	M/Side Police 'A'	33	15	45.5%
36	HOLLAND Dave	Fords 'A'	48	21	43.8%
37	WENSLEY Ian	Marconi 'A'	47	20	42.6%
38	McCANN Frank	Marconi 'A'	51	21	41.2%
39	HOLMES Peter	Maghull 'A'	54	22	40.7%
40	BUOEY Brenda	M/Side Police 'A'	27	11	40.7%
41	GRAHAM Sylvia	Crosby High 'A'	45	17	37.8%
42	JAMES Frank	Fords 'A'	36	12	33.3%
43	DYSON Len	M/Side Police 'A'	15	5	33.3%
44	PURCELL Tom	M/Side Police 'A'	42	13	31.0%
45	AMBROSE Mark	Maghull	24	7	29.2%

Division 3

21	WINCKLE Richie	Bootle YMCA 'A'	45	29	64.4%
22	MULLAN Dave	Bath St 'E'	14	9	64.3%
23	ROBERTS Chris	Maghull 'C'	21	13	61.9%
24	LOFTUS Paul	Marconi 'C'	48	29	60.4%
25	BULMER Rod	Maghull 'B'	48	29	60.4%
26	ASHTON Mike	Wavertree Lab 'B'	48	29	60.4%
27	GIOVE Mario	Wav Labour 'C'	10	6	60.0%
28	MORGAN Paul	Harold House 'B'	52	31	59.6%
29	WOODYATT Andy	Harold House 'B'	22	13	59.1%
30	BIGGS Alan	Manweb 'C'	36	21	58.3%
31	SHAW Paul	Harold House 'B'	28	16	57.1%
32	BARKER Robin	Manweb 'C'	20	11	55.0%
33	FYLES Colin	Wavertree Lab 'B'	31	17	54.8%
34	MALIK Shakil	Bootle YMCA 'B'	46	25	54.3%
35	BELL Bobby	Marconi 'B'	47	25	53.2%
36	CLAYTON Bill	Bath St 'E'	46	24	52.2%
37	McCANN John	Marconi 'B'	25	13	52.0%
38	ARMSON Ken	Wav Labour 'C'	27	14	51.9%
39	GIBSON Karen	Bath St 'E'	52	26	50.0%
40	HUGHES Mike	Bootle YMCA 'B'	47	22	46.8%
41	DONG Xia	Wav Labour 'C'	48	22	45.8%
42	FROST George	Maghull 'B'	46	21	45.7%
43	GARNETT Arthur	Bootle YMCA 'B'	33	15	45.5%
44	STANLEY Bill	Wavertree Lab 'B'	40	18	45.0%
45	THORNTON Russell	Marconi 'B'	34	15	44.1%

Division 4

21	PRESTON Eddie	Maghull 'E'	24	16	66.7%
22	BURROWS Ian	Cadwa 'C'	15	10	66.7%
23	HIGHAM George	Cadwa 'C'	28	18	64.3%
24	ASHLEY John	Cadwa 'C'	28	17	60.7%
25	BAKER Doug	Cadwa 'D'	37	22	59.5%
26	O'SULLIVAN John	Cadwa 'D'	38	22	57.9%
27	TSO Alvin	Christ The King 'C'	14	8	57.1%
28	HIGHTON Jack	Cadwa 'D'	24	13	54.2%
29	NELSON Harry	Linacre	28	15	53.6%
30	McNABB Andy	Cadwa 'D'	8	4	50.0%
31	CROXTON Neil	Aigburth 'A'	35	17	48.6%
32	BARTON Peter	Linacre	12	5	41.7%
33	HUTCHINGS Janelle	Maghull 'D'	32	13	40.6%
34	DAVIDSON Jack	Linacre	35	14	40.0%
35	BATTY Dave	Harold House 'C'	26	10	38.5%
36	CHORLEY Denise	Maghull 'D'	33	12	36.4%
37	AMBROSE Jim	Maghull 'D'	28	10	35.7%
38	DANIELS Steve	Bootle YMCA 'C'	40	14	35.0%
39	WEBB Paul	Cadwa 'D'	29	10	34.5%
40	McCOURT Andy	Maghull 'E'	24	8	33.3%
41	DAVIES Don	Cadwa 'D'	9	3	33.3%
42	AINSWORTH Ken	Linacre	37	12	32.4%
43	WILLIAMSON Gary	Bootle YMCA 'C'	38	11	28.9%
44	ABRAMS Gary	Harold House 'C'	28	8	28.6%
45	POOLE Mike	Harold House 'C'	14	4	28.6%

FINAL TABLES 2006 - 07

<i>Division One</i>	P	W	D	L	Pts	<i>Division Two</i>	P	W	D	L	Pts
Fords	26	23	1	2	206	Wav. Labour 'A'	24	21	2	1	172
Bootle YMCA	26	22	3	1	200	Maghull	24	17	1	6	172
Wav. Labour	26	18	1	7	164	C.T.K. 'B'	24	18	2	4	162
Christ The King	26	17	0	9	153	Crosby High 'A'	24	16	3	5	146
Crosby High	26	14	3	9	147	Manweb 'A'	24	11	3	10	129
Bath St	26	12	4	10	136	Fords 'A'	24	7	8	9	123
Harold House	26	10	4	12	130	Maghull 'A'	24	9	5	10	118
M/Side Police	26	7	8	11	117	Bath St 'C'	24	11	2	11	117
C.T.K. 'A'	26	10	4	12	110	M/Side Police 'A'	24	5	4	15	101
Cadwa	26	10	2	14	105	Greenbank	24	8	4	12	100
Bath St 'A'	26	5	2	19	94	Marconi 'A'	24	7	2	15	98
Cadwa 'A'	26	4	4	18	93	Manweb 'B'	24	6	3	15	93
Marconi	26	5	3	18	89	Cadwa 'B'	24	0	1	23	29
Manweb	26	3	5	18	76	Bath St 'B'	withdrawn-record expunged				

<i>Division Three</i>	P	W	D	L	Pts	<i>Division Four</i>	P	W	D	L	Pts
Harold House 'A'	26	23	1	2	199	Aigburth	20	18	2	0	164
Bath St 'D'	26	22	2	2	194	Aigburth 'A'	20	17	0	3	154
Bootle YMCA 'A'	26	21	3	2	191	C.T.K. 'C'	20	14	3	3	144
Bootle YMCA 'B'	26	14	1	11	136	Cadwa 'C'	20	14	2	4	130
Marconi 'B'	26	12	5	9	136	Linacre	20	10	1	9	101
Wav. Labour 'B'	26	10	5	11	129	Cadwa 'D'	20	8	2	10	101
Maghull 'B'	26	10	4	12	125	Maghull 'D'	20	5	2	13	68
Bath St 'E'	26	9	4	13	124	Aigburth 'B'	20	4	2	14	63
Harold House 'B'	26	10	2	14	115	Maghull 'E'	20	3	2	15	61
Manweb 'C'	26	7	7	12	114	Bootle YMCA 'C'	20	4	1	15	56
Wav. Labour 'C'	26	9	3	14	104	Harold House 'C'	20	4	0	16	46
Marconi 'C'	26	7	3	16	103	Greenbank 'A'	withdrawn - record expunged				
Wav. Labour 'C'	26	4	2	20	75						
Maghull 'C'	26	3	0	23	75						

The “fines” situation has improved during last season, while the total amount in fines has increased , the number of misdemeanours has dropped, I’m not sure if that’s because of last seasons increase in the amounts charged, or if Clubs in control are are getting fed up paying them, and are making a conscientious effort to “get things right”, long may it improve!!

<i>Fines Season 2005 - 06</i>	No	%	Fine	Total
Player Short	65	52%	£2	£134
Walk Over League	14	11%	£5	£70
Walk Over Cup	9	7%	£5	£45
Played Out of Order	6	5%	£3	£19.5
Late Score Card	32	25%	£3	£96
Total	126			£364.50

<i>Fines 2006 - 07</i>	No	%	Fine	Total
Players Short	57	55%	£3	£186
Walk Over League	17	17%	£6	£102
Walk Over Cup	1	1%	£6	£6
Played Out of Order	7	7%	£1.5	£24
Late Score Card	21	20%	£3	£63
Total	103	100%		£381.00