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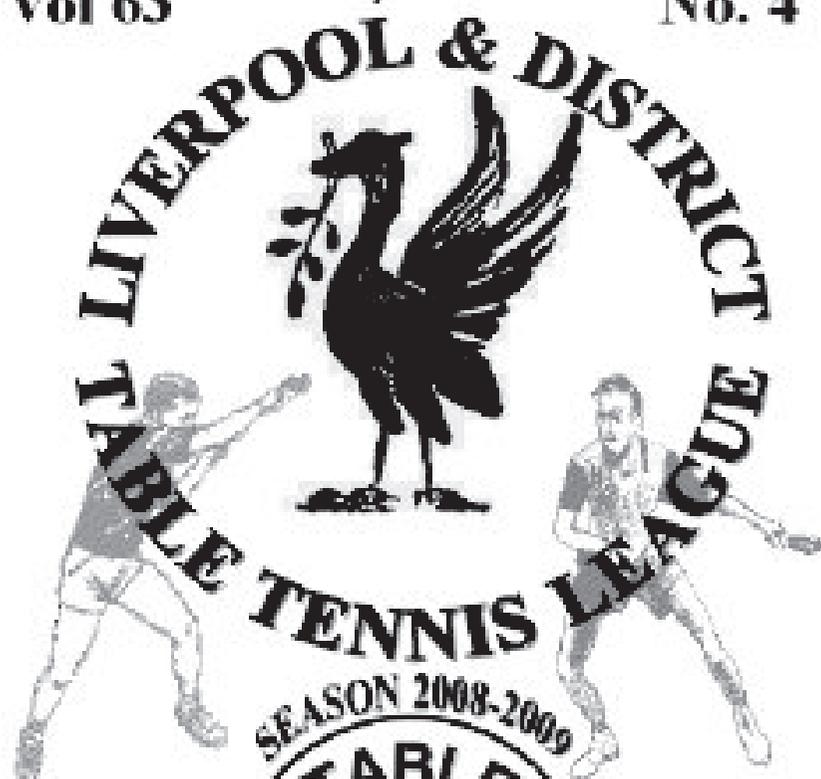
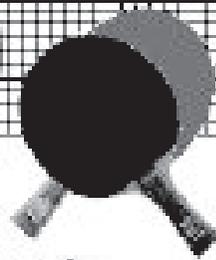
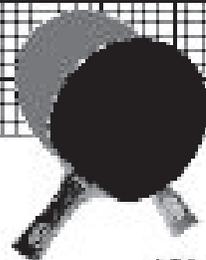


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# Editorial

The new 2009-10 is now upon us with the good news that we have an extra 2 teams in the League, 62 in all, but to accommodate them, the League has had to adopt a 14 team division structure throughout, which will operate with 12 teams in Div's 1, 3 & 5, and 13 teams in Div's 2 & 4, a longer 26 match week season, starting Monday 14th. September, ending on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May rather than 24<sup>th</sup> April as last season.



**Congratulations** to last season's divisional champions (Div. 1 to 5), Fords, Cadwa, Crosby High 'B', Wavertree Labour 'C' and Arriva North West, with a 100% win record for Crosby High 'B' in Div.3. Also to the 5 K.O. Cup winners, Fords, Harold House 'A', Crosby High 'B', Manweb 'C' and Arriva North West, Fords again, look like the team to beat, hopefully the happenings at JLR don't throw a spanner in the works.

**Two Clubs** are changing their venues, Marconi have moved to the same venue at Christ the King, but playing on a Friday, and Merseyside Police have left their venue of many years at Fairfield, and will be playing in a newly built school in Westminster Road, Kirkdale, best wishes to both clubs for a quick settling in.

**How about** the new research findings, (there seems to be new research every day coming up with the answers to all the problems we never thought we had), but I think this one was pretty relevant and possibly true, when growing old, keep your mind active and it will help keeping ageism at bay, since my involvement with the ManCom and Digest and all the work that goes with it, I'm sure I'm keeping ageism of the mind at bay, (please let me know if I'm wrong as I prefer the written word for memorising), and for all the 'oldies' who are looking for something to occupy their minds, get involved with the coaching, or at least, helping with the coaching.

**Congratulations** to Keith Williams for his achievements at the recent Veterans Grand Masters Tournament, the main competition of the Veterans season, claiming the O. 40's singles, the O. 50's singles, and the O. 50's doubles with club mate Wayne Percival, this one special as Wayne has not long got back to playing since his knee operation.

**The Individual Registration** issue has now been decided, at the last ETTA AGM, the proposals for Individual Registration was voted through by 27,841

for, with 6,100 against, to be implemented season 2010-2011, on pages 4 & 16, I have included memos from the ETTA for you to 'digest'. No longer can Clubs and Players fudge the issue, from next season, if you want to play, you will have to fill in the individual Registration forms and get your player numbers, you only need to do it once, no matter how many Leagues you play in. More info will be available through the season on how it will relate to your own league, but if you want to play - you have to pay!!

**For a few seasons now** I've been trying to stress the importance of our involvement with schools table tennis, following on from Ken Armson's continual comments about lack of interest and volunteers, Ken was a great believer and participant in this cause (schools), I must admit that up to a few years ago I was probably one of the guilty parties not 'volunteering'; not being a coach, I thought I wouldn't be any use, but a couple of months ago I was invited to a local school's 'after school club' to help with table tennis, then after repeated requests from the youngsters, started a session at our club (BYMCA) where we have had a regular 7 or 8 each week, thanks mainly to the interest shown by their table tennis supporting teacher at school, who attended with them, and then at the last session before the school summer holidays, I received a "thank you" card signed by the youngsters with comments like, "thank you for helping me improve my table tennis", 'gulp'. I believe it is also having, what I would like to draw comparison with, a 'Drumchapel' effect (article in Vol 63 No. 2). Being after school, does restrict it a bit to non workers, but we must have plenty of them about, pensioners don't have to be the 'old fogies' they used to be, ask around and get involved. I did put in motion my CRB check, a sign of the times I'm afraid, but that didn't create any problems, "just do it!!!"

**When you read this**, the first Butterfly Grand Prix of the new season will have been played at the Wavertree Tennis Centre, (report in next Digest), hopefully we'll be able to say that we had a good turnout of helpers, before, during and after.

Shortly after that, Sat / Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup>. & 4<sup>th</sup> of October, we will be holding the City of Liverpool Junior 4 Star Tournament, again at the Wavertree Tennis Centre, again we'll be calling on our 'volunteer' brigade to help with the setting up (Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>. P.M.), and removal of all the equipment after,

more information to follow

**How's this bit of info**, - in the lead up to the 2012 Olympics, the take up for the Olympic sports of Swimming and Gymnastics has fallen off, but take up for Table Tennis has increased, not what the Sports funding providers expected. People playing our sport, outside of the membership structure, continues to increase within both the schools and general community sectors. This has been confirmed in recent reports from the Government on participation in schools and from the recent Sport England Activity Survey on participation, conducted by Mori, of the 46 sports they support published on their website under National Highlights relating to participation by over 16s once a week. "Only one sport, table tennis, has seen a statistically significant increase" Our goal must be to ensure that we attract these players into the ETTA structure.

**Another season** of full divisional reports delivered by our regular reporters has gone, and total thanks go to them all for their input, but next season we are having a slight change, Doug Baker has been doing the 5<sup>th</sup> Div. report, even though he's been playing in the 4<sup>th</sup>, a difficult job, trying to add interest just from the match cards, but next season we have a new volunteer who plays in the 5<sup>th</sup>, Paul Oakes from Bath St. Marine, and with that, Doug will move up to doing the div. he's playing in, (even though he said he would gladly give it up if there was another keen volunteer!!), and Stan has agreed to stand down for a rest, so welcome to Paul O. The 1<sup>st</sup> Div. now has a similar problem, Ian Mc's team was relegated to the 2<sup>nd</sup>, but Ian has done the 1<sup>st</sup>. from the match cards before, so I'm sure the 1<sup>st</sup>. Div. players will still get the good reports they've got used to, and Paul Banks will carry on with Div. 2, but it looks like Russ Thornton will be playing in the 4th Div. after the shake up at Marconi through entering a new team, but he has agreed to report on the 3rd from the match cards, until I can find a div. 3 player who will try his hand at a bit of 'scribing', so thanks to all our reporters.

**Having located** and obtained a copy of every Digest printed, we have had them bound into 8 identical volumes, which will make the recorded (from 1950) history of the L&DTTL available to all, thanks to all who have made the effort to find and pass on their copies. Each volume has cost the league £25 and we are putting out the suggestion that Clubs can sponsor an individual volume, with a page inserted in the front to that effect, with any historical facts on awards won over the years by that club, we have already had Clubs agreeing to sponsor the first 4 volumes, any other clubs interested in sponsoring a volume, let the ManCom or myself know.

**Good to have** Paul Gittins back on the Digest, he's taken up the challenge of putting together the new '50 Plus' articles started by Ted Birch, Paul's first

interview is with well known and respected player, Bill Harris, which is on pages 18 & 19, with a "is there life other than table tennis" question, 'yes' says Bill!!

Who's he got lined up for the next one??

**Illness has again** taken its toll of some of our senior players during the summer, Bootle YM's Arthur Garnett was hit with severe stomach pains, rushed to hospital, in for a couple of weeks, diagnosed as gallstones, leading on to pancreatitis, now scheduled for operation in September, Wav. Labour's Stan Clarke suffered a mild stroke, but doesn't seem to have any permanent problems, but still a warning, and Harold House's David Cohen also had a stroke, rushed into hospital requiring an operation to clear a vein in his neck, successfully operated on, and I think Bath St Marine's Ron Georgeson is still having ongoing heart problems, I, and I'm sure all members wish them all a speedy and satisfactory recovery, but the message here is don't take for granted that the 'old codger' brigade can go on forever, as all names mentioned play big parts in running and organising your League and Clubs, think about it!!

**In order** to get in front of the printing ready for the Handbook meeting, I complete pages as and when so I can print different pages asap, but as usually happens, after printing the front pages, the make up of the League and fixtures had to be changed, so my description of the format was a bit premature, the new format is 62 teams in all, but to accommodate them, the League has had to adopt a 14 team division structure, **throughout the 5 divisions**, which will operate with 12 teams in Div's 1, 3 & 5, and 13 teams in Div's 2 & 4, a longer 26 match week season, starting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, ending on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May rather than 24<sup>th</sup> April as last season. Trevor's just done his 5<sup>th</sup> attempt as the late changes come in from clubs.

**The 14 team format** will give a bit more flexibility for some clubs with free weeks during the season, take time and check your fixtures, you may be able to rearrange late matches to an earlier date!!

**Congratulations** to Sue Gilroy, one of our leading Paralympic table tennis players who has been awarded an MBE in the recent honours list for her services to table tennis. Sue has just added a silver medal to her ever growing collection of silverware gained at major championships by taking second place at the European Championships in Italy, in the Women's Class 4 event.

My apologies for the quality of some of the photo's, but as I print from small laser printers in my loft, keeping costs down is the goal.

Following on from the Editorial mention of 'illness', I came across this article in the TTNews, the moral of the story is, within reason, never give in!!

### PHYSICIANS V PATIENTS

Three members of Mursley Table Tennis Club, Paul Hooley, Roger Myers and Phil Adams, all suffered serious heart complaints that required emergency treatment at Milton Keynes General Hospital's A & E Department. Roger and Phil then went on to have major heart surgery at Oxford.

The immediate treatment all three received at MK General, which was crucial to their recoveries, was carried out by a team of specialist doctors including Peter Thomas, Ibrahim Mamadi and Richard Adjuwon who, together with Obi Onue Kwusi, another doctor who works with the prison service, also play table tennis in the Milton Keynes League for the Greenleys Club. Last week a rather special Physicians v Patients match took place at Mursley between the two teams with the doctors winning the closely fought, evenly balanced competition by six games to four. "The result wasn't of the greatest importance to us" said Mursley captain Paul Hooley. "The team is just so grateful that, thanks to our opponents and the further help we received from the nurses of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Unit at MK General, we have fully recovered from our ordeals and have regained our fitness to a level that enables us to once again play a game we love at a competitive level." Paul continued " The Physicians v Patients match gave us the opportunity to thank our opponents for so promptly and expertly administering their skills in our hours of greatest need, and to show them how much progress we had made since those fateful moments. It was an especially poignant moment for me to meet up again with Ibrahim, this time on the table tennis table rather than on the treatment table where he had administered a life saving 'clotbuster' drug to relieve my suffering. Even at such a critical moment we were able to talk about table tennis and I am eternally grateful to him and the rest of the Greenleys Physicians and their A & E colleagues". All players enjoyed the evening to such an extent that it was agreed it would become an annual event. In presenting the trophy to Richard Adjuwon, Greenleys captain, Paul Hooley said "This is only on loan and we hope that next year the Mursley players will have made such further progress as to tip the result in favour of the Patients".

The summer break hasn't thrown up enough for Don Davies to put together his Nets & Edges column but has found a few 'interesting' items while looking through the 'Closed' records.

Deceased Men's Singles champions (number of titles)  
J R Bather (1); Don Foulis (5); Fred Bamford (2); Eric Hyde (1); H. Best (1); Ted Rumjahn (3); Ron Rumjahn (9); Bernie Hand (1); Les Davies (1); Arthur Taylor (4); Peter D'Arcy (1); Mike Johns (1);

Oldest surviving Merseyside Open and Closed men's singles champion Ken Hyde, 94

### Deceased Women's Singles champions

Anne Pollitt (3); Joyce Bartholomew (1); Nora Norrish (4); Ivy Pollitt (1); Eileen Mansell (6); Kathleen May/Casselman (2); Mabel Francis/Neary (2); N.B. Rita Doolan (1) and Edie Malley (1); Betty Owens Olive Dickenson (1); Details not known.  
Oldest known surviving women's singles champion Moya Jones (3) 1958, 60, 61

### Players who have won the singles title once

P Rumjahn; Ken Roberts; Brian Parkinson; Dave Cottrell; Paul Tsang; Mark Thomas; Trevor Manning; Stuart Richards; Andrew Eden; Marcus Dick; Peter

Flint; Dave Roberts; Adam Robertson; Michael Rogala;

### Women's

Heather Stirrup; Caroline Hemming; Denise Conroy; Natasha Williams; Sylvia Rozek;

### Players who have won the Junior and men's singles title.

Ted Rumjahn; Bernie Hand; Arthur Taylor; Ralph Gunnion; Gordon Birch; John McNeer; Keith Williams; Mark Thomas; Andrew Eden; Kevin Dolder;

### Women's and Junior titles

Sue Manning/Alexander, Brenda Williams, Julie Black/Prince, Heather Stirrup

\* Cherith Graham won the Open Junior singles in 2000 and the women's singles title on 3 occasions.

Paul Tsang and Kevin Dolder are the only players to have won the Restricted Singles title and the men's singles title.

Mabel Francis and Brenda Williams won the Restricted title and Women's singles title.

Men's singles and Veteran title Ted Rumjahn, Dave Roberts, Keith Williams

# Division 1

# Ian McElwee

This last report for the season covers the final 4 weeks and to be honest nothing of any great significance materialised during this period. As expected, Fords carried on their merry way to retain the championship by an emphatic 28 points. Their main squad of Kevin Dolder (96% win record), Mal McEvoy (91%), Andy Taylor (79%) and Terry Turner (66%) remained unbeaten throughout the season, averaging nearly 8 points per match and clearly the best team in the league, they did, however,



nearly come a cropper in their final match against Maghull when Phil Luxon and Bob Hughes joined Mal in a match that ended in a draw.

BSM welcomed back Ken Jackson in the second half of the season and the team repeated their feat of last season in finishing in second place on 141 points, Dave Roberts (76%) and Clare Peers (69%) both had excellent seasons and were well supported by Ken (66%) and new boy Dermot Tierney, throughout the season they consistently beat the mid table and lower placed teams by convincing scores, as highlighted by a final match 10/0 victory over Harold House with the only close game being Dave's 5 set victory over Fiona Dennett, however, they were unable to impose themselves on teams chasing them at the top end of the division and ended up losing a total of 7 matches, a high number of losses for a team finishing in such a lofty position.

Wavertree Labour (132 points) just pipped Bootle YMCA (130 points) for third place, although when the teams met at week 21 Bootle came out comfortable 7/3 victors, Keith Williams did his usual, winning on his 4 visits to the table, Alan Chase beat both Bjorn Meyer and Paul Banks and Ted Birch getting the better of Paul. Wavertree were without the services of the consistent Gary Watson for this match but he certainly played his part by remaining unbeaten in the 3 other matches during the reporting period, I don't think Gary will mind me saying that the does not look the most elegant of players but his will to win and consistency in his shot making make him very difficult to beat, this is confirmed by his record in coming fourth in the averages with 85%.

It goes without saying that Keith (92%) has been the star man for Bootle YMCA and he is also one of the few players in the division not to have missed a match throughout the season, he has been ably supported by those 2 old codgers Alan and Ted.

CTK have had a nice steady season to finish fifth without threatening the teams above them, number one Keith Bird (67%) has not had as good a season as usual as he has made the adjustment from being a student to one of

the working class, both he and John Lau (69%) were in top form in beating Terry Turner and Paul Kinsey (how's that for a name from the past!) when they went down 6/4 to Fords. Keith's new job often takes him to various parts of the country, he lives in the Manchester area and when CTK visited my team BSM A, Keith displayed great commitment to travel to a job in Grimsby and then motor back for the dubious privilege of facing us, we hoped he would be tired, if he was it never

showed, as he remained unbeaten on the night.

Next we have Merseyside Police on 114 points, in their final match of the season they had a good 7/3 victory over CTK A, Paul Gittins (68%), was once again in fine form in winning his 3 singles, John Hope weighed in with wins over Ahmed Thabet and Peter Taylor, but lost out narrowly to fellow Mancunian Tony Whelan. Jon Dyson also did his bit in beating Peter and combining with John to take the doubles 11/9 in the 5<sup>th</sup>, Jonathan Taylor (81%) has not been available for much of the second half of the season, but the introduction of the experienced John Hope (60%) enabled them to tick along nicely to the end of the season.

The 2 Crosby High teams ended up separated by only 9 points with the first team leading the way on 105, they had an excellent 8/2 victory at Harold House with Rob Wylie and Jamie Hewitt (48%) both winning their 3 singles on the night but went down 10/0 in the final week when facing CTK.

The A team of Rob Wylie, Gavin and Gemma Lloyd have adjusted well after promotion, they signed off with a creditable win over Bootle YMCA with each beating Alan and Ted but unable to extend Keith. Rob Wylie has been the surprise package of the season with a fantastic 72% win record, Rob has not played a great deal of first division table tennis over the years, however, he has in the past been somewhat excitable letting himself down, this past season has seen him still displaying a great will to win whilst improving his temperament immeasurably enabling him to play to the maximum of his ability. Only Keith Williams (61 points) and Dave Roberts (45 points) gained more points for their clubs with Rob winning 41 (as did Clare Peers), bearing these factors in mind, if there was an award for divisional player of the year, I think it would be difficult to ignore his claim.

If Rob was a surprise individual package, Maghull must represent the surprise team of the season, I know that they did not hold high hopes of maintaining their status after promotion, however, Matt Wilson, Kevin Lewis and Tony Kendall have improved as the season progressed, and ended up well clear of relegation with 91

points. In their draw with BSM A Matt put on a great display of defensive table tennis to win his 3 singles and combined with Tony to take the doubles, in the aforementioned draw with Fords, Tony (53%) probably had the best night of his TT life to remain unbeaten, this included inflicting on Mal McEvoy, only his third defeat of the season.

Harold House dropped to 3<sup>rd</sup> from bottom but in truth were never in danger of going down, Ken Connor (62%) only managed to play 9 matches and there is no doubt that his regular attendance was sorely missed, this was confirmed when he turned out in drawn matches versus Merseyside Police and CTK, remaining unbeaten in his singles. In the 10 matches played by Yeng Kho (82%), he only lost 5, 3 of these came in their match against Crosby High with Jamie Hewitt, Cherrith Graham and that man Rob Wylie all beating him.

Finally we are down to CTK A and BSM A who finished in the dreaded relegation spots, I think that CTK A had hopes of climbing up the table when Tony Whelan returned from working abroad, he did well to achieve 60% but his team mates were unable to offer the

necessary support and they ended up with 71 points, 19 behind HH.

BSM A started the season as they finished “bottom of the league”, our only claim to fame being that we were never beaten 10/0 during the season, I would like to think that we were individually competitive and played the game in the right spirit but clearly, Ricky, Fred and I no longer have what it takes to play regularly at this level.

One final thought, throughout this report I have continuously referred to individual percentages as a measure of a player’s success, however, I believe the most important measure of success relates to those that play the most matches combined with the number of points they earned for their team, as an example I take my hat off to Gavin Lloyd who made the most appearances winning 33 of his 69 games (47.83%), his percentage record is respectable but left him at only 23 in the averages, those 33 points he gained if viewed on their own would have placed him in the top 10.

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## Division 2 Paul Banks

Hello again sports fans and welcome to the conclusion of the second division 08/09.

Before the break we promised you an in depth analysis of the final run in, the winners and losers, the drama, the heart-break and a feature on the second division - ‘WaGs’!

The predicted placing’s will, if correct garner 1 point, and will lose points for however many positions the prediction is out.

Final placing # 11. Predicted placing # 11.  
Paul’s Points = 1

Wavertree Labour (B) Team season average = 19.5%  
9 points from the last four matches wasn’t enough to rescue WLB from the drop, as usual Labour (B) took some good scalps on the way.

Tony Connor pipped Alec Bryce and Andy Lloyd 11-7 in the fifth. Mike Ashton pipped John Higham 11-8 in the fifth. WL B have struggled in this division, a point that is supported by their 19.5% season average, but they have put up a great effort and playing them is never easy.

Final placing # 10. Predicted placing # 10.  
Paul’s Points = 2  
Maghull (A) Team season average = 27%

14 points from the last four matches was enough however to keep Maghull (A) off the bottom, this team have



shown consistently their chops in this division, albeit in the lower reaches, but they are an awkward team and again no easy night, Peter Holmes demonstrates this by winning five out of his last twelve matches.

Final placing # 9. Predicted placing # 9.  
Paul’s Points = 3  
Bootle YMCA (A) Team season average = 37.5%

15 points from their last four games wasn’t enough to pull Bootle out of the bottom quarter, John Higham, Richie Winckle, Danny Every and Roly Wright have surely had a good first consolidation season in the second division and you can only really expect them to build on this, they will however, have to improve against the higher teams in order to maintain their second division status next season as the two teams being promoted from the third look strong.

Final placing # 8. Predicted placing # 8.  
Paul’s Points = 4

Manweb (A) Team season average = 45.5%  
23 points from the last four games! Manweb (A) are too good a team to be this far down the division, but have had to live with the reality of availability etc., when Manweb (A) have their top team of Dave Harse, Andy Lloyd and Roy Adams on the team sheet they are a mighty strong proposition, this line up has been more commonplace towards the end of the season so maybe

we can look forward to a more consistent side next season.

Final placing # 7. Predicted placing # 7.

Paul's Points = 5

Fords (A) Team season average = 46%

20 points from the last four games, one of my favourite teams, with their ability, friendly approach, and competitive spirit, a four man squad makes up Fords (A) with Bob Hughes, Robbie Goldson, Dave Holland and Graeme Reid, notable wins here for Bob Hughes over Graeme Black and George Lennon, as well as Robbie over Alan Timewell and George Lennon.

Final placing # 6. Predicted placing # 6.

Paul's Points = 6

Wavertree Labour (A) Team season average = 50%

Due to a free week WLA only have three matches for this report, they won 14 points from these 3 matches, Mr Tierney has been the player of the season for Wavertree, showing his strength, he was unbeaten at Harold House and at Fords (A), this form has been evident throughout the season with a 70% average.

Final placing # 5. Predicted placing # 5.

Paul's Points = 7

Christ The King (B) Team season average = 52%

21 points from the last four games, CTK(B) are another team that have struggled with availability, but you could argue that they have done extremely well to finish fifth in a strong division despite their inconsistent line up, Billy Cheung has been the player of the season for CTK and won 9 out of his last 12 matches, 70% for the season having played 60 matches.

Final placing # 4. Predicted placing # 4.

Paul's Points = 8

Harold House (A) Team season average = 60.5%

Another team with only three results from the last four weeks, Harold House (A) nonetheless pick up 21 points from these three games, top player with a 74% average is Steve Whalley, this team, as I have said before, will be pushing for promotion next season, however they will need to field their strongest team as often as possible in what should be an even tougher division next season.

Final placing # 3. Predicted placing # 3.

Paul's Points = 9

Marconi. Team season average = 63.5%

21 points from the last four games, Marconi have ploughed a consistent furrow this season and without any changes to the line up you have to feel that they will do the same season after season, not quite having the scores to take them up, Bob Edwards has been, like so often, the player of the season for Marconi, third in the overall averages with 77.36% for the season, only the

top two rated players managing to beat him in the run up.

Final placing # 2. Predicted placing # 2.

Paul's Points = 10

Manweb. Team season average = 73.5%

21 points from the last three matches, what a season Manweb have had! only two regular players for the majority of the season, the headache of finding someone to play or turning up one short as well as a reputation to uphold, all of this makes what they have achieved quite remarkable. Les Molyneux and Paul Evans were within three points of the eventual division winners, so don't be too despondent guys, as your herculean effort has awarded you the 'Lydiate Peoples Team Award' for overall gumption, valour and stiff upper lippedness in the face of adversity.

Another award that is to be presented is the player of the fourth quarter of the season, which goes to Paul Evans. I have previously discussed Paul's playing style, Paul is an all-rounder able to play a number of different styles and a tremendous competitor who doesn't like losing but doesn't let it show (too much), he has the ability to trick you into thinking that you are doing well against him while at the same time beating you three straight. Paul's 75.44% average demonstrates his worth to the team, but also demonstrates that anyone who does manage to beat Paul has usually had to work hard for it. There is a rather unknown phenomenon that occurs in writing these reports that we will call 'Paul's Report Writing Oxymoron', the premise of this phenomenon is that good players quite often get mentioned more often when they lose rather than when they win (the scalp effect), looking back over previous notes I think that Paul has been a victim of this phenomenon and I subsequently offer my apologies as well as my congratulations for a great season and this prestigious award.

Final Placing #1 Predicted Placing #1

Paul's Points = 11

Cadwa. Team season Average = 75%

Well they did it! congratulations to Graeme Black, Alan Timewell and George Lennon, Cadwa have got through the season only losing once and drawing three times, their line up consistency as well as their talent (all three in the top 15 players) have played a big part in their success, 21 points from the last three matches (against good teams) demonstrate their ability, focus and winning mindset.

Well done chaps, thanks for making it a nail biting finish and good luck next season.

Winners = Cadwa

Runners up = Manweb

Relegated = Wavertree Labour (B)

Top average = Les Molyneux 96.67%

Best Tea = Wavertree Labour  
Spirit Level award = Maghull (A)  
Shiniest Floor award = Christ The King (B)  
Nets & Edges = Paul Banks  
Players of the Season = Roy Adams, Frank McCann,  
John Higham & Paul Evans.

#### WaGs.

Most teams find it difficult getting players to turn out on a regular basis never mind supporters, often referred to as the trendiest club in the division Manweb (A) have been attracting supporters for a number of years now, whether this is due to Manweb's scintillating playing style, the teams youthful good looks or simply that they are not given any option in the matter is not known at present, what is known is that they are in fact the wives and girlfriends of the team and that they regularly turn up to support. The WaGs are known to sport designer clothes and J-Lo sunglasses to protect themselves from the bright glare of the Table Tennis lights, they are also known to give media correspondents in-depth interviews on how the Manweb stars live, relax and prepare for the big games. Poor Tony Connor wrote about how he had to make tea for ten at their match, with exciting

games and raucous comments aplenty from the spectators and how all of this was simply too much for Stan Clarke who had to go home!

This reporter feels that we could be on the cusp of a revolution in demand for second division table tennis in Liverpool and we can thank the Manweb ladies for leading the way.

#### Predictions.

Well I think I should have gone to the bookmakers earlier in the season and put a few bob on myself as I got all of the predicted placings right, well done Paul!!

Well done and thank you to everyone for what has been a very enjoyable season.

We will be back next season to discuss the ins, the outs, the transfer window cut off, the 'Bosmans' and the continuing drama of the Liverpool & District Table Tennis League Second Division.

Regards

Paul Banks

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## Division 3 Russell Thornton

After 18 matches played, Crosby High 'B' (147 points) only needed 10 points from the last 4 matches to be divisional champions with Harold House 'B' (117 points) and Police 'A' (112 points) competing for the runners up place.

At the lower end of the table Marconi 'B' were doomed to finish bottom so the competition was for 1 of 4 to teams to avoid finishing in the 2nd to bottom position. In the best position to do this at this time was Cadwa 'A' (81 points), however they still had to play the top three teams in weeks 19-21. Marconi 'A' (78 points) had on paper the easier of matches left, Bootle YM 'B' (75 points) had of all the four teams involved the hardest run in with matches against the top 2 teams and no opponents lower than 6th place left to play, so Bath St 'D' (72 points) had the opportunity to move out of that 2nd to bottom position if they could pick up points and other results went in their favour.

In week 19 Bath St 'D' had a difficult trip to Police 'A' of which Tom Purcell wrote 'Police 'A' won the match 8-2, but the match was closer than the 8-2 score line suggests, Billy Clayton had a good win against Tom Purcell winning 11/7 in the 5th. Lenny Dyson played as a reserve and won his 3 matches, Graham Turner had a



good win against Brian Burrows 11/9 in the 5th, who in turn had a good win 3 straight against Billy Clayton, Tom came back from 3/10 down in the 1st game against Graham Turner to win 15/13 and then Tom went on to win the match 11/6 in the 5th.

Cadwa did themselves and Police a massive favour with a 6-4 win over Harold House with 2 wins each from Jordyn Layfield, Mike Power and Peter Roberts. Crosby High won 7-3 at Bath St 'C' and became champions due to Harold

House's defeat, however Rob Peat did his best to spoil the party with wins over Roger Neal and Ben Edwards. Bootle YM took advantage of Aigburth having to field reserve Eric Young and came away with 4 badly needed points.

Marconi 'A' lost 8-2 at home to Maghull, Rod Bulmer winning his 3 matches. Marconi 'B' were unable to capitalise against an under strength Manweb side also going down 8-2, Marconi's 2 points courtesy of Dave Bradley.

Top, Crosby 154, Harold House 121, Police 120. Bottom, Cadwa 87, Marconi 'A' 80, Bootle YM 79, Bath St 'D' 74, Marconi 'B' 46.

In week 20 Harold House made amends for the previous week as they beat runner up rivals Police 7-3. Cadwa picked up a valuable 3 points at Crosby High who had

Bill Harris playing as a reserve, Bill managed to beat Rob Davies 11/6 in the 5th.

The Marconi derby saw A beat B 8-2 despite Paul Loftus's wins over Peter Wass and Tony Mullally, A's Adrian Bramham doing the most damage by winning his 3. Bath St 'D' came close to beating Manweb having led 4-1, but had to settle for a still creditable draw, the highlight was Ted Cramsie's win over Trevor Barraclough in the 1st match of the night.

Bootle YM managed to grind out 4 points in their home match against Bath St 'D' courtesy of wins for Shakil Malik over Dave Stoddern and Les Gee, a Bert Rivers win over Les and a Mike Hughes victory over Dave 15/13 in the 5th.

The Mid table clash of Maghull v Aigburth ended with a 6-4 win for Maghull, thanks mainly to another treble from Rod Bulmer.

Runners up spot Harold House 128 Police 123  
Bottom Cadwa 90, Marconi 'A' 88, Bootle YM 83, Bath St 'D' 79, Marconi 'B' 48.

Bootle YM were not as fortunate as Cadwa when they faced Crosby High in week 21, Crosby High were back to full strength and beat their opponents 10-0 putting them in real danger of relegation.

Cadwa meanwhile had a fine result against Police, a 5-5 draw, thus retaining their status within the division.

Bath St 'D' were victorious 6-4 against Marconi 'A' despite a treble from Marconi's Adrian Bramham. Manweb 'B' beat Harold House 6-4 thanks to a Trevor Barraclough treble.

A fine Bath St 'C' team performance helped them to an 8-2 victory over Maghull, with Dave Stoddern coming away with 3 wins all in the 5th. Marconi 'B' capitalised against an under strength Aigburth team and managed to secure a draw.

Runners up spot, Harold House 132, Police 128.  
Bottom Marconi 'A' 92, Bath St 'D' 85, Bootle YM 83, Marconi 'B' 53,

In the final week of the season, Marconi 'A' just needing 1 point to avoid relegation had a 6-4 win at Harold House giving them an anxious wait on the Police result for the runners up place, Marconi's 6 points coming from 3 wins each for Peter Wass and Adrian Bramham. However the Police could not do enough in their match against Manweb, only winning 6-4, although needing 9 points, therefore Harold House became runners up despite losing 3 matches in the final 4 weeks. Bootle YM had a 7-3 victory over now safe Cadwa but had to wait for the Bath St 'D' result to determine their fate. Maghull were 9-1 victims at champions Crosby High, their 1 point coming from the doubles. Bath St 'C' were 7-3 victors at relegated Marconi 'B', Bath St's Rob Peat and Dave Stoddern won 3 apiece whilst Marconi's Frank Proffitt had an excellent win, his 1st of the season from 42 matches, beating Karen Gibson 11/9 in the 5th in his

last match. Bath St 'D' needing 5 points for survival from their match against Aigburth were locked at 4-4 after 8 sets when Keith Wright went on against Dave Cunningham, Keith managed to beat Dave 11/6 in the 5th and then Bath St ironically managed to take the doubles for a 6-4 win thus condemning Bootle YM to relegation.

The irony of the doubles is that this season there has been some debate of whether it is worthwhile to play them. From Bath St 'D''s point of view they were, due to the fact that they were the team who had the highest doubles average within the division with 17 wins from 22 matches and without that record they surely would have been relegated.

Some more statistics from the season....3 players finished the season on 100% but all 3 only played in one league match. The highest average for the division went to Marconi's Adrian Bramham with 29 wins from 30 matches. However the player with the highest average having played in at least 50% of all matches was Dave Evans with 60 wins from 63 matches, well done to both.

The only player to play all 66 singles of the season was Rod McPherson; however Ted Cramsie was denied that opportunity when an injured Steve Graham gave him a walkover in match week 6, I played against Rod in our final match and he was still going strong.

This season has to have been one of the most competitive with 3 teams chasing promotion, another 4 teams forming the backbone of the division in mid table, and in the final weeks it could have been any 1 from 4 other teams in that 2nd from bottom relegation place.

I hope next season is equally as competitive; I'm off for some practice see you all soon.

Russ.

**Congratulations to Keith Williams** for his achievements at the recent Veterans Grand Masters Tournament, the main competition of the Veterans season, claiming the O. 40's singles, the O. 50's singles, and the O. 50's doubles with club mate Wayne Percival, this one special as Wayne has not long got back to playing since his knee operation. Also while playing for Potters Leisure Resort, won the Premier Division of the Bribar Vets. British League.

**Kevin Dolder** had another good season in the top flight British League, helping his Nottingham club Sycamore, win the 1st Div. Midlands & South, gaining promotion to the Premier Division, and having signed up Scottish star, Gavin Rungay for the coming season, Sycamore will be putting champions Drumchapel under a bit of pressure.

# Division 4 Stan Clarke

Welcome to my last set of notes for this season and maybe for some time to come, who knows where I will be playing next season, or even if I will be, I must confess I am finding it harder each year to live up to my own expectations, must be an age thing.

As I expected Manweb C were worthy winners of the division, the only team to remain unbeaten all season and finishing up thirteen points ahead of second place Wavertree Labour C, who, though they had a good end of season run, could not make up the ground lost earlier in the year, mind you the 10/0 walkover Manweb received did not help matters. Before the season started I had expected Merseyside Police B to be in the promotion spot but a series of bad results consigned them to third place, Len seems to believe that their poor return in doubles was the reason, I am sure it had an effect, but not as much as the seven defeats conceded. Cadwa B were a disappointment to me, they have a squad which is more than capable of gaining promotion from this division but seemed hell bent on playing as many reserves as possible, or even turning out short handed and as a consequence finished up forty nine points behind the champions, lesson to be learnt there.

At the other end of the division, the loss of Marconi C before battle commenced left us once again with only eleven teams in the division, second year running that the fourth division has comprised only eleven teams, not that that will help Maghull D who finished in eleventh place, fourteen points behind tenth place Wavertree Labour D, who may or may not be relegated, that will depend on the decision of the Committee.

Just for the record the final weeks of the season played out as follows:

## WEEK 19.

Wav. Lab C visited Aigburth B and left after battering their opponents 10/0, six sets going three straight and only one going the full distance, don't know what Derek Traynor meant when he wrote "Thank god Stan was not here" I would have thought they would have been happy to see me to get a couple of points. Maghull C hosted Manweb C and went down 9/1, Lei Wai beating David Ao to save the whitewash. Linacre were on the wrong end of a seven three victory for Aigburth A, old reliable Harry Reeve winning two and Jack Davidson beating Ray Jones for the third point. Wav. Lab D won the battle of the bottom two as they beat Maghull D 6/4, a double for Colin Fyles and a rare appearance from Steve Perry. The only drawn match of the week was between Police B and Cadwa B, both singles for Len Dyson and Tommy Lynch, but with the match at 5/4 to Police, Cadwa



won the last set of the night to earn the draw.

## WEEK 20.

Wav. Lab C entertained their D team with Mario Giove and Dave Goulden not available, and Stan Clarke pulling out with illness in the second game of his first set, and taking no further part in the match, both teams fielding reserves with Eric Spencer for the C team and Ken Ray for the D team, Dong Xia and Lee Farley undefeated on the night to ensure a 6/4 win for the C team. Cadwa C were at home to Maghull C and lost 4/6, George Smith beating Harry McGanity and John O'Sullivan winning his two singles, matched by Mike Russell who had a great win in 4 against Josef Koudelik, and by 3/2 over Paul Webb. The long awaited derby match second leg between the two Aigburth teams did little to warm the A team who were once again soundly thrashed 7/3 by the B team, only Norman Lindsay, who beat Johnny Tsang and Neil Croxton and Eric Wood who beat Paul Croxton upholding the status of the A team; need to look at the rankings perhaps? but the A team did finish ahead in the division. Manweb played Linacre, emerging 9/1 winners, that man Harry Reeve beating Alvin Tso to save the whitewash. Same result for Police B away to Maghull D with Wilf Gibson and Warren Lee beating Alan French and Tommy Lynch in their doubles.

## WEEK 21.

Linacre achieved their third victory of the season when they beat Cadwa C 7/3 at their Waterloo home, Harry Reeve winning three and Dave Ferguson coming back to form also winning three, bad night for Jack Davidson loosing both singles despite taking John O'Sullivan to five games. Maghull C took three points from Cadwa B but only because the Cadwa team were a man short. Police hosted near rivals Wav. Lab C in what appears to have been a hard fought match despite Wav. running out comprehensive winners 8/2, Len beating Mario Giove for their only singles success. Aigburth A, missing Dave Cunningham, played Manweb C and suffered their second hiding in successive weeks as they slumped to a 10/0 defeat. Aigburth B did a little better against Wav. Lab D loosing out 4/6, surprisingly Derek Traynor lost all three of his sets, but Neil Croxton won both singles, beating Colin Fyles and Dave Williams, to even things up, John Mitchell, welcome back John, lost to Dave and Steve Perry, doubles shared.

## WEEK 22.

Last week of the season and Cadwa B celebrated by turning out a full team against Linacre and winning 8/2,

again that man Harry Reeve winning his two against George Higham and John Ashley, Dave Ferguson did take Ian Lunt to five but lost the fifth 11/8. Wav. Lab. D played Police B and probably wished they hadn't, going down to a whitewash 0/10, only Andy Bird threatened when he took John Moore to five, losing 11/8, to Colin Fyles for Wavertree. Funny old result for Cadwa C against Aigburth A, Norman Lindsay beats Josef

Koudelik but lost to Doug Baker, who also beat Ray Jones, result a 6/4 win for Cadwa. And that, as they say, is it for now, I hope you all enjoy a good break until September then come back fighting. Just one thing for the future, it would be good if team captains wrote the Christian names of their players and not just initials, makes life so much easier for the writer, and makes for better reading.

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## Division 5 Doug Baker

At the start of the season, I didn't know much about this division and the players in it, but I knew two things for sure, **Arriva North West 1st** (Arriva 1st) and **Harold House 'C'** (HH'C') would be promoted, the big unknown was, who would be Champions and who Runners-up, and that's the way it played out for the season, both teams demolished teams as they stayed at the top of the division, **HH'C'** always lying back with a game in hand. Coming into the crucial last 4 matches and there were only 3 points between the top two, let me relate their final matches week by week in order to give you a feel as to how the pressure mounted and the nerves built up.



est match;- Graham winning out 14/12 in the 5<sup>th</sup>, and who was it phoned Danny to ask how they'd gotten on? **HH'C'** played at **Bootle YMCA'C'**, achieved target 10-0, so no movement, but now a tougher order for **HH'C'**.  
Arriva 1<sup>st</sup> P21 174 - HH'C' P20 165

### *Week 21 commencing 6<sup>th</sup> April*

**Arriva 1<sup>st</sup>** played away to **Bath Street 'E'** and a pretty straight forward 9-1 win was the result, Kevin Eggleton quickly went 2 up against Graham, and at 10-10 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Graham stared defeat in the face, in the 5<sup>th</sup> he stared defeat in defeat as he was knocked out 12/10, so, a slight chink in the Arriva armour for **HH'C'** to exploit, also away at **Maghull'E'**, all does not go their way as the redoubtable Steve Appleton pops in at No.4 to take 2 points, beating Paul & Mendle, both over 5, both with comebacks, you could say the week ended for **HH'C'** with one point gained and two lost, important thing was that **Arriva 1<sup>st</sup>** were finished 'in the club house' 10 points ahead of **HH'C'** who had one game in hand – no room for errors.  
Arriva 1<sup>st</sup> P22 183 HH'C' P21 173

### *Week 19 commencing 16<sup>th</sup> March.*

The week began with **Arriva 1<sup>st</sup>** ahead on 148 points to **HH'C'**'s 145, the week ended with **HH'C'** ahead on 155 points to Arriva 1<sup>st</sup>'s 154, the first time they had been in pole position! **HH'C'** achieved this with a much needed 10-0 off **Edge Hill** (Terry Johanson the only visitor to win a game, his best of the season - off Rob in 5). **Arriva 1<sup>st</sup>** had a disastrous visit to **Maghull'F'** dropping 4 points, Steve Appleton at No.1 beating Harry, John McLoughlin Snr. beating Graham in 5, young Jim holding his nerve to beat Pavel in 5, doubles one-a-piece with Steve & John besting Harry & Graham.

### *1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Divisions Cup Final Week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> March*

**Arriva 1<sup>st</sup>** won their Easter Monday rearranged match versus **Wavertree Labour 'E'** consummately, 10 sets to nil, dropping only 1 game, a fine return to form, and more importantly now 9 points ahead of **HH'C'**; **HH'C'** would now have to win their remaining 3 games all 10-0 to ensure they won the title.  
Arriva 1<sup>st</sup> P20 164 - HH'C' P19 155

### *Week 20 commencing 30<sup>th</sup> March*

**Arriva 1<sup>st</sup>** hosted their own 'A' team and ran out 10-0 winners, a determined improvement from their first half of the season 6-4 encounter, Graham v Danny the clos-

### *Week 22 commencing 13<sup>th</sup> April*

No action, just waiting as **HH'C'** also didn't play on their scheduled night, presumably I think because it was in the middle of Passover.

### *Week 22+1 commencing 20<sup>th</sup> April*

The big one, **Harold House 'C'** home hosting **Maghull 'F'** in the season's decider, 10-0 needed, things were looking good at 6-0 up, but that man Steve Appleton again, this time appearing at his more regular No.1 spot, put the pin in the bubble, he beats Rob Midgeley after losing to Michael Siu, not bad, who else can claim to have beaten 3/4's of **HH'C'**?! Rob had previously done heroics, coming back from 2 down and could have lost in 3 to John McLoughlin Snr. but won the last 2 11/9 each, John latterly out played Paul for another Maghull point, so, an 8-2 win, not the vital 10-0, but a gallant try, and better than the 6-4 they got in their previous encounter. Can you imagine how it was for **HH'C'**? after 216

games, the title race for **HH'C'** came down to the last 4 games, win the 4 – win the title. No doubt **HH'C'** will be cursing Mr A., did anyone notice that for both the matches he was chauffeured in a green & cream Double Decker? If it's any solace to them, if they had been level on points with **Arriva 1<sup>st</sup>** the cup would have still gone to **Arriva 1<sup>st</sup>** due to the scores tally in their two matches. Arriva 1<sup>st</sup> P22 183 HH'C' P22 181

Unfortunate that in the last week of the season neither team played a match! both teams were due to play home matches and were able to re-arrange the match, which presented them with the question of when to play it, **Arriva 1<sup>st</sup>** brought theirs forward three weeks to what was a blank week, this ensured they didn't have a week's break in the final run in, **Harold House'C'** faced with the same option put it back a week, was this a crafty game plan to see how many points they would need to overtake their rivals? after all it was a position they'd coped with all season, were **Arriva 1<sup>st</sup>** being crafty too? there's a 'practice' that two teams from the same club shall not be scheduled to play each other in the last two weeks of the season, by moving the last match before the match back 3 weeks, that is effectively what happened, **Arriva 1<sup>st</sup>**'s penultimate match was against their club mates.

Could it be that the unbroken run-in of matches that **Arriva 1<sup>st</sup>** had, enabled them to keep focus, and was the crucial difference between them the patchy schedule faced by **Harold House'C'**? all the "what ifs" can be forgotten by **Arriva 1<sup>st</sup>**, and licked over by **Harold House'C'**.

**Arriva 1<sup>st</sup>** can look back on a tremendous season, with all goals met; - promoted, Division Champions and Cup winners, well done to Derek, Harry, Graham and Pavel, assisted by Kristov & Alan, something of a scratch team who gelled together quickly and didn't buckle when beaten by **Harold House'C'** 7-3 in week 7, they won the return 8-2, so that's 11 points for them and 9 for **HH'C'**, the two point gap that separated them at the end of season, if one more game had gone **HH'C'** way! Only one defeat, no draws, for an 8.3 average, Derek 2<sup>nd</sup> in the averages with a tremendous campaign of 42 games with just 2 losses, Pavel played all games.

**Harold House'C'** had an 8.2 average which shows you how close it was, the core of the team was Rob(3), Michael(5), Paul(9) and Mendle(7) with Mike Poole and James Noon stepping in, that's their position on the averages list in brackets;- all of the team in the top ten, a feat even **Arriva 1<sup>st</sup>** didn't match, they did ever so well to keep the pressure on right to the end, Paul also played in every game.

Both will be strong teams in the 4<sup>th</sup> next season for sure.

Last 4 weeks highlights:

Week 19. Steve Daniels at **Maghull'E'** - "Good comebacks, 7-10 down to Janette in the 4<sup>th</sup> game saved four match points to 14-16 and took the 5<sup>th</sup>. 2 games down to Naresh, took the next three". Dave Dundas coming from 2 down to beat Sharon Mahon, 16/14 in't 5<sup>th</sup>. Who's the Daddy? - **Bath St 'F'** beating their 'E' team 8-2 (and they ended above them), fine set between No.1s Mal & Brian, won by Brian in't 5<sup>th</sup>. Charlie Bradshaw, losing both singles to Babs & Paul, after being ahead 2-1. Away draw for **Aiggy'C'** at **Arriva'A'** - match-of-the-night, Eric v Janusz, going to 5, Eric coming back from 11/2 in't 4<sup>th</sup>.

Week 20. **Maghull 'F'-10 Edge Hill-0** - good family outing for Steve + the McLoughlins. **Police'C'-4 Maghull'E'-6**, Sam Gittins beating Denise & James Mc in 5, Naresh beat Dave after losing to Geoff, Warren was in charge v Geoff, but almost lost it to Alan, taking 5<sup>th</sup> 11/9. **Bath Street'F'-7 v Wavetree'E'-3**, Albert lost to Gordon after being ahead in games, as did Paul v Eric. Classy Ken v Cyril in the 1<sup>st</sup> on battle of the 4s. **Aigburth'C'-3 Marine'E'-7**, Robbie, Mal & Kevin, resolute in their singles.

Week 21. **Wavertree 'E' - 4 Aigburth'C'-6**. Gordon 2. Eric lost to Ian 10-12 in't 5<sup>th</sup> after pulling back the 3<sup>rd</sup> game 11/1, he won the battle of the Erics in 5 after an epic 12/14 game to Mr Young. **Maghull'F'-8 BYMCA'C'-2**. Steve Daniels back, Steve A. winning battle of the Steve's, and John S. winning the battle of the Johns, strong win for Maghull 'F' with only Jim's win over Steve J. and Joe's last minute win (12/10 in 5<sup>th</sup>) v John S. to shout about for the visitors. **Arriva 'A'** gifted a 10-0 as **Edge Hill** failed to show (just as well it wasn't their first team!). **Police'C'** hurt 2-8 by **BathStMarine'F'**, Sam's win over Des and the last match doubles win with Alan the best moments for the Police, Alan unlucky to get nothing from his singles as both went to 5, quite a tussle in the battle of the Oakes, as Paul won the 4<sup>th</sup> game 12/10 and deciding 5<sup>th</sup> 14/12 to rock Dave in his crib.

Week 22. **Aigburth'C'-4 Police'C'-6**, also re-arranged back a week due to Bank Holiday Monday, bizarrely the 1<sup>st</sup> 6 games were played from the bottom of the card and **Aigburth'C'** went 4-2 up, Robbie Puddifer played 3 in a row, winning his two singles amidst losing doubles, by the close of game 6, 3 players had completed all their matches!!, not something you see very often, this left Ian & Alan to alternate their singles, something that didn't work in their favour, as Police won all 4 and completely turned the outcome around, bizarre!

**BathSt'F'-4 Maghull'E'-6**, more strange goings on, Warren failed to show, thus 3 of the 4 Bath St points were given, Albert had a fine turn round over Naresh, Denise was too good for him and Babs, Naresh lost the 1<sup>st</sup> against Paul then raced away in the next 3.

**BYMCA'C'-4 Arriva'A'-6**, Steve with fine win, getter better after opening 12/10 versus Lynton, shoe on other foot though as Lenyk won close 1<sup>st</sup> 13/11 before storming away in 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jim bested Janusz after 12/10 1<sup>st</sup> set as did Lynton v Joe.

**Edge Hill-2 BathSt'E'-8**, Chris beat Richard & Mal, all else down the card for BSM 'E'.

Additional Season's Plaudits.

Well done to **Bath Street Marine'F's** Brian Crolley, for coming top of the averages, 100%; 24 wins, I don't think that's been done for awhile, 'E' team colleague Mal Kent was also in the top 10. **Maghull'F'** / 'E's, Steve Appleton, 4<sup>th</sup> 92%. **Aigburth'C's** Robbie Puddifer was best No.4 on 87%, only 2 losses. For **Wavertree**

**Labour'C'** Gordon Langshaw was present at all games and Ken Ray was a commendable 12<sup>th</sup> in 't averages.

Well that's all folks, another season entered into the history books and a new one beginning, at least two aspirations achieved and others held over for next year. I think Maghull and Bootle will do well next season, as could Bath St if they choose to re-deal their cards, I hope two more teams come in to make the numbers balance.

I hope most of you players, most of the time, have enjoyed reading my notes, this coming season I believe it will be Paul Oakes doing the writing, as he 'gets in the ring' for Bath Street 'F' he'll be better able to dish the dirt and gossip, good luck Paul.

Doug

New div. 5 reporter Paul Oakes is a "web searcher" and suggests you try some of these TT sites, probably needs a fast broadband, but saves the search!!

**This month's websites:** YouTube, search for Waldner. Many clips, although 'best point of' and 'simply the best' are my favourites. Watch world-class players look like beginners against the player who invented the modern style while he re-invents Newton's Laws of Motion (an object shall travel in a straight line

unless Jan Ove has hit it. See him play a simple forehand push that puts his opponent in the fifth row, or play a loop smash from 3 miles away that nearly drills a hole in the sucker playing against him.

<http://forums.oneofakindtrading.com.au/> - Aussie website that's mostly a forum (want to discuss relative merits of equipment, players, tournaments or playing styles - there's opinions here) and a shop that sells stuff you can't get from the British shops (and is reasonably priced, as long as you're not in a hurry

## Liverpool University Sporting Hall of Fame

On 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009 Liverpool University opened its new Hall of Fame, dedicated to Sportsmen who have passed through the University over the years, and have represented their country in their chosen sport

Now the university is honouring its sporting heroes, both familiar and forgotten, with a Hall of Fame with 49 initial inductees. The Hall of Fame's gallery, which will be gradually expanded, was opened by the University's vice chancellor, Prof Sir Howard Newby.

One of the oldest inductees represented is J. Ken Hyde, 93, who now lives in Hertfordshire. He read chemistry and was an International table tennis player. In 1939 he made a 10 - day journey to Cairo to play for England in front of 20,000 spectators

The fact that the L&DTTL former President won the Merseyside Open men's singles title and the first of his doubles titles with brother Eric, 75 years ago this year is amazing. Ken is the longest surviving Closed and Merseyside Men's singles champion, after him is Johnny Leach who won the Merseyside in 1945.



The photo shows Ken with another ex. Merseyside player, Tony Clayton, who won the men's doubles partnering Peter D'Arcy in 1972 and Wally Allanson in 1973, also the mixed doubles with Sue Manning in 1972, also L&DTTL Chairman, Don Davies, who welcomed Ken and Tony on behalf of the League.

## A BOLD APPROACH TO PROBLEM

By Eric Caird.

FRIDAY, September 26, 1952, was notable for two things, for, in addition to being the first quarter of the moon, it also marked the inception of a new approach to the coaching problem by the Management Committee of the Liverpool League.

The question of coaching has long been a subject provoking much thought and discussion, and many schemes have been tried, not only in this League but in practically every part of the country. Determined that within the next two or three years Liverpool shall resume its rightful place at the head of national Table Tennis, the Management Committee has formulated an ambitious scheme for the recruitment and development of players. Confronted with the problem of National Service at the age of eighteen years and the disadvantages attendant thereon, the League, on September 26, 1952, broke entirely new ground by taking Table Tennis to the schools. A most comprehensive programme was drawn up and an exhibition staged at the Liverpool Y.M.C.A., to which invitations were sent to every type of school in Liverpool.

### Good Response

**The response was extremely gratifying and several hundred school children, accompanied by masters and mistresses, witnessed a most interesting exhibition of table tennis.** The three Rumjahn brothers, Reg Hetherington, Eileen Mansell and Bluey Casselman staged (to a split second time-table) exhibition games of very fine quality. The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly an illustrated talk given by Peter Rumjahn in which every shot in the game was demonstrated to perfection, and showed youngsters and oldsters alike the correct way in which shots should be played. That interest was aroused was evident from the conversations which took place at the conclusion of the evening's play, and already similar exhibitions on a smaller scale have been arranged to take place at various schools in Liverpool.

The Management Committee hopeful that enough promising material will become available through this scheme, and that, given proper coaching under League auspices, younger players will come to maturity before their National Service is undertaken, with the consequent advantage that on their return to civilian life only a short period of rehabilitation should be necessary to bring them once more to their pre-National Service proficiency.

This approach to the schools is not by any means the "be all and end all" of the coaching scheme. Young players of promise will continue to be recruited by the League and club secretaries are asked to co-operate by passing on to Mr. Stamp the names of any promising young player who they feel has the temperament and the time to devote to coaching and subsequent practice.

The whole question of coaching is a most thought-provoking subject, and is one on which many diverse views are held. Are *YOU* in favour of it, or do *YOU* think it so much waste of time? Have *YOU* any ideas as to how the standard of play can be improved through coaching?

If so, don't keep them to yourself, pass them on to Mr. Stamp, either directly or through your secretary, or, alternatively, air them through the correspondence columns of the *Digest*. You want a controversial subject—here is one, let the Management know what *YOU* think.

*The above passage from Digest Vol 3 No.1 1952*

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*Are we looking at 'coaching' in the wrong light, our direction seems to be to catch them young, coach them well, and hope for top class players later. With the, supposedly, slow decline in player numbers, should we be looking more at encouraging youngsters interested in playing the sport, then when the majority inevitably stop playing when they leave school and find other interests to occupy their time, at least they will have the interest to return in later years. We seem to think that if we don't "coach" them to a high standard, they are not going to play. I refer to my past, I started in a boy's club, Litherland, we weren't coached, we just got on with it, we played in a local Crosby & District league, not the L&DTTL at that time, I didn't play from the time I started my National Service until I was in mid 40's, but having played many years before, it soon came back,*

*not a classic style, but at least I'm still playing. There aren't many Youth Clubs now, so we have to get the youngsters interested at the schools stage, there is a new interest being generated in the schools which we need to encourage. On this page I've printed the novel idea which was suggested by the ManCom in 1952 (Vol 3 No.1), "A Bold Approach to Problem", the idea was to take to the schools an exhibition by top local players on how the game is played, the large response from the schools was very encouraging and unexpected. That same approach would pay off now, as there's nothing better for a new player than to see how a sport is and can be played at a top level.*

*Your views are still as relevant now as they were then,*  
**Let us know.**  
*Editor*

# The Sefton School's Partnership Table Tennis League 2008 - 09



## Savio High School Bootle

Savio's U16 winning team of Saul Keelan, Danny Young, Liam Shaw and David Ratajczak being awarded the Sefton league trophy from Formby High coach Dave Graham.

The final winners of the league were:

### U13

Winners: St Ambrose Barlow

Runners up: Formby A

### U16

Winners: Savio High School

Runners up: St Ambrose Barlow.

Considering this has been Savio High School's first season in competitive tables tennis, quite an achievement to finish up as winners of their age group, and must give a tremendous amount of satisfaction to Savio's Mr. Howard and supporting Staff, as well as the players who took part.

# Liverpool School Partnership Table Tennis League 2008 - 09

## Years 8 / 9

Pos	P	Games			Dif.	Pts.
		W	L			
1 Bluecoat	7	62	22	40	62	
2 SFX	7	49	35	14	49	
3 King David	7	48	36	12	48	
4 Shorefields	6	46	26	20	46	
5 Childwall	5	35	25	10	35	
6 St Margarets	5	14	46	-32	14	
7 SFA	4	13	35	-22	13	
8 Gateacre	4	6	42	-36	6	

## Years 10 / 11

Pos	P	Games			Dif.	Pts.
		W	L			
1 Bluecoat	5	52	8	44	52	
2 Calderstones	6	46	26	20	46	
3 Gateacre	6	37	33	4	37	
4 SFX	6	31	41	-10	31	
5 King David	6	26	34	-8	26	
6 St Margarets	4	22	26	-4	22	
7 SFA	5	14	46	-32	14	

The Liverpool Schools League.  
winners photo

Bluecoat School

Did not arrive in time  
In next issue

Congratulations to Bluecoat for winning both year group leagues, they have performed very well throughout. Overall it is clear that schools have been improving during the league, the Year 8 / 9 League in particular has been very competitive. Stan Clarke and Dave Graham who have been assisting me with the league have been very impressed with the raw talent that has been on show.

Paul OLeary

Keith Williams has agreed to take on the post of League coaching Secretary, Keith is a well known and respected top class player, so hopefully he will get all the help and assistance he needs from the existing League players to build coaching up and keep the new momentum going, and bring a some fresh young competition to the League, Edgehill broke the stalemate of 'old' clubs last season, hope they are with us for many years to come. Editor

## Letter from the Chief Executive on Individual Membership

### Dear ETTA Colleague

This letter is intended to give you an overview of the key elements of Individual Membership, which will be submitted as a proposal to the forthcoming AGM in June, for implementation in the 2010/11 season, if approved.

This is a unique opportunity to bring Table Tennis in line with most other Olympic sports and to empower the individual to be part of the process in our drive to modernise and to meet the specific requirements of our funding partners.

We hope this document will be useful to assist you in informing all your local members.

### Reasons for individual Membership

> The ETTA needs to have better systems to know how many members it has and what kind of members it has

> It needs to enhance its capacity to bring in and retain new members in whatever way

> It needs to improve responses to current government and funding partners' expectations, as required of all National Governing Bodies

### Membership changes

> The whole emphasis will be on individuals

> There will be two categories of membership

1. - Player Member - who plays Competitive Table Tennis;

2. - Associate Member - who does not (except for intra-club competitions)

> Associate Member will enhance our ability to increase membership numbers

> All members will be allocated a unique, lifetime membership number, which is portable to any league or competition.

### Financial changes

> The basic membership fees are intended to be at the same level as under the current system, currently £4.48 plus inflation. This year that will be an additional 14p, plus £1 for Civil Liability insurance. Associate Member fee will be £2.00 total, (see document NC RR.39 on proposed fee levels, attached for information)

> Only one ETTA fee per member regardless of how many leagues are played in

> All Junior Player Members pay reduced fees whether playing in Junior or Senior leagues.

> All members of Directly Affiliated/Premier Clubs must affiliate as Players or Associates

> Leagues and Clubs still act as fee collection agents but now for individual members (changing from fee collection by team)

> All current non-paying people - e.g. coaches/umpires/officials - continue not to pay unless they play Competitive Table Tennis or require a separate coaches ETTA licence.

> No more affiliation fees for Leagues which will receive affiliation certificates as will all other Affiliated Organisations

> Civil Liability Insurance fees now paid by members, therefore no longer paid for by Leagues / Directly Affiliated Clubs

> Membership fees to be determined by National Council as with most other Olympic sports and consistent with all other ETTA fees such as Player Licence fees etc. It is necessary to change from the present system with the advent of individual membership as the present rule of fee units per team is inappropriate and other benefits in addition to insurance are likely to be incorporated in coming years.

We thank you for taking the time to read this document and would encourage you to support the ETTA's progression to adopting Individual Membership by using your relevant votes at the AGM.

Richard Yule  
Chief Executive  
5th May 2009

### Vote at ETTA AGM - 18th. Apr. 2009

Table tennis members have voted overwhelming in favour of Individual Membership. At their AGM in Birmingham they stamped their approval on this often controversial issue by a massive 82%. (27,841 votes for and 6,161 votes against)

It's been a long time coming but after decades of debate and discussion and under the chairmanship of Alex Murdoch, the sport is now moving into an exciting new era.

For decades previous chairmen of the ETTA had discussed and debated the need for individual membership and current chairman Alex Murdoch has finally succeeded in persuading the membership to accommodate this need.

This historic, critical and important Membership Affiliation process change moves the Governance of Table Tennis into a new era and was part of the Transformational Programme recommended by the present Directors and Management to Sport England for the 2009/2013 bid for funding and subsequently approved by National Council.

Concerns were raised in respect of the initial proposals submitted by Management and National Council in terms of the fee approval section and amendments were approved at the AGM and the substantive proposals were then approved with over 82% of those voting in favour.

*From ETTA web site*

# Cup Finals

Divisions 4 & 5 were reported in the last Digest, Div. 3 was won by Crosby High 'B', beating Harold House 'B', but no photo's were available.



Div. 1 The Readman Cup was won by Fords for the 4th time in the last 5 years beating 9 times past winners Wavertree Labour. The two teams were Mal McEvoy, Terry Turner and Andy Taylor for Fords with Gary Watson, Aaron Beech and Bjorn Meyer for Wavertree Labour. Ray Lavin was the Umpire with Tom Purcell officiating, and supplying the photo

Div. 2 Rumjahn Cup was won by Harold House's 'A' team, the first time Harold House has won this Cup, beating Marconi who have won it twice since 2000. The Harold House team was Alec Bryce, Steve Whalley & Neil Baker, and Bob Edwards, Frank McCann & Ian Wensley for Marconi.



Graham Rollinson was the Umpire, with Stan Clark officiating and supplying the photo. Peter Rumjahn has been presenting this trophy for many, many years, but health prevented him this year, but thanks to Janet Dav-



The Frank Murphy Memorial Trophy had two teams from the same Club in the final, Merseyside Police winning this trophy for the first time. The Police 2 team of Paul Gittins, Brenda Buoeu & Tom Purcell, overcame the handicap deficit to beat their Police 1 team of Alan Cameron, Tom Lynch and Geoff Pye. The normal pattern of the Finals being played at neutral venues was changed to allow this Final to be played at the Police Club with no advantage to either team, maybe both

finalists being from the same club accounted for the disappointing spectator turn out, but a good match was missed. Thanks again to Marjorie Murphy, Sue and Dave Berry for once more presenting the trophies, and the after match refreshments in the bar. Graham Rollinson umpired all the games, Match Official Roly Wright

Our new item of interest is on the go again, '50 Plus', started 2 Digests ago by Ted Birch, with a request that we recruit another correspondent to run it, I was pleased to announce that old hand Paul Gittens had agreed to take it on, but sadly it fell at the first hurdle, missing the the last Digest, but that was due to technical problems (with Paul's computer) these have now been sorted, and Paul has sent me that article, he has also committed to being one article in front of each Digest, so I'm sure there's a lot of good reading to come. Paul's questions in **'Bold'**, and his comments in *'Italics'*.



# Bill Harris

## Where did it all start ?

I began playing TT at Old Swan Boys club with my friends Basil Townsend , Bernard Land and Mickey (Frank) Rodney . I remember shortly before 'National Service' going to Bolton to play against these lads who wore pressed grey shorts and the same coloured shirts with gleaming white pumps. They all had new bats with rubber on, I had a solid wooden bat whilst Basil played with a layer of felt, Bernard , I think , had a Barna bat, we lost !

## Who was the best player played against ?

There was a Merseyside open on a Saturday and the local players has to play on the Friday to qualify. I beat Roy Jones in the final to earn a place in the 'Open' the following day. However , when I got home on the Friday evening I received a telegram ( no phones of mobiles in those days ) telling me that I was to play football on the Saturday for Hoylake 1st team against Skelmersdale in an FA Cup qualifier. I did not play in the 'Open' but I later found out that , if I had played , my opponent would have been the World Champion Richard Bergmann. Certainly the best player I nearly played .



Eric Hardman Mick Daniels Tom Killip Bill Bagot  
 Alex Gould Mike Moran Mike Trueman Bill Harris  
A Southport League Cup Final 1972

## What was your best win ?

I once beat Derek Schofield twice in one week . I beat him mid week playing for the Liverpool 2nd Team and then on the Saturday whilst playing for the Liverpool 1st team.

## What was your worst defeat ?

I played in a Merseyside Open Vets tournament and reached the semi-finals when I played Peter Darcy, I lost 21-2 , 21 - 4 , humiliating.

## Best player to watch ?

I did initially select Gordon Birch but after a long personal debate I've gone for Keith Williams. I enjoy Keith's honest approach to the game, no fancy serves and plays an open game. You know what you're going to get with Keith. He doesn't stop you playing .He simply returns your best shots with great shots.

## Funniest T.T. moment ?

Maybe not the funniest but certainly the most memorable was when my wife Brenda and I were on holiday in Spain and having a game of T.T. in the resort when two men stopped to watch. I noticed that one of the men had his left arm and leg amputated and had a crutch wedged under his arm-pit for support. His friend asked me for a game , which I accepted , thinking that his disabled friend would simply watch . how wrong was I. The disabled guy walked to the table, his friend would pick up the ball and place it on his bat and he would flick it up to serve. I soon cottoned on the anything wide he struggled ( *always the tactician Bill* ) but down the middle he was a marvelous hitter . We had a good laugh and a great game of table tennis.

## Who's your T.T hero and why ?

My hero was our number 1 Reg Hetherington ( Balfour TT Club ). A player who could attack any ball ( Barna

days ). When I joined Balfour for practice sessions , I could never reach double figures and rarely got over five. What a player .

**Is there life other than Table Tennis ?**

I liked football and played every week til I was thirty. I once played in a Welsh League tie for Blaneau Ffestiniog against Llandudno Junction and the opposing centre half was the great T.G. Jones ex Everton player. We were losing 1-0 when 3 minutes from the end I beat him to s short ball at the near post to equalize. I don't know what pleased me more. Scoring the goal or him falling to the floor.

**Tell me something which would surprise me.**

I remember when I was taking Paul Gittins , his brother Steve and their friend Marty Finnegan home after another defeat in the 5<sup>th</sup> Division. They must have been no older than 13 or 14 . It was against 'Dutches' who played in Shaw Street. I told them that I could train monkeys to play better, I still can't believe that I said that, *( my therapist found this very interesting Bill !)*

**Who's Eleven Up' would you like to read ?**

The person I would like to read would be Billy Clayton because I remember Billy and his team mates, since like me , he played for Litherland Boys club. Be warned though, he could probably fill a digest with his memoirs.



Basil Townsend

Bill



*Bill, now turned 80, not a lot different to the photo from 1972, just a bit of silver on top, - keep playing Bill*



This team never did make it in table tennis , and decided to try their hand at music , where they proved a bit more of a success !

In the lead up to the 2012 Olympics, the take up for the Olympic sports of Swimming and Gymnastics has fallen off, but take up for Table Tennis has increased, not what the Sports funding providers expected, (just heard it on the news 27/07/09), I think that table tennis fits into the category of the youngsters we are trying to pull away from the TV screen and the games consol, that it doesn't take as much effort to get started!!!

*Editor*

# Letters

*Ted Birch received the following letter from Wally Allanson*

Dear Ted

At last pen to paper to thank you for the Digest, your recollections set me off on a trawl through the Allanson archives, which brought back many fond memories whilst also exposing a few gaps.

Best Player played against has to be Des Douglas – twice apparently (I can clearly recall playing him in a tournament, but someone recently pointed out that I had played him in a National League match shortly after he had won the European Top 12). I also had the privilege of practising with Chen Xin Hua.

I'm not sure about Best Player beaten, but might include the Australian No. 5 (can't remember his name) to get to the Final of a 2 star Open, or perhaps Euan Walker when Scotland's No.1, unfortunately, I can't remember whom I had to beat when winning my Liverpool and Lancashire titles. Probably best win I can recall is from 11-20 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> against Nigel Eckersly playing for English Electric in the National Clubs Competition (Quarter Final I think – Don Davies may remember – he was umpiring). One thing for sure, I've never come near to taking a game from John Hilton.

Best team comparison is again difficult, there have been many top English players in Reading (e.g. the Syed brothers, Jimmy Stokes, Chris Oldfield, Sean Gibson, Gareth Herbert, Terry Young) I have played with and against, but for strength down to No.5, the Y.M. and English Electric teams you mention would take some beating. One of my records from 61/02 season informs me that Balfour had to concede a match to us but in any case the result would never have been in doubt because both Ralph Gunnion and Ted Morris were available. I have absolutely no recollection of such a player, even though I had also played doubles with him in the 1961 Liverpool Closed, perhaps you may be able to enlighten me sometime.

At least I know that I joined Bootle Y.M. on the 19/10/51 having previously played for Linacre Boy's Club, where I lost my first competitive match, a friendly, 21-1, 21-7 to Les Guy, I've struggled against left-handers ever since. My first mention in the Digest was Feb. 1952 (No.5) in which Jack Lambert described me as "a promising, very young player"- I was in fact 17, but probably looked no more than 12.

I hope you find the enclosures interesting, I should also mention that one of my Journal entries refers to a match away to Bath St, on 31.01.62 in which you beat a W. Murray 21-10 in the third!

I am keeping in touch with the Liverpool Scene via the Website and it was good to see the photograph of the two Birches looking so well.

Hoping we can get together at some point (China 2010?)

All the best

Wally

28<sup>th</sup> April 2009

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## Mark Monaghan

E-mail received from John Magnall who looks after the Isle of Man teams, advising that former Liverpool League player Mark Monaghan who lived on the island, has passed away.

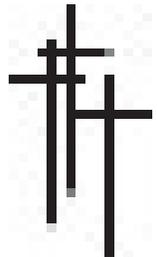
He played for a number of clubs including English Electric, Kirkby and Colonsay.

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Mark, who was 48 in March, played a couple of junior matches for the league, his first being in 1976 together with Graeme Black and Phil Thomson in an 8-2 victory over Oldham while teaming up with Graeme and Tony O'Connor in a 7-3 reversal at Barrow. He was coached by Norman Challoner and John O'Sullivan.

He also represented the Island in the European Championships.

e-mail received off Don Davies. 03/07/09



# The fun side of Umpiring

By Tom Purcell (M/Side Police)

The 2009 Association of English Table Tennis Umpires Table Tennis Tournament took place at the Uxbridge TTC, Burton on Trent over the weekend of 18-19<sup>th</sup> July 2009. This tournament will be remembered for the presentation of the new Ken Armson MBE Trophy to the winner of the Open Competition. Faith Moore, the partner of the later Ken Armson, attended the tournament and presented the trophy to the winner John Lawton, who retained his title from the 2008 competition. Linda Reid gained revenge on John Lawton by reversing the Over 60s competition from last year, but overall, umpires from the North East region won four of the seven events.



Wavertree Labour's Stan Clark came away with the O/70's & doubles (with Linda Reid Worc.) titles.



Faith Moore presented the trophy to the winner of the Open Competition, John Lawton. Faith is still involved in table tennis and assists with the running of the Liverpool Grand Prix and the Liverpool Junior 4\* tournaments.

Once again the event was a success with the umpires enjoying their table tennis. Some of the players couldn't stay for the two days because of prior commitments, but all returned home looking forward to a soothing bath and next year's event.

**Umpires** -: being an Umpire can be very rewarding, once the season starts properly, there's a continuing demand for qualified Umpires at all the Tournaments that go on around the country, and once experienced, by moving up to another level, the world opens up. So if you enjoy travelling, like being in different places, meeting loads of people, and helping the sport, apply for an Umpires course, and like umpires in other sports, you don't need to be a top player to be a good umpire.

Local contact -: Tom Purcell, secretary of Merseyside Police T.T. Club

## UMPIRES

Commentating on top international table tennis around the world, I keep getting struck by the poor quality of the umpiring. It is not uncommon, even in matches of vast prestige, to see umpires who are conspicuously out of their depth, providing poor interpretation of the rules, poor handling of the players and a rather obvious insensitivity to the rhythms of the sport.

There is, however, one nation that consistently produces umpires of high ability and judgement, Umpires whose knowledge of the rules is exceeded only by their common sense and humanity, Umpires who make the right decisions with almost unerring consistency and, as importantly, with tact and grace.

Yes, I am talking about the blue-blazered umpires from England, they do the country proud.

Quote from Matthew Syed

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# Player Averages 2008 - 09 - pos. 21 to 40

## Division. 1

Qualification 30% = 20 Sets					
	Name	Club	P	W	Ave
21	KENDALL Tony	Maghull	51	27	52.9%
22	HEWITT Jamie	Crosby High	52	25	48.1%
23	LLOYD Gavin	Crosby High A	69	33	47.8%
24	LEE Peter	Christ The King	40	19	47.5%
25	McELWEE Ian	Bath St Marine 'A'	64	29	45.3%
26	LUXON Phil	Fords	27	12	44.4%
27	BEECH Aaron	Wavertree Labour	39	17	43.6%
28	LLOYD Gemma	Crosby High A	60	26	43.3%
29	CHASE Alan	Bootle YMCA	54	23	42.6%
30	DENNETT Fionna	Harold House	33	14	42.4%
31	THABET Ahmed	Christ The King 'A'	63	26	41.3%
32	TIERNEY Dermott	Bath St Marine	38	15	39.5%
33	LEWIS Kevin	Maghull	63	24	38.1%
34	WILSON Matt	Maghull	63	24	38.1%
35	DYSON Jon	M/Side Police	51	17	33.3%
36	BIRCH Ted	Bootle YMCA	51	14	27.5%
37	BROWN Ricky	Bath St Marine 'A'	56	14	25.0%
38	CLEARY Graham	M/Side Police	21	5	23.8%
39	GRAHAM Cherith	Crosby High	57	13	22.8%
40	HENSHAW John	Harold House	38	7	18.4%

## Division. 2

Qualification 30% = 18 Sets					
	Name	Club	P	W	Ave
21	LLOYD Andy	Manweb 'A'	26	13	50.0%
22	WENSLEY Ian	Marconi	47	23	48.9%
23	REID Graham	Fords 'A'	27	11	40.7%
24	BENNETT Ken	Fords 'A'	24	9	37.5%
25	CONNOR Tony	Wavertree Lab 'B'	56	21	37.5%
26	HOLLAND Dave	Fords 'A'	54	18	33.3%
27	WINCKLE Richie	Bootle YMCA 'A'	44	14	31.8%
28	HOLMES Peter	Maghull 'A'	54	17	31.5%
29	KEE Steve	Christ The King 'B'	30	9	30.0%
30	JONES Alan	Maghull 'A'	60	17	28.3%
31	ROWAN John	Wavertree Lab 'A'	58	12	20.7%
32	EVERY Danny	Bootle YMCA 'A'	40	8	20.0%
33	WRIGHT Roly	Bootle YMCA 'A'	35	7	20.0%
34	CHEUNG Andy	Christ The King 'B'	21	4	19.0%
35	ASHTON Mike	Wavertree Lab 'B'	48	7	14.6%
36	PHEYSEY Fred	Maghull 'A'	48	6	12.5%
37	STANLEY Bill	Wavertree Lab 'B'	48	2	4.2%

## Division. 3

Qualification 30% = 20 Sets					
	Name	Club	P	W	Avg
21	LAIRD Ian	Aighurth	54	30	55.6%
22	CRAMSIY Ted	Bath St Marine 'D'	65	34	52.3%
23	STODDERN Dave	Bath St Marine 'C'	57	29	50.9%
24	EVANS Alan	Manweb 'B'	51	25	49.0%
25	RIVERS Bert	Bootle YMCA 'B'	51	25	49.0%
26	TURNER Graham	Bath St Marine 'D'	51	24	47.1%
27	BURROWS Brian	M/Side Police 'A'	45	21	46.7%
28	LOFTUS Paul	Marconi 'B'	41	19	46.3%
29	FROST George	Maghull 'B'	46	21	45.7%
30	THORNTON Russell	Marconi 'A'	45	19	42.2%
31	ROBERTS Peter	Cadwa 'A'	60	23	38.3%
32	DOWNING Tom	Maghull 'B'	47	16	34.0%
33	McCANN John	Marconi 'A'	21	7	33.3%
34	GIBSON Karen	Bath St Marine 'C'	48	14	29.2%
35	GEE Les	Bath St Marine 'C'	27	7	25.9%
36	BELL Bob	Marconi 'A'	48	12	25.0%
37	DAVIES Rob	Cadwa 'A'	36	9	25.0%
38	PROFFITT Lee	Aighurth	45	11	24.4%
39	CLAYTON Bill	Bath St Marine 'D'	42	10	23.8%
40	BRADLEY Dave	Marconi 'B'	21	5	23.8%

## Division. 4

Qualification 30% = 12 sets						
	Name	Club	P	W	Ave	avg pos
21	HIGHAM George	Cadwa 'B'	40	22	55.0%	1.0
22	RUSSELL Mike	Maghull 'C'	37	20	54.1%	2.8
23	FYLES Colin	Wavertree Lab 'D'	26	14	53.8%	1.2
24	CAMERON Alan	M/Side Police 'B'	32	16	50.0%	3.4
25	WEBB Paul	Cadwa 'C'	32	16	50.0%	3.6
26	NELSON Harry	Linacre	30	15	50.0%	2.0
27	TSANG John	Aighurth B	20	10	50.0%	1.0
28	LEE Warren	Maghull 'D'	14	7	50.0%	3.9
29	BIRD Andy	Wavertree Lab 'D'	37	18	48.6%	1.6
30	CUNNINGHAM Dave	Aighurth 'A'	38	18	47.4%	1.0
31	CLARKE Stan	Wavertree Lab 'C'	19	9	47.4%	3.8
32	ASHLEY John	Cadwa 'B'	26	12	46.2%	2.0
33	BAKER Doug	Cadwa 'A'	31	14	45.2%	2.9
34	WOOD Eric	Aighurth 'A'	34	14	41.2%	2.9
35	JONES Ray	Aighurth 'A'	36	14	38.9%	3.7
36	O'SULLIVAN John	Cadwa 'C'	33	12	36.4%	1.8
37	FERGUSON Dave	Linacre	36	13	36.1%	3.6
38	PERRY Steve	Wavertree Lab 'D'	18	6	33.3%	3.5
39	GREGORY Brian	Maghull 'C'	34	11	32.4%	2.0
40	WAI Loon	Maghull 'C'	35	11	31.4%	3.8

## City of Liverpool Junior 4 Star

Sat / Sun. 3rd - 4th October 09  
At the Wavertree Tennis Centre

Well worth a visit to see some of  
the top young talent in the country.

All the equipment is set up on the Friday PM. (2nd)  
and dismantled on Sunday as tournament progresses  
All help gratefully received.

Help assistants during the match days  
also very welcome

## Division. 5

Qualification 30% = 13 sets						
	Name	Club	P	W	Avg	pos
21	LENYK Kristov	Arriva Nrth West A	42	29	69.0%	1.4
22	DANIELS Steven	Bootle YMCA 'C'	34	22	64.7%	1.0
23	WILLIAMSON Gary	Bootle YMCA 'C'	16	10	62.5%	4.0
24	CHORLEY Denise	Maghull 'E'	38	23	60.5%	2.6
25	LANGSHAW Gordon	Wavertree Lab 'E'	44	26	59.1%	1.0
26	EGGLETON Kevin	Bath St Marine 'E'	42	24	57.1%	2.7
27	PARKER Albert	Bath St Marine 'F'	34	19	55.9%	1.3
28	WATOR Yanusz	Arriva Nrth West A	13	7	53.8%	3.6
29	OAKES Paul	Bath St Marine 'F'	40	21	52.5%	2.7
30	YOUNG Eric	Aighurth 'C'	40	21	52.5%	3.3
31	TAGORE Naresh	Maghull 'E'	36	18	50.0%	1.8
32	GEDDES Jim	Bootle YMCA 'C'	32	16	50.0%	2.1
33	McLOUGHLIN John S	Maghull 'F'	28	14	50.0%	3.9
34	PENNY Cyril	Bath St Marine 'F'	33	16	48.5%	3.4
35	HUTCHINGS Jannette	Maghull 'E'	36	17	47.2%	1.0
36	SPENCER Eric	Wavertree Lab 'E'	42	19	45.2%	2.0
37	POOLE Mike	Harold House 'C'	18	8	44.4%	3.9
38	PYE Geoff	M/Side Police 'C'	34	15	44.1%	1.4
39	JOHANSON Chris	Edge Hill	38	15	39.5%	1.0
40	WOODLEY Richard	Bath St Marine 'E'	28	11	39.3%	2.0

# Player Averages 2008 - 09 — top 20

## Division. 1

Qualification 30% = 20 Sets					
	Name	Club	P	W	Ave
1	DOLDER Kevin	Fords	30	29	96.7%
2	WILLIAMS Keith	Boote YMCA	66	61	92.4%
3	McVOY Mal	Fords	36	33	91.7%
4	WATSON Gary	Wavertree Labour	47	40	85.1%
5	CICCELLI Paul	Crosby High	20	17	85.0%
6	KHO Yeng	Harold House	29	24	82.8%
7	TAYLOR Jon.	M/Side Police	33	27	81.8%
8	TAYLOR Andy	Fords	48	38	79.2%
9	ROBERTS Dave	Bath St Marine	59	45	76.3%
10	WYLIE Rob	Crosby High A	57	41	71.9%
11	PEERS Clare	Bath St Marine	59	41	69.5%
12	GITTINS Paul	M/Side Police	57	39	68.4%
13	WHELAN Tony	Christ The King 'A'	44	30	68.2%
14	MEYER Bjorn	Wavertree Labour	47	32	68.1%
15	BIRD Keith	Christ The King	53	36	67.9%
16	TURNER Terry	Fords	33	22	66.7%
17	JACKSON Ken	Bath St Marine	30	20	66.7%
18	CONNOR Ken	Harold House	27	17	63.0%
19	HOPE John	M/Side Police	30	18	60.0%
20	LAU John	Christ The King	55	31	56.4%

## Division. 2

Qualification 30% = 18 Sets					
	Name	Club	P	W	Ave
1	MOLYNEUX Les	Manweb	60	58	96.7%
2	BLACK Graeme	Cadwa	60	56	93.3%
3	EDWARDS Bob	Marconi	53	41	77.4%
4	EVANS Paul	Manweb	57	43	75.4%
5	WHALLEY Steve	Harold House 'A'	50	37	74.0%
6	TIMEWELL Alan	Cadwa	42	31	73.8%
7	TIERNEY Mike	Wavertree Lab 'A'	47	33	70.2%
8	CHEUNG Billy	Christ The King 'B'	60	42	70.0%
9	ADAMS Roy	Manweb 'A'	48	33	68.8%
10	BELLESC Mikael	Christ The King 'B'	48	32	66.7%
11	BRYCE Alec	Harold House 'A'	51	34	66.7%
12	HIGHAM John	Boote YMCA 'A'	46	30	65.2%
13	LENNON George	Cadwa	60	39	65.0%
14	GOLDSON Robbie	Fords 'A'	45	29	64.4%
15	BANKS Paul	Wavertree Lab 'A'	52	33	63.5%
16	HOWARD Alice	Manweb	18	11	61.1%
17	BAKER Neil	Harold House 'A'	18	11	61.1%
18	HARSE Dave	Manweb 'A'	54	32	59.3%
19	McCANN Frank	Marconi	41	24	58.5%
20	HUGHES Bob	Fords 'A'	21	12	57.1%

## Division. 3

Qualification 30% = 20 Sets					
	Name	Club	P	W	Avg
1	BRAMHAM Adrian	Marconi 'A'	30	29	96.7%
2	EVANS Dave	Crosby High 'B'	63	60	95.2%
3	BUOFEY Brenda	M/Side Police 'A'	39	36	92.3%
4	EDWARDS Ben	Crosby High 'B'	24	22	91.7%
5	GRAHAM Sylvia	Crosby High 'B'	42	32	76.2%
6	APPLETON John	M/Side Police 'A'	24	18	75.0%
7	POWER Mike	Cadwa 'A'	51	38	74.5%
8	PEAT Rob	Bath St Marine 'C'	54	40	74.1%
9	NEAL Roger	Crosby High 'B'	60	44	73.3%
10	DAVIES Alan	Aigburth	63	46	73.0%
11	MALIK Shakil	Boote YMCA 'B'	54	39	72.2%
12	BARRACLOUGH T.	Manweb 'B'	42	30	71.4%
13	McPHERSON Rod	Harold House 'B'	66	44	66.7%
14	JENNINGS Neil	Manweb 'B'	33	22	66.7%
15	BULMER Rod	Maghull 'B'	53	35	66.0%
16	CHRISTIE Phil	Maghull 'B'	43	27	62.8%
17	HUGHES John	Harold House 'B'	51	32	62.7%
18	ROBERTS Martin	Harold House 'B'	45	27	60.0%
19	MULLALLY Tony	Marconi 'A'	24	14	58.3%
20	PURCELL Tom	M/Side Police 'A'	51	29	56.9%

## Division. 4

Qualification 30% = 12 sets						
	Name	Club	P	W	Ave	pos
1	AO Jason	Manweb 'C'	36	35	97.2%	1.4
2	CHEN Ben	Manweb 'C'	36	33	91.7%	2.7
3	FARLEY Lee	Wavertree Lab 'C'	36	30	83.3%	2.9
4	DYSON Len	M/Side Police 'B'	37	30	81.1%	1.0
5	GOULDEN Dave	Wavertree Lab 'C'	28	22	78.6%	3.1
6	BURROWS Ian	Cadwa 'B'	32	25	78.1%	2.7
7	GIOVE Mario	Wavertree Lab 'C'	36	28	77.8%	2.1
8	REEVE Harry	Linacre	40	31	77.5%	1.0
9	WONG Robert	Manweb 'C'	34	26	76.5%	3.6
10	XIA Dong	Wavertree Lab 'C'	34	25	73.5%	1.0
11	LUNT Ian	Cadwa 'B'	29	21	72.4%	3.6
12	FRENCH Alan	M/Side Police 'B'	20	14	70.0%	3.1
13	KOUDELIK Josef	Cadwa 'C'	38	26	68.4%	1.5
14	TRAYNOR Derek	Aigburth B	44	30	68.2%	2.0
15	LYNCH Tommy	M/Side Police 'B'	31	21	67.7%	3.6
16	AO David	Manweb 'C'	12	8	66.7%	4.0
17	TSO Alvin	Manweb 'C'	29	19	65.5%	1.4
18	MOORE John	M/Side Police 'B'	36	22	61.1%	1.9
19	LINDSAY Norman	Aigburth 'A'	38	22	57.9%	1.9
20	CROXTON Neil	Aigburth B	39	22	56.4%	2.5

## Division. 5

Qualification 30% = 13 sets						
	Name	Club	P	W	Avg	avg
1	CROLLEY Brian	Bath St Marine 'F'	24	24	100.0%	1.8
2	SCOTLAND Derek	Arriva Nrth. West	42	40	95.2%	1.0
3	MIDGELEY Rob	Harold House 'C'	42	39	92.9%	1.1
4	APPLETON Steve	Maghull F	28	26	92.9%	1.9
5	SIU Michael	Harold House 'C'	36	32	88.9%	2.7
6	PUDDIFER Robbie	Aigburth 'C'	16	14	87.5%	4.0
7	WILLIAMS Wendle	Harold House 'C'	16	14	87.5%	3.8
8	HUGHES Harry	Arriva Nrth. West	38	33	86.8%	1.9
9	MORGAN Paul	Harold House 'C'	44	38	86.4%	2.3
10	KENT Mal	Bath St Marine 'E'	38	31	81.6%	1.0
11	ROLLINSON Graham	Arriva Nrth. West	38	31	81.6%	2.8
12	RAY Ken	Wavertree Lab 'E'	14	11	78.6%	4.0
13	AMBROSE Jim	Maghull 'E'	14	11	78.6%	3.3
14	LEE Warren	Maghull 'E'	36	28	77.8%	3.7
15	TOMCZYK Pavel	Arriva Nrth. West	44	33	75.0%	3.7
16	HUNTER Lynton	Arriva Nrth West A	28	21	75.0%	3.5
17	GARNETT Arthur	Boote YMCA 'C'	18	13	72.2%	1.7
18	REES Joe	Boote YMCA 'C'	36	25	69.4%	2.8
19	GITTINS Sam (Jnr)	M/Side Police C	26	18	69.2%	3.0
20	McLOUGHLIN John	Maghull F	26	18	69.2%	1.5

## City of Liverpool Junior 4 Star

Sat / Sun. 3rd - 4th October 09  
At the Wavertree Tennis Centre

Well worth a visit to see some of  
the top young talent in the country.

All the equipment is set up on the Friday PM. (2nd)  
All help gratefully received.

More info from your Club Secretary.  
or members of the ManCom.

ManCom details in handbook)

# Final League Tables Season 2008 - 09

<i>Division One</i>						<i>Division Two</i>							
	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Pts</i>		<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Pts</i>		
1	Fords	22	19	3	0	169	1	Cadwa	20	16	3	1	150
2	Bath St Marine	22	15	0	7	141	2	Manweb	20	17	2	1	147
3	Wavertree Labour	22	14	3	5	132	3	Marcioni	20	12	4	4	127
4	Bootle YMCA	22	14	3	5	130	4	Harold House 'A'	20	11	4	5	121
5	Christ The King	22	9	4	9	119	5	Christ The King 'B'	20	7	7	6	104
6	Merseyside Police	22	9	6	7	114	6	Wavertree Lab 'A'	20	7	5	8	100
7	Crosby High	22	9	3	10	105	7	Fords 'A'	20	6	3	11	92
8	Crosby High 'A'	22	9	2	11	96	8	Manweb 'A'	20	9	1	10	91
9	Maghull	22	5	4	13	91	9	Bootle YMCA 'A'	20	4	3	13	75
10	Harold House	22	5	6	11	90	10	Maghull 'A'	20	2	2	16	54
11	Christ The King 'A'	22	3	4	15	71	11	Wavertree Lab 'B'	20	1	2	17	39
12	Bath St Marine 'A'	22	1	2	19	62	12	Bath St Marine 'B'	Withdrawn				

<i>Division Three</i>						<i>Division Four</i>							
	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Pts</i>		<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Pts</i>		
1	Crosby High 'B'	22	22	0	0	180	1	Manweb 'C'	20	17	3	0	162
2	Harold House 'B'	22	13	3	6	136	2	Wavertree Lab 'C'	20	17	2	1	149
3	M/Side Police 'A'	22	14	3	5	134	3	M/Side Police 'B'	20	11	2	7	128
4	Maghull 'B'	22	11	3	8	112	4	Cadwa 'B'	20	11	3	6	113
5	Bath St Marine 'C'	22	11	3	8	111	5	Aigburth PH 'A'	20	10	2	8	101
6	Aigburth PH	22	6	6	10	107	6	Cadwa 'C'	20	10	1	9	96
7	Manweb 'B'	22	10	3	9	107	7	Aigburth PH 'B'	20	7	2	11	89
8	Marcioni 'A'	22	8	2	12	98	8	Linacre	20	3	6	11	81
9	Cadwa 'A'	22	7	4	11	98	9	Maghull 'C'	20	5	3	12	81
10	Bath St Marine 'D'	22	7	1	14	91	10	Wavertree Lab 'D'	20	3	2	15	57
11	Bootle YMCA 'B'	22	4	5	13	90	11	Maghull 'D'	20	2	2	16	43
12	Marcioni 'B'	22	2	1	19	56	12	Free	0	0	0	0	0

<i>Division Five</i>						
	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Pts</i>	
1	Arriva N.W	22	21	0	1	183
2	Harold House 'C'	22	20	1	1	181
3	Maghull 'E'	22	13	4	5	134
4	Bootle YMCA 'C'	22	14	2	6	128
5	Bath St Marine 'F'	22	11	4	7	120
6	Bath St Marine 'E'	22	10	2	10	107
7	Arriva N.W. 'A'	22	8	3	11	104
8	Maghull 'F'	22	8	1	13	96
9	M/Side Police 'C'	22	4	4	14	82
10	Wavertree Lab 'E'	22	3	5	14	74
11	Aigburth PH 'C'	22	3	3	16	64
12	Edge Hill	22	2	1	19	45

<i>Fines 2007 - 08</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Fine</i>	<i>Total</i>
Players Short	44	£3	£132
Walk Over League	16	£6	£96
Walk Over Cup	6	£6	£36
Played Out of Order	5	1.50 PP	£18
Late Score Card	19	£3	£57
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>		<b>£339.00</b>

<i>Fines 2008 - 09</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Fine</i>	<i>Total</i>
Player Short	25	£3	£75
Walk Over League	12	£6	£72
Walk Over Cup	2	£6	£12
Played Out of Order	2	1.50 PP	£6
Late Score Card	24	£3	£72
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>		<b>£237.00</b>

The League may have to start selling raffle tickets again, 2006-07 season fines pulled in £381, season 2006-07 it was £339, last season £237, the main spin off is that more players are getting matches, but the easiest saving of all is, POST THE MATCH CARDS THE NEXT DAY!!

Well done to Edge Hill Youth Club, very first season in competitive table tennis, experience will start showing next season!!

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