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Editorial

The current season will soon be over, I'm writing this, coming into week 24, and looking at the latest League tables, I don't think there will be much change at the end of the season, I'd put my money on the teams that are leading their divisions now will still be there at the end, and most probably, the second placed teams as well. The fate of the bottom clubs looks cut and dried, with only Div. 2 the chance of changing who's bottom, between BYM 'A' & Maghull 'A', but in Div's 3 & 4 there could be a bit of a scrap to decide who will be next to bottom. But relegation could still be decided on how many teams we have entered for the next season, so who goes down this season will only be decided come the next season, when the format is decided, seems that gone are the days when the same clubs entered the same number of teams each season.

From my own point of view, when you finish bottom of a division after getting battered each match, you look forward to having a season lower down, win a few more matches, recharge your self esteem, but in the case of last season when the number of teams in the division increased, we were "saved" from relegation, but thrown back amongst the lions, we managed to 'win' two matches, when the other team took pity and played weakened teams, mind you, they say that playing against tough opposition improves your game, which I do agree with, but you have to be at the right end of the learning curve.

Two Clubs have recently dropped teams out, Manweb from the 1st Div., it always surprises me when a club's top team drops out, for whatever reason, but does create a problem for the following season, those players have effectively finished their current season, they can't play down, are they going to sign on for the same club next season and play in lower divisions, and possibly pushing the existing players from that lower team down a rung, or do those same players (known top players) as a team, apply next season for a higher division at the discretion of the ManCom. (or, available space), or do they split up and sign for another club!, but either way, maybe this could have been avoided with a bit more "communication".

The other team to drop out, 5th Div. Edgehill Youth Club, is a bit more disappointing, a complete team of youngsters, into their second season, having got over the hurdle of finishing bottom in their first season, with some good and improving players, but due to the lack of adult help and encouragement at Club (Edgehill) level, I suppose it was a situation waiting to happen. Bootle YM's Steve Daniels got them started, and spent most of last season encouraging and ferrying them around, to complete the season having only given one walkover (away), but Steve just hasn't been able to give 100% of his time this season due to family commitments, I know he has continued to ferry around when possible, but this is as well as still



playing for BYM., hopefully the boys who have played for Edgehill will either get someone from the Edgehill Club to take a more hands-on interest and rejoin the league next season, or join another L&DTTL Club, but as a league, we can't afford to lose players of the future

On pages 22 & 23 I've copied a communication from the ETTA web site reference 'Individual Registration', it won't be long now, read also with the articles in the last Digest on pages 14 & 15, so get familiar.

"The Net and Edge Magazine was the main source for local table tennis information during the season and was in print for well over 30 years."

This was the headline from the Cheltenham & District table Tennis League's web site a few years ago, announcing the demise of their PRINTED Magazine, (page 9).

Is our Digest going the same way, do we need it, do you read it, is the cost and effort to produce it justified by the interest in it, would it be better to go 'electronic' and do a Newsletter every month, I know not everyone is "on line", but I'm sure every club has someone who is, and can produce copies, but then again, news is the main thing, wherever it comes from, and that is a big problem for an editor, the saying, "getting blood out of a stone" springs to mind. We now have a good set of reporters who deliver match reports to me for each Digest, but they can't always 'down tools' to do a fast turnover report, and I'm sometimes waiting for all reports to come in before I can set out in a logical order, and this Digest in particular, if I don't get it printed and delivered to the Club Secretaries in time, you the players may not get one for months, the world wide web (internet) doesn't have those same restrictions, you don't have to wait for personal deliveries, and cost would be minimal. So let me know your thoughts on this important subject, oh dear!!, what was I saying about 'blood out of a stone'.

On page 3, the Digest celebrated it's 21st Birthday. Early days , cost of printing was the main problem , many players complained of the 'unnecessary ' cost to them, but that's not a problem now, as we have had a very generous benefactor who has borne the cost for many years, the problem seems to be lack of input (interest) from the players.

Page 15 has the local School's Leagues
Pages 16 & 17 are the Cup Finals
Pages 18 & 19 has another Paul Gittins 11up
Pages 20 & 21 The Liverpool Closed
My thanks to the few who send in the articles !! And our divisional reporters.

The Digest - your Magazine

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The First 21 Years

The Table Tennis Digest celebrates its 21st birthday this year and it is not inappropriate that someone who attended its birth and did much to nurture it in its infant years should now take over its care.

Mr. Albert Montgomery—Monty to most of us—was an enthusiastic nurse at the birth and continued to be so for many years as a member of the Editorial Board. Everyone will, I am sure, join with me in wishing him well in his new task, with its many problems.

Twenty-one years is a long time and it says much for the popularity the Digest has acquired that it has withstood the ravages of time and the many problems it has faced; that the demand for it is, if anything, even greater today than when it was first published.

My mind naturally flies back to the afternoons spent by an enthusiastic half dozen in the basement of Monty's Antrim Hotel in Mount Pleasant, then the editorial and publishing office of the Digest. There were no passengers; everyone had their specific job to do and everyone pulled their weight in those jobs to get the editions out on time.

But my mind goes still further back to the moment when the idea of a magazine devoted to the activities of the Liverpool League was first conceived. It happened during a discussion one evening in the home of Frank and Edna Moore, those former stalwarts of the old Oakhill club. With them were Dr. Des Loughrey and myself and our conversation had ranged widely over table tennis topics.

One of the points which arose was the lack of publicity in the national magazine to the Liverpool League. It was almost a natural sequence that someone—and if my memory is correct it came from Dr. Loughrey—should suggest that Liverpool should have a magazine of its own, but just how he and I decided that we should produce one if we could get the backing of the league, is something I just can't remember.

However, we took the idea to Bill Stamp, then the league's organising secretary, who immediately fell for it, but with one big difference—that it should be the official magazine of the league and published by it. Although he got the agreement of the Management Committee readily enough, there was plenty of opposition at the annual general meeting when he insisted that every member of the league must be a subscriber. Bill Stamp, however, was nothing if not a fighter and he got his way and Des Loughrey and I were invited to be its co-editors, an invitation we accepted on being given an undertaking that while it would be the official magazine of the league it would be a forum through which every member of the league could have his or her say.

That provision has, I am glad to say, continued over the years and it is pleasing to think that the Digest has provided a platform for numerous voices and numerous ideas. It has, to my mind, been one of its most valuable attributes and I am sure that under Monty's editorship it will continue to be so.

By comparison with today's more glossy appearance, the early editions were on the drab side, but we were proud of it, and rightly so for it quickly established itself among the members of the league and won praise from many parts of the country.

The credit for this naturally goes to all those who contributed to its publication, not the least of whom were the divisional contributors undertaking a task which was completely alien to them and whose articles always reached the editorial board on time.

But there is one aspect of the Digest I have always regretted—the lack of pictures. How often I wished we could afford them, but the cost of making picture blocks was, and still is, prohibitive.

In publishing its own magazine the Liverpool League have given a lead to every other one in the country, but few have had the courage to follow it. Perhaps we shall see more of them take the plunge during the next 21 years, for it seems that the Digest will go on and continue to be the voice of the members of the Liverpool League.

JACK PATTISON. (Editor)

Arthur Upton was chairman of the L&DTTL on the Digest's 21st Birthday, and wrote the Editorial Article of congratulations, in those days they had an Editorial Board of 5 very keen providers of information, who understood and reacted to the necessity of getting the copy in and sorted ready to go to print, if the articles didn't come in on time, they didn't get printed, but that didn't happen very often. The Digest has gone through many stages, from the original Glossy ones, professionally printed, but stopped because of their high cost, through the stage of typing them and photo copying, then into the era of home computing and desktop publishing, and into the realm of pictures which Jack Pattison regretted the lack of due to prohibitive cost in those days, but even in those days, the question was asked, do we need the Digest, are players that interested in reading about something that happened weeks ago, would a Newsletter, as well as our League Web Site, do the same job of keeping the players informed.

On page 9, the Cheltenham League went through the same dilemma, their solution was, go Internet, after 60 years have we reached the same stage, your comments please !! Oh dear, blood out of a stone again, I ask so much!! *Editor*

Division 1

Ian McElwee

It is sad to report that MANWEB have had their records expunged and have been withdrawn from the division after giving away 3 walkovers, after gaining promotion last season the team of Neil Powell, Les Molyneux and Paul Evans were going well and probably looking at a mid table finish, however, work problems for Neil and Les led to their unavailability and the demise of the team.

I am guessing that the League Management Committee will now relegate only one team and in all probability, barring some miraculous results, that will be Maghull, they have battled on all season but found the level of play outside their compass with 15 defeats and a draw from 16 matches to date. There have been little in the way of highlights to report and Tony Kendall's notes after a 9/1 defeat to CTK sum up the situation ie "I think we need more than snookers now but we will battle away". In this match Tony did well to beat Tony Whelan and Matt Wilson pushed John Lau all the way before losing out deuce in the 5th.

If I am right and only one team is relegated CADWA are the lucky recipients of MANWEB's demise, at week 21 they were a massive 22 points behind 9th placed Bootle YMCA with next to no chance of overhauling them. When the teams met they came away with a creditable draw with Graeme Black beating James Eaton and combining with Clare Langford to take the doubles whilst George Lennon inflicted defeat on Ted Birch. Graeme has been their main man regularly picking up a fair share of points. He beat John Lau and Peter Lee when they went down 8/2 to CTK and Ken Jackson and Dave Roberts when again losing 8/2 to BSM, his run was maintained when they lost out 6/4 at Harold House. On this occasion he beat Ken Connor and Myles Fong and along with George took the doubles, George contributed with an excellent victory over a promising Rachel Baker, Graeme and George are there every week but they do not have a regular third player and will definitely need a player of first division quality to support them next season.

Those teams from 9th placed Bootle (70 points) up to CTK in 5th place on 82 are very evenly matched. It is a surprise to me that Bootle are in such a lowly position bearing in mind they have been near the top for a number of years now, Keith Williams carries on in his usual impeccable style and is undoubtedly the mainstay of the side, only dropping points on rare occasions. He was unavailable when travelling to BSM but "Captain" Chase pulled out all the stops to beat both Ken Jackson and Dave Roberts and pick up his side's 2 points, this



score line was repeated when they faced table topping Fords with Keith winning against Mal McEvoy and Terry Turner. Wayne Percival made a rare appearance against high flying Merseyside Police with he and Keith beating Paul Gittins and John Hope and combining to take the doubles to force a well earned draw. Alan's match report "the best game of TT I have seen at Bootle YMCA regarding the match between Keith and Jon Taylor in which Jon came back from 6/3 down in

the deciding set to pip Keith", bearing in mind the number of matches Alan will have witnessed for him to place this at the top of his list gives an indication of how spectacular this match must have been.

Crosby High A hold 8th position with 72 points, they might not always win but have the happy habit of picking up points on a regular basis, during the reporting period they have drawn with 4th placed Crosby and 3rd placed BSM, went down 7/3 to 2nd placed Merseyside Police and 6/4 to Fords (A) reasonable haul of points from such difficult matches. Barry Elliot continues to do well beating Ken Jackson and Dave Roberts when facing BSM he was well supported in this match by Rob Wylie who beat Steve Green and Dave, Gavin Lloyd also had an excellent victory over Dave. Young Alec Buchanan replaced Barry when they played Merseyside Police and displayed his potential in beating the experienced John Hope in the 5th.

Harold House are 4 points ahead of Crosby High A and going along in a steady fashion, they rarely play the same 3 players in consecutive matches and have put out 8 different individuals over 5 matches during the reporting period. Fiona Dennett, John Henshaw and Jasmine Yang combined to earn a draw against a weakened Fords side with Fiona and Jasmine beating Phil Luxon and Bob Hughes and combining to take the doubles. Ken Connor joined Fiona and John in another draw against CTK, on this occasion Ken and Fiona both beat Peter Lee and John Lau and paired to take the doubles. It was the turn of Ken, Myles Fong and Rachel Baker when they beat CADWA 6/4 with each contributing a couple of wins each.

Wavertree Labour (81 from 15) are in 6th place led by Gary Watson who is again having a fine season, he won his 3 in beating Wayne Percival, Alan Chase and Ted Birch in the match against Bootle YMCA, Aaron Beech lost out 11/13 in the 5th set to Wayne but went on to win his other games whilst Roy Smith won the battle of the

defenders to beat Ted. A convincing 10/0 victory over Maghull followed, and Gary was again in top form remaining undefeated in their draw with Crosby High A. When they beat Harold House 6/4 Gary lost to Myles Fong but Jake Shaw was the man of the match when remaining unbeaten in his singles including a great 11/9 final set over Myles.

CTK hold onto 5th place, just one point clear of Wavertree, recently they seem to have lost the services of Tony Whelan on a regular basis but continue picking up points. A 2 man team of Keith Bird and John Lau did well to come away from Crosby High with a draw with each beating Cherith Graham and Jamie Hewitt and combining to win the doubles. Keith remained unbeaten on his 4 visits to the table against CADWA including a close fought 11/9 final set victory over the in form Graeme Black, he was well supported by John and Peter Lee when each beat George Lennon and Clare Langford, with John's match against Clare ending in a nerve tingling 16/14 5th set victory.

Crosby High are going very well with only 2 losses from 15 played whilst acquiring 89 points to put them in 4th place. Stewart Mudie has been an excellent signing consistently winning most of his matches with a degree of ease, both he and Jamie Hewitt remained unbeaten in the singles in a 6/4 victory over Harold House, in this match the impressive Jasmine Yang got the better of Cherith Graham in the battle of the Ladies. A completely different team of Tomasz Rzeszotko, Rob Wylie and Gavin Lloyd put Maghull to the sword as they ran out 9/1 winners with Matt Wilson saving the whitewash in beating Gavin. When they faced their A team the match ended up a draw with Stewart taking his customary 3 points and Cherith and Michael Lunn, both beating Alec Buchanan.

With only 7 points separating the top 3 in the division, Fords leading the way on 108 followed by

Merseyside Police on 103 and BSM 101 we are heading for the closest top table finish for a few years. Fords are still my favourites to win the League but have been hampered by the irregular availability of Kevin Dolder, Mal McEvoy's broken wrist and long term injury to Andy Taylor, despite these problems they still remain unbeaten and with Mal getting over his injury should manage to hold on to the top spot, their forthcoming matches against each of their nearest rivals will no doubt go a long way towards deciding the eventual Champions. Mal's come back against Crosby High A saw him successfully negotiate his 3 singles in a 6/4 victory, the ever reliable Terry Turner won 2 and combined with Mal to take the doubles, things were back to normal at week 20 when a full strength side of Kevin, Mal and Terry defeated Bootle YMCA 8/2.

Merseyside Police have had a phenomenal season and in recent weeks have strengthened their position with comprehensive 8/2 victories over Maghull and CADWA, and a 7/3 win over Crosby High A, perhaps their most significant result came at week 20 when they travelled to BSM and went home with a fine 7/3 victory, Jon Taylor and Paul Gittins continued in their fine vein of form to remain unbeaten on the night but John Hope had a rare failure in losing his 3.

BSM will no doubt keep going to the bitter end after finishing 2nd in each of the past 2 seasons. They will be disappointed with their loss to the Police side but besides this result have continued to go about their business in their usual competitive manner, they have had excellent wins in recent weeks, 10/0 against Maghull, and 8/2 against Bootle YMCA and Wavertree Labour respectively, Steve Green was on top form to remain unbeaten against Bootle YMCA, whilst both he and Ken Jackson each won their 3 singles against Wavertree for whom Gary Watson got the better of Dave Roberts.

A few little snippets from / for the readers of old Digest

Net cords by John Molyneux

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Who has the oldest bat in the League? Bill Clayton (Bath St.) had one so ancient the British Museum accepted it as a star exhibit in their fossils section. Mind you his "new" one is so noisy he can't hear himself talk!!

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Yet again I have to report no progress has been made in the matter of holding an Annual Dinner Dance. I hope this doesn't develop into a similar situation to the "Digest", everybody agrees it's a good thing, as long as they don't have to do anything to help., or someone else does it.

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I hear Colonsay have jumped the gun and are the first club to use yellow balls; possibly they don't develop goose-pimples as quickly as white ones.

(John was always commenting on how cold some of the venues were in the winter)

I see Liverpool YMCA established another first, a player making his first appearance for his club in the Readman Cup Final. Surely this loop-hole must be plugged with at least a couple of league games qualification needed.

Division 2.

Hi, and welcome back to division 2 news. This edition will be focusing on weeks 15 to 20 of the LD TTL second division.

All the talk over tea this season has been regarding the high standard in the division this year, which to my mind can only be a good thing – maybe not for my averages – but at my time of life I have learnt to look beyond meaningful statistics and focus on the bigger picture, i.e I may have lost that game but how can I do better or how can I adapt my game to compensate for this or that.

Talking about the bigger picture, it will be interesting to see how the ManCom manages the divisional set up next season with Manweb being expunged from the first division and Edge Hill from the fifth, this leaves 9 (I make it) free spaces in the league? The first division could afford to relegate no one and take the top three from the second as well, so let's get these average-wrecking players up into the first where they belong! But seriously folks this could have implications at both ends of the division – hmmm!

Ladies and Gentlemen, the Teams:

Christ The King (A) Current Position (1) Predicted Placing (1)

At present CTK (A) are 6 points in front of their nearest rivals, a 10–0 whitewash of Bootle YM did them no harm either. Peter Lee, Ahmed Thabet and Omid Khaiyat have on the whole had a very consistent line up this season, which is why, with their ability they are top of the division. They have had a couple of blips dropping 3 points to Maghull and 6 to Marconi so they need to keep their eye on the ball and stay focused for the final furlong as Harold House seem to be getting closer to the pacemakers and seem ready to kick off the last bend?

Harold House (A) Current Position (2) Predicted Placing (2)

Harold House (A) are in a win-win situation, they are unlikely to be caught by third place Marconi and could possibly catch the leaders CTK (A) who they beat in the cup final. Alec Bryce, Steve Whalley and Neil Baker have only dropped 10 points over the 6 matches in discussion here including an 8-2 win over fourth place Police (A) and a 9-1 defeat of the housewives favourites Wavertree Labour – Mike Tierney saving the whitewash for Labour. Neil Baker being the player of the season for HH (A) with an extremely creditable 81% average.

Marconi Current Position (3) Predicted Placing (4)

Marconi are looking like good money to beat the placing, a core of Bob Edwards, Chris (honorary auditor) Spedding, Ray Jackson and Adrian Bramham (with former player of the quarter award winner Frank McCann popping up twice) have had a very strong season, this was demonstrated by their 6-4 win over division leaders CTK (A). Notable wins include: Bob beating Peter Lee, Frank

Paul Banks

McCann beating Paul Kinsey and Adrian and Chris beating Ahmed Thabet.

Merseyside Police (A) Position (4) Predicted Placing (9)

Well, I feel a little bit embarrassed now with the original placing that I gave the Police, but, in my defence the team that started the season was very different to the team that has been turning out regularly in the second half of the season, Jon Dyson, Steve Gittins and Graham Cleary are proving to be a very tough proposition and I must know who is

filling out the cards so neatly!??? you get the feeling that, had this team been together from the outset they would have been challenging for the title. Most impressive for the Police was the 6-4 win over CTK (B) with a reserve in tow, Jon and Steve winning all of their singles, stand in Geoff Pye showing his burgeoning talent by making it tough for the opposition but going down each time in the fourth set. Other wins of note for the Police were at Harold House (A) where Graham and Brenda Buoeu took the points off Steve Whalley. Player of the season for the Police is Steve Gittins, who with a current 78% average has had a great season, Steve has the ability to wallop the ball past you from any area of the table and plays with an almost uncomfortable intensity and consistency. For these reasons and for the wonderful refreshments – unparalleled in this division – Steve gets the player of the quarter award as well as, I would expect, the refreshment award at the end of the season, well done Steve!!

Christ The King (B) Current Position (5) Predicted Placing (3)

Not straying too far from their placing prediction, but, I would have to say, unlikely to reach third place, they are still in with a shout at fourth with only 5 points in it, I think it will depend on the availability and fielding of players that will decide it.

Having said that, the time period in question hasn't been too kind to CTK (B) with only one win recorded. Billy Cheung, Dave Tagg and Peter Taylor are the mainstays of the team, this shows very clearly the strength of the division this season, a line up of this standard that has only won one game in six.

Billy Cheung as always has been Mr Consistency with 69.7% average and one of the only people to beat Omid and in the fourth set!

Fords (A) Position (6) Predicted Placing (8)

Paul Kinsey, Robbie Gouldson and Dave Holland are currently beating my prediction by two placings, and are I suppose my worst mistake! the Robbie factor(66%) alone should have told me not to be so foolish, added to this is new boy Paul Kinsey with a 63% average. Notable wins include: Paul over Bob Edwards, Dave Evans and the



unbeatable Dave Harse, Robbie over Alec Bryce, Ben Edwards and Jason Ao.

Bath Street Marine (A) Position (7) Predicted Placing (5)

BSM are a neatly rotated four man team of Ian McElwee, Fred Bainbridge, Dermot Tierney and Ricky (NLOS) Brown, BSM have hit a bit of a purple patch during this period, winning three drawing one and losing two of the six games, the highlight must be the 9-1 drubbing of Crosby High with Ian and Dermot winning their three singles. Notable wins include: Ian & Dermot beating the unbeatable Dave Harse, (has no-one told them), Ian with a great win in the fifth over the very impressive Jasmine Yang, Ian again beating Alec Bryce and Steve Whalley, and Ricky beating Neil Baker, Jason Ao and Jon Dyson. Is this a team that has moved up a gear a trifle too late? they have the players to beat anyone on the night, hmm!

Manweb (A) Position (8) Predicted Placing (6)

Dave Harse, Jason Ao and Roy Adams have more or less maintained their consistent line up this season, they have shown that they are a hard team to beat with wins and losses at 6-4 and a draw, the 10-0 concession did them no favours however. The unbeatable Dave Harse finally lives up to his name by being, erm, unbeaten at CTK (B) and Crosby High (B). Other notable wins include; Roy and Jason getting the better of Ian McElwee, and Dave beating Robbie Gouldson.

Crosby High (B) Position (9) Predicted Placing (7)

Crosby High are Dave Evans, Ben Edwards, Roger Neal and Sylvia Graham. Their record shows three draws and two 6-4's, as well as the, ahem, 9-1 loss to BSM. Dave Evans continues to be the man for the Crosby team winning on average two for every game played during this period including two five set marathons over Jon Dyson and Mike Tierney. This team have proved they are a match for most and fairly obviously another couple of wins per match could put them at the other end of the table!

Harold House (B) Position (10) Predicted Placing (11)

Well like last time it's a little difficult to know what to say with this team! Harold House have fielded 11 different players in five matches and have, I think, paid the price for their line up inconsistency, being 10th in the division. Harold House seem to have an unparalleled depth of players, which they are obviously using but maybe next season they will be able to field more teams? Notable wins include; Rod McPherson over Roger Neal and Sylvia Graham, John Hughes beating Fred Bainbridge and Eddie Clein beating Peter Holmes and Mike Russell – Eddie not able to tin-hat Maghull, losing out to the fantastic Alan Jones.

Wavertree Labour (A) Position (11) Predicted Placing (10)

Again, like last time it's another mixed bag from the housewives favourites Wavertree Labour.

Wavertree Labour have, I think, paid the price for their consistency with their current position in the league and have been roundly thrashed in the refreshment stakes by the Police (maybe thrashings and the Police shouldn't be put together in the same sentence), although with two draws, one win and two defeats there does seem to be some of the old magic there just awaiting renewal. The team seem to be taking it in turns to turn out performances and would maybe benefit from a more joined up, coordinated surge. Notable wins include; Mike Tierney beating Chris Spedding, Alec Bryce and Peter Holmes, John Rowan beating Dave Evans, Roger Neal, Sylvia Graham, Ahmed Thabet and Bob Edwards.

Bootle YMCA (A) Position (12) Predicted Placing (12)

Bootle YMCA and Maghull have made sure that the excitement level is maintained at the bottom of the division, Bootle YMCA (A) – Played 20, Points 52, Maghull (A) – Played 19, Points 51. With most of the two respective team's points tallies for an evening of table tennis being in the ones and twos, it really is nail-biting. Bootle YM have persevered with their four man squad of John Higham, Roly Wright, Richie Winckle and Danny Every, but it is that man John Higham who is winning most of the points for Bootle with wins over Bob Edwards, Ray Jackson and Peter Taylor. The bottom of the table double pointer ended fairly expectedly at 5-5 with John winning his three and Roly and Danny picking up one each. The final game was the doubles which went to the fifth set and was won by Maghull 13-11, the tension, the drama, the pressure, my word, blood, sweat and scrumpy must have been excreted on that night!

Maghull (A) Position (13) Predicted Placing (13)

Continued from Bootle YMCA Paragraph:

Even though Maghull (A) were unable to pick up as many singles as Bootle in the bottom of the division clash my feeling at this point of the season is that Maghull will finish higher than Bootle. Maghull (A) – Alan Jones, Peter Holmes and Mike Russell - have a game in hand and vitally have a greater source of point picker uppers, Alan Jones beating all of Wavertree Labour, Dave Holland and Dave Tagg.

Peter Holmes beating Peter Lee, John Rowan, Roly Wright and Danny Every, Mike Russell beating Roly Wright, Dave Tagg and John Rowan.

As we all know, the end of the season and pressure situations do funny things to teams, so it really is in the lap of the gods and the hands of everyone in the division as your player selection could have a direct impact on the fate of the lower teams, this cannot always be helped, but needs to be thought about.

So that's it, final furlong approaching so lets have lots of drama and talking points for the next report!!

Good luck

Paul Banks
Wavertree Labour.

Division 3

Russell Thornton

At the mid-point of the season leaders Marconi 'A' had built up a massive 20 point advantage over joint 2nd placed Police 'B' and Bath St M 'C' by winning all of their 11 league matches. At the other end of the division both Manweb teams would have to improve on their 1st half season results to avoid relegation.

In week 15, Marconi were at Bath St M 'B' and came away with an 8-2 win, Bath St's only singles win came courtesy of an Andy Cheung 12/10 in the fifth win over Ian Wensley. Police 'B' were 7-3 winners at Cadwa despite a Mike Power treble for Cadwa.

Police 'C' were not so fortunate going down 8-2 to Wav Lab 'C', who had Lee Farley in fine form winning his 3 plus the doubles with partner Dong Xia.

The only draw of the week was between Wav Lab 'B' and Maghull, the match started with Tony Connor v Rod Bulmer, the result 11/9 to Rod in the 5th so 1-0 to Maghull, Wav Lab then went on to win 5 out of the next 6 rubbers to lead 5-2, then in the 8th rubber, Phil Christie beat Tony 3 straight, 5-3, in the 9th Rod beating Bill Stanley, 5-4, then the doubles to earn the draw.

The Manweb derby B v C was another close encounter, 'C' 6-4 victors despite a treble from Ben Chen for the B team.

Only a Luke McCall treble prevented Bath St. M 'C' being on the end of a heavy defeat at home to Sefton Park 5-5 the result, Lee Proffitt had a very close win over Billy 'I hear you are playing well' Clayton 15/13 in the 5th.

A Bill Stanley win over Frank McCann was the only point Wav Lab 'B' could take from their visit to Marconi, Peter Wass and Tony Mullally both winning their 3 matches for Marconi.

Bath St. M 'B' won 7-3 at Police 'C' with Rob Peat unbeaten. Manweb 'B' lost 8-2 at home to Cadwa, Alvin Tso winning their 2, and Mike Power was yet again unbeaten for Cadwa. Manweb 'C' got a well earned draw away at Maghull by winning a close doubles match in the final set.

In week 17 Maghull were hosts to leaders Marconi and went down 8-2, their 2 wins coming from Phil Christie beating Frank McCann and Peter Wass respectively. Sefton Park were 7-3 victors at home to Police 'B', all 7 points coming from Alan Davies and Ian Laird.

Wav Lab secured a 6-4 win over Police 'C' by winning the doubles 17/15 in the 5th

For the second consecutive week Manweb 'C' got a draw



this time at home to Cadwa, Robin Barker winning his 3 for Manweb. Another draw came from the Wav Lab 'C' match with Bath St. M. 'C', the first match being the closest as Lee Farley beat Luke McCall 12/10 in the 5th.

The Bath St. M. derby was the highlight of Week 18, a 7-3 win for the C team over the B, Luke McCall was again unbeaten for the C. Marconi had a 10-0 win over 2 man Manweb 'C', the closest match was Frank McCann's 13/11 in the 5th over Alan Biggs. Wav Lab 'C's Lee Farley again won his 3, this time in a 6-4

win over Police 'B'. Police had led the match 3-1 after 4 matches.

The other Police team, 'C' fared slightly better with a draw at home to Maghull who had Phil Christie again in fine form winning his 3.

Sefton Park without Alan Davies had an 8-2 away at Manweb 'B' with trebles from Lee Proffitt and Ian Laird, Manweb's only singles point being an Alvin tso win over Ray Jones.

In week 19 a weakened Marconi side went down to their first defeat of the season at home to Police 'C', three very close matches, first was Ray Hibb's win over Terri Ann Nolan 12/10 in the 5th to put Marconi 1-0 up, then in the fifth match, a Brian Burrows win over Ray 11/9 in the 5th put Police 3-2 up, and in the ninth match Ray beat Tom Purcell 16/14 in the 5th, to give his team hope of a draw, however Terri Ann defeated Paul Loftus to earn her side the win.

Bath St. M. 'B' were 6-4 winners at home to Police 'B', Rob Peat was again unbeaten for Bath St.

Bath St 'C' were also 6-4 winners, they were away at Wav Lab 'B' and yet again Luke McCall won his 3 for Bath St M.

The Sefton Park team of Alan Davies Ian Laird and Lee Proffitt were 10-0 victors at home to Cadwa, the closest Cadwa came to a win was a Steve Graham defeat by Lee 13/11 in the 5th.

Wav Lab 'C' won 8-2 at home to Manweb 'B', Lee Farley yet again winning his 3 matches.

With just a few matches left it seems certain Marconi will be divisional winners, and 2nd place will be between Bath St M 'C' and Sefton Park. Manweb 'B' will probably finish bottom and the other relegation spot will go to their C team if Maghull and Cadwa manage to lift themselves out of danger.

Division 4

Doug Baker

At this stage in the season, the 3rd quarter, the order of teams has pretty much settled down as teams face up to their challenges, thus match results are easier to predict. So, imagine my surprise when I saw the match card **CADWA'B' 7 Harold House'C' 3**. My signoff statement in the last report that HH'C' won't make the same mistake this year as last, was completely blown apart as HH'C' played 2, 3 and 4 out of order! So what was an 8-2 win was scrubbed and 5 points were gifted



to **CADWA'B'**. Presciently, George Higham wrote "5 games to 5, H' House won 4, Rod Mc changed to shorts and trainers to play GH (a compliment I think!). (Hope Harold House got order right!)" In the played sets, John Ashley pushed Rod into a 5th game. Ian Burrows beat Mendle in 4 and lost to Mike Sui 13/11 in the 5th. Ian Lunt had no better luck losing to Steve Wearden in the same manner. Both doubles went to 5, Rod & Mike besting John & Ian L, as George and Ian L beat Mendle & Steve after almost losing the 4th. Ah, well, could have been worse. Imagine if they'd cocked this up against the team in second place. Still, only a hiccup which shouldn't stop HH'C' gaining promotion, four 9-1s and a 10-0 testify to that.

Big up those stopping a whitewash: Derek Scotland & John McCann v Mendle, Ted Cramsie over Michael and most impressive of all Harry Reeve on Rod (this after losing the first game from deuce). HH'C' were helped in their match with Arriva who had two regulars absent.

However, HH'C' taking the 4th Division title is a little more in doubt as **BYMCA'B'** maintained a strong push. So, after the CADWA'B' debacle, BYMCA'B' hosted HH'C'. Peter Findlater was airlifted in at No.1, with Rod at 2 and Mendle & Steve behind them. HH'C' raced to a 3-nil lead, with wins by Steve (in 5) over Mike (who "ran out of puff" in his own words), Peter over Shakil (11/9 in games 2&3) and Rod too strong for Eddy. Then Bert led the fight back, 3-1 against Mendle, Eddy impressed over Steve, and Shak chalked up a magnificent win over Rod in 5 games, (thus he and Rod have only lost 2 games all season), Mike succumbed to Mendle but Shak & Bert had a first doubles victory over Peter and Rod to level things (only just mind you, 11/9 in't 5th), Peter then held off a strong challenge from Bert to put HH'C' in a winning position, but Eddy & Mike earned the draw with a 12/10, 11/9, 11/9 win over Mendle & Steve, so, honours even with the top two.

Despite 2 9-1s (big ups to Linacre's new boy Alex Charcenko over Mike in 3 & Kenny Roberts over Bert

in 5) and a 10-0, other matches haven't been as easy for **BYMCA'B'**. **CADWA'B'** again influenced things taking 4 points, Mike lost to the two Ians and Burrowsy also beat Bertie, George Higham came back from 2 down in each of his games with Shak and Bert but lost both (13/15, 10/12 in the first two games with ole man Rivers). Eddy held his nerve v John Ashley (10/, 9/, 9/), no doubt George will think it should've been a draw.

Versus fellow promotion hopefuls **Marconi 'B'** it was another draw, Shak won in 5 in both his games with Paul Loftus & Russell Thornton, 12/10 over Russell and then 14/12 over Paul – talk about leaving it late! Bert had a rare off night, whereas Eddy was bang on beating Russell and reserve Dave Bradley, John McCann continued his good season with a brace, Mike edged Dave 14/12 in't fifth. BYM were 5-3 up after the singles but then lost both doubles, the worst of which to swallow was the last match, first doubles Shak & Bert v Russell & Dave; 10/12 in't 4th and 9/11 in't 5th.

Marconi'B' have also had a challenging quarter up against 3 contenders, they visited Harold House with their strongest team, as mentioned it was only John who got a point, three of the games went to 5, both of Michael's v John & Tony, Tony saw his match with Peter slip 11/13 in the fourth.

New junior David Ratajczak surprised Russell for **CADWA'B'**'s only singles win in Marconi'B's 8-2 win over a side missing 2 regulars, at least Russell held sway over John Ashley coming back from 2 down.

Arriva NW 1st were another tough nut to crack for them, especially the nut of Derek Scotland, the only home player to win both his singles, Marconi'B' won the first 3 singles (incl. a fine win in 5 for Bobby Bell over Brian Hornby) before Derek got to grips with Paul Loftus and 2 games later Tony Mullally. However at 5-2 down going into the last 3 sets things were looking tough for the Bus men, Graham then bested Bobby thanks to two 12/10's in the first games, both men then stayed on to play 2nd doubles which Graham with Harry, won from Bobby & John, Derek & Brian took the first game 14/12 off Tony & Paul, and despite losing the next game, stormed through 3rd and 4th games to secure an unlikely (at one time) draw.

Arriva had a run of narrow 6-4 wins over **Bath St Marine'D', Sefton Park'A'** and **CADWA'C'**, Mal Kent was a hero with narrow victories over Harry (15/13 in't 5th!!) and Graham (12/10 in 3rd), not a good

night for either of them as Graham also lost out in 5 to Keith Wright and Harry found Ted Cramsie too good. Derek ensured a 4th game wouldn't be needed v Ted, clinching it 13/11 in the 3rd, at least Graham & Harry won the last match of the night to secure victory; 2nd doubles from Les & Mal, coming back to win games 4 & 5 14/12 & 12/10. Harry was back to winning ways against **Sefton Park'A'** (incl. a comeback v Norman Lindsay) as the top of the card all went to Arriva, Derek Traynor subbing at 4 won his two, inflicting a 5 turn around on Graham, APU doubles were left to last and surprisingly this time Graham & Harry faltered to Norman & Derek who were a strong second doubles pairing. The following week's visit to **CADWA'C'** was made with Janus replacing Brian, Derek impressed v Josef with a strong finish, 11/2 win in't 5th. Graham was back to winning ways including a fine 3 sets win over Paul Lunan, Paul & Josef combined to win 1st doubles over Derek & Janus, and Josef beat Harry in the last match, the best chance of a home draw came in the other doubles where Paul Webb and myself lost out to Harry & Graham 3/11, 10/12, 11/9, 11/9, 11/13.

I started commenting on the stand out nature of the CADWA'B'-HH'C' result, the only other card to give the same impression was: "**Sefton Park'A'** 1 – **Sefton Park'B'** 9"! compare this result to the **Maghull'D'** v **Maghull'C'** match – 0:10.

The back of the card helps explain this anomaly; "We had to play sub Alan Staniland as Norman Lindsay's car broke down on the way to the match.". I can vouch for the fact that Sefton Park is a rarity in that players turn out to spectate, Eric (Mr. Backhand as Derek calls him) had a welcome return but was given no allowance for his medical traumas by Puddifer & Perry as both took

him to 5, Ray Jones also went to 5 in his singles with Cowley & Perry, he lost to Mike but then beat Fred for the solitary 'A' team point.

Sefton Park'B' are the tighter unit, 7-3 over **Linacre** with Robbie besting Harry Reeve being his finest moment of the season, the team's finest moment was in their 8-2 away win at **Marconi'C'**.

Without so much as even a draw **Maghull'D'** haven't had much to shout about, best individual performance was Jimmy holding his nerve in 2 close games to beat Arriva's Janus, best doubles from Naresh & Janette beating Traynor & Puddifer and Ashley & Burrows, ironically this isn't Janette's regular team as she plays in the 5th, which is where this team will be next year.

Linacre have suffered from player availability this year and without a strong finish could well end in 12th position, in danger of relegation, at least they finish the season playing some other contenders.

Apologies to the mid-table teams players as there hasn't been enough room for their battles.

With a handful of games left, **Harold House'C'**s biggest battle will be within, if they can master their order, they will be Champions and promoted in consecutive seasons, **Bootle YMCA'B'** will make great strides to overtake them, and can be assured if they don't do they will get promoted back to the 3rd.

Enjoy your summer and practice.

More Individual registration Q. & A's from the ETTA web site

Question 3: What are the principles of the proposed new system?

The principles of the Individual Membership system currently under development include:

- Levels of membership to suit all those involved in table tennis – four levels are under consideration:
 - o Level 1 - equivalent to a current licence holder
 - o Level 2 - equivalent to a current league player
 - o Level 3 – for recreational players, in clubs or schools, etc.
 - o Level 4 - for non-players such as officers, officials, parents, supporters etc.
- Membership at one level would include the levels below and each individual would pay only one

membership fee

- Fees for Levels 1 and 2 would relate to the present levels for Licence holders and league players , that is £16.50 and £4.28 respectively for senior players in 2007/8, with a small added element to cover additional benefits such as personal insurance
- Fees for Levels 3 and 4 would be less than those for Level 2
- Concessionary fee rates for Junior and Cadets would be available.
- Membership 'packages' similar to Gold and Silver Licences would be available at all Lelevels

Division 5

Paul Oaks

Although this is a league report, I thought I'd start with the Stamp Cup Final (the Division 5 Cup) played between Police D and Wavertree Labour D at the end of March. Both teams had their first choice 4 playing (an event for both sides) and as these are two of the four sides who might be promoted an evening of high quality was expected.

After taking a 2-0 lead Wavertree were unable to win another match, despite some incredible games, especially the final game between Joe Mullins and Andy Bird. Wonderful table tennis watched by about 15 spectators in an excellent venue.

Further congratulations to Joe for winning the Division 5 singles, beating Larry Stone in the final. An excellent turnout saw nearly every club in the division represented, and there was no shortage of potential winners in the field. Best performance though was in the doubles, where Kristov and Pavel lost to Steve Green and Dave Roberts of Bath St. 1st team, but had 16-14 and 12-10 games against two of the best players in Liverpool.

Meanwhile in the league, week 15 had Bath St. F at Arriva B, and a 7-3 home win reflects their league placings. Colin Mitchell on his 14th injury comeback won against Scarey and Des and Keith got a doubles win, but 2 wins for Larry and Alan are no surprise. Wavertree E suffered 9-1 at the Police, with Eric beating Alan for the odd point. Michael Evans at 2 for Wavertree is commended by Camo as a star for the future – don't worry Michael, it's not as tough as this every week!

Wavertree D win 9-1 on the other hand, oddly their slip is in a 5-set 1st doubles against Denise and Andy McCourt. Stan shows the benefit of having youth on his side, winning 2 5-setters in the singles, and Gordon finds number 4 for the D team within his abilities. The 43 set event draws the comment from Andy that it was a lot closer than the score suggests – 2 points from a whitewash but 6-4 was also nearly achieved. Drug testing on Stan and Dave is proposed in light of their performances.

Luke Courtney made his debut for Maghull E against CADWA (not sure if he meets the family eligibility rules – League Secretary please check) and took a game off Ged and Steven – pretty good as Ged is one of those nasty things lurking at number 3 some teams have (while some teams have nasty things lurking at 1 to 4), and is 10th in the latest averages. Ged beat Jeanette, who beat Jack in the sensational 4-6 win for CADWA.

A different problem the following week for CADWA, a 3-man Arriva A, who must be pleased with 5-5 in the circumstances, a point for each player, except for greedy



Larry. Hutchings A go to Sefton Park, and win 9-1 with Sue Hughes at 2, Amy loses 11-9 in the 5th to miss the clean sweep – double backhand loop revision for you, young lady! Barry saves the whitewash second game in a row. The other Maghull side find Arriva A a bit tough, and manage only 4 sets in the night, this is a really good side, and it's such a pity that Kristov will be going back home before the end of the season – his speed across the table to hit forehand winners is one of the sights of this division, and like all Arriva's Polish squad he's very pleasant company and bloody hard work to play.

Wavertree E have Edge Hill making the epic trek across Edge Lane. The experience of Gordon and Eric gets 4 points, but Terry and Josh get a point each against Sharon and Anna, who get their revenge in the doubles. Bath ST E against Police is one of the “big 4” games (thankfully without a week of hype beforehand), but the Police seem to have forgotten to bring Joe and Sam along, Alan Wood and Dave Dundas are playing instead, and BSM gain revenge for the cup semi defeat with an 8-2 win, Geoff beats Albert in a match where rallies took longer than some sets I've seen, while Alan Wood lost in 4 close games to Barbara.

Barry Davis continues his excellent form since Christmas with 2 wins for BSM F at Bootle, and Cyril beats John while Bootle take the rest, two more wins for Gary Williamson, who is another No. 3 lurker, and has shown that his 62% average at 4 last season was worth the re-ranking he received by improving it!

A 6-4 win for Hutchings A at Wavertree E, Amy losing in 5 to Eric to miss out on her first 3-point night, cracking match between Gordon and Janette, as expected, 17-15, 11-8, 9-11, 10-12, 11-9 to Janette, bet they were glad that was their last match of the night. Ian Findon has a similar marathon with Janusz in the Arriva B – Sefton Park game, and gets an excellent win, his happiness was probably tempered by the fact that it was game 1, and he still had Larry and the doubles to survive, clean sweeps for Danny, Larry and Alan in the 8-2 Arriva win.

The Police get their “we're serious” team out for Wavertree D who are lacking a Stan Clarke – Eric coming along for a night of hard work, the 8-2 win for the Police looks to have given them a gap at the top they can keep – it's a

tight race for second after this result. The 2 for Wavertree are all Colin's work (well, his and his Japanese / Chinese rubbers he uses to smear the ball past you).

A host of first season players in BSM F – CADWA, and a 5-5 draw despite 7 of the games finishing in 3 sets. Ged and Barry continue to massage their awell, while CADWA show they've read the rulebook and use a 5th player (un-named) in the doubles in place of Jack.

Maghull F should be pleased at beating Bootle 6-4, with clean sweeps for John S McL. and Andy McC (with a DJ set to follow). Stevie D also won everything he played.

And the LDTTL Women's League (men allowed if they behave themselves) started (and ended) its season with Maghull against Wavertree. Janette and Amy won their game, and Sharon and Anna won one as well, some men were playing as well, but no-one cares about that, do they?

The week after Maghull Women (plus 1) had to play against BSM E, and managed their usual 4 points with Amy nearly getting the draw in a 5-setter against Des who enjoyed playing 4 for a change. Arriva B enjoyed their 2-stop trip to Wavertree E with an 8-2 win, Gordon beat Janusz and Michael Scarey, in an otherwise brief set of games, Eric took C Jago to 5 sets and lost the fifth 11-1 in the way that sometimes happens. CADWA confirmed what a good first season they've had by taking 4 points off Bootle, 2 wins for Ged, avenging his 3-0 defeat by Gary in October, and a debut for Saul Keelan who was impressive but nervous (a correspondent writes).

Police cleaned up against Arriva A with a 9-1 win to practically win the league, close matches throughout (four went to 5 sets), but no joy for the drivers who remain in a dead-heat 2nd place race. Sefton Park managed to keep in front of BSM F with a 7-3 win, even without Eric – Mike Poole impressive 3 set wins against Cyril and Keith, good win for Des over Barry Meyer.

Week 19 saw the surprising concession of a game by Wavertree D – with an F team and some other players to call on it's an unusual set of circumstances that must have led to this, and one that really damages their prospects of a return to Division 4. Another team making a mess of their promotion prospects was BSM E, losing 6-4 to Arriva B, two wins for Larry, including a 15-13 in the 5th against Bill (something he was to repeat in the closed 5th Division semi, with a 12-10 in the fifth) and 2 for Danny were the base of the result. Two very tight doubles matches went one apiece over 9 sets without a score below 7. Meanwhile, Bath Street's F team get one of their best results yet with an 8-2 win over Wavertree E. Eric and

Gordon win a point each, but doubles for Barry (again) and Keith (a first) give Des the satisfaction of directing a win without the bother of having to play. Also winning 8-2, CADWA beat near rivals Sefton Park to get well clear of the bottom group in the table. Police beat a 3-man Maghull F by this score too, which is probably a good result for Maghull in the circumstances, J McLoughlin beating Dave Dundas and a doubles win rescuing the night for the visitors.

The final week covered starts with Arriva B dropping points for letting Janusz play for the A team too often, and so become ineligible for them, the 5-5 draw with Wavertree D (a great result) becomes a 7-3 defeat as a result. There's quite a few players frequently playing for a higher team, so should note rule 13D, once you play 7 times for higher teams (note plural) you are re-ranked up to the lowest of those teams you have played for. This is to stop some players being omnipresent for their clubs, and players should track their appearances for other teams to avoid Janusz's fate of being shut out of Arriva B for the rest of the season.

The Bath St. Derby is a surprisingly close 6-4 win for the E team, with Barry winning twice and Cyril beating former doubles partner Barbara. Wavertree E lost 4-6 to CADWA, who seem to be able to win against most mid-table sides. Two for Michael, including beating Ged looks a good performance. Another game where all the singles go to one side who then lose a doubles game was Bootle's win at Sefton Park – Bootle are a mystery to me the way their scores vary between extremes.

I've just received the sad news that Edge Hill have conceded a third walkover, and so are out of the league (all records cancelled). Steve Daniels put a lot of work (and a fair bit of money) into the team, but they struggled for players beyond Josh, Paul, Chris and Terry which made fulfilling fixtures a problem. Hopefully they will join other clubs next season, and may not be so exposed to the stronger opponents. Nice lads and good to extremely promising players this Division needs more of.

Next issue I'll be announcing my awards for various achievements. As well as the obvious awards (best 4 players, best nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, best doubles, best newcomer, best beginner) I'm looking for nominations for most sociable team, most gracious loser, most improved player and unluckiest player. Any other awards suggestions are welcome, as are nominations to pauloakes1@btinternet.co.uk, or tell me if you see me at a game

More Individual registration Q. & A's from the ETTA web site (just to fill in a bit of space)

Question 6:

Alex Murdoch said in his election manifesto that he wanted a database of members and this would be done without any cost to the membership, is this still true?

Yes. Production of a database is being progressed via the Individual Registration forms currently in use. The Individual Membership system would continue this process without an increase in cost to the individual member. There would of course be a cost to administering the system but the individual fees would not be increased for this reason.

Question 9.

How would I be able to pay?

Membership fees would be able to be paid by credit card or charge card on the Website or by telephone. Personal cheques, credit card or charge card details could be used with postal applications.

Question 10:

How would the insurance work and how would it benefit me?

Most clubs and leagues take out Public Liability insurance and its cost is passed onto their members via the club and league fees paid. Direct insurance as part of Individual Membership would mean that Clubs and Leagues would not have to take out insurance for their individual members and those who are playing in more than one League would pay only once for insurance. The insurance offered through Individual Membership would also include Personal Accident insurance, which most Leagues and Clubs do not provide.

Question 11:

How would the system affect leagues and clubs?

The proposed system would free leagues and clubs from having to provide information on their members to the ETTA and from having to collect fees on behalf of the ETTA. Indeed the intention is to provide information back to leagues and clubs on their members, subject to suitable Data Protection procedures of course.

Question 15:

What would stop the ETTA putting up charges once this system is in place?

The level of fees can only be changed at an AGM. Membership fees would be controlled in the same way as current affiliation fees.

Question 16:

What would happen to me if I do not want to join but still want to play?

You would still be able to play but not in an affiliated local league, an ETTA organised event or in matches against an affiliated club, although we would of course hope that you would join to enjoy the benefits of membership.

Question 17:

What about players who only play in a league once or twice a year to fill in?

All players in local Leagues would need to be members. Many such 'fill in' players are likely to either play in other leagues in which case they would already be a member, or they belong to a club in which case they could upgrade their membership to allow them to play in the league at minimal cost.

Question 20:

I play local league but from time to time might wish to enter a Grand Prix or other ETTA events would I have to buy a licence?

Licences would no longer exist. You would have the choice of upgrading your membership from Level 2 to Level 1 to include entry into such events or paying an individual fee for each event, in a similar way to the current Single Competition fee. Which is the better option for you would depend on how many events you think you will enter during the season.

I've picked out a few of those Q & A's on the ETTA web site to save sending out a blank sheet, the full list of Q & A's can be found on the ETTA web site under "What do you want to do", they were formulated on 29 / 10 / 2007, so I'm assuming the basis is still the same.

Editor

School Table Tennis Leagues

Sefton Schools League

U13 TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

(after round 5 of fixtures)

Games

Pos		Pl.	Won	Lost	Pts.
1	Formby A	10	76	24	76
2	Savio B	8	60	20	60
3	Savio A	9	59	31	59
4	St Ambrose Barlow	10	41	59	41
5	St Marys	6	28	30	28
6	Formby 'B'	7	26	34	26
7	Meols C op	10	25	66	25
8	CTK	4	3	27	3

U16 TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

(after round 5 of fixtures)

Games

Pos		Pl.	Won	Lost	Pts.
1	Savio	10	75	25	75
2	St Ambrose Barlow A	10	54	44	54
3	St Marys	9	50	43	50
4	Meols C op	10	42	55	42
5	St Ambrose Barlow B	7	36	32	36
6	St A llsorts	5	34	26	34
7	Formby	8	25	55	25
8	CTK	4	4	36	4

Liverpool Schools League

KEY STAGE 3 LSSP LEAGUE TABLE

Games

Pos		Pl.	Won	Lost	Pts.
1	King David (Champions)	7	60	24	60
2	St Margarets	7	55	29	55
3	SFA	7	52	32	52
4	Bluecoat	7	51	30	51
5	Childwall	7	38	43	38
6	Shorefields	7	37	47	37
7	SFX	7	28	56	28
8	St Benedicts	7	15	69	15

KEY STAGE 4 LSSP LEAGUE TABLE

Games

Pos		Pl.	Won	Lost	Pts.
1	SFX (Champions)	6	51	20	51
2	Bluecoat	6	48	24	48
3	St Benedicts	6	45	27	45
4	Shorefields	6	35	37	35
5	Childwall	6	28	44	28
6	Calderstones	6	26	46	26
7	St Margarets	6	18	48	18

Dear all

Congratulations on another successful month at the schools table tennis league. Please find attached the results from the March round and the current league tables.

Just a point I would like to make clear for next months league: each team must comprise of 4 players, if you do not have a full compliment of players you have to forfeit any games that are played by the same player twice. I hope this makes sense! Please e mail me if you have any further questions.

Please note the date for the next league event is Wednesday 14th April – due to the Easter break we have had to move the date back. This is the Wednesday after you go back to school on the Monday. Please let me know if you can't attend so I can organise the fixtures.

Many Thanks

Cathy Robinson

Sefton Competition Manager

Stanley High Sports College

I've included the memo's sent out by Cathy & Paul with the last set of tables, congratulations must go to both for keeping the Leagues going, not easy when the youngsters have so many other activities to choose from in school, and of course not forgetting the Staff from the individual schools who have to do their own arranging and coercing.

But how do we achieve the continuation of their interest (the youngsters), are any of these schools near your L&DTTL Club, get involved please!!

Editor

Hi All,

Thanks to everyone for arriving promptly last night and being part of Table Tennis Chaos! The league went right down to the wire, literally so in the Key Stage 4 League, SFX being crowned champions with a 12-0 over Calderstones to pip Bluecoat by 3 points! In the Key Stage 3 League, SFA and St Margarets needed an almost perfect record in their last games to overcome King David, however they couldn't manage it and King David were this year KS3 League Winners.

Congratulations to both King David and SFX for their achievement, though in general the league was much more competitive this year, the final league table is proof of this. The playing standard was undoubtedly higher than last year also, hopefully this will continue to develop next year.

Many thanks to Pete Cunningham (Shorefields); Andy Winrow (SFA) and Phil Gibbons (Calderstones) for hosting fixtures this year, your support is greatly appreciated. Also, a big thank you to Stan Clarke from Wavertree Labour Table Tennis Club for supporting the league and offering his far reaching expertise!

The Liverpool Schools Singles Championships will be taking place on Tuesday 29th June at Shorefields, put the date in your diary and keep an eye out for Entry Information after Easter.

Kind Regards

Paul O'Leary

Schools Competition Manager (South Central & South) LSSP

Divisional Cup Finals 2010



Division 1

The Readman Cup Final saw Ford's (L to R) Kevin Dolder, Terry Turner & Mal McEvoy win a tight match against Crosby High's Rob Wylie, Stewart Mudie & Jamie Hewitt 5 - 3.

Thanks to Match Officials Stan Clarke and Match Umpire Graham Rollinson. Fords make it 3 wins in a row, and 5 out of the last 6 seasons, can we see a long run ahead??.

Thanks to Cadwa for the use of their venue, and George Higham and Rob Davies for the after match refreshments.

Division 2

The Dr. J. Rumjahn Cup was played between Christ the King and Harold House 'A' photo shows L to R. National Veteran Champion Keith Williams who presented the trophies, CtK's Billy Cheung, Ahmed Thabet & Peter Lee, Harold House 'A's Neil Baker, Rachel Baker, Umpire Stan Clarke, & Jasmin Yang, H. H. winning a close match 5 - 4.

Due to health problems of Peter and Janet Rumjahn it was the first time since the Cup was first played for in 1953 that we didn't have a member of the Rumjahn family to present the Cup to the winners, but they hope to again be with us next season. Thanks to Bootle YMCA for the venue, and Jim Geddes & John Higham for the after match refreshments.



Division 3.

The G.B.Hyde Cup was played between Marconi 'A' & Merseyside Police 'B' at Bath St. Marine.

Photo shows L to R - Police's Terri-Ann Nolan, Paula Adamson & John Moore, Marconi's Frank McCann, Ian Wensley & Peter Wass, Match Official was Mike Power and Match Umpire Graham Rollinson.

Thanks to B.S.M. for use of their venue, Peter Ross & Fred Bainbridge for their work preparing the room for the match, and also

the after match refreshments. Marconi won by 5 sets to 1, but the match was much closer than the score suggests, 3 sets going to 5, 2 going to 4 and only 1 over in 3.



Division 4

The F.L. Forrest Cup between Harrold House 'C' & Marconi 'B' was played at Wavertree Labour.

Photo shows L to R - Steve Wearden, Michael Sui (H.H.), Tony Mullally, John McCann, (Mar.), match Official Arthur Garnett, Mendel Williams (H.H.) Match Umpire Tom Purcell, Rod McPherson (H.H.), Russell Thornton & Bobby Bell (Mar.)

The match was won by a more relaxed Harold House, 5 sets to 1.

Marconi probably felt a bit disappointed with their performance, but no getting

away from the fact that Harold House 'appeared' to settle quicker, and played the right game. Thanks to Wavertree Labour for the use of their venue, and Club Secretary, Stan Clarke for the setting up and the after match refreshments.

Division 5

The W. Stamp Cup was played at Bootle YMCA between Wavertree Labour 'D' & Merseyside Police 'D'

Photo shows L to R - Match Umpire Graham Rollinson (again) Sam Gittens (Pol.) Match Official Arthur Knowlson, Colin Fyles (Wav.), Geoff Pye (Pol.) Stan Clarke (Wav.), Joe Mullin (Pol.), Andy Bird, (Wav.) Dave Dundas (Pol. res.), Alan Cameron (Pol.) & Dave Williams (Wav.).

5 - 2 to Police 'D' was the result.

When Dave W. and Colin put their team into a 2-0 lead, we thought we were in for a long night after Police pulled back to 2-2, but control of the match had changed with Police winning the rest.

Thanks to BYM Secretary, Jim Geddes for the use of their venue and the after match refreshments, with help from John Higham.



The Frank Murphy Memorial Handicap Trophy

The F.M. Handicap Final was played at Bootle YMCA, the last Final of the season, Bath St. 1 composed of BstM's 1st Div. Squad of Ken Jackson, Steve Green & Dave Roberts just had the 'hitting' edge over Marcon 3's Div. 2 team of Adrian Bramham, Ray Jackson, and Ian Wensley, but what a fantastic night of entertainment for the spectators, as well as the players, but like every other Final there's got to be a winner. BsM turned a -44 handicap to a 74 point win.

In effect we had a team of attackers playing a team forced into defending, but how well they defended, but in the end at this level it's the winning shots that matter, BsM weren't going to make many mistakes. Once again thanks to Marjory Murphy, for presenting the Trophies, and after match refreshments, ably assisted by Myra Lovelady, Sue and Dave Berry. Our match Umpire was again Graham Rollinson (4th) who stood in for Tom Purcell. Thanks to Bootle Ym's Jim Geddes for the use of their venue and getting it ready, I used to think BYM was a big room to play in, but after this Final, we could have done with another 2m all round, The spectators had a really entertaining night, and I'm sure, so did the players!! Match Official, yours truly.



Another in the series of interviews of well known players by Paul Gittens,
this one from CADWA's **Alan Timewell**



Alan at 2 (1940) is that a T.T. Ball in his hand!

Where did it all start?

Junior school in 1953. I was sent to the library to get a book, for no particular reason I picked one on table tennis which gripped me, I wrote to the President of the ETTA who provided local club details, I subsequently joined YMCA. My first bat was a 'Richard Bergman' which had strips of pimples on the handle to stop it slipping, it cost me 10/6 d (52 pence)

Best player played against

In the Southend Open, in a doubles match against Hungarian International Borzoi, whenever I'm asked how we got on, I always say that we came second.

Best win

I haven't got one particular win but I'm very proud to have won the Civil Service Championships Veterans Singles title a couple of times, during this period I was ranked 17 in the National Vets .

Worst defeat.

Too many to remember or list.

Best player to watch

Belgium international Jean Michele Saive, for his fantastic topspin defence, I prefer to watch an evenly matched defender and attacker play. Unfortunately modern equipment has virtually taken defenders out of the game, Graham Back is great to watch, he has great touch and control and it's good to see him performing at the level he was many years ago.

Funniest Table Tennis moment

I t was a National league match where my good friend Trevor Manning was playing against an England ranked junior, upon Trevor winning the 1st game, the junior came off the table and threw his bat down and complained loudly to his coach, the junior ranted on, shouting that it hadn't been Trevor, it was hit bat which had beaten him. Trevor, as did everyone else, heard this and whilst the junior was busy demonstrating to his coach, Trevor put the back of a chair against the table and wedged his bat in between the chair and table. When the umpire called 'time,' the junior took up his position but Trevor remained seated, when the umpire turned to Trevor, Trevor said, "carry on and we'll see how he gets on against the bat when it hasn't got my hand on it" much to the amusement of the crowd.

Another funny moment was during a Southend League match, our captain, during the knock



Choir Boy at 8, centre, back row



He might have been!!



Alan and Trevor Manning, doubles partners in the Aberdare Open Championships, 1983

up commented to the opposing captain that the floor was slippery, their captain was rather put out and said "it's not that bad. It's the same for everyone", during their match our captain produced a drop shot and their captain slipped as he came running in to play it, his feet went under the table, banging his chin on the table edge which caused the table to collapse on top of him, even though he was in obvious distress, everyone else was too busy laughing to help get him up!

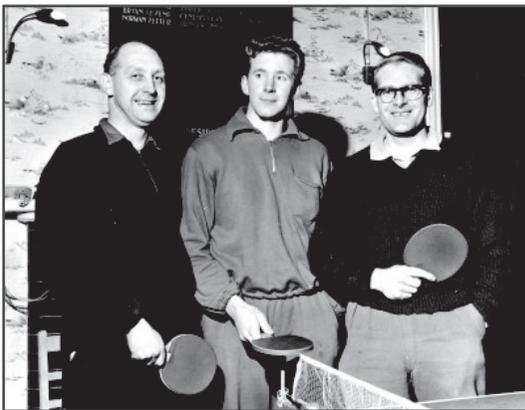


Alan, Phil Thompson, Brian Cunningham, Richie Cragg, ??
Ricky Brown, Peter Langfield, Val Franco, Fred Pheyse, Nick Miller
A Southport Final

Who is your TT hero and why?

The great German player Wilfrid Leike, who in my mind demonstrated the greatest act of table tennis sportsmanship known within the game. It was the 1971 World Championships and he was playing the Swedish Champion Stellan Bengtsson in the later rounds and was 20 – 19 up in the final game, after a fantastic rally Bengtsson went for a smash but just

missed the table, losing the game, Leike immediately indicted that the ball touched the edge, neither Bengtsson or the umpire saw the edge and both were intent on giving the game to Leike, Leike remained adamant, eventually both Bengtsson and the umpire conceded and the point was awarded to the Swede. Bengtsson won the game in deuce, and the rest, as they say, is history, as Bengtsson went on to win the World Championship. Another hero of mine was Gene Ryan, I remember playing him in the Billericky League when I was 18-17 up in the 1st game, the caretaker came in to switch the lights off, he let us finish this game which I won 21-19, we all then had to move to a nearby hut, I was 19-1 up in the second, next thing I recall was that I was serving 20-19, I served a fast ball down towards Genes backhand which clipped the edge of the table, giving me the match . Gene shook hands and said "Well played, we always have a close game".



Southend Open 1958 -: Stan Criddle, Alan (20), Peter Alexander

Is there life other than TT?

I play golf at Prenton about 3 times a week and coach table tennis on a Wednesday at New Ferry Village Hall.

Tell me something that would surprise me?

I have an Over 40's Veterans ranking list which shows me ranked higher than Denis Neale.

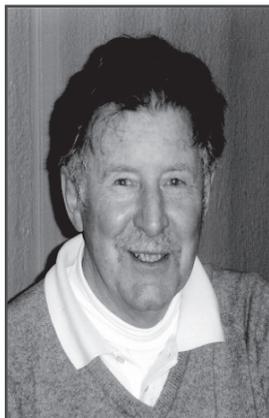
My great – great grandfather was killed at Custers Last Stand, he was camping in the next field and went over to complain about the noise!

What are we most likely to hear you say and why?

"Bashed it" when missing a smash, saves swearing!! and if someone gets edges or nets against me I ask the umpire to check if the net OR the edges have gone slack..

What changes in the game would you like to see?

I would like to see a different speed of rubber on either side of the bat compulsory, Anti or pimps on one side and reverse rubber on the other side, players must serve with the slower rubber side, third ball attack has spoilt the game for spectators. At local level I would like to see alternatives to plastic medals, ie Vouchers for TT equipment, perhaps the local leagues can make deals with TT suppliers etc. discounts for all, even High- Street vouchers would be better.



Alan as you would see him now

Coaching tip

If you struggle with the forehand hit over the table, shorten your stroke and increase your finger speed, feel that you are pulling the ball and not pushing it, Good Luck!!

Closed Finals Night



The men's singles title in the 2010 Fawley Construction Liverpool Closed championships, produced an Eastern European champion for the second time in four years. After dismissing top seed Stewart Mudie in straight games in the last four, Poland's Tomasz Rzeszotko swept to victory against Jonathan Taylor (a beaten semi-finalist a year ago) in the final. The opening two games were tightly fought affairs, Tomasz winning both 11-9. Jonathan, also appearing in his first Closed men's final, having dismissed Mal McEvoy 3-1 in the semi's, extended the contest, taking the third game 11-7. The contest ended, though, after the next game, the Wrexham based Polish man wrapping up the match in the fourth, 11-8 and the title following in the

Photo shows the finalists of the Veteran Men's Singles won by Tomasz Rzeszotko against Keith Williams, presentation by Mr. Leo Crone from our Sponsors, Tomasz also won the Men's Open Singles Title (no photo)



Cherith Graham retained the Women's Singles title she won last year, to make it 4 wins to date

Cheshire junior, though, wasn't giving up easily and forced a decider taking the fourth 11-8 to set up an exciting finale. It was a nip and tuck affair but, the experienced holder edged home 11-8 to claim the title for the fourth time in eight years, each against a different opponent.

footsteps of his countryman Michael Rogala who lifted the trophy in 2007.

A disappointing women's singles entry forced the Referee to play the event as a five person 'round robin' competition. However, the draw was badly affected by the withdrawal just prior to the start of Fiona Dennett and Jasmin Yang. Not for the first time has the event suffered from the lack of competitors although there are 21 women registered in the League. This resulted in holder Cherith Graham and newcomer Janay Gibson, who both beat fifth division player Silke Lowe from Germany, facing each other in the final. Cherith, listed at 51 in England started as favourite against Janay, the youngster levelled matters via an 11-8 win in the next before slipping behind again in the third. The 14 year old



The Junior Title was won by Michael Lunn against Janay Gibson, presentation by Mrs. Carol Crone from our Sponsors



Miss Gibson also reached the open junior final where she met up and coming star Michael Lunn who took the opening game 11-9 Janay replying in the next 11-7. Michael stepped up the pace in the third dropping only two points and at 10-10 in the fourth Janay came close to forcing a decider but Michael grabbed the two points to take the title at the first attempt.

Mal McEvoy and his Ford team-mate Phil Luxon reached the open doubles final and faced Jasmin Yang and Miles Fong who if successful, would become the

The finalists in the Open Doubles won by (L to R), Mal McEvoy & Phil Luxon against Jasmin Yang & Miles Fong, presentation by National Veteran Champion Keith Williams

first ever mixed duo to take the title. The Harold House combination took an opening lead winning 11-6 - the Ford men hitting back in the next before squeezing home 12-10 in the third. The hard hitting underdogs who had disposed of Keith Bird/John John Lau pairing and the Williams/Lunn combination, were not out of it and although making their opponents sweat in the fifth, the game and title went to the Ford duo 11-7. Luxon's win came 34 years after his last success in the Closed, having won the Restricted singles title in 1976 a longevity between titles record is one he shares with Keith Williams.

The veteran final was a repeat of the men's singles quarter-final contest between Tomasz Rzesztko and Keith Williams when the Crosby High man ousted the ten times men's singles champion. Tomasz turned on a fine show, taking the opener 11-8 - Keith levelling in the second before clinching the title at the first time of asking winning 11-9, 11-7 to become only the second player (Keith being the other) to win the men's and vets' titles in the same season. The watching audience weren't aware that the holder had been unwell for a couple of days going into the final but, the modest, most successful Liverpool League player ever admitted he was beaten by a better player on the night.

A new champion would emerge from the Over 55's event when Ray Jackson took on Dave Harse in the final. Jackson had to recover from 2-1 down in the semi-final against Manchester's John Hope, taking the last two games 1-7, 11-6. Harse also had to fight back from a 2-1 deficit in the penultimate round against holder Dave Roberts, taking the fourth game 11-6 before edging home 12-10 in the decider. Harse eased through the opening game 11-6 while in the next game both players let games points slip away - Harse eventually taking it 16-14. With a 2-0 lead, he was in command and went on to win 11-7 and the title.



The O/55's was won by David Harse against Ray Jackson, presentation by Mr. Leo Crone

Individual Registration

The implementation of the forthcoming Individual Registration is, I would think, be one of the most important subjects affecting the Members of the ETTA for many years, and yet the supply of information to the members seems to come in dribs and drabs, a lot of information finds it's way to the individual Leagues to be forwarded on to members, but I find the use of the ETTA web site a bit opaque, the information is there, knowing when and where to find it is the problem, the following article has been added without any reference to highlight the fact that it had been added

Implementation Process for Initial Season 2010/11

Player Member

The proposed fees to be agreed at the ETTA AGM are £5.64 –seniors, £2.82 for cadets and juniors. This includes an element for Civil Liability Insurance.

- Local League Player – will be issued with a Membership Form, which must be completed and returned to league with payment. You are not eligible to play local league table tennis until this is done. Forms will be sent by email if the ETTA holds your email address otherwise they will be sent to your league for distribution. Alternatively they can be downloaded from the ETTA website. Forms will be pre-printed with your details if you have made an Individual Registration return this year. **The completed form should be returned to your club/league with payment.**
- Multiple League Player – you will be encouraged to complete a Membership Form and pay on-line. Otherwise you can nominate one league to which you make payment, see 1 above. You must inform your other leagues where you have made payment. The ETTA will run a cross check to ensure you have made the correct return.
- Player Licence – you will be encouraged to complete a Membership Form and pay on-line otherwise a Membership Form (which incorporates a Player Licence element) will be issued to you. Payment should be returned directly to the ETTA.

Associate Member

The proposed fee to be agreed at the ETTA AGM is £2.50 and includes an element for Civil Liability Insurance.

- If you belong to a Directly Affiliated Club (DAC) or PremierClub (PC) and are not a Player Member you must be an Associate Member. Your club will issue you with a Membership Form or a form will be emailed to you if the ETTA holds your email address. Alternately a form can be downloaded from the ETTA website. The completed form should be returned to your club with payment, where required – see 2 below for exceptions. Your club will forward your details to the ETTA with payment. The forms will be pre-printed with your details if you have made an Individual Registration return this year.
- According to rule the following categories will automatically become Associate Members but no fee will be payable unless the member is also a Player Member. Presidents, Vice Presidents, Honorary Life Members of the ETTA, county associations, local leagues, DACs and PCS; all officers of the above; a holder of an ETTA coaching, umpiring or tournament organising qualification.
- A member of a club which is not a DAC or PC and who does not fall into any of the categories mentioned in 2 above may wish to become an Associate Member. A form should be completed and returned with payment to the league.

Membership Cards

Membership Cards will be issued to all members. If you pay on-line or make a payment directly to the ETTA your card will be sent directly to you. If you have paid through your local league, DAC or PC the card will be sent to them for distribution.

Membership numbers will have a prefix according to the highest category of your membership.

- L – Player Licence (if you presently hold a Player Licence you will retain that number, with the added prefix)
- P – Player Member
- A – Associate Member

Local Leagues

Local leagues will distribute Membership Forms to their members who have not received a form by email. Local Leagues will be notified which of their members have been emailed forms. Local Leagues will be responsible for collection of all forms and payment from their members unless they have obtained their membership on-line and been informed accordingly by the member that they have paid elsewhere. Payment and returns should be made to the ETTA for all their members by 14th November at the latest.

NB. It should be noted that a player is not registered with a league and is not eligible to play unless the appropriate fee has been made and a form completed.

Membership Cards will be issued to the league for distribution to its members.

Directly Affiliated Clubs (DACs) including Premier Clubs (PCs)

DACs and PCs will distribute Membership Forms to their Associate Members who have not received forms by email. DACs and PCs will be notified which of their members have been emailed forms. DACs and PCs will be responsible for collection of all forms and payment from their members unless they have paid through their local league or on-line. The member should notify their club that they have paid elsewhere. Payments and returns should be made to the ETTA by the DAC or PC by 14th November at the latest.

Membership Cards will be issued to the DAC or PC for distribution to its members.

County Associations

County Associations will need to notify the ETTA of its officers, Honorary Life Members, President and Vice Presidents to enable them to become Associate Members, unless also a Player Member. Forms will be issued to County Associations for distribution. They should be returned directly to the ETTA. No fee will be required for members in the above categories.

Any queries contact:

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Remember that the above Individual Registration Fees to the ETTA, are additional to your Club and League fees which have yet to be decided., which should be reduced accordingly, hopefully a “take with one hand and give back with the other” exercise, except that life is never so simple!!

British Universities Championships (BUCS) Games

26th Feb 2010

There were 210 entries to the British Universities Championships held at Nottingham over the weekend and the first day went well to time. One of these players anxious to get to the venue was Lisa Radford (Sheffield) who had already reached 2 semi-finals. She lost in the final of the mixed doubles with Aaron Self against Mark Simpson and Pat Piya Avant (Nottingham), but took the medal for the women's doubles with Dominika Kalarova against Ling Yu Yang and Frances Potjewyd (Liverpool).

It is not unusual in these championships for an unknown player (at least in this country) to cause an upset. This weekend however all 4 seeds came through on cue in both singles events. For the women Sarra Wang (No1 seed from Birmingham) lost in the final to Ling Yu

Yang (no3 from Liverpool).

Women's Singles

Semi-finals

Ling Yu Yang (Liverpool) bt Caroline Hallows (Nottingham) 5, -10, 9, 8

Sarra Wang (Birmingham) bt Hang Li (Manchester) -8, 5, 5, -10, 4

Final

Ling Yu Yang (Liverpool) bt Sarra Wang (Birmingham) 6, 9, 5.

Congratulations to Ling Yu Yang, better known to Liverpool League players as Jasmin Yang of Harold House, and Frances Potjewyd, also Harold House, for their achievements in the BUCS Games, there are lots of top class players attend these Championships.

Jasmin and Frances caught in that ever increasing University net of Harold House Agent John Henshaw!!

League Tables after week 22- as at 14th. April 2010

Division One		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Fords	16	14	2	0	115
2	M/Side Police	17	11	3	3	112
3	Bath St Marine	17	11	1	5	104
4	Crosby High	16	9	4	3	93
5	Wav Labour	17	9	1	7	89
6	Harold House	17	7	3	7	86
7	Bootle YMCA	18	6	2	10	85
8	Christ The King	16	7	4	5	83
9	Crosby High 'A'	16	4	4	8	72
10	Cadwa	17	1	1	15	51
11	Maghull	17	0	1	16	30
12	Manweb	Withdrawn Records Exp				
13	Free					
14	Free					

Division Two		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Christ The King 'A'	19	18	0	1	150
2	Harold House 'A'	20	16	3	1	144
3	Marconi	20	11	4	5	120
4	M/Side Police 'A'	20	12	2	6	111
5	Christ The King 'B'	20	8	6	6	106
6	Fords 'A'	20	8	5	7	104
7	Bath St Marine 'A'	20	8	5	7	103
8	Manweb 'A'	20	7	3	10	94
9	Crosby High 'B'	21	6	4	11	93
10	Harold House 'B'	20	6	3	11	84
11	Wav Labour 'A'	19	5	3	11	78
12	Bootle YMCA 'A'	20	2	2	16	52
13	Maghull 'A'	19	0	4	15	51
14	Free					

Division Three		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Marconi 'A'	19	17	0	2	146
2	Bath St Marine 'C'	19	13	3	3	120
3	Sefton Park	18	11	3	4	106
4	Wav Labour 'C'	18	11	1	6	103
5	M/Side Police 'B'	19	9	2	8	98
6	Bath St Marine 'B'	18	8	3	7	93
7	M/Side Police 'C'	19	7	5	7	90
8	Wav Labour 'B'	18	6	3	9	85
9	Cadwa 'A'	19	6	2	11	79
10	Maghull 'B'	19	3	7	9	75
11	Manweb 'C'	18	2	5	11	66
12	Manweb 'B'	18	0	2	16	49
13	Free					
14	Free					

Division Four		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Harold House 'C'	21	18	2	1	169
2	Bootle YMCA 'B'	20	16	2	2	153
3	Marconi 'B'	20	15	4	1	138
4	Arriva North West	21	16	1	4	137
5	Cadwa 'B'	22	13	1	8	129
6	Maghull 'C'	20	8	3	9	105
7	Bath St Marine 'D'	20	7	5	8	102
8	Sefton Park 'B'	22	6	2	14	87
9	Cadwa 'C'	20	7	1	12	77
10	Sefton Park 'A'	20	4	2	14	70
11	Marconi 'C'	20	4	4	12	70
12	Linacre	20	5	1	14	68
13	Maghull 'D'	20	0	0	20	25
14	Free					

Division Five		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	M/Side Police 'D'	17	14	1	2	129
2	Arriva Nth West 'A'	18	14	0	4	127
3	Bath St Marine 'E'	17	12	1	4	110
4	Wav Labour 'D'	17	12	2	3	108
5	Bootle YMCA 'C'	18	10	2	6	98
6	Arriva Nth West 'B'	20	9	5	6	97
7	Maghull 'E'	19	6	3	10	97
8	Cadwa 'D'	18	5	3	10	77
9	Maghull 'F'	18	4	3	11	70
10	Sefton Park 'C'	19	4	2	13	66
11	Wav Labour 'E'	18	2	4	12	58
12	Bath St Marine 'F'	19	3	2	14	53
13	Edge Hill	Withdrawn Records Exp				
14	Free					

Fines at same period last season 23 / 04 / 2009

Fines to Date	No	Fine	Total
Player Short	25	£3	£75
Walk Over League	11	£6	£66
Walk Over Cup	2	£6	£12
Played Out of Order	2	1.50 PP	£6
Late Score Card	23	£3	£69
Total	63		£228.00

Fines to date this season 14 / 04 / 2010

Fines to Date	No	Fine	Total
Player Short	25	£3	£75
Walk Over League	11	£6	£66
Walk Over Cup	4	£6	£24
Played Out of Order	2	1.50 PP	£7.50
Late Score Card	24	£3	£72
Total	66		£244.50

All I can say is disappointment - for the players who didn't get games, but thanks for the extra £'s