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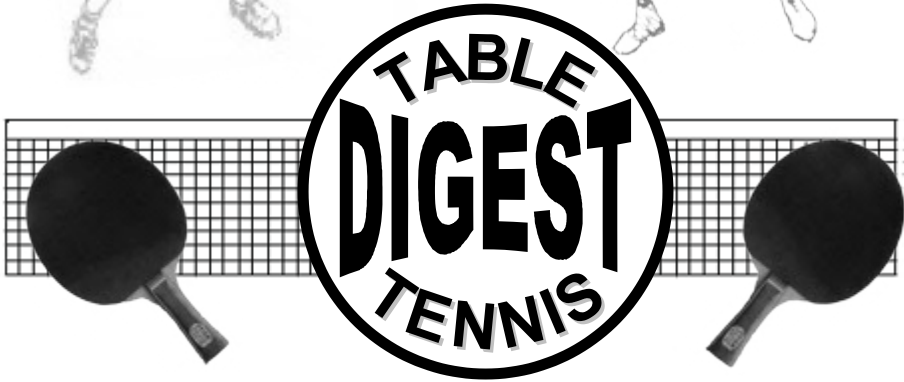
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Editorial

Well under way again, the first Digest of this season, for convenience and to get this edition out in time for the Christmas break, I'm using week 8 as the cut off, the Div. tables are nice and tidy, nearly everyone has played 8 matches and the have's and the have not's seem to be sorting themselves out. Div. 2 is the exception again, 2 teams have dropped out, strange why Division 2 seems to be the one that suffers most with defections, last season we had a club which had been promoted from Div. 3, not by strength, but due to the addition of new teams lower down. They were promoted to 'make the numbers up'. There seems to be a general opinion that on a level playing field, 2 teams are relegated and two teams are promoted, but Rule 21 states *'The Management Committee shall promote and relegate teams in a way that best serves the interest of the League, with a minimum of one promotion and one relegation. The Committee shall have at their discretion, the power to promote a team should a vacancy occur in a higher Division or to consider a request to promote or relegate a team or teams, providing a reason acceptable to the Committee is given by the Club making the request. Such requests shall include details and names of players involved'* A team requesting relegation after finishing with 16 points from 222, I think would constitute fair grounds for relegation, but then it's easy to say that on paper!



I've added an article about the Greenhouse project in London, it's about encouraging youngsters from a deprived area to have more involvement with Sport, it's all about dedication by a few individuals over the 11 years since inception, the scheme is now working with some of London's most disadvantaged boroughs, working with around 7,000 young people.
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Two of our local players are making big strides in our National governance after a new Board was elected early this year following an ETTA members election between the resident team led by Alec Murdoch, and the challenging team lead by Andy Seward, Seward's team were elected, with our two locals invited to join the Board as Vice Chairmen with responsibilities to membership and communications. Pg. 15

How many players understand the set up of your governing body, where your ETTA fees go to cover (only part of) the operating costs of the ETTA, how many Voluntary Staff and how many Professional Staff, (salaried). Pg.16

Don Davies has put together his Nets & Edges article again, but has also done reports for Div;s 1 and 5 as volunteers to carry on from reporters who stepped down last haven't come forward, I've put together a report for Div.2, without Don's input, the Digest would have felt a bit lighter.

Latest ETTA player rankings of local players tabled by Don D. Pg.18.

A Table showing the registered player numbers of all Affiliated Clubs to the ETTA, with surprising figures, compiled I think from Table Tennis 365 web site. Pg.18
Cup Draws and results to date. Pg.19

Paul Gittins has started another season of 11UP's, his latest on Pgs. 12 & 13

As you will see, we are struggling to find volunteer reporters for the Divisions, three reporters dropped out at the end of last season, two, Ken Roberts and Mike Hughes, because they were playing in different divisions which already had reporters, and Paul Banks because of pressure of other commitments, Paul had given a good 9 seasons of writing, so my thanks to all. Problem is that even though I've been advertising on my web site, and a request in the last Digest, no one had come forward, until now, we have got a volunteer to do Div. 2, but I'll keep you wondering till the next Digest. If anyone out there fancies their hand at reporting on Div. 1 or 5, let me know, I'm sure Don D. wouldn't mind.

If only Liverpool could get something like the Greenhouse Project off the ground, just needs Leaders, I'm sure that in amongst all application forms the funding is there.

I'm sure that everyone in the league will be delighted to see Trevor Owens has returned home from his successful hospital treatment and is continuing his excellent work. The Blackberry was in constant action in hospital and within a day or so of resuming, it seemed as though he'd never been out of action. Arthur Garnett has also been unwell for a number of months which has seen him having to curtail some things in his private life while also giving up playing table tennis. On behalf of the Management Committee and all members, we wish both men well.



With the league enjoying a cosmopolitan membership, wouldn't it be a good idea to stage a tournament for players born abroad? The 2013/14 grouping lists reveals at least ten nationalities within our ranks - the most from a single country being China while Poland, Lithuania, Iran, Yemen, India, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Chile and the Czech Republic are also represented. Hopefully, if enough interest is shown and we manage to obtain a venue (free of charge) it may get off the ground.

The Commonwealth Games (which includes TT) being staged in Glasgow in 2014, I reckon we can also raise enough members to stage our own small tournament. By the way, tickets for the table tennis in Glasgow have all been sold.

Looking at last season's first division averages, it's intriguing to see how many players appeared in more than one team and how many times players' are called upon to 'play up'. No player contested more sets than Jack Dempsey (Crosby High) who chalked up 57 victories from 80 singles trips to the table. Peter Walsh Jnr. (Christ The King) took part in 78 encounters from which he collected 22 victories. A player who continues to turn out despite suffering 56 losses is an asset to any club which reminded me of a comment made by the late Ken Armson, "If I had three like Dave Roberts I'd be happy knowing I have a complete team each week". Dave, who after many seasons with Labour, moved to Bath Street a few years ago, also played 80 singles sets - the 1984 Liverpool Closed men's singles champion weighed in with 52 wins although, it must be said, he did play for the club's two teams in division one.

A few months ago I received an A4 sheet from Roy Smith listing the trophies he'd acquired while at Liverpool YMCA and Wavertree Labour, his haul includes ten first division winner's medals and nine Readman cup winner's trophies a feat which is not likely to be equalled. The only major honour he didn't win is the Liverpool Closed men's singles title in which he came so close to achieving when holding a match point against Wally Allanson in the 1963 final. Fourteen years on, he again reached the final where he faced the up and coming Keith Williams who claimed his first of ten men's singles crowns. Roy's first Closed final came in 1960 when losing to John Ball in the junior

event - but a year later he returned to beat 1959 champion Bob Eden in the final. His most recent success in the Closed was in 2012 when he won the over 55's event, while in the 2013 Closed he contested the final but was unable to fend off Keith Williams who was appearing in the event for the first time. Fifty consecutive years in division one, though, is a milestone which is very unlikely to be matched.

Noticing on the League's web site recalling the North West v China match at Kirkby in 1977 and organised by former St. Helen's and Liverpool league player, Alan Mercer, I trawled through my old TT papers and found the programme for the day China came to the city for a challenge match against a Liverpool Select side in 1988. The event, staged at the Peter Lloyd Leisure Centre, sponsored by former Liverpool League player Philip Lui and organised by myself, provided the best array of players to visit the city since the 1950's. The visitors, headed by world number 7 and world singles semi-finalist Chen Xinhua - who also won Swaythling Cup gold medals in 1985 and 1987. He later became the number one in GB and played for England. Joining him were Chen Zhibin (WR 26) and Hui Jun (WR 12). Four closed men's singles champions' were brought together to form the Liverpool team, Keith Williams, Wayne Percival, Paul Hutchings and Stuart Richards were the men on duty that Sunday afternoon as Restricted singles champions, Ming Liu. The world champions of course, won the match which was 'black' by the then Management Committee and besides myself, only Referee Brian Leeson, Ken Armson and John O'Sullivan from the MC, supported the event when our guests' rewarded those fortunate to be present, with some wonderful memories.

Question, which current Liverpool league player, ran on to the court at the end of the match and stripped the shirt from the back of Chen Zhibin? Answer by email to Roly or myself.

The latest newsletter from the Greenhouse club (London) arrived recently following my enquiry asking for details on Ryan Maynard which I required for the Liverpool finals night programme. The club send players to Liverpool for the GP and a number of them have taken home titles and prize money from the various events. They have representative teams in many sports but, surely no other TT club has ever entered the FA Cup. Greenhouse London Football club, as they are called, did just that this season, winning 3-0 away at Potters Bar Town before going down 6-2 at home to Bedford Town.

Liverpool Closed men's and veteran's champion Tomasz Rzeszotko, retained his home nations' veteran (40's) singles crown in Ireland in September and the latest England veteran Rating list saw him rise to two - swapping places with Keith Williams - the Ford man moving to three.

In last year's Men's World Cup in Liverpool, a number of players from the league chipped in with invaluable help in various roles. The 2013 event was held recently in Belgium when China's Xu Xin beat Vladimir Samsonov (Belarus) in the final – the best shots of the match may be seen on the ITTF web site. Hopefully, all those who did give their time last year at the Echo Arena, will do so again both at the 2014 Closed and in Augusts GP. Watch the League's web site for information on both events.

2013 Liverpool GP men's singles champion Ryan Jenkins, followed up his victory in August by adding the men's titles in both the Guildford and Newcastle GP's, the latter, according to him being his 46th GP title although the Wales'

records say it's 47. Now 37, Ryan, a men's doubles Commonwealth silver medallist with former Liverpool Closed Junior and men's singles champion was coached as a junior by his father and puts his success down to sheer hard work and dedication. On November 17th he's going for his fourth men's title in a row this season in the Bristol GP. Besides being a great player, he is one of the nicest men in the sport and a more modest player would be hard to find.

Just in, the result of the ITTF Stiga 'Trick Shot' competition was released in November and it's quite remarkable. Check it out on the ITTF web site.
DWD

Division 1

One has to go back to 2006 for the last time Ford failed to win the division one title such has been the dominance of the Cheshire based club. Having 8 times closed men's singles champion Kevin Dolder in their ranks was a big advantage for most of those successes although they achieved the feat without him last season. Pushed all the way by Police until the last match, the champions edged home by couple of points to retain the title. As if seven in a row wasn't enough, the club added another star name to bolster their chances of retaining the crown. Keith Williams, the most successful player in Liverpool league history with 10 closed men's singles titles to his credit, made the short trip up the A5080 to the JLR club after a short spell with CADWA and now plies his trade with his eighth different club.

They opened their title defence when Christ The King 'A' were the visitors who, despite suffering a heavy loss, put up stern resistance mainly through Joe Killoran who extended each opponent to the maximum. In fact he led Williams 2-1 before being eased out in the next two, 5 and 8. In a similar situation against Andy Taylor, he drew level from 2-0 down but was then pipped 13-11 in the decider. Again, he became involved in a nip and tuck affair this time though, coming out on top from 2-1 down against Mal McEvoy, chalking up his sides' only point, taking the next two games, 6 and 12.

Police beware – KD is back. Ford, not content with strengthening their squad by signing Keith Williams, the eight times closed men's singles champion has just been added to the Ford grouping list. Yes, Kevin has returned (at least on paper) and if he plays more than a handful of matches, the title will almost certainly be retained for another year.

Two other men, Ryan Maynard and Steve Green were also on the move during the summer, the latter making the one mile journey from Bath Street to Crosby High. He recorded wins in his first six sets against his new club's B team and Harold House. In week four, though he tasted defeat on all three trips to the table, going down to the Police 'A' trio of Aaron Beech, Joe Mullin and Jonathan Taylor - the latter,



Don Davies

surprisingly losing his other two encounters to Neil Powell and Paul Cicchelli.

Ford were beaten just once in 24 league outings last season en-route to the title but they equalled that total in week two when they and Police 'A' each turned out an under strength trio. Geoff Pye stood in for Jon Taylor while the champions 'rested' Williams and McEvoy! Aaron Beech and Joe Mullin remained unbeaten on the night – Andy Taylor, Ken Connor and Paul Kinsey all accounting for the unfortunate Pye who last season

helped Police 'C' to finish second in division 3.

Ryan Maynard, beaten by Keith Williams in the closed semi - final in May, made his first ever outing in division one after joining Christ the King, having posted a 100% record for Waterloo last season in division 5. He maintained his 100% record, seeing off Tom Hill, Dermot Tierney and four times Liverpool Closed ladies' singles champion Clare Peers, who in turn, scored a fine victory over Omid Khaiyat after dropping the first game to register her team's only point.

The Police 1st team has a strange look this season with 2011 closed men's champion Jon Taylor having moved into the 'A' group together with Aaron Beech and Joe Mullin. When the sides' met, the 'A' line-up of Beech, Mullin and reserve Paul Gittins led at the half way stage, the latter having lost to Danny Russell and Jon Dyson. The sixth set brought together the Gittins' siblings' - Steve taking that one to complete the senior team's scoring - the 'A' winning 7-3.

At one stage during the summer the CADWA first team looked set to drop out when Keith Williams and George Lennon left the club. In an attempt to avoid a carbon copy of what happened at Bootle YMCA at the start of last season, the decision was taken to promote Paulius Vengalis and Josef Koudelik to link up with Joel Webb and Tomasz Rzeszotko which resulted in the team being saved. Over the past couple of seasons, Joel has benefitted greatly from expert coaching by Keith Williams and Dave Graham and has become a good first division player, collecting a number of impressive wins along the way, the pick of those being Keith Bird and Tom Hill. He was also in good form

against Crosby High B, taking his three singles while Koudelik - thrilled to pick up his first ever division one point, beat former CADWA man Gavin Lloyd - CHB winning 6-4.

There was nothing special about the Bath St. v Crosby High 'A' match except, one set in particular, stood out as very unusual for a top division match. When Fred Bainbridge, having lost 3-0 to Tom Miller in the seventh set, remained at the table to face Rob Barker, he was giving away more than 50 years to the England 17 junior. However, when the quick hitting Bath Street man won the first 11-8, thoughts of victory, even at that stage, must have crossed his mind. But, the match took an odd twist when after Rob won the second 11-1, Fred shrugged off the disappointment, taking the third 11-9. At that stage, few of those present could have foreseen what was to come - the youngster, showing no mercy, crushed the veteran 11-2, 11-0. Remarkable. Fred was involved in a ding dong battle in the second set against Craig Lowe, forging a 2-0 lead over the England 83 junior. Things may have been different later in the night though, had he finished off the job in the fourth when level at 11-11 - Lowe seizing the vital two points and the decider 11-9.

Reigning closed ladies' champion Clare Peers accounted for Lowe from 2-1 down and Miller also, to register her team's only points.

Ford dropped vital points to Christ The King - Terry Turner losing to Keith Bird while Mal McEvoy, usually so adept when facing Omid Khaiyat's style of play, lost on this occasion but, that was all the Childwall side could muster. They also dropped four points at CADWA via a Tomasz Rzeszotko treble plus a Joel Webb singles win against Paul Kinsey. Matters could have been worse for the champions when Lithuanian Paulius Vengalis recovered from 2-0 down against Kinsey only to go down 11-9 in the decider.

Police 'A' restricted Christ the King 'A' to a single point, Ahmed Thabet beating the 2011 Liverpool closed O/55's champion John Hope in the final match. The 'A' teams of Ford and Police resulted in a 7-3 victory for the lawmen, the home side trio of Ken Connor, Paul Kinsey and Bob Hughes all beating Hope.

Police 1st edged out Crosby High 'A' but did it with the help of Aaron Beech who collected his sides' only singles points beating Gemma Grant, Rob Wylie and Matty Laird plus a fourth with Jon Dyson, overcoming Gemma and Rob Wylie.

Labour fought out a close match with Bath Street at St. Phillips with new signing and former Norfolk county player Neil Pickard in fine form for the home side. In his first season in the league which has so many different styles of play to cope with, he completed a hat trick of wins over Fred Bainbridge, Julian Quirk (returning to the league after a number of years away) plus a 3-0 success against Ken Jackson, which is no mean feat in their first meeting. Paul Banks beat Quirk and Bainbridge the latter losing also to his Liverpool 5 junior school mate Roy Smith - Labour taking the match 6-4.

Crosby High 'A' took three points from the club's 1st team thanks to a treble from the in-form Rob Barker over Gary Watson, Neil Powell and an 11-8 in the decider against Steve Green.

Readman Cup

The cup presented to the league in 1931 by Mr. G.H. Readman and contested as a KO competition for all clubs in the league, staged its first final in 1932. Current holders Ford, who beat Police 5-3 in last season's final, opened their defence of the famous trophy with a comfortable 5-0 win against Bath St 'A'.

Crosby High enjoyed home advantage against Wavertree Labour who kicked off the proceedings by calling on Neil Pickard who got them off the mark beating John Goodall - Steve Green easing past Roy Smith (3-0) to draw level. Tom Hill restored Labour's lead beating Gavin Lloyd - Goodall, making a quick return to the table, overcame Smith to level matters. Crosby moved to within a set of the quarter finals through wins from Green and Lloyd over Hill and Smith respectively which gave Goodall a chance to record a second win on the night but, was beaten by Hill. Pickard, who opened the tie at 7-30, potentially, had to win one of the last two sets to win the tie. The Crosby captain chose Lloyd to see his team into the quarter finals but the former Norfolk county player had other ideas, winning 3-0 to level matters at 4-4 leaving him to face Green for the match. The Crosby man ranked at 176 in England, took the first but was unable to capitalise on it, Pickard winning 8, 7 and 5 to complete a fine comeback and emerge as Man of the match, Labour winning 5-4.

Labour, nine times winners' of the competition, their first coming in 1968, took on Police 'A' in the last eight. After Roy Smith lost the opening encounter 11-9 in the fifth to Joe Mullin, the home side were subsequently, never in arrears. At one all, Pickard scored a shock 3-0 victory over Jon Taylor - Labour building on this bonus win when Hill clinched the next set winning 11-6 in the fifth against Mullin. In an effort to stay in touch, Police asked Hill to remain at the table but, this time he was beaten 11-6 in the decider by Taylor. The in-form Pickard put Labour within a set of victory, comfortably accounting for Hope to give Labour a 4-2 lead - Smith then losing to Taylor. This left the home side having to choose either Pickard v Mullin or, a repeat of the 2012 Closed over 55's final between Smith and Hope. Although having just lost 3-0, Smith stayed put where, after dropping the first game to Hope, took the next three to earn his side a place in the last four with a set to spare, Labour winning 5-3.

In the all Crosby High clash, the 'B' squeezed through against the 'A' by the odd set in nine thanks to victories by Gavin Lloyd and Cherith Graham over Craig Lowe and Steve Dickinson, the latter also falling to David Hayes. Rob Barker, unlucky to finish on the losing side, grabbed a hat-trick of 3-0 wins -Lowe adding the other beating Hayes but, it wasn't enough, the 'B' team taking a winning 5 -4 lead.

After having suffered a whole season getting battered every week, and trying to put together a report for the Digest, sympathy for their predicament was finally shown to Bootle YMCA 'A' who were finally given their passage down to Div.3, thanks mainly due to the sportsmanship of Marconi 'B', who last season finished Div. 3 in 4th spot, after that I just didn't have the heart to ask Mike Hughes if he would carry on as Div. 2 reporter, but as would happen, no matter how many times of advertising for a volunteer to do the Div.2 report, nil response, so here I am (editor), doing it myself!!

Marconi's 1st team were the only relegation from Div.1 last season, Bootle YM's 1st team having already thrown in the towel, but after 8 weeks this season Marconi, with 56 pts. From 8, appear determined to get back into the top flight, 13 points clear of 2nd placed Police 'A', played 7, followed by Christ the King 'B' with 41 from 6, early days yet!! First week we had two walkovers, and it wasn't because it was the first week back! Marconi started their season with a 7-3 home win against Wav. Labour 'A', Ray Jackson, Chris Spedding and Adrian Bramham up against Paul Banks, Roy Adams and David Harse, two excellent wins by last season's Div 1. Reporter, Paul against Ray and Chris, both in 5. A little friendly rivalry appeared last season between Chris and Paul, (letter in Vol 67 No.1) over a 'slip of the pen', after which Paul never failed to give Chris a mention in his report, always complimentary, even to one week calling Chris his 'favourite player', so with that bit of history, I would have expected some comments on the back of the match card; but having looked through the first 8 weeks match cards that I have, I get the feeling that writing match comments is not the done thing in the higher divisions, in case it's 'misconstrued'. Bootle YM had a good draw against a youthful Crosby 'C', Tom Miller, Matt Laird and Roger Neal, with Ted Birch and John Higham 2 wins each over Roger and Matt, and one from Alan Chase beating Matt.

Week 2 saw last season's 'team of sports', Marconi 'B's' baptism of fire up against their 1st team, Peter Wass, Matt Evans and Dave McMahon going down 9-1 against Chris, Adrian and fourth man of the squad Bob Edwards, the one set going to Peter, with a straight 3 win over Bob. Wav. Labour 'A' had another good win, 8-2 over Police 'B's' Geoff Pye, Dominic and Dad John Greene. CtK 'B's' Dave Tagg, Billy Cheung and Peter Taylor issued a short sharp 10-0 shock to BYM, three sets going to 5, Dave and Billy v Alan and Ted in the doubles, and John's two singles against Dave and Peter.

Week 3 and two teams have now dropped out Wavertree Labour 'C' and Cadwa 'B', the fire has now gone from the relegation thoughts, no need to worry about relegation, is that a problem for whoever it may be? Wav. Labour 'A' marched on with a good 9-1 win over their 'B' team, Lee Farley saving the whitewash with a good 3 straight win over Roy A. Marconi kept the pressure on with a 9-1 win over Crosby 'C', Roger and Mattie beating Ray and Adrian in 5 to save two points. A good 8-2 win for CtK 'B's' Billy, Peter

and John Lau against Cadwa 'A's' Paul Evans, Graeme Black and Grahame Reid, omen for the night must have been when Peter beat Graeme 3-2 in the first set, Paul got one against Peter and Graeme one against Billy, John Lau had a great 3 straight win over Graeme B, a thought that John's quick penhold style doing the damage!!

Police 'B' turned the corner with an 8-2 win over Marconi 'B' by Joe Howard, Dominic Greene and Tom Purcell, Marconi's two coming from wins by Tony Mullally and John McCann over Tom, Andrew Owens going home empty handed. Harold House 'A' went down 3-7 at home to BYM, Alec Bryce and Rod McPherson beating John H. and Peter Findlater catching out Ted.

Week 4 saw a reappearance of Wayne Percival for BYM, just Marconi's luck! Wayne won all three against Bob, Chris and Adrian, Alan beat Bob and Chris, losing in 5 to Adrian, John lost all his in 3; last the set on at 5-4, the doubles, Wayne + Alan v Bob + Chris, no messing about though, 11-8, 4 & 4, to give YM a good win. Another good win for Wav. Lab. 'A', 8-2 against BsM 'B's' Colin Owens, Rob Peat and Dave Stodden, Colin and Rob getting BsM's two, off Dave, each in 4. Cadwa 'A's' Paul Evans, Graeme Black and Grahame Reid got back on track with a 7-3 win over Marconi 'A's' Andy Lloyd, Peter Wass and Ian Wensley, Andy and Ian one each off Grahame R., and Peter one off Paul E.. CtK 'B' had a lucky escape turning up at H.H.'A' with only two players, but still coming away with a 6-4 win, but £4 lighter in the club funds. A bottom of division clash between Wav. Lab. 'B' and Marconi 'B' ended with a resounding 8-2 win for Labour, 3 for Dong Xia, 2 for Flora Yanji and 2 for Mario Giovi, plus the doubles

Week 5 seems to be taking shape at the top with the teams aiming for Div.1; Marconi's Chris S. Adrian B. and Andy Lloyd had a good win over H.H.'A', Alec Bryce saving face with a 3-0 win over Andy. CtK. 'B's' Dave T. Billy C. and Peter T. had a good 8-2 win against Marconi 'A', Peter T. losing out to Ian Wensley and Neil Colville, both in four. Police 'B's' Joe Howard, Dominic Greene and Geoff Pye took the wind out of the sails of an experienced BYM, Ted B. saving grace with a 3-0 win over Geoff, only 2 sets going to 5, out of luck Alan C. losing them both.

Week 6 Another draw for Crosby High 'C's' Tom Miller, Roger Neil and Sylvia Graham against BsM 'B's' Rob Peat, Dave Stodden and Colin Mitchell, Tom winning his 3 singles and the doubles with Sylvia, Sylvia's win over Colin in the only straight 3 of the night. BYM got back on track with a 6-4 win home to Labour 'B', Alan C's 3 singles and the doubles with Ted B. plus two 3 straight singles by Ted eased the pain of last week. Title contenders Marconi and CtK 'B' had a good draw, clean sweep to Billy Cheung for his three singles and the doubles with Dave Tagg, Peter T. the only one going home empty handed from Bob, Chris and Adrian.

Week 7 Back to form H.H.'A' saw off Labour 'B' 8-2, Dong beating Peter Findlater in 5 and Mario beating Alec in 4 for their two points, Rod Mac. winning all his trips to the table. Title contenders Police 'B' and Marconi met at the Police

club, three from Joe, two from Dominic and the doubles gave the Police victory, but a 3-2 win in the last set by Chris over Dominic kept the result close. Another 6-4 win, this for BYM over BSM 'B', three wins for Alan C. and the doubles with John H. Alan's normal partner Ted, having retired after his first match, John added the other two points with wins over Rob and Dave. Another 6-4 win this week, Labour 'A' s Paul B. (3) and Roy A. (3), Alf Perry helping out, at this level 'played to save the fine', but made Andy L. take stock a bit in their match, losing 15-13 in the second of 3. Police 'B' had a good 6-4 home win against Ctk 'B's' Dave T. Peter T. and John Lau, with 3 singles each for Joe Howard, and Dominic Greene, match of the night must have been the last one, three straight for Dominic over John L. 20-18 / 13-11 / 13-11, tension, with the draw as the prize for Ctk. A strong Marconi with Ray Jackson, Bob Edwards and Adrian Bramham only lost one set to Wav. Labour 'B', Flora Y. beating Bob in 3. H.H.'A' just missed out on a home draw against BSM 'B', Howard Flint going down 3-2 to Rob Peat in the last set of the night, deciding game 14-12

to Rob. Cadwa 'A' kept up the pace with an 8-2 win at Crosby 'C', Paul E. and Graeme B. getting a clean sweep with 3 wins each, and the doubles, Mike P. getting the other against Roger N. last 3 out of their five games, 13-11, 11-13, 14-12 to Mike. The second Marconi Derby was the 'B' v 'A', the 'B' team of Tony Mullally. John McCann and Neil Colville had a good 6-4 win over their tricky seniors, Frank McCann, Peter Wass and Ian Wensley (seniors being anyone getting on a bit!), Neil did the damage with 3 singles and the doubles with John, Tony beat Frank and John beat Peter. So after week 8 I think we have 3 contenders for the title, Marconi, determined to yoyo back to the top flight, the young Police 'B', and a strong Ctk 'B' squad, but on the outside is Cadwa 'A' with 3 matches in hand, it's a bit early to predict, probably my last prediction anyway, as I have had a bit of good news that Ray Jackson may be volunteering to take over the pen for Div. 2, so with a bit of luck, a Div. 2 player doing the Div. 2 report!! Hurrah.

Editor

Division 3

Ian McElwee

After the first 8 matches league positioning is settling down to provide an indication of how the division will pan out over the season. It looks likely that Maghull and BSM D will fight it out for the top spot. Both teams are on 66 points, 10 point ahead of their nearest rivals Sefton Park. Marconi C are a further 3 points adrift. Can either of these teams put the top 2 under pressure as the season progresses?

At the other end of the table Linacre on 16 points and Sefton Park A 19 are beginning to become adrift. Arriva North West and Bootle YMCA are both on 27 points. From past experience I know how difficult it can be to make up a deficit of points when you are in the lower reaches but I am sure that the Linacre and Sefton Park A sides will be pulling out all the stops to improve their situation.

Although I did not know many of the players in the division last season I made an effort to complete the divisional notes. Now playing in the division I must say that, besides a high standard of play, all matches I have been involved in have been extremely competitive yet, played in a friendly and sporting manner. Besides the older generation continuing to do our best it has been an eye opener for me to see 3 excellent youngsters, Amy Hutchings (Maghull), Harry Watson (Age 11) and Jack Gittins (both Merseyside Police). It is a pleasure to report that they each act and play with a smile on their face. The manner in which they play means it will not be long before they progress to the higher divisions. Although I have not yet met him Marconi's Matt Evans is another young man doing particularly well and along with Paul Hutchings and Paul Gittins boasts the only other 100% record in the division.

Strangely the only team to thwart Maghull so far this season has been their own A team of John McLoughlin, Peter Holmes and Alan Chan who forced a draw. John and Peter



each took 2 and were well supported by Alan who beat John Langton. The first team consists of father and daughter Paul and Amy Hutchings and the occasional use of Rick Beattie. When Rick has not played John Mc and Peter have proved to be more than able deputies. After a series of 10/0 and 9/1 victories BSM D pushed them all the way before going down 6/4. Paul and Rick both took their 3 singles although Colin Mitchell was involved in a titanic battle with Rick before losing out 11/8 in the deciding set. Ricky

Brown and myself made full use of our 'superior fitness and stamina' to come back from 7/1 down in the 5th set to scrape a 14/12 win over Paul and Amy.

BSM D have a 4 man squad consisting of Ricky Brown, Barry Davis, Ian McElwee and Colin Mitchell and run on a strict rota basis. We played away to Sefton Park in our first match and I was hoping to ease my way back in after a 2 year absence. No chance!! Alan Davies was running around like a demented 2 year old smashing the ball at me like a man possessed and went on to beat me 11/9 in the 5th. After scraping myself off the floor Ian Laird seemed intent on finishing me off altogether before I managed to win 14/12 in the decider. A further 3 matches went to 5 sets with Alan losing out 11/9 to Ricky, Ian beating Ricky 11/7 and then losing 12/10 to Barry. A tremendous night's TT with BSM D running out 7/3 victors. Most of our other matches have been won by a high margin. However, when we met Merseyside Police A team of Paul and Jack Gittins plus Harry Watson we were involved in a really competitive match. Paul was too good for us but Jack and Harry were extremely impressive. Jack took Barry all the way before losing out 11/4 in the 5th whilst Harry was amazing in temperament and shot selection as he went down 11/9

in the 5th to Ricky. With an age gap of 58 year between the 2 players the standard had to be seen to be believed.

Although Sefton Park have fallen slightly off the pace they have a strong squad in Alan Davies, Peter Tod, Ian Laird and Mike Perry. They have had a number of resounding victories with Alan and Peter only having lost 1 match each to date. They went down 6/4 at Merseyside Police with Paul Gittins winning his 3. Peter and Ian both beat the hard hitting Brenda Buoy and Jack. Maghull A are a very hard working, experienced side and put these qualities to good effect to draw with Sefton. Phil Christie beat Ian and Mike in an impressive night's work and the draw was secured when he and Peter Holmes beat Alan and Ian 11/9 in the 5th set in the doubles.

Marconi C are going along very well with only 1 defeat, 4 wins and 3 draws in accumulating 53 points. Matt Evans is gaining a good reputation for himself in terms of ability and demeanour. He has been ably supported by the more experienced Paul Loftus and Bobby Bell. These 3 had an excellent start to the season beating Linacre 8/2 with the ever reliable Harry Reeve beating Paul and Bobby. When facing Merseyside Police B Brenda got the better of Paul but this was only a face saver as Dave McMahon joined Matt and Paul in a fine 9/1 victory. The team's highlight to date was a 10/0 win over Sefton Park A when Matt, Paul and Dave were all on top form.

Maghull A are in 5th place and have also only lost one match to date. That loss did not come until week 8 when Sue Hughes, Phil Christie and Peter Holmes lost 6/4 to Merseyside Police. Sue and Phil each won one and Peter 2 but none could get near Paul Gittins. The 4th member of their squad, John McLoughlin was in fine form when he replaced Phil at CADWA C. John remained unbeaten on the night with Sue beating Steve Graham and George Higham and Peter chipping in to send poor old Steve home pointless.

Wavertree Labour D are chugging along nicely with 3 wins, 3 defeats and 2 draws (43 points). The team seems to alternate from week to week but number 1 Paul Jennings has been in outstanding form in winning 76% of his matches. He came out as number 1 in the family when he beat brother Neil, who now plays for Huntsmans Wood, when the teams drew with each other. They had a brilliant 9/1 win over Sefton Park A when Paul was joined by Andy Bird and Stan Clarke. Ian Findon was Sefton Park's saviour as he beat Andy in 5 sets. When visiting Bootle YMCA Paul and Colin Fyles both remained unbeaten, Stan got the better of Mike Hughes and they took the doubles when, unusually, Dave Williams came in to partner Colin.

Merseyside Police C are comfortably holding a mid table position with 40 points. Priority seems to be ensuring youngsters Harry and Jack gain in experience. With Paul and Brenda in the background providing their support these boys are in good hands. Brenda won her 3 singles when she drew with CADWA C, Harry beat both Steve Graham and Ian Lunt whilst Jack pushed George Higham all the way before losing 12/10 in the deciding set.

BSM C are 1 point behind the Police side although they have lost 10/0 to their D team and 8/2 to both Maghull and

Sefton Park. They earned a good draw at 4th placed Marconi C and an excellent 8/2 victory over Wavertree Labour D. Barry Davis starred with 3 wins, Brian Crolley and Mal Kent each won 2 and combined to take the doubles. In beating Sefton Park A 7/3 Andy Cheung remained unbeaten, Mal won 2 and Brian 1.

Huntsmans Wood are keeping their heads above water on 30 points as are CADWA C. Huntsmans Wood's best nights have been 6/4 and 7/3 wins over Sefton Park A and Arriva NW respectively. Lee Madin and John McLoughlin Junior each won 2 and combined to take the doubles in the match at Sefton Park. Paul Rees added his support in beating Ian Findon. Lee did brilliantly to stay unbeaten on his 4 visits to the table against Arriva, Joe Whittingham won 2 and John Mc 1.

CADWA C are finding life hard and their sole recorded victory came about when their match at Bootle YMCA A was abandoned when they were leading 2/1 (not often rain stops play in TT matches!!). The rules state that "sets not played should be divided equally between the 2 teams. If such unplayed sets are of an odd number the team leading on sets won at the time of abandonment shall be awarded the remaining odd set." They thus won 6/4. In their draw with Linacre Steve Graham noted that George Higham beat Harry Reeve for the first time in years. George also beat Ken Ainsworth, Ian Lunt beat Charlie Bradshaw and Ken with Steve contributing by beating Ken.

Arriva NW and Bootle YMCA A are locked together on 27 points. Arriva's sole win was a well earned 7/3 result over Sefton Park A. Kristof Lenyk had a great night as he remained unbeaten. Pavel Tomczyk won 2, including beating Robbie Puddifer 12/10 in the deciding set. Their other point came by way of a fine Wacek Bondek victory over Ray Jones. The Bootle team won 6/4 at Linacre with Eddie Preston getting the better of Harry and Ken but losing out to Charlie. Steve Daniels beat Charlie and Ken, Mike Hughes beat Ken and a doubles win secured the victory. When Arriva and Bootle met the match ended up in a not unexpected draw. Eddie Preston reported that "Mike Hughes won his 3 singles and his form was as good as I have ever seen from him". High praise indeed.

At week 8 the 2 sides propping up the division, Sefton Park A and Linacre met to see if one of them could break their duck and go home victorious for the first time this season.

By coincidence the match took place on 5th November and Derek Traynor reported "A win at last !! Great night on the table accompanied by fireworks in the park. Trebles for Derek and Robbie Puddifer". Ian Findon contributed with a win over Ken and partnered Derek to take the doubles as the Sefton Park A side ran out 8/2 victors.

The Linacre team of Harry Reeve, Charlie Bradshaw and Ken Ainsworth might not win many matches these days. However, they would be near the top of any league if other factors such as friendliness, sportsmanship and a clear enjoyment of playing the game were taken into account.

Hope you all have a good Christmas and New Year.

Division 4

After 8 weeks top are East Wavertree, carrying on from their runaway lead in the 5th last season, their main squad of Tom Creevy, Carl Macaulay, Tony Dixon and Chris Browne, with Joey Williams, Connor Creevy from the 'A' team squad ready to step up. Season started well with a 9-1 win against BsM 'F', only the old codger Bill Clayton preventing the clean sweep, an 8-2 win followed, Tom Creevy and Tony Dixon losing out to QVC's Dean Appleton. They dropped 6 points at home to a strong Marconi 'D' which brought them down to earth, losing both doubles and Conor losing both his singles, one the only 5 setter of the night. After that it was a winning run, 7-3, 9-1 and their first whitewash 10-0 against strugglers Wav Lab. 'E'. Their first draw was away to title contenders BsM 'E', Chris winning both his singles, one a five setter with Sam Pierce.

Maghull 'B's Ben Chen, John Langton, Alan ChanLoon Wai Yu and Naresh Tagore I'm sure will also be knocking on the promotion door at the end of the season, with a run of 3 9-1 wins, including the derby with their 'C' team, Naresh losing out to Jimmy Ambrose. Turning up a player short at Marconi 'E' was a missed chance, losing 6-4. When they played their toughest match to date against prospective title contenders BsM 'e', two full strength teams, BsM coming out tops with a 6-4 win, Maghull's Ben and Alan both winning their singles for their 4 points, if they can keep Ben, John and Alan turning out most matches they could stay near the top.

Bath St Marine 'E' has a strong squad, and will definitely be chasing promotion at the end, their strong experienced squad of Ted Cramsie, Graham Turner, Graham Oates, Keith Wright and a young Sam Pierce, with 6 wins, one loss, going down 7-3 to a full strength Police 'D' and a draw, only 1 point separates them from the front runners, their two best wins were two 10-0's against BYM's 'B' and 'C' teams!!

Next up is Bootle YMCA (BYM) 'B', with 3 'young' lads, Saul Keelan, Tom Doubtfire, Liam Shaw, and not so young lad, Roly Wright, with three 9-1s, two 6-4s and one 7-3 wins, plus one draw, things looked good, till the big guns came on the scene, BsM 'E' went to BYM and grabbed all 10 points, only Saul taking Ted to 5, but the lads soon forgot about that winning 6-4 at Cadwa 'D' next match.

Merseyside Police 'D's strong squad of Tom Purcell, Andy Taylor, Len Dyson, John Moore, Tom Lynch, Sam Gittins, and Phil Todd are 10 points and 1 win behind the leaders, after a rocky start of two 6-4 defeats and a draw, things started to settle, with four 7-3s and 9-1 wins, confidence was coming back. First match was 6-4 down to Arriva 'A' with young Stef Schoeber -Thomson helping out from the 'E' squad with his two singles. Their toughest match came against BsM 'E', comment on match card from Len D. "Great match, every game fiercely contested, but played in a good atmosphere. Hosts went 2-0 down, but won the next

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7, Tom P. had a tight match against Ted, winning 12-10 in the fifth", after a slow start to the season, points seem to be stacking up, after a 9-1 home win over BYM 'C', Len's match card comment was "Newcomer to the 4th Div. Phil Todd won all his 3 matches and was awarded M.o. M. Colin (Hughes) won an attacking game against Andy Taylor in the fifth, deserving his win with some excellent forehand loop shots" winning the doubles will help, with 10 from 24 lost, most in the early part, then they will be pushing the top teams.

Cadwa 'D's seven man squad would hope to always turn out a team, but having a big squad means less continuity as the team is rarely the same, Ian Burrows, Grahame Reid, Rob Davies, Xianmin Chang, Doug Baker, Satish Ranka and Shantanu Singh just don't seem to settle, only Grahame has 100%, when he's out, they could win more, best win was a 9-1 over BYM 'C'.

Maghull 'C' are chugging away just below midway, George Frost, Steve McGanity, Jeanette Hutchings, Denise Chorley and Jim Ambrose, with the lads of the 'D' to help out, when I say 'chugging along' it's as in 16 doubles played, won 8 lost 8, 5 setters played, won 10 lost 11. In the Derby with their 'B' team, a 9-1 drubbing, Jim A. saving the white-wash, for the next 5 matches their favourite score was 7-3, winning 2 and losing three, carry on!!

QVC came up from 5th Div. last season due to the influx of new teams, with the squad of Dean Appleton, Ian Douglas, Shaun Chapman, Michael O'Malley and their 'A' team filling in every week, Dean is a 100%er, and if they can get their top 3 out together, they can pull in the points,

Marconi 'D's experienced John Gratton and Ken Roberts with the 'lads' Jack Nelson, James Haskell and Adam Kee all just keeping their heads above water, with a bit more luck to turn around the 5 setters, won 5 lost 14, and the doubles, won 5 lost 11, should hold their own though.

Bath St. Marine 'F' got off to a bad start, losing the two opening matches 9-1, but steadied the ship with a good draw against a full strength QVC, a 7-3 win, then a draw, stats and luck seem to be against them, as are against most teams in the lower half, five setters, lost 16 won 10, doubles, won 5 lost 11. The match card comment from the match against Marconi 'D' was "Great M. o. M. performance from Albert (Parker), turning the clock back with a superb doubles match, and singles wins over James and a close 5 set victory over Ken. A close match not finishing until 11-35pm, 6 sets going to 5 games".

Marconi 'E's Daniel Lowe, Richard Pucula, Frank Proffit, Sean Low and Faye Taylor just have their heads above water (relegation zone), among other problems, doubles are letting them down not having won any in the last 4 matches.

Comment on the match card going down 9-1 at BYM 'B', "A good win for BYM B, Richie losing out to Tom after giving him a fright with his flashing right hand smashes, and Frank saving the whitewash, beating Liam in five, after being 2 2-0 and Liam leading 9-6 in the last game, Frank clinching it 12-10. Faye struggling with a bad back, which probably needs a rest", has it had that rest Faye??

Bootle YM 'C's Colin Hughes, Steve Daniels, Alan Cameron, John Taylor and Jim Geddes got off to a fair start to the season with a 6-4 win, a draw next, that was it, not

really being able to stop the slide, a lot of experience here, just needs a bit of luck to bring back the confidence.

Wavertree Labour 'E's Senior Brigade of Alf Perry, Alvin Tso, Alan Biggs, and Francis Lay play for the fun and social side, having had an unequal share of luck when it comes to five setters, winning 8, losing 15, but like many other established teams, I see they are bringing in young blood in the shape of Michael Dugdale, who is improving every week in the 5th, hope it's not too late for young blood!

Division 5 Don Davies

Welcome to a new season and particularly to the newly formed Saint Anne's club and their mentor Dave Bradley, who in addition to playing for the team and perhaps, more importantly, looks after his charges at the club. Scanning the league table with more than a quarter of the season completed, title pacesetters Maghull D, having won their opening seven matches, opened up a useful lead over their nearest rivals.

Their main challengers for the title are Saint Anne's but, Wavertree Labour, Marconi, Waterloo, Police and E. Wavertree, are all in the mix for promotion and will take points from each other which should make for a thrilling competition. At the other end of the table, only Bath Street has failed to record a victory in the first eight matches. An interesting fact to emerge in that period is that only two 10-0 wins have been recorded while in seven other matches when the losing side were dealt a thumping, they did manage to avoid the 'white - wash'. The most frequent winning score line is 6-4 and sets gained when losing ensure the points tally continues to tick over and gives hope to players' to keep on going until the end of the match, which is the reason the rule change was introduced. At this level, being thrashed each week is too much for some to endure and they give up or, the team drops out which isn't good for the sport.

However, with almost a third of the campaign completed, it seems that the greatest threat to Maghull D could be St. Anne's who demolished them 5-1 when they met in the cup. By the time this issue is with you, the sides' will have met again at White House Farm which could be a pointer as to which is the more likely title winner.

Sefton Park's first match, saw new signing Paul Morgan, playing at number one, take both singles against St. Anne's, team mates Dave Cunningham and Eric Wood chipping in with one a piece to help secure an equal share of the spoils. In the only match to go the distance, Morgan recovered from 2-1 down against Francis Dako before edging home 13-11 in the fifth. Israel Isaac had the honour of registering St. Anne's first point when he swept to victory against wily experienced campaigner Dave Cunningham, 1, 2 & 4. He doubled his tally with a win over Eric, putting his side within one set of a famous victory. Their hopes were scuppered though, when Morgan and Carl Anderson won the last set, beating the Isaac/ Suren Krishnan partnership, the



latter being the only player on the night to draw a blank.

The newcomer's didn't have to wait long to chalk up their first win when entertaining Arriva in their next match - Dako and Isaac with two each being their mainstay in singles combat - Arriva taking both doubles. They remained unbeaten until they visited Marconi in week 6 and had to contend with a fine display from Tony Low who claimed an impressive double beating Dako and Isaac. This set back didn't affect them too much for they followed up with a 7-3 defeat of Police and a narrow success at CADWA on the last day of week 8. I was present at the match and they impressed not only with their uninhibited style of play in which most loose balls were dispatched as winner's but with their pleasant and friendly attitude which earned them six points, deserved victory but, much more importantly, a few more new friends. Good to have you in the league.

Sam Walsh, aged 11, played a big part in helping CADWA beat Police, the youngster, ranked in the U/13's at 29 in England, recovered from 2-0 down against Brian Burrows before taking the next three 9, 12, 9, in the only singles match requiring a fifth game.

When Maghull D visited Police, the home side's top two players - Burrows and Sam Hughes remained unbeaten although, team mates Mike Flannery and Tim Jeeves failed to register a point. With the score level with two to play and all matches won 3-0 Maghull maintained their 100% record - cementing victory by winning both foursomes.

Maghull E won 6-4 at home to Waterloo despite losing the top three singles, Andy McCourt and Keith Whittaker with two each kept them in the match - Alan Smethurst and Whittaker sealing victory when taking their doubles encounter.

Williams, Williams and Williams - Joe, Jimmy and Lee plus Conor Creevy, formed the East Wavertree team when they received an inexperienced CADWA quartet. Julie St Louis, on her first outing in a match, together with Derek Aspinall, who was returning to the sport after many years away, were joined by Chris Halliday with just one season behind him. Octogenarian Jack Highton, the first local man to finish in a 1950's Liverpool marathon, completed the line-up. All but one set was settled without the need to go any further - Jimmy putting Julie to the sword 11-0, 11-0,

11-3. CADWA avoided leaving empty handed by virtue of an Aspinall victory over Lee Williams. Although some say, it's tough at the top it can be even tougher at the bottom since there is nowhere to go!

Arriva seemed to be heading for a healthy total against Marconi at Green Lane taking four of the first six contests. They couldn't have expected such a determined fight back from Marconi who fought back to emerge victorious - taking all four remaining matches. A brace from Tony Low plus one a piece from Gary Stanton, Oliver O'Connor and Charles Sweeney plus a Stanton/O'Connor doubles success, turned things around - Marconi, I'm sure, departed as delighted, 6-4 winners.

The Bath St. versus Maghull E fixture saw the home side take a 2-0 lead but, at the half way stage, they trailed following three in a row from the visitors, unbeaten stints from Andy McCourt and Brian Gregory put Maghull in with a good shout of taking the match at 5-3 with both doubles matches to come. Although the Maghull pair were unbeaten in singles combat, Albert Parker and Keith Dudley, quashed their hopes of victory in the penultimate set, which left Wilf Gibson and Keith Whittaker to do the business against Cyril Penny and Des Logan, again, though, it went the way of the home side pair, leaving the match all square at 5-5.

In week 8, Marconi put the brakes on Maghull's table topping assault - failing to win for the first time after seven victories in a row. Marconi racked up a 3-0 lead but were pegged back before making another surge to lead 5-3. Tony Low was the star man for Marconi and the only unbeaten man on the night. Maghull aren't division leaders by chance and preserved their unbeaten run by taking the last two encounters to leave the sides all square.

Stamp Cup 1st Round

The knock out cup, contested by fifth division teams and named after Bill Stamp, who served the league as Treasurer from 1936/56 and Secretary from 1937/56. Waterloo had mixed fortunes when their two teams - enjoying home advantage - took on the E teams' of Police and CADWA. However, the first team were unable to overcome the lawmen, Brian Burrows beating Gavin Minett and Paul Mainey and although Stefan Schober Thomson accounted for Stewart McGee, the England 161 ranked Cadet was beaten by Minett in what could prove to be one of his best wins this season. Police number 4 Neil Thomas, having tasted defeat in his first trip to the table, notched the tie winning victory beating McGhee. The same night on an adjacent table, Waterloo A comfortably disposed of CADWA, who arrived without Sam Walsh and Jack Highton and were restricted to a solitary set, the home side progressing to the quarter-finals 5-1.

Marconi took on Arriva at Score Lane, but after six nip and tuck contests, the teams' remained level. Wins by Harry Hughes (2) and Gary Mavris (1) for the visitors was matched by a couple from Oliver O'Connor plus a Tony Low success against Ray Guy. After having earlier been beaten by O'Connor, Alan Jones put Arriva into the lead for the fourth time beating Charles Sweeney to lead 4-3. Gary Stanton (a Hughes victim in the third set) then had to overcome Mavris to maintain his sides' interest in the tie.

With the outcome of the match on a knife edge at 9-9 in the fifth, Mavris dashed Marconi's hopes by clinching the next two points and the tie for Arriva by 5 sets to 3.

Division pace setters Maghull D faced a tough first round tie against Saint Anne's, making their first trip to the club having at the time gathered 24 points from their opening four outings while the hosts had collected 30. Maghull number two Brian Gregory, was called into action in the opening encounter but, after extending Israel Isaac to a fifth game, was edged out 11-8 giving the visitor's a great start. The St. Anne's man had now registered his club's first win in the cup having gained their first league point a month earlier. Andy McCourt levelled matters beating Yohannes Abraha but, that was all the home side could muster. Two further wins by Francis Dako plus one each from Yohannes and Dave Bradley, ended the home team's hopes of a league and cup double following this 5-1 drubbing. The Maghull captain sportingly acknowledged on the card, the fine attacking show turned in by the league's friendly new boys earning them a deserved triumph.

A keenly fought cup tie developed when Labour entertained Maghull E which saw the visitors forge a healthy 4-1 lead - one shy of a last eight berth. Labour weren't out of it yet though and gained parity with consecutive wins by Gordon Langshaw v Dave Hall and Mike Stewart plus an Eric Spencer victory against Owens. In a nail biting finale Mike Dugdale, having lost his singles outings, joined forces with Langshaw to take on Luke Courtney and Stewart which led to the Labour pair forging a 3-0 victory - giving them the match by the odd set in nine.

At the end of week four, Waterloo's number one player Gavin Minett was unbeaten in singles combat in the league but, probably wouldn't have expected to be beaten when coming up against the club's 'A' team. The first team started well opening up a 3-0 lead which included a very rare father and son clash in which Graham Chellew beat dad, George. Gavin, who wasn't called into singles action until the eighth set when his team were 4-3 up, faced Jeff Hornby who pulled no punches and set about destroying Gavin's 100% record to level matters. The 'A' team then had a great chance to take the lead for the first time when in the ninth match, Geoff Metcalf went 2-0 up on Paul Mainey but then fell away in the next three. In the final match Minett, again, endured a nervy encounter when facing George Chellew, who went 2-0 up before the club's top player eased home, taking the next three games, 3, 7 and 4, the senior quartet squeezing home 6-4.

As mentioned above, another rare father and son clash in the league, almost certainly took place many years ago, when Graeme Black faced dad Ken when the pair were at English Electric, this according to former Liverpool Closed junior singles champion, Graeme, who now plays for CADWA. A more recent instance of a father and son clash in the league was just last season when Harry McGanity faced son Steven when Maghull B took on Maghull D in division 4 - the bragging right going to the younger man -7, 4, 8, 9. Harry had earlier promised to retire if this ever happened but, thankfully it didn't come to that drastic conclusion.

11 UP - Another Player Profile by Paul Gittins

1. Where did it all start?

It all started in 1974 at New Heys School Allerton Liverpool. I was taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. I had to take up a new sport as part of the process. We had a teacher called Brian Leeson (yes that Brian Leeson) who suggested we join the school Table Tennis Club. Very quickly I became addicted. There was a small group of us who wanted to take it further so we looked for a club. We eventually ended up at Aigburth Cricket Club in St Michaels.



Neil at a recent Police match



Neil on the right, during the early days at Aigburth

2. Best player played against?

At my level of performance, mostly everyone. Memorable games probably Eric Young when he played for Aigburth and the late Ken Armson OBE from Wavertree Labour.

3. Best win?

Every win is honestly enjoyed and I have enjoyed some great losses too. My wife tells me she can tell when the key goes in the door if I have won. Apparently I mention it a couple of times and talk over the television explaining every shot. I think she exaggerates.

4. Worst defeat?

I have to refer you to my previous answer.

5. Best player to watch?

In my opinion Dom Green and Jack Gittins are two to watch. Clearly I am biased (both played for me last season) but their improvement continues and I expect great things from both young men. It's their performance off the table as well as on. I have played against other young players who have the potential to be equally as good but some have a troublesome temperament that needs channelling by their teammates and families/guardians or it will work against them eventually.



Dad's motorbike, not sure if it was a Triumph or Norton, a star of the day

This time it's Merseyside Polices' Neil Thomas



More Practice at Aigburth

6. Funniest Table Tennis moment?

Playing a gentleman called Eric from Wavertree Labour (I think) One of the special ones! (A fellow left-hander) It was a fantastic game went to the fifth went to the 11/9 or 12/10 and discovered we were both number three; a misunderstanding re the call and clearly the match was void. We laughed but it was a great game that never counted.

7. Who's your TT hero and why?

I don't particularly have heroes but I do have players I admire for their commitment to Table Tennis. I shall not name them fear of embarrassing them sufficient to say world-class umpiring and quality sandwiches are big clues for two of them. For me the most important thing playing in the 5th Division is the fellowship. Each season, we meet old adversaries or new ones and try to better them. Not always successfully but always with good humour.

8. Is there life other than table tennis?

Since retiring from the service, I have had more time to follow the mighty Reds. I am now a Granddad of young Lucas who in 3 or 4 years will get a bat and the next generation will start.

9. Tell me something that would surprise me?

I am not sure if this is the type of thing you mean but as a serving Police officer for over 30 years I never had an issue off duty involving being threatened because I was a Cop. However as soon as I retired and started my new career path, I was involved in two close calls with complete strangers as soon as I answered the question, what do you do for a living? I would reply proudly 'I am an H&S Advisor! Twice complete strangers squared up, offered me violence and blamed me for all their troubles, such as criminal prosecutions, civil litigation matters, and bankruptcy. As a consequence I change the subject if asked the question now days.

10. What changes in the games would you like to see?

I don't have any thoughts re changing the game. I was shocked when we went to 11 up from 21up, and the speed the game ended, but I/we have all adapted. When the ball got bigger from 38 mm I was surprised but we all adapted again. I have no bright ideas for change, I will leave that to those who know more than I.

11. Coaching tip.

My coaching tip is simple and can be summed up in one word 'practice'. You can't get better if you don't play. Even if you don't have a robot or a coach, find the time to get on a table somewhere and play. With the advent of PING, tables popped up everywhere, please utilise them. When I say everywhere, that's not quite true, during the last summer break my squad tried to arrange table tennis practices at various sports centres across Liverpool. It was very disappointing at the lack of available tables but I am hoping that will change in the future.



Neil doesn't have to worry about the 'butties' for his teams match, Paul and Steve won the Catering contract for Police Club home matches, they are so good no one else has a chance!

Ping pong isn't just about fun and keeping fit, it can also keep troubled youngsters on the straight and narrow.
CLARE HEAL visits a charity determined to turn the tables on poverty

GREENHOUSES are generally for plants, but the Greenhouse charity aims to grow children through engagement with sports. Founder and CEO Michael de Giorgio, a former accountant and financial consultant who set up the organisation in 2002, says this is my passion, I'm a great believer in sports, I've had a successful and comfortable life and sports have definitely been part of that.

The name reflects the 'hothousing' process we put children through, asking them to commit to something and learn through that, in the gymnasium of Morpeth Secondary School in Bethnal Green, east London, his theory is being put in to practice.

The air echoes with the pop and click of ping pong balls hitting table tennis tables, there is laughter and excited chatter but an air of concentration too, this isn't a play scheme, says de Giorgio, we run proper training sessions with proper coaching and we demand commitment from the children.

Eleven years on from its inception, Greenhouse now runs 48 programmes across some of London's most disadvantaged boroughs, working with around 7,000 young people, it combines sports coaching with mentoring, the schools pay for half the cost and we let them pick which sport they think will have the most impact, but the sport is just a hook to engage the young people, there is more going on here than just learning an effective backhand spin." Morpeth's head table tennis coach Simon Hoang grew up in the area and was a pupil at the school himself. Now 24 he says, I know the area, I know what life is like for these kids. A shy child he was asked to attend sessions in the hope it would build up his self-esteem, that's how I met a lot of my close friends that I still know today, he says. Simon soon discovered he was good at table tennis, it built up my confidence and I started coaching the younger kids, then managing and running the sessions.

He now works full time for Greenhouse, running coaching sessions before school, at lunchtimes and after school four days a week at Morpeth and one day at feeder primary schools. More than 100 children are registered on the scheme and they spend an average of 4.5 hours with him each week. When not actually coaching he can be found in his office where many children drop in on him. "They just like to come and tell me how their day has gone or do a bit of banter. It all strengthens my relationship with them "I base my success on the impact I have on their lives, their schoolwork, their social life, maybe their mental skills.

I ask have I strengthened those things, not just their table tennis abilities. Table tennis at Greenhouse is about more than just sport." Morpeth does have an impressive trophy cabinet and Rio Paralympic hopeful Ashley Facey Thompson is a product of the school's Greenhouse scheme but the key point is that sport is a tool through which participants learn a variety of lessons from the importance of discipline and time keeping to self-confidence and perseverance. The effects can be seen in their improved attendance records, better GCSE grades and a drop in disruptive behaviour. SIMON has been working with Askor, 12, who was asked to attend the Greenhouse sessions after being disruptive in class, I like playing table tennis, he says. If I misbehave Simon says five or 10 or whatever minutes off my time playing, I don't like that so I try and be good. For Murhad, 13, it has been about health, I started playing table tennis and was really good at it but I was a bit chubby, I used to eat lots of fast food and Simon helped me work out how to cut down, for six months I didn't eat any at all but now I have one a week, It's important to be fit for table tennis because it's all about endurance.

The sessions are open to everyone but through discussion with teachers certain children who it is thought could particularly benefit are invited, If they're misbehaving, or lacking in confidence or have physical disabilities, says Simon, It's inclusive. He works hard to build trust with the children, what he describes as an older brother relationship, distinct from family at home or the authority of teachers. There's a big rapport that's developed over time, he says. Both Askor and Murhad agree that they like Simon and that he's a good teacher but it's clear that all the children respect him too, when he calls for silence to demonstrate a particular move he gets it immediately.

Of Facey Thompson he says, he was quite a naughty little kid but because his table tennis shot up so quickly his attitude changed, The game works as a carrot and stick says de Giorgio, denying access to coaching sessions can be a punishment, but the process of learning and improving is perhaps the most psychologically important for children, some of whom may not have the most stable home lives. Because it's an individual sport we can give them mentoring that the school can't necessarily do on its own, says Simon. Of Askor he says, I've never had any issues with him and I think it's because he really enjoys the fact that there's someone pushing him.

Greenhouse currently has schemes in nine of London's 11 most deprived boroughs and de Giorgio wants to expand further, I'm not interested in doing anything in wealthy areas, they don't need us, we're only in more deprived areas because that's where we can make the most difference, there's a lot more to be done."

- For more information about **Greenhouse**, to get involved or to donate visit: greenhousecharity.org

4th November 2013

Double success for English officials at awards ceremony

Four English table tennis officials were nominated for awards at the Sports Officials UK (SOUK) National Officiating Awards 2013.



Tom Purcell (left) of Merseyside Police T.T. Club, (Performance Official of the Year), Karen Tonge MBE (centre) of Halton T.T. Club, (Commitment to Officiating Development), Tony Chatwin (right) (Lifetime Achievement Award). Karen Tonge previously received an MBE from Queen Elizabeth II for voluntary services to table tennis in 2008, while Tom Purcell was chosen to umpire the Men's Singles Final at the recent London 2012 Olympic Games.

Susie Hughes, Maghull T.T. Club; has shot to prominence on the newly formed ETTA Board of Management under the Chairmanship of Andy Seward who's team won the latest election for 'care' of the ETTA. Her position is Vice Chair. responsible for Communications:

Susie states that having established some basic procedures and systems, the communications focus would now be on a more proactive approach, to media and news for members and players. Email newsletters will continue to members with short summaries and links to more detailed information on the ETTA website.

The change of the ETTA Management has arrived at the same time that the major supplier of funding, Sport England has requested that the method of management be 'modernised' and the new Management team has done just that, basically 'streamlining' the set up.

As I've had to introduce extra pages into this Digest, the next pages give some idea about the structure of the ETTA, the Volunteer Staff, and the Professional Staff.



Halton TTC Net National Award! ETTA Premier Club of the Year Awards 2013 Winners

Halton Table Tennis Club has won a prestigious national honour at the Sport and Recreation Alliance's *Community Sport and Recreation Awards*. The club was presented with the *School Links Award* sponsored by Utility Aid. The award was presented to the club chairman Karen Tonge MBE by HRH the Earl of Wessex at St. James's Palace in London, the club put the judges in a spin with their hard work during the past year.

The club has built up amazing links with schools in the community, with the club's coaches putting on sessions and competitions involving more than 60 schools and colleges in the local area within Halton, Cheshire and Merseyside.

The club also loans equipment, helps provide training courses for teachers and youngsters interested in becoming officials, and offers free lunchtime sessions to make table tennis accessible to hundreds of children who otherwise might not have had the chance to get involved.

Structure of the ETTA

26th March 2013

The English Table Tennis Association (ETTA) is the governing body of table tennis in England, responsible for representing, coordinating, administering, regulating, promoting, marketing and developing the sport in close cooperation with related bodies such as Sport England, the English Schools Table Tennis Association (ESTTA) and the British Table Tennis Association for People with Disabilities (BTTAD). Most of the ETTA's income comes from exchequer (government) grants and the Lottery Sports Fund (for the World Class Performance Programme), administered by Sport England.

The Board

[The Board of the ETTA](#) comprises the three elected officers of Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Treasurer, and the appointed Vice-Chairmen, with departmental responsibility. The Chief Executive has day to day management authority for the executive staff.

The Board is the policy making body of the ETTA and defines the strategic direction of the organisation. The Board's growth strategies focus on making the sport accessible to as many people as possible and ensuring that pathways are built to allow people to progress as far as they wish to, within our sport. The Board's performance strategies focus on improving performance at international level and increasing the talent pool.

National Council

The National Council is an advisory body to the Board and link to county and league associations. It comprises elected representatives from each County Association (National Councillors). It meets quarterly.

Regional Committees

The Regional Committees comprise a Chairman and members such as the Regional Development Officer, Regional Coaching Chairman, Schools Representative, Competition Secretary, County Representatives, Sport England Representative, etc. The Committee are responsible for development programmes, conferences, and regional competitions. They come under the ETTA Development Department.

Regional Coaching Committees

The Regional Coaching Committees usually comprise county and school representatives and other senior coaches. They come under the Teaching and Training Department and liaise closely with Regional Development Committees. Among their functions are running regional squads, trials and a team to represent the region at the national inter-region (cadet) competition.

County Associations

The County Associations are autonomous voluntary bodies, which represent the interests of member league associations in their area. They organise closed individual championships and inter-league competitions for their members, and sometimes inter-club county leagues. They also select representative teams to play in the ETTA County Championships, which has categories for cadets (under 15), juniors (under 18), seniors and veterans (40+). In 2011/2012 there were 41 affiliated county associations.

Local Leagues

Local leagues are also autonomous voluntary bodies, which organise table tennis competition at a local level. In the 2012/2013 season there were 234 affiliated local leagues in England.

Club Structure

Clubs affiliate to the ETTA through a local league, although they can also affiliate either directly (e.g. as a Premier Club) or through their County Association. Clubs offer a range of coaching, practice, competitive and social activities, which vary considerably according to the club organisation and facilities available. The ETTA is working to reinforce a move towards linked clubs offering a range of activities and development programmes in multi-table facilities, creating pathways from school to international level, through its Premier Club Programme. The ETTA recognises several organisations (such as the English Schools Table Tennis Association – ESTTA) as being in good standing.

Affiliation and Membership

There are three types of Individual Membership (IM):

1. The vast majority (some 24,000 in season 2012/2013) play in an affiliated local league.
2. Some 2,500 (2012/2013) are "licensed" to play in specific ETTA tournaments (as well as local league competition)
3. Some 2,000 (2012/2013) are non playing members who do not play competitive league or tournament play.

Bill Shearer

ETTA Operations Manager (September 4, 2013)

The Board of the ETTA

Management Committee

Chairman: Andy Seward

Deputy Chairman: Richard Scruton

Treasurer: Keith Thomas

Vice Chairman:

Administration: Mike Smith

Caching: Suzanne Airey

Communications: Susie Hughes

Competitions: Harvey Webb

Development: Phil Goulding

International Relations: Richard Scruton

Marketing: Phil Huggon

Membership: Tom Purcell

Performance and Selection: Sandra Deaton

Go here for the [Head Office Staff](#) contacts

	DIVISION 5				
1	MORGAN Paul	Sefton Park B	8	8	100%
2	WALSH Sam	Cadwa E	4	4	100%
3	WILLIAMS Joey	East Wavertree A	12	11	92%
4	COURTNEY Luke	Maghull D	16	14	88%
5	BRADLEY Dave	St Annes	8	7	88%
6	BURROWS Brian	M/Side Police E	14	12	86%
7	HALL Daniel	Maghull D	12	10	83%
8	FINNIGAN Bob	QVCA	6	5	83%
9	O'MULLANE Phil	Waterloo A	6	5	83%
10	ISAAC Israel	St Annes	16	13	81%

ETTA Professional Staff

24th March 2010

Chief Executive – Sara Sutcliffe

Operations:

Operations Manager – Bill Shearer

General Secretary – Robert Sinclair

Administrative Officer – Carol Hackett

Membership Data/Ranking Administrator –

Andrea Leeson

Membership Data Administrator – Sophie Hatfield

Clerical Assistant – Jackie Sands

Communications:

PR & Digital Media Officer – Paul Cornell

Design & Digital Media Officer – Adam Collins

Web Content & Performance Officer –

Russell Moore

Competitions & Events

National Competitions & Events Manager –

Dicon Gray

National Competitions & Events Administrator –

Vanda Jones

National Competitions & Events Officer –

Mat Morris

Assistant National Competitions & Events Officer

– Zach Ferris

Coaching & Performance

Development

National Network Manager (Regional Staff & Special Projects) – Karen Keech

National Programme Manager (Volunteering, Diversity & Child Protection) – Judy Rogers

Project Officer – Adults 16+ – Kieron Pelling

Development Support Officer – Sheila King

Project Officer – Children & Young People –

Sophie Olyphant

National Programme Manager: School Games & Young People- Martin Ireland

National Programme Manager: Clubs & Premier League 4 Sport – Mark Willerton

An overview of Development Department Structure – updating

Regional Development Managers

Finance:

Finance Officer – Brian Skinner

Finance Assistant – Amanda Barber

Finance Assistant – Kara Young

Part-Time Finance Assistant – Jane Judges

Player averages up to and inc. week 8 - space only allows for top 10 - full list on web sites

DIVISION 1					
	Name	Club	P	W	Ave
1	MAYNARD Ryan	Christ The King	9	9	100%
2	RZESZOTKO Thomaz	Cadwa	9	9	100%
3	WILLIAMS Keith	Fords	9	9	100%
4	BARKER Robert	Crosby High A	24	23	96%
5	BEECH Aaron	M/Side Police A	21	19	90%
6	MULLIN Joseph	M/Side Police A	27	24	89%
7	TAYLOR Jonathon	M/Side Police A	18	16	89%
8	TAYLOR Andrew	Fords	24	20	83%
9	McEVOY Malcom	Fords	18	14	78%
10	GREENE Steve	Crosby High	21	16	76%

DIVISION 3					
	Name	Club	P	W	Ave
1	HUTCHINGS Paul	Maghull	24	24	100%
2	EVANS Matt	Marconi C	21	21	100%
3	GITTINS Paul	M/Side Police C	15	15	100%
4	DAVIES Alan	Sefton Park	21	20	95%
5	TOD Peter	Sefton Park	12	11	92%
6	BEATTIE Rick	Maghull	9	8	89%
7	DAVIS Barry	Bath St Marine D	21	17	81%
8	BROWN Ricky	Bath St Marine D	18	14	78%
9	JENNINGS Paul	Wavertree Lab D	21	16	76%
10	LAIRD Ian	Sefton Park	21	16	76%

DIVISION 2					
	Name	Club	P	W	Ave
1	CHEUNG Billy	Christ The King B	15	14	93%
2	BANKS Paul	Wavertree Lab A	18	16	89%
3	JACKSON Ray	Marconi	9	8	89%
4	BRAMHAM Adrian	Marconi	24	20	83%
5	BLACK Graeme	Cadwa A	12	10	83%
6	HOWARD Joe	M/Side Police B	17	14	82%
7	GREENE Dominic	M/Side Police B	20	15	75%
8	MILLER Tom	Crosby High C	12	9	75%
9	ADAMS Roy	Wavertree Lab A	18	13	72%
10	SPEDDING Chris	Marconi	18	12	67%

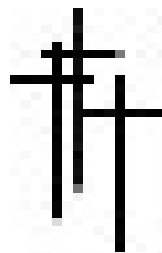
DIVISION 4					
	Name	Club	P	W	Ave
1	CHAN Alan	Maghull B	13	13	100%
2	WILLIAMS Joey	East Wavertree	10	10	100%
3	APPLETON Dean	QVC	8	8	100%
4	CHEN Ben	Maghull B	8	8	100%
5	REID Grahame	Cadwa D	6	6	100%
6	STEWART Michael	Maghull C	4	4	100%
7	LANGTON John	Maghull B	15	13	87%
8	WRIGHT Roly	Bootle YMCA B	14	12	86%
9	CRAMSIE Ted	Bath St Marine E	16	13	81%
10	BROWNE Chris	East Wavertree	14	11	79%

Clinn Casselman

Some of the ancient members of the League may remember Clin Casselman, who died last week aged 92 in Canada. He was ex Rafterers and other clubs before that with Eric Caird. He was my uncle Ronnie Rumjahn & Lilian's (Pinkie) brother in law -married to Pinkie's twin sister Bluey (Kathleen) -the May twins who famously played the Rowe twins in the All England Rosebowl. (Bluey died from cancer many years ago) . Clint played for Rafterers 'A' team when with Ted and Ron Rumjahn, Jack McCaig and Dave Ferguson they beat their 1st team of Peter Rumjahn, Abbie Linforth, Marnie Morrison, Bill Lamb and Peter Short 8-2 in a 1st Div. Derby.

Not many will remember him, as the family emigrated to Canada in the 60s He was a leading figure in tennis circles too, having played for Lancashire with the likes of Alan Mills (ex Wimbledon tournament referee).

Thanks to Janet Rumjahn and Don Davies for information.



Latest England Rankings:

U/13 Boys: 25 Sam Walsh. Cadet Boys: 9 Robert Barker. Junior Boys: 17 R Barker.

Men: 29 K. Dolder. 42 T. Rzeszotko. 47 K. Williams. 91 Ryan Maynard. 97 J. Taylor. 100 P. Cicchelli. 176 S. Green. 182 A. Beech. 209 G. Watson. 213 K. Bird. 234 M. McEvoy. 261 J. Killoran. 274 R. Barker. 296 G. Lloyd.

Correct until 27th November 2013

Don Davies

Individual Members Per League 2012/2013

Rank		Reg.	Rank		Reg.
1	SHEFFIELD	493	64	KENDAL	164
2	BRISTOL	470	72	BLACKPOOL	158
3	LIVERPOOL	395	73	WIGAN	158
4	LEICESTER	350	82	HALTON	150
5	READING	350	93	LANCASTER/MORCAMBE	141
6	BOURNEMOUTH	323	104	LONDON CIVIL SERVICE/ BANKS	134
7	NORWICH	313	110	WIRRAL	128
8	GUILDFORD	307	198	MANCHESTER BANKS	43
9	MILTON KEYNES	305	209	DEWSBURY	34
10	BOLTON	304	219	BLACKBURN	27
11	LEAMINGTON SPA	301	224	WARRINGTON	115
12	BIRMINGHAM	294	150	MID CHESHIRE	95
13	OLDHAM	294	176	TRAFFORD	66
22	NORTHUMBRIA	276	186	BARNSELY	54
36	OXFORD	206	225	EAST LANCASHIRE	16
38	SOUTHPORT	205	241	ST. HELENS(FOLDED 2010/11)	0
58	PRESTON	177			
61	CHESTER & ELLESMERE PORT	169			

Trevor found this list while trawling through the web, I think it was on Table Tennis 365 site, so must be authentic as the 365 site is responsible for the software that runs many of the ETTA affiliated leagues, I was a bit surprised to find the L&DTTL up near the top of the list, the number shown for the L&DTTL is more or less correct for that season. Sheffield is top, but their structure is not much different to ours, 5 divisions of 12 teams, and 1 of 14 teams, but do have a junior division, teams are 3 - side.

Divisional Cups - Rnd.2 Results

READMAN CUP. Div. 1

Fords	5	v	0	M/Side Police
Crosby High B	5	v	4	Crosby High A
Christ the King A	3	v	5	Christ the King
Wavertree Labour	5	v	3	M/Side Police A

RUMJAHN CUP. Div. 2

M/Side Police B	4	v	5	Bootle YMCA
Christ the King B	5	v	0	Crosby High C ***
Wavertree Lab B	2	v	5	Cadwa A
Marconi	5	v	2	Wavertree Lab A

HYDE CUP. Div.3.

Bath St Marine D	1	v	5	Maghull
Bath St Marine C	5	v	0	Arriva N. W.
Wavertree Lab D	4	v	5	Maghull A
M/Side Police C	4	v	5	Sefton Park

FORREST CUP. Div. 4

Bath St Marine E	2	v	5	East Wavertree
Cadwa D	0	v	5	Maghull C ***
Bootle YMCA B	2	v	5	Maghull B
QVC	1	v	5	Arriva N. W. A

STAMP CUP. Div. 5

East Wavertree A	0	v	5	St Annes
Waterloo A	2	v	5	Arriva N.W. B
QVC A ***	0	v	5	Wavertree Lab F
M/Seaside Police E	5	v	2	Sefton Park B

*** Played an ineligible player
match awarded to opponents

The Frank Murphy Memorial Vets. Handicap Cup

Preliminary Round

HOME

AWAY

SEFTON PARK 1	v	SEFTON PARK 2
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First Round

ARRIVA 1	v	BOOTLE YMCA 1
M/POLICE 1	v	BATH St. MARINE 5
SEFTON PARK 3	v	SEFTON PARK 1 v SEFTON PARK 2
BATH St. MARINE 1	v	MARCONI 4
WAVERTREE LAB. 2	v	MARCONI 3
HUNTSMAN WOOD	v	M/POLICE 2
BOOTLE YMCA 2	v	BATH St. MARINE 2
CADWA 2	v	WAVERTREE LAB. 1
BATH St. MARINE 4	v	MAGHULL 1
MARCONI 2	v	LINACRE
CADWA 4	v	MAGHULL 2
BOOTLE YMCA 3	v	ARRIVA 2
BATH St. MARINE 3	v	BATH St. MARINE 6
MARCONI 1	v	CHRIST the KING
EAST WAVERTREE 1	v	CADWA 3
CADWA 1	v	EAST WAVERTREE 2

Played week beg. Mon. 16/12/2013

Divisional Cups - Semi Final Draws

To be played week Monday 3/02/2014

READMAN CUP. Div. 1

Crosby High B	v	Fords
Christ the King	v	Wav. Labour

RUMJAHN CUP. Div. 2

Bootle YMCA	v	Christ the King B
Cadwa A	v	Marconi

HYDE CUP. Div.3.

Sefton Park	v	Maghull A
Bath St Marine C	v	Maghull

FORREST CUP. Div. 4

Maghull B	v	East Wavertree
Maghull C	v	Arriva N. W. A

STAMP CUP. Div. 5

Arriva N.W. B	v	Wav.Labour F
M/Seaside Police E	v	St Annes

League Divisional Cup Matches

Please read the Cup Regulations!!

The 1st Rnd. of the Divisional Cups had three matches where Cup Reg. 5 was not followed resulting in players being ineligible, and two match results being reversed, the losing team on the night being awarded the match. Cup Reg. 5a is specific to Cup Semi Final and Final matches, PLEASE READ.

Reference to the change in the ITTF Laws of TT 2013-14 regarding a doubles pair with a wheelchair player.

If you recall, prior to this change if the pair consisted of a standing player and a wheelchair player they had to comply with the Laws as if they were an able bodied pair. The 2013-14 change is shown in Law 2.8.3 below.

2.8 THE ORDER OF PLAY

2.8.1 In singles, the server shall first make a service, the receiver shall then make a return and thereafter server and receiver alternately shall each make a return.

2.8.2 In doubles, except as provided in 2.8.3, the server shall first make a service, the receiver shall then make a return, the partner of the server shall then make a return, the partner of the receiver shall then make a return and thereafter each player in turn in that sequence shall make a return.

2.8.3 **In doubles, when at least one player of a pair is in a wheelchair due to a physical disability**, the server shall first make a service, the receiver shall then make a return but thereafter either player of the disabled pair may make returns. **However, no part of a player's wheelchair nor a foot of a standing player of this pair** shall protrude beyond the imaginary extension of the centre line of the table. If it does, the umpire shall award the point to the opposing pair.
Tom Purcell

League tables as at 22nd November 2013

Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 M/Side Police A	8	8	0	0	65	15	65
2 Crosby High	8	7	0	1	58	22	58
3 Fords	8	6	0	2	57	23	57
4 Christ The King	8	6	0	2	57	23	57
5 Crosby High A	8	6	0	2	48	32	48
6 Bath St Marine A	8	4	0	4	40	40	40
7 Crosby High B	8	3	0	5	37	43	37
8 Wavertree Lab	8	4	0	4	37	43	37
9 Cadwa	8	3	0	5	35	45	35
10 Bath St Marine	8	3	1	4	34	46	34
11 Fords A	8	2	1	5	31	49	31
12 M/Side Police	8	1	0	7	24	56	24
13 Christ The King A	8	1	1	6	21	59	21
14 Harold House	8	0	1	7	16	64	16

Division Two	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Marconi	8	5	1	2	56	24	56
2 M/Side Police B	7	5	1	1	43	27	43
3 Christ The King B	6	4	1	1	41	19	41
4 Harold House A	8	3	0	5	41	39	41
5 Wavertree Lab A	6	5	0	1	40	20	40
6 Bath St Marine B	7	3	1	3	33	37	33
7 Bootle YMCA	7	4	1	2	31	39	31
8 Marconi A	6	2	0	4	26	34	26
9 Crosby High C	7	0	4	3	25	45	25
10 Cadwa A	5	2	0	3	25	25	25
11 Wavertree Lab B	7	1	1	5	24	46	24
12 Marconi B	6	1	0	5	15	45	15
13 Cadwa B	W/drawn Records Expunged						
14 Wavertree Lab C	W/drawn Records Expunged						

Division Three	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Maghull	8	7	1	0	66	14	66
2 Bath St Marine D	8	7	0	1	66	14	66
3 Sefton Park	8	5	1	2	56	24	56
4 Marconi C	8	4	3	1	53	27	53
5 Maghull A	8	4	3	1	48	32	48
6 Wavertree Lab D	8	3	2	3	43	37	43
7 M/Side Police C	8	4	2	2	40	40	40
8 Bath St Marine C	8	4	1	3	39	41	39
9 Huntsman Wood	8	2	2	4	30	50	30
10 Cadwa C	8	1	3	4	30	50	30
11 Arriva Nth West	8	1	2	5	27	53	27
12 Bootle YMCA A	8	2	1	5	27	53	27
13 Sefton Park A	8	1	0	7	19	61	19
14 Linacre	8	0	1	7	16	64	16

Division Four	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 East Wavertree	8	6	1	1	60	20	60
2 Maghull B	8	6	0	2	60	20	60
3 Bath St Marine E	8	6	1	1	59	21	59
4 Bootle YMCA B	8	6	1	1	51	29	51
5 M/Side Police D	8	5	1	2	50	30	50
6 Arriva Nth West A	8	5	1	2	46	34	46
7 Cadwa D	8	3	0	5	36	44	36
8 Maghull C	8	3	0	5	34	46	34
9 QVC	8	3	1	4	33	47	33
10 Marconi D	8	2	1	5	33	47	33
11 Bath St Marine F	8	2	2	4	30	50	30
12 Marconi E	8	1	2	5	25	55	25
13 Bootle YMCA C	8	1	1	6	23	57	23
14 Wavertree Lab E	8	1	0	7	20	60	20

Division Five	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Maghull D	8	7	1	0	60	20	60
2 St Annes	8	6	1	1	47	33	47
3 East Wavertree A	8	4	1	3	45	35	45
4 Waterloo	8	6	0	2	44	36	44
5 Marconi F	8	4	2	2	44	36	44
6 Wavertree Lab F	8	3	1	4	43	37	43
7 M/Side Police E	8	4	0	4	43	37	43
8 Sefton Park B	8	2	3	3	42	38	42
9 Waterloo A	8	3	3	2	40	40	40
10 QVC A	8	3	1	4	37	43	37
11 Arriva Nth West B	8	2	0	6	34	46	34
12 Maghull E	8	2	1	5	31	49	31
13 Bath St Marine G	8	0	2	6	26	54	26
14 Cadwa E	8	2	0	6	24	56	24

Fines to 28/11/12	No	Fine	Total
Late Score Card	4	£4	£16
Player Short	12	£3	£36
Walk Overs 3 A-Side	8	£9	£72
Walk Overs 4 A-Side	1	£12	£12
Walk Overs Cup 3 A-Side	5	£9	£45
Walk Overs Cup 4 A-Side	0	£12	£0
Played Out of Order	3	1.50 pp	£6
No Stamp On Score Card	0	£2	£0
Total	33		£202.00

Fines to 28/11/13	No	Fine	Total
Late Score Card	2	£4	£8
Player Short	5	£3	£15
Walk Overs 3 A-Side	9	£9	£81
Walk Overs 4 A-Side	0	£12	£0
Walk Overs Cup 3 A-Side	0	£9	£0
Walk Overs Cup 4 A-Side	0	£12	£0
Played Out of Order	1	1.50 pp	£3
No Stamp On Score Card	0	£2	£0
Total	17		£107.00