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Editorial

Another season well under way, with Christmas round the corner, are we looking forward to the break and all the merrying that goes with it, or looking forward to getting back to the table to work it off.

ManCom have tried a different Cup format this season with the Divisional Cup Competition played right down to the Finalists before the Christmas break and the first week after the break will see the first round of the Frank Murphy Memorial Handicap Tournament, with the Vets. Semi Finals being played in a full league week, looks a good system.

Your Divisional reporters have once again started the season's reporting on a high note with plenty to read about, it isn't easy to put together the happenings from 48 matches with little to go on but the scores on the match cards, there are some regular player scribes who do add comments on the back of the cards, and our thanks go to them, but we would hope for a few more to add just a few lines / comments which would get a mention I'm sure.

There's a fair bit of sickness about as usual with so many oldies playing these days I'm not surprised, but one incident I think is worth a mention, well respected player Julie Prince (Black) was touch and go in intensive care not so long ago, starting off as 'not well' developed into blood poisoning and internal problems, which if not caught in time could have turned fatal, but thankfully it was caught in time and Julie is recuperating at home, we wish her a speedy and full recovery. I wish she could sort her back problem out and get back to the table!

There's a new item on the Table Tennis England web site with old Black and White photo's being sent in from players archives, the idea is 'can you name the players and the occasion', so if anyone has some oldies, send them in, mind you if the photo's are too old players may not be known, unless you are a historical expert like Don D.

Tin-Tin Ho is relishing the chance to take on the best young players in the world as she prepares for the World Junior Championships played early December. The 16-year-old Londoner is flying to Shanghai, where she will play singles and mixed doubles – the latter alongside Russian Sadi Ismailov. I remember the first time I came into contact with Tin-Tin Ho, I have a photo from a 2004-05 Junior 4star Tournament, at The Wavertree Tennis Centre, she had just come Runner Up in the U13 and I had to take a presentation photo, she was tiny, she's 16 now, so estimating would make her around 6 at that time, maybe something wrong with my maths or dates, but whatever, she's competing at World class level now with a big future ahead in TT. and still a placeholder!

I've tried a different format with player averages and added to each Div. report, the full player avg.'s are on our web sites which Trevor has put together in a Club / player format, but with so little space in the Digest I've just picked out the top 20, I've done it relating to most games played and most games won, so a 'played 3 won 3 - 100%' doesn't show,

A Cup match between two first Div. teams wasn't played when it should have been played resulting in claim from the home team that the away team never turned up, and counter claim from the away team that the home team hadn't informed them, then counter-counter claim by the home team that they had informed the away team by e-mail, which the away team said it hadn't received. After going to 'court' (Mancom), it was agreed that the match be played, with the best team winning after all. This all brings into perspective that the home team should make sure that the away team is aware of the date by asking for confirmation of receiving an e-mail when sent, it's easily done, or if not by e-mail, make a note of telephone conversation, date etc.

There's a letter (pg.18) bringing up the subject of playing on more than one table, allied with the subject of schools, coaching, young (very) players being encouraged to play L&DTTL T.T. and generally getting involved in schools. I've managed to get me an 'assistant' helper at Savio Salesian school, another oldie I'm afraid, but with loads of experience, some might say that we are imparting wrong playing styles and not teaching by the book, that may be so, but without the likes of us those youngster wouldn't be getting any encouragement to play TT, hopefully the school could find the funds for a 'proper' coach when numbers increase, Ooh nearly forgot, my 'assistant' is Harry Reeve from Linacre, the problem with teaching at after school sessions means helpers are probably retired!

By coincidence I found a little item about my assistant from an old Digest 54 years ago, it's on page 15, the same page as a Memorial Tournament Bath St. Marine put on for Ron Georgeson.

Page 19 has an article from a League which is a little older than our own, The Bristol & District with 31 Clubs still involved.

Last of all I, and the staff of the Digest, wish all members of the L&DTTL, present and previous,

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR

Could it be that after eight years, we may see a changing of the guard at the top of division one? With Ford having dominated the scene for almost a decade, a few of their rivals look to be setting their sights on bringing the title to a club with a Liverpool post code for the first time since 2006. Wavertree Labour, Crosby High and Police have all submitted grouping lists showing significant changes from last season which indicates to me they mean business. It's also worth mentioning that the single team Ford list is conspicuous by the absence of Mal McEvoy. A first division player for more than forty years whilst during which time, has been a league and cup winner with a number of clubs. He rarely missed a match and chipped in with 35 points last season. A recent addition to the squad is Shaun Hall from Cheshire who will bolster them. But, as I pointed out in the last issue, Kevin and Keith will be needed more often this term if the title is to be retained, a fact borne out in early season matches reported in the divisional notes.

Police should again be in the mix, with Jonathan Taylor, Joe Mullin and Aaron Beech this time under the banner of the first team. However, having suffered a heavy loss to Labour, they'll need to tighten up if they are to put in a realistic challenge, having lost just once last season.

Wavertree Labour last claimed the title in 1999 when they were known as Wavertree St. Mary's but, with new signings Joel Webb, Ryan Maynard, Thomas Haddley and Joe Pilkington, they've given notice of their title aspirations and each has 'thrown their hat into the ring'.

Crosby High also line-up with a surprise new first team group in their quest to register the club's first success in the top flight. As I hinted in Digest No. 4 an international player of great renown has been included in their first team list although I gather that when it was mooted, he thought the club's supremacy was joking when he asked if he'd like to join them. A three times Commonwealth bronze medallist plus a silver and gold in the men's doubles whilst helping his country to three team event Bronze medals. When he and Adam Robertson reached the 2002 Commonwealth Games doubles final, I turned up at 9am in Manchester at what was a 'sell out' but, managed to buy a ticket outside from a 'tout'. I think they held a match point before the English pair took the gold. In



addition to that haul he appeared in a dozen World Championships, picking up medals at four Commonwealth Championships/Games. Now retired from British tournaments, his 50 Grand Prix men's singles titles' is a record unlikely ever to be beaten. All of these honours were won during 20 years as a junior and senior international. There are enough clues here for most to have guessed it to be none other than Ryan Jenkins. Currently ranked at 248 in the world, should Ryan turn out for Crosby, he'll become the second Wales' international man to play in the league in modern times - Adam Robertson (Wavertree Labour) and the League's men's team, where he never tasted defeat. Joining him in the Crosby first team group will be Gavin Lloyd, Gemma Grant and Cherith Graham.

Since the 1959 division one title was won for the tenth and final time by Balfour, just five present day clubs' including current champions Ford, have claimed it. Only CADWA, Labour, Police and Waterloo, still remain in our ranks. Is it just a co-incidence that Keith Williams picked up a winner's trophy at each of those apart from Police? Those disbanded clubs' are, Liverpool YMCA, Rafters, English Electric, Bootle Stadium Sport Centre, Colonsay and Electric Supply.

Twice the Liverpool Closed men's singles champion, Paul Hutchings, has been the back bone of Maghull's rise from division 5 to current leaders of division 2. However, he isn't the only former Closed men's champion to appear outside of division one this season. When Bootle YMCA visited Church Road to play Harold House A, three times Closed champion Wayne Percival was in the YM' line-up. Together with four times Liverpool Closed O/55's singles champion and League Vice-President Ted Birch, the pair remained unbeaten in singles and doubles on the night - John Higham losing the odd one to Michael Sui who also took a game from both Wayne and Ted.

While scanning the cup score cards, I noticed something not seen very often which used to be common place, in that all nine sets were played even though an unassailable lead had already been established. I played for Sefton General in the early 1970's in the Readman Cup against English Electric, league and cup 'double' winners' four seasons in succession. Gordon Birch and Peter D'Arcy, both Closed men's

singles champions plus Eddie Clein, handed out a thrashing but, continued with every set being played, which was a great thrill for Duncan Sayle and myself although could easily have wrapped it up much earlier. In the Sefton Park B Stamp cup tie against the club's C team, the senior side led 6-0 when Alan Staniland took on B team number one Derek Traynor. Alan's 3-0 victory will, I'm sure, have pleased him greatly - the B, though, polishing off the two remaining sets. Well done, to all concerned.

Many players in the League will remember attending the Men's World Cup in 2012 at the Echo Arena. The 2014 tournament, played at the end of October in Dusseldorf was available to watch on computer which I watched over the three days. Not surprisingly, two of the world's top players met in the final - Zhang Jike, seeded at two, beating fellow countryman and top seed Ma Long to take the title. That, though, wasn't the end of the action, the champion then set about kicking into pieces two court surrounds. In what was later described as over exuberation, the champion suffered the humiliation of having his \$45,000 winners' cheque being withdrawn. This should be a salutary lesson for anyone in the future acting in this manner.

The possibility of a first ever 'Merseyside Closed' looks likely to take place next year after I floated the idea to a leading player, who appears in both leagues. He broached the subject at the following Wirral Management Committee meeting and they have, in principal, agreed to provide a suitable venue and jointly organise the event. Watch this space.

It was remiss of me in the last edition not to mention 'Falling off the Fence' - the life story of Liverpool's Millennium Lord Mayor - Edwin Marshall Clein which was published in February 2014. Although most readers would logically start a book from the first page, I couldn't resist at looking at the Contents Page and the Picture Section index. There, I found myself flicking from chapter to chapter after reading of Eddie's strong family ties with Harold Wilson - a frequent visitor to the Clein household in Longview, Huyton. Also catching my eye was his friendship with Bill Shankly plus the ins and outs of the Derek Hatton political era. From there I turned to pictures of Eddie at the 2006 World Fire Fighters' Games in Hong Kong where he reached the men's singles semi-finals before losing to a player from China. Then, in Liverpool's Capital of Culture year of 2008, Eddie made the men's final but, had to settle for a silver medal - losing to a useful German player. There are so many other sporting (usually football) political and

show business items included, it proved interesting and intriguing. What did surprise me, however, was that Eddie admitted to being a supporter of both Liverpool and Everton! I've been to Goodison Park on dozens of occasions since the 1950's even when Liverpool weren't playing to see first division matches and early European ties purely as a football fan. Eddie, however, is the first person I know, freely admitting to supporting Everton while maintaining a 'soft spot' for the Red's.

Becoming Liverpool's Lord Mayor certainly opened many doors for Eddie and included in the list of the many famous personalities he has met and spoken to, I'll mention just a few. David Beckham, Michael Jackson, Lord Derby, David Frost, Mohamed Al Fayed, Tony and Cherie Blair, Olga Korbut (at the town hall) Chris de Burgh (at Anfield) where, as a keen LFC fan, he's often seen. Another interesting nugget revealed in the book is that Eddie, as a member of 'The Mersey Coast Skiffle Group', entered a talent contest at the Ritz cinema in Birkenhead in which they won. The prize was to appear at the Liverpool Cavern and among the numbers they performed was an American folk song 'Pick a Bale of Cotton' which was recorded by the English Skiffle group 'The Vipers'. The performance earned the group fifty shillings but, when asked if they'd like to play again a few weeks later, the Cavern owner Alan Sytner was furious when they asked for more money which resulted in the demise of the group - Eddie saying that 'Greed had Raised its Ugly Head'.

There are many more items which interested me as a football and music lover but, perhaps the most surprising was Eddie's revelation, which at the time would have been a newspaper scoop - Bill Shankly telling him at one of their Eaton Road meetings, he was waiting for a call from Everton asking if he would like to manage the team at the time that Billy Bingham was in charge. Do I hear 'perish the thought', from red and blue, alike? Buy the book - just £7.99 or £5.70 from Amazon.

I'll finish the book review by drawing out a comment made by Eddie who stated "Billy Liddell was a boy-hood idol of mine". Along, I'm sure with many fans of my age and older, Billy remains my all time favourite player. I was pleasantly surprised with the book which although appearing at the outset, to be a political journal, knowing Eddie, I should have realised it would be much more than that.

Don Davies

Newly promoted Marconi suffered a rude awakening in their opening fixture, the Ford trio of Keith Williams, Andy Taylor and Terry Turner dismissing them without the loss of a point. The champions' next three outings, though, produced just 13 points and even with six months of the season remaining, some must have mused, is the writing on the wall for them? I'm sure a few of their rivals will be rubbing their hands, for the facts are there to see. They completed the first quarter of the season with an average of just over six points per match while Crosby High B, boasting nine points per outing from two fixtures fewer, are only two points adrift. Unless the club regularly turns out a stronger trio in their next half a dozen matches or so, their main rivals could be out of sight by the turn of the year. They suffered just two reversals in the first half of last season but, by then they'd registered 103 points – which was almost half of their title winning return. The signing of newcomer to the league, Shaun Hall, from Cheshire, may serve to bolster the Ford Squad. From the grouping lists and early results submitted, it seems that three teams will be challenging the and look intent on putting in a big effort to end their continued dominance. After eight years of seeing the trophy cross the border into Cheshire, there's a feeling the title will change hands for the first time in almost a decade. Its destination, I suggest will be Crosby while the men from Wavertree and Kirkdale, should they turn out their strongest trio, will be in the mix sniffing around waiting for a slip from the aforementioned. This could be the best title battle for many years.



which I was recently reminded, came in the 1963 Liverpool Closed when Roy Smith was match point up against Wally Allanson in the men's singles final. It wasn't to be, though, Wally winning 17/21, 25/23, 21/17. Although Roy again reached the final fourteen years later when, came coming up against a young Keith Williams who won the first of his ten men's singles titles, 21/11, 21/13, Roy's chance was gone, probably for ever. Joel is probably over it by now but, his chance may come again.

Labour also beat newly promoted division two runners-up Police B 10-0 and look to be serious title contenders even after just a few matches. In their fourth outing when Ford were the visitors, albeit, without Kevin and Keith, they inflicted what must be the heaviest defeat ever suffered by the eight times champions. Maynard, Haddley and Webb swamped Terry Turner, Andy Taylor and Paul Kinsey taking all nine singles encounters – Ford winning the doubles when 5-0 down. Saving the white wash was, I'm sure, of little or no consolation.

A year ago, Police surprised everyone by grouping what most observers consider to be their best three players in the A team, probably, with the intention of snatching the title from Ford. However, their effort was to no avail and they finished twenty points adrift of the eight times champions. It will appear to most players' in division one, that the Crosby High club has followed suit, banking on the B team grouping going one better than Police.

Police, grouping their best three players in the first team, put Bath Street to the sword, also rattled off the ten points. In their next outing, though, they came a cropper at Labour, the home side crushing Aaron Beech, Jonathan Taylor and Joe Mullin for the loss of just a couple of sets. New names to the club line-up Ryan Maynard from CTK and Thomas Hadley both scored trebles, the pair combining to add the doubles. Also joining the Labour ranks in the summer – the improving Joel Webb, chipped in with an impressive victory over Mullin. The former CADWA man will I'm sure, though, be disappointed to let slip the chance to record his best ever win. When Jonathan Taylor called him on in the opening set, the 18 year old wouldn't have expected to hold a match point against the two times Liverpool and eight times Wirral men's singles champion. Joel will know I'm not being too critical of him and he'll not need reminding but, having worked hard to reach that stage, that final point is sometimes the most difficult to take and as often happens, the 'better' player survives the crisis before edging home - in this case, JT winning 13-11 in the fifth. An example I can cite of this situation of

Christ the King suffered defeat in their opening three fixtures but, did extract four points from Ford, three of those from reserve Paul Kinsey who averaged 50% with 33 wins last season. Their fourth match, at home to BSM, included Keith Bird - his first outing of the season due to a work commitment which took him to the central African land locked country of Chad. This involved a round trip of more than 5700 miles but, due to a strike by Air France, the Cup Secretary spent an extra ten days ensconced in a 'safe' compound which contained a TT table but, was bereft of bats and balls, although, I must add, I did suggest before leaving, he take a couple! The experience didn't seem to affect him though, Keith winning his three singles matches as did Mr. Khaiyat in a 6-4 success – Omid, in Iranian, means Hope.

Bath Street opened their campaign when entertaining a new-look Police A team which produced a number of interesting encounters and upsets. Calling on a 12 year old in the first set on his debut in the top flight, could well

have back-fired. Police captain Paul Gittins, though, had no qualms in doing so and his brave hunch paid off when Harry Watson restricted hard hitting Freddie Bainbridge to just 16 points in a 3-0 demolition (sorry Fred) but, you'll not be the last to suffer like this. Two sets later, Paul asked Tony Kendall to try his luck against the youngster but, he too was unable to take a game. Kenny Jackson had earlier beaten Alex Storey – who impressed me when I saw him in the schools' championships in Preston last year. I can't think of a more difficult player (Kevin and Keith apart) than KJ to face when playing in the league for the first time. Hopefully, Paul told him to put it down to experience after the Halton League player collected a total of just ten points. Undeterred, Police rattled off the next five sets before that cruel man Jackson, repeated the initiation dose on young Harry, conceding a miserly eleven points in the process. Paul extracted some revenge when he denied Kenny his hat-trick, recovering from 2-0 down to take the next three games 7, 6, 6, his own treble having been scuppered by Tony Kendall 11-9 in the fifth after having let slip a 2-0 lead – Police winning what appeared to be a tremendous tousel, 7-3.

Christ the King, CTK A, BSM, BSM A, Crosby High and Crosby High A, aren't likely to force their way into the top four positions whilst being unlikely to finish in the relegation zone. The three clubs' all have more than one team in the division but, when they play inter-club matches strange results can pop up. The senior BSM trio of Ken Jackson, Tony Kendall and Fred Bainbridge, dropped the opening game in seven of the first eight sets which led to them going down to the A team. A KJ treble was all they could muster on the night, Dave Roberts, Clare Peers and Dermot Tierney winning two each with not one clash extending beyond a fourth game - the A coming out on top 6-4.

BSM A were involved in a strange match with Crosby High A, current Closed ladies' champion Clare, continuing her fine form, emerged victorious from all four trips to the table – her three singles encounters against Gavin Lloyd, Gemma Grant and Cherith Graham, completed in straight games. Amazingly, at 4-4, each victory had been won against the call, Gavin inflicting Dermot Tierney's third defeat on the night to give Crosby the lead for the first time. In what is a most rare occurrence, the doubles match contained three ladies' – Gemma and Cherith taking on the BSM's Clare and Dave Roberts, the latter combination edging home 13-11 in the fifth to secure a draw.

Christ the King averaged four points per match after their opening four fixtures before racking up a comfortable victory at Crosby High. Cherith Graham offered the home side's only resistance beating Keith Bird and Peter Walsh Junior. Omid Khaiyat (3) plus the doubles with Bird helped forge an 8-2 success.

Marconi, continue to struggle and prop up the table having managed one win (6-4 at BSM) collecting eleven points from five matches. The Childwall side, division two champions last term, highlight the problems of moving into the cut throat standard encountered in top division. Chris Spedding, Adrian Bramham and Neil Colville trailed 7-0 to Police A before picking up their first point – Chris beating Paul Gittins having lost to Alex Storey and Jon Dyson. In an effort to improve his game for his next outing, he travelled a few days later to Dusseldorf to watch the Men's World Cup! Hopefully, he'll not do a Zhang Jike when picking up his next Liverpool League victory! See Nets and Edges for more on that.

At the other end of the table, Police A, Marconi and bottom placed Police B, already stand in danger of being left behind. With the division kicking off with only thirteen teams, two will face relegation and it usually takes an average of three points per match to avoid the drop.

Crosby High A, did the club's B team, the current leaders, a big favour - taking four points from title rivals Waver-tree Labour who relied on the in-form Thomas Hadley who remained unbeaten. His hat-trick included an odd encounter in which he lost the first couple of games to Tom Miller 15-13, 13-11 before winning 4, 3 and 3. Contrast that to Joel Webb's contest with Miller, the Labour man winning 3-0 to add to a fine victory over Robert Barker.

After four rounds of league matches the Readman Cup, first played 82 years ago, paired Ford and Police at Widnes. Although the score card listed Kevin Dolder, Keith Williams and Paul Kinsey, they enjoyed the luxury of forging a winning lead without either captain calling Kevin to the table. A treble from Keith plus a couple from Paul, who will be disappointed to have spurned a 2-0 lead against Aaron Beech but, they did enough to qualify for the quarters.

Police B entertained Christ the King A, who may have been playing in the Rumjahn cup having originally been due to have been relegated but, were reprieved when Ford A withdrew from division one. When the home side took a 2-0 lead they couldn't have expected such a quick CTK reply when Ahmed Thabet (a Readman cup winner while at CADWA more than 20 years ago) completed a hat-trick, putting his side within a set of a place in the quarter-final draw. It was then the turn of CTK to be rattled when Suhaib Abdullah, in his first season in the league, started the Police recovery beating Dave Tagg. Although, not often seen in a league match but, in the 'cut and thrust' of a Readman Cup Tie, Police asked the CTK man to remain at the table where Joe Howard inflicted Dave's third reversal on the night. John Lau was then faced with the task of seeing off up and coming junior Dominic Greene to clinch the tie. The youngster had earlier, come close in the sixth set to beating Thabet before losing 13-11 in the fifth but, after dropping the first game 14-12 to Lau, he

swept aside the CTK man 7, 5 and 6 to win by the odd set in nine in what appeared to be a thrilling contest.

On the same night Police A took on Crosby High A but, they took little time in beating Jon Dyson and Matt Kelly. Crosby's top player Rob Barker plus Craig Lowe and Tom Miller won 15 of the 16 games the pair played, the only reply coming from Alex Storey against Lowe and Miller, Crosby winning 5-2.

Inevitably, it's difficult to include every match or player but, the following deserve a mention for what I consider to be good wins which includes Rob Barker and Billy Cheung beating Omid Khaiyat as did Tom Miller. Clare Peers and Dave Roberts both beat Terry Turner although Paul Kinsey gets a mention for beating Dave in the same match which BSM lost 6-4. Dominic Greene beat Tom Miller as did Paul Gittins who, in the same match beat Craig Lowe and Rob Barker. Jon Dyson (Police) turned in a nice double accounting for Crosby High's Cherith Graham and Gemma Grant while I owe it to Freddie Bainbridge (who has suffered a couple of disappointing reversals this term) to mention his defeat of Chris Spedding 11-7 in the fifth from 2-1 down. Although his team was comfortably beaten in week five by Ford, Dominic Greene registered another tremendous victory. Rarely is a white wash avoided in the opening encounter but, this is

what happened when Police called Terry Turner to the table, the youngster registering an impressive 3-0 victory. Of the players to have notched a hat-trick, perhaps the most impressive were those recorded by Ryan Maynard and Thomas Haddley the pair beating Jonathan Taylor, Joe Mullin and Aaron Beech in what finished as a 9-1 thrashing of last season's division one runners-up.

	Division One	Avg.	Top 20	P	W	Avg.
1	HADDLEY Thomas	Wav.Labour		22	22	100%
2	WATSON Gary	Crosby High B		20	18	90%
3	KHAIYAT Omid	Christ The King		24	18	75%
4	MAYNARD Ryan	Wav.Labour		17	17	100%
5	WEBB Joel	Wav.Labour		20	17	85%
6	BEECH Aaron	Christ The King		21	17	81%
7	TAYLOR Andrew	Fords		21	15	71%
8	BLEAKLEY Mark	Crosby High B		18	14	78%
9	MULLIN Joseph	Christ The King		20	14	70%
10	JACKSON Ken	Bath St Marine		24	14	58%
11	TURNER Terry	Fords		21	13	62%
12	BARTHELEMY Olivier	Crosby High B		12	12	100%
13	BIRD Keith	Christ The King		15	12	80%
14	PEERS Clare	Bath St M. A		18	12	67%
15	ROBERTS Dave	Bath St M. A		24	12	50%
16	BARKER Robert	Crosby High A		12	9	75%
17	TAYLOR Jonathon	Christ The King		12	9	75%
18	LLOYD Gavin	Crosby High		21	9	43%
19	GREEN Steve	Crosby High B		8	8	100%
20	LOWE Craig	Crosby High A		15	8	53%

Division 2

Welcome to another season and the big question is 'Will Maghull and/or Paul Hutchings remain invincible', with the addition of Paul Banks to their ranks, they must both be a possibility.

WEEK 1

Maghull started off with a good win over one of their potential rivals, Marconi A, who have added Bob Edwards to their squad, with what will be a regular occurrence, Paul Hutchings remaining unbeaten, Paul Banks and Amy Hutchings scoring two each,

Cadwa got off to a flyer with Graeme Black, Paul Evans, and Mike Power remaining unbeaten against Crosby High C, and Harold House won a close encounter with Wavertree Labour A, Steve Whalley and Peter Findlater scoring two each, but the star of the night was Wavertree's Phil Luxon who scored a fine treble.

Bath Street B had doubles from Ricky Brown and Ian McElwee in their win over Cadwa A, Peter Taylor and Josef Koudelik scoring two each for Cadwa. Wavertree Labour B's Lee Farley took the honours against Harold House A, scoring a treble, with Dong Xia scoring two, and Rob Midgley scoring two for Harold House.



Ray Jackson

Unfortunately for Sefton Park, Mike Perry had to concede his two wins so his team ended up drawing with Bath St C instead of starting with a win, Peter Tod and Ian Laird scored two each for them, and Rob Peat and Brian Crolley two each for Bath St.

WEEK 2

Maghull had trebles from Paul Hutchings and Paul Banks in their defeat of Wavertree A, and Marconi A had a Bob Edwards treble in their win over Wavertree B. Bootle YM used 'supersub' Wayne Percival in their win at Harold House A, and he duly obliged with a hat

trick, as did Ted Birch, Michael Sui's win over John Higham saving the whitewash.

Graeme Black remained unbeaten in Cadwa's draw against their A team, Peter Taylor and Josef Koudelik scoring two each for the A team. Steve Whalley remained unbeaten in Harold House's win at Bath St C, with a double from Peter Findlater aiding the battle. Matty Laird was the unbeaten star of Crosby High C's close win over Sefton Park, Alan Davies scoring a couple for Sefton.

WEEK 3

Marconi A kept up their good form with trebles from Bob Edwards and Neil Colville in their win at Bootle YMCA, John Higham scoring the single win for Bootle over John McCann. Paul Hutchings and Paul Banks were again unbeaten in Maghull's defeat of Bath St C, with Rob Peat getting the better of Amy Hutchings for Bath St.

Sefton had a good win over Cadwa even though Cadwa's Graeme Black again remained unbeaten, Sefton had doubles from Alan Davies and Ian Laird. A strange game between Bath St B and Harold House A, with Ricky Brown and Ian McElwee scoring hat tricks, but Harold House's Eddie Clein retired after 1 match and Steve Wearden conceded the fifth set against Colin Mitchell, Rod McPherson saving the whitewash against Colin. Harold House received a walk over against Crosby High C.

WEEK 4

Same again for Maghull as the two Pauls again scored trebles in their win at Crosby High C, Matty Laird scoring a single win against Amy. Sefton again showed that they deserve to be in this division with an Alan Davies treble and two from Ian Laird in their win over Cadwa A.

Graeme Black kept up his unbeaten record in Cadwa's draw with Harold House, who had doubles from Steve Whalley and Peter Findlater. Lee Farley 3 and 2 each for Dong Xia and Mario Giove in Wavertree A's win at Bath St C.

Dave Harse and Phil Luxon scored hat tricks in Wavertree A's win over Bootle YMCA, and Tony Mullally scored three and Neil Colville two in Marconi A's win against Bath St B.

WEEK 5

Bootle YMCA's trio of Alan Chase, Ted Birch and John Higham got the better of Bath St C, but they couldn't get the better of the undefeated Rob Peat. Same old story for Maghull, Paul and Paul remaining unbeaten with poor Amy not quite managing a hat trick, losing to Cadwa's Graham Reid.

Steve Whalley was the unbeaten star in Harold House's close win over Sefton Park, and Peter Taylor and Josef Koudelik were unbeaten in Cadwa A's defeat of Harold House A. Bath Street B's Ricky Brown and Ian McElwee were too strong for Wavertree Labour A, and Sylvia Graham with three, and Sapang Sapang with two, helped Crosby High C overcome Wavertree Labour B.

WEEK 6

Bob Edwards, John McCann and Neil Colville remained unbeaten in Marconi A's win over Harold House A, Harold House's Rob Midgeley and Rod McPherson winning the doubles, Graeme Black scored a treble and Peter Taylor two in Cadwa's defeat of Wavertree Labour B, and the two Pauls again remained unbeaten in Maghull's win at Sefton Park, but at least Alan Davies took a set off Paul Hutchings.

Bath Street B's Ricky Brown, Ian McElwee, and Barry Davis whitewashed their C team, Josef Koudelik scored a treble in Cadwa A's win at Harold House A, who had

doubles from Steve Whalley and Peter Findlater. Roger Neal for Crosby High C, Ted Birch and Shakil Malik for Bootle YMCA, each scored a double in their drawn game.

WEEK 7

Alan Chase inflicted the first defeat of the season on Graham Black in Bootle YMCA's draw with Cadwa, Ted Birch scoring two for the YMCA as well, with Graham and Paul Evans doing likewise for Cadwa. Maghull carry on as usual with the two Pauls again unbeaten against Harold House, and Dave Harse scored a treble, with Aresh Khozel a double, in Wavertree A's win at Harold House A.

Bath St B's trio of Ricky Brown, Ian McElwee and Barry Davis whitewashed Crosby High C with only the doubles going to a fifth set. Josef Koudelik remained unbeaten but was unable to stop Marconi A from taking the win over Cadwa A, John McCann and Neil Colville scoring doubles.

WEEK 8

Well it took till the eighth week but Amy Hutchings finally scored a treble in Maghull's whitewash of Cadwa A, the two Pauls also remaining unbeaten, and that big question is still on course. Graeme Black and Paul Evans scored hat tricks in Cadwa's defeat of Bath St B.

Steve Whalley's hat trick and an Alec Bryce double helped Harold House to overcome Wavertree Labour B. Michael Sui with 3 and Rod McPherson and Paul Shaw 2 each saw Harold House A win at Bath St C, Dave Stodern scoring two for Bath St. Phil Luxon took the honours with a treble in Wavertree A's draw with Marconi A, who had doubles from Bob Edwards and Tony Mullally.

Well, Maghull certainly look untouchable even at this stage, but the second spot could involve any one of Bath St B, Harold House, Cadwa, Marconi A, Wavertree B, Sefton Park and Bootle YMCA, and I'm sure Crosby High C and Harold House A will want to prove me wrong for

	Division Two Avgs. Top 20		P	W	Avg.
1	HUTCHINGS Paul	Maghull	24	24	100%
2	BANKS Paul	Maghull	24	23	96%
3	BLACK Graeme	Cadwa	21	20	95%
4	WHALLEY Steve	Harold House	21	16	76%
5	BROWN Ricky	Bath St Marine B	20	15	75%
6	KOUDELIK Josef	Cadwa B	21	15	71%
7	McELWEE Ian	Bath St Marine B	17	14	82%
8	FARLEY Lee	Wavertree Lab B	21	14	67%
9	HUTCHINGS Amy	Maghull	24	14	58%
10	DAVIES Alan	Sefton Park	18	13	72%
11	LAIRD Ian	Sefton Park	24	13	54%
12	EDWARDS Bob	Marconi A	15	12	80%
13	COLVILLE Neil	Marconi A	18	12	67%
14	FINDLATER Peter	Harold House	21	12	57%
15	LUXON Phil	Wavertree Lab A	15	11	73%
16	BIRCH Ted	Bootle YMCA	18	11	61%
17	GIOVE Mario	Wavertree Lab B	24	11	46%
18	DAVIS Barry	Bath St Marine B	15	10	67%
19	EVANS Paul	Cadwa	18	10	56%
20	TAYLOR Peter	Cadwa B	21	10	48%

Division 3

Ian McElwee

After winning the 4th Division championship last season East Wavertree seem intent on repeating their success in the 3rd Division this season. They are already 11 points ahead of second placed BSM E with 55 points from 7 winning matches, their most impressive victory was in beating the experienced Marconi B team of Frank McCann, Ian Wensley and Peter Wass by a 10/0 score line. They have a strong squad of players and whatever combination they use has obviously been successful, Ben Chen remained unbeaten in a 6/4 win over Maghull A, he repeated this feat when they beat BSM D 8/2, ably supported by Joey Williams and Tom Creevy, who both lost out to Andy Cheung. Heiko Kluegel joined Ben and Joey in a fine 7/3 win over Arriva North West, John Rowan beat both Heiko and Ben with Derek Scotland chipping in with a straight set win over Joey.

Amazingly there are only 7 points separating 2nd placed

BSM E (44) and Marconi B (37) in 8th place, it looks like the fight for promotion is likely to continue throughout the season with some tremendous matches in prospect as the season progresses.

The BSM E team of Ted Cramsie, the up and coming Sam Pierce, and Graham Turner have probably surprised themselves to be doing so well after last year's promotion, when they faced Wavertree Labour C, Ted and Graham remained unbeaten in a 9/1 victory. Ned Hassan replaced Ted when they beat Arriva NW 6/4, the star of the night was actually John Rowan the Arriva number 1 who won his 3 singles.

Arriva NW are going along very well and are level on points with BSM E having played one additional match. As mentioned above John Rowan is doing well and remained unbeaten in 7/3 wins over CADWA B and Merseyside Police C. In the CADWA match he was well supported by Derek Scotland who won his 3 singles and Graham Rollinson who got the better of Ian Lunt. Derek was again unbeaten in the Merseyside Police match and teamed up with John to take the doubles.

BSM D are a further 3 points adrift on 41. The team of Andy Cheung, Brian Crolley and Mal Kent combine well to give most teams a hard time. When they travelled to Maghull Andy and Brian played well in beating Mat Cranny and Lung Yo, with Mal also getting the better of Lung and teaming up with Andy to win the doubles. The hard hitting John Langton was the saviour



for Maghull A winning his 3 singles, including a 5th set win over Mal. It was Mal's night when they beat Merseyside Police C 7/3, he won his 3 singles and again teamed up with Andy to win the doubles. Brian reported that Mal's match against Brenda Buoeuy was one of the quickest hitting matches he has seen.

The Maghull B team and Merseyside Police are both on 40 points. Maghull's squad seems to consist of father and son John McLoughlin, Sue Hughes, Phil Christie and Peter Holmes, all are more than capable of holding their own at this

level and have won 4 and drew 1 of their 7 matches. The McLoughlin's and Peter were on duty when they beat Wavertree Labour C 9/1, surprisingly in such circumstances, Peter and John Junior lost out in the doubles. Phil Christie joined the Macs when they won 6/4 at Arriva, John Senior was MOM in winning his 3 singles, John Junior beat Brian Hornby and Graham Rollinson, and Phil had an excellent win over John Rowan. When they met the youthful Police side of Jack Gittins, Mike Russell and Stef Thompson, youth got the better of experience with a 6/4 victory in favour of the Police, Stef was star man on the night winning his 3 singles and combining with Jack to take the doubles. The experienced Brenda Buoeuy replaced Mike in a fine 7/3 win at CADWA, on this occasion Jack was on top of his form remaining unbeaten in his 4 matches, Brenda won 2 but Steve Graham beat both her and Stef, and Ian Burrows turned back the clock to beat Stef in 5 sets.

Maghull A might be a little disappointed to have lost 3 of their 7 matches in securing 38 points, John Langton is having a good season and was joined by Alan Chan and Matt Cranny in an impressive 9/1 victory over Wavertree Labour C, Andy Bird saved a whitewash by beating Matt. One of their defeats was to the all conquering East Wavertree side who they pushed all the way before going down 6/4, they were so close to securing a draw and thus ending East Wavertree's 100% winning record, Alan Chan was 2 sets up against Ben Chen, but Ben came back winning the 4th set 12/10 and the decider 14/12.

Marconi B lie in 8th place on 37 points from 6 matches, their only loss being that 10/0 hammering at the hands of East Wavertree. Such minor matters won't affect men of this calibre as proved when they beat BSM D 6/4. Ian was on top form as he remained unbeaten on the night, Frank lost out to Andy Cheung, but a feature of the night was BSMs 82 year old Bill Clayton playing

and gaining a win over Danny Low including a marathon 19/17 3rd set win. I confidently predict that providing they keep taking the tablets this experienced team of con men will climb the table as the season progresses!!

Bootle YMCA A are 9th with 33 from 7. I am pretty sure they will be happy with their efforts to date, their 2 wins came against Linacre (9/1) and BSM E (6/4), Shakil Malik was unbeaten in these matches. When visiting Maghull B they came away with a good draw, Shakil lost to John McLoughlin Senior, Bert Rivers beat John and Peter Holmes and Eddie Preston hung on to beat John 11/9 in the 5th set. In a drawn match with Police C Brenda won her 3, including 14/12 in the decider against Shakil.

Next in line are Marconi C with 30 points from 7, they did not help themselves when only Matt Evans and Dave McMahon were available to play against their B team. To make matters worse Matt had to retire hurt after losing to Ian in 4 and playing in the doubles which was lost 11/5 in the 5th to Ian and Peter Wass. The match score ended up 10/0 in favour of the B team, Matt and Dave both played well and remained unbeaten when they ran out 7/3 winners over Wavertree Labour C.

Linacre finished 2nd from bottom in the division last season but have maintained their status, with no new players to strengthen the squad it could be another long, hard season for them, in the circumstances they are probably happy to keep their heads above water and away from the 2 bottom slots. They have a reasonable 29 points from 8 matches including a 6/4 win over BSM E and a 7/3 win over Wavertree Labour C, Alex Charcenco played very well to win his 3 against BSM E. Alex, Harry Reeve and Chris Blackburn all won 2 twice in the Wavertree Labour match.

In my summary of last season's events I remember reporting that a CADWA team of George Higham, Steve Graham and Ian Lunt do not do themselves justice on occasions, they flirted with relegation for most of the season but eventually finished comfortably clear of the drop. However, the start of the season has been nothing short of a disaster for them having lost all 7 matches in gaining 20 points, it seems that a drastic improvement in form will be necessary if they hope to stay up this season.

Finally, Wavertree Labour C hold up the division after losing their first 7 games in securing 13 points, it is impossible to find any highlights in such circumstances and, sad to say, they already look doomed for relegation

Division Three Avgs. Top 20		P	W	Avg	
1	ROWAN John L	Arriva Nth W.	24	19	79%
2	LANGTON John	Maghull A	21	17	81%
3	WILLIAMS Joey	East Wavertree	21	17	81%
4	EVANS Matt	Marconi C	19	16	84%
5	PIERCE Sam	Bath St M. E	24	16	67%
6	MALIK Shakil	Bootle YMCA A	18	15	83%
7	SCOTLAND Derek	Arriva Nth W.	21	15	71%
8	CHEUNG Andy	Bath St M. D	21	14	67%
9	CHARCENKO Alex	Linacre	23	13	57%
10	WENSLEY Ian	Marconi B	17	12	71%
11	BUOEY Brenda	M/Side Police C	18	12	67%
12	GITTINS Jack	M/Side Police C	24	12	50%
13	CHEN Ben	East Wavertree	12	11	92%
14	McLOUGHLIN John S	Maghull B	15	11	73%
15	McLOUGHLIN John E	Maghull B	15	11	73%
16	WASS Peter	Marconi B	16	11	69%
17	McCANN Frank	Marconi B	16	11	69%
18	CRAMSIE Ted	Bath St M. E	21	11	52%
19	KLUEGEL Heiko	East Wavertree	12	10	83%
20	TURNER Graham	Bath St M. E	15	10	67%

Division 4

Well here we are at the beginning of a new season. I hope everyone has had a good summer break and are ready for what looks like another tough and competitive test.

Cadwa C had a very strong side out in Week 1 beating Wavertree Labour D 9-1, Alvin picking up their only game with a win over Dougie. QVC had a good 8.-2 win over Maghull C, Steve M beating Ian and Denise beating Shaun for their 2 games, 4 games going to 5 sets here, Janette just losing out to Shaun in 5 sets which were all very close. A good start for my own team Marconi D beating Maghull D 7-3, picking up both doubles really helped us to get the



Ken Roberts

result here. A tight game between Sefton Park A and East Wavertree, East Wavertree winning 6-4. East Wavertree have lost Chris but they have replaced him with Ged Howard who is another strong player, Robbie producing a strong performance by picking up both of his against Tony and Jimmy respectively. Police D beat Bootle YMCA 7-3, Police have strengthened their team by bringing in Paula at No.1, Tom Doubtfire beating John Moore in 5 and Liam beating Tommy. Another strong performance from Bath Street

Marine F whitewashing Arriva NW, Arriva have lost

some of their stronger players to provide a 3rd division team.

The 5th Division champions St. Annes started well in week 2 with an 8-2 win over QVC, albeit QVC being without the Appleton family, Ian beating Israel and Shaun beating Francis to pick up their points, Dave B had a couple of very tough games against Bob and Ron but was successful. Cadwa C beat East Wavertree 6-4, a very good result in itself even though they slipped up and played a player out of order. Jimmy picking up a brace for East Wavertree against Dougie and Shantanu. Maghull D put up a very spirited performance against Bath Street Marine F just losing out 6-4, Danny picking up both of his against Kevin and Albie respectively. All square between Arriva A and Maghull C, a good double for Wacek beating both George and Naresh. Another draw in the match between Bootle YMCA and Marconi D. John G picking up a brace against Saul and Tom, Martin picking up a win in 5 sets against John T. A very good result for Police D against Wavertree Labour D, winning 7-3, without both Paula and Tom P. Alf beating John M and Arthur beating Tommy in 5 sets.

Week 3 saw Marconi D beating Wavertree Labour D 6-4, Martin picking up both of his against the evergreen Allan Biggs and Terry Jones, victory in both doubles also helped the result. Sefton Park beat QVC 8-2. Ian beating Paul M and Bob beating Ian to pick up their 2 points. A strong performance by Bath Street Marine F dispatched Bootle YMCA 9-1. Tom D having a fine win over Darren to save the whitewash. Another 9-1 victory, this time for St. Annes over Arriva A, however unfortunately Arriva had a player short, Gary S saving face with a good win over Francis. The Maghull derby saw C just pip D 6-4. Steve M picking up both of his against Mike S and Luke. Honours even again between Police D and Cadwa C. the old war horse Len D picking up both against Neil and Shantanu.

Cadwa C beat Marconi D 7-3 in week 4, James beating Dougie and Richie beating Shantanu for points. All square against Police D and East Wavertree, a very competitive game, Tom P picking up both of his against Thomas and Tony, again Tom's excellent backhand was the decisive factor in both his wins, in particular against Thomas which produced an excellent game. Sefton Park just pipped Arriva A 6-4, both Paul M and Robbie winning both of their games for Sefton, and Janus winning both of his for Arriva. An 8-2 win in favour of Bath Street Marine over Wavertree Labour, Robin beating my old mucker Dave N and a double win for Wavertree saving face, albeit Wavertree were without Alf. A comprehensive win without reply for St. Annes over Maghull D. Luke took Hassib to 5

sets but to no avail. Bootle YMCA beat Maghull C 7-3, Saul and Tom picking up both of their games against George and Steve M and George and Naresh respectively, Janette was unlucky losing to Liam 9 in the 5th.

A good 8-2 win by Sefton Park A over Maghull D kicks off week 5, Harry M and Danny picking up a game each for their 2 points. Wavertree Labour just edged Maghull C 6-4, some very close games here, Allan and Alf winning both of their games and Janette was unlucky to lose a very competitive game in 5 sets against Terry, losing 13-11 in the 5th. Police D beat Marconi D 7-3, Danny just losing out in 5 games to both Tom P and Paula. Both John and I picked up a game each against Alan and Tommy. Another strong performance from St. Annes over Bootle YMCA B 9-1, Roly picking up the single against Dave B in 5 games, however the score did not justify the closeness of some games, as 5 singles went to 5 sets. A close match between Bath Street Marine F and Cadwa C, ended 6-4 in favour of Bath Street. East Wavertree overcame QVC 7-3, Dean beating Thomas in 5 sets and Bob and Ron winning a game each, excellent win by Tony over Dean in 5.

Week 6 kicks off with an 8-2 win for Cadwa C over Maghull C, Mike Stewart winning both of his for Maghull over Dougie and Shantanu. St. Annes white-washed Wavertree Labour D, Hassib beat Alf in 5 as did Dave B over Terry. Sefton Park beat Bootle YMCA 8-2, unfortunately Bootle played short, Tom and John picking up their 2 games. A battle royal between Police D and Bath Street Marine F, all square in the end. Paula winning both of her games against Darren and Josh for Police, Mike and Dave N winning both of their games for Bath Street. All square between Arriva A and QVC, Shaun netting a brace against Wacek and Gary for QVC, and Kristoff doing the same for Arriva against Ron and Tommy. A decisive 9-1 win for East Wavertree against Marconi D, John Gratton and Myself teaming up in the doubles to save the whitewash, I also had a close game against Jimmy, losing in 5, as did Martin, also against Jimmy.

Week 7 saw East Wavertree give another strong performance beating Arriva A 8-2, Kristoff winning both of his against Jimmy and Conor. Maghull D just coming through to win 6-4 against QVC, Ian winning both against Mike and Luke, both doubles went to 5 sets in favour of Maghull, which made the difference in the result. An 8-2 win for Police D against Maghull C, Steve M beating John, and Jimmy beating Tommy, for their 2 games. Both Len and Janette had very close set going to 5, Len winning 9 in the 5th. Another good result for the new boys from the 5th, St. Annes beating

Cadwa C 8-2, Neil producing an excellent performance winning both against Israel and Hassib, Dougie was very unlucky losing to Israel 16-18 in the 5th. A comprehensive victory for Bath Street Marine F over Marconi D 9-1. John and Myself pairing up to win our only point in the doubles, John had a close game losing to Darren in the 5th as did Martin also in the 5th against Josh. A whitewash was given to Wavertree Labour D by Sefton Park A, Terry came close to salvaging a point but lost in 5 to Ian.

Finally to week 8. An enthralling game between Marconi D and Maghull C, ended in a draw, Naresh won both of his for Maghull against Danny and John. James just lost out to George, a man who is very consistent in returning the ball in a very tense 5 setter, losing 9 in the 5th. Sefton Park had a good 9-1 win over Cadwa C, Paul Webb saving the whitewash with a win over Ian, Paul Jennings won a close 5 setter against brother Neil. QVC came out on top 6-4 against Bootle YMCA, John App winning both against Saul and Tom. Another strong performance from St. Annes, beating Police D 8-2, Paula winning both her sets to win the points against Israel and Hassib, Tom P and Alan French losing both of their games in 5 sets, no less than 6 sets went to 5 games. East Wavertree came out on top against Bath Street Marine F 7-3, Josh having an excellent win over Thomas, and Mickey beating Carl, Carl also winning a marathon 5 setter against Darren. All square between Maghull D and Arriva A, Mike picking up both for Maghull and Janus both for Arriva.

At this early stage of the season, there are some very strong teams fighting for top spot. The games sometimes are decided on the fact that one or two key players are not available. St. Annes are the only team to play their four top players every week, hence their current position at the top of the Division, at the time of writing these notes, Bath St Marine F, Police D, Sefton Park A and East Wavertree are all snapping at their heels, the early signs are that this Division will be a lot closer than last year. Have a great Christmas and New Year and try not to eat too much Christmas pud for the resumption again in January!!

Division Four Avgs. Top 20			P	W	Avg
1	WHITE Michael	Bath St Marine F	16	15	94%
2	PUDDIFER Robbie	Sefton Park A	13	13	100%
3	BRADLEY Dave	St Annes	13	12	92%
4	DAKO Francis	St Annes	14	12	86%
5	NODEN Dave	Bath St Marine F	16	12	75%
6	JENNINGS Neil	Cadwa C	16	12	75%
7	NAREE Hassib	St Annes	13	11	85%
8	ISAAC Israel	St Annes	14	11	79%
9	HOWARD Ged	East Wavertree A	13	10	77%
10	TAYLOR Josh	Bath St Marine F	14	10	71%
11	JENNINGS Paul	Sefton Park A	10	9	90%
12	PURCELL Tom	M/Side Police D	12	9	75%
13	DIXON Tony	East Wavertree A	12	9	75%
14	TAYLOR Darren	Bath St Marine F	14	9	64%
15	ADAMSON Paula	M/Side Police D	8	8	100%
16	MORGAN Paul	Sefton Park A	11	8	73%
17	WEBB Paul	Cadwa C	11	8	73%
18	CREEVY Tom	East Wavertree A	12	8	67%
19	HALL Danny	Maghull D	14	8	57%
20	DYSON LEN	M/Side Police D	10	7	70%

Division 5

Once again a new season is underway and early signs suggest it is going to produce an intriguing battle at the top of the table with several teams more than equipped to climb the ladder into the lofty heights of division 4, early pacesetters are Waterloo who are currently averaging 8/9 points per match and are currently looking a pretty solid bet for achieving promotion – providing they can consistently field their strongest line up. Also in the mix for a promotional spot are a number of clubs including Bootle YMCA C, Sefton Park B, and Cadwa D, however, due to the nature of the league most sides are more than capable of taking points off each other, this adds to the excitement, entertainment and exacting nature of the fixtures. Have a great season.



Jimmy Williams

To summarise the first eight weeks:

Week 1 produced quite a few large victories. QVC A hitting the ground running with a convincing 9-1 victory over Wavertree Labour E. Eric Spencer and Sharon Mahon combining well to pick up their teams sole point in a doubles match against Mathew Shaji and Ian Jones. A similar scoreline was achieved by Arriva B in their 9-1 defeat of Sefton Park C, Harry Hughes leading from the front and winning both of his in 3 straight, with Alan Staniland producing an excellent performance for the visitors to defeat the very steady Gary Mavis, also in 3. Impressive performance by Waterloo at home to Merseyside Police E, with the hosts emerging as 8 – 2 victors, excellent win for Gavin Minett (12 – 10) over

Brian Burrows in their latest closely fought contest. The rest of the games being decided in 3/4 sets with Brian picking up the visitors sole singles win against Phil O'Mullane (15/17 and 12/14 in the final two sets). A closely fought contest between Cadwa D and Waterloo A resulted in the home side winning 6-4 with Sam Walsh and Peter Roberts enjoying a good night - winning both their singles and combining to win their double against Nikolay Primuk and Graham Chellow.

Week 2 saw Waterloo A bounce back with a white-washing 10 – 0 victory over QVC A, standout wins include Nikolay's fightback (from 0-2 down) against the ever reliable Bob Finnigan to clinch the fifth 11 – 7, and George Chellow's 3 – 2 win (from 1-2 down) over Shaji Mathew, the home side showing the type of fighting spirit that can often be the defining quality in a tight match, Paul Mainey, playing at one, picking up an impressive double over Ron Houghton and Bob. A strong Bootle YMCA C side visited Wavertree Labour E and emerged as 3 – 7 winners with Steve Daniels having an excellent night - beating Stan Clarke in five (2 – 11 in the fifth) and Gordon Langshaw in three sets. Gordon winning his other two matches (3 straight over the experienced Jim Geddes) and combining with Eric Spencer to win the second doubles. Colin Hughes also winning both of his singles for the away team and clearly illustrating the potential strength of the side. A Strong performance by an experienced Cadwa D side at Sefton Park C (0 -10) with most of the sets being decided in 3, Mark Brookes and Phil Cashmore going close in their doubles match but just losing out in the fifth set to Derek Aspinall and Jose Martinez. A closely fought match between Maghull E and Bath Street E resulted in a 4- 6 win for the away side - with Keith Dudley winning his three and Bill Clayton securing both of his singles, Joe Rock picking up an impressive double for the home side against Albert Parker and Tom Bell.

Week 3 also saw a number of teams produce significant wins including an 8-2 home victory for Sefton Park B over Marconi E, Ray Jones and Jamie Whitty winning their 3 games on the night with Faye Taylor and Charles Sweeney winning a singles each for the visitors in a hard fought match. An excellent win for Arriva North West B at Cadwa D (1-9) with Derek Aspinall preventing the whitewash in his 3 straight victory over Alan Jones. A very strong performance from the visitors without their regular number 2 Gary Mavris. A strong win for QVC A over Sefton Park C (9-1) saw the home side win all of their games in 3/4 sets with Phil Cashmore picking up a point for the visitors with a fine win over the rapidly improving Adam Yao.

Week 4 produced a closely contested fixture between Marconi E and Merseyside Police E, the away side recording a 4-6 win with the visitors number 1 and 2 players, Brian Burrows and Mike Winder, winning their 3, excellent double for Marconi number 4 Charles Sweeney to win two close singles matches. The week also produced a solid 2-8 victory for Sefton B at Maghull E with the Sefton lads looking quite a force with a strong, experienced line up, Derek Traynor leading the side from the front and winning both of his singles in straight sets. Great notes from Alan Smethurst to acknowledge the 'youth policy' coming to the rescue (Joe Rock winning his two and Ged Hanley also putting in an excellent performance) in the absence of members of the old brigade. It looks like Dad's Army are going to be under pressure to play better...! Superb notes also provided by Graham Chellow on Waterloo A'S 7-3 win over Bath Street G, a 'great game between Paul Mainey and Keith Dudley who always share a five setter, with Paul just edging this one 11-9 in the final set'. Bill Clayton using his 'trickery and experience to comeback from behind on both of his matches to win in straight sets'. Nikolay Primuk and Stuart McGhee winning both of their singles and combining well to secure a 3 straight doubles victory over Des Logan and Liz Adams, clearly a closely contested and great match. Significant wins this week also included Bootle YMCA c 9-1 at Sefton Park C and Waterloo's 8-2 victory against a highly experienced Wavertree Labour E.

Week 5 saw Wavertree Labour E bounce back with a determined performance in a 5 – 5 victory away to strong opponents Sefton Park B, Derek Traynor winning both of his singles quite comfortably in 3 sets with Ray Jones also recording a fine double. Excellent match between Eric Wood and Stan Clarke with the Sefton player winning 11-9 in the fifth. However, the visitors showed great character at 5-2 down to win the final 3 sets of the night (including both doubles) to ensure the points were shared. Waterloo took full advantage of an inexperienced (and incomplete) Waterloo A side to secure a 10 -0 win and extend their lead at the top. Conversely, Bootle YMCA C shared the points in a very close match with Arriva North West B. Great double for Colin Hughes at number 1 (including an 11- 9 win in the fifth against left hander/ attacker Harry Hughes), the visitors winning both doubles games to highlight, once again, the importance of those two sets in a match, Gary Mavris and Ray Guy winning the fourth and fifth sets 14/16 and 11/13 in a hard fought game against Alan Cameron and Kieron Sumner.

A standout result in **Week 6** was Maghull E's 10 - 0 win over Marconi E, although sporting comments from

Alan Smethurst on the match card documented that ‘the score card did tell the full story with Faye losing in 5 to Brian and Charles also losing in 5 to Jack’, a result which raises the question of Captain Andy being able to get his place back upon his return? superb result with a range of excellent close games. A hard earned victory for Cadwa D over Bootle YMCA C (6-4) with number one Peter Roberts winning his 3 (combining with Paul Rees in his doubles - who also won his three on the night), Kieron Sumner winning his three for the visitors in a close fixture. Great notes from Ray Guy on Arriva North West B’s hard earned 6-4 win over Bath Street G. Ray sportingly commenting on ‘the legend Mr Clayton playing at his best’. Bill beating Ray in 3 straight and, later in the fixture, Harry Hughes in 4 in a close contest, excellent treble for Gary Mavris in a competitive fixture played in the right fashion.

Week 7 saw Waterloo maintain their position at the top of the league with a very good victory (8-2) over an Arriva side that was missing number one player Harry Hughes, nevertheless, Gavin Minett and Jeff Hornby are enjoying a fine season at 1 and 2 and playing consistently well - both returned from the table undefeated on the night. Eye catching double from Eddie Williams, playing at 4 for the visitors, beating Geoff Metcalf in 3 and Phil O’Mullane 11-9 in the fifth set. Further impressive wins saw a very strong Bootle YMCA C whitewash a very good QVC A team 10-0 (who were stubborn opponents and battled hard on the night with Bob Finnigan in particular being involved in some close games). A victory that suggests this squad is more than capable of challenging for first position in the league – provided they are able play their strongest four on a consistent basis. Two other 10 – 0 victories this week were Sefton Park B’s win in their Derby fixture against Sefton Park C, and a convincing Wavertree Labour E victory at Marconi E. Brilliant match at Merseyside Police E with the home side recording a 7-3 win over Waterloo A with half of the fixtures going to the fifth set. Brian Burrows and Sam Hughes winning both of their singles and combining to win their doubles with Graham, Stuart and Paul winning a singles each for the visitors.

Week 8 saw Waterloo lose their unbeaten record (and previous average of 9 points per match) away to an excellent Cadwa D team, Sam Walsh emerging as player of the night and returning unbeaten from his three trips to the table. A very promising win for the home side that opens up the fight at the top to a wide range of possibilities. Fellow potential promotion candidates Arriva North West B and Sefton Park B shared the spoils in a hard fought 5-5 draw with a great atmosphere between the two teams, Derek Traynor

being pushed close in both of singles matches but edging it in the fifth against Ray Guy (14-12) and Harry Hughes (11-6), the home side winning both doubles games to avoid defeat on the night. Another spirited, and determined performance, for Marconi E in their 8 – 2 defeat at Waterloo A, with Martin Latham and Faye Taylor picking up a point each in hard fought singles victories, (Faye beating Waterloo A number one Paul Mainey 14-12 in the fourth set and Martin doing similar in the fourth against Nikolay Primuk), a tough match against a team that is consistent throughout. Other notable results include Sefton Park C’s promising 5-5 draw with Merseyside Police E (including an excellent triple for Kenny Young), and Maghull E’s impressive 4-6 win at Wavertree Labour E.

Final thoughts

As things stand, with a third of the fixtures having been played, Waterloo are currently top of the league with a 14 point advantage, however, due the closeness of the league, and high level of individual players, there is a large group of teams that are in the mix for a promotion place. At this stage it could be any two teams from quite a lot of contenders – this may be decided by who manages to get their best players out more regularly, as well as fine details in certain fixtures. Further down the table there are a variety of very good teams who are more than capable of taking points off anyone. Added to this, is a new crop of players who are developing their experience of competing in a division with a wide range of players and idiosyncratic styles. They will all be richer players for the experience as the season draws on.

Best of luck to all as we enter the next phase of the season and prepare for the impending Christmas break.

Division Five Avgs. Top 20			P	W	Avg
1	MINETT Gavin	Waterloo	15	14	93%
2	CLAYTON Bill	Bath St M. G	16	14	88%
3	HORNBY Jeff	Waterloo	12	11	92%
4	TRAYNOR Derek	Sefton Park B	10	10	100%
5	BURROWS Brian	M/Side Police E	12	10	83%
6	ROBERTS Peter	Cadwa D	12	10	83%
7	DANIELS Steve	Bootle YMCA C	12	10	83%
8	JONES Ray	Sefton Park B	12	10	83%
9	McGEE Stuart	Waterloo A	12	10	83%
10	METCALF Geoff	Waterloo	12	10	83%
11	O’MULLANE Phil	Waterloo	15	10	67%
12	HUGHES Sam	M/Side Police E	10	9	90%
13	HUGHES Harry	Arriva Nth W. B	12	9	75%
14	HUGHES Colin	Bootle YMCA C	8	8	100%
15	LANGSHAW Gordon	Wavertree Lab E	12	8	67%
16	CHELLEW Graham	Waterloo A	14	8	57%
17	SUMNER Kieron	Bootle YMCA C	8	7	88%
18	ROCK Joe	Maghull E	10	7	70%
19	GEDDES Jim	Bootle YMCA C	10	7	70%
20	DUDLEY Keith	Bath St M. G	12	7	58%

B.st.M's 2014 Ron Georgeson Memorial Tournament

23 members gathered at Bath St. Marine on 3/09/14 for the finals night of the Ron Georgeson Memorial club tournament. The event was inaugurated in 2013 in memory of Ron who had died earlier in the year.

The tournament is played throughout the summer months consisting of 2 events, both played on a handicap basis. Each individual match consisted of 5 games played up to 11 with the handicap added to the points scored. The main competition is supported by the plate comp for those players who lose in the first round of the main event.

The 8 members who played on the night was a spread of experience players from the higher divisions, fourth and fifth division players, reserves and a social member.



Results went as follows:

Plate competition semi finals

Match 1: Fred Bainbridge (1st div) conceded 32 points to Barbara Alcock (5th div). He was still 5 points adrift at the start of the final game but eventually ran out the winner by 55 to 52 points

Match 2: Albert Parker of the 5th division met social member Liz Adams who had an 8 point advantage. Albert used his experience to good effect to secure a comfortable win.

Final:

Albert had 26 points on Fred and in the 1st game matched him point for point before going down 11/10. Fred then found his form but again found himself 5 points down going into the final game. He then used his superior youth? and fitness to run out a winner by 55 to 51 points.

Main competition semi finals

Match 1: Event organiser Dave Noden (4th div) met ex Liverpool closed champion Dave Roberts (1st div). Dave Noden was 26 points to the good and the match proved to be the closest and most exciting of the night. Dave N

eventually came through by 56 points to 55.

Match 2: Ian McElwee (2nd div) gave Graham Turner (3rd div), fellow organiser a 14 point start. Ian won the first 11/7, Graham the second by the same score leaving him with his 14 points still intact. Somehow Graham lost his way after this and Ian won 51/42.

Final:

Dave had a 20 point start and never stopped trying but Ian managed to hold on to win by 4 points.

Trophies were presented by the club president Billy Clayton before the evening transferred to the club bar where a buffet was provided and a few drinks sunk. I must add that John Langton, Crosby High, who provided Ron and his wife Joan with great support, attended on behalf of Ron's family.

Overall the night was a resounding success. The result of individual matches were of less significance than the thought of how the competition was in memory of our great friend and ex secretary Ron. There was great support for each of the players and a tremendous atmosphere throughout the evening. Certainly a fitting remembrance to the much loved and respected Ron.

Ian McElwee

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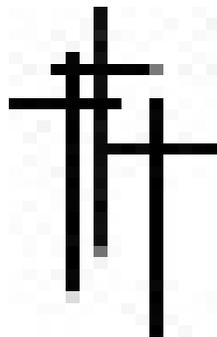
A PLEASING little ceremony took place in the club room of Linacre immediately prior to the commencement of the season when Harry Reeve, their No. 1 player, was presented with a leather writing case on his leaving the club to take up an appointment as a Junior Engineer with the P.S.N.C. on the Saturday before the season opened. Harry's record during his Two & half years with the club had been most consistent, showing 72 wins out of a total of 94 sets played— an average of 77%. In his place Linacre had recruited Ron Purnell, late of Anfield, and there is no doubt in our mind at least, that if he is not very happy indeed in his new surroundings, then he will have only himself to blame. This small club of little more than a handful of players is one which excites the greatest admiration for not only do they contrive to turn out a full side week in and week out, but at all times offer the greatest friendliness and hospitality to their rivals as well as maintaining the highest traditions of sportsmanship in victory and defeat alike. They have the best wishes of this magazine for their continued success both on and off the table.

Harry's been back with Linacre a long time now, and been round the world a few times in between, I wonder if he's still got that writing case?

Joyce Barton (Horsley) 1936 - 2014



Sadly on the 13th November 2014, Joyce Barton passed away after a long illness. Joyce played for the successful Crawfords Ladies Team with Mabs Francis, Muriel Cox and Barbara Hayton (nee Horsley). She also played for Electric Supply -with Lill Wynn, Marie Upton and two others plus Barbara Hayton



Joyce Horsley first appeared in the League in the 1950's, playing for CADWA, Crawford's and Electric Supply. Apart from becoming a regular league player, she entered the two local tournaments for a number of years and first appeared in the Liverpool Closed in 1955 according to records compiled by Bill Stamp 62

years ago and later by Margaret Lindner, Ray Hebson and Brian Leeson. In the 1955 Closed she teamed up with Frank Varty in the mixed and with club mate Betty Black in the doubles. The following season she entered the women's singles and partnered CADWA colleague Dennis Underhill in the mixed. The following year she teamed up with Ms. G. Stewart in the women's and Mr. D Walter in the mixed. She continued to play in both tournaments as did her sister Barbara, who played for Wavertree Labour, the sisters' teaming up with a number of different playing partners' including Mr. J Brannigan, Peter D'Arcy, Keith Rawlinson, Dave Butterworth and Mr. T Davies. They also joined forces on a number of occasions in the doubles in both the Closed and the Merseyside Open, the latter tournament being the fore-runner of the present day Liverpool Grand Prix. The last of those tournaments in which I could find documented, was the 1963 Closed when Joyce as a Crawford's player, entered the mixed with Peter Hurworth (Wavertree Labour) and with Barbara in the women's doubles - 17 pairs paying two shillings each for the privilege of turning out on Saturday morning at Dingle Vale. Joyce competed for many more years in those competitions and in the league.

Her team mates, lining up in a photograph kindly provided by Muriel Cox, shows the quartet of Barbara Horsley (Hayton), Nora Ford, Joyce Horsley (Barton) and Muriel Atkinson, (later to become Cox), now living in Northampton.



Don Davies
Chairman

BUCS Table Tennis Championships 2015

21-22 February 2015

Venue:

Park Campus Sports Hall, University Park,
University of Nottingham, NG7 2RD.

Eligibility:

These Championships are open to students at institutions in membership of BUCS, who meet the eligibility regulations as laid down in the current BUCS Regulations.

Entries:

Each institution will receive a maximum of 5 guaranteed entries into the men's singles competition and 5 guaranteed entries into the women's singles competition. Institutions can enter as many non guaranteed entries as they wish.

Each institution will receive a maximum of 2 guaranteed entries into each doubles competition. Institutions can enter as many non guaranteed entries as they wish.

Entry Fees:

Men's Singles: £21.00 each -: Women's Singles:
£21.00 each

Men's Doubles: £27.00 per pair -: Women's
Doubles: £27.00 per pair -: Mixed Doubles: £27.00
per pair

Entry Forms:

All entries need to be made through the BUCScore online entry system. This is an automated system which will require athlete's names to be selected from an existing database organised by your Athletic Union. No late entries can be submitted.

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Information required for entry form:

Competitor information - ranking/past performances etc. xThis is used for seeding purposes.

Awards:

Medals will be awarded to competitors finishing in the top three places in men's and women's individual and doubles events. BUCS points will be awarded to the top 4 places in the Championship events.

As previous seasons the intention is to run a plate competition however this will be decided once entries have been received.

Pre Event Information:

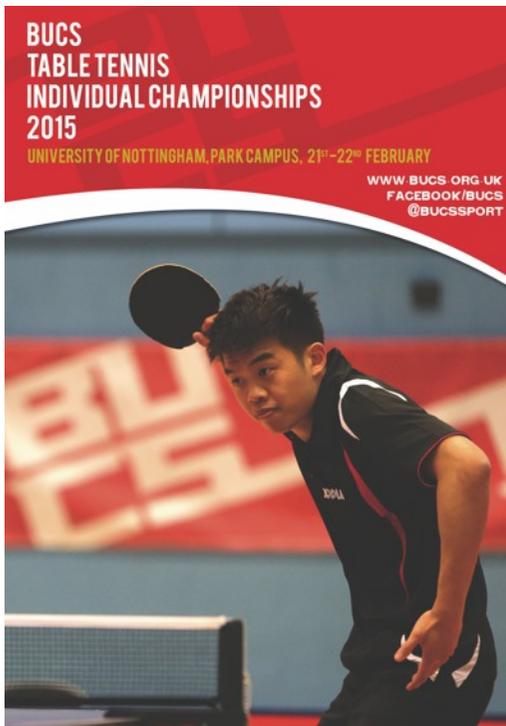
This will be sent to Athletic Unions/Sports officers through the BUCS Essentials on 10 February 2015.

General:

Universities are responsible for all travel, hotel and subsistence costs. BUCS cannot accept any responsibility for any personal loss or injury while attending a BUCS event.

Please contact [Matt Judson](#) if you have any queries.

<http://www.bucs.org.uk/page.asp?section=17496§ionTitle=Individuals+Championship>



Letters

Dear editor,

I am writing in response to Stan Clarke's letter printed in your last digest which makes reference to my 'Police Academy' article which was featured in the April 2014 publication. Initially I was pleasantly surprised at Stan's favourable comments towards the recently established St Johns Table Tennis Club and his support for other clubs to embrace a youth policy for integrating youngsters within the L&DTTL but having read the last sentence of the letter it was obvious that these comments were only a smoke screen for Stan's real motives. This being the criticism of the Police Club for voting several years ago against his {Wav Lab} proposal for home teams to choose to play on two tables.

I am in total awe of Stan's personal commitment and contribution towards our sport and fully respect his standing within the table tennis community. Both Stan and I have had a healthy discussion with regard to his comments and ironically we share the same passion for youth development but regardless of this, I am unable to hide my disappointment that my 'Police Academy' article was used as a vessel to dredge up old grudges.

It is important for readers to understand that there is a distinct difference between Wav Lab's previous proposal and my future proposal. Yes, we both agree that the playing on two tables would be beneficial for our respective clubs but this is where the similarities end and our motives take separate paths. I clearly stated within my article that the playing on two tables coupled with a constant home presence would be solely instigated for the benefit of the younger players with a view to reduce late nights. This would maintain their enthusiasm and their parents support.

At the conclusion of Stan's letter it states "*I fear that in the near future Police Club may come to regret their decision to vote against allowing clubs to use two tables to complete their matches at a reasonable time for young players.*" There is an inference within this sentence that Wav Lab's proposal was presented for the benefit of the younger player. It was not. At no point did 'the younger player' feature in the proposal put to the L&DTTL AGM. It was a simple case of voting whether a home club has the Carte blanche right to play on two tables. This is what you as a member voted on and voted against.

I do not wish to delve into the minefield of the 'two table' debate but I can assure readers that if clubs support my pending request for a two table home based team, upon your arrival at the school you will not be faced by a team of adults whose main objective is to quickly complete all matches without any social interaction. On the contrary you will be faced with a team of wide eyed, very nervous, very polite youngsters whose love for our sport is infectious. I look forward to your support.

Paul Gittens Merseyside Police Table Tennis Academy

To save the Readers 'to wonder' what was actually in Stan's letter which Paul refers, I have copied same below.

Dear Roly,

I read with interest the article headed 'Police academy' in the last edition and can only congratulate Paul Gittens and the Police club on their efforts. It just goes to prove that children can be enthused at the idea of playing table tennis and that the place to catch them is in the schools.

Many years ago the English Schools Table Tennis Association issued a document entitled Adopt -A- School, the idea being that T.T. clubs should approach nearby schools to offer help in setting up T.T. teams within the school, or inviting pupils to visit their club to learn the game. Unfortunately, table tennis players being short sighted the idea never took off as it should have and we lost years of possible player recruitment as a result. It can't have escaped the notice of league members that some, a very small number, of clubs have been spectacularly successful as a result of finding school children and coaching them to good levels of play, take a bow Dave Graham and Roly Wright.

My concern over assimilating school age players into main stream table tennis is the diehard attitude to change of so many of our senior players. It is unrealistic to expect school children to be playing matches late at night, but until the outlook of senior player's changes we will continue to lose young players as fast as we can recruit them if we are not prepared to adjust our method of play to suit the younger players and their parents.

I fear that in the near future Police club may come to regret their decision to vote against allowing clubs to use two tables in order to complete their matches at a reasonable time for young players

Stan Clarke, (Vol 68 No.4)

THE BRISTOL AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

The Gloucestershire Ping Pong Association was formed in Bristol in October 1902 but very soon changed its name to the Bristol & District Table Tennis Association as the majority of league clubs were based in the city of Bristol. After the Great War it was re-formed in 1919 and has become one of the largest leagues in the world, currently having over 425 registered members playing in nine divisions - at one time it boasted twenty-nine divisions! During that time, it has produced some very well-known players, such as **James Thompson**, who won the very first Daily Mirror Tournament in May 1923, beating nearly forty thousand other competitors to claim the top prize of a brand new motor car, and, of course, **Aubrey Simons** (*see right*), who became the most famous player in the country in 1953, when he helped England lift the Swaythling Cup in Budapest and was at one time ranked fourth in the World. He will be aged 92 next month.



The very first Championship of Gloucestershire was held at the Victoria Rooms in Clifton on 11 and 12 March 1902 and was won by **John Mycroft Boucher** who went on to be one of the founder members of our league that year, as well as being an inaugural committee member of the Ping Pong Association when that was formed in December 1901 to which the Bristol league was originally affiliated. When our league was re-formed in 1919, it was **James Edwin Sherrard Hamilton** who was instrumental in that process and he was elected as our very first Chairman. He was also the very first winner of our Bristol Closed Championships Men's Singles event in the 1919/1920 season.

Other players of note have been **Gilbert Belsten** who represented England in the very first international table tennis match against Wales on 23 May 1923, but who sadly passed away at the age of 29 in 1929. A memorial trophy in his honour has been played since that year, as too for **Chris Sewell** who was another great junior player who won our Closed Championships Men's Singles title for an un-precedented five times in a row. **Clifford Axe**, whose claim to fame was taking a game off **Fred Perry** when he was the table tennis champion of the world in 1929, and also played in the first World Championships in 1926. **Charlie Dawes** cannot be forgotten either with his penholder grip and notoriously thick-sponged bat and who also reached the final of the Veterans' Singles in the English Open in 1946. **Doug Shipton** was great personality in his day too, and was Aubrey Simons' main rival for many a year.



However, our Association is still going strong to this day, and is hopefully going to do so for another hundred years! Thank you.

League Tables as at 3rd December 2014

Division One		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Wavertree Lab	9	9	0	0	78
2	Crosby High B	8	7	0	1	63
3	Fords	8	7	0	1	55
4	M/Side Police	7	5	0	2	50
5	Bath St Marine A	9	4	1	4	42
6	Christ The King	8	4	0	4	40
7	Bath St Marine	9	1	1	7	33
8	Crosby High	7	3	1	3	32
9	M/Side Police A	8	3	0	5	32
10	Crosby High A	8	2	0	6	31
11	M/Side Police B	8	3	1	4	29
12	Christ The King A	9	2	0	7	26
13	Marconi	8	1	0	7	19
14	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division Two		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Maghull	9	9	0	0	78
2	Bath St Marine B	8	6	0	2	55
3	Harold House	9	6	1	2	54
4	Marconi A	8	6	1	1	50
5	Cadwa	8	3	3	2	44
6	Sefton Park	9	2	3	4	42
7	Wavertree Lab B	9	3	1	5	39
8	Bootle YMCA	8	2	3	3	38
9	Wavertree Lab A	8	2	2	4	35
10	Cadwa A	8	2	2	4	34
11	Crosby High C	8	3	1	4	27
12	Harold House A	8	1	0	7	24
13	Bath St Marine C	8	0	1	7	20
14	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division Three		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	East Wavertree	9	9	0	0	69
2	Bath St Marine E	9	6	0	3	54
3	Marconi B	8	6	1	1	53
4	Maghull B	10	4	3	3	52
5	Bath St Marine D	8	4	1	3	46
6	Arriva Nth West	8	5	0	3	44
7	M/Side Police C	9	4	1	4	44
8	Maghull A	8	4	0	4	42
9	Bootle YMCA A	8	3	2	3	39
10	Linacre	9	2	2	5	34
11	Marconi C	8	2	1	5	34
12	Cadwa B	8	0	1	7	25
13	Wavertree Lab C	8	0	0	8	14
14	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division Four		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	St Annes	8	8	0	0	69
2	Bath St Marine F	9	7	1	1	64
3	Sefton Park A	8	7	0	1	59
4	East Wavertree A	8	6	1	1	55
5	M/Side Police D	9	4	3	2	50
6	Cadwa C	9	4	2	3	47
7	Bootle YMCA B	9	2	2	5	35
8	Marconi D	9	2	2	5	34
9	QVC	8	2	1	5	31
10	Maghull C	9	1	2	6	31
11	Wavertree Lab D	8	2	0	6	25
12	Maghull D	8	1	1	6	25
13	Arriva Nth West A	8	0	3	5	25
14	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division Five		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Waterloo	9	8	0	1	73
2	Sefton Park B	9	5	2	2	59
3	Arriva Nth West B	9	6	2	1	58
4	Bootle YMCA C	8	6	1	1	56
5	Cadwa D	8	7	0	1	52
6	Waterloo A	9	4	0	5	47
7	Bath St Marine G	9	4	1	4	45
8	M/Side Police E	8	4	1	3	41
9	Wavertree Lab E	8	2	1	5	35
10	Maghull E	9	2	1	6	34
11	QVC A	9	2	0	7	30
12	Sefton Park C	10	1	2	7	21
13	Marconi E	9	0	1	8	19
14	0	0	0	0	0	0

Div. Cup Semi Finals to be played Week of Mon 15/12/2014

READMAN CUP. Div. 1
Crosby High B v Crosby High A
Wavertree Lab v Fords

RUMJAHN CUP. Div. 2
Cadwa v Maghull
Bath St Marine C v Sefton Park

HYDE CUP. Div. 3.
Marconi B v Arriva N. West
Maghull A v East Wavertree

FORREST CUP. Div. 4
East W /tree A v Bath St. M. F
M/Side Police D v St. Annes

STAMP CUP. Div. 5
Waterloo v Bath St. Marine G
Wavertree Lab E v M/side Police E