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# Editorial

Well that's another season gone, another year older !! oh dear!

Starting must be 'Congratulations to Merseyside Police' as Division 1 Champions, 16 years since they last won the top trophy, in 2000 - 01 season, can they keep the same players, and keep tight hold of that Cup? Congratulations to the Police Club for having another two teams which have won promotion, keep it up!

This Digest is slightly different, I will be loading a partially finished Digest on line to keep faith with my contributors, who have got round to completing their reports, disappointingly the last one came in a bit close to me having to go away, (school Hols), so the printed Digest will be the completed one mid June, that's the best about being on line.

The L&DTTL 365 site has settled down to give all the 'playing' information needed, with results within a week, but it still relies on the players sending info in asap, Stan Clarke struggled with some rounds of the Cup, the draws being delayed because some match cards were late being sent in.

Thanks once again to the Div. reporters, for sending me something to print, Pete, Ian, Brian, Ken and Jimmy for their time, time is the problem for amateurs, professionals, it comes easy, but now and again, it 'aint' so easy, having said that, I will be looking for a new writer for Div. 5 as current writer Jimmy has decided to have a 'break', Jimmy has without fail, provided a fifth Div. report with plenty of items to make it an interesting read for Div. 5 players, my personal thanks to Jimmy, so any willing hands, please get in touch.

Sadly, I am losing another reporter, Div. 1's Pete Walsh (Jnr) Pete has been div.1's reporter for a number of seasons now, always managing to give a players view of the First Div. thanks Pete, now to find another volunteer who can spare a bit of their time to 'have a say' of his impression of our top players!!!

The JDD (Junior Development Division) deserves another mention, it had all been completed in time for the last Digest after a great season, great for all the youngsters taking part, and great for all the volunteers who made in run correctly, The obvious hope is that the youngsters taking part now will continue to play, if not continuing, at least will come back in the future, with Clubs adopting thinking to allow and encourage young players to play League, not just stars, but all!

Following on from the the above, the Mancom have decided that the Ken Armson award should be given to Paul Gittins and Graham Chellew for the tremendous work they have put in to the formation and running of the JDD, but not forgetting the numerous other helpers who give of their time each match week to assist the youngsters to 'run' their matches, the Digest agrees with that award and hope the JDD goes from strength to strength, and supplies the future players for the L&DTTL!

Jack McCaig, passed away recently, founder member of Rafters, stalwart of the L&DTTL ManCom, possibly since the 1940's, not many of today's players will have heard of Jack, but I'm sure some will (page )

That's it for now folks!!

Remember -: budding future reporters who want to try their hand at Div. 1 or Div. 5, or any articles which they can use to get their thoughts over to the players, contact me on - e - mail -: [roly@ttdigest.co.uk](mailto:roly@ttdigest.co.uk)  
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Enjoy your break, maybe a little practice, but whatever, hope to see you next season

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## Don Davies

## Nets & Edges

The Liverpool Ladies team finished as runners-up to Bolton after having been beaten 4-2 by them. However, when the playing records for the Bolton league were checked, they revealed that one player hadn't played a single match in the Bolton league while another was also ineligible to appear for them. The match score was subsequently adjusted to Liverpool 5 Bolton 1 which gave us the title with a 100% record, our sixteenth success having won the inaugural title in 1947. Clare Peers, Sue Hughes together with Mum and Daughter Janette and Amy Hutchings all did duty - Clare having the distinction of winning the Ladies division one title when playing for Wirral.

The men's team, all of whom have won the Closed Men's Singles title, took on the Halton trio of Michael and Ryan Lunn and Peter Findlater in the final of the Norman Cook Memorial Trophy. Keith Williams, Paul Hutchings and current holder Thomas Hadley, having to concede points to their opponents in each game, were beaten 5-0. As in the Ladies division debacle, records showed that all three Halton players hadn't conformed to



Lancashire and Cheshire League Regulations and were declared ineligible, Liverpool taking the trophy for a record twelfth time, Williams and Hutchings have been on the winning side in a number of occasions including the team's first success in 1989.

Twelve year old Rhys Davies (Crosby High) and Harry Watson fifteen, (Police) turned in tremendous performances for the League in Table Tennis England's Carter Cup finals, finishing in third

place. The Liverpool pair, the first to qualify for the final stages of the competition and the youngest of all the finalists, played above expectations against much stronger and higher ranked players and the League should be proud of their achievement. Their respective coaches' also deserve praise while with continued improvement, the boys' should do even better next season.

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## Liverpool League 2016 - 17 AGM

The AGM for the 2016-17 season in the LD TTL took place at Wavertree TTC on the evening of Thursday 25th May 2017. After dealing with all the usual matters at an AGM Mike Power, organising Secretary of the LD TTL for the last 18 years, confirmed that he was standing down from the post. The management Committee of the LD TTL nominated Tom Purcell (Police TTC) to take over the post of Organising Secretary. This was supported by members at the AGM.

Mike was thanked for his 18yrs service as Organising Secretary and the Mancom nominated Mike for the award of Life Membership of the LD TTL. This was supported by members at the AGM. Cups and medals were presented to the League Divisional champions and runners-up.

Ken Armson was a long time secretary of Wavertree Labour and League Committee member before he died in 2008. After his death the Ken Armson Cup was donated to the league and is awarded periodically to an individual or to a group of individuals who have, in the opinion of the Management Committee, made an outstanding contribution to the game of Table Tennis.

At the AGM Mancom decided that the Ken Armson Cup should be awarded to Paul Gittins (Police TTC) and Graham Chellew (Waterloo TTC) for setting up and running the Junior Development Division which allows Cadet and Junior children, who have not previously played competitive table tennis, to start playing table tennis and ideally move into the senior league.

Tom Purcell later said that he was looking forward to taking on the role of Organising Secretary. He also said that the league Management Committee consisted of volunteers who managed the league on behalf of its members. New committee members would be welcome.

# Division 1

# Pete Walsh (Jnr.)

Here we are at the end of the 2016/17 season, my last season as a non-veteran who'd have thunk it.

Did you end up where you hoped you would at the start?

Did you get revenge for your loss against that player beating you at the start of the season?

Did you take any notable scalps?

Is some summer practice required to give you a head start to the next season?

All will be revealed in this last digest report of the season.

Harold house took four points from visitors Fords courtesy of their latest signing and Champion of Champions challenger Jake Shaw, Jake won all three of his games versus Andy Taylor, Terry Turner and Andrew Town then assisted in winning the doubles against Andy and Terry. Jake came back from two games down against Terry to win 13-11 in the fifth, Jake has only lost 4 this season in 27 giving him a decent average of 85%.

Greenbank's supersub Joe Killoran won all three of his games when the first team played Police, beating Jonathan Taylor and Mitch Barker in four and Joseph Mullin in 3. Some superb loop to loop rallies exploding as we would expect when Joe and Jonathan played. A good win from Greenbank as the result ended up 7-3 to them with Omid Khaiyat and some bloke called Pete beating both Joe Mullin and Mitch but losing to Jonathan. This is the second time Joe has played against Police this season and only the third match he has managed to play due to University commitments, he has only suffered one loss to Kevin Dolder who beat him in 3.

A stand out performance from Greenbank A's George Lennon secured him a win against Maghull's Paul Hutchings in a tense and hard fought 5 gamer. Picking up on dad's gritty attitude Amy made it tough for George to beat her in another 5 gamer but he was eventually the victor finishing 11-9 in the fifth. Both Ahmed Thabet and some bloke called Pete beat Maghull's recent signing and British League regular Beth Farnworth, Pete beat Amy but she beat Ahmed in her third 5 gamer of the night. The result was a 5-5 draw.

Wavertree drew 5-5 at home when they played Crosby High first team, Thomas Haddley was the player of the match winning all his games in four despite having a tough game against Cherith Graham with three deuce games of the total four in 12-14, 11-6, 13-11 and 12-10. Roy Smith had a good win during this game beating Cherith in four, the first being 13-11 to Cherith and the rest being a more comfortable 4,5 and 9 to Roy.

Fords comprehensively beat Bath Street Marine 8-2 at the temporary Ford HQ in Halton, Kevin Dolder won his three without dropping a set against the BSM team of Clare Peers, Dermot Tierney and David Roberts, Dave and Clare beat Terry Turner in four to take the two points from Fords.



The Police 1st team at home beat Harold House 8-2, Jake Shaw taking the only two points by beating Jonathan Taylor in a topsy turvy five gamer, and a similarly topsy turvy 4 game win against Mitch Barker- Jake won the first two game 4 and 3 but lost the third 11- 3 before taking the last 11-3 also, Aaron Beech beat Jake in five games.

Police visited BSM in their next match winning 7-3 when Jonathan Taylor was the player of the match not losing on the night, Jonathan beat Claire Peers and Dave Roberts in 4 then Dermot Tierney in 3, Claire beat both Mitch and Joe Mullin in four, despite Mitch losing to Claire he dispatched Dave in 3.

Mathew Kelly played a blinder for Police's 2nd team against Thomas Haddley's Wavertree Labour, taking him all the way to a fifth game before losing. Considering Mathew has only a 5% winning average compared to Thomas who has 82% this season, although he has played a lot less games it appears he isn't intimidated by much, Thomas beat Paul Gittins and Josha Mathewman in 4's showing it was not a case of being out of form. Josha and Paul won their remaining games against Roy Smith and Arash Khozoee comfortably, to swing the result of the game to a 5-5 draw.

At home Greenbank 1st team beat Harold house 7-3 with the capable line up of Omid Khaiyat, Keith Williams and Dave Tagg, Kevin Lewis stood up to the challenge however taking Keith all the way to five games taking the first 11-9 but losing the next two 11-6 and 13-11, refusing to lie down he took the 4th 11-7 but was beaten 11-9 in the final game, a very good performance from Kevin who only has half the percentage wins of Keith with 87% this season. Peter Findlater, possibly geed up by Kevin, took Keith to 4 with two of the games going beyond deuce, the 1st 14-12 to Peter and the last a nail biting 16-14 to Keith.

Ken Connor was the difference against the Police 1st team's win against Crosby High when Police beat them 9-1, Ken beating Aaron Beech in 4 after taking the first 2 games 7 and 6, he was defeated in the third 11-8 but continued on to win 11-6 in the 4th.

Jack Dempsey continued his run of form against Thomas Haddley when Crosby High played at Wavertree beating Thomas in 3, he defeated Arash Khozoee in 3 also but took 4 games to beat chopper Roy Smith, perhaps Roy's chopping style is the key to playing against Jack. Youngster Rhys Davies continues to impress, winning all his games on the night beating Thomas and Roy in 4 and Arash in 3. 6-4 to Crosby was the result.

Talking of youngsters winning impressively, Harry Watson beat Andy Taylor, Terry Turner and Andy Town in 3 at Fords home venue for Police A providing the impetus for Police to win 7-3.

Fords playing at Crosby High saw Jack Dempsey's mettle tested when he came up against Kevin Dolder in what looked to be a very watchable contest, Jack taking the first 13-11 then Kevin bringing it back with a further deuce game 12-10, Kevin stretching out in front for the last two games although not too far ahead winning 11-7 and 11-9, Kevin retaining his 100% record for 27 outings this season, Andy Taylor won two of his games and Fords also triumphed in their doubles which added up to the match ending 7-3 to Fords.

Greenbank comfortably beat Crosby High 8-2 at Greenbank sc, with George Lennon highlighted as the player of the match winning all his games against, Gavin Lloyd, Ken Connor and Rob Wylie, Gavin Lloyd fighting all the way to 13-11 in the 5th.

Greenbank's next match against Police A ended up a 5-5 draw when some bloke called Pete lost in five to returning talent Josha, after leading by two games, Omid assisting the team to the draw by winning all his games. Dave Tagg only managed to complete two of his encounters before pulling up with a hamstring injury in the last part of the first game against Josha, hopefully Dave is on the mend and back with us in the new season ahead.

Josha is only one of a handful of players to beat visiting Harold House signing and British league premier division player Jake Shaw whom he defeated in 5 despite losing the first game then losing game 1 in the 3rd. A strong showing of Harry Watson and Paul Gittins would have almost ensured a decent result regardless of their opposition, the match finished 7-3 to Police.

With the top ten individual players in the averages coming from 7 different clubs and the top 20 then 30 similarly mixed the quality of the Liverpool 1st division is thriving and constantly evolving. There are plenty of up and coming youngsters to test the old guard and make for a promising future.

End of Season summary

Player of the match Top 3

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|----------------|------------------|----|
| Thomas Haddley | Wavertree Labour | 13 |
| Jack Dempsey   | Crosby High A    | 12 |
| Kevin Dolder   | Fords            | 9  |

Congratulations to the Merseyside Police 1st team on winning the league, pipping Fords to the post by 11 points.

A very well done to Maghull also in coming 3rd after only their 3rd sea son in the first division.

Finally anybody wishing to view the Liverpool closed finals on my Youtube channel will have to send me an email first due to privacy restrictions this year, explain who you are then I will grant you access.

My email address is -:

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Have a great summer off and see you in the new season.

Pete Walsh Jnr(ish)

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## Division 2

## Ian McEllwee

Division 2 notes May 17

When I completed the last mid-season report Bath St Marine A were in 4th place chasing leaders Crosby High B, Bootle YMCA and CADWA. Ken Jackson had recommenced playing after a short sabbatical and his presence completely transformed BSM A's results, he remained unbeaten until his final outing of the season when Bootle's Jeff Huntington got the better of him, Bootle won the match 7/3 inflicting the sole defeat on the BSM side in the run in. Fred Bainbridge continued his good form when he and Ken each won their 3 and were well supported by new signing David Lovelady in a 9/1 win over Crosby High B. Another reserve Miguel Monteiro exceeded all expectations when he joined Fred and Ken at Sefton Park and won his 3 singles in a convincing 8/2 victory. Ricky Brown was back in a 7/3 win over East Wavertree B and beat John McCann.



of his rare losses, losing out 16/14 in the decider to Michael Perry. In a comfortable 7/3 win over Wavertree Labour Jeff and Alan Chase remained unbeaten with John Higham getting the better of Mario Giove. They had the luxury of bringing in Wayne Percival when Jeff missed the St Anne's fixture, Wayne (83%) is a top player at this level and as expected won his 3, with Alan and John winning 2 each in a 7/3 win. It was nice to see Ted Birch back playing after illness, easing himself back via playing in the doubles each week.

Crosby High B had been front runners for over half of the season but were unable to maintain their impetus, finishing 3rd on 127 points. They were helped by a 10/0 walk over against East Wavertree. Chris Spedding (84%) has had a great season but failed to get the better of the in form Phil Luxon when the Crosby side were a player short and went down 7/3, Sylvia Graham had a fine 4 set victory over Dave Harse recovering well after losing the first set 11/4.

2nd placed Bootle YMCA finished 10 points behind top spot on 128 points, their only loss in the run in was going down 6/4 to Sefton Park, Jeff Huntington (84%) had one

Wavertree Labour A started the season poorly and at one stage were languishing just above the relegation spots,

to their credit they recovered really well to finish in 4th spot on 112 points, Phil Luxon (81%) has had an excellent season for them. When they faced East Wavertree A Phil and Martin Krause each won their 3 singles, although Martin was pushed all the way by Lee Madin before getting over the finishing line by winning the 4th set 15/13 and clinching the deciding set 13/11, Dave Harse chipped in with fine victories over Lee and Neil Colville. When visiting Sefton Park Phil lost to the hard hitting Alan Davis but pushed himself all the way to beat Ian Laird 15/13 in the 5th, Ian had 5 set victories over both Martin and Dave, Alan also beat Dave as the match finished 6/4 in Wavertree's favour.

CADWA's season is almost the opposite of Wavertree Labour's, they had a great start and topped the division for some weeks, however, during the current reporting period they failed to play their recognised team of Graeme Black, Paul Evans and Mike Power in any of their matches. Graeme (95%), in particular, was sorely missed and results deteriorated with losses to BSM A (6/4), St Anne's (8/2), East Wavertree B (7/3), Bootle (7/3) before eventually giving a 10/0 walk over to East Wavertree in the final week of the season. Graeme was available when they secured a draw at Wavertree Labour A winning his customary 3 and combining with Paul Evans to pick up the doubles with Paul beating Mario Giove.

BSM B have had a really steady season as indicated by their record of 7 wins, 7 draws and 8 losses, recording 108 points. Barry Davis (74%) has proved a difficult man to beat, in the team's 8/2 win over CADWA A he remained undefeated in his 4 visits to the table and was well supported by Colin Mitchell and Dave Stoddern who each won 2, Dave's loss was in a marathon against Grahame Reid losing out 11/9 in the deciding set. In the absence of Barry, Rob Peat came in for the East Wavertree A match, Rob has not been available for much of the season and proved an able deputy in beating Lee Madin and Tony Dixon, Dave also beat Tony and combined with Rob to win the doubles, all this was to no avail as they went down 6/4.

7th placed Sefton Park finished one point behind BSM B, strangely they conceded a walk over to BSM B at week 26 when a win would have moved them up to 5th. Their best win during the reporting period was a convincing 8/2 victory over CADWA A, Alan Davis (65%) won his 3 and took the doubles with Mike Perry, Mike and Robbie Puddifer each won twice.

Unusually, the same club, East Wavertree occupy the next 3 places separated by a mere 2 points, the A and B teams finished on 105 points with the first team 2 points adrift. The A team lost Joey Williams to injury for much of the second half of the season but have been able to call on good quality reserves. When facing their first team they won 6/4 with 3 wins each for Lee Madin (66%) and Tony Dixon. Lee and Tony did not have a third player when losing 6/4 to Crosby High, Lee beat Chris Spedding and Sylvia Graham with Tony also beating Sylvia and the pair taking the doubles.

The B team altered from week to week but a strong team of Neil Colville (73%), Ray Jackson (71%) and Tony Mullally (67%) drew against Bootle YMCA, Neil had an excellent evening winning his 3 with Ray and Tony beating John Higham. John McCann joined Neil and Ray to beat CADWA 7/3, Ray was the MOM remaining unbeaten, Neil beat Grahame Reid and Alan Evans and John contributed with a win over Alan.

The first team forfeited to Crosby High to balance up their walk over provided by CADWA. When facing BSM B, Ben Chen (77%) remained unbeaten with Carl Macauley partnering him in the doubles, this was not enough with Barry Davis, Colin Mitchell and Dave Stoddern each winning 2 for BSM to run out 6/4 victors. Lee Madin, Tony Dixon and Neil Colville all subbed up when they beat St Anne's 7/3, Neil was in top form winning his 3 singles, Lee lost out 11/7 in the 5th set to Hassib Nuree, Tony beating Dave Bradley and joining Lee to win the doubles.

St Anne's, 94 points, came to life towards the end of the season winning their first match at week 19, defeating CADWA 8/2. Hassib (70%) and Israel Isaac each won 3 combined to win the doubles and Francis Dako beat Martin Latham. A 2 man team of Hassib and Israel beat CADWA A 6/4. Hassib was again unbeaten with Israel's only loss being to Grahame Reid. Dave Bradley came in to support Hassib and Israel when they had an excellent 7/3 victory over East Wavertree A, Hassib continued his rich vein of form once again remaining unbeaten, including an 11/8 deciding set win over Lee Madin, Israel's loss was at the hands of Lee and Dave Bradley had a good win over Paul Loftus. If only they had managed this kind of form in the first 18 weeks they would have been way up the division.

CADWA A's (82 points) cause was not helped when number one Ian Burrows went away on a long term cruise. There are no highlights to report in the final weeks with a series of 8/2 and 9/1 defeats, Grahame Reid turned up on his own against East Wavertree, he took a point off Carl Macauley coming back from 2 sets down to win 11/1 in the 5th, he also pushed Ben Chen all the way before losing 11/8 in the 5th set. I honestly believe that Grahame being prepared to play on his own and give 100% commitment was probably the best individual performance of the season, it is much easier to turn up for a winning team and play well but more than difficult in the circumstances Grahame found himself in. Well done Grahame!!

I started off my first notes of the season by stating that "the division was one of the most competitive I have known". This proved to be the case with the majority of players capable of beating each other. The top teams had the benefit of very strong number one's and this proved to be the difference for their respective teams. Looking at the ages and general health/ fitness of the 2 top teams I believe both will have major difficulties if they take their places in the top division next season.

To me the situation raises 2 questions:

- 1) For the overall benefit of the League should the LMC consider restructuring to ensure that the first division is an elitist division for the best players to compete against each other?
- 2) Should the LMC now consider spending some reserve funds in getting some volunteers trained as coaches with a view to making a serious effort to get youngsters involved in the game?

## Division 3

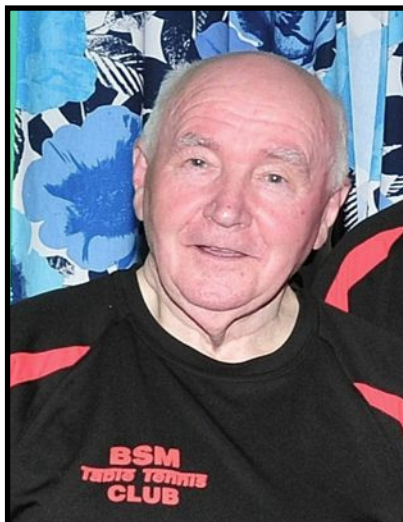
## Brian Crolley

### Match WEEK NO 19.

Linacre 4 v BSM "C" 6. A very good match played in an extremely sportsman like manner by both teams. Alek Charchenco was the man of the match playing extremely well to beat first Brian Crolley, then Ted Cramsie and finally Mal Kent, Mal just lost out in the 5th and final game of the night to some hard hitting from Alek. Harry Reeves and Alek just took the doubles in the 5th beating Mal and Ted. BSM "D" 7 v CADWA "B" 3, David Lovelady made a appearance for BSM "D" making a big difference to the match in general by beating Frank MacCann, Ian Wensley and Martin Latham, David is quite a class act, he was backed up by Dave Noden and Darren Taylor, Darren winning 2 and Dave winning 1, with this pair also winning the doubles. Maghull "B" 1 v Bootle YMCA "A" 9, this was a very good match, 4 games going to 5 and the YMCA took all of them, Shakil Malik and the very much improved Liam Shaw both won 3 each and the doubles with Tom Doubtfire coming in with 2 very good wins for Bootle. Mathew Cranny saved the whitewash by beating Tom Doubtfire to get Maghull's only point. Bootle YMCA "B" 0 v Wavertree Lab "C" 10, what a good team this Wavertree Lab "C" side of Andy Bird, Michael Dugdale and Gavin Minett have turned out to be, also they are a pleasure to play against. Stephen Daniels, John Taylor and Michael Hughes put up a fine fight for Bootle YMCA "B" but just could not get past the finishing line. Arriva N.W. 7 v Wavertree Lab. "B" 3, John Rowan and Derek Scotland backed up by the ever reliable Graham Rollinson were just too good for Wavertree "B" of Mario Giove, Michael Dugdale and Dave Goulden. It is really tough playing against Arriva N.W. as a few teams have found out recently, ask BSM "C". Sefton Park "A" 1 v Maghull "A" 9, the highlight of this match must have been Neil Jennings win over Steve Braddick, this win saved the white wash and gave Sefton Park "A" a well deserved point.

### Match WEEK No. 20.

Maghull "A" 6 v Arriva N.W. 4, Maghull were really pushed in this match, John Rowan and Derek Scotland winning 2 each for Arriva N.W., however Paul Banks was just too strong, winning his 3 games in good style and taking the doubles with Michael Stewart. John Langton and Michael Stewart won 1 each, just enough to take the match in favour of Maghull "A", two very good teams, as ever playing in fine form. BSM "C" 6 v M/side Police "B" 4, Matt Evans was the best player on show tonight for M/side Police beating Brian Crolley, Andy Chung and David Lovelady. However Andy Cheung and David Lovelady fought back beating John Moore and Tom Purcell, Brian Crolley beat Tom Purcell but lost to John Moore. The last game of the night was the doubles won by Andy Cheung and Brian Crolley to secure the win for BSM "C". Wavertree Lab "C" 6 v BSM "D" 4, another close fought match with Gavin Minett once again being the star man winning all his 3 games for Wavertree Lab. "C", Daren Taylor played very well winning 2 and the doubles with Dave Noden who also won 1 for BSM "D". Wavertree Lab "B" 8 v Bootle YMCA "B" 2, Lee Farley and Mario Giove both playing very well and winning 3 singles each for Wavertree "B",



however Bootle YMCA "B" players Steven Daniels and Richie Winckle did not give up and both did very well to beat Dave Goulden, Lee and Mario took the doubles beating Steve and John. CADWA "B" 8 v Linacre 2, Frank MacCann was the star man winning all his 3 games, well backed up by Martin Latham winning 2, and a rare visit by Alan French winning 2 for CADWA "B", Frank and Martin also won the doubles. Alek Charchenco beat Martin Latham and put up a tremendous battle with Alan French just losing 12-10 in the 5th. Charlie Bradshaw then put in a real good performance to beat Alan French. Bootle YMCA "A" v Sefton Park "A", results not in yet.

### Match WEEK No. 21.

Maghull "B" 4 v BSM "C" 6, a very good night's table tennis, Mathew Cranny was the best player on the night winning all his 3 matches beating Brian Crolley, then Mal Kent, and finally Andy Cheung in the best game of the night, everyone else had to fight tooth and nail for anything they could get. Alan Chan beat Brian Crolley, but Brian fought back to beat Sue Hughes in five, Andy Cheung and Mal Kent won the doubles with both of them beating Alan Chan and Sue Hughes to get the win for BSM "C". BSM "D" 6 v Wavertree Lab. "B" 4, another close encounter for Darren Taylor, Ted Cramsie and Dave Noden, all winning 2 each for BSM "D", Lee Farley winning 2 and Mario Giove winning 1 with Lee and Mario winning the doubles in a very close encounter with Darren and Dave. Merseyside Police 'B' 10 v CADWA "B" 0, Steve Gittins, Matt Evans and Tom Purcell just overwhelmed CADWA "B", Frank MacCann put up a good fight against Steve Gittins and Tom Purcell but just lost in the 5th in both games. Everything else just went in favour of M/side Police on the night. Sefton Park "A" 7 v Arriva N.W. 3, so here we go, a surprising result with Sefton Park "A" pulling out all the stops, Robbie Puddifer winning all his 3 games which included a win over John Rowan and also winning the doubles with Ian Findon, Neil Jennings continued his fine form winning 2, and Ian Findon getting a good win over Graham Rollinson, this must have been a fine match with Arriva N.W. always in good spirits. Linacre 3 v Wavertree Lab. "C" 7, Michael Dugdale winning 3, Alan Liu winning 2 and Gavin Minett winning 2, all in good form for Wavertree Lab "C", however Alek Charchenco winning 2 and taking the doubles with Charlie Bradshaw just shows the fighting spirit of this Linacre side. Bootle YMCA "B" v Maghull "A" result not yet in.

### Match WEEK 22.

Maghull "A" 7 v BSM "D" 3. It was a good job that David Lovelady was playing for BSM "D" as he won all his 3 games in good fashion, Paul Banks John Langton and Michael Stewart were just too good for Dave Noden and Ray Hibbs. BSM "C" 1 v Bootle YMCA "A" 9. Overall it was not a good week for BSM "C". Shakil Malik started off by taking Brian Crolley apart, Mal Kent got 1 by beating Tom Doubtfire, then everything went BootleYMCA "A" team's way with the ever improving Liam Shaw doing more damage winning all his games and partnering Shakil to take the doubles as well. However it was a pleasant match. Wavertree Lab "C" 4. v M/side Police "B" 6. Matt Evans winning his 3, Steve Gittins 2 and Tom Purcell winning 1 was enough to overcome a very good Wavertree Lab "C" side of Gavin Minett, winning 2, Michael Dugdale winning 1 and Alan Liu. Michael and Gavin

won the doubles for Wavertree Lab "C" to conclude a very good match. Wavertree Lab. "B" 9. v Linacre 1. Only Alek Chenchenco could hold back a very good Wavertree Lab, side Mario Giove, Dave Golden and Andy Bird. These 3 were just too good on the night. Arriva N.W. 8. v Bootle YMCA "B" 2. Steve Daniels is playing some very good stuff at the moment beating John Rowan and Harry Hughes, but as ever the very good Derek Scotland won all his 3 games and the doubles with John Rowan to record another good win for Arriva. Wavertree Lab "C" 4 v M/side Police 'B' 6, Matt Evans was once again the star man on the night winning all his 3 games for M/side Police followed up by Steve Gittins winning 2 and Tom Purcell picking up 1. Michael Dugdale and Gavin Minett struck back to win the doubles and Gavin Minett won 2 singles and the ever reliable Michael Dugdale winning 1 singles, a very competitive match. CADWA "B" 4. v MAGHULL "B" 6 a blast from last season as far as I can recall, John S. Mcloughlin Jnr. stepping in to win his 3 games in fine fashion, Phil Christie winning 2 and Janette Hutchings winning 1 for Maghull "B", just enough to defeat a very strong CADWA "B" side of Ian Wensley, Peter Wass and Martin Latham. Ian won 2 and Peter won 1, with Ian Wensley and Martin Latham winning the doubles in the 5th set.

#### Match WEEK 23.

BSM "D" 4 v Arriva N.W. 6, another good performance by both teams, David Lovelady being the star man winning all his 3 games, with Peter Ashley weighing in with 1 beating Eddie Williams making 4 points for BSM "D". Derek Scotland and John Rowan winning 2 each with Eddie Williams putting in a fine performance against Les Dodds, and partnering John Rowan to get the doubles. Maghull "B" 2 v Wavertree Labour "C" 8, what a team this Wavertree Lab. "C" side have turned out to be over the season, Michael Dugdale, Andy Bird and Alan Liu have gelled into a very good side, only Mathew Cranny managed to win, beating Andy Bird and Alan Liu giving Maghull "B" 2 very good points. Sefton Park "A" 7 v Bootle YMCA "B" 3, Sefton Park "A" must have been very pleased to get this win to open up the gap from the relegation zone, Robbie Puddifer, Neil Jennings and Ian Findon putting in fine efforts, but Steve Daniels and Colin Hughes fought back to get 3 valuable points. Merseyside Police "B" 6 v Wavertree Labour "B" 4, it was good to see Brenda Buoey back in the Police Team and winning a single and teaming up with Steve Gittins to take the doubles, Lee Farley did well to get a win over Steve Gittins, however "Man of the Match" was Tom Purcell, I do not know how he finds the time to play table tennis as well as his International commitments, well done Tom. Mario Giove got Wavertree Lab. 'B's other 2 points. Linacre 1 v Maghull "A" 9, John Langton, Michael Stewart and John Mcloughlin Jnr. put in a fine performance to beat Linacre, only Alek Charcenko being able to get a win for Linacre beating John Mcloughlin Jnr, Charlie Bradshaw put in a fine effort just missing out to Michael Stewart.

#### Match WEEK 24.

BSM "C" 6 v Sefton Park "A" 4, Robbie Puddifer started the night off by beating Brian Crolley, then Andy Cheung beat Ian Findon, the events went Sefton Park "A's way with Brian Losing to Neil Jennings in the 5th, and Mal losing to Neil. Things got worse for BSM "C" with Andy Cheung losing to Robbie in the 5th, so BSM "C" were 4-1 down and had to start winning a few games. Mal beat Ian, Andy beat Neil, Brian beat Ian, Mal beat Robbie, which just left the doubles which Andy and Mal won to take the match 6-4, as ever, a very pleasant night's table tennis. Bootle YMCA "B" 2 v BSM "D" 8, good to see Eddie Preston winning his game against Darren Taylor, the rest of the night went to BSM "D" with Dave Noden and Ray Hibbs

getting 3 each and the doubles, then Darren Taylor beating John Taylor 12 10 in the 5th. Arriva N.W. 7 v Linacre 3, Arriva N.W. were just too strong for Linacre, but with Linacre having Alek Charcenko in their team all is not lost, Alek beat John Rowan and Eddie Williams both very close in the 5th and then went on to take the doubles with partner Charlie Bradshaw. Derek Scotland won his 3, John Rowan 2 and Eddie Williams won 2 for Arriva N.W. Wavertree Lab. "C" 5 v Bootle YMCA "A" 5, this must have been one of the best matches of the season, Andy Bird beating Shakil Malik was a tremendous result and then Tom Doubtfire beating Andy Bird to even things up, Andy Bird and Gavin Minett winning the doubles. Liam Shaw put in his bit by beating Alan Liu and Gavin Minett, another tremendous result. Shakil Malik beat Gavin Minett and Andy Bird beat Liam Shaw, then to get the 5-5 draw Alan Liu beat Shakil Malik, these are all wonderful players, a great credit to table tennis. Wavertree Lab "B" 9 v Maghull "B" 1, Mario Giove was man of the match winning all his 3 games closely followed by Lee Farley with 3 and Michael Dugdale with 2, however Phil Christie was not going give in easily, fighting back to beat Michael Dugdale to take a well deserved point for Maghull "B".

#### Match WEEK 25.

BSM "C" 5 v CADWA "B" 5, this was anything but an end of season match, every point was played for, nothing given away, Ian Wensley was the man of the match winning all his games in fine fashion, but he could not win the doubles, this was taken by Mal Kent and Andy Cheung for BSM "C". Martin Latham played very well to beat Brian Crolley and Mal Kent, but Andy Cheung played better to beat Martin Latham, an excellent match played in the best of spirit. Sefton Park "A" 2 v BSM "D" 8, Miguel Monteiro was the star man in this match winning all 3 of his games in good style, Ted Cramsie and Dave Noden got 2 each and teamed up to take the doubles for BSM "D", Robbie Puddifer fought back to take 2 for Sefton Park "A" beating Dave and Ted in strong fashion. Linacre 6 v Bootle YMCA "B" 4, Alek Charcenko won his 3 backed up by the ever reliable Charlie Bradshaw winning his 2, and this pair also winning the doubles for Linacre. Steven Daniels won 2 and Michael Hughes and John Taylor won 1 each for Bootle YMCA "B", the players in this division do not give in as this match highlights. Can I just say that Sunil Sapre turns up every week for Linacre, plays his heart out, never complains about anything, the Salt of the Earth, well played Sunil, you are well appreciated by all the players in this division 3. Merseyside Police "B" 3 v Arriva N.W. 7, well, this one was waiting to happen, Arriva N.W. with Derek Scotland, John Rowan and Krzysztof Lenyk has always been some team, but to inflict a defeat of this nature on a full strength Police team of Steve Gittins. Brenda Buoey and Matt Evans really does take some doing. Maghull "B" 1. v Maghull "A" 9. Phil Christie saved the whitewash in this match beating John Langton for Maghull "B", however Paul Banks and Michael Stewart both won 3 each and teamed up for the doubles, John Langton won 2 making a very good win for Maghull "A". Bootle YMCA "A" 9 v Wavertree Lab. "B" 1, this Bootle YMCA side of Shakil Malik, Tom Doughtfire and Liam Shaw are a pretty good outfit, just a number of good teams in this division, only Mario Giove saved the whitewash, but just look at what he had to do in beating Shakil Malik, not many players have done that this season, well done Mario.

Match WEEK 26. Well, this is the last week of the season and what an enjoyable season it has been. Every match has been contested in a competitive and sportsman like manner, always a very good atmosphere amongst the



players. No team played short and all matches played on the right days and started at 7-30pm, the best division in the Liverpool League in my opinion. The Division 3 Winners are Maghull "A", and the Runners Up are Merseyside Police "B", both will go up to the 2nd Division and will be a credit to Division 2. Bootle YMCA "A" will be 3rd and played very well throughout the season. Linacre and Bootle YMCA "B" will be relegated and we will be sad to see them go, but you never know how things turn out, so many things can happen in the closed season.

Thank you all, winners and competitors alike for such a great season, we will all be looking forward to the new season. Can I thank Roly Wright for all his efforts in putting this Digest together, a wonderful effort. Brian Crolley.

## Division 4

## Ken Roberts

Well here we are at the closing few weeks of the 2016-17 season.

All square between Police and Bootle YMCA in week 19, two teams which have been near the top of the leader board all season, Dave Mc picking up his two games for Police, same result between Waterloo A and Sefton Park B, John G winning his two again for Sefton. Arriva A, another team who have been in the top4 for most of the season beat Maghull D 8-2, Jimmy A and Loon winning a game each for Maghull's points. Bath St Marine who have been leading the Division for most of the season, beat Cadwa C 7-3, Purvi having an excellent night picking up her two against Les and Keith for Cadwa. Sefton Park C beat Wavertree Labour D 6-4, Chris G picking up both for Sefton. QVC beat Maghull C 9-1, Luke and Danny teaming up and winning a doubles to save the whitewash.



Week 20 starts with a 7-3 win for Waterloo B over Maghull D, Lewis winning his two for Waterloo. Police were too strong for Waterloo A winning 8-2, Phil enjoying an excellent win to beat Tom P and a doubles win, providing Waterloo's points. Wavertree Labour D beat Cadwa C 9-1, albeit unfortunately Cadwa played short, Alan French saving the whitewash for Cadwa. Excellent game between QVC and Arriva A. QVC winning 7-3, Eddie W having a great night picking up his two against Andrew C and John App for Arriva. Bootle YMCA beat Maghull C 7-3, Danny and Harry picking up one each for Maghull. The Sefton Park derby saw the C team victorious 7-3, John G and myself winning a game each then teaming up for the doubles to give the B team's 3 points, Faye was unlucky losing her two in 5 sets for the B team, a strong performance by the C team here.

In week 21 Waterloo A beat Maghull C 7-3, Julian and Luke winning a game each plus the doubles for Maghull's 3 points. Very good game between Arriva A and Waterloo B, Arriva coming out on top 6-4, Stuart Mc picking up his two for Waterloo against Yanusz and Gary. Bath St Marine were too strong for Maghull D winning 10-0, however a couple of close games here that could have gone either way, Graham beating Jeanette game 8 in the 5th and Keith just pipping Jimmy game 10 in the 5th. Cadwa C beat Sefton Park

b 7-3, John G, myself and Faye picking up Sefton's 3 points. Another strong performance by police white-washing Sefton Park C, however the score does not reflect the match as half the games went to 5 sets and could have gone either way. QVC beat Bootle YMCA C 6-4 in a very competitive match, Richie and Mike winning their two games for Bootle, and John App doing the same for QVC.

All square between Bootle YMCA C and Waterloo A, to kick off week 22, Richie picking up a brace for Bootle here. QVC beat Waterloo B 8-2, Nikolay, with Stuart providing Waterloo's 2 points. Some hard fought games in the match between Wavertree Labour D and Maghull D, Wavertree taking it 6-4, Janette winning both for Maghull, including an excellent win over Robin B, and Kevin C doing the same for Wavertree. Police beat Cadwa C 8-2, however again Cadwa played with a player short, Alan F and Purvi picking up Cadwa's points. All square in the game between Bath St Marine and Arriva A, Miguel and Les winning both of their games for Bath St Marine and Gary S returning the compliment for Arriva. 5-5 was also the score between Maghull C and Sefton Park C. Jamie W and Kenny Y winning both of their games for Sefton Park.

Week 23 sees a draw between QVC and Waterloo A, Andrew C winning both for QVC. Same score for Sefton Park C against Bootle YMCA C, Chris G having an excellent night winning his two for Sefton against Eddie and Bert, Mike H also picking up both for Bootle. Unfortunately, Cadwa C could only field 3 players against Maghull C and the result was 7-3 in Maghull's favour. All square between Maghull D and Sefton Park B, John G winning a brace for Sefton. Wavertree Labour beat Arriva A 6-4, Eddie winning his two for Arriva and Terry J returning the favour for Wavertree. Waterloo B put up a good fight against Bath St Marine, just edged out 6-4, both Graham T and Les D winning both of their games for Bath St Marine.

Except for one match, week 24 saw some very close games, Arriva A beat Sefton Park B 6-4, Yanusz picking up a brace for Arriva, some great games in this match. Bath St Marine continued their strong form, with a 7-3 win over QVC, Miguel again winning two for

Bath St Marine, well supported by Peter A of Marine, also winning both. Sefton Park C just edged Waterloo A 6-4, Chris and Jamie winning both of their games for Sefton and Sean for Waterloo, Sefton winning a titanic struggle in both doubles games. Wavertree Labour D beat Waterloo B 6-4, Terry and George winning both of their games for Wavertree. Police whitewashed Maghull D. Janette just losing out to Tom P in the 5th. Bootle YMCA C beat Cadwa C 6-4, Eddie and Mike once again winning all their games for Bootle.

Week 25 saw QVC beat Sefton Park C 7-3, John and Panchu winning both their games for QVC and Roy, Kenny and Jamie winning a game each for Sefton's points. Waterloo A beat Cadwa C 8-2, Vaclav winning his two for Cadwa's points, however unfortunately Alan F had played too many times up for this team and his points were awarded to Waterloo. The Maghull derby finished all square, Steve Mc and Julian winning both their games for the C team and Loon returning the compliment for the D team. Police just edged Arriva A, 6-4, Wacek winning a brace for Arriva and John M doing the same for Police. Another impressive performance by Bath St Marine beating Wavertree Labour 9-1, Steve J saving the whitewash with a good win over Les D. Waterloo B beat Sefton Park B 8-2, John G again enjoying a good night and providing Sefton's points.

The final playing week saw Sefton Park C have a walkover on Cadwa, who could not field a team, Cadwa have really struggled this season to find enough players. Bath St Marine E ended their campaign with a

whitewash over my own team Sefton Park B, they have performed very well all season. Arriva A beat Maghull C 6-4, this was a very close match with 6 games going to 5 sets, Wacek winning a brace for Arriva as well as Julian having a particularly good night with wins over Eddie and Yanusz. Police finished off their campaign with a strong win 8-2 over Waterloo B, Graham and Stuart winning a game each for Waterloo for their points. QVC beat Wavertree Labour D 6-4, my old team mate Gordon L having a great night winning his two for Wavertree against Bob and Sean. Bootle YMCA C, another team who have performed steadily all season finished off with a 9-1 win over Maghull D, Janette saving the whitewash for Maghull with an excellent win over Eddie.

Well that's it for another season, it gets more and more competitive as the quality of the Table Tennis seems to improve all the time. Although Division 4, teams are very strong and consistent. I would like to offer my congratulations to Bath St Marine E who are the champions. Not only did they win the league by 20 points but they also did the double by winning the Divisional cup, they thoroughly deserve this as they have been very consistent all season. They have always been near the top from the early days. Second place goes to Merseyside Police, again playing a regular squad week after week shows their strength. Bootle YMCA C, were up there again at the end, and finished third.

Enjoy your summer and I hope you all return refreshed for the new season in September.

## Division 5

## Jimmy Williams

Welcome to the final report of an exhilarating, exacting and enjoyable season. Divisional champions were my own team, East Wavertree C, who managed to keep winning big throughout the season – and essentially in the final run in. An excellent achievement for the team given the relatively small size of the squad and first complete season in the Liverpool and District league for the regular number 3 and 4 (Matthias Mach and Lol Cain). Add into the mix the high quality of opposition at the top end of the table and the team



have done very well. Amassing an impressive 185 points in the process. Also achieving promotion, deservedly, is Wavertree Labour E. Stan's talented, and contrastingly large, squad of players who have the ability (and strength in depth) to have a very successful season in the fourth division next year. Third, fourth and fifth place went to Sefton Park D, Cadwa D and the equally experienced Arriva NW B – three strong squads who, providing they keep/field their stronger players, will certainly be in contention for promotion next season. Further down the table, below the above 'mini-league', was a wide range of competitive teams with very capable players who consistently took points off most teams throughout the season.

**Week 19** produced a significant 9 – 1 win for a strong Cadwa D side at Bath Street Marine F, Tom Bell preventing the whitewash with a five set victory over Chris Halliday. Patricio performing well and picking up the man of the match award for the visitors. An excellent five set win for Rod Mcpherson over Richie Pandey in Harold House's 7 – 3 loss at Wavertree Labour E. Jason Ao was the star player on the night – winning all three of his games 3 – 0. Great 8 – 2 win for the Wavertree Labour (F) side over Bath Street Marine G. Sharon Mahon emerging undefeated from her three trips to the table. The wily Bill

Clayton picking up a singles, and combining with Barbara in the doubles to pick up a useful two points.

**Week 20** saw a great match between Arriva NW B and Sefton Park D (minus the consistent Derek Traynor) with the bus men edging it 6 -4. Number one and two (Harry Hughes and Gary Mavris) both winning their singles for the home side with James O'Grady proving the most effective player for the visitors with his two singles wins. Arriva taking both doubles to win the match. Another close match at Maghull E, with the home side winning 6 – 4 against a determined Bath Street Marine F. Maghull's Joe Rock Jnr winning his three and Andrew Armstrong doing similar for the away side –

including a close fiver setter against Andy McCourt. Promising performance by the young Mason brothers against high flying Wavertree Labour E. Excellent double for Euan over Alf and Allan with Finn picking up a fine point against Stan.

The battle for promotion intensified in **Week 21** with Wavertree Labour E defeating key opponents Cadwa D 8 – 2. Another strong performance by Richie and Jason (winning all of their games) and another good performance by Patricio for the visitors (picking up a close singles victory over Alvin and a doubles with Derek). Arriva NW B matched the 8 – 2 win in their victory over Harold House A. Rod picking up a singles - and doubles with Melvyn. A 7 -3 win over a three man Greenbank B kept Sefton Park D in the mix for promotion. Colm, Simon and Tim picking up the hard-earned three points for the visitors. Derek leading from the front and winning his three for the Sefton team.

**Week 22** saw league leaders East Wavertree C whitewash Greenbank B 10 – 0 – with seven of the ten games being decided in three sets. Nevertheless, it's worth noting the Greenbank lads played some fine table tennis on the night – as evident in a great game between Tim and Lol, in an excellent atmosphere that is typical of this warm division. The East Wavertree player winning a close battle 3 – 1. Greenbank B have a good, improving, squad and if they field their strongest four regularly next season they will surely climb the table. A hard fought match between Sefton Park E and Wavertree Labour E with the home side edging it 6 -4. Standout performances include two excellent wins in five for the rapidly improving Philip Cashmore (adding to a doubles win, also in five, alongside Mark Brooks) with Tony Low also picking up two singles wins. The ever-reliable Eric Spencer also winning his three for the visitors. Good 7 -3 win for Cadwa D over Waterloo C Satish putting in a captain's performance and winning his three – Geoff and Sean picking up a singles each for the visitors (adding to Dave and Aidan's dramatic comeback in their doubles win).

**Week 23** produced some close games at the top of the table. Arriva NW B sharing the points with Cadwa D. Harry, as he often does, picking up both singles and Ray and Alan chipping in with a singles win each. Ray also winning his doubles with Gary. The visitors spread the points around the team with all four picking up a point each to add to Satish and Shantua's five set win over Harry and Alan. Key 6-4 win for East Wavertree C at Sefton Park D with Matthias keeping up his fine form to win his three for the visitors. Great comeback from Sefton's Tony Low in a hugely entertaining singles game with Lol Cain. A great night's table tennis in a top atmosphere. Another close match took place between Waterloo and Maghull E. Excellent treble from Geoff and a fine double from Chris helped the home side to a 6 – 4 win. Andy also taking a treble for the visitors with Ged picking a useful point up in his win over Richard.

An entertaining match between Greenbank B and Wavertree Labour F in **Week 24** resulted in a hard-earned 5-5 draw. Gordon and Eric picking up two wins each for the visitors, along with a good win for Sharon in a close encounter with Ali. The home side picking

up both doubles to add to single wins for Simon, Tim and Ali. A couple of good wins for Andrew and Euan in Bath Street G's home match against a strong Sefton Park D. The visitors emerging with a 2 – 8 victory. Euan also going close with James, as did Barbara in her game against Alan. Excellent double for the promising Sean Chandler, playing at one in the absence of Tony and Geoff, against the capable Philip and Mark in Waterloo C's 5 – 5 draw at Sefton Park E. The consistent Tony Low picking up his three for the home side.

**Week 25** saw East Wavertree C seal the title with a 9 -1 win in their penultimate fixture at Bath Street F (rearranged fixture). The home side put up a stern fight but on the night the away side were too strong and very determined to achieve their goal. In the context of the season, a real victory for team spirit. Not a quality to be underestimated in any side. Andrew Armstrong, recently returning to the table tennis after a long break, preventing the whitewash with some great attacking play. Big 10 – 0 win for Cadwa D, in their bid to try and pip Sefton Park D to third place, at Bath Street Marine G. A match that was far closer than the final score suggests – with only four of the sets being decided in three. Finn, in particular, unlucky to lose both of his singles in five. An excellent match between Harold House A and Maghull E saw both teams share the points. Rod maintaining his great form and winning his three, including a doubles victory alongside Eddie. The match also produced an excellent win for Maghull E number one Joe Rock Jnr over Eddie Clein.

There were a number of extremely close matches in the final **week (26)** of the season, including a great match between East Wavertree C and Wavertree Labour E (5 – 5 on the night) with several, close, exciting games including Ged Howard's excellent win over Richie Pandey, Jason Ao's similar five set win over Jimmy Williams and Alf Perry's five set win over Lol Cain. Another 5 – 5 result in the match between Cadwa D and Sefton Park D. The final result cementing the Sefton teams position as third in the league. Notable wins for the away side include Michael Flannery's three set win over Derek Aspinall and Eric Wood's fiver set victory over Shantanu Singh. For the home side, Satish and Patricio both picked up their singles to add to Shantnu's win over Michael. Other notable wins this week are David Williams five set win over Tom Bell and Joe Rock Jnr and Peter Gibson's five set doubles win over Lesley Blanchard and Keith Hardman. Excellent.

And that takes us to the end of another season. After four enjoyable seasons of penning the division five report I have decided to (temporarily) hang up my quill as I head off to Division 4. This leaves the opportunity for a new scribe for this great division that seems to be getting stronger – interested parties should forward their names to Roly who does a brilliant job and would welcome the contribution (and help share the workload).

Three for the future. Players I expect to considerably make their mark next season: Richie Pandey, Jason Ao and Sean Chandler.

Enjoy the break and best wishes to all for the next competitive season.



## Ryan Jenkins

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After 55 event wins and with eight series champion titles under his belt, Ryan Jenkins has called time on his Grand Prix career.

It was not a fairytale ending as he was beaten 3-1 in the last 16 by Helshan Weerasinghe, who ended up in that part of the draw when he slipped up against 13-year-old Louis Price in the groups.

But Jenkins, who had announced his retirement in advance of this weekend's series finale in Redbridge, was not bitter about the outcome.

"Grands Prix have always been good to me, so I can't complain," said the Welsh No 1, who has already retired from international duty and will soon play his final league match in Belgium for Diest.

"London has never been my favourite Grand Prix, I've not been as successful here as at other places so maybe Cleveland, which I won (earlier in the season), would have been a better end.

"I feel absolutely ready to retire. It's the end of the season, I've got my last match in Belgium in a few days and then it's time to focus a bit more on coaching and promoting Welsh table tennis."

## Andy's a winner by royal appointment

by  
Paul Stimpson T.T.E.  
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Andy Bray from Haworth Hawks Table Tennis Club became a worthy recipient of a prestigious Torch Trophy Award last night.

The award was presented to him by HRH The Earl of Wessex at The British Olympic Association. The Torch Trophy Trust was established in 1962 to support and recognise the outstanding achievements of volunteers in sport and currently has Sir Bobby Charlton as its president.



Andy was nominated by Sally Shutt, Table Tennis England Development Officer. Her citation read: Andy has been the driving force behind the creation of a highly successful Table tennis facility in Keighley, West Yorkshire. In 2007 aged just 17 Andy secured an Awards for All grant to establish Haworth Hawks Table Tennis Club. Initially run in a community centre in Haworth he quickly increased the membership and the thriving club now boasts 12 teams in the local league and a membership of over 80 players.

Andy also developed a keen interest in junior coaching and development and invested his own time and funds to progress to a UKCC Level 3 coach. He volunteers his time to coach juniors on a regular basis and also accompanies them to local competitions. As the club outgrew their venue in Haworth, Andy was the main instigator in finding a new home for the club in nearby Keighley. On a budget of less than £25k sourced from local authority grants, he led a group of volunteers who worked tirelessly to convert an old textile mill into a superb dedicated facility which is now enjoyed by over 150 users weekly.

Andy has continued to expand the club by recruiting a team of 12 coaches and a fully functioning committee that regularly organises club events and activities.



## Jack McCaig

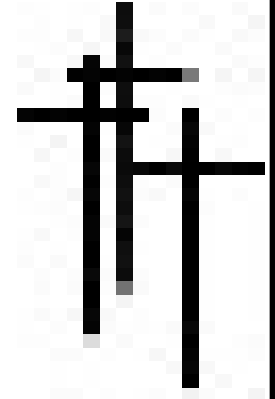
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Jack was a Life Member and former League Vice Chairman, Match Secretary and Closed men's doubles champion and Liverpool Men's first team player.

He was a founder member of Rafter's TTC, on the League Management Committee, captain of Lancs. & Cheshire city teams etc.

i.e. very involved, alongside the late Eric Caird and many other stalwarts of the League, including the Rumjahns and the Rowe Twins

He would have been 95 in July, virtually the last survivor of that era and associated with the League for about 75 years.



Why 'Rafter's' ! it seems that when the founder members were thinking of a name to call the Club, the members were all looking up to the ceiling (as one does!) noticeable were all the roof rafters, no fancy false ceilings in those days, and hey presto, a new Club Rafter's, born after WW2 in 1945 right through till 1985, always in the top flight, there are still a few founder members remaining !



Jack Dempsey

This season's Champion of Champions was held on Friday 19th May 2017 at Leigh Miners Welfare Institute, (The home of Leigh St George's TTC), Kirby Road, Twist Lane, Leigh, WN7 4EF.

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WIGAN, BURY, -

Ellesmere Port & Chester - Jonathan Taylor

PRESTON

SOUTHPORT - Jack Dempsey

BOLTON

LIVERPOOL - Thomas Hadley

LANCASHIRE COUNTY CHAMPION

Great table tennis throughout the evening,.

Initial draw was :-

Group 1. Thomas Haddley, Jack Dempsey & Jake Shaw

Group 2., Stephen Scowcroft, Pawel Orzechowski & Jonathan Taylor

Jack Dempsey won his group and Pawel Orzechowski won his group.

Final was won by Jack Dempsey 4 – 2 best of 7.

Jim Bolton - Chairman Wigan & District T.T. League



Div. 4 Forrest Cup  
 was between Bath St.  
 Marine 'E' **5** & M/Side Police  
 'C' **4** ,  
 BsM's team (photo) was  
 Graham Turner, Keith  
 Dudley, Les Dodd, Miguel  
 Monteiro and Peter Ashley

were up against Police 'C's  
 Tom Purcell, Dave McMahon,  
 Mike Winder and John Moore

Thanks to Paul Gittins for  
 doing the Umpiring and Stan  
 Clarke for use of  
 Wavertree's Venue and the  
 refreshments

Div. 5 Stamp Cup  
 was between  
 Wavertree Labour 'E' **5** &  
 Cadwa 'D' **4** ,

Wavertree's team (photo)  
 Richie Pandey, Jason Ao, Alvin  
 Tso, Stan Clarke and David Ao,  
 with Alan Biggs, up against

Cadwa 'D's Satish Ranka,  
 Shantanu Singh, Patricio  
 Espinoza and Derek Aspinall.

Thanks to Graham Rollinson  
 for the Umpiring , and Graham  
 Turner and members of the  
 Bst.M Club for use of the  
 Venue and refreshments



The Frank Murphy Memorial  
 Vets Handicap Cup

was Between Bath St. Marine '5'  
**449** & Bootle YMCA '1' **402**  
 The Bst.M's team (photo) was  
 Peter Ashley, Keith Dudley and  
 Les Dodd,  
 up against Shakil Malik, Steve  
 Daniels and John Taylor ,

The Presentations were again  
 carried out by Frank's widow  
 Marjory and party, Myra  
 Lovelady and Sue and Dave  
 Berry, who never miss.

Thanks To Graham Rollinson  
 (again!) for the umpiring, and  
 Stan Clarke for the use of  
 Wavertree Labour's Venue and  
 supply of the refreshments



# 2016 - 17 CUP FINALS



Div. 1 Readman Cup between Fords **5** & M/Side Police **4**  
Fords team (photo) was Kevin Dolder, Terry Turner, and Andy Taylor, up against the Police team of Jonathan Taylor, Aaron Beech and Mitch Barker. A great final down to the last match between the two No.1's Kevin and Jonathan, down to a fifth final game, to add a 9th win out of the last 13 finals to Fords..

Thanks to Umpire Graham Rollinson and Tony Dixon and East Wavertree for their Venue.

Div. 2 Rumjahn Cup was between East Wavertree **4** & Bootle YMCA **5**  
Bootle YMCA's team (photo), was John Higham, Jeff Huntington and Alan Chase, up against East Wavertree's Lee Madin,, Tony Dixon and Neil Colville. Presentation by Janet Davies (nee Rumjahn)  
Thanks to Umpire Tom Purcell and the Police Club's Paul and Steve Gittins for the use of the premises and refreshments



Div. 3 Hyde Cup.  
was between - Arriva **3** & Maghull 'B' **5**.  
Maghull's team (photo) was Matt Cranny, Sue Hughes and Alan Chan,  
were up against Arriva's Derek Scotland, John Rowan and Kristof Lenyk

Thanks to Umpire Dave Goulden and Crosby High's Dave Graham for use of their Venue.

# FINAL LEAGUE TABLES 2016 - 17 SEASON

| <b>DIVISION 1</b> |                     | P  | W  | D | L  | pts        |
|-------------------|---------------------|----|----|---|----|------------|
| 1                 | Merseyside Police   | 20 | 16 | 2 | 2  | <b>148</b> |
| 2                 | Fords               | 20 | 15 | 2 | 3  | <b>137</b> |
| 3                 | Maghull             | 20 | 12 | 2 | 6  | <b>110</b> |
| 4                 | Greenbank           | 20 | 12 | 2 | 6  | <b>107</b> |
| 5                 | Crosby High A       | 20 | 10 | 2 | 8  | <b>105</b> |
| 6                 | Bath Street Marine  | 20 | 9  | 0 | 11 | <b>96</b>  |
| 7                 | Crosby High         | 20 | 8  | 1 | 11 | <b>91</b>  |
| 8                 | Wavertree Labour    | 20 | 5  | 2 | 13 | <b>84</b>  |
| 9                 | Harold House        | 20 | 5  | 2 | 13 | <b>81</b>  |
| 10                | Merseyside Police A | 20 | 5  | 4 | 11 | <b>77</b>  |
| 11                | Greenbank A         | 20 | 2  | 3 | 15 | <b>64</b>  |

| <b>DIVISION 2</b> |                      | P  | W  | D | L  | pts        |
|-------------------|----------------------|----|----|---|----|------------|
| 1                 | Bath Street Marine A | 22 | 14 | 2 | 6  | <b>138</b> |
| 2                 | Bootle Ymca          | 22 | 12 | 4 | 6  | <b>128</b> |
| 3                 | Crosby High B        | 22 | 14 | 1 | 7  | <b>127</b> |
| 4                 | Wavertree Labour A   | 22 | 12 | 4 | 6  | <b>112</b> |
| 5                 | Cadwa                | 22 | 11 | 4 | 7  | <b>111</b> |
| 6                 | Bath Street Marine B | 22 | 7  | 7 | 8  | <b>108</b> |
| 7                 | Sefton Park          | 22 | 11 | 2 | 9  | <b>107</b> |
| 8                 | East Wavertree A     | 22 | 11 | 1 | 10 | <b>105</b> |
| 9                 | East Wavertree B     | 22 | 6  | 6 | 10 | <b>105</b> |
| 10                | East Wavertree       | 22 | 8  | 2 | 12 | <b>103</b> |
| 11                | St Annes             | 22 | 3  | 5 | 14 | <b>94</b>  |
| 12                | CADWA A              | 22 | 4  | 0 | 18 | <b>82</b>  |

| <b>DIVISION 3</b> |                      | P  | W  | D | L  | pts        |
|-------------------|----------------------|----|----|---|----|------------|
| 1                 | Maghull A            | 24 | 22 | 0 | 2  | <b>187</b> |
| 2                 | Merseyside Police B  | 24 | 18 | 3 | 3  | <b>169</b> |
| 3                 | Bootle YMCA A        | 24 | 16 | 3 | 5  | <b>152</b> |
| 4                 | Arriva North West    | 24 | 15 | 0 | 9  | <b>143</b> |
| 5                 | Waverrtee Labour C   | 24 | 13 | 2 | 9  | <b>133</b> |
| 6                 | Wavertree Labour B   | 24 | 11 | 2 | 11 | <b>133</b> |
| 7                 | Bath Street Marine D | 24 | 12 | 4 | 8  | <b>132</b> |
| 8                 | Maghull B            | 24 | 10 | 4 | 10 | <b>112</b> |
| 9                 | Bath Street Marine C | 24 | 10 | 3 | 11 | <b>112</b> |
| 10                | Cadwa B              | 24 | 9  | 2 | 13 | <b>101</b> |
| 11                | Sefton Park A        | 24 | 4  | 2 | 18 | <b>77</b>  |
| 12                | Linacre              | 24 | 2  | 2 | 20 | <b>63</b>  |
| 13                | Bootle YMCA B        | 24 | 0  | 1 | 23 | <b>46</b>  |

| <b>DIVISION 4</b> |                      | P  | W  | D | L  | pts        |
|-------------------|----------------------|----|----|---|----|------------|
| 1                 | Bath Street Marine E | 24 | 21 | 2 | 1  | <b>185</b> |
| 2                 | Merseyside Police C  | 24 | 19 | 2 | 3  | <b>165</b> |
| 3                 | Bootle YMCA C        | 24 | 16 | 3 | 5  | <b>152</b> |
| 4                 | QVC                  | 24 | 14 | 4 | 6  | <b>146</b> |
| 5                 | Arriva North West A  | 24 | 13 | 3 | 8  | <b>139</b> |
| 6                 | Wavertree Labour D   | 24 | 11 | 2 | 11 | <b>120</b> |
| 7                 | Waterloo A           | 24 | 8  | 6 | 10 | <b>116</b> |
| 8                 | Sefton Park B        | 24 | 7  | 4 | 13 | <b>104</b> |
| 9                 | Sefton Park C        | 24 | 8  | 3 | 13 | <b>103</b> |
| 10                | Waterloo B           | 24 | 7  | 2 | 15 | <b>99</b>  |
| 11                | Maghull C            | 24 | 5  | 5 | 14 | <b>84</b>  |
| 12                | CADWA C              | 24 | 5  | 2 | 17 | <b>77</b>  |
| 13                | Maghull D            | 24 | 2  | 2 | 20 | <b>70</b>  |

| <b>DIVISION 5</b> |                      | P  | W  | D | L  | pts        |
|-------------------|----------------------|----|----|---|----|------------|
| 1                 | East Wavertree C     | 24 | 21 | 2 | 1  | <b>185</b> |
| 2                 | Wavertree Labour E   | 24 | 19 | 3 | 2  | <b>173</b> |
| 3                 | Sefton Park D        | 24 | 17 | 3 | 4  | <b>161</b> |
| 4                 | Cadwa D              | 24 | 16 | 2 | 6  | <b>158</b> |
| 5                 | Arriva North West B  | 24 | 15 | 6 | 3  | <b>150</b> |
| 6                 | Maghull E            | 24 | 12 | 4 | 8  | <b>134</b> |
| 7                 | Waterloo C           | 24 | 8  | 5 | 11 | <b>111</b> |
| 8                 | Harold House A       | 24 | 6  | 3 | 15 | <b>108</b> |
| 9                 | Sefton Park E        | 24 | 7  | 3 | 14 | <b>99</b>  |
| 10                | Wavertree Labour F   | 24 | 8  | 1 | 15 | <b>90</b>  |
| 11                | Bath Street Marine F | 24 | 5  | 1 | 18 | <b>74</b>  |
| 12                | Greenbank B          | 24 | 1  | 4 | 19 | <b>61</b>  |
| 13                | Bath Street Marine G | 24 | 2  | 1 | 21 | <b>53</b>  |

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