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## Editorial

**T**HE end of yet another season has arrived, although it seems a very short time since the first matches were about to be played. And I feel that the time has come for me to thank the many helpers who have contributed to the production of these last five issues. My assistant Editor, Jim Green, does the bulk of the work in collecting together all the articles and items of news. Many of these articles come in to us written in longhand (not always easy to decipher), and Jim goes through these very carefully and types them out for the Printer. Then if, at the last minute, we find ourselves short of copy, it is Jim who has the job of thinking up some topic and then writing the "space fillers" in an effort to ensure that there are no blank pages.

John O'Sullivan and Peter Rix have been responsible for special articles, and they have produced a very interesting assortment of these throughout the season.

I must not forget the Divisional Correspondents, all of whom have done a very good job, and, I must add, a very difficult one, which they have performed in a most unbiased fashion. The Secretary and Treasurer, the Match and Fixture Secretaries have all written more than a few words and, last but not least, I thank most sincerely those gallant people who wrote out the wrappers after the first Issue, when Jim's wife, Mrs. Jo Green, found that she was no longer able to do this monotonous chore. A special word to her, for she has done the addressing of wrappers, and posting, for just over 5 years, which has been quite a stint on such a very dull, but quite essential chore.

To each and every one of these do I offer my earnest thanks for making my own job probably the easiest one of all.

Later in the magazine you will find the League tables—which, ultimately, is the place where we all try desperately to "top". I sincerely hope that some of you are delighted to see your place in these, and that *none* are completely disgusted with your team's position. Remember that, even though you have finished at the bottom, it is a spot which has got to be filled, and make up your minds that next season you'll make sure that it isn't your team lying there.

This is the time to ask you, especially Club Secretaries, to have all details of your club ready when your teams are entered for the new season, and if possible, to have match nights as nearly fixed as possible before the handbook is printed. The last thing that any of us want is to go to a meeting called for the distribution of handbooks and then to spend a great deal of time writing alterations into them. While some are doubtless necessary, let us all try to minimise these amendments.

I suppose now that some will be going away on holiday, some taking part in other sports, and some even practising hard at table tennis throughout the summer, but in whichever direction your own interests lie, I hope most sincerely that you will all have an enjoyable time, and will all return next September determined to make the new season even better than this one has been.

## Salute the Players !

**W**HO says that "we haven't got any players nowadays?" Who suggests that our League is too weak to bear comparison with those surrounding? Throughout this season our players have demonstrated that Liverpool isn't dead yet, and that the defeatists can cease their wailing and moaning, for there is indeed, life in the old dog yet!

Before the war, I was privileged to be a spectator at Harold House, when Liverpool beat Manchester. I shall never cease to regret that my duties at the "draw" for the Liverpool Closed prevented my being present at the Y.M.C.A. on March 18th, when our men again beat Manchester, for the first time for somewhere in the region of 30 years, thus finishing second only to Bolton in the 1st division. To those four players who between them have placed Liverpool higher than they have been for many, many years, I raise my hat. To Roy and Ron Jones, Gordon Birch and Peter D'Arcy, this League owes its gratitude for lifting us right out of the depths, and it will be a churl indeed, who does not accord them collectively, due credit for a performance undreamed of a mere 12 months ago. Roy Jones was the only ever-present and had the highest average, but this was a team effort in every sense of the word.

Our policy of bringing out new players whenever possible was more successful than was anticipated or even hoped for. The men's "A" team beat Widnes away in their last match, thus winning 7 of their eight matches, losing only 4-6 to Preston last October, and Eddie Clein, Trevor Owens and Ken Chambers have firmly established themselves in the inter-City field. Eddie played in all 8 games, coming out with a 75 per cent. record, Trevor won 11 sets from 12 played, and although Ken Chambers missed the Widnes game (through exams) he won two-thirds of his sets played and the Committee were pleased to award him his "A" team badge. Undoubtedly more will be heard of all three players for a long time.

The tale of triumph carries on with the Youth team whose record reads P8 W6 D1 L1 Pts. 13, which was an excellent performance. Their sole defeat was caused by the inclusion of Mike Johns in the Mid-Cheshire side, and a player of his great talent turned an otherwise mediocre side into a powerful combination, for undoubtedly he was virtually worth a 4 sets start! So nobody can deny that our Youths, for whom Eddie Birch and Ian Burrows played throughout, did us proud. The third place was filled variously by Rod McPherson, Ray Lavin and Peter Ferris.

The Juniors wound up with a decisive win over Blackpool and lost only twice, to Bolton and Blackburn. The position is not quite clear about their League position, though, for the Macclesfield team did not arrive on the due date, and as we could not find another date before the end of the season we claimed the match. However, as yet no confirmation has been received about this walk-over, so I must content myself by saying that we have won 6 and lost 2, with another possible win to come. Phil Metcalfe, Paul Murgatroyd and Allan Davies, with 3 appearances by Ian Burrows, formed this year's team, and since both Metcalfe and Davies have another year as Juniors before them, we have the nucleus of a sound team ready for battle to start again in October.

Unfortunately, the performances of the males was not equalled by our Ladies. For the 1st team, 2 wins and 2 draws from 5 matches didn't come up to expectations. In Judy Crafter, Maureen Coe and Mabel Francis we had a team which, on paper, was as strong as any we have had for a long time, but they just never seemed to "click" on the same night! Nevertheless, we undoubtedly have a strong team here and can afford high hopes for next year. Their final mid-table position does them no discredit, and the time must come when the girls hit form together, then with the added confidence, we shall see things hum. The pre-season split up of the Ladies'

division into two, more or less doomed our "A" team before a ball was struck, but the few games that they played gave a few of them an introduction to City play, and Marie Lupton did well enough for the Committee to award her the "A" team badge. Other younger players showed enough talent to give us hope for future seasons.

But throughout every team this year has been a tremendous fighting spirit, and although sets have been lost, they have never been lost by lack of effort. I feel proud to have been connected with a collection of players of both sexes and all ages who have battled so very hard for every single point in such a successful bid to re-establish the prestige of this League amongst its fellows!

And I'm sure that this season they have started us back towards the very high position that Liverpool held pre-war. I salute each and every one of them.

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Somewhere Gordon Birch left two articles of clothing one evening. If he happened to leave them at your clubroom, please phone STO 2480 so that he may collect them.

The items are :

(a) One Track Suit top of blue Bri-nylon, bearing a heavily embroidered CADWA badge;

(b) One Fawn Leather Jacket with woollen sleeves and facings, striped lining.

Thank you!

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### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Monday, 23rd May, 1966, at Liverpool Y.M.C.A., Mount Pleasant.

From correspondence read during the season there are likely to be several controversial items on the Agenda, so members are advised to give their Club Secretaries their opinions on these, and to the Secretaries we urge . . . . . Keep this date clear to attend, promptly, at the Meeting.

Decisions taken on that evening will affect every single member of the League, so if no representative of YOUR Club is in attendance, you cannot complain if things are not to your liking when the new season comes around.

MONDAY, 23rd MAY, 1966, at LIVERPOOL Y.M.C.A.!

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# The Liverpool Closed — 1966

—By B. A. Leeson

**T**HE University Gymnasium was the new venue for the Closed Tournament this year, and it proved to be a fine replacement for Dingle Vale, both from an administrative and a playing point of view.

The new Men's Champion, Ron Jones, had little trouble in winning the title. Only Trevor Owens, in the Quarter Final, could take him to three games, while Val Franco and Peter D'Arcy in the Semi-final and Final were swept aside in the shortest possible time. D'Arcy, on the other hand, had been fortunate to survive his Semi-final against Peter Hurworth, 21-19, 25-27, 21-19. Hurworth had earlier boosted his morale by eliminating the number one seed, Gordon Birch in the most convincing manner, 21-14, 21-11.

Val Franco made good progress by means of a narrow win over Ted Mandaluff, 21-18, 17-21, 22-20, and then a good win over Frank Thomas, 21-8, 21-17, in the Quarter Finals.

Roy Jones, another seed, was surprisingly beaten by Roy Smith in the first round, 21-19, 16-21, 19-21.

The Women's title was won fairly comfortably by Judy Crafter, who beat the previous holder, Barbara Cain, 21-11, 21-19. Judy's hardest match of the tournament was, in fact, in the second round, when she just got home against Barbara Horsley, 21-16, 16-21, 22-20. Until the Final Miss Cain had not conceded a game, beating Barbara Topping, Marie Lupton and Margaret Collins before overcoming Mabel Francis 21-9, 21-12 in the Semi-final.

The pairing of Gordon Birch and Pete D'Arcy proved too strong for all opponents and these two claimed the Men's Doubles event. Only in the first round against Franco and Norman Parker were they made to go to three games. Their Final opponents, Roy Jones and George Smith, also had a tough first rounder against T3d Gilmour and Eddie Moran, but even tougher was their Semi-final against Ted Mandaluff and Peter Turtle, 16-21, 21-16, 25-23.

Maureen Coe and Judy Crafter took the Women's Doubles title from the previous holders, Barbara Cain and Joyce Randall, 21-14,

21-17, while the Mixed Doubles was retained by Frank Thomas and Judy Crafter who took three games to beat Gordon Birch and Maureen Coe.

The Junior title went, as expected, to Ian Burrows, who beat the improving Philip Metcalfe 21-14, 22-20, while the Veterans' event was won again by Vic Chesham, who beat Peter Rumjahn in an exciting Final 8-21, 21-13, 21-13.

The Restricted Singles was won by Tom Roberts of the University, and he achieved this without conceding a game to any opponent. He defeated Mrs. Jean Reynolds, P. Lewis, R. S. Alcock and A. Ellard before meeting Mabel Francis in the Final. Mabel had a narrow win over D. Piper in round one, 17-21, 22-20, 22-20, but then had a sequence of convincing wins over B. S. Alexander, J. Entwistle and S. Harvey.

Philip Metcalfe gained an excellent if not surprising victory in the Men's Consolation Singles Final, when he beat George Smith. Philip had previously beaten Ray Lavin in the Semi-Final and had earlier accounted for J. Letch, J. Wren, K. Harrison and R. McMullen. George Smith had reached the Final via R. B. Howard, T. Roberts, K. Chambers and N. Parker.

The Women's Consolation event was won by Myra Lovelady who had victories over Mrs. J. Rumjahn, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Newell before taking on the young Marilyn Gordon in the Final. Miss Gordon had had three good wins over Barbara Topping, Mrs. Illidge and Mrs. Loughrey before losing in three hard fought games to Mrs. Lovelady.

It is interesting to note that 25 Liverpool League clubs had players participating in the Tournament, and that 15 clubs took no part whatsoever. It's a great pity that every club couldn't be represented at the Closed. It's also interesting to note that players from the Linnets club entered for a total of 46 events, which is 10 more than the next club, Rafters. A detailed analysis of the entries in this way quite clearly indicates where the keen tournament players are, and there are sufficient of these to give the Committee heart to continue with the difficult, com-

plex organisation necessary for the running of such a tournament.

In a personal letter to Jim Green, Kenny Roberts (last year's Closed Champion) sends his regards to everyone in the League and hopes that you are still enjoying yourselves at the matches. Ken is now settled in Perth (Australia) but hasn't been able to get into any table tennis circles, for it appears that the sport is not well organised in that part of the country. However, he hopes to come back, if only for a visit, at some time in the relatively near future, to look up some of his old

pals. I've no doubt that he will be more than welcome. Good luck, Ken.

Those who were at the "Closed" finals will know that John O'Sullivan took a lot of photographs, of all prize winners being presented with their prizes, and many 'action' shots of the players. Proofs of all of these are to be seen at 43-45 Lark Lane, and anyone who is interested in having some are welcome to go along to see them, but *please* don't go on Sundays. Any other time, but not a Sunday!

## THE TREASURER'S REPORTS ON THE "CLOSED"

— Don Cameron

First, a brief report on the Income and Expenditure involved :

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
1965	£	1965	£
(43) Entry Fees	48	(15) Hire of Rooms	15
(7) Receipts at Door	8	(2) Printing	5
(5) Profits on Catering	7	(6) Prizes	15
(14) Raffle profits	7	(1) Insurance	1
		(1) Balls	1
		(6) Gratuities	5
		(2) Cartage	22
		Secretarial Expenses	1
		(33) PROFIT	5
(69)	70	(69)	70

Although a number of accounts have not yet been received, these have been estimated, and the final result shows a small profit.

The heavy reduction in profit is caused by two items, Prizes and Cartage. The cost of prizes increased by £9, and cartage by £20. It must be realised that prizes cannot be obtained gratuitously for ever, and we must pay for some now and again, being extremely grateful to those who have donated so freely. Cartage expenses, unfortunately, have been much higher this year, because the tables were brought from the South of England, those based at Manchester being all engaged. But we understand that Dunlops will be keeping their tables up North next year, when obviously the cost for carting them will be drastically reduced.

Catering and Raffle profits always bring extra cash in towards the cost of running the Tournament, but I cannot emphasise too strongly that both items are due to purely volunteer labour. The Canteen, in particular, where each season Mrs. Sturgeon and Mrs. Edna Hughes labour ceaselessly (this year with more adequate help, I was pleased to see) is provided primarily as a service for the players, and *never* do either of these ladies even get the chance to watch any game before about half-way through the Finals. Backroom work indeed, for which all concerned should be more than grateful.

Flogging raffle tickets is a soul destroying business, as we all know, yet each season we find a bevy of lovelies (too numerous to mention individually, I am afraid) taking on this unenviable task. Their help is more than welcome, and they invariably make it seem almost a pleasure to part with our money.

I pay my annual tribute to the ladies undertaking both of these chores, with a most sincere "thank you!" to each and every one of them.

# Around the Divisions

## DIVISION 1.

By JIM GREEN

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
L'pool Y.M.	26	23	3	0	223
Bohemians	26	25	0	1	215
Wav. Labour	26	20	4	2	188
Rafters	26	19	5	2	170
L'pool YM 'A'	26	13	11	2	146
Linnets	26	14	10	2	144
Wav. Lab. 'A'	26	12	11	3	134
Beauclair	26	10	14	2	107
Cadwa	26	8	16	2	105
Bath St.	26	7	15	4	98
Pirates	26	7	17	2	83
Wav. Lab. 'B'	26	6	17	3	82
L.P.A.S.	26	3	23	0	66
Pirates 'A'	26	2	23	1	55

**W**ELL as expected the YMCA have again won the championship despite losing 6-4 in their final match v. Wavertree Labour. They went into that game knowing that three sets would give them the championship, but my, how they had to fight to get them! Undoubtedly the majority of the division are torn as to which team Liverpool Y.M. or Bohemians should have been at the top, for Bohs lost none and drew one, while the Y.M. lost three. However, under the system as played, the YM won it fair and square. And although many do not like this system, everyone knew what rules they were playing under when they started, so the YM have every cause to have a clear conscience. Bohemians have the consolation of having won the Cup and having beaten the Y.M. three times throughout the season. And of being comfortable runners-up. Wavertree Labour and Rafters come 3rd and fourth.

The tremendous run-in of Bath Street lifted them right out of the danger zone, and the unlucky relegation candidates are the two Pirates sides, Wavertree 'B' and LPAS. Three of these only came up this year and we can only hope that they enjoyed their stay, brief as it was, and that they gained something which will be in their favour lower down. Even now it is hard to believe that Pirates go down, but they have been playing badly all season and have to take the consequences. I rather think we shall see them back very, very soon.

Despite the loss of Harold Wilcock Cadwa have given a good account of themselves and they've every right to feel pleased since they lost so many of their stronger players just before the season. And Beauclair, on their debut, have never seemed likely to go down, for although they hovered fairly near the bottom in the first few weeks, the team of Bobby Owen, Ted Birch, Frank Murphy, Bradshaw and Rix undoubtedly had the beating of several others. The first season here is the hardest, so they may be with us for a long time to come.

There are so many score-cards still missing that it is hard to see what positions will be between the top and bottom fours. Fifth place should be decided between the YMCA 'A' and Linnets with the Labour 'A' team seventh, but who can tell without score cards?

Taken by and large it has not been a bad season. There has been more competition than usual at the top, with a few extra teams able to snip away the odd sets from the championship contenders, which opened up matters more than usual. This sort of thing is all to the good, and we can only hope that each year means a harder fight for the top spot. I have been taken to task for mentioning ill-feeling at a match. Everyone can make up their own minds on that, and further comment is unnecessary.

There is only one major event now before the close for this year—the A.G.M. and from discussions that have been going on around the League on sundry points, it seems that that night will see some of the toughest fights of the entire season. So we hope that there is a full meeting this year.

Looking around I reckon that the average age of this division has dropped drastically over the past couple of years. What players will be coming up we never know, but it is certain that the University will help to lower this average still further, for none of them are likely to be veterans. All to the good.

I hope you all enjoy our annual couple of days of summer and that we shall be seeing you again next year. All the best.

## DIVISION 2A.

By DAVID COHEN

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
<b>Bohemians 'A'</b>	24	23	0	1	214
<b>Colonsay</b> ....	24	20	3	1	176
<b>Linacre</b> ....	24	19	3	2	166
<b>Waterloo Park</b>	24	16	4	4	161
<b>Crawfords 'A'</b>	24	11	11	2	113
<b>LPAS 'A'</b> ....	24	7	13	4	112
<b>English Elec.</b>	24	8	12	4	111
<b>Sefton General</b>	24	10	12	2	101
<b>Linnet 'C'</b> ....	24	7	13	4	98
<b>Liverpool Jewish</b>	24	5	16	3	85
<b>Oakhill 'A'</b> ....	24	5	17	2	78
<b>Rafters 'A'</b> ....	24	3	17	4	75
<b>Bath St. 'A'</b> ....	24	4	17	3	70

THE close of another season finds Bohemians 'A' as runaway champions of our division. It has been only too obvious to everyone concerned that their team was far and away too strong for our other teams and that only an epidemic of broken legs could possibly prevent their swift return to the 1st division and the very fact that they were able to win the Rumjahn Cup final by a score of 9-1 is enough to show how much ahead of us they have been. There is no doubt that this team is destined for a long stay up there, unless they lose a number of players, which doesn't seem likely. We all wish them all the very best, just as we do Colonsay who came in second, and who were the runners-up in the Cup.

While Bohs had a relatively easy season, Colonsay have earned promotion by fierce competition with Linacre and Waterloo Park, and it is our sincere wish that they do well in the highest sphere of all, which they have been aiming at for a few years, right up the League. We wish them well.

Reluctantly I must bid a sorrowful farewell to Bath Street 'A' who are our sole 3rd division candidates, for with the withdrawal of Cadwa 'A' we were left with 13 teams, so from my interpretation of the rules only one of our sides is due for relegation. They have fought hard all the way but they just were unable to get those few vital extra sets which they

needed so badly. We all hope to see them again, and wish them good luck lower down.

Linacre, who are thereabouts each year again are just pipped for promotion, and with Waterloo Park have kept up the pressure right through. But after the top four the next five have a comfortable middle-of-the-table look about them, and the other four have been engaged in a relegation free for all. So it has been an interesting season, with few incidents, and much good fellowship despite truly tough scraps every week.

It is interesting to note just how much one man can influence teams positions. For instance, had Fred Pheysey not won 37 of the English Electric sets, they would have been among the relegation candidates, and the Holmes brothers of Linnets between them won 53 of the sides total 98 points. Had Harry Reeve been available throughout, Linacre could well have earned promotion for in the second half he won 23 sets from 26, and he couldn't turn out till the second half. These are only a few instances, but you will see my meaning when I say that one man can make a tremendous difference to the position of any side.

As far as score cards arrived can show the only man with a 100% League record is Robert Eden (Bohs) with 30 wins from 15 appearances. He did drop 1 in Cup matches (v. Waterloo Park) but he has given a grand performance since coming into the division.

I think it fair to say that in these days of players not turning up our division must have been one of the very best in this respect, for there have been very few occasions when any one of our sides hasn't had the full complement of players. So we can provide an example to the rest of the League. In fact I can, on behalf of everyone, to everyone, say thank you for a most enjoyable season. I can only hope that next year will prove just as good in every respect.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
University	26	21	1	4	204
Oakhill	26	21	2	3	187
Mossley Hill	26	18	5	3	177
Linnnet 'A'	26	18	6	2	164
Trinity	26	13	9	4	147
Crawfords	26	14	9	3	144
St. Edward's	26	12	9	5	134
Wav. Lab. 'C'	26	11	12	3	129
Pirates 'B'	26	11	12	3	121
L'pool YM 'B'	26	10	14	2	114
Linnnet 'B'	26	8	15	3	112
L'pool Jew. 'A'	26	3	21	2	82
Eng. Elec. 'A'	26	2	23	1	55
Bootle Y.M.	26	1	25	0	50

WITH University having disposed of any claim to their right to 1st division status very early on, the only excitement left at the top of the table was to see who would be going up with them. This distinction lay between Oakhill, who dropped out of the top sphere only last year, and Mossley Hill who have never yet been up there, and the issue was never settled until the very last match of the season—having been postponed because of the 'Closed'.

After what must have been one of the best matches of the season (at any rate the best that I saw) Oakhill won 7-3, and on paper would seem to have had an easy win. That this is far from the truth is shown by the fact that eight of the sets went to three, and the game between Bill Harris and Derek Mahon was one of the most exciting of the season. Bill had already shown that he was in remarkable form when he beat Bob Hudson with some tremendous returns from shots which seemed to have 'winner' written all over them. He was still in this form when Mahon, hitting more accurately than at any other time during the season, found his hardest kills coming back. When he eventually won 24-22 in the third, he was like a wet rag. Definitely a game to remember. So hearty congratulations to Oakhill—going back at the first time of asking.

In my last notes I was singing the praises of the redoubtable Heath

(University) who had beaten all comers. Then on 3rd March University beat Pirates 9-1. Who lost the 1? Our friend Heath, with Les Lewis coasting home comfortably 21-12 in the 3rd. Which was as good a performance by Les for a long, long time. Then, with the ice now broken, three weeks later, young Phil Metcalfe (Wav. Lab.) beat Heath again, this time in two straight! Congratulations to both Les and to young Metcalfe, also to Phil Metcalfe for his fine win over 1st division George Smith in the Consolation Singles final at the Closed. With the award of his Liverpool Junior Badge, he has indeed had a good year.

There doesn't seem to be many upsets recently, apart perhaps from St. Edward's, who lost 10-nil to Linnets 'A' and to Trinity, then with the same side beating Mossley Hill 6-4.

Bootle YM just managed to escape relegation last year by the skin of their teeth, but I am afraid that this year there will be no reprieve. Eng. Elec. 'A', who only joined us this year from div. 3B are making a hasty retreat back again, and I hope that it is not too long before we see them up here again.

It is an interesting reflection that, after the top teams had been promoted last year, the three teams next in the table are also the three top teams this session (with Oakhill thrown in from the 1st division for good measure). It might well be worth watching next year!

As this is the last "Digest" of the season I would like to add that I have really enjoyed my trips around the clubs meeting old friends and making new ones, and I hope that you have all derived as much pleasure from your table tennis as I have. I hope to see you all again next season, equally as enthusiastic, with new abilities acquired from hard practice throughout the Summer.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Colonsay 'A'	26	22	2	2	196
University 'A'	26	20	4	2	188
Bohemians 'B'	26	18	4	4	184
Stanley House	26	18	5	3	172
Crawfords 'B'	26	15	7	4	150
Wav. Lab. 'D'	26	11	11	4	127
Pirates 'C'	26	11	13	2	120
Beauclair 'B'	26	8	14	4	113
Eng. Elec. 'B'	26	9	15	2	110
Vagabonds	26	10	15	1	105
St. Mary's Coll.	26	6	14	6	99
Oakhill 'B'	26	6	17	3	96
L.Y.C.A.	26	3	21	2	84
L'pool Jew. 'B'	26	3	18	5	76

**C**OLONSAY 'A' have proved themselves our team of the season, worthy champions and Hyde Cup winners. Their five selected players have turned out most regularly, and between them they have missed only six games throughout the season. Les French has played a real Captain's part, winning 42 sets, and not missing a match, and he is followed by John Leeson and Arthur Lampkin with 37 sets,—Humphries 35,—and Ron Evans 34.

University have been excellent challengers. Once again Captain Roberts has shown the way, playing in every match and winning 39 sets. He was well supported by Jones with 31 sets. Bohemians also fought every inch of the way, John Dalton leading the way with 37 wins (another Captain) and Davies, Murgatroyd and Stirzaker each came along notching over 30 wins.

A few facts and figures from the rest—minus a few score cards not yet received (?): Beauclair called

on 10 players. Maureen Coe won 24 sets, and John McKim played in 26 games. LYCA (8 players), Coulson and Carter each 25 sets; Carter and Hughes each 26 games. Crawfords (12) Harvey 32 sets; Conlan 26 games. Liverpool Jewish (10) Taylor 18 wins, Davies 25 appearances. Pirates (11) Tyler 33 sets with Tyler and Eric Dorfman each 24 games. Wav' Lab. (11) K. Jones 21 wins, Jones and N. Burrows 20 matches. English Electric (15) Lambert and Burness 24 wins and Lambert and Black 26 games. St. Mary's (7) Eddy 23 sets, Delamere A. 26 matches. Stanley House (9) Lyn 38 wins, Harding 26 games. Vagabonds (10) D. Ridgway 27 sets and Storey 26 games. Oakhill (11) Charnock 28 wins. Eaton and McCracken 26 matches.

To finish off an excellent season Tom Roberts (University) won the Restricted Singles at the 'Closed'. There was plenty of good competition, glamour abounded in plentiful supply with Barbara Topping and Maureen Coe two amongst many. (Let's solve the Ladies' problems by putting them all into 3A?). Veterans like Moon, Harvey, Rooney, Siddal, etc., all winning more than they lose, and a crop of budding 'prospects' like Murgatroyd and Davies (with Liverpool Junior badges) Krikorian, James and Little. The boys who do the work like Harding, Dalton and Eaton.

These are a few names that come to mind, but there are many more who have helped to make this an enjoyable and successful season. Thank you all!

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