



The Wirral Horn

NEWSLETTER OF THE WIRRAL TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

Editor :- Stan Wilkinson

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WIRRAL TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

FINALS

Held at Arrowe Park League Headquarters Thursday 4th. March 1993

1. Junior Boys S.	DEAN APPLETON	from	Gary Thornton - Allen	12. 13.
2. Junior Girls S.	CLARE NEWNS	-	Alice Howard	14. 11.
3. Mixed Dbls	CERI TIERNEY MICK TIERNEY	-	Phil Luxon Denise Conroy	16. 11.
4. Vets over 40	PHIL LUXON	-	Roy Smith	20. 19.
5. Ladies Dbls	SHARON NORMAN CERI TIERNEY	-	Denise Conroy Clare Newns	22. 15.
6. Mens Dbls	ROB BEVAN BERNIE WENTWORTH	-	Andy Taylor John Hardy	14. 14.
7. Ladies S.	DENISE CONROY	-	Sharon Norman	17. 17.
8. Mens S.	ROB BEVAN	-	Bernie Wentworth	21. 18.

Results of other finals:-

Cadet boys & girls singles	C Dunne beat Alice Howard	-19,21,16
Over 50's singles	G Exell beat R Hawkins	9,10
Over 60's singles	R Hawkins beat J Clewitt	-12,19,18
Division 3 singles	P Walsh(Jnr) beat Susi Sorrentino	21,-12,16
Division 2 singles	Clare Newns beat J Appleton	18,-16,18
Division 4 singles	C Dunne beat A Howard	15,15

The evening I felt was a great success nearly a full house of spectators gave the event the needed atmosphere, This must be repeated at future tournaments, again thanks to the organisers for their efforts to make it such a pleasant evening.

PLEASE NOTE the coaching course will be held on week-end 15/16th May see following article.

CONGRATULATIONS To Bob Hawkins on passing his County Umpires 'exam'.

We are still looking for a League 'Press Officer' duties include informing media of activities within the league, looking for sponsorship, generally beating the league drum where it will be heard- any offers.

E) SEASON 1992/93 LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE LEAGUE TABLES AT 15th FEBRUARY 1993

DIV. 2N

L Manchester 'A'	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Wirral	4	3	0	1	30	10	6
D Burnley	4	2	0	2	24	16	4
Barrow	3	1	1	1	13	17	3
Elles. Port	3	0	1	2	9	21	1
Lancs. & More	4	0	1	3	7	33	1

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a DIV. 3S

R Bury 'A'	5	3	2	0	37	13	8
W Rochdale 'A'	6	4	0	2	37	23	8
R Blackpool 'A'	5	3	2	0	35	15	8
R Sal.&F'worth 'A'	5	3	1	1	35	15	7
t Tameside	5	2	2	1	27	23	6
t Southport 'A'	5	2	0	3	15	35	4
t Wirral 'A'	5	1	1	3	16	34	3
S Mid. Ches. 'A'	4	0	2	2	11	29	2
P Man. Banks 'A'	5	0	0	5	13	37	0

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JNR. 1

(St. Helens	5	5	0	0	43	7	10
Blackpool	4	2	0	2	17	23	4
(Oldham	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
Halton	2	1	1	0	12	8	3
(Barrow	3	1	0	2	15	15	2
Wirral	3	0	0	3	5	25	0
(Bolton	2	0	0	2	4	16	0

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JNR. 2A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
(Preston	5	5	0	0	47	3	10
Barrow 'A'	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Burnley	5	3	0	2	29	21	6
Wirral 'A'	5	2	0	3	21	29	4
T St. Helens 'A'	4	2	0	2	16	24	4
f Oldham 'A'	4	1	0	3	14	26	2
Sal. & F'worth	5	1	0	4	11	39	2
Southport.	4	0	1	3	15	25	1

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Southport	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Blackpool	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Macclesfield	3	1	0	2	18	12	2
Wirral	2	1	0	1	13	7	2
Elles. Port	2	1	0	1	6	14	2
Preston 'A'	3	0	0	3	3	27	0

VETS. 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Oldham 'A'	6	5	1	0	40	20	11
Wirral	5	4	1	0	33	17	9
Oldham 'B'	5	3	1	1	26	24	7
Halton 'A'	6	2	1	3	29	31	5
Rochdale 'A'	5	2	1	2	28	32	5
Blackpool	6	1	2	3	28	32	4
Wigan	6	0	2	4	23	37	2
Sal.&F'worth 'A'	5	0	1	4	13	37	1

VETS. 4

Lancs. & More.	7	4	2	1	46	24	10
Southport	6	5	0	1	45	15	10
Blackburn	4	4	0	0	31	9	8
Barrow	6	3	1	2	25	35	7
Manchester 'A'	5	2	1	2	24	26	5
Wigan 'A'	6	2	0	4	20	40	4
Oldham 'C'	5	1	1	3	19	31	3
Rochdale 'B'	6	0	2	4	23	37	2
Wirral 'A'	5	0	1	4	17	33	1

VETS. 5

Southport 'A'	6	5	0	1	44	16	10
Hyndburn	5	4	0	1	41	9	8
Mid. Ches.	5	4	0	1	36	14	8
Preston 'A'	5	4	0	1	35	15	8
Wirral 'B'	6	3	0	3	23	37	6
Lancs./More 'B'	6	2	1	3	28	32	5
Oldham 'D'	6	1	1	4	19	41	3
L.B.H. 'A'	6	1	0	5	19	41	2
Lancs./More 'A'	5	0	0	5	5	45	0

I did hear it mentioned on finals night - the fact that our 'old' friend Gordon Exell repeated a former success in winning the over 50 vets event - he won the first Junior event 40 years ago when the Wirral League was formed - he has ,of course won a few events in between as well !

COACHING COURSE.

Due to lack of support and the particular weekend not being suitable to some of the interested people we had to postpone the planned weekend, The course will now be held on one of the following weekends May 8/9th 15/16th or 29/30th and is open to teachers, youth leaders, parents, sport centre staff as well as league players, with the main aim to place more coaches in schools, I have achieved a small ammount of success within the area at present, and other doors could well be open to coaches in the future.

The course fee is £12-00 which is a reduced rate but also all applicants have to register with the ETTA as a student coach either at level 1 teaching sports leader award Reg Fee £12-00 or level 2 asst coach award Reg Fee £24-00, all applicants must be 16yrs of age or older, I will be very pleased to hear from any interested person and answer any Questions you may have Les Jones 638-8868

Focus Sport Table Tennis

The North West Council for sport and recreation (NWCSR) intend to focus on Table Tennis for the next 3yrs until 1996 and have produced a very comprehensive development plan, They have fully looked at the present day position of the sport, and the decline of T/T in the North West ie loss of works teams, clubs, other facilities, plus local league T/T, Within the future objectives, local leagues will receive backing to encourage and stimulate a far greater community participation of which all Wirral T/T league would I am sure be in accord with.

Wirral committee have for some time been very concerned about the decline of league T/T in the area even before we had knowledge of the above plan,

The committee decided to make some promotional attempt to encourage new clubs and extra membership to existing clubs in an attempt to enlarge the league and return to the days of 6/7 divs.

In an attempt to encourage new clubs for season 1993/94 the league are to offer a very reduced registration fee for one season only. To publicise in all the local media all aspects of Wirral T/T make contact with all possible clubs Tennis, Youth, Social and other organisations, arrange visits to prospective new clubs to help and advise, we can also now offer the use of the very improved H/Q which we hope with the planned kitchen and shower changing area to be improved soon can then be upgraded to League Training centre, with New Ferry Village Hall upgraded to Regional Training centre.

All the above needs to be well planned and acted upon, and we very much require all the help we can get. I feel sure that other people will have ideas, contacts, points that I, and the committee have missed, can you provide any input or better still would like to take an active part. Ask your teammates, discuss the proposals we will be delighted to hear from you with any advice, suggestions and better still your help.

COACHING SCENE.

Coaching on Wirral has always been open to all age groups, and over the past 12mths it has been very pleasing to see a growing number of older players coming along, who not only seem to enjoy themselves but help a lot with the junior players. I feel the standard of Wirral junior T/T continues to grow, and from a coaching aspect we are in a healthy position (never forgetting we can always improve). I would like to thank all of you who help so much in all aspects, too many to name all of you but a very big thank you to you.

Apart from local town matches our juniors who are a very young squad, and seem to be getting younger, play in tournaments all over the country, also providing most players in the two Cheshire teams, and apart from a odd moment at times are very much a credit to Wirral and all the hard work you put in on their behalf.

WE would welcome any help from older, better players at the two main coaching sessions each week Sun at New Ferry Village Hall 9-45am-12-30pm and Mosslands school Tue's 7-15pm-10-00 except school holidays

HALEX UNDER 11yrs ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIP.

Three juniors took part in the above championship Terrie Anne Nolan, Chris Dunne and Jeff Harris all three played very well but the lads could not sustain the excellent standard they produced in the morning throughout the afternoon Jeff who did very well to reach the last 16 Chris just got beat 21-19 in the Q/F, Terrie Anne was very upset to fall foul of two reversed decisions by the umpire after the other girls mother interceded from outside the court, at that time it was 19all in the third game and the umpire complemented Terrie Anne on a very good shot, this was very wrong and in my opinion prevented Terrie Anne going through to the Final rounds of the compition proper, she then went on to win the consolation tournament to make up a little bit for her disappointment, the above are looking forward to the under 12yrs championship in May when they will be joined by Rebecca Nolan and Alice Howard.

ESSEX 2 STAR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Congratulations to Dean Appleton our only entrant in the above event, coming runner up in the 2nd class event.

WIRRAL CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP.

Sunday Feb 28th 1993 saw the above main events played to a conclusion of the S/F for only the second time in the leagues history, with the finals to be staged at league H/Q Arrowe Park Thur 4th March. The event held at New Ferry village hall, while not to every ones liking is a much better financial option than any other sport centre. Despite the above the tournament was a success with players enjoying same and producing some very good T/T, it is just a pity that a small number, who are mostly the same players every year do not appreciate the large ammount of very hard work by a small band of workers, some of whom are not even league members, can I please point out to you that it took this band of workers on Saturday to set the hall up they then started on Sunday at 8am to ensure that the event would run smoothly, yet right from the start of the men's event, time and time again when this group of older more experienced players when called to tables refused to do so right away (you have to go to your table right away at a open tournament with 2min's allowed to knock up or be scratched) due to this we calculated the event took up to 1-1½hrs longer to complete, which I can tell you does not go down well with the people who then see these very same players leave without a word of thanks or offer of any help to clear up after them. Most player's do appreciate the work and thank the people concerned, but the few can spoil it for all concerned.

On behalf of the league can I thank Pat Newns, Sandra Tierney and Shirley Jones not league members and unpaid, for all the hard work in the kitchen, catering to all our needs and to raise funds for the league H/Q thank you very much and thanks to others who helped at times.

WIRRAL TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE TABLES

27/02/93

DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	POINTS	DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	POINTS
NBCC 1	10	10	0	0	93	Alderley 2	15	14	1	0	123
GRPCC 1	12	8	2	2	84	GRPCC 2	15	13	1	1	111
Civic 1	12	8	3	1	81	Pinewood 1	15	10	1	4	94
Alderley 1	13	10	0	3	77	Upton CC	14	9	1	4	79
NBCC 3	14	3	1	10	58	NBCC 4	16	6	4	6	79
Caldy 1	11	4	3	4	56	Pinewood 2	14	8	1	5	74
NBCC 2	12	4	4	4	54	NALGO 1	15	5	2	8	70
Caldy 2	12	1	2	9	36	Phoenix 1	14	5	3	6	65
Civic 2	11	3	0	8	35	Neston 1	15	4	2	9	62
Civic 3	13	1	1	11	26	Eng Mart 1	15	2	1	12	48
						Caldy 3	14	1	4	9	47
						Phoenix 2	14	0	1	13	28
DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	POINTS	DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	POINTS
GRPCC 3	15	14	1	0	115	GRPCC 4	12	12	0	0	107
WRUFC	15	10	1	4	99	GRPCC 5	11	9	0	2	88
W Spartans	15	11	1	3	98	NBCC 5	12	5	1	6	53
Eng Mart 3	15	4	6	5	74	GRPCC 6	12	3	2	7	44
NCLTC	14	7	2	5	70	GRPCC 7	12	2	1	9	34
ESWA	13	4	3	6	61	Caldy 5	11	2	0	9	24
E Mart 2	14	5	3	6	58						
NALGO 2	14	3	3	8	57						
Caldy 4	13	4	1	8	56						
Neston 2	14	0	3	11	43						
Civic 4	12	2	2	8	39						

BILL LOWE SHIELD 1992/93

To be played w/c 22/3/93 or sooner

Civic 4

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GRPCC 4 receive 4 start each game

GRPCC 5 receive 4 start each game

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NALGO 2

RAFA cup

Semi Final

Before 14-3-93

NBCC 4

NALGO 1

1993 Lonsdale Cup

Semi Final

Before 21-3-93

Nalگو 1

Civic 1

GRPCC 2

Phoenix 1

Alderley 1

NBCC 1

Sorry to hear that our friend Bill Blundell has had a stroke, and at the time of writing is in Clatterbridge, I have conveyed the best wishes of his many friends in the league to him, get well soon.

LIST OF APPROVED ADHESIVES under REGULATION R

Date: 5th January 1993

Any adhesive which is NOT on the list below or any solvent contained in an adhesive which is NOT on the list is a "Banned Adhesive" for the purposes of Regulation R.

WARNING: This list shows which adhesives it is permissible to use for fastening racket covering to racket blade. However, all wet glues contain solvents and the inclusion of an adhesive in this list must not be taken as an assurance by the ETTA that the substance is not harmful, although it is considered that risk to health is negligible if usage is only on an occasional basis. Players are strongly advised always to follow the manufacturer's recommended safety precautions where available.

- (1) Butterfly double sided adhesive film
- (2) Scholer+Micke double sided adhesive film
- (3) Butterfly Chack - normal glue
- (4) Joola rubber gum
- (5) Scholer+Micke - normal glue
- (6) TSP rubber cement
- (7) Kienzle Victoria - normal glue

The above list will be subject to change as either more medical evidence is furnished or manufacturers increase the number of normal glues on the market



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Two important dates for your diary -

This years ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to be held at HQ.

Arrowe Park on MONDAY 24th. May 1993 at 7.30 pm.

The presence of one member from each club is obligatory more would be welcome, The penalty for non-attendance is £5.

The Annual Presentation Dance will be held, as has become usual, at the R.A.F.A. Club, Alton Rd, Birkenhead on Friday 18th. June 1993 7.30 - Mid-night, Tickets will be available at the A.G.M or from Committee members,

Sorry to report that Bill Blundell is still very ill in Clatterbridge, I'm sure we all wish him well.

UNDER 12yrs ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Rebecca Nolan, Terrie Anne Nolan, Alice Howard, Jeff Harris and Chris Dunne all take part in the above at Milton Keynes Sat 3rd April. Alice should reach the semi final, but will need to play very well to win the title. Chris could also figure in the final stages, but will have to be on his very best form to better his q/final place at the under 11yrs championship. Most improved player Jeff is the dark horse to come through to the competition proper. Both Rebecca and Terrie Anne will have to of played at their very best in order to make their mark and improve their ranking position, we hope you all do well

WIRRAL PLAYERS CURRENT ENGLISH RANKINGS.

Under 12yrs Boys.

Chris Dunne 20 Jeff Harris 33

Under 12yrs Girls.

Alice Howard 3 Rebecca Nolan 16

Under 14yrs Cadet boys.

Chris Dunne 98

Under 14yrs Cadet girls.

Alice Howard 14 Rebecca Nolan 77

Under 17yrs Junior boys.

Dean Appleton 46 Garry Thornton-Allen 57 John Goodall 64

Under 17yrs Junior girls.

Clare Newns 18 Emma Fletcher 28 Alice Howard 57

Under 21yrs Ladies.

Clare Newns 44

Senior Men Malcom McAvoy 153

Senior Ladies.

Denise Conroy 131 Clare Newns 142 Emma Fletcher 190

Vetran Men.

Dave Roberts 73 Alan Timewell 76 Phil Luxon 109

Congratulations to Alice Howard on her invitation to join the cadet England squad training.

SCHOOL COACHING.

It is very pleasing to report that coaching will take place after Easter at a further two schools Devenshire Park jnr and St Saviours Oxtun to add to Pensby jnr boys, Grove St jnr New Ferry, Prenton jnr and Mosslands lwr/snr with approx 90-100 children aged 8-16yrs taking part each week, this is by far the most schools coaching ever to take place in Wirral, all part of after school activities, but our aim is to make coaching part of the curriculum in future. WE have first to prove ourselves and provide the right back up within the league structure.

COACHES COURSE.

There are still places available on the course for sports leaders, school teachers and assistant coaches, to be held at New Ferry village hall New Ferry Sat/Sun 15/16 May 9am-5pm each day course registration fee £12-00 plus ETTA coach reg fee level 1 sports leader/school teacher. Level 2 Asst coach £24-00

As can be seen from the prev schools news we continue to make big strides in this area and I only see an increase in the need for coaching and coaches at all levels, if you feel in any way interested please give me a ring I will be glad to have a chat with you.

All details and application forms from E L Jones 638-8868.

CHESHIRE JUNIORS AIM FOR TOP

This weekend see's Cheshire junior 1st team play their last three county matches 1 on Sat and 2 on Sun needing to win 2 out of 3 to gain promotion to the premiere div for the first time in the juniors history, well done to all the team and our own juniors who have helped to achieve this position, by the time we read this lets hope you have been successful.

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20/03/93

DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	POINTS
NBCC 1	13	13	0	0	117
GRPCC 1	14	9	2	3	97
Civic 1	14	9	3	2	92
Alderley 1	15	11	1	3	88
Caldy 1	14	6	4	4	77
NBCC 3	15	3	2	10	63
NBCC 2	12	4	4	4	54
Civic 2	14	3	0	11	41
Caldy 2	14	1	3	10	41
Civic 3	15	1	1	13	30

DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	POINTS
Alderley 2	18	14	1	1	146
GRPCC 2	19	17	1	1	142
Pinewood 1	18	12	1	5	113
Upton CC	18	11	1	6	99
Pinewood 2	17	9	2	6	90
NBCC 4	17	7	4	6	85
Phoenix 1	17	7	3	7	81
NALGO 1	17	6	2	9	78
Neston 1	16	4	2	10	65
Caldy 3	18	3	4	11	65
Eng Mart 1	18	2	2	14	60
Phoenix 2	19	0	1	18	36

DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	POINTS
GRPCC 3	17	16	1	0	130
W Spartans	18	13	1	4	120
WRUFC	17	11	2	4	113
NCLTC	17	7	2	8	77
Eng Mart 3	16	5	6	5	77
ESWA	15	5	4	6	74
Caldy 4	15	5	2	8	69
Civic 4	16	3	3	10	61
E Mart 2	16	5	3	8	59
NALGO 2	15	3	3	9	59
Neston 2	16	1	3	12	51

DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	POINTS
GRPCC 4	15	14	1	0	132
GRPCC 5	14	11	1	2	112
NBCC 5	14	6	1	7	61
GRPCC 6	15	4	3	8	59
GRPCC 7	14	2	2	10	40
Caldy 5	14	2	0	12	26

R.A.F.A. Final GRPCC 2 v NBCC 4

LONSDALE - CIVIC v NBCC

HEPPLE - PINWOOD v CIVIC A

An appeal from the coaches - Has anybody any spare bats that would be suitable for the youngsters to start on please contact Les Jones or any Committee member - thanks.