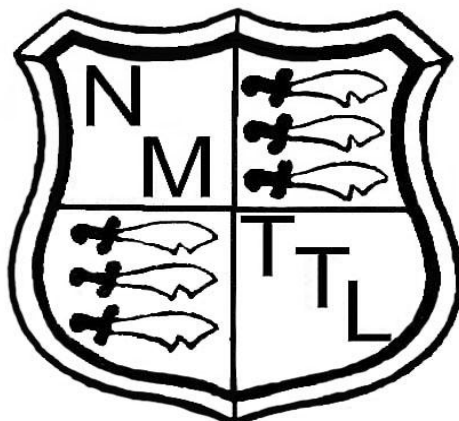


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PREMIER DIVISION REPORT

Divisional Secretary: Gordon Greenfield

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	F	A	PTS.
1	MAYFIELD 1	9	9	0	72	9	81
2	HEATHCOTE 1	9	7	2	60	21	67
3	ELLENBOROUGH 1	9	7	2	56	25	63
4	MAYFIELD 2	9	5	4	41	40	46
5	WOODFORD WELLS 1	9	5	4	32	49	37
6	BOUNDS GREEN 1	9	3	6	29	52	32
7	MAYFIELD 3	9	3	6	29	52	32
8	ELLENBOROUGH 2	9	2	7	29	52	31
9	WOODSIDE PARK 1	8	2	6	28	44	30
10	TOTTENHAM 1	8	1	7	20	52	21

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

PLAYER	TEAM	PL.	W	L	%
Romayne Stewart	Mayfield 1	24	24	0	100.00
Andrei Lapo	Ellenborough 1	21	20	1	95.24
Sal Ahmed	Heathcote 1	15	13	2	86.67
Remy De Lynon	Mayfield 1	21	18	3	85.71
Jonathan Proffitt	Mayfield 2	18	15	3	83.33
Laikram Persaud	Heathcote 1	21	17	4	80.95
David Page	Woodford Wells 1	20	16	4	80.00
Semi Idowu	Ellenborough 1	24	18	6	75.00
Rhyan Nelson	Heathcote 1	15	11	4	73.33
Mike Wood	Heathcote 1	15	11	4	73.33

Having expected another right royal battle this season between Ellenborough's and Tottenham's best, I was a bit disappointed to note that the teams have split up and gone to other clubs. The emergence of Heathcote as a force in their first season back in the league was a surprise until I saw that two of their players were in the winning Tottenham side last season. Ellenborough 1 are missing John Lennon this season which has probably made a difference too.

So, it seems that Mayfield 1's hot shots are taking advantage and are the team to beat this season. Not only are they undefeated, they are averaging 8-1 victories. So, who are up to beat them?

Also, I am sad to see that both Digger Lamprell and Jack Bender are not playing in the Premier Division this season. I have been in the league myself for over 50 years and cannot remember a time when they were out of the division (except when Jack was touring with the Harlem Globetrotters). Is this the end of an era? I fear so. They and their past team colleague Jonathan Profitt have moved from Ellenborough to Mayfield. This season has seen quite a shuffle of players around the clubs.

As to performances, only Romaine Stewart from Mayfield 1 has maintained a 100% record although that almost went with Romaine beating Sanga Quamina from Heathcote 1, 12-10 in the 5th.

Thanks for your co-operation on sending the scorecards quickly. Often, they are sent immediately the match is over and the league table is updated before you get home. I do like to keep the web site updated as quickly as possible because I am aware of the interest that many of you show in the stats and tables. Only one match is outstanding, and Woodside Park and Tottenham 2 will play on January 9th.

So, seasonal greetings from me; I trust that you will all enjoy the rest of the season. I'll see you at the end.

DIVISION 2 REPORT

Divisional Secretary: Michael Miller

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	F	A	PTS.
1	MAYFIELD 4	8	7	1	51	21	58
2	WINCHMORE HILL 1	8	7	1	50	22	57
3	TOTTENHAM 2	8	6	2	38	34	44
4	ELLENBOROUGH 3	8	5	3	38	34	43
5	ELLENBOROUGH 4	8	2	6	35	37	37
6	MAYFIELD 5	8	3	5	35	37	38
7	HEATHCOTE 2	8	3	5	30	42	33
8	MAYFIELD 6	8	2	6	30	42	32
9	COOLHURST 1	8	1	7	20	52	21

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

PLAYER	TEAM	PL.	W	L	%
Bruce Yang	Ellenborough 3	15	15	0	100.00
Madu Ezedinma	Tottenham 2	15	14	1	93.33
Tumay Ekrem	Ellenborough 3	15	14	1	93.33
Jeremy Clarke-Williams	Ellenborough 4	12	11	1	91.67
Mark Barrell	Winchmore Hill 1	18	15	3	83.33
Mitesh Danani	Mayfield 4	21	16	5	76.19
Dave Middleton	Mayfield 4	12	9	3	75.00
Jack Bender	Mayfield 4	18	13	5	72.22
Richard Vowles	Mayfield 5	21	15	6	71.43
Fred Burdett	Winchmore Hill 1	20	13	7	65.00

Well that's the end of the first half of the season and I have to say it was pretty smooth this year, no hitches or dramas and all your cards and results were on time so it has been a pleasure. I hope you have all had a good break over the last few weeks and are itching to start the next half of the season.

On to the table, yet again we seemingly have a two horse race. Mayfield 4 and Winchmore Hill 1 are trading blow for blow and are 13 points clear of Tottenham 2 in third place. Analysing their results Mayfield 4 tend to have a few domineering wins, 9 – 0 and 8 -1 and then some tough close games resulting in a 5 – 4 win. Winchmore Hill 1 seem to be more consistent and pull in average results at 6 - 3 and 7 – 2. Both teams have only lost 1 game and crucially Winchmore Hill 1 lost to Mayfield 4 6 – 3. Looking at the averages Mayfield 4's main 3 players are all hovering around the 75% mark. For Winchmore Hill 1 they have Mark Barrell who is clearly performing better than his teammates as he is on 83.33% and the other two are around 65%. If the second half of the season continues like this and the teams remain just as close it may all come down to their last game of the season against each other, who will come out on top?

Tottenham 2 and Ellenborough 3 are the teams chasing down the leaders and have pulled a slight gap of 6 points over the remaining teams. I am not sure whether they will be able to catch up, they will need some pretty spectacular results but stranger things have happened.

Just 5 points separate the next 4 teams so there is everything to still to play for. These teams all seem evenly matched so I am sure they will all be fighting hard to get the results they want.

Finally, we have Coolhurst 1 sitting at the bottom of the table. I am not sure whether the team has just had a run of bad luck or whether they truly are outclassed this season? They certainly don't seem to be getting the results I would expect of them. Maybe their luck will change in the second half of the season, we can only wait to find out.

Thanks once again for all your prompt results and I look forward to seeing how the season progresses.

Good luck everyone.

Michael Miller

A TRIBUTE TO DEREK SOMERS (1927-2017)

Many of our long-standing players will remember Derek, who passed away in September 2017, just five days after his 90th birthday.

Derek was born in White Hart Lane and, not surprisingly, was an avid Spurs fan. Derek married in 1952, was happily married for nearly 60 years and had two sons, Perry and Shaw.

Derek was an accomplished table tennis player and very awkward opponent to play against. He became a North Middlesex champion and played for Edmonton Table Tennis Club. His son Perry also became a very good player.

Contributions to the Journal are always welcomed and will be included if space permits and if they are considered suitable.

Just email them to: webnorthmid@gmail.com or post to my address as per the handbook and the contacts list on our website.

Thank you

Peter Bayman, Press & Publicity Officer

DIVISION 3 REPORT

Divisional Secretary: John DeWitt

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	F	A	PTS.
1	WINCHMORE HILL 2	9	7	2	54	27	61
2	POTTERS BAR Fr. Ch. 1	9	7	2	52	29	59
3	TOTTENHAM 4	9	8	1	48	33	56
4	TOTTENHAM 3	9	5	4	42	39	47
5	ELLENBOROUGH 5	8	4	4	41	31	45
6	MAYFIELD 7	9	5	4	38	43	43
7	WINCHMORE HILL 3	9	2	7	35	46	37
8	BOUNDS GREEN 2	8	3	5	33	39	36
9	S'GATE COMPTON 1	9	3	6	30	51	33
10	SPS 1	9	0	9	23	58	23

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

PLAYER	TEAM	PL.	W	L	%
Kunle Odetoyinbo	Winchmore Hill 2	26	24	2	92.31
Colin Ford	Potters Bar Free Church 1	18	16	2	88.89
Andrew Boast	Potters Bar Free Church 1	15	13	2	86.67
Elman Rustmov	Ellenborough 5	18	15	3	83.33
Thanos Morphitis	Ellenborough 5	12	10	2	83.33
Joel Wallen	Tottenham 4	23	19	4	82.61
Liv Thomas	Winchmore Hill 2	17	14	3	82.35
Emenike Mgbemena	Tottenham 4	14	10	4	71.43
Reg Cheek	Potters Bar Free Church 1	21	14	7	66.67
Steve Cumberbatch	Ellenborough 5	21	14	7	66.67

No report had been received at the time of publication but, as can be seen from the table, there is everything still to play for in this division, with perhaps five or six teams having a chance of coming top and none of the others totally safe from relegation.

The top place in the averages is also up for grabs, with the top five all having lost only two or three sets each. The head-to-head matches between these players in the second half will should sort things out!

If we receive a full report later, it will be inserted into an updated online version of the Journal (Ed.)

DIVISION 4 REPORT

Divisional Secretary: Joan Bayman

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	F	A	PTS.
1	BUSH HILL PARK 1	8	8	0	59	13	67
2	SPS 2	8	6	2	50	22	56
3	ELLENBOROUGH 7	8	4	4	42	30	46
4	ELLENBOROUGH 6	8	5	3	36	36	41
5	MAYFIELD 8	8	4	4	35	37	39
6	TOTTENHAM 5	8	4	4	30	42	34
7	WINCHMORE HILL 4	7	3	4	25	38	28
8	SPS 3	7	1	6	21	42	22
9	WINCHMORE HILL 5	8	0	8	17	55	17

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

PLAYER	TEAM	PL.	W	L	%
Steve May	Bush Hill Park 1	24	23	1	95.83
Jonathan Barron	SPS 2	18	17	1	94.44
Geoff Woodend	Bush Hill Park 1	24	22	2	91.67
Steve Harris	Ellenborough 7	12	11	1	91.67
Brian Price	Winchmore Hill 4	18	16	2	88.89
Ron Smith	Ellenborough 7	15	12	3	80.00
Charlie Izatt	Ellenborough 7	12	9	3	75.00
Nigel Kingsley	SPS 2	12	9	3	75.00
Rhian Gainsborough	Tottenham 5	21	15	6	71.43
Ashley Smokler	SPS 2	24	17	7	70.83

We have reached the end of the half way stage for season 2017-18 and find Bush Hill Park leading on 67 points. They were relegated from Division 3 last season but have stormed ahead in Division 4 with 3 players in the table of averages of over 90%: Ron Sear, Stephen May and Geoff Woodend. Following them with 11 points behind is the SPS2 team with averages between 94 – 50%. In third place, and 10 points behind, is Ellenborough 7 with players averaging 92 – 67%.

There is just one match outstanding due to the bad weather conditions on 11th December - Winchmore Hill 4 v SPS3 - but the outcome of this match should not show a great change in the table positions.

On the evening of 4th December, Paul Kail (Ellenborough 6) was on top form as he took away Geoff Woodend's 100% in 5 games (Paul's average is now 17%). Encouraged by this, Jim Litherland then went on to beat Geoff in 3 games. Needless to say, Geoff did not have a good night! Well done Paul and Jim.

The youngest player in the league, Kyle Kam of Ellenborough 7, has played well and won a few games but not sets. He looks very promising and is one to watch in the future.

Well done to those players who turned out for all the matches so far (24 sets) Stephen May; Geoff Woodend and Ashley Smokler. Rhian Gainsborough (Tottenham) and Dom Philp (WH5) should also get a mention as they played 21 sets.

Have a happy New Year.

Joan Bayman

Handicap Cup Reports, Tables and Matches

Results from second group stage:

Group 1: Tottenham 2 beat SPS 2, 5-4: Madu Ezedinma, Medo Mohahed and Robin Smythe squeezed home against Jon Barron, Anthony Marsh and Ashley Smokler winning the 9th set 21-18 in the decider. Ellenborough 6 beat Mayfield 7, 8-1: James Litherland, Rosetta Delisle and Paul Kail found their handicap just gave them enough to win.

Group 2: Ellenborough 7 beat Mayfield 5, 6-3: Steve Harris, George Cameron and Sureyya Aydin took advantage of their handicap against Tony Woo, Richard Vowels and Vivek Shah but three sets went to 3. SPS 1 beat Winchmore Hill 2, 8-1: Paul Cooper, Jacob Barron and Gordon Greenfield were just too strong for Paul Cooper, Kunle Odet and Allam, but 4 sets went to three.

Group 3: Bush Hill Park 1 beat Winchmore Hill 1, 6-3: Geoff Woodend, Steve May and Ron Sear were very happy with their handicap against Mike Lynch, Mark Barrell and Fred Burdett. However 7 sets went to 3 and there were three 21-20s. Mayfield 6 beat Tottenham 5, 9-0: Chris Callan, Adonis Gavrielides and Lester Courtinho, were too strong for Mauricio Nunez, Carl Cato and Jenny Barton. Only one set went to 3.

Group 4: Southgate Compton 1 beat Bounds Green 1, 8-1: John Ginn, John Jones and Martin Kole took full advantage of their handicap against Ben Link, Alan Lipton and Simon Jameson. Ellenborough 4 beat Winchmore Hill 4, 7-2: Abdul Olagboyega, Peter Bayman and Gill Toubas had too much power to beat Alex Holly, Brian Price and Joe Wilkinson. 4 sets did go to 3.

Group 5: Ellenborough 2 beat Tottenham 4, 5-4: This was a cracking match. Hari Vennapusa, Alan Pearce and John Barnes were 3-4 down against Joel Wallen, Derek Chung and Dennis Tossell, but won the 8th set in 3 and the last doubles 21-20 in the second to maintain their 100% in the cup. 8 Heathcote 2 beat Mayfield 8, 6-3: Shahid Mahmood, Ajit Rehal and Enis Uzguner only just got back the handicap given to Ross McCleary, Tony Watts and Paul Arnold. Six sets went to 21-20 and three of those were in the last doubles.

Group 6: Tottenham 3 beat SPS 3, 8-1: John de Witt, Jethro Denahy and Amin Saibi were too strong for Steve Helman, David Cooper and Phillip Bennett despite sizeable handicaps. There were four 21-20s. Mayfield 1 beat Winchmore Hill 3, 8-1: The mighty Remy De Lynen, Jai Ghazi-Timms and Alan Holloway were just too strong against Kam Wahab, Jack Henson and Colin Bateman. There were only two 21-20s, but a lot of 21-18/19s.

Group 7: Heathcote 1 beat Mayfield 4, 7-2: Another premier team wins again. Sal Ahmed, Laikram Persuad and Mike Wood had too many good shots against Richard Graneau, Dave Middleton and Mitesh Dhanani. It was 2-2 at one stage, before Heathcote took control. Ellenborough 5 beat Winchmore Hill 5, 7-2: Steven Cumberbatch, Elman Rustamov and Soodabeth Yazdani easily overcame the handicap they faced against Winchmore Hill 5. Only one game went to 21-20.

Tables after second group stage:

	Group 1	Played	Won	For
1	Tottenham 2	2	2	11
2	Ellenborough 6	2	1	11
3	Mayfield 7	2	1	9
4	SPS 2	2	0	5

	Group 2	Played	Won	For
1	SPS 1	2	2	14
2	Winchmore Hill 2	2	1	10
3	Ellenborough 7	2	1	6
4	Mayfield 5	2	0	6

	Group 3	Played	Won	For
1	Mayfield 6	2	2	15
2	Bush Hill Park 1	2	2	11
3	Winchmore Hill 1	2	0	6
4	Tottenham 5	2	0	4

	Group 4	Played	Won	For
1	Southgate Compton 1	2	2	13
2	Ellenborough 4	2	1	11
3	Bounds Green 1	2	1	6
4	Winchmore Hill 4	2	0	6

	Group 5	Played	Won	For
1	Heathcote 2	2	2	11
2	Ellenborough 2	2	2	10
3	Tottenham 4	2	0	8
4	Mayfield 8	2	0	7

	Group 6	Played	Won	For
1	Mayfield 1	2	2	14
2	Tottenham 3	2	1	11
3	Winchmore Hill 3	2	1	9
4	SPS 3	2	0	2

	Group 7	Played	Won	For
1	Heathcote 1	2	1	11
2	Mayfield 4	2	1	10
3	Ellenborough 5	2	1	8
4	Winchmore Hill 5	2	1	7

Match Fixtures - Week Commencing 8th January 2018:

Ellenborough 6 v SPS 2	Group 1	Mayfield 7 v Tottenham 2
SPS 1 v Ellenborough 7	Group 2	Winchmore Hill 2 v Mayfield 5
Mayfield 6 v Bush Hill Park 1	Group 3	Tottenham 5 v Winchmore Hill 1
Bounds Green 1 v Ellenborough 4	Group 4	Southgate Compton 1 v Winchmore Hill 4
Ellenborough 2 v Heathcote 2	Group 5	Tottenham 4 v Mayfield 8
Mayfield 1 v SPS 3	Group 6	Winchmore Hill 3 v Tottenham 3
Heathcote 1 v Ellenborough 5	Group 7	Mayfield 4 v Winchmore Hill 5

The winners and runners up of all 7 groups will go through to Round 2 (the knock-out stage) last 16, together with the TWO highest 3rd placed teams from the groups.

Qualification for the Knock – Out Stages of the Cup will be decided on the total number of MATCHES WON. If teams are level in matches won, then the CUP SECRETARY will make the decision based on sets won, then games won, then points, etc.

Please note that clubs can play 'up' a player from a lower team providing they abide by rule 41 (L) of the League handbook; the player must not have played before in the handicap cup this season. Once they have played up they will be regarded as being registered for the higher team for the remainder of the handicap cup.

This report will also be shown in Journal No 1, which will be published during the Christmas break and will be available on the League website.

Harold Webb
Handicap Cup Secretary

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF PING PONG **ALEXANDRA PALACE, 27TH-28TH January 2018**

Tickets are now on sale for this very popular event and discounts are available to Table Tennis England members and friends/family.

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Single session: £11 adult or £8.25 for under 18s or over 65s with TTE code

If you want to order multiple tickets for different sessions then it is best to order by phone so that you will only be charged one postage charge for the whole order.

A TRIBUTE TO DAVE KINGHAM (1931-2017)

Another former player who sadly left us late last year was Dave Kingham, who was involved with the Mayfield club for over 50 years but who also played table tennis for Tottenham TTC for some time. In addition, he started Greyhound Cricket Club, which he ran for many years until it merged with Mayfield about 17 years ago.

He worked very hard for Mayfield, encouraging new members into both the tennis and table tennis sections at Mayfield, as well as manning the bar and sitting on committees.

Dave was delighted when, in 2004, he was chosen as one of those to carry the Olympic torch through London on its way to the Summer Olympics in Athens, in recognition of his contribution to sport and the community. The replica Olympic torch he received hangs over the bar at Mayfield, which is named in his honour.

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