

## **Echo Table Tennis Round-up**

Bath Street D suffered a drubbing at Marconi A in division 3, Frank McCann, Ian Wensley, Adrian Bramham and Ted Gilmore taking all ten sets. Only two events required a fifth game, the nearest they came to dropping a point was when Bramham went two games down against Bill Clayton before recovering against the Bath Street stalwart to win 11-1 in the decider.

Clayton was also involved in a tremendous tussle against Eddie Clein, albeit, in another drubbing for the D team when they entertained Harold House A. The Bath Street man took the opening game 11-6, lost the next two 15-13, 11-2, before levelling matters 11-9 in the fourth. The rock steady Clein, though, pulled through, taking the decider, 11-6.

Bath Street Marine C earned a creditable draw in division 3 at Marconi B despite turning up with just 3 players. Julian Quirk and Mal Kent both remained unbeaten in singles combat while Quirk and Karen Gibson combined to win the doubles. They came close to snatching an unexpected victory when Karen and Ray Hibbs stood level at 10-10 in the fifth before the Marconi man edged home 12-10.

Also in division 3, YMCA A got the better of Manweb B for the loss of two sets, the best clash of the match being Michael Kwan's win over YM' number one John Higham, 11-9 in the fifth. Linacre were gifted three sets when Wavertree Labour D arrived in Waterloo in division 3 with only three players, but, added just two more points. Linacre's top player and mainstay, Harry Reeve, collected his usual two sets via wins over Colin Fyles and Andy Bird. Star man for Labour, though, was Dave Williams, who notched a rare double, beating Jack Davidson and Ken Ainsworth. Colin and Andy accounted for Jack and Dave Ferguson respectively, the Labour pair beating H. Reeve and Dave in the doubles. In the same division, Labour C beat Cadwa D 6-4, thanks mainly to a fine treble from Dong Xia.

Not only did Alan Franch prevent Police C from suffering a division 5 white wash against Bath Street E, after beating Richard Woodley, he added another against Ron Georgeson, the College Road side though winning the other eight sets.

Liverpool Closed singles champion Keith Williams retained his third place ranking in the new ETTA veteran list. The top five places are unaltered from the previous month, Abdul Wuraola occupying top spot with Ritchie Venner (2), while Joe Kennedy (4) and Nigel Eckersley in 5th. Chris Ford stands at 27, Wayne Percival (53), John Rankin (70), Dave Roberts (128) Mal McEvoy (136) and Greenbank's Barry Crook at 155.

Brenda Buoeuy is listed at 13 in the veteran women's section, Sylvia Graham (48) with Stephanie Howard at 65.

In the ladies section Alice Howard is listed at 34, Gemma Lloyd (45) and Cherith Graham is ranked at (59).

Kevin Dolder is again the highest league ranked player in the men's list at 18 while the next local player is Chris Ford who drops from 156 to 168.

### Division 1

Bath St. Marine 9, Police 1; Christ The King 0, Crosby High 10;

### Division 2

Marconi 7, Wav. Lab. A 3; Christ The King B 10, Ford A 0;

### Division 3

Marconi A 10, Bath St. Marine D 0; Marconi B 5, Bath St. Marine C 5; Bootle YMCA A 8, Manweb B 2; Wav. Lab. B 7, Marconi A 3; Bath St. Marine D 0, Harold House A 10; Cadwa B 3, Harold House B 7;

### Division 4

Maghull D 3, Aigburth A 7; Wav. Lab. C 6, Cadwa D 4; Aigburth 7, Marconi C 3; Cadwa C 7, Maghull C 3; Cadwa D 1, Aigburth 9; Linacre 5, Wav. Lab. D 5;

### Division 5

Arriva 2, Maghull E 8; Police C 2, Bath St. Marine E 8; Greenbank A 1, Aigburth B 9; Bath St. Marine E 4, Bootle YMCA C 6;

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