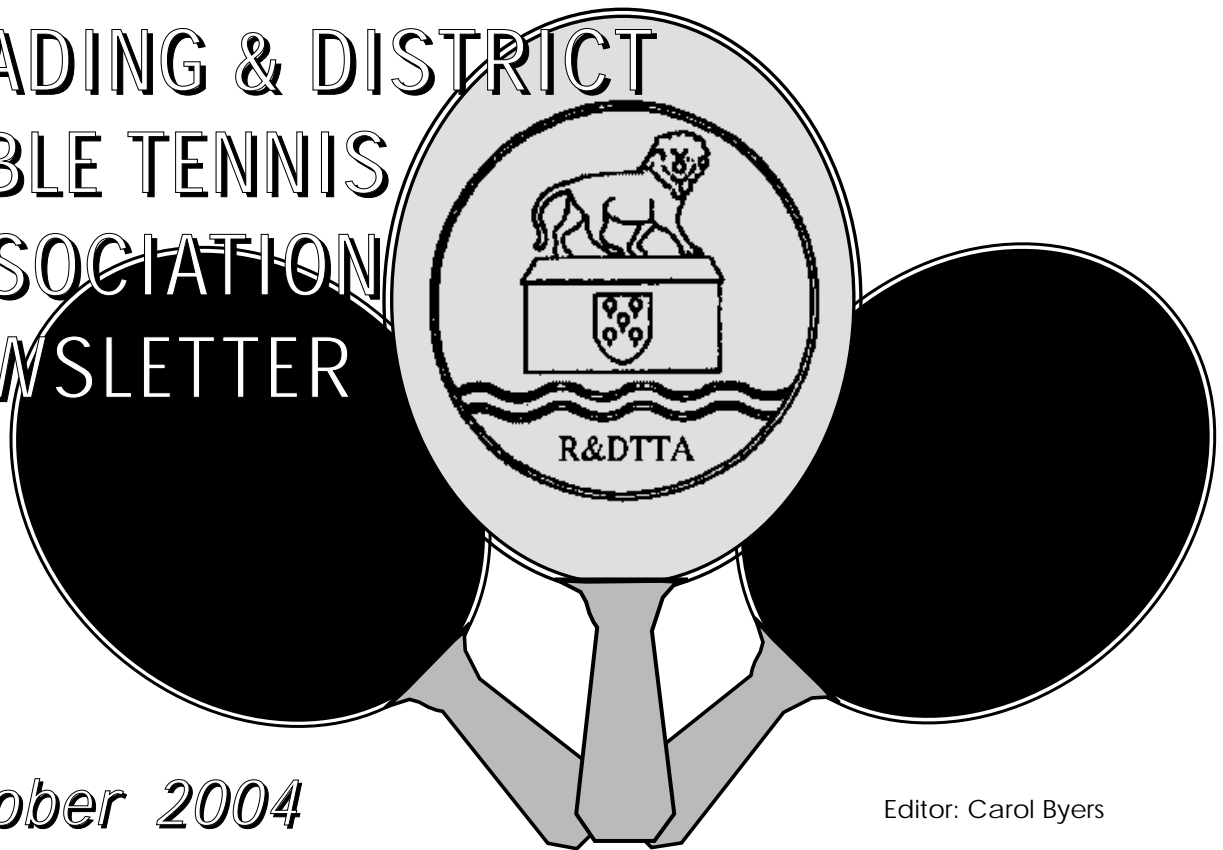


READING & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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Another season underway!

Welcome to this season's first Newsletter for the 2004-5 season.

Once again, many thanks to all the contributors (the same few from the last two years), for all hitting your deadline this time around (well nearly all of you anyway!).

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The "eagle-eyed" among you may notice the [slight] redesign, but sorry, no prizes for spotting any changes.

Please remember that the newsletters are distributed to all Club Secretaries and Team Captains, but you can also get additional (or early!!) copies from the website - just go to www.rdtta.co.uk and go to the Newsletter page. You can also contribute from there, although sadly not one person has used this option yet!

While we're talking about contributions, if you have any relevant photos of your teams or events, please send them in, they add great interest to the newsletter.

As well as the regular updates and reports, at the back of this newsletter, you will find official entry forms for the Reading Closed Championships - please feel free to use them to enter this excellent event.

Have an enjoyable season!

Carol

NEWS ROUND-UP

Chairman's Preview

THE CHASE FOR HONOURS

In Division 1 the Polish A regular quartet from last season Clive Payne, Ian Packford, Craig Campbell and Tony Palaczky have been joined by another galaxy of stars and there seems nothing will prevent Polish from clinching their seventh consecutive title. However they can expect stiff competition as ever from rivals Kingfisher A with Hari Gehlot, Mark Banks, Bela Hegedus and Ramesh Gehlot. Polish B did very well last season in finishing in third place and Richard Rosinski, Nick Heaps and Derek Wood have every chance of repeating that feat this time around.

Both YMCA teams should also feature highly, as should Our Lady of Peace A. Tidmarsh A begin their first ever season in the top flight of Reading table tennis having romped to the Division 2 title last season. Skipper Lee Calcutt has added John Goodyear and Dave Wise to his squad in a bid to consolidate this season. Kingfisher D give youth a chance with Tom Maynard, Greg Beckett, Ben Davis, Abhay Gehlot and Chris Noakes making their Division 1 debuts, coach and England international Gareth Herbert should keep them safely in mid-table.

At the bottom Kingfisher sides B and C and perhaps OLOP B and C look to have most to do to avoid the drop. However with Dave Hilbeck for Kingfisher B, Steve Murgatroyd and Cliff Putterford for Kingfisher C, Sean Pickin registered for OLOP C and Ali and Kashif Subhan for OLOP B, the strength of Reading's top division this season is nothing short of remarkable and literally any two teams slightly below their best from the top three downwards could find themselves in danger of the drop.

In Division 2 Sonning Common & Peppard A will be keen to bounce back to the top flight following their relegation last season. Graham Kemp, Andy Turton and Jason Roberts should be good enough for a top two place and they also have Simon Berry to call on as necessary. My initial thoughts were that Kingfisher E were likely to be the other serious challengers with Steve Barnes and Phillip Mead teaming up with Allan Bruton and Peter Goatly, however they have not got off to the best of starts. Chris Hadley and Dave Tilbee could lead OLOP D to success after their elevation from the third division, however it is in form Ben Gates who is currently spearheading the OLOP E challenge and it is they who currently lead the way. Sonning Common & Peppard B and Tilehurst Methodists A should also figure highly.

Longfield A enjoyed a very impressive first season in Division 2 last season and will be keen to maintain that form, while Steve Ricks will be hoping that Tidmarsh B can build on their promotion last time around with Jim Stevenson, Andy Moore, Andy Stephens and Kevin Brooker in their squad.

No match against either of the Post Office sides will be easy, while Naill McGrane will ensure that the Kingfisher F side finish at least mid-table.

Three teams look likely to lead an intriguing promotion race in Division 3. Mick Maynard returns to Curzon Club A and with John Willcocks also in their side they should do well. Berks Sports A are keen to bounce back following their relegation last season and their quartet of Bob Woodmansee, Dave Chard, Paul Scrivener and Nigel Goodman are sure to be there or thereabouts, even after a disappointing start. Paul Jarvis and Nigel Maltby will spearhead Sonning Common & Peppard C's challenge with Mark Jones also looking to build on his fine season last time around.

Other challengers in Division 3 are likely to come from Milestone A, Tidmarsh C and Tilehurst Methodists B, while at the other end promoted Pangbourne WMC A and Curzon Club B will be battling to avoid the drop.

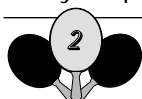
In Division 4 promoted Polish C look favourites to make it a second consecutive promotion, however Springfield A with Philip Burke and Kingfisher I should also figure highly, as will Tidmarsh D. The other promoted side Birch Copse A may settle for mid-table, while the battle to avoid the drop looks to be between the other two Tidmarsh sides, OLOP Wycliffe and Sonning Common & Peppard E.

Reading Resource stormed to the Division 6 title last season and with Andrew Syed and Neil Havard registered another promotion would theoretically be on the cards. However they are looking to give their other squad members a chance in the league and a mid table finish is their aim.

Of the rest Curzon Club C, Milestone B and Tilehurst Methodists D should do well, as should Springfield B, Spencers Wood and last season's third placed team Tidmarsh G. Curzon Club have got off to the best start with Tracey Maynard and Linda King in good form.

Sonning Common & Peppard H will start as favourites in Division 6, however they can expect stiff competition from Birch Copse B and St Laurence Church may mount a serious challenge this time around, led by the excellent Ben Clowney. St Laurence are currently unbeaten as are SC&P H. Springfield C could also challenge with the useful Nigel Outhwaite in their side. Little is known of the new team in this division, Pangbourne WMC B, and they could surprise a few.

Several clubs, including Our Lady of Peace, Post Office and Sonning Common & Peppard, are on the lookout for new players to add to their squads at all levels. Anyone interested in joining a club in the Reading league, beginner, novice or expert, can contact Nigel Maltby, either through the Association website at www.rdtta.co.uk or by telephoning Nigel on 0118 9463191.



Fairway Press Trophy

Twelve teams have accepted the invitation to play in this season's Fairway Press Trophy with the first round draw made by organiser Colin Dyke and RDTTA Chairman Nigel Maltby. Four teams received byes into the next round, Polish A and Kingfisher A due to their top seeding, and Kingfisher B and Polish B due to the luck of the draw.

First Round matches are as follows:- *YMCA B v Tidmarsh A; Kingfisher D v Kingfisher C; YMCA A v Kingfisher F; SC&P A v OLOP A.*

Reading Closed Championships 2005

The Reading Closed Championships will be held over the weekend of the 12/13th February 2005 at Cippenham. Every effort will be made to play as many of the individual events in initial group stages to maximise the number of games you can play.

Team Captains have been supplied with copies of entry forms and they are also available for download from the Website. Please make sure you obtain one and enter this year!

Remember entry is free and entries should be forwarded to tournament organiser Charlie Goddard, 35 The Pastures, Oulton, Lowerstoft NR32 4WT.

Individual Handicap Competition

The Individual Handicap competition will be held on Sunday 9th January at the Kingfisher club. This is a really worthwhile event where everyone has an even chance of winning. Entry forms were issued to club secretaries at the beginning of the season and are also available via the Website. Please send your entry by the closing date of Friday 24 December to Tony House, 48 Grove Road, Sonning Common RG4 9RL.

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From Youth League to England Team

Berkshire's Melanie Farquhar celebrated her inclusion in the European Youth Championships, for the England cadet girls team, in Budapest by convincingly winning the Under 16 girls Singles title at the Cippenham Youth Players' Summer Festival of Table Tennis.

Melanie's inclusion in the team was the latest in a string of successes since she first "starred" in the Wokingham Times in August 1999, at age 9, when she became the Berkshire Under 9 number one and was under 10 runner up in that year's Cippenham Summer Festival.

Melanie was then a member of the IMPACT coaching team and her coach at the time, Alan Dines, already had high hopes for her, predicting that she would be a future world star.

Now 15 and combining Table Tennis with her schoolwork at Kendrick School, Melanie has moved on to Cippenham TTC, but she still keeps in touch with her Reading Youth League and IMPACT friends, who are all thrilled at her latest success.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Sunday 9th January**

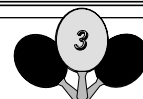
**Reading Closed Championships
12th/13th February 2005 at Cippenham**

**Reading Masters
Saturday 9th April 2005**

**RDTTA AGM
Wednesday 8th June 2005**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

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9th February 2005
4th April 2005**

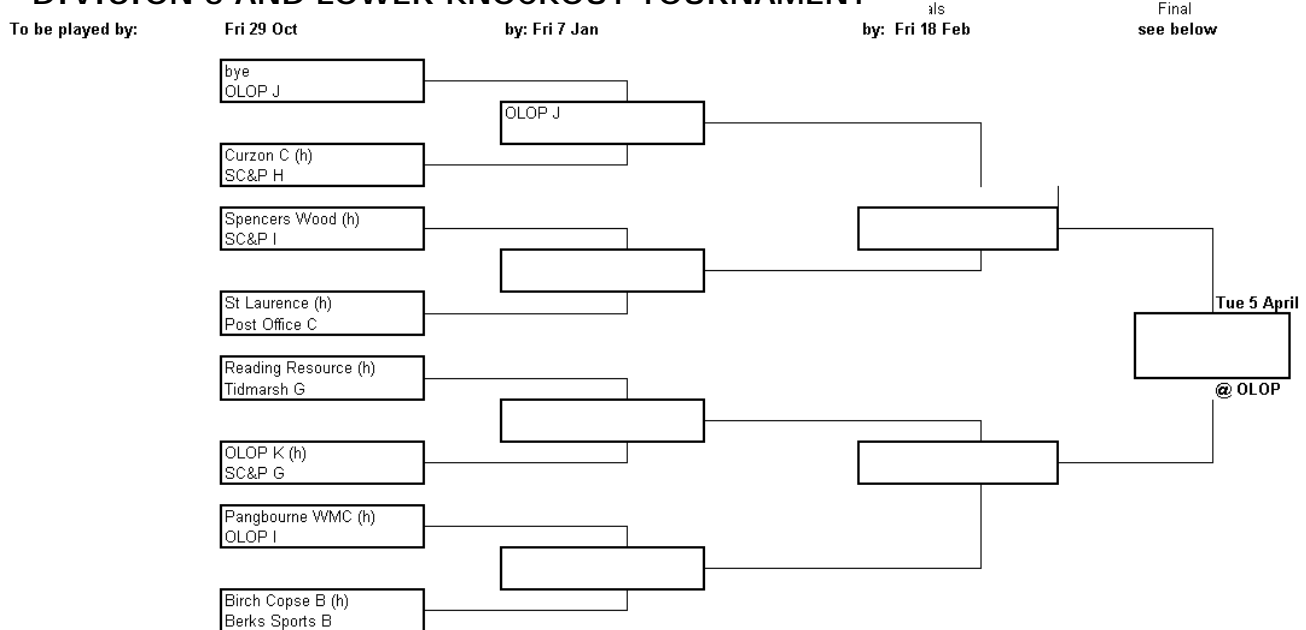


Team Knockouts with Tony House

TEAM HANDICAP KNOCKOUT



DIVISION 5 AND LOWER KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT



BRITISH LEAGUE *by John Cunningham*

For the first weekend of the British league Division One matches at the Cippenham Table Tennis arena, Our Lady of Peace IMPACT were represented by Berkshire and OLOP captain David Barr, England's number six veteran Nigel Eckersley, Polish number one Clive Payne and the ex Scottish international John Broe. Saturday opened with a match against the West Country champions DML Woolwell who fielded Paul Whiting, ranked 30 in England, James Whiteman, Mike Short and Kevin Buddel. Whiting and Whiteman gave the Devon side a great start, beating Barr and Eckersley 3-1 and 3-0 respectively. The Earley based team, however, were all square at the halfway stage as Broe out fought Short to win 11-6 8-11 8-11 11-7 11-4 and Payne recorded his first win for the OLOP by beating Buddell. After the break it was OLOP IMPACT who forged ahead, as first Eckersley defeated Whiting 3-1 and then Short fell by the same scoreline to Barr. James Whiteman completed his maximum with a 3-2 victory over Payne and Woolwell were back at 3-4. Broe, however, fought back after losing the first to Buddel, taking the next three and with it a 5-3 opening win for his team and a share of the player of the match award with Whiteman of DML Woolwell.

England's top club London Progress were the after lunch opponents for Barr and his squad, elated after that hard fought morning's win. Once again Broe was the star, beating Henry Medellin 11-3 9-11 11-4 12-10 and Yaacov Bogen 9-11 13-11 14-12. Earlier Eckersley and Barr had recorded victories over Darel Zurowski and Matthew Staines while Payne defeated Bogen in straight sets to give OLOP IMPACT and amazing 4-0 match lead. London Progress won two in the second session but the bird had flown leaving OLOP IMPACT 6-2

winners and unbeaten on the Saturday.

Sunday started with a difficult match against Horsham, who had the ex OLOP player Stephen Beerling at number one – facing Barr ranked five places below him in the opening set. The encounter had the crowd on their feet from the start as Barr's defence matched the Beerling attack. Barr took the first two, only for young Beerling to fight back to square the set 2-2. Barr, however, was master in the end winning the final game 11-5 to give his team an early 1-0 lead. The next three sets were just as intense as Adrian Moore beat Eckersley 3-2 and Andy Walker defeated Payne by the same scoreline. Broe, however, proved just too good for Peter Bartram, winning 3-1 and leaving the match all square 2-2. Beerling made it 3-2 for Horsham with a hard fought victory over Eckersley, only for Broe to earn the player of the match award by beating Bartram. Honours were even in the last two sets as Moore defeated Payne only for that man again Broe to snatch a point for his team with an emphatic 3-0 win over Walker, leaving the match score 4-4.

The final encounter of a tough weekend saw OLOP, who are in their tenth season of representing Reading, taking on Byng Hall Farningham Print from Kent. This time in another great team performance, it was Eckersley who received the player of the match award for two classy wins over Phil Cox and Mark Romano. Barr ran him close also undefeated while Payne weighed in with a 15-3 11-8 12-10 win over John Huckle and Broe completed a great weekend for himself and his team by beating Huckle to give OLOP IMPACT a 6-2 win.

DIVISION ONE by David Streak

Well here we are at the start of another season and predictably the title already will be contested by Polish A and Kingfisher A. I believe that Polish B will ultimately finish in a comfortable third spot, but the relegation issue could be the most intriguing in all the years I have been Divisional Fixture Secretary. Both of last season's promoted sides, Tidmarsh A and Kingfisher D have made promising starts and it is difficult to predict at this stage who are the favourites to go down.

Polish A have had changes in personnel but still have a very strong squad. Regular players Clive Payne, Ian Packford and Craig Campbell have been joined by Basingstoke league stars Paul Rattue and Kevin Macken. They have so far only dropped four sets in their five matches.

Kingfisher A look set to push Polish all the way, despite the fact that captain Hari Gehlot has been abroad and only played in one match. Mark Banks and Bela Hegedus have been the mainstays of the side with sterling support from Ramesh Gehlot. Mark is unbeaten so far and Bela has lost just the once, to Ali Subhan. They have enjoyed 8-2 wins over OLOP B and Polish B and 7-3 defeats of OLOP A, Kingfisher D and Kingfisher C.

Polish B have made a very solid start to the season with wins over Kingfisher C, OLOP B, OLOP C and Tidmarsh A, tempered by defeats by the top two. The core of their squad is Nick Heaps, Derek Wood and Richard Rosinski and these three have played in the majority of the matches. They can also call on top veteran David Reeves, and Tony Stevens. Nick in particular has been playing well, taking a maximum off Kingfisher C and extending both Bela Hegedus and Mark Banks to five sets.

YMCA A come next in the table with a record of two wins, two draws and two defeats. Our squad has not changed from last year with Bob Davis, Colin Wilkes, Ivor Hardman and yours truly. We are, however, hoping to persuade Martin King to rejoin the fold for a few matches. The two wins came against Kingfisher B (9-1) and Kingfisher C (6-4). This latter match was one of the best I have ever played in. Seven of the matches went to five sets, three of these being won in deuce. Our two draws came against OLOP C and OLOP A. In the latter match we were only able to field two players and Ivor's win over John Millward secured a vital point. The defeats were by Polish A and Kingfisher D.

YMCA B are level on points with their A team, having won three and lost three of the first six match-

es. The side is already benefiting from more regular appearances by Tony Reynolds. Tony is being well supported by Bob Sym, Peter Bradley and Mike Harris. Tony and Bob both recorded maximums in the wins over Kingfisher B and OLOP A, and Tony also got three in the 6-4 win over OLOP B. In this match he was two sets to one down and 9-3 down in the fourth but went on to win in five. Their defeats came against Kingfisher D, Kingfisher C and Polish A, although Peter beat Craig Campbell three straight.

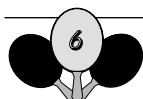
Tidmarsh A have made a very impressive start to life in Division 1, having won two, drawn one and lost three. Their squad of Lee Calcutt, Robert Hudson and Lisa Calcutt has been supplemented by the signing of Newbury league players Dave Wise, Clive Mitchell and John Goodyer. They had a comfortable win over Kingfisher D and a narrow 6-4 win over Kingfisher C, where Robert's maximum included the scalp of Steve Murgatroyd, 11-8 in the fifth. Lee and Clive both got worthy doubles in the draw with OLOP C, where Tidmarsh fought back from 4-0 and 5-2 down. Their defeats came against both Polish sides, and narrowly OLOP B.

OLOP A have had a steady start to the season, despite not having the services of Graham Outtrim for most of the season. They have signed Clive Banham and he should provide solid support to Barry Morten and John Millward. Their two wins have come against Kingfisher D and Kingfisher B. In this latter match reserve Dave Tilbee notched vital wins over Trevor Griffiths and Colin Dyke. As already mentioned the draw came against YMCA A and the two defeats were by YMCA B and Kingfisher A, although John, Clive and Barry all beat Ramesh.

OLOP C have also made a steady start, with one win, three draws and a single defeat. The signing of Sean Pickin and George's son, Stuart, has bol-

LEADING AVERAGES

Clive Payne	(15/15)	100%
Ian Packford	(12/12)	100%
Mark Banks	(12/12)	100%
Bela Hegedus	(14/15)	93%
Paul Rattue	(7/9)	78%
Lee Calcutt	(7/9)	78%
Derek Wood	(9/12)	75%
Tony Reynolds	(9/12)	75%
Bob Davis	(9/12)	74%
David Streak	(11/15)	73%
Steve Murgatroyd	(12/18)	67%



stered their regular side of Peter Martin, George White and Andrew Walker. Their win was against OLOP B, with Sean winning all three and George netting a double. The three draws were against YMCA A, Kingfisher B and Tidmarsh A. In all of these Peter secured notable doubles. The one defeat was by Polish B, despite Sean beating Nick Heaps and Richard Rosinski.

Kingfisher D have made a superb start to the season. This team of junior players will benefit immensely from playing against all the different styles in Division 1 and from the expert coaching of England international Gareth Herbert. There is one youngster I would particularly like to mention and that is Maiden Erlegh schoolboy Abhay Gehlot. He is a very talented player, a quick learner and has an excellent attitude both on and off the table. My teammates and I were very impressed and feel that he has a tremendous future in the sport. The team's six matches so far have produced wins over both YMCA teams, a draw with Kingfisher B, where Abhay and Ben Davis both beat Trevor Griffiths and Alan Cummings, and defeats by OLOP A, Kingfisher A and Tidmarsh A.

Kingfisher C have made a stuttering start to the season, with two wins and four defeats. Their squad of Steve Murgatroyd, Geoff Civil and Roger Woolven-Allen has been strengthened by the signing of Cliff Putterford. Their two wins, both 7-3, were over YMCA B and Kingfisher B, with Steve winning three and Cliff two in both matches. In the 6-4 defeat by YMCA A, Geoff had a superb win over Bob Davis and only lost 14-12 in the fifth

to Colin Wilkes and Cliff lost 13-11 in the fifth to Bob but beat Colin 12-10 in the fifth. Other defeats came against Polish B, Kingfisher A and Tidmarsh A.

Kingfisher B only have two draws to show for their efforts so far. They have added Trevor Griffiths to their squad of John Morris, Colin Dyke, Alan Cummings and Dave Hilbeck and will be looking to start pulling away from the bottom. The two draws came against OLOP C, with a fine maximum from Trevor, and Kingfisher D, with Dave winning all three. In the narrow defeat by OLOP A, Colin had good victories over Barry Morten and John Barclay.

OLOP B have so far managed just one win but despite having a large squad have already fielded reserves on no fewer than five occasions. Obviously, if Danny Baxter was to turn out more regularly, to support Ali Subhan then I am sure they would surge up the table. Their solitary win came against Tidmarsh A thanks to Danny's maximum and Ali's double. With only two players they only narrowly lost to Polish B, Wolfgang Stalder winning two. Other defeats came against Polish A, OLOP C, YMCA B and Kingfisher A, with Ali beating Bela and Ramesh.

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Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Polish A	5	5	0	0	46	4	10
Kingfisher A	5	5	0	0	37	13	10
Polish B	6	4	0	2	32	28	8
YMCA A	6	2	2	2	29	31	6
YMCA B	6	3	0	3	28	32	6
Tidmarsh A	6	2	1	3	27	33	5
OLOP A	5	2	1	2	27	23	5
OLOP C	5	1	3	1	24	26	5
Kingfisher D	6	2	1	3	22	38	5
Kingfisher C	6	2	0	4	28	32	4
Kingfisher B	6	0	2	4	20	40	2
OLOP B	6	1	0	5	20	40	2

DIVISION TWO *by Nick Lean*

Just 6 weeks into the new season and already Division Two looks to be taking shape. Three teams have split away from the rest, with just a point between the middle 5 and four teams at the bottom already looking nervously at each other. I rely on comments being included on the match cards to understand the details behind any match, but very few have been included to date. Please could Captains, or anyone involved in the matches, add some relevant notes on each scorecard.

OLOP E head the Division 2 table after an unbeaten start to the season. A Ben Gates maximum helped them start with a narrow victory over Longfield A, then a straight games maximum from Ben, plus 2 wins from Chris Laker and one from Ian Cole saw them to a win 7-3 at Post Office B. Their good start to the season continued with an 8-2 win at Tilehurst Methodists as Ben Gates hit his third maximum of the season, with Ian Cole following suit and Chris Laker winning two. A point was dropped in a draw with club rivals OLOP D, despite another max from Ben, as three other sets were lost in the fifth & deciding game. New signing Todor Spasor hit a maximum as OLOP won 7-3 at Kingfisher G to keep up their early push for promotion and another Gates maximum helped them to a 6-4 win over Kingfisher E, supported by two wins for Ian Cole and one for Chris Laker.

Sonning C&P A are also undefeated and lie in second place. They eased to a comfortable win at Kingfisher E as Graham Kemp took a straight-sets maximum, supported by Andy Turton and Nigel Maltby. The club derby with Sonning B produced a draw (- *this is beginning to sound familiar*) as Sonning A came from 1-4 down to grab a point, mainly thanks to Andy Turton who hit an excellent maximum. They won 7-3 at Post Office B thanks to a maximum from so-called reserve, Nigel Maltby, plus two wins from Jason Roberts and one for another reserve, Mark Jones. A full-strength team proved too strong for Tidmarsh B, with Graham Kemp winning all three in straight games and being well sup-

ported by Andy Turton and Jason Roberts who won two apiece. The push for promotion continued with an easy win over Post Office A, who were only able to field two players. Then, in what must have looked like being an easy win at Kingfisher F, they let a 4-0 lead slip to eventually leave with just one point, despite Jason Roberts hitting his first maximum of the season, which included a 11-5, 12-10, 9-11, 8-11, 11-8 win over Niall McGrane.

Sonning C&P B got off to a bad start with defeat at home to Post Office B, then let a 4-1 lead slip in the match with Sonning A before grabbing a point at the end. They recorded their first win of the season with an 8-2 victory over Tidmarsh B, as Malcolm Gregory won a comprehensive maximum, with support from Keith Swain and Brian Meheux. Keith, Malcolm and Merrill Massey each won twice against a weakened Post Office A to win 7-3. Then Brian replaced Merrill as Keith & Malcolm repeated their pairs of singles wins to take both points from the match with Kingfisher F. Sonning B kept up their challenge for promotion with a good 6-4 win at Longfield. Keith & Merrill both won their openers in 5-game contests (Keith finishing 12-10 winner over Ian Fletcher) and went on to win twice each, with Brian Meheux winning once and a doubles victory which included winning one game to love.

Longfield A head the chasing (or rather following) pack of five teams. They started with a narrow defeat at OLOP D, then won a close contest with Tilehurst Methodists A, with Mike Shore completing his maximum on the night to seal both points. A visit to a weakened OLOP D brought another narrow victory as 'reserve' Ken Park lead the way with a steady maximum. Longfield then won a very close contest with Kingfisher G, as Mike Shore, Ian Fletcher and Brian Chinneck each won twice. Unfortunately, Kingfisher had unwittingly played an ineligible player and two of their wins have had to be awarded to Longfield, making the final match score 9-1. Longfield lost 3-7 at Kingfisher E in a match where 4 sets went to the deciding game, but

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OLOP E	6	5	1	0	39	21	11
Sonning C&P A	6	4	2	0	41	19	10
Sonning C&P B	6	4	1	1	36	24	9
Longfield A	6	3	0	3	32	28	6
Kingfisher F	6	2	2	2	30	30	6
Kingfisher E	6	2	1	3	30	30	5
Tidmarsh B	6	1	3	2	26	34	5
Tilehurst Meths A	5	2	1	2	27	23	5
OLOP D	4	1	1	2	17	23	3
Post Office B	5	1	1	3	20	30	3
Post Office A	6	1	1	4	24	36	3
Kingfisher G	6	0	2	4	18	42	2



with only one of them in their favour. Mike Shore must have felt 'cheated' as he lost two of his singles and the doubles in the fifth game. Another narrow defeat came at Sonning C&P B, where Brian Chinneck won twice but Ken and Ian only once.

Kingfisher F have had a mixed start to the season, with 2 wins, 2 draws and 2 defeats. Tilehurst Methodists A were too strong as only Niall McGrane could pick up any wins in a 2-8 defeat. But they bounce back with a good 8-2 win over OLOP D thanks to a fine maximum from Carole Chard and two wins apiece by Lisa Bosley and reserve Steve Woolnough. In the match with Kingfisher G, Carole & Niall won two each and paired up to win the doubles as they drew with their club-mates (- *do you sense a theme developing here?*). Niall McGrane hit top form in their next match to win all three without conceding an end, not even in the doubles. This, plus one win each for Colin Turrell & Lisa Bosley, enabled Kingfisher F to snatch both points from their club-mates in the E team. (- *and dispel all the conspiracy theories that have been building up.*) Three wins for Niall were not enough to prevent a 4-6 defeat from the visit to Sonning C&P B, but there was a great team effort to take a point from the visit of Sonning A. A McGrane double and crucial wins for Sharon Mitchell and Carole, plus the doubles, enabled the home team recovery.

Kingfisher E started the season with a tough match against Sonning A, but eased into some kind of form, thanks to a maximum from Allan Bruton, to draw with Tidmarsh B. They then overwhelmed Post Office A, hurrying to a 6-0 lead before running out 8-2 winners. Allan and Phil Mead both hit maximums, with Jeff Huggins winning twice. A narrow defeat by their club-mates came despite two wins each for Allan and Peter Goatly. This was followed by a 7-3 win over Longfield as Allan Bruton hit a maximum and Jeff won twice. Steve Barnes made a fleeting appearance against OLOP and won two against the current leaders, but could not prevent a narrow defeat.

Tidmarsh B hit the ground drawing and have carried on that way with three draws from six matches. At Kingfisher G, Kevin Brooker & Andy Stephens won two each with Steve Ricks taking one. But the result might have been better for Tidmarsh if everyone had realised the fixture date, as it needed a frantic phone call to get the third player to Woodley, but not before his first set had to be conceded. Tidmarsh earned a very good point against Kingfisher E as Steve Ricks beat Steve Barnes to level the match at 3-3, before Jim Stevenson also beat Barnes, in the last contest of the night (3 straight) to earn a draw. The two Sonning teams proved too strong as Tidmarsh lost 2-8 to both. But they recorded their first win of the season at Post Office B thanks to a maximum from Jim Stevenson, two wins from Andy Stephens & one for Kevin Brooker. After a tremendous tussle at Post Office A, the points were shared. Andy Stephens won a good treble, but the set of the night was between Dave Reynolds (Jnr) and Jim Stevenson, the latter eventually winning 4-11, 11-8, 11-6, 7-11, 14-16.

Tilehurst Meths A were too strong for Kingfisher F with Phil Prady hitting a maximum while Keith Winter & Mary Allan both won twice. But I can only guess who played in the doubles. (*Note to all Captains: please complete all sections of the result cards*) Tilehurst went very close to getting something from the contest with Longfield, despite being without Phil & Keith, as Mary won two and reserve Ian Cockling won one and came close to a second. But Tilehurst were overwhelmed by OLOP E, Keith & Mary both recording ducks as John Virgo had their only singles win of the night. They had to play another reserve against Post Office B and scraped a draw as Keith & Phil won two each and took the doubles. Their next

match fell foul of the floor problems at OLOP, but most recently stormed to a 6-0 lead over Kingfisher G before eventually winning 8-2. Phil Prady won all three, while Keith Winter & Mary Allan both won twice.

OLOP D are suffering from the Club's premises problems, as they were due to play consecutive home matches just as the hall floor became unplayable. If it weren't for this they may not be in the position of seeming to be one of the four teams who look to be in danger of relegation at this early stage of the season. But things started well for them, with a good win over Post Office A, Dave Tilbee scoring a maximum, Mark Bullion and Ian Davis winning once each, while an *unknown pairing* narrowly won a 5-game doubles contest. Defeat came at Kingfisher F and again versus Longfield, despite two good wins for Ian and one for reserve, Pat Daniels. The draw with their club-mates came thanks to two more wins for Ian and two for Chris Hadley, plus the two of them in the doubles.

Post Office B came away from their first match at Sonning Common B with both points as Feliks Ziembra & Dave Mills both hit maximums. (*Note the spelling, Mr. Ziembra.*) But this has been their only win to date and they must look for their customary mid-season surge to get them away from any possible relegation trouble. There were home defeats to both OLOP E and Sonning A, both 3-7, despite two wins for Feliks and one for Dave in each match. Feliks hit a maximum in the match at Tilehurst Methodists, which helped win a point, but another 3-7 defeat came at home to Tidmarsh B.

Post Office A have been struggling to field a team and their results have reflected this. (*If anyone knows of an as yet unregistered player who would like to join this friendly bunch, please contact John Simmonds.*) After a bad start at OLOP D, they were too strong for Kingfisher G, winning 8-2 thanks to maximums from John Simmonds and Dave Reynolds. But this was followed by three defeats, to Kingfisher E and both of the Sonning C&P teams. Post Office did well to get a draw with Tidmarsh, with the whole team contributing to a valuable point.

Kingfisher G are still looking for their first win and they may be looking for a good while yet. (*Contentious, eh?*) However, they drew their first match with Tidmarsh B thanks to two wins from Peter Bennett, one each from Dave Duncan & Mike Ridley and a comfortable doubles win. But Post Office A were too strong for them as they went down 2-8. Dave Duncan was the star of the show as they battled out a draw with Kingfisher F - Dave won all three for the G team, including the notable scalp of Niall McGrane, with Peter Bennett and Mike Ridley winning one each. The defeat to Longfield was made worse by the later realisation that reserve Steve Woolnough had already played-up for Kingfisher F in this division, so was not able to play for this team. Further defeats came against OLOP E and Tilehurst Meths A and unless some points can be taken from the next few matches, I fear the worst for Dave Gostelow's team.

LEADING AVERAGES

Ben Gates	OLOP E	15	15	100.0%
Graham Kemp	Sonning C&P A	6	6	100.0%
Dave Tilbee	OLOP D	3	3	100.0%
Phil Prady	Tilehurst Meths A	8	9	88.9%
Niall McGrane	Kingfisher F	12	15	80.0%
Jim Stevenson	Tidmarsh B	9	12	75.0%
Felicks Ziembra	Post Office B	11	15	73.3%
Allan Bruton	Kingfisher E	11	15	73.3%
Andy Turton	Sonning C&P A	10	14	71.4%
Jason Roberts	Sonning C&P A	10	14	71.4%
Keith Swain	Sonning C&P B	10	15	66.7%
Jeff Huggins	Kingfisher E	4	6	66.7%

DIVISION THREE by Derek Harrison

Welcome to yet another of Derek's ramblings, **Curzon Club 'A'** were out of the blocks first and look even at this early stage bound for the second division. With quality players like Mick Maynard and John Willcocks in the team they will be very hard to beat. In their first game of the season they beat Kingfisher 'H' 9-1 with Mick and John gaining easy trebles, John's were all 3 straight, Nick Lean played his part with a good double. They then beat a Tidmarsh 'C' team minus Barry and Dave R 8-2 and again John and Mick hit good trebles. Nick had a nice 8-11 11-8 9-11 11-6 11-6 win over Dave Sheppard. In the battle of the two relegated clubs they came out on top by beating Berks Sports 'A' 4-6. Mick gained a great maximum but John lost his 100% record by going down 11-7 in the 5th to Dave Chard, but by winning the doubles this was enough to gain both points. This week they beat Pangbourne 1-9, again Mick and John hit trebles (both 3 straight) with Nick winning two. *Doubles average 100%*

Tidmarsh 'C' started their season with a 4-6 win at Pangbourne 'A' and it was business as usual for Dave Reynolds who won all 3. Barry Carter weighed in with a good double and combined with Dave to win the doubles. They were then held to a draw by OLOP with Dave winning two and Barry and Alison Cheers winning one each. At Curzon where they lost 8-2 it was down to Francis Durand and Chris Browne who picked up a single each by beating Nick. In their draw with Sonning Common and P C, Barry Carter won two, which included a game ten win over Nigel Maltby 8-11 19-21 11-7 11-7 12-10 Chris Browne also won two by beating Paul Jarvis and Mark Jones. Next came Curzon who they beat 3-7, Dave R came back into the side by winning all 3 with Chris winning two and Alison one. At home to Tilehurst Meths Dave again won all 3 including a fine 11-2 8-11 13-11 11-3 over Colin Childs. Barry won two and reserve Terry Hardie picked up a single by beating Tony Griffin. *Doubles average 83%*

Sonning Common and P 'C' crashed to an opening defeat by Tilehurst Meths by 4 games to 6. Mark Jones won two and Paul Jarvis and Nigel Maltby one each. They bounced back by beating Milestone 4-6 with Nigel, Mark and Paul all winning two. Nigel finally came good by winning all 3 against Kingfisher, with Mark winning two and Paul one, all towards a 7-3 win. At Tidmarsh, Nigel and Mark won two each with Paul gaining a vital single, beating Dave Sheppard 5-11 11-8 11-13 6-11 to gain a good point. At home to Berks Sports Simon Berry came into the side and won all three 3-straight and with Nigel also winning three this was enough to secure a 7-3 win. *Doubles Average 20%*

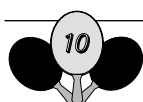
Sonning Common and P 'D' have found the 3rd division no problem after winning the 4th. They started by beating Curzon 'B' 4-6 with Jeremy Willis gaining a fairly easy hat trick and Roy Smyth winning two by beating Jim Brent and Geoff Johnson. Pete Harman played his part by gaining a vital sin-

gle. At Pangbourne Roy and Jeremy both hit trebles and Alan Holden won one by beating Leroy. Against Milestone Jeremy and Roy won 2 each with Pete winning one and with Pete and Roy winning the doubles this was enough to give them a 6-4 win. At OLOP Jeremy Willis hit a great treble with Roy Smyth obtaining a good double and with the two of them winning the doubles this gave them a 4-6 win which has taken them into second place. *Doubles average 40%*

Kingfisher 'H' after losing their first 3 matches have suddenly found some form by gaining a draw and 2 wins. They started by going down 6-4 at OLOP with Stan Smith and Richard Andrews winning two each. Next they went down 1-9 to Curzon with Stan saving the whitewash by beating Nick 11-8 11-9 12-10. At Sonning 'C' they lost 7-3 with Stan and Steve Woolnough winning one each by beating Paul and Richard beating Mark. Against us they gained their first point with Mike Dorrington and reserve Sylvia Bruton winning two each by beating Jim and Geoff and Mike and young David Fudge winning the doubles. A great treble from Richard who beat Ian 12-14 10-12 7-11, Phil 7-11 11-8 7-11 5-11 and Wendy 5-11 8-11 11-6 5-11 and two wins from Steve helped them to a 4-6 win at Tilehurst Meths. This week they beat Milestone 'A' 9-1, again Richard won all 3 which included an 11-6 7-11 11-6 9-11 11-8 win over Jon. Mike also won all 3 with Steve winning two. *Doubles average 50%*

OLOP 'F' started their season by beating Kingfisher 6-4, Dave Holt and Colin Byers won two each besides teaming up to win the doubles. Carol Byers played her part by gaining a vital single. At Tidmarsh it was a great team performance that gained them a draw. Dave Holt and Dave Godfrey won two each with Chris Laker winning one by beating Alison. Against Berks Sports Colin and Chris won two each and won a tight doubles against Nigel and Dave 8-11 11-8 3-11 11-6 11-9 to gain a great draw. At home to Sonning 'D' Dave G beat Roy and Pete and Colin and Carol picked up a single each by also beating Pete but this was not enough to prevent a 4-6 defeat. *Doubles average 50%*

By their standards **Berks Sports** have made a poor start and had only their first win -over Curzon 'B' - this week. Bob Woodmansee and Dave Chard both hit trebles. For Bob it was his second maximum in his last 12 seasons! Why pick on us Bob? Paul Scrivener played his part by beating Jim and Geoff. In their first game of the season Nigel Goodman and Bob won two each with Paul picking up a single which gave them a draw with Pangbourne. At OLOP Nigel and Dave won two each with Bob picking up that vital single which gave them a share of the spoils. Against Curzon 'A' they went down 4-6 Dave Chard won two by beating John Walker and taking John Willcocks 100% record. Paul and Bob won one each by beating John Walker. At Sonning 'C' Nigel and Paul won one each by beating Mark and then



teamed up to win the doubles by beating Simon and Mark. *Doubles average 20%*

Tilehurst Meths 'B' won their first two games by beating Sonning 'C' 6-4 and Curzon 'B' 7-3 but then lost their next 3 matches. At Sonning Colin Childs hit a great treble and Phil Jones and Ian Cockling picked up singles by beating Paul and Nigel. Against Curzon, Colin and Tony Griffin both gained hat tricks, Wendy Porter picked up a single by beating Geoff. At Milestone Phil won two by beating Richard and Jon while Ian won one by beating Hugh. Two wins from Ian and singles from Phil and Wendy was not enough to prevent them going down 4-6 to Kingfisher. This week they lost 7-3 at Tidmarsh 'C' Colin won two and Wendy won one. *Doubles average 40%*

Milestone 'A' have problems with John Evans unavailable - in his absence Jon Willis has done very well. In their first match he won all 3 against Sonning 'C' but alas they went down 4-6. At Curzon 'B' Jon repeated the feat but this time Richard Woolven-Allen picked up a single by beating Jim which helped them to a draw. A great team performance from Richard, Jon and Hugh who all won two saw them beat Tilehurst 6-4. They then went down 6-4 at Sonning 'C' Jon again won all 3 which included a 6-11 8-11 11-8 4-11 victory over Jeremy while Hugh picked up a single by beating Pete. Against Kingfisher Jon won the only game by beating Steve. *Doubles average 40%*

Curzon Club 'B' face a long hard season and to be honest are doomed already. We started by going down 4-6 to Sonning 'D' with Derek Harrison winning two by beating Pete and Roy and Jim picking up a single by beating Pete. Next came a trip to Tilehurst with Jim and I winning one each by beating Wendy and teaming up to win the doubles in a 7-3 defeat. At last against Milestone Geoff Johnson found some form by winning two and with me winning two as well and Jim winning one we were able to gain our first point. Next

came Kingfisher and another draw thanks to a good maximum from myself which included a 6-11 9-11 11-5 9-11 win over Mike Dorrington and singles from Jim and Geoff. At home to Tidmarsh, I managed a double by beating Chris and Alison but with Jim only beating Alison we went down 3-7. This week we gave Berks Sports their first win of the season going down 2-8 I won the only singles game by beating Paul. *Doubles average 50%*

LEADING AVERAGES

Mick Maynard	Curzon A	12/12	100%
Dave Reynolds	Tidmarsh C	11/12	92%
Jeremy Willis	Sonning C&P D	11/12	92%
John Willcocks	Curzon A	11/12	92%
Colin Childs	Tilehurst Meths B	8/9	89%
Jon Willis	Milestone A	12/15	80%
Roy Smyth	Sonning C&P D	9/12	75%
Nigel Maltby	Sonning C&P C	11/15	73%
Derek Harrison	Curzon B	11/18	61%
Mark Jones	Sonning C&P C	9/15	60%
Richard Andrews	Kingfisher H	9/15	60%

Like us **Pangbourne** face a tough time. In their first march they went down 4-6 to Tidmarsh 'C' who had only 2 players because Chris Browne got stuck in a traffic jam on the M25. Leroy won the only game by beating Barry 11-9 11-7 11-9. At Berks Sports Leroy hit his first ever div 3 maximum by beating Nigel 11-3 11-6 11-5 5-11 8-11 Paul 9-11 7-11 4-11 and Bob 10-12 12-10 11-7 10-12 5-11. Very well done Leroy. Roger Stevens picked up a single by beating Paul besides teaming up with Leroy to win the doubles and gain a draw. Against Sonning 'D' Tom Johnson and Pete Welch won one each by beating Alan Holden in their 2-8 defeat. This week they went down 1-9, Roger saving the white-wash by beating Nick.

Finally, can I have more comments from Tidmarsh and Milestone and some from Pangbourne, Sonning 'D' and Kingfisher.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Curzon Club A	4	4	0	0	32	8	8
Sonning C&P D	4	4	0	0	26	14	8
Tidmarsh C	6	3	2	1	32	28	7
Sonning C&P C	5	3	1	1	29	21	7
Kingfisher H	6	2	1	3	28	32	5
OLOP F	4	1	2	1	20	20	4
Berks Sports A	5	1	2	2	25	25	4
Tilehurst Meths B	5	2	0	3	24	26	4
Milestone A`	5	1	1	3	20	30	3
Curzon Club B	6	0	2	4	22	38	2
Pangbourne WMC A	4	0	1	3	12	28	1

DIVISION FOUR *by Barry Carter*

Welcome to the 2004/2005 season. It is that time for me to do the usual predictions as to the outcome, so here goes. Champions' should be Polish 'C' although that is dependent on team selection and the runners-up will come from either Tidmarsh 'D' or Tilehurst Meths 'C', although my perennial tips of Kingfisher 'I' will be there or thereabouts come April. Anyway have a good, enjoyable season.

Polish 'C' have adjusted to life after promotion really well taking nine points out of twelve. They started off with an 8-2 win over Springfield 'A'. Jacek Werner started as he finished last season with a maximum. Another Jacek Werner maximum and three from K.Milerski saw them to a 7-3 win over Birch Copse 'A' to maintain their 100% record. The only game to date they have lost came in the 6-4 reverse at Tidmarsh 'F' where despite three from Jacek Werner they couldn't add to them. Andy Yon won two in the 7-3 victory against OLOP 'H'.

Tidmarsh 'D' are one of my tips for promotion and they got off to a flying start with an 8-2 win over the 'F' team. Chris Webb maintained the form of last season as he won all three. Steve Andrews overcame Dave Smith 11-3,11-4,11-9 to record one of his two and Bruce McKenzie won 11-9,11-7,11-5 against Mick Osborne. Steve Andrews enjoyed a great win over Nigel Rowland 13-11,11-9,3-11,13-11 in the 7-3 win over Tilehurst Meths 'C'. Tidmarsh 'D' got the better of their 'E' team in the 7-3 win. Pete Sinclair was man of the match with a good maximum although he was made to work for it by Mike Bundy.

Tilehurst Meths 'C' won their opening match 6-4 against Sonning C&P 'E'. Nigel Rowlands, Chris Taylor and Mal Collis all won two, however their doubles record of 20/22 last season seemed a distant memory as they lost first time up this season. Tilehurst Meths 'C' only defeat to date came as they were beaten 7-3 by Tidmarsh 'D'. They returned to winning ways with an emphatic 8-2

win over Tidmarsh 'F' both Nigel and Richard Lownsborough returned maximums.

Kingfisher 'I' started well with a 7-3 victory over OLOP 'H'. Chris Pusey returned an impressive three straight maximum, whilst Allen Pack won two and Derek Crombie the other. They were narrowly beaten in the next 6-4. Ken Robb and Allen Pack both won two each but they couldn't prevent them from slipping to defeat against OLOP 'G'. Allen Pack won his first maximum of the season in the 7-3 win over Sonning C&P 'E' with wins over Derek Maltby, Paul Treadgold and Graeme Streets.

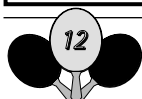
Sonning Common and Peppard 'E' lost 4-6 to Tilehurst Meths 'C' despite Mick Reynolds winning all three. Derek Maltby seemed unlucky to lose 9-11,5-11,11-9,11-9,6-11 to Mal Collis. Derek Maltby returned to form with a maximum in the 7-3 win over Tidmarsh 'E' although he was made to work hard by both Dave Edwards and Richard Hudson. Mick Reynolds also won the obligatory three. Paul Treadgold's 7-11,8-11,12-10,12-10,11-8 victory over Springfield 'A's Phil Burke was the pick of his maximum in the 6-4 defeat.

OLOP 'G' lost narrowly to Tidmarsh 'E'. Alex Fear and Dave Godfrey both won two. Dave Godfrey overcame Dave Edwards 7-11,10-12,11-7,11-5,11-6 in the tightest game of the evening. Alex Fear was the star in the 6-4 win over Kingfisher 'I' with impressive wins against Ken Robb and Allen Pack, newcomer Iain Greenwood recorded his first win with a 11-6,11-5,11-6 win over Derek Crombie. OLOP 'G' needed a game ten Dave Godfrey 11-8,2-11,11-9,11-9 win over Seth Martin to claim a point at Springfield and to complete a fine treble. A Todor Spasov maximum on his debut, coupled with another Alex Fear maximum saw them to a 7-3 win over Birch Copse 'A'. Pat Daniels double wasn't enough to prevent the 'G' team as they slipped to an narrow 6-4 defeat against Polish 'C'.

Springfield 'A' started disastrously as they were soundly beaten 8-2 by my promotion favourites. Pete Whittington and Des Hele were the only winners for Springfield as they both defeated Bob Walker. Springfield 'A' won their first point in a tight 5-5 draw with OLOP 'G'. Seth Martin and Des Hele both won two, whilst Pete Whittington defeated Fitzroy Licorish 11-6,11-4,11-5. A Pete Whittington double saw Springfield 'A' on their way to a 6-4 win over Sonning C&P 'E'.

LEADING AVERAGES

Mick Reynolds	Sonning Common 'E'	9	9	100%
Jacek Werner	Polish 'C'	17	18	94%
Chris Webb	Tidmarsh 'D'	11	12	92%
Nigel Rowland	Tilehurst Methodists 'C'	12	15	80%
Richard Lownsborough	Tilehurst Methodists 'C'	7	9	78%
Alex Fear	Our Lady of Peace 'G'	9	12	75%
Allen Pack	Kingfisher 'I'	11	15	73%
Terry Spice	Birch Copse 'A'	8	12	67%
Ken Robb	Kingfisher 'I'	8	12	67%



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Birch Copse 'A' won their first match in Division Four for a couple of seasons as they overcame last seasons fifth place finishers Tidmarsh 'F' 7-3. Pete Sheppard was inspired as he recorded fine wins over Dave Smith, Mick Osborne and Terry Hardie. Terry Spice overcame Terry Hardie 11-4,17-15,10-12,8-11,11-3 to clinch the points. Duncan Abbott was the only person to take an end off of Polish's Jacek Werner when they lost 7-3. Duncan won the first 11-8 before succumbing 4-11,8-11,8-11. Pete Sheppard and Roy Hull also won one each. Maximums from Roy Hull and Terry Spice saw them home to an 8-2 win over OLOP 'H'.

Tidmarsh 'F' have struggled this season to emulate their achievements of last season. They got off to a bad start as they lost at Birch Copse . Mick Osborne was the pick of the team with wins over Duncan Abbott and a 11-7,11-9,6-11,6-11,11-7 over Terry Spice. In the second match they were outgunned by their 'D' team rivals 8-2 with only an 11-6,11-6,11-6 Bob Griffiths win over Steve Andrews and an 11-9,11-8,14-12 Dave Smith win over Bruce McKenzie to show for their efforts. Two each from Bob, Mick Osborne and Terry Hardie saw them to an unlikely victory over Polish 'C'. Bob and Mick both took Jacek Werner to five sets before losing. Bob losing 3-11,13-11,11-6,5-11,6-11 and Mick 19-

17,9-11,5-11,11-9,9-11.

Tidmarsh 'E' made a transfer coup in the summer when they signed Francois Durand from the Tidmarsh Greyhounds Newbury League team, the money was well spent as he won all three in the 6-4 win over OLOP 'G'. John Harland and Dave Edwards weighed in with one each to complete the victory. They came back down to earth with a bump as they lost 3-7 to Sonning C&P 'E'. Richard Hudson's 11-9,11-8,11-5 was the pick of the wins for Tidmarsh 'E'. Tidmarsh 'E' slumped to their fourth successive defeat, this time it was at the hands of their 'D' team. Dave Edwards was their star as he returned a brace after he defeated Steve Andrews and Bruce McKenzie.

OLOP 'H' are a new team of players and they have got better as the season has gone on. In the first match they were defeated 7-3 by Kingfisher. Darius Weithers, Hessel Williams and Jez Beskin all won one each. Darius Weithers defeated both Pete Whittington and Seth Martin during OLOP 'H's 7-3 defeat against Springfield 'A'. Osiri Weithers came into the team and won one and took Des Hele to five before losing 7-11,11-5,14-12,11-13,9-11. Hessel Williams won an exciting match with Duncan Abbott 6-11,11-8,5-11,11-8,13-11 in the 8-2 defeat against Birch Copse 'A'. Jez Beskin became the first person to defeat Jacek Werner as he came from two sets to one down to win 11-13,13-11,7-11,11-8,11-7 but it wasn't enough to prevent the lads from slipping to a 7-3 defeat against Polish 'C'. OLOP 'H' claimed their first point in the 5-5 draw against Tidmarsh 'F'. Bernie Schug made his debut in fine style with a hard fought maximum in which they all went to five sets.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Polish 'C'	6	4	1	1	37	23	9
Tidmarsh 'D'	5	4	0	1	32	18	8
Tilehurst Methodists 'C'	5	4	0	1	32	18	8
Kingfisher 'I'	5	3	0	2	28	22	6
Sonning Common 'E'	6	2	1	3	29	31	5
Our Lady of Peace 'G'	5	2	1	2	26	24	5
Springfield 'A'	5	2	1	2	24	26	5
Tidmarsh 'F'	5	2	1	3	24	36	5
Birch Copse 'A'	5	2	0	3	25	25	4
Tidmarsh 'E'	5	1	0	4	17	33	2
Our Lady of Peace 'H'	5	0	1	4	16	34	1

DIVISION FIVE *by John Sant*

The Division 5 season got off to the worst possible start when Malcolm Griffiths, playing for OLOP 'I' against Curzon Club 'C' suffered a heart attack during the first match of the season. After some weeks in hospital I understand Malcolm is to undergo heart surgery in London. I am sure all the players in Reading wish him well and a speedy recovery and a return to table tennis.

With over a quarter of the season gone Division 5 is shaping up to be very competitive with at least half of the teams in the division in with a realistic chance of honours. Curzon Club 'C' narrowly lead the way at this stage, which will be a surprise to some, but they have been in sparkling form this season.

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I would be grateful if all team captains would send in their match cards promptly. A couple of teams have let me down badly in this respect and caused a good deal of wasted time and trouble for myself.

LONGFIELD 'B' are likely to figure prominently this year, particularly if they field their strongest team in key matches. Ken Park leads the way, being unbeaten in his four outings so far. John Beardmore, John Belcher and Rod Janes complete a formidable squad. Victories were achieved against OLOP 'J' (8-2), Kingfisher 'J' (7-3) and a weakened Springfield 'B' (8-2) and the points were shared with Milestone 'B'. However, set backs against Tilehurst Meths 'D' (4-6) and Curzon Club 'C' (3-7) could prove costly.
Doubles average: 83%

TIDMARSH 'G'. New signing, Duncan Groves is proving to be quite an acquisition for Tidmarsh, being unbeaten in the four matches he has played. Particularly impressive was his straight games maximum against leaders, Curzon Club 'C'

and Springfield 'B'. With solid support from Bob Sunerton, Richard Hudson, John Harland, Dave Humphrey and John Smith I expect Tidmarsh to be serious contenders.
Doubles average: 50%

READING RESOURCE who were last years' Division 6 champions have found it rather tougher going this season in the higher division, although last seasons "Freeman Trophy" winner, Neil Havard plays to a consistently high standard, averaging 89%, having played in all the matches. The other players in a large squad have shared the matches around with varying degrees of success, but the club is to be commended on encouraging many new players to play the game. Their solitary win to date has been an 8-2 defeat of Sonning C & P 'G' in which Roy Allen's maximum and Maureen Allchurch's double backed up Neil's maximum.
Doubles average: 17%

SPENCERS WOOD. Good to see Brenda Finegan playing again after last season's injury. The results have been a bit mixed, but Spencers Wood always seem to be involved in very tight matches. Martin Wetherell continues to play consistently well and is ever present with an 89% average. After a poor start with two defeats and a draw, things have greatly improved recently with two wins and a draw. The return of Alan Clarke was certainly instrumental in the two wins and Derek Chapman has chipped in with a few good performances, notably against Steven Purchase (13-11 12-10 11-9).
Doubles average: 50%

SONNING C & P 'G'. Phil Turton and his young team are again struggling for survival. One solitary win against OLOP 'J' (7-3) is their only reward for some battling performances. James Betts had two excellent wins at Spencers Wood and is showing steady improvement in support of Phil.
Doubles average: 60%

OLOP 'I'. After the disastrous start following Malcolm Griffiths' heart attack, OLOP 'I' have mainly fielded a team of very young players. Indeed, against Spencers Wood the combined age of the three players was 33 years! Very creditably the youngsters have performed, losing three, drawing against their 'J' team clubmates and a very fine win over Reading Resource. Iain Greenwood scored a superb maximum in this match, including a win over Neil Havard. He followed this with another maximum at the expense of Tidmarsh 'G'. I would expect this young team to improve very rapidly.
Doubles average 67%

CURZON CLUB 'C' have produced some great results this season and are worthy, if slender, league leaders at present. Linda King and Tracy

LEADING AVERAGES

Duncan Groves	(Tidmarsh 'G')	12/12	100
Ken Park	(Springfield 'B')	12/12	100
Martin Wetherell	(Spencers Wood)	16/18	89
Neil Havard	(Reading Resource)	16/18	89
John Burke	(Springfield 'B')	13/15	87
Linda King	(Curzon Club 'C')	14/17	82
John Freeman	(Tilehurst Meths 'D')	14/18	78
Tracy Maynard	(Curzon Club 'C')	8/11	73
John Beardmore	(Longfield 'B')	10/14	71
David Jones	(Tilehurst Meths 'D')	10/15	67
Sam Stevens	(Milestone 'B')	10/15	67
Philip Mannion	(OLOP 'J')	8/12	67

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CURZON CLUB 'C'	6	5	0	1	39	21	10
MILESTONE 'B'	6	4	1	1	37	23	9
SPRINGFIELD 'B'	6	4	1	1	35	25	9
TILEHURST METHS 'D'	6	4	1	1	35	25	9
TIDMARSH 'G'	6	4	0	2	35	25	8
LONGFIELD 'B'	6	3	1	2	35	25	7
SPENCERS WOOD	6	2	2	2	32	28	6
READING RESOURCE	6	1	1	4	27	33	3
OLOP 'I'	5	1	1	3	17	33	3
SONNING C & P 'G'	5	1	0	4	18	32	2
KINGFISHER 'J'	6	0	2	4	22	38	2
OLOP 'J'	6	0	2	4	21	39	2

Maynard have been in great form with two maximums each, and both figure prominently in the averages. The 7-3 success over Longfield 'B' was a fine effort with Linda and Tracy each scoring maximums against very experienced opponents. The only reverse suffered so far was a 3-7 defeat by Tidmarsh 'G' when they met Duncan Groves in devastating form. It remains to be seen whether the team can keep it up, but it has certainly been an encouraging start.
Doubles average: 20%

SPRINGFIELD 'B' made an excellent start to the season with four straight wins. Skipper, John Burke has been in superb form, well supported by Ian Boaden, Mo Wills and Martin Hynes. Unfortunately, the run came to an abrupt end when they lost 2-8 to Longfield 'B' after being forced to field two reserves. This defeat was followed by a draw with Tilehurst Meths 'D', putting Springfield back on track for a promotion challenge.
Doubles average 83%

KINGFISHER 'J' will always be tough opponents for the other teams in this division with Sylvia Bruton playing regularly. The rest of the squad, Diane Taylor, Derek Spicer, Jack Ridley and Chris Elliott have given good support occasionally but they will have to perform more consistently if Kingfisher are to add significantly to their meagre points tally. Draws in their first two matches have been followed by four consecutive defeats.
Doubles average: 17%

MILESTONE 'B' have been playing particularly well and threaten to bounce straight back into Division 4. Gerard Thorp, Sam Stevens and John Crosfield have played together most of the season and been very successful. One defeat at the hands of Tidmarsh 'G' and a draw with Longfield 'B' are the

only points dropped so far. Sam Stevens was outstanding against Tilehurst Meths 'D' scoring a superb maximum.
Doubles average: 50%

TILEHURST METHODISTS 'D'. In complete contrast to OLOP 'I', the Meths have fielded a team on occasions this year with a total age of 225 years! Nevertheless, veterans John Freeman and David Jones continue to be formidable opponents and have each recorded two maximums. However, youngsters Catherine Venning and Matthew Rowland have been given a chance and both have contributed vital wins, particularly Matthew's win over Mo Wills to salvage a point at Springfield 'B'.
Doubles average: 83%

OLOP 'J'. Philip Mannion and Steve Purchase have been in pretty good form this season and produced some good individual results. Steve's win over Martin Wetherell at Spencers Wood is worthy of special mention, as is Phil Mannion's defeats of John Beardmore and John Belcher at Longfield. However, much better support is needed from the third players if there is to be a significant improvement from the bottom of the table.
Doubles average; 17%

BEST PERFORMANCE OF THE PERIOD

Iain Greenwood (OLOP 'I') in scoring a maximum against Reading Resource. v Neil Havard (8-11 11-7 9-11 11-2 11-4), v Maureen Allchurch (10-12 11-6 8-11 11-6 11-8) and v Stephen Leibens (7-11 11-9 11-4 11-6)

CLOSEST MATCH OF THE PERIOD

Derek Chapman (Spencers Wood) v James Betts (Sonning C & P 'G')
4-11 18-16 12-10 12-14 12-14

DIVISION SIX by John Harris

Welcome to the first Newsletter report of the new season. I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all the new players this year; I hope you enjoy your table tennis.

As many of you know already, Malcolm Griffiths is unable to play table tennis at present because of heart illness. I am sure everyone will join with me in wishing Malcolm a speedy recovery and an early return to league table tennis.

Already this season there seems to have been a number of postponements – all, no doubt, because of genuine reasons. The official line is that postponements are allowed only in very exceptional circumstances (see handbook for details); however, it is your division and I merely collate results when I receive them. Within reason I am happy to allow postponements, provided that, firstly, both teams agree to the postponement and, secondly, matches do not pile up towards the end of the season.

Berks Sports 'B'

John Fuller's team have had a mixed start to the season. With wins against OLOP and Pangbourne balanced with defeats by St Laurence and Birch Copse, it would seem that they will do well against the weaker teams but struggle when competing with the stronger ones. John, as usual, tends to more than hold his own but finding another team member who can regularly come up with a couple of wins seems to be Berks Sports annual problem.

Springfield 'D'

This has been a most disappointing start to their season. The best result to date has been a draw against fellow strugglers, Pangbourne. However, to be fair, Colin Jones' team have come up against some of the so-called front-runners, having played Birch Copse, Sonning C + P 'H', St Laurence and local competitors Springfield 'C'. Three of these four matches have been extremely close, particularly those involving Springfield 'C' and Sonning C + P 'H'. Nigel Outhwaite is undoubtedly the top player at present; although he lost all three against St Laurence, he still has a record of ten wins from fifteen games. I have no doubt that, in the coming weeks, this team will move up the table.

Post Office 'C'

I am extremely surprised to see Post Office holding up the table! I realise that they have played teams who, at present, are riding high in the table, but I would have expected Post Office themselves to be one of the leading teams in the division. However, some of the matches have been closely contested affairs. For example, although Sonning C + P 'H' eventually ran out winners by 7-3, the individual

games were extremely close – some of them being decided in the fifth set by 11-9 and 12-10! With the record which some of their players have, they will surely soon start to move up the table.

BBC Club

A somewhat mixed bag of results so far for Phil Peat's team. Although they suffered a 10-0 defeat at the hands of Sonning C + P 'H' (it was, however, first games of the season for each member of the BBC team on the night), they have beaten Sonning C + I 'I' and OLOP and achieved a notable draw against Birch Copse. BBC undoubtedly have a number of good players, but are rarely able to get them all playing on the same night! Motjaba Safavi has the highest average at present, followed by Dave Pearson and Robina Hacker. I hope that Phil Peat will soon recover from his knee problems and start playing again.

Sonning Common and Peppard 'I'

A new team this season who made a very impressive start in the opening weeks by beating Birch Copse and OLOP, both by a margin of 6-4. However, a defeat by BBC – and a postponed match against local rivals Sonning C + P 'H' yet to come – has restricted their progress to a mid-table position. Although Ian Ayres is so far unbeaten in nine games, their other players, I feel, are likely to find victories against the better teams hard to come by. Nonetheless, good luck to Warrick, Andy and Fred.

Sonning Common and Peppard 'H'

Having played, and beaten, teams from both the top and the bottom of the table as it stands at the moment, Sonning C + P 'H' have undoubtedly made a good start. However, the match with St Laurence is yet to come and, from the comments I have heard about the way St Laurence are playing, I suspect that Sonning C + P will lose! The star of the Sonning C + P team, at present, is undoubtedly Malcolm Faulkner (11 out of 12), although Mike Casserley, Harold Hunt, Shep and, I hate to say it, yours truly are all doing well. At this stage it looks as if we may be competing for honours at the end of the season although St Laurence, I am sure, will take the top spot.

Birch Copse 'B'

After a somewhat disappointing start – two defeats and a draw – Ken Sherry's team have won their last three matches and have moved steadily up the table. I can't really explain what happened in the first three weeks – perhaps it was the quality of the opposition(!!!) – but Ken, Sean and Chas have certainly now 'got their act together'. I have no doubt

that this team will have some part to play in the quest for the leading positions in the final divisional table in March.

Springfield 'C'

Gerald Higgs' team have, to their immense frustration, only managed to play two matches so far. However, they have defeated both Post Office and local rivals Springfield 'D' and find themselves in a mid-table position with four points. The match against Springfield 'D' was, predictably, a close-run affair; Nigel Outhwaite won all three for the 'D' team but, sadly for Nigel, it was not enough and the 'C' team won by 6-4.

St Laurence

With four straight victories so far, Ben Clowney's team seem to be the favourites for the divisional title. I just hope that, unlike last season, they manage to put out three players in each match throughout the season and do not ask for too many postponements – I might not be quite as lenient this time around! By the time this article is published the match between St Laurence and Sonning C + P 'H' will have been played and, probably, the championship decided with it.

Pangourne 'B'

Prior to the beginning of the season, the 'word on the street' was that Pangbourne would be a force to be reckoned with. Unfortunately, however, with three defeats and a draw in their first four matches the team has had a disappointing start. I understand that the eventual match score does not always reflect the closeness of the games, but I am sure that Colin Thomas' team will be looking for a rapid upturn in their fortunes.

Geoff Chivers is their top player at present with

four from six, followed by John Taylor and John Careless.

OLOP 'K'

Joe Rassool's team play purely for the enjoyment and any points they win are a bonus – or so it seems! Well, they have won one match so far, which is one more than they managed during the whole of last season – sorry Pangbourne! Furthermore, they have competed well in other matches and have avoided heavy defeats in just about every game. You may not win many matches, Joe, but it is a pleasure to play against you – as it has been for so many years. Good luck to you and everyone in the team!

LOCAL UMPIRES "ONLINE"!

You can now find the Local Umpire test papers and information on the ETTA website.

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Sonning C + P 'H'	5	5	0	0	41	9	10
St Laurence	4	4	0	0	32	8	8
Birch Copse 'B'	6	3	1	2	31	29	7
BBC Club	4	2	1	1	18	22	5
Springfield 'C'	2	2	0	0	13	7	4
Sonning C + P 'I'	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Berks Sports 'B'	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
OLOP 'K'	5	1	0	4	16	34	2
Pangbourne 'B'	4	0	1	3	19	21	1
Springfield 'D'	5	0	1	4	16	34	1
Post Office 'C'	4	0	0	4	13	27	0

YOUTH LEAGUE ROUND-UP *by John Cunningham*

Newcomer star of Youth League

Four newcomers were involved in the match of the evening at Blue Coat School in one of the early rounds of the Youth League. Gareth Terry and Siad Cole beat Philip Brennan and Liam Curran but the scoreline hardly reflected the closeness of the exciting contest. Seven year old Curran was beaten 2-11 8-11 13-11 11-8 6-11 by Cole, also aged seven while Brennan lost out to the same player by an 11-7 8-11 13-11 10-12 7-11 scoreline. Gareth Terry just edged the player of the match award for some powerful hitting on the way to his maximum.

On the top table Ravinder Dosanjh came in for Dane White joining Mark Moffat against the Chinese pairing of Fang Zhou Gu and Chen Chen Wang. Once again there were some close contests with Moffat gaining a good win over Wang and Gu recording a creditable maximum to take the player of the match awards as the Chinese duo won 3-1. The highlight of the evening was a visit by County coach Graham Outrim who gave one to one coaching to Dosanjh and Moffat.



Youth League players (left to right), Emma Ashley, Fang Zhou Gu and Chen Chen Wang

Greenwood Brothers make IMPACT

Jamie Greenwood and young brother Jack made a promising start in their debut at the Reading Youth league at Blue Coat School. Jamie paired up with Ravinder Dosanjh to take on Jack and the league current number one player, Dane White. Dosanjh and White opened proceedings with a five game classic which saw the number one all but lose his status only to come back in the deciding game to steal a 3-2 win.

The battle of the brothers matched the opener, with Jamie edging home by a 3-1 scoreline. The experience of Dosanjh and White saw them home against the brothers but not without a fight, thus leaving it all to the deciding doubles, won in five

by Dosanjh and Jamie Greenwood to give their side a 3-2 victory. Other highlights of the evening were yet another maximum for Fang Zhou Gu and a good 5-0 win for Daniel Haile and Dominic Gosling over Mark Moffat and Lyusja Kuzmina in a match much closer than the score suggests as can be seen by the 14-12 11-5 13-11 and 8-11 9-11 11-6 11-4 12-10 victories of the Warehouse pair.

On a sad note the League had to say goodbye to Chen Chen Wang (Alice) who has returned to China. Last weekend the youngster, aged just 10, represented Berkshire at Junior (17 and under) and led her National Reading IMPACT Cadet side to joint top in the National Cadet League at Chesham. All involved in the league will be sad to see her go and wish her a safe journey and best wishes for her future.

The Youth League continues to meet on Friday evenings 7-9pm at Blue Coat School. Match play, and basic or advanced coaching will be available and there is also space for parents or other adults who would like to try Table Tennis. For details of how to join contact John Cunningham Tel 0118 9665907.

End of an Era, at Arborfield

In August, the Arborfield Army Apprentice Foundation College closed its doors for the last time, with a final passing out parade held on 12th of the month.

Having been involved in local Table Tennis for many years

dating back to the early 1960's, the college linked up with OLOP in the late 1980's and this relationship has seen over 2000 staff and apprentices introduced to the sport since then. John is pictured above, with his final award winner at the college, after 16 years.



John Cunningham with A.T. Eddie Marriott



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There may be seeding in any event as determined by the Management Committee.

4.7 PLAYING MATTERS

4.7.1 Every competitor (and this includes both partners in a doubles event) may be required to umpire one set per event entered. After losing, a player should remain available in the hall until called upon by Control to umpire a set.

4.7.2 When playing (including knocking up) players are expected to wear table tennis dress and the standard of dress must satisfy the Referee. In particular jeans or denim or similar clothing will not be allowed. The main colour of a shirt, skirt or shorts, other than sleeves or collar of a shirt shall be clearly different from that of the ball in use (Rule 11.5.2). Any markings or trimming on the front or side of a playing garment, and any objects such as jewellery worn by a player, shall not be so conspicuous or brightly reflecting as to unsight an opponent (Rule 11.5.3).

4.7.3 On arrival all competitors must report to Control and should not leave the building without obtaining permission from the Referee.

4.7.4 All competitors will be required to play on the allotted table and on being called must go to that table and begin play without delay. Any competitor not ready to play when called may be scratched.

4.7.5 Knocking up on vacant tables may be allowed at the discretion of the Referee, but only by two players at a time on any one table.

4.7.6 Substitutions may be allowed in doubles events only, in the absence of one of a pair, at the discretion of the Referee. Requests will not be considered in respect of any player who has not made a valid entry for the event.

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4.7.8 All sets will be best of five games 11 up and shall be played under the "Laws of Table Tennis" as approved by ETTA (Rule 11.1).

4.7.9 All players must comply with the "Glue Directive" issued by the Reading Management Committee dated 7 December 2002.

4.8 CUPS AND RETURNABLE TROPHIES

A winner of an Association returnable cup or trophy shall be responsible for returning it to the Trophy Secretary in a clean condition not later than the closing date for receipt of entries for the next championships or twelve months after it was won whichever date is the earlier (Rule 10.7.2). Failure to do so will incur a fine of £5 for each offence (Rule 10.7.5).

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(PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS)

Mr/Mrs/

Miss/Ms SURNAME FIRST NAME CLUB

ADDRESS TEL

If entering an event 1 - 9, DATE OF BIRTH AGE ON 31 December 2004 Yrs Mos

If entering Veterans / Senior Veterans event, DECLARE "40 / 50 or over on 1 January 2005 YES / NO"

EVENT	DAY	State Division	Tick Entry	State Partner
1. Under 21 Singles (Male & Female) (born on or after 1 Jan 1984)	SAT	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
2. Junior Boys Singles (born on or after 1 Jan 1987)	SAT	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
3. Junior Girls Singles (born on or after 1 Jan 1987)	SAT	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
4. Cadet Boys Singles (born on or after 1 Jan 1990)	SAT	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
5. Cadet Girls Singles (born on or after 1 Jan 1990)	SAT	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
6. Under 13 Boys Singles (born on or after 1 Jan 1992)	SAT	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
7. Under 13 Girls Singles (born on or after 1 Jan 1992)	SAT	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
8. Junior Boys Doubles (born on or after 1 Jan 1987)	SAT	xxxxx		
9. Junior Girls Doubles (born on or after 1 Jan 1987)	SAT	xxxxx		
10. Mens Doubles	SAT*	xxxxx		
11. Ladies Doubles	SAT*	xxxxx		
12. Mixed Doubles	SAT*	xxxxx		
13. Veterans Singles (Male & Female) (born on or before 1 Jan 1965)	SAT	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
14. Senior Veterans Singles (Male & Female) (born on or before 1 Jan 1955)	SAT	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
15. Mens Singles	SUN*	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
16. Ladies Singles	SUN*	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
17. Division 1 Restricted Singles	SUN	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
18. Divisions 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Championships	SUN	Div:		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
19. Youth Division Championship	SUN	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

*Finals staged Sunday evening.

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NOTE THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED PERSONALLY

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Ladies Singles				Youth Division Singles			

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Junior Girls Singles				Mens Doubles			
Cadet Boys Singles				Ladies Doubles			
Cadet Girls Singles				Mixed Doubles			
Under 13 Boys Singles				Veterans Singles (M&F)			
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There may be seeding in any event as determined by the Management Committee.

4.7 PLAYING MATTERS

4.7.1 Every competitor (and this includes both partners in a doubles event) may be required to umpire one set per event entered. After losing, a player should remain available in the hall until called upon by Control to umpire a set.

4.7.2 When playing (including knocking up) players are expected to wear table tennis dress and the standard of dress must satisfy the Referee. In particular jeans or denim or similar clothing will not be allowed. The main colour of a shirt, skirt or shorts, other than sleeves or collar of a shirt shall be clearly different from that of the ball in use (Rule 11.5.2). Any markings or trimming on the front or side of a playing garment, and any objects such as jewellery worn by a player, shall not be so conspicuous or brightly reflecting as to unsight an opponent (Rule 11.5.3).

4.7.3 On arrival all competitors must report to Control and should not leave the building without obtaining permission from the Referee.

4.7.4 All competitors will be required to play on the allotted table and on being called must go to that table and begin play without delay. Any competitor not ready to play when called may be scratched.

4.7.5 Knocking up on vacant tables may be allowed at the discretion of the Referee, but only by two players at a time on any one table.

4.7.6 Substitutions may be allowed in doubles events only, in the absence of one of a pair, at the discretion of the Referee. Requests will not be considered in respect of any player who has not made a valid entry for the event.

4.7.7 Except as provided in 4.7.6 or to correct genuine misunderstandings or errors, the draw once completed will not be altered unless exceptionally it becomes unbalanced and the organising committee and the Referee think an alteration is desirable in the interests of the tournament.

4.7.8 All sets will be best of five games 11 up and shall be played under the "Laws of Table Tennis" as approved by ETTA (Rule 11.1).

4.7.9 All players must comply with the "Glue Directive" issued by the Reading Management Committee dated 7 December 2002.

4.8 CUPS AND RETURNABLE TROPHIES

A winner of an Association returnable cup or trophy shall be responsible for returning it to the Trophy Secretary in a clean condition not later than the closing date for receipt of entries for the next championships or twelve months after it was won whichever date is the earlier (Rule 10.7.2). Failure to do so will incur a fine of £5 for each offence (Rule 10.7.5).

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Reading and District Table Tennis Association

OFFICIAL FORM FOR ENTRY TO THE 2004-05 CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

(PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS)

Mr/Mrs/

Miss/Ms SURNAME FIRST NAME CLUB

ADDRESS TEL

If entering an event 1 - 9, DATE OF BIRTH AGE ON 31 December 2004 Yrs Mos

If entering Veterans / Senior Veterans event, DECLARE "40 / 50 or over on 1 January 2005 YES / NO"

EVENT	DAY	State Division	Tick Entry	State Partner
1. Under 21 Singles (Male & Female) (born on or after 1 Jan 1984)	SAT	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
2. Junior Boys Singles (born on or after 1 Jan 1987)	SAT	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
3. Junior Girls Singles (born on or after 1 Jan 1987)	SAT	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
4. Cadet Boys Singles (born on or after 1 Jan 1990)	SAT	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
5. Cadet Girls Singles (born on or after 1 Jan 1990)	SAT	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
6. Under 13 Boys Singles (born on or after 1 Jan 1992)	SAT	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
7. Under 13 Girls Singles (born on or after 1 Jan 1992)	SAT	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
8. Junior Boys Doubles (born on or after 1 Jan 1987)	SAT	xxxxx		
9. Junior Girls Doubles (born on or after 1 Jan 1987)	SAT	xxxxx		
10. Mens Doubles	SAT*	xxxxx		
11. Ladies Doubles	SAT*	xxxxx		
12. Mixed Doubles	SAT*	xxxxx		
13. Veterans Singles (Male & Female) (born on or before 1 Jan 1965)	SAT	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
14. Senior Veterans Singles (Male & Female) (born on or before 1 Jan 1955)	SAT	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
15. Mens Singles	SUN*	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
16. Ladies Singles	SUN*	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
17. Division 1 Restricted Singles	SUN	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
18. Divisions 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Championships	SUN	Div:		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
19. Youth Division Championship	SUN	xxxxx		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

*Finals staged Sunday evening.

I ENCLOSE with this form RTT 7 (Part 2), a Stamped Self Addressed Envelope and a completed Report Time Form - RTT 7 (Part 3). (Please do NOT use staples or pins when returning papers.)

I am AWARE of the Standing Regulations which I ACCEPT. I DECLARE that in the current season I have played in at least four Reading League team matches**. If entered Event 17, 18 or 19 I also DECLARE that I am registered in the division entered and in the current season I have played in at least four league team matches in the division entered, or in the case of Divisions 1-5 in the division entered and a lower division. I DECLARE that I am ELIGIBLE to play in the Reading Closed Championships in accordance with Regulation 4.2.

**NB. A junior player who has not played in four Reading League matches in the current season and relies on Regulation 4.2.3 must indicate clearly!

NOTE THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED PERSONALLY

Signed

>>> This form must be sent to Charles Goddard 35 The Pastures Oulton LOWESTOFT NR32 4WT <<<
>>> to ARRIVE not later than Friday 21 January 2005 <<<

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SURNAME (BLOCK CAPITALS) FIRST NAME

Please complete this form, tick the events that you are entering and send the whole form with your OFFICIAL FORM FOR ENTRY and a STAMPED SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE to the Championships Secretary. Please ensure there are no staples or pins. The S.S.A.E. will be used to return this form to you telling you your reporting time for the first set in each event. NB the scheduled times of sets will be noted on the Draw Sheets but the Referee reserves the right to bring forward or put back the time of any set so check with Control if you wish to leave the hall. If for any reason you find you are unable to play do please let the Championships Secretary know (Charles Goddard 01502 731846).

It will assist Control if you will hand in the appropriate part of this form when you book in on the day of the event.

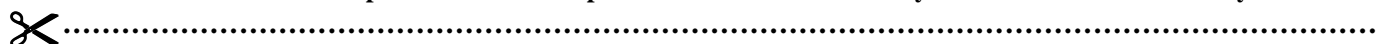
Sunday 13 February 2005

Venue: Cippenham Table Tennis Centre Westgate School Cippenham Lane Cippenham Slough. {From M4 exit at Junction 7 (Slough West). At roundabout turn right onto A4 towards Slough. After one mile turn right at lights immediately after Mercedes Benz dealer on right. Follow road for ½ mile then turn left into Westgate School}

EVENT	Tick here	SET NUMBER	REPORT TIME	EVENT	Tick here	SET NUMBER	REPORT TIME
Mens Singles				Division Singles State Div			
Ladies Singles				Youth Division Singles			

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SURNAME (BLOCK CAPITALS) FIRST NAME

Saturday 12 February 2005

Venue: Cippenham Table Tennis Centre Westgate School Cippenham Lane Cippenham Slough. {From M4 exit at Junction 7 (Slough West). At roundabout turn right onto A4 towards Slough. After one mile turn right at lights immediately after Mercedes Benz dealer on right. Follow road for ½ mile then turn left into Westgate School}

EVENT	Tick here	SET NUMBER	REPORT TIME	EVENT	Tick here	SET NUMBER	REPORT TIME
Under 21 Singles (M&F)				Junior Doubles			
Junior Boys Singles				Junior Doubles			
Junior Girls Singles				Mens Doubles			
Cadet Boys Singles				Ladies Doubles			
Cadet Girls Singles				Mixed Doubles			
Under 13 Boys Singles				Veterans Singles (M&F)			
Under 13 Girls Singles				Senior Veterans Singles (M&F)			

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