

DIVISION 1

Exiles B	2	Senate	8	Newton 2 - Swift 3, Pichon 2, Webb 2
DOE A	9	Treasury A	1	Harry 2, Richardson 3, Collino 3 - N Le Milliere 1
Treasury	4	HSL	6	Ling 3 - Loveder 2, Murphy 2, Barella 2
Met Police	2	DOE A	8	Roberts 1, Dare 1 - Harry 2, Collino 3, Richardson 2
Exiles A	8	B Trust	2	Holmes 1/2, McGilvray 1/2, R Campbell 2/2 - Hayden 2
Senate	9	Rejects	1	Pichon 2, Webb 3, Swift 3 - T Adedayo 1
Gainsford	6	Exiles B	4	Svenson 2, Chair 2, MacClister 1 - Newton 2, Smalldon 2
Met Police	8	Senate	2	Emmerson 2, Sutton 3, Dare 2 - Swift 2
HSL	4	DOE A	6	T Campbell 2, Loveder 2 - Collino 2, Harry 1, O'Leary 2
Treasury	3	B Trust	7	Le Milliere 1, Ling 2 - Turner 2, Kelly 1, Kerns 3
Exiles B	4	Exiles A	6	Herrity 2, Smalldon 2 - Holmes 3, Wroe 1, McGilvray 1
Treasury	8	Exiles B	2	Le Milliere 2, Ling 3, Cripps 2 - Herrity 1, Newton 1
HSL	8	Met Police	2	Emery 1/2, Barella 2/2, Campbell 2/2 - Emmerson 1
Exiles A	4	Rejects	6	McGilvray 2, Campbell 1 - B Adedayo 3, Carthy 2, Carpenter 1
DOE A	3	B Trust	7	Harry 2, Richardson 1 - Cole 2/2, Turner 1/2

	P	W	D	4-6	L	For	Agt	Pts
DOE A	4	3	0	0	1	26	14	12
Exiles A	3	2	0	1	0	18	12	9
HSL	3	2	0	1	0	18	12	9
Senate A	3	2	0	0	1	19	11	8
Bankers Trust	3	2	0	0	1	16	14	8
Treasury	4	1	0	1	2	16	24	5
Gainsford	1	1	0	0	0	6	4	4
Met Police	3	1	0	0	2	12	18	4
Rejects A	2	1	0	0	1	7	13	4
Exiles B	4	0	0	2	2	12	28	2

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An interesting summer in prospect. Rarely can a summer have produced such a blend of good players and alcoholics. Already this summer has set new highs in post match debauchery and begun a new fashion - nicknames on result cards. In Division 4 they tend to write down the surname with no first name. In this division I am getting nothing but a nom de plume from certain players. 'Mad dog', the 'Sweatbox' and 'Young Don' are well known favourites from seasons past, but 'Slither', 'Nathaniel T Bat', 'U.M. Barella' and 'Crispy' have all emerged this summer. My knowledge of the players concerned is usually good enough to ensure the averages are correct but when the 'Sweatbox' also goes under the alias of 'Amadeus' and 'Mad Dog' sometimes masquerades as 'the Rabid Surgeon' the statisticians life can be fraught! The trendsetters in this particular vogue are also the division's leaders. The four DOE musketeers (sorry, getting carried away) began as pre-season favourites and confirmed their supremacy against Treasury when Collino gained revenge for a defeat by Neil Le Milliere last summer although Neil was to take some comfort from a 3rd end win over Peter Harry. DOE were in similar commanding form against Met Police allowing just 2 sets to escape them - Mark (or Dan to his friends) Dare over Nat Richardson and Pete Roberts over Peter Harry (just too big a mountain to climb when the Welshman is in Summer mood I suspect). HSL - who, if my memory serves me correctly, started all this madness - got near to DOE, mainly due to the country's No 1 veteran (nearly) Trevor Campbell having success over O'Leary & Harry and Mike Loveder confirming his love of the chop by beating Collino. The luck finally ran out against Banker's Trust when DOE risked just 2 players and went under to a hard fought maximum from David Cole and one set from Steve Turner to deny them a point. Exiles A might be another fancied tip for the title but they have also lost - to a fine team effort from Rejects spearheaded by Babs Adedayo. HSL have started well both during and after the match. I understand their fixture against Treasury was awash with alcohol (thanks to Neil's usual hospitality) and I dare not say what time they left the pub with Met Police for fear of tarnishing Chief Inspector Solman's career prospects. Nice to see Jane Barella in that team - interesting to see how someone ranked in the country's top 20 women fares in this division. Thumbing through the results I was struck how well Senate are playing. Norman Swift is always a difficult opponent and he is getting good back up from Pichon and Webb. Other points of interest: Mick Ling's maximum v HSL (one of the few players to take the summer seriously), Pete Hayden's heavy defeat of Gordon Holmes, Mick Smalldon's win over Ian Svenson (are Gainsford in this League?), Neil Sutton inflicting Swift's sole loss, Met Police should be in the top 3 not the bottom 3, Phil Newton over Ling etc etc. Next bulletin I hope to return to more on table tennis and less on surnames. Averages should be included next time too. A pity I haven't time to tell you the story about Trevor Campbell when he was an end and 17-20 down to Percy Collino

DIVISION 2

Treasury	8	DOE B	2	Shore 3, Lee Watts 2, Whyman 2 - Randall 2
Lyndhurst	8	Senate C	2	Mann 2, O'Leary (Snr) 3, R Wood 2 - Cross 1, Renselar 1
W C Postal	2	Norwest's	8	Morson 1, Joy 1 - Griffiths 2, Williams 2, Bye 3
Senate B	6	COLSC A	4	Thorpe 1, D Evans 2, B Wood 2 - T Ward 1, Cornwall 3
COLSC A	6	W C Postal	4	Dennahy 2, Cornwall 2, King 2 - Beavington 1, Joy 2
Norwest's	4	Lyndhurst	6	Bye 1, Williams 2 - O'Leary 3, R Wood 1, Goldsmith 2
Senate C	4	Treasury	6	Les Watts 1, Tydeman 2, Cross 1 - Shore 2, P Moss 3
DOE B	7	Met Police	3	Randall 2, Clark 2, Willmott 3 - Craggs 2
Treasury	10	Norwest's	0	Normington, Shore, Moss (v 2 players)
Lyndhurst	5	COLSC A	5	Chandler 2, O'Leary 1, R Wood 1 - M Ward 2, Cornwall 3
Senate B	10	Met Police	0	Walkover
DOE B	7	Senate C	3	Randall 2, Wanstall 1, Willmott 3 - Cross 2, Tydeman 1
Senate B	2	DOE B	8	Thorpe 1, Grainger 1 - Willmott 3, Randall 3, Clark 1
COLSC A	5	Treasury	5	Cornwall 2, Dennahy 2, Bland 1 - Normington 1, Moss 3
Met Police	5	W C Postal	5	Pratley 1, Beeden 1, Eddens 3 - Beavington 2, Morson 2

	P	W	D	4-6	L	For	Agt	Pts
Treasury B	4	3	1	0	0	29	11	14
DOE B	4	3	0	0	1	24	16	12
Lyndhurst	3	2	1	0	0	19	11	10
COLSC A	4	1	2	1	0	20	20	9
Senate B	3	2	0	0	1	18	12	8
Norwesters A	3	1	0	1	0	12	18	5
W C Postal	3	0	1	1	1	11	19	3
Met Police B	3	0	1	0	2	8	22	2
Senate C	3	0	0	1	2	9	21	1
Sainsburys	Withdrawn							

Averages will appear in the 2nd Bulletin

Sainsburys are very apologetic at having to withdraw so early. They have had a small squad for years and Tony Byerley made one wrong assumption about availability and that was that. Senate B and Met Police who played and beat them before their withdrawal, will feel a little deprived. Treasury have made a good start with Pete Moss in fine form, though Martin Cornwall put up some resistance for COLSC losing 18, 19. Steve Whyman is clearly a rising star and it was a bit unkind to read Dave "Not so" Shore on the Senate C card when he won 2. However, I reckon it was Tim Normington's writing.... DOE have made a good start, though without their new star Steve Willmott they lost heavily to Treasury and must have had an early night even though Dave Randall was playing. However, I dare say that there was some midnight oil burnt v Senate C where - if the games were played in the right order - the last singles Dave v Bob Cross went to expedite. The score was then 6-2 to DOE and it is to Bob's credit that he won 22-20 in the third. With a point in sight Senate C blew the doubles! (I'll write about you some other time Dave!) The Lyndhurst geriatrics are in a golden phase - to think I considered that you might prefer to keep your aching limbs in Div 3! I was particularly impressed with John Goldsmith's 2 v Norwesters. Mind you COLSC are not to be discounted. They have settled in well and have a good allround squad. They've played 4 tough matches with respectable scores - particularly the draw with Treasury. Martin Cornwall is making his mark; Mr King (firstname?) had a notable win over Geoff Beavington of W C Postal 29-27 in the 3rd; and Alan Dennahy is a name that I remember - (that means he must be getting on a bit!) I take it also that "Bland" is Snr rather than Jnr? Don Thorpe's Senate B haven't quite got going yet - Don will be thinking of his deuce in the third effort (wasted) v Vic Tyc. Norwesters are also a little unsettled, with Joe Bye producing some varying results. W C Postal are well organised and were unlucky to meet Met Police when they were well organised. (Sorry Mick P, I know you've problems - interesting to see Alan Kelleher in disguise). Senate C are suffering from a changed title from Senate A last year, but this already looks - as it has been for several years - a competitive division.

DIVISION 3

Alliance A	6	Mercantile	4	Crawford 3, Curtis 2 - Barrow 1, Larking 2, Bennett 1
Exiles C	7	Metropole	3	Foster 1/2, Moss 2/2 - Thorington 2, Addley 1
Employment	5	Gainsford	5	Pearson 3, Snow 1 - Hodges 1/2, Williams 1/2
Navy	4	Exiles D	6	Tokely 2, Redhead 2 - Stean 2, Rutherford 2, Pelling 1
Pearl	8	Alliance B	2	Rose 2, Tuttle 2, Salisbury 3 - Ilett 1, Fear 1
Alliance B	6	Navy	4	Ilett 1/2, Crawford 2/2 - Stalberg 2, Tokely 1
Exiles D	1	Gainsford	9	Devine 1 - Hodges 2, Chair 3, Triggs 3
Employment	3	Exiles C	7	Pearson 3 - Penney 2, Parsons 2, Hall 1/2
Metropole	3	Alliance A	7	Thorington 3 - Thomas 2, Crawford 2, Curtis 2
Mercantile	0	Pearl	10	Rose, Richardson, Salisbury
Alliance A	6	Employment	4	Crawford 3, Curtis 3 (only 2 players)
Exiles C	8	Exiles D	2	Moss 3, Corning 1, Herrity 3 - Rutherford 1, Stean 1
Alliance B	4	Gainsford	6	Ilett 3, Fear 1 - Taylor 2, Frith 1, Hodges 2
Pearl	8	Navy	2	Richardson 2, Rose 3, Salisbury 2 - Tokely 1, Redhead 1
Mercantile	4	Metropole	6	Bennett 1, Warden 2, Barnes 1 - Murphy 2, Thorington 3
Exiles D	5	Alliance A	5	Balcon 1, Male 1, Devine 2 - Crawford 3, Thomas 2
Alliance B	5	Exiles C	5	Ilett 1, Efthymiou 2, Skerritt 2 - Moss 3, Foster 1
Pearl	4	Gainsford	6	Salisbury 2, Rose 1 - Frith 3, Cheung 2, Triggs 1
Employment	3	Metropole	7	Pearson 2, Snow 1, - S Tyler 2, Wilson 2, Thorington 2

	P	W	D	4-6	L	F	A	Pts
Exiles C	4	3	1	0	0	27	13	14
Gainsford B	4	3	1	0	0	26	14	14
Alliance A	4	3	1	0	0	24	16	14
Pearl	4	3	0	1	0	30	10	13
Alliance B	4	1	1	1	1	17	23	7
Metropole A	4	2	0	0	2	19	21	8
Employment	4	0	1	1	2	15	25	6
Exiles D	4	1	1	0	2	14	26	6
Navy A	3	0	0	2	1	10	20	2
Mercantile A	3	0	0	2	1	8	22	2

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Late result: not included above: Alliance A 6, Alliance B 4 (fix!)

It is a very good start in terms of matches played in all my Divisions - long may it continue. Pretty competitive already though Exiles C may feel the pinch when the B team poaches their stars. Dave Moss has eased his way through 3 matches in spite of stout resistance from the quiet man of Metropole, Jack Thorington, who took him to 3. Peter Hall had some near miss giant killing results losing 19 in the 3rd to Jack and 19-21, 25-27 to Mark Pearson, one of the leading Central 3rd players last winter. Gainsford B are keen to see whether their hard winter in Central I has done them any good and there are sure signs of improvement. Of course, the last minute appearance of Nabil Chair v Exiles D made a LOT of difference! but my spies tell me that Lew Hodges is playing well. The team result v Pearl caught my eye as being a very good win. The match was only half way through at 9.30pm (no, Gill wasn't playing) as the 4th game between Russell Frith and Dave Salisbury went to expedite in the 2nd end. Russell finally won 20-22, 25-23, 21-17. After that the games were 2 straight (exhaustion) so they might have made the pub in time. Pearl narrowly missed staying up and I hope they wont be too disappointed especially now that Sainsbury have had to withdraw. Their first 3 matches looked a bit easy, but now feet of clay have been discovered.... The Alliances are doing all right so far. Budgie Crawford has written his usual few words of close script covering the whole of the back of 2 cards so I almost know who was sitting 3 places away in the pub afterwards! Keep it up John. I like the handicap your new bat proved - with Mark Pearson on the receiving end! Clearly you are the man in form with Jack T inflicting your only defeat 'comfortably' 23-21 in the 3rd. Tony Curtis completed a bad night for Mark but I'm sure your friendly drink in the pub afterwards revived him. I expect Alliance B's toil to be rewarded in due course - a good draw v Exiles C. Employment are up and down - it really depends on Reg Snow, he 's the barometer. The atmospheric pressure was probably registering 'storm' for his narrow win v Jack T, but Jack had already beaten Mark P and Metropole emerged clear winners. Nice to see Sylvia Tyler keeping up the standard and outplaying Reg to boot. Mercantile, who earned promotion last year are finding it tough. Andrew Barnes was relieved to find a slight chink in Metropole's armour for a point, and Andy Larking is still a force to be reckoned with as Tony Curtis found. Navy are resilient and it looks as if they may need to be. Ricky Hensman's enthusiasm deserves some reward. Peter Tokely should make an impression, but Barry Ilett, as he can, gave him no quarter.

DIVISION 4

DHSS	6	Rejects	4	Tysoe 2, Mason 2, Anoom 2 - Payne 2, Cunningham 1
Australia	9	Goldshore	1	Smailes 3, Brown 3, Lynch 2 - Psorakis 1
COLSC	7	DNS	3	Bland 3, Mott 3, Maher 1 - Bourke 1, Emms 1
Electrosport	4	Gainsford	6	Dulieu 3 - Gilles 2, Roullier 2, To 2
Goldshore	9	DHSS	1	Psorakis 3, Quaye 2, Mak 3 - Mabert 1
DOE	3	Electrosport	7	Wiggins 1, Hattrill 1, Ferrier 1 - Dulieu 3, Carter 3
DNS	2	Australia	8	Lander 1, Bourke 1 - Smailes 3, Brown 2, Lynch 2
Rejects	8	Grove	2	Adamson 2, Carthy 3, Greenbury 2 - Botelho 2
COLSC	5	Gainsford	5	Bland 1, Gilbert 3 - Gilles 2, Roullier 1, To 2
Australia	1	Gainsford	9	Coutinho 1 - Gilles 3, Dure 2, Roullier 3
Electrosport	7	Rejects	3	Dulieu 2, Carter 3, Brazier 1 - Skinner 1, Carthy 2
COLSC	9	DOE	1	Gilbert 3, Bland 3, Mott 2 - Wiggins 1
Grove	7	DHSS	3	Botelho 2, Gore 1, Low 3 - Tysoe 1, Anoom 1, Sunlin 1
DHSS	4	Electrosport	6	Tysoe 2, Mason 1, Sunlin 1 - Dulieu 2, Carter 3
DNS	6	Gainsford	4	Bourke 2/2 - Gilles 2, Dure 2

	P	W	D	4-6	L	For	Agt	Pts
Electrosport	4	3	0	1	0	24	16	13
Gainsford	4	2	1	1	0	24	16	11
COLSC	3	2	1	0	0	21	9	10
Australia	3	2	0	0	1	18	12	8
Rejects	3	1	0	1	1	15	15	5
DHSS	4	1	0	1	2	14	26	5
Goldshore	2	1	0	0	1	10	10	4
Grove	2	1	0	0	1	9	11	4
DNS	3	1	0	0	2	11	19	4
DCE	2	0	0	0	2	4	16	0

An interesting start with no team having won all its matches to date and just one team still pointless. On the basis of the first week's results Bank of Australia looked to be a good bet for the title hammering a useful Goldshore side. Smailes took an easy maximum in that match. Electrosport and Gainsford fought out a close match which had a strong influence on the leading positions above. 5 sets went to 3 and Gainsford went 6-2 up before Electrosport climbed back for a point. This is the only dent in Electrosport's record so far and I suspect it was significant that Geoff Carter was not fielded - doesn't he play for Gainsford in the winter? Geoff is heading for the 'player of the division' accolade remaining unbeaten so far. With Geoff Dulieu at No 2 Electrosport will take some beating. Gainsford, on the other hand, are playing in fits and starts. They allowed COLSC a point having been 5-3 up and surrendered to DNS - or Paddy Bourke more specifically - when only fielding two players. In between these results they crunched a weaker than usual Bank of Australia team. COLSC and Rejects might be the dark horses of the division. In Lee Gilbert COLSC have another candidate for player of the division. His ability backed with the usual COLSC team support will make them a force. Rejects have fielded 8 players in 3 matches. The only one to play twice was Clive Carthy who is doubling up playing in Division 1 also. I would vote him the division's best player but I notice he lost 19 in the 3rd to the awkward style of Geoff Carter. If Rejects keep this up I'll run out of space on my result sheets! One feature of the 'give everyone a game' philosophy is that Rejects strength varies from week to week. Grove were on the receiving end of the "strong" Rejects team while DHSS took grateful points from the "weaker" Rejects team. The bottom of the division looks predictable. All the teams beginning with 'D' are liable to struggle. DNS field the same team for something like the 8th year in succession and look as though they will finish in their accustomed slot in the bottom four. Grove and DOE may have strong players in reserve - I suspect they'll need them. Good wins this period for Sean Mott over Paddy Bourke, Gordon Mabert over Ike Quaye, Tony Botelho just edging out Sue Adamson, Pierre Gilles maximum against Australia and Brian Tysoe's shock defeat of Dulieu. Finally, a plea to captains to include Christian names on cards. Rejects provide a good example of why this is essential when fielding 2-players called R Skinner. I would not want to get Ron's average confused with Rachel's!

DIVISION 5

Alliance	4	DHSS	6	May 3 - Breen 2, Young 2, Moran 2
Exiles	7	Navy	3	Martin 2, Wildon 2, Price 2 - Sanders 3
Norwesters	5	Nordis	5	Jeffries 1, McCamley 2, Banfield 2 - Stretch 2, Griffiths 2
AVGEN	10	Treasury	0	Norman, Heath, Kulenicz
Treasury	3	Metropole	7	3 by default - Clements 3, Thorington 3
Nordis	9	Exiles	1	Stretch 3, Covill 2, Griffiths 3 - Wildon 1
Navy	2	Alliance	8	Thompson 1, Hale 1 - May 3, Malby 3, Hackett 1
DHSS	5	AVGEN	5	Moran 2, Banarsee 1, Young 1 - Bennett-Coles 2, Heath 3
Alliance	5	Nordis	5	B Hunt 2, Hackett 1, May 2 - Griffiths 2, Stretch 2
Exiles	0	Castaways	10	Gale, Maloney, Seabrook
Norwesters	10	Treasury	0	Jeffries, Banfield, Golding
DHSS	6	Navy	4	Moran 3, Breen 1, Banarsee 2 - Sanders 2, Thompson 1
Nordis	6	Navy	4	Stretch 3, Drew 2 - Sanders 1, Thompson 1, Hale 2

	P	W	D	4-6	L	F	A	Pts
Nordis A	4	2	2	0	0	24	15	12
DHSS B	3	2	1	0	0	17	13	10
Alliance C	3	1	1	1	0	17	13	7
Norwesters B	2	1	1	0	0	15	5	6
AVGEN	2	1	1	0	0	15	5	6
Castaways	1	1	0	0	0	10	0	4
Metropole B	1	1	0	0	0	7	3	4
Exiles E	3	1	0	0	2	8	21	4
Navy B	4	0	0	2	2	13	27	2
Treasury C	3	0	0	0	3	3	27	0

A rather slow start to this division with rather too many postponements, though Metropole's fitful start can be attributed to national security problems - their premises were under red alert... A special thanks must go to Sharon Price's Exiles side who obligingly swapped Divisions to enable BBC to go down, though they may have now regretted this decision, with only the captain offering any resistance in the opening game v the new-look Castaways. Nordis, who deservedly head the table were involved in the best match so far against a very strong Norwesters team. Both Steve Griffith and Eddie Stretch of the former were involved in thrilling 3 setters in 5 out of the six games they played .. The match swung both ways - Norwesters coming from 1-4 down to lead 5-4 only for Nordis to salvage a point from the doubles. At first glance this Division appears even more highly competitive than last year and it would be impossible to predict anything at this stage. Both the Northern Postal sides have shown that they will be difficult to beat, though Norwesters appear to have the strongest squad in the Division. DHSS began in the same vein as their colleagues from last year, helped by Chris Moran continuing his good form from the Civil Service League.. He was involved a classic game when he lost 25-27, 25-27 to Chris Heath of AVGEN, who along with Castaways have strengthened their teams., though the latter have regained Janice Seabrook from injury. Norman Williams will be unavailable this summer. Metropole are very much an inknown quantity, since in their only appearance to date they defeated the unfortunat Treasury 2-man team one of whom was borrowed from their first team. Once again I would ask for comments (on the back of the scorecard will do) . It makes this section easier and more interesting to write.

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DIVISION 6

Sun Alliance	2	Rejects	8	Ring 1, Chapman 1 - Snelling 3, Parkhouse 3, Skinner 1
BBC	2	Met Police	8	McLaven 1, Lown 1 - Robinson 3, Stevenson 3, Gregory 1
Gainsford	3	MisHits	7	3 by default - MacBarnette 3, Lucas 3
Navy	3	Brit Library	7	Meanwell 1, Barnes 2 - E Callow 1, Trotter 2, D Callow 3
Camden	5	Alliance	5	Abrahart 1, Webb 2, Beazley 1 - Mascarenhas 2, Cunningham
Alliance	6	Navy	4	Elvin 1, Whitfield 2, Watson s - Sanders 3
Brit Library	10	Gainsford	0	Cathcart, E Callow, Martin
Mishits	7	BBC	3	McBarnette 3, Lucas 3 - Lewis 1, Meher 1, Lown 1
Sun Alliance	5	Camden	5	Ring 2, Froude 2 - Beazley 2, Couper 2, Sturley 1
Rejects	8	Mishits	2	Skinner 2, Payne 3, Parkhouse 2 - McBarnette 2
BBC	5	Brit Library	5	Bresler 1, Holroyd 3 - Martin 2, Smith 1, Cathcart 2
Alliance	9	Gainsford	1	Mascarenhas 2, Cunningham 3, Watson 3 -Howard 1
Navy	0	Camden	10	Beazley, Couper, MacGregor
Sun All.	6	Met Police	4	Hutchinson 2, Bellchambers 1, Edgeley 2 - Robinson 3
				A N Other? 1 (Who?)
Camden	4	Gainsford	6	Beazley 1, Bacon 1, Couper 2 - Cheung 2, Howard 3
Alliance	7	BBC	3	Whitfield 3, Pollinger 2, Elvin 2 - McGah 3
Brit Library	4	Rejects	6	Martin 2, D Callow 1, E Callow 1 - Snelling 2, Parkhouse 3

	P	W	D	4-6	L	F	A	Pts
Alliance D	4	3	1	0	0	27	13	14
Rejects C	3	3	0	0	0	22	8	12
British Library	4	2	1	1	0	26	14	11
Camden	4	1	2	1	0	24	16	9
MisHits	3	2	0	0	1	16	14	8
Sun Alliance	3	1	1	0	1	13	17	6
Met Police C	2	1	0	1	0	12	8	5
Gainsford D	4	1	0	0	3	10	30	4
BBC	4	0	1	0	3	13	27	2
Navy	3	0	0	1	2	7	23	1

Firstly can I say that I was somewhat surprised to see Rejects still in the Division having comfortably won it last year (by request - weakened side.DN) and although the standard of play is still high we have seen the departure of players of the highest calibre who would rock the Rejects boat. However, Gerry Martin should certainly be pleased with his straight sets victory over the excellent Bob Snelling, though Andy Parkhouse spoilt the party by gaining a max. After Rejects there is very little to choose between the teams with the possible exception of Navy, who appear to be in for a struggle, being weaker than last year - the diligent Steve Barnes is unfortunately to be exiled to Cornwall (best of luck Steve). BBC are very much in a false position, being a mix of their former A and B teams, and having used eleven players in their four games so far - one 'good' player and 2 others - they, like Gainsford, could well produce shock results by fielding strong sides should they so wish, in fact Ray Holroyd helped his side turn a 4-1 deficit into a 5-5 draw v a strong BL (Library not Leyland) outfit. It will also be interesting to to see how Sun Alliance - no relation to Alliance - fare without the useful Ricky Hagsman - now with Navy, though Kevin Froude looks a good prospect. Also, will Met Police manage to fulfil all their fixtures? This makes me enquire who was the unknown player when these two sides met. The mysterious policewoman? The last time MisHits, or Maks Mob as they were known then - were in Div 6, they found life somewhat difficult. However, with the inclusion of classy Lloyd MacBarnette and the steady play of Graham Lucas, they should be a different prospect, though the latter lost to a steady performance from Ron Skinner of Rejects. MisHits fellow promotees - Alliance, have started well, though 3 of their 4 opponents have been lowly placed. Their first game against the almost fresh look Camden, they look the best side to come out of the town hall for years - Alliance will remember (forget?) ~~the~~ the sterling performance of C team Captain Kevan Hackett, who stepped in at the last moment and promptly lost all 3, plus half the doubles.... As usual I look forward to receiving you comments - oral or written - every little counts.....

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Cab Office	5	COI	5	Ewing 1, C Smith 3, -Bekcher 2, Ambrose 2, Dellamura 1
ElectrosportB	5	RNPFN	5	Thomas 1, Brockington 2, M Smith 2 - Carey 3, Beresford 2
Nordis B	1	Norwesters	9	Laffan 1 - Britten 3, Bowman 3, Philpott 2
Senate D	6	Electro C	4	Raven 1, Parry 2, Taylor 2 - Brockington 2, Holmes 2
Science Mus	7	Senate	3	Anker 1, Fallone 2, Smith 3, - Taylor 1, Parry 2
Elec C	0	Nordis B	10	Banthorpe, Laffan, Ramsey
Norwesters	7	Electro B	3	Britten 2, Philpott 2, Bowman 3 - Thomas 2
RNPFN	4	Cab Off	6	Wells 1, Carey 2, Elliott 1 - C Smith 2, Ayers 3
COI	8	Mercantile	2	Sherwood 3, Belcher 2, Olukanmi 2 - Pooley 1 Mayer 1
Cab Off	2	Norwesters	8	C Smith 1 - Britten 3, Northage 2, Philpott 3
Electro B	5	Electro C	5	Thomas 2, Brockington 1, Hampton 1 - Hampton 2, Hayward 2
Nordis	6	Sci Mus	4	Banthorpe 1, Laffan 3, Cox 2 - Smith 1 Fallone 2 Dhalliwal 1
Senate	9	Mercantile	1	Taylor 3, Parry 3, Power 2- Mayer 1
COI	5	RNPFN	5	Soares 2, Sherwood 2, Olukanmi 1 - Beresford 3
Senate	5	COI	5	Taylor 2, Aufenast 1, Parry 2 - Sherwood 2, Ambrose 2
Mercantile	2	Nordis	8	Mayer 2 - Banthorpe 3, Laffan 3, Hart 2
Norwesters	10	RNPFN	0	Britten, Philpott, Bowman
Electro C	2	Cab Off	8	Hayward 1, J Smith 1 - Corbett 1, Johnson 3, Newman 3
Sci Mus	9	Electro B	1	Anker 2, Fallone 3, R Smith 3 - Hampton 1

	P	W	D	4-6	L	F	A	Pts
Norwesters C	4	4	0	0	0	34	6	16
Nordis B	4	3	0	0	1	25	15	12
COI	4	1	3	0	0	23	17	10
Senate D	4	2	1	0	1	23	17	10
Cab. Office	4	2	1	0	1	21	19	10
Science Museum	3	2	0	1	0	20	10	9
Electrosport B	4	1	1	0	2	15	25	6
RNPFN	4	0	2	1	1	14	26	5
Electrosport C	4	0	0	2	2	10	30	2
Mercantile B	3	0	0	0	3	5	25	0

It is interesting to see how much imbalance there might be between teams in the lowest Div'n and the gap between Norwesters, who asked for the lowest Div. and Mercantile B is perhaps quite wide. Having said that, Norwesters match scores have been convincing, but closer individually than the scores suggest. Brian Bowman pays tribute to RNPFN, where he says 4 of their losses could have gone the other way, both Pete Carey and John Beresford getting close to the yet unbeaten Brian, and giving the others quite a game. Electrosport B have gained the most games against NW so far with Keith Thomas taking Julian Britten and George Philpott. Nordis were not discouraged by their bad start v NW, and won the next 3 matches. Geoff Banthorpe might be pleased he did not play NW, but again it wasn't his night v Science Museum where Rod Smith and A Fallone looked comfortable against him. Barry Laffan looks a good competitor and I reckon Nordis will do well. Still, it all looks pretty competitive with 4 drawn matches and 4 6-4 results. RNPFN's "experience" earned them a draw with COI in a close doubles, and COI did the same to Senate the following week, though Senate had come back from 4-2 down - the key was probably Paul Aufenast's 7th game narrow win over Frank D(B?)ellamura. Cab Off still have tricky Roger Johnson to help their cause, though Colin Smith also gets good results. He reports a recovery from 4-1 down v COI to gain a draw, with Colin's max. and a close shave 19 in the 3rd in the doubles doing the trick. The Electrosports are enjoying themselves already. Mark Smith calls it the 'Lessa Vultures spirit'. Denied the use of the 'Lessa' title, the Vultures bit doesn't quite go with the Electrosport name. Nevertheless, the spirit bit was enjoyed both during and after the B game with RNPFN - one of those excellent draws. And, when they'd tossed up for who played for B v C I'm sure that was successful too. I must say that Jim Smith must not be discouraged. He can be like one of my ex team mates and boast that he's never won a game in his life - can he keep it up..... Glad to see Jeremy Smith has been adopted. I must watch all these Smiths, it'll be a change from all the confusing Woods in Divs 2 & 3. Mercantile are finding it tough. But your scores are not far behind - particularly Shally Mayers.

Dorothy Newton

WESTMINSTER & DISTRICT SUMMER LEAGUE - AMENDMENTS (including those already notified)

- Div 1 EXILES 'A' Playing address: Mostly at DOE (as teams C & D)
Home Night: By arrangement
- EXILES 'B' Home night: By arrangement
- REJECTS Playing address: Larkhall School, Gaskell Street, off Union Road, London SW4
Home nights: Team A Weds, Team B Weds, Team C Mons (as now)
M Pantin is best available from 8.30am to 10.30am.
- HSL Miss H Payce-Drury - Tel: 242 0262 x2462
- Div 2 Sainsbury Withdrawn (Apologies to teams waiting to enter, but none are able to take on a Division 2 vacancy)
- Div 3 Navy R Hensman - Home Tel: 0322 92833
- Div 5 BBC Grid position B - have swapped by request with Exiles E (Div 6)
Alliance C Home night: Tuesday.
Playing address: Room 53, CS Recreation Centre, Monck St., SW1.
- Nordis Work telephone number no longer available
- Div 6 Exiles E now swapped positions with BBC (Div 5)
BBC Secretary is: Maureen Lown, Room 6109 Broadcasting House, Portland Place, W1. Tel: 580 4468 x5374 or 2451.
- * Playing address now: Finsbury Leisure Centre, Norman Street
Match night: Thursday. ~~Mr. Old St Station~~ EC1
- Div 7 COI Playing address: COI, Hercules Road, London SE1.
- Nordis Work telephone number no longer available
- Div 6 Gainsford D Team Secretary: Phil Cheung Tel. 387 4045 x 70
Navy Delete Steve Barnes
Insert K Meanwell, 28 Goldhurst Terrace NW6
TEL: 218 4874
- Camden Trish Beazley. new ex'n 2619.
- Div 5. Metropole New Capt. Garry Addley Tel. 632 4010
Navy Fred Sanders. Tel No: 218 4229