



READING & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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'Hover like a butterfly, sting like a bee' Zach Bonifacii demonstrates.

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Last of the Season

All the news is here about play in our five adult divisions - each of them won by a different club (namely OLOP, Sonning Common, Kingfisher, Tidmarsh and Reading FC). One piece of really sour news - Reading's bid for our Ping Pong Pageant this summer, into which Pete Bradley had been pouring his phenomenal energy for years, has been brusquely turned down by Sport England. Peter - table tennis doesn't deserve you!

But good news on the tournament front - increased entries for the Individual Handicap and Reading Closed (senior and junior), more influx of youngsters into coaching, and this Sunday (24th) we expect all the top Reading players to appear together in the Reading Masters.

There is a special photo feature on the junior part of the Reading Closed. A brief chance to see these young faces while we might still be able to beat them! And at the other end of the age spectrum, on the letters page are thoughts for players in their 80s.

Have a good holiday - Derek

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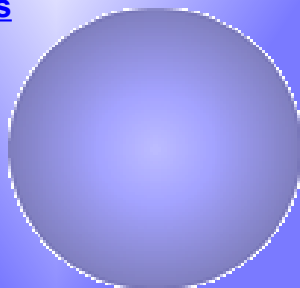
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Notes from our Chairman

by Derek Harrison

Hello Everyone

Yet another season comes to an end and for me it is my 57th consecutive season playing, and my 48th season on the committee. To think I was only going to do it for one year. Also I have just finished my first full year as your Chairman. As I am sure not everyone reads my third division article I would like to thank everyone on the committee for all of their hard work and the support they have given me to make this Association the best.



- I hope to see you at the **presentation evening** at the Curzon Club on the 3rd May and at our AGM on the 1st June at OLOP.
- I would like to inform you that the **Reading Masters** will be held at the Kingfisher Club on Sunday the 24th April.

It should be a great event with our top seniors and Juniors playing. So if you want to see these players in action please go along.

All the best

Derek

From Peter Bradley

Ping Pong Pageant – Reading 2016

It is with regret and bitter disappointment that I have to inform you that the Pageant will not now go ahead. I received a letter from Sport England that my application for funding the event has been rejected. The letter states that “the decision panel were unable to recommend the project for an award this time, however, they would like to encourage you to re-apply with a project that provides increased clarity in the following areas”.

The letter asks for more clarity regarding (i) need, (ii) impact and sustainability. Apparently I needed to give additional information regarding consultation with the local community and state why table tennis is not meeting demand. I think that we do meet demand for competitive table tennis but do we meet the demand for social table tennis? I wanted, by having the pageant, to show that people would engage with the sport. Secondly they would have welcomed additional

information to help support the reasoning and the impact the project would have on the Sport England strategy. Sport England would like more 18 to 25 year olds playing sport and I believed that this would be taken up by that age group as well as many others.

The funding application form limits the number of words to be used in every section so it is difficult to emphasise or give more detail. My Table Tennis England and Get Berkshire Active contacts read the document and gave advice to me prior to final submission. I had no further contact with Sport England regarding the application requesting any further information until receiving the letter of rejection of funding.

I, personally, will not be re-applying for funding of this project in the future. If another member of the Association is willing to further the event next year then I will happily step down as the RDTTA Development Officer so that he/she may take the project on.

Peter Bradley

From Adam McTiernan

OLOP A's CRUCIAL WIN v KINGFISHER 'A'

I attended the title deciding match between OLOP 'A' and Kingfisher 'A' on 30 March and at times the standard of play was breathtaking. Out of the nine sets played (Mark Banks pulled out of the final set against Krasi) no fewer than five sets went to a deciding fifth game.

The best contest of the night was undoubtedly the one between Martin Gunn and Daniel McTiernan. Martin raced to a two nil lead and was playing brilliantly. Daniel started very well in the third game and took it and the fourth too. The final game went one way and then the other with some sublime rallies throughout. At 10-8 up Daniel had two match points to win it but then conceded three points in a row, offering a match point to Martin. Daniel survived this and went on to win 14-12 - in one of the sets of the season. Every player and supporter on both sides applauded loudly and Martin was very gracious in defeat.

Other contests going to a decider included Martin vs Daniel Moses (won by Martin), Hari Gelhot vs Daniel McTiernan (won by Daniel), Hari vs Krasi Ivanov (won by Hari) and the doubles with Daniel Moses and Krasi defeating Hari and Martin having come back from 2 - 1 down.

The final match score of 7 - 3 to OLOP 'A' really didn't do the match justice as it was a lot closer than that scoreline suggests. Had Kingfisher managed to field Federico Verterbo it could have been even closer.

The victory sealed OLOP 'A's first ever undefeated Division 1 season and meant three titles in a row for the Earley based team which is quite an achievement given the competitive nature of the league. The other squad players who have played an important part in this success are Ian Cole and Gus Thomis.

Adam McTiernan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



"Playing into one's 80s"

In our February edition we printed a long letter from a reader, Derek Maltby, who took issue with the view that table tennis is an excellent way to keep fit into one's 80s. 82-year-old Derek wrote:

"Table tennis for me is all about competition, and having not won a game even in division 5 this season I am thinking of giving up after over 60 years of competitive play."

The following response is from Luca Bianchi:

"I have just read the latest RDTTA newsletter, and I was especially impressed with Derek Maltby's letter.

I don't recall ever playing Derek, or possibly even seeing him, nevertheless I'd like to share my thoughts with you, and with him.

I apologize in advance if anything I am going to say will sound offensive or irritating, and please feel free to ignore this email if that may be the case, in your opinion. My letter below is addressed to Derek Maltby, but it can essentially apply to any player who feels like fitting it."

I come from a Country, Italy, where third Age is seen in an entirely different way than it is here. Generally speaking people over some age, say 65-70, retire from work and at the same time retire from most of their social life. They don't go out much for leisure or for errands, you don't see them shop, let alone play in any sort of sport competitive league.

Most of them prefer to stay home and complain of the natural "ailments" that affect those who are ageing...

however, I've never met anyone who wasn't ageing 😊

Some of them seem to nearly enjoy complaining, to get relatives and friends to cry over them; they are treated like a burden, and they fit the role by behaving like a burden. They still live, but don't have a life.

When I moved to the UK one of the first differences that struck me was seeing some people not able to walk, still shopping around thanks to special electrical "mini-cars".

I also noticed people of any age night-clubbing together, something I had NEVER seen in my Country or any other before.

With time I got to learn that senior citizens are much better integrated here, and they also compete, with good (or even excellent) results in sport.

A short anecdote: a couple of years ago in my first Kingfisher clubnight I met a friendly - very senior - player (whose name I know well, but I'll keep private here), we had a chat on the chairs, and I made a faux pas, asking him if he still played in any league. It just slipped, I didn't mean to be rude; he kindly replied yes, he still was, and I smiled.

A few minutes later we were drawn to play each other, and... next thing you know, he beat me comprehensively.

Lesson learnt 😊

What I want to say is that I deeply admire people of any age playing at high level: people whose bodies often show signs of time, and for whom it is easy to guess that pain or discomfort are a faithful companion in any TT room; nevertheless they play till the last sweat drop with tenacity, even rage, and good skills, to beat much younger and fit players who spring from a side to the other of a table. And the smile and sneer mixed with satisfaction I never fail to spot on a senior player's face when he beats a promising youngster are priceless for me.

When a young player starts taking up TT and develops through his first years in the sport, he/she raises the bar; year after year he needs to play better, faster, smarter, and beat better players. Because he/she can only improve his/her skills, also thanks to a good sight and a good eye-hand coordination accompanied by a fitter and fitter body.

Conversely, when a player is past his best, in any sport, they need to lower the bar gradually. That doesn't mean becoming worse, it simply means changing category step by step, and trying to fight at their best within the new category.

Annoying as it may sound having to step a division or two lower, any challenge presents its prize; and if the new category is already the lowest division in the RDTTA, then the bar can be lowered either by adding non-league challenges (eg. playing in a leisure centre's TT club to keep fit and sharp), or by accepting that the season's target can only be winning as many games as possible, possibly get to some decider game, and from there, one never knows...

My suggestion is mostly a request: don't give up, keep fighting, because this sport lives thanks to YOU.

TT doesn't buy almost anyone bread; and the youngster who is now great at 12yo, and will be amazing at 16yo, will anyway probably not be good enough to make a living out of TT even at 20, and will often quit TT altogether, or relegate TT to "one of his hobbies".

But you will be there.

With sincere admiration,

Luca

THE JUNIOR READING CLOSED by Wendy Porter

On Saturday 20th Feb, we ran the U11, U13s, Cadet Boys, Cadet Girls, and Youth Division Singles.



SHREEYA GUPTA

The Under 11s were played in 2 groups, with Jamie Barlow, Jude Sullivan-Barnes, Felix Thomis and Mo Cook, progressing through to the semi-final stages. Jamie beat Jude, before putting up a brave fight against last year's runner up Felix.

The Under 13s were played in a straight knock-out, due to the high number of entries. (Had I known at the start of the few no shows, I

would have played this in groups too.) But as it stood, Felix dominated his half of the draw, although Zach Bonifacii performed well in two 4-setters against Joshua O'Donoghue and Mo Cook, before bowing out to Felix in the semi-final.

In the other half of the draw, 10 year old Jamie Barlow showed some fantastic play through his rounds, and in an exciting semi-final against new-on-the-scene Benedict Carless, who took the 5th 11-9, and had himself had some very good games



ZACH BONIFACII

including a previous gripping match, winning 11-9 in the 5th against Nathan Munns. But the experience, speed and technique of young Felix was too much for Benedict.



RISHIKA DESAI

This year we had 3 new young ladies for the Cadet Girls Singles, so they played in a round robin group. Shreeya Gupta played very well, winning both her games and taking the title. Rishika Desai and Elizabeth Dimitrova, had a good match with

Rishika winning the 5th game 12-10 and taking second place.

In the Cadet Boys Singles, we started with 8 groups, the top 2 in each group going through to

	Winner	Runner Up
Under 11 Boys	Felix Thomis	Jamie Barlow
Under 13 Boys	Felix Thomis	Benedict Carless
Cadet Girls Singles	Shreeya Gupta	Rishika Desai
Cadet Boys Singles	Thomas Perkins	Joe Barraclough
Junior Boys Singles	Harry Munro	Jim McAllister
Junior Boys Doubles	Harry Munro / Jim McAllister	Nathan Munns / Thomas Perkins
Under 21 Singles	Harry Munro	Thomas Perkins
Junior Division Singles	Nathan Munns	Zach Bonifacii



THE WINNER TAKES IT ALL: JAMIE BARLOW



FELIX THOMIS

the knock-outs. After 14 games seeing some very good play from promising youngsters, we saw team mates Tom Perkins and Joe Barraclough battle it out for the title, Tom winning this battle 16-14, 9-11, 15-13, 4-11, 11-9.

7 players entered the Youth League Singles and the games were played in a knock-out, with team mates Nathan Munns and Zach Bonifacii going head to head in a 5 game final, and Nathan won 11-7 in the final game.

On Sunday we ran the Junior Boys Singles, Junior Boys Doubles and Under 21 Singles.

In the morning we played the group stages of the U21s Singles and Junior Boys Doubles. There were 4 groups

in each and again the top 2 in each group went through to the quarter finals of the knock out stages. In the U21s semi-finals, Harry Munro won an exciting four gamer against Jim McAllister whilst Thomas Perkins had almost the same scores against Nathan Munns. In the staged final, Harry Munro beat Thomas Perkins 12-10, 11-8, 11-5.



BENEDICT CARLESS

After playing against each other, Harry Munro and Jim McAllister then joined forces and finally came up against Nathan Munns and Thomas Perkins in the Staged



JUNIOR BOYS DOUBLES FINAL
HARRY MUNRO, JIM McALLISTER, NATHAN MUNNS AND THOMAS PERKINS

Junior Boys Doubles Finals. After both pairings dominating there groups and play-off games, they had a very good final, with Harry and Jim taking the title 10-12, 11-2, 11-6, 12-10

In the afternoon, the Junior Boys Singles started with 8 groups, with the top 2 going through to the knock outs. This proved to be a good day for the 4 boys as they met again in the



RALPH PHILIPS



MO COOK



LAURENCE DE ST CROIX

semi-finals, but in a different order, this time with Harry beating Tom, and Jim beating Nathan. That resulted in the staged final between Harry and Jim. Harry taking this title, 11-8, 6-11, 11-8, 11-5.

Just like the Senior event, there were more entries this year in the Junior Reading Closed. It was nice to see so many new faces, from both OLOP and Kingfisher. The weekend went very well with some very good table tennis, and fantastic sportsmanship from everyone. Many players were very helpful, stepping in to umpire when volunteers were asked for.

Some players that stood out during the tournament, and to keep an eye out for in the future are: Nathan Munns, Benedict Carless, Jamie Barlow, Jude Sullivan-Barnes, Shreeya Gupta and Rishika Desai.

I would like to thank all the players over the 2 weekends for making it an enjoyable event, Sam Ricks for helping get the players to the correct tables, Didier for the fantastic photos he has taken, and the many players and parents, who kept me going with cups of tea.



HARITH RUSHAMBA

SPECIAL COMPETITIONS FINAL ROUNDS

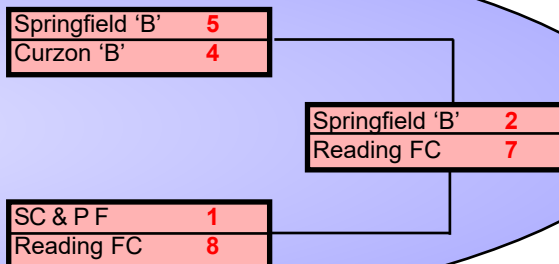
Lower Divisions Knockout Cup

organised by Duncan Abbott

The final winners were Reading FC Community Trust, who won the Lower Division cup at their first attempt.

They went 2-0 up only for Springfield B to pull back to 3-2, but four straight wins gave them a 7-2 triumph

Congratulations to the winners: Reading FC Community Trust - who also came first in Division Five for the season.

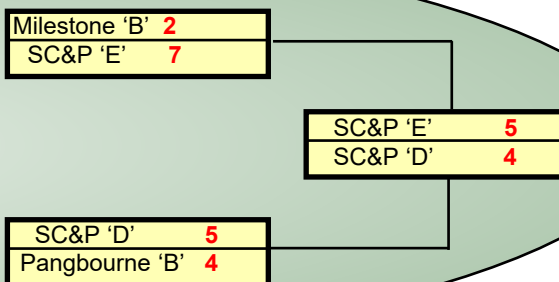


Team Handicap Competition 2015-16

organised by Duncan Abbott

The Team Handicap came to an enthralling climax with Sonning Common E beating their club mates Sonning Common D 5-4 at the Sonning Common club. It was a thrill a minute final with the D team taking the lead 1-0, 2-1 then 3-2. Two wins for the E team made it 4-3 before a win for Mark Jones over Eric Walker made it 4-4. However a last gasp win for Thomas Perkins over Derek Wavell secured the win for the 'E' team.

So it's congratulations to Sonning Common E and well done to all who took part, particularly Joe Barraclough who won 3 sets for the E team.





DIVISION ONE

by Mark Banks

So guys – Another (not so) eventful season comes to an end. Hope you've all enjoyed it as much as I have! 😊



Congratulations to OLOP 'A' who pulled out all the stops to retain their crown with at times some quite breath-taking play in the end of season title shootout with my own beloved KFA. Daniel McTiernan in particular, considering his studies have hampered his time on the table this season, was just sublime and was one of the major differences on the night between our two teams. We're all still scratching our heads about Duncan Groves !!Just How??Haha! Down at the bot-

has been (Groves aside) pretty much as good as ever. Krasi, who practises literally ALL the time has reaped the benefits of that table time and is subsequently playing better than ever. Gus is definitely one for the immediate future and has been great for this lot this season. Ian has been out of the country a lot, so not contributed as much as he usually does. Sky's the limit then for this lot. Rumour has it that there may be some changes next season though and that will be a shame if they happen because Reading needs outstanding teams and that is what this team is.

MVP: Daniel Moses – Led from the front and even got the biccies in (eventually)

Runners up again for my Kingfisher 'A'. We hoped the change of captaincy this year would bring better fortunes but it wasn't to be and it's back to the drawing board for us. Yes, we can point to the devastating injury to The Italian Stallion or the tragic aeroplane bombing in Egypt or Hari's bad back or my 40 years catching up with me or the Kid's failure to adapt to the plastic balls for a while or even Ramesh 'blimmin' Gehlot turning up to watch his first match of the season, deciding to umpire a few games, completely forgetting the rules and how to count in the 5 years he's been out in Dubai and completely messing up the scores in every game, putting us all off, then walking out in embarrassment halfway through! But as you know we don't like excuses in Kingfisher 'A'. 😊

Sooooooo not sure what the future holds for us either. If I'm honest I predict internal changes in personnel for us too but I'm not gonna worry about that just yet. Summer is here and the various tennis courts of Royal Berkshire beckon. By the way – people struggle with my serves at tennis too. Ace – 15 Love 😊

MVP: Martin Gunn – Jeez Guys, he's 25 stones and his bat costs less than a fiver and you (yes you) let him get over 90%. You're all rubbish

	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OLOP A	18	18	0	0	150	29	36
Kingfisher A	18	16	0	2	148	31	32
Kingfisher B	18	10	2	6	104	76	22
Kingfisher D	18	8	4	6	88	92	20
Tidmarsh A	18	8	3	7	95	85	19
Kingfisher C	18	7	4	7	81	99	18
SC&P A	18	4	4	10	72	108	12
OLOP B	18	3	6	9	65	115	12
YMCA	18	3	1	14	52	128	7
Curzon Club A	18	1	0	17	44	136	2

tom, Curzon struggled from day 1 and the writing was always on the wall for them. Sadly YMCA couldn't quite rediscover the form of yesteryear and I'm afraid they too join them in the drop to D2. Wait! That's if there is a drop to D2 this year when the league formation is formalised for next season!????

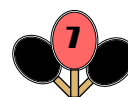
Me? – I'm done. I'm off to play tennis for the summer. It's great. We start at 7 - the matches finish at 9 and we're in the pub by 9:05. Perfect! Table Tennis could learn one or two things from its bigger brother methinks!! Anyway, whatever you guys get up to I hope you have a great summer and if I'm back by then – I'll see you in September.

Love and Peace x

Well done **OLOP 'A'** you 'orrible lot! Even though it's at the expense of KFA it's always right and proper that the best team actually wins the league and for that we can have no complaints – they are the best team and if they can stick together probably will be for a good few more years yet. Moses, despite hardly practising has been pretty much as good as ever. McTiernan, despite hardly practising



DANIEL MOSES AND KRASI IVANOV, OF OLOP 'A'





ANTHONY BAKER OF TIDMARSH 'A'

Mixed fortunes for **Kingfisher 'B'** who were rocked by the injury early doors to the classy Ian Girdler and struggled for availability ever since. Martin Adams despite now being the wrong side of 40 has been as brilliant as ever. Admit it. He's too good for us all. On the National stage he's been tearing up the O40 rankings too. Great to see but without him I fear this team would have definitely struggled a bit. Great to see Justin back for his first full season since the dinosaurs were roaming the planet. He will definitely improve for the experience and regular match play and expect his average to improve next season. Richard the warrior on the table as always but just struggles for consistency these days. Flashes of brilliance still though for those of you who, like Tony Stevens, remember when he was one of the best. This team need more personnel. Girdler won't be back any time soon so they need to get the chequebook out and sign probably 2 new ones. OK so it's no secret that they have secured the services of at least one but will deffo need 1 more over the summer I reckon. Well done for 3rd place though guys. I may even pitch up for that end of season curry you've promised me!

MVP: Martin Adams – Players with £4.99 bats are no match for Reading's favourite son

As you know, I don't often praise myself but I looked at the line up for **Kingfisher 'D'** this season and had a sneaky suspicion that they would cause damage not usually associated with a KF 'D' rating and they didn't let me down. They played so well that at one stage it looked like they should have been KF 'B' before an inspired Mead took out an in-form Parks to grab a draw in their end of season fixture. If you look at the averages only a couple of percent separate them all and that has been key to their consistency this season. Brilliant stuff then. Tony has been a great signing obviously. Took his time to get going with the plastic but by the end was playing the good stuff that we remember back from his YM Days. Murgy too has had a good season again and I

think has enjoyed having Tony and Andrew playing well around him to ease the burden on his broad shoulders. Andrew has been a revelation. For once the big shots have actually been going on the table and he has to be one of the most improved players in the Division. Let's not forget the contributions made by Niall and Mummy Lisa. Niall is still winning 50% of his matches at this level which is no mean feat and Lisa obviously has had things to occupy her other than TT this season!! Bless. So well played then guys. 4th place this so 3rd place to aim for next season and I'm hoping that the KF Committee see you right and you can start eating finger lickin chicken again!

MVP: Tony Reynolds – It took a while but finally life in plastic is fantastic for Tony The Tiger!

Another good season then for **Tidmarsh 'A'** who have firmly established themselves as one of the toughest teams in the Division. Such is the strength at the top that they appreciate that they can't do any damage to the main 2 or 3 teams but they are such good players that they are way too good to get involved in anything going down at the bottom and all this after losing the services of Sam Ricks unfortunately to injury when the season had hardly got going. Csaba Pall has been the man hasn't he. In the 2nd half of the season he hardly lost a game his form was that good. Took out Krasi and the like and can be mighty proud of his first season in Reading. Always great to see the Squirrel. Cracking. Just goes about his business. Nothing too flashy but incredibly effective and consistent. And Duncan. What can I say? Sensationally beat Daniel Mc and then didn't win another game all year! Haha. Only kidding of course but if that was me these days I'd be dining out on that win for years. Danny Ricks played a few towards the end of the season and played them well. Can consider himself unfortunate to not trouble the scorecard in our match as he was playing great. If they can keep hold of him and with Sam returning to action and Csaba too with Duncan and the Squirrel playing the supporting acts then this team can definitely go places next season.

MVP: Csaba Pall – You, like me, had never heard of him. Bet you have now!

Up and down season for **Kingfisher 'C'** who were desperate to live up to the billing but despite welcoming old friend Mr Ed back, couldn't quite manage it and end up fin-



IAN COLE OF OLOP 'A' - ON A TOWELLING BREAK

ishing 4th of 4 of the Kingfisher sides. Top man in this team was always going to be Phil Zeng and he finished up the averages despite an elbow problem that hampered him



TREVOR ORGAN OF KINGFISHER 'C'

after Christmas. Ed came back with a new bat which wasn't nearly as effective as his old bat and he struggled to produce the results of last season with it. Richard started the season well but then fell away towards the end but still 40% in a tough old league is nothing to be ashamed of. Yuan has some nice shots and is improving all the time. Expect his 30% to be closer to 50 next season and good old Trevor. Failed to trouble the scorers this season but did win every knock up punching the air in delight at every knock up point won! If they don't get relegated back down to D I will be having words but all in all a good season – held together by Phil winning loads of matches for them.

MVP: Phil Zeng – If you think Hari Gehlot gets loads of Nets – try playing this guy. Jeez!

A sad end to the season then for **Sonning Common & Peppard 'A'** who say farewell to that old stalwart Keith Swain, who takes up residence in retirement down in deepest, darkest Cornwall. Sorry to see you go Keith but enjoy

LEADING AVERAGES				
Player	Team	PL	W	%
Martin Adams	Kingfisher B	42	41	97.62 %
Daniel Moses	OLOP A	47	44	93.62 %
Martin Gunn	Kingfisher A	28	26	92.86 %
Hari Gehlot	Kingfisher A	45	40	88.89 %
Daniel Mctierman	OLOP A	18	16	88.89 %
Krasimir Ivanov	OLOP A	52	45	86.54 %
Philip Zeng	Kingfisher C	43	36	83.72 %
Mark Banks	Kingfisher A	35	29	82.86 %
Gus Thomis	OLOP A	20	16	80.00 %
Henryk Ciechanowicz	OLOP B	23	18	78.26 %
Csaba Pall	Tidmarsh A	41	30	73.17 %
Gary Morgan	SC&P A	34	21	61.76 %

your new life down there. Gary Morgan was key to their success this year. The Veterans British League player chipping in with a decent set of results to just ensure they weren't looking over their shoulders too much. Jason had a decent enough season. 40 odd percent is fine for a player of his standard of play 😊 and Malcolm the joker, not quite the season he was probably hoping for. He's a better player than that (I think) and hopefully he'll pick up a few more wins next year. Not too bad then from SC&P. They will obviously need to replace Keith somehow and it will be interesting to see how they do it.

MVP: Gary Morgan – First game of the season match points vs Moses. Good effort.

Hard to know where to start in my summary of **OLOP 'B'** who, as you know, are a team very dear to my heart. In team squabbling, tantrums, walk outs, the lot. Now, I'm obviously used to that playing for Kingfisher 'A' but I don't expect it from other teams 😊 Sadly it wasn't a happy bunch that finished the season but individually there were some good successes along the way. No secret where Henryk's gonna end up next season but when he turned out for OLOP he played very well, Djordie has sadly departed our shores but again was OK on his day, Steve became a bit disillusioned with it all I think. Good player and he'll need to consider his position over the summer but if he does decide to move on, I know from experience that



STEVE MILLER OF OLOP 'B'

he would make a good acquisition for any team looking to strengthen their squad. Gotta love Sir Clive The Daddy. Just wants to turn up, have no fuss and play table tennis at the same level as the rest of his team mates and actually, I've gotta be honest, some of the time he does even manage to do that. I think with hindsight though he'll volunteer to take a drop down to D2 with Chris & Dan. They just need to regroup, start enjoying playing again and see where that takes them. Hope it goes well next season guys.

MVP: Henryk Ciechanowicz – Loves to talk – Mainly to himself though 😊

All became a task too far then for **YMCA 'A'**, who drop into the bottom two for the first time this century or any other century for that matter. They won't mind me reminding them (or maybe they will) that they have the highest average age of any squad in the Division and that being the case, year on year at this level that's always going to get harder rather than easier. They gave it a good go though and their fate wasn't actually officially sealed until the closing weeks. They will be hoping that (with the smaller amount of teams) the League allows them to continue in D1 and if asked then I for one will be voting for them to stay. I can't see them wanting to play in D2 if I'm honest and I also think they would be far too good for D2 in any case. On the table there have been some notable successes. Neil once again has been their star man but Peter and the 3 Daves have had their moments too. Yes it's been tough going but they always do it with a smile on their face and we'll miss that if they are indeed relegated. Anyway, have a great summer guys. Fingers crossed - hope to see you in September.

MVP: Neil Hurford – Not enough to keep them out of the bottom two but consistently good once again

Looked for a long time that **Curzon Club 'A'** would end

up pointless but then up popped the inner wranglings of OLOP 'B' and they were saved. Phew! Rather like YM, it's hard to know what the future will hold for Curzon. Again, they're probably too good for D2 and may just get a D1 reprieve but who knows. On the table they fought gallantly but couldn't quite turn those 6-4 defeats into 5-all draws or 6-4 victories. Phil Mead top scored with an almost respectable 40%. Not bad considering he plays pretty much every game. Andy has some great shots when they go on and should probably have won a few more than he did. John is as steady as they go and had some epic battles over the course of the season and can probably count himself a bit unfortunate that he wasn't higher up the pecking order. I think they want to play D1 next season rather than take the drop so again like YM we'll just have to wait and see.

MVP: Phil Mead – Respectable enough average. Will be too good for D2 IMO



IAN COLE, STEVE MILLER, ANTHONY BAKER, RICHARD FIFIELD - UMPIRE: ALLEN PACK

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DIVISION THREE

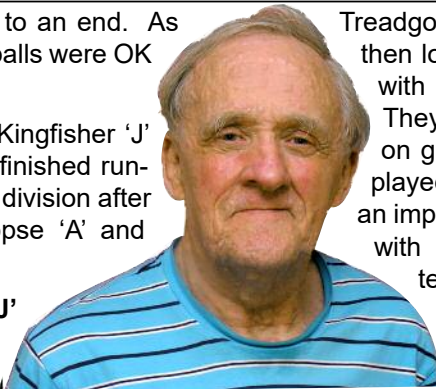
by Derek Harrison

Well, yet another season comes to an end. As far as I am concerned the new balls were OK and lasted very well.

As I mentioned in my previous notes Kingfisher 'J' are the champions. Tilehurst Meths 'A' finished runners up, so will go back up to the second division after a two year absence. Sadly Birch Copse 'A' and Curzon Club 'B' go down.

Without David Joyce Kingfisher 'J' crashed to their first defeat of the season when going down 7 – 3 at OLOP 'D'.

Melvyn Lovegrove and Luca Bianchi both gained singles. They also teamed up to win the doubles. At home to Pangbourne 'B' they won 8 – 2 and for once Luca was the star by gaining a three straight maximum. David Joyce also won three but was made to fight all of the way by Ray Webb, beating him 11-9, 8-11, 9-11, 11-7, 11-7. Away at Kingfisher 'H' they won 3 – 7 thanks to trebles from David and Luca who also teamed up to win the doubles.



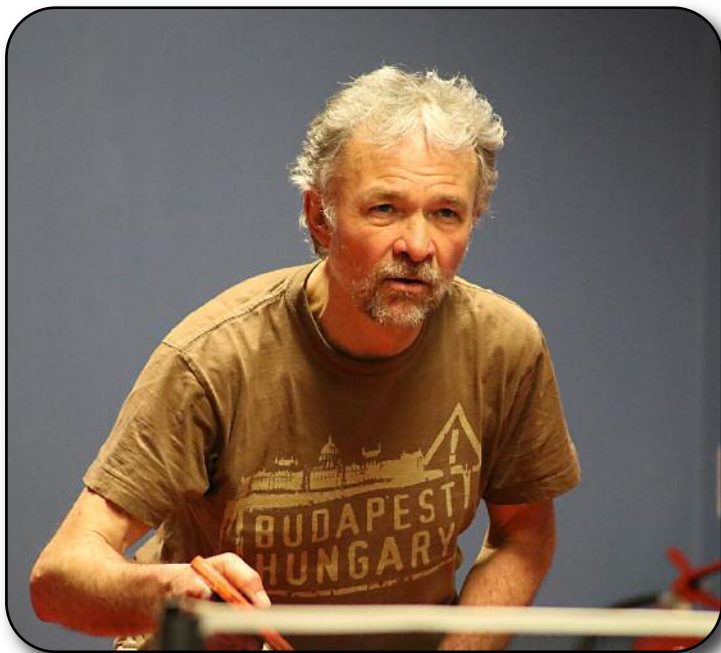
Treadgold played his part by winning two. They then lost 7 – 3 to a full strength Kingfisher 'I' side with Nigel, Paul and Phil all gaining singles. They then smashed Curzon 'B' 2 – 8 with Cath on great form, winning all three. Paul and Phil played their part by gaining doubles. At home to an improved Milestone 'A' they were held to a draw with Cath and Phil winning two each besides teaming up to win the doubles.

Nigel 27/39 = 69.2% 5 trebles, 4 doubles, 4 singles, best win Eric Holmes, first half 72.2%, second half 66.7%, last season 67%

Phil 37/51 = 72.5% 7 trebles, 6 doubles, 4 singles, best win Eric Holmes first half 74.1%, second half 70.8%, last season 79%
Cath 26/39 = 66.7% 4 trebles, 5 doubles, 4 singles, best win Eric Holmes, first half 66.7%, second half 66.7%, last season 64%
Paul 17/45 = 37.8% 1 treble, 4 doubles, 6 singles, best win Wendy Porter, first half 42.9%, second half 33.3%, last season 51%
(Just to clarify about last season's averages in my stats -these are only for the players who played in the third division last season.)
18 points first half; 9 points second half

OLOP 'D' had a great 7 – 3 win over top side Kingfisher 'J' with Alistair Richardson and Dave Godfrey both obtaining maximums. Giuliano Ghidini managed a single. They then only turned up with two players at Tilehurst Meths 'B' but still managed to share the spoils, with Alistair winning all three and reserve Felix Thomis picking up a fine double. Against Curzon 'B' they lost first time round 10 – 0 but this time won 9 – 1 with Dave and Giuliano both hitting fairly easy trebles. In fact Alistair came within an ace of beating Nick Lean, going down 10-12 in the fifth game.

Alistair 18/36 = 50% 2 trebles, 5 doubles, 2 singles, best win Ian Cockling, first half 42.9%, second half 60%
Wendy 19/30 = 63.3% 4 trebles, 2 doubles, 3 singles, best win Eric Holmes, first half 50%, second half 72.2%
Dave 28/39 = 71.8% 4 trebles, 7 doubles, 2 singles, best win Eric Holmes, first half 61.1%, second half 81%
Mark 13/30 = 43.3% 1 treble, 4 doubles, 2 singles, best win Nick Barnes, first half 27.8%, second half 66.7%
Giuliano 19/27 = 70.4% 2 trebles, 6 doubles, 1 single best win Phil Burke first half 75% second half 66.7%
8 points first half 17 points second half



KRYSZTOF SZCZYGIEL OF KINGFISHER 'J'

Melvyn 20/36 = 55.6% 3 trebles, 2 doubles, 7 singles, best win Phil Jones, first half 58.3%, second half 50%
David 52/53 = 98.1% 16 trebles, 2 doubles, best win Jean-Noel, first half 100%, second half 95.8%
John 9/14 = 64.3% 1 treble, 2 doubles, 2 singles, best win Nick Lean, first half 66.7%, second half 63.6%
Krys 6/15 = 40% 2 doubles, 2 singles, best win Clive Taylor, first half 50%, second half 33.3%
Luca 33/48 = 68.8% 6 trebles, 5 doubles, 5 singles, best win Nigel Rowland, first half 70.4%, second half 66.7%

19 points first half, 17 points second half

Tilehurst Meths 'A' took a step nearer to promotion by beating bottom side Birch Copse 'A' 9 – 1 with Nigel Rowland and Phil Jones both gaining hat tricks. Paul

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kingfisher J	20	17	2	1	143	57	36
Tilehurst Meths A	20	13	1	6	119	81	27
Springfield A	20	11	3	6	115	85	25
OLOP D	20	11	3	6	110	90	25
Kingfisher H	20	9	2	9	100	100	20
Pangbourne B	20	8	4	8	96	104	20
Milestone A	20	8	2	10	96	104	18
Kingfisher I	20	6	4	10	89	111	16
Tilehurst Meths B	20	6	4	10	86	114	16
Curzon B	20	6	1	13	83	117	13
Birch Copse A	20	1	2	17	63	137	4

Pangbourne 'B' played their match in hand and beat Milestone 'A' 7 – 3. Clive Taylor continued with his good form by gaining a treble with Ray Webb winning two. Eddie Cripps had a nice win over John Crosfield. At Springfield 'A' Leroy Wilson came back into the side after a long layoff and managed a single as did Ray who both beat Seth Martin. It is great that you are back playing again Leroy. At Kingfisher 'J' Ray saved the whitewash by beating John Upham in an 8 – 2 defeat. The other set was a walk over. At home to Tilehurst Meths 'B' again without Clive they lost 4 – 6 despite a three straight treble from Ray. Leroy won the other set by beating John Virgo.

Clive 33/48 = 68.8% 5 trebles, 8 doubles, 2 singles, best win Mike Maynard, first half 63%, second half 76.2% last season 62%
 Ray 37/60 = 61.7% 6 trebles, 7 doubles, 5 singles, best win Nigel Rowland, first half 60%, second half 63.3%
 Leroy 4/13 = 30.8% 1 double, 2 singles, best win Dave Godfrey, first half 50%, second half 22.2%, last season 54%
 Eddie 6/32 = 18.8% 6 singles, best win John Crosfield, first half 22.2%, second half 17.4%
 Roger 1/24 = 4.2% 1 single, best win Wendy Porter, last season 22%
 First half 9 points, second half 11 points

Springfield 'A' got back to winning ways by beating Tilehurst Meths 'B' 7 – 3. Phil Burke was the star, gaining a three straight maximum. Ludo Couillard did well by winning two while Seth Martin picked up a single. At home to Pangbourne 'B', Phil and Ludo both hit trebles in a 7 – 3 win. At Kingfisher 'H' Phil hit yet another maximum but sadly for them Des Hele was the only other scorer, beating Mick Mitcham in a 6 – 4 defeat. At home to Birch Copse 'A' they beat them 9 – 1 with Seth and Phil both hitting trebles. For me Seth won the P O M award. Des did his bit by winning two. By beating Kingfisher 'I' 2 – 8 they finished in third place. Phil hit his usual hat trick. Des and Seth both obtained doubles.

Phil 49/51 = 96.1% 15 trebles, 2 doubles, best win Eric Holmes, first half 92.6%, second half 100%
 Des 13/33 = 39.4% 4 doubles, 5 singles, best win Chris Collins, first half 33.3%, second half 50.0%
 Seth 20/48 = 41.7% 3 trebles, 3 doubles, 5 singles, best win Nick Lean, first half 47.6%, second half 37%
 Ludo 23/45 = 51.1% 5 trebles, 2 doubles, 4 singles, best win Eric Holmes, first half 52.4%, second half 50%
 First half 13 points, second half 12 points

Kingfisher 'H' came up against an improved Milestone 'A' and lost 7 – 3. Eric Holmes won two and Carole Byers managed a single by beating Arun Rajagopal. They then won their first match in four by beating Springfield 'A' 6 – 4.

Carol and Eric managed to win two each and also combined to win the doubles. Mick Mitcham gained that important single. Next came Kingfisher 'J' and they lost 3 – 7 with Eric, Steve and Dave all beating Gwynne Penny.

Mick 13/36 = 36.1% 2 trebles, 1 double, 5 singles, best win Ray Webb, first half 41.7%, second half 25%
 Eric 38/54 = 70.4% 7 trebles, 6 doubles, 5 singles, best win Clive Taylor, first half 70.4% second half 70.4%
 Carol 11/21 = 52.4% 4 doubles, 3 singles, best win Phil Jones, first half 55.6%, second half 50%
 Steve 19/36 = 52.8% 7 doubles, 5 singles, best win Ray Webb, first half 55.6%, second half 50%
 Dave 7/33 = 21.2% 1 double, 5 singles, best win Melvyn Lovegrove, first half 25%, second half 19%



PAUL TREADGOLD OF TILEHURST METHS 'A'

First half 11 points, second half 9 points

Curzon 'B' lost their fifth match in a row, going down 2 – 8 against Kingfisher 'I', and as a result had it all to do to avoid the drop. Nick Lean and Geoff Johnson were the scorers. Despite Nick and Geoff both scoring doubles, we then lost 6 – 4 at Tilehurst Meths 'B'. As explained above the doubles were vital where we had 3 game points but lost. At home to Tilehurst Meths 'A' we crashed to a 2 – 8 defeat however Nick played well to defeat Phil Jones and Paul Treadgold. Our season came to an end when we lost 9 – 1 at OLOP 'D'. Just to think, after our last match before Christmas when we beat Milestone 'A' we were fourth and only two points behind the second team. But after that we only gained one more point.

Derek 5/33 = 15.2% 1 treble, 2 singles, best win Eric Holmes, first half 26.7%, second half 5.6%, last season 24.2%
 Jim 7/36 = 19.4% 1 double, 5 singles, best win Ray Webb, first half 20%, second half 19%, last season 12.8%
 Nick 26/47 = 55.3% 3 trebles, 4 doubles, 9 singles, best win Phil Jones, first half 56.5%, second half 54.2%, last season 61.1%
 Geoff 17/41 = 41.5% 1 treble, 4 doubles, 6 singles, best win Nigel Rowland, first half 45%, second half 38.1%, last season 66.7%
 Mike 19/21 = 90.5% 5 trebles, 2 doubles, best win Nigel Rowland, first half 100%, second half 66.7%, last season 86.1%
 10 points first half 3 points second half

New signing Sagar Sawant of Milestone 'A' had a nice debut by winning two at Pangbourne 'B'. Chris Collins picked up a single but this was not enough as they went down 7 – 3. Sagar went one better against Kingfisher 'H' by gaining a hat-trick and with Chris winning two and Arun Rajagopal picking up a single. This helped them to a 7 – 3 victory. Sagar was the star against Birch Copse 'A', winning all three in straight games. Chris and John both hit doubles in a 2 – 8 victory. They then lost a close match against Kingfisher 'I' 4 – 6. Chris won two and Arun and John both gained singles. At Tilehurst Meths 'A' they gained a point

with Sagar and Arun both obtaining doubles. Chris got that important single.

Arun 24/42 = 57.1% 3 trebles, 4 doubles, 7 singles, best win Luca Bianchi, first half 58.3%, second half 55.6%
 Chris 29/45 = 64.4% 4 trebles, 6 doubles, 5 singles, best win Eric Holmes, first half 76.2% second half 54.2%
 John 15/45 = 33.3% 6 doubles, 3 singles, best win Mike Maynard, first half 38.1%, second half 29.2%
 Sagar 10/12 = 83.3% 2 trebles, 2 doubles, best win Phil Jones
 11 points first half, 7 points second half

Tilehurst Meths 'B' lost their game in hand 7 – 3 against Springfield 'A'. Nick Barnes obtained a double and Ian Cockling managed a single. They then beat relegation rivals Curzon 'B' 6 – 4 thanks to doubles from Ian and John Virgo. It was good to see John back after his illness. Masoud Ghabachi weighed in with a single. The doubles was the key with Ian and John beating Nick and Derek 5-11, 8-11, 11-4, 11-6, 15-13. They were then gifted a point when OLOP 'D' only had two players which meant they were almost certain to stay up and send Curzon 'B' down. For the record Ian beat Felix 13-11 in the fifth end and also teamed up with John to win the doubles. By beating Pangbourne 'B' 4 – 6 they made certain of staying up. Ian and Masoud both gained doubles and John managed a single.

Ian 23/40 = 57.5% 2 trebles, 6 doubles, 5 singles, best win Eric Holmes, first half 56.5%, second half 58.8%, last season 50%
 John 19/38 = 50% 1 treble, 5 doubles, 6 singles, best win Mick Mitcham, first half 52.4%, second half 47.1%, last season 35.3%
 Masoud 13/47 = 27.7% 3 doubles, 7 singles, best win Des Hele, first half 29.2%, second half 26.1%
 Nick 19/30 = 63.3% 1 treble, 7 doubles, 2 singles, best win Clive Taylor, first half 60%, second half 66.7%, last season 37.5%
 7 points first half, 9 points second half

Kingfisher 'I' picked up a valuable point at Birch Copse 'A' with Nils Wedi gaining a three straight maximum. Joaquin Sabater did well to gain a double. Against Curzon 'B' Jean-Noel Thepaut came back into the side and as usual gained a treble. Nils Wedi and Joaquin Sabater both gained doubles in a 2 – 8 victory. At home to Tilehurst Meths 'A' they gained a very important 7 – 3 win with Jean-Noel hitting a great three straight hat trick. Nils won two and Joaquin obtained a nice single. Yet again Jean-Noel won all three to help Kingfisher 'I' win 4 – 6 at Milestone 'A'. Nils managed to win two and also teamed up with Jean-Noel to win the vital doubles. They then finished their season at home to Springfield 'A' which ended in a 2 – 8 defeat. Nils and Gabor won the two sets.

Jean-Noel 20/21 = 95.2% 6 trebles, 1 double, best win David Joyce,

LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	W	P	%
David Joyce	Kingfisher J	52	53	98.1%
Phil Burke	Springfield A	49	51	96.1%
Jean-Noel Thepaut	Kingfisher I	20	21	95.2%
Mick Maynard	Curzon B	19	21	90.5%
Sagar Sawant	Milestone A	10	12	83.3%
Phil Jones	Tilehurst Meths A	37	51	72.5%
Dave Godfrey	OLOP D	28	39	71.8%
Eric Holmes	Kingfisher H	38	54	70.4%
Giuliano Ghidini	OLOP D	19	27	70.4%
Nigel Rowland	Tilehurst Meths A	27	39	69.2%
Clive Taylor	Pangbourne B	33	48	68.8%
Luca Bianchi	Kingfisher J	33	48	68.8%

first half 88.9%, second half 100%, last season 97%
 Joaquin 15/39 = 38.5% 3 doubles, 9 singles, best win Wendy Porter, first half 33.3%, second half 41.7% last season 45%
 Gabor 6/36 = 16.7% 6 singles, best win Ludo Couillard, first half 14.8%, second half 22.2%, last season 12%
 Nils 36/54 = 66.7% 5 trebles, 8 doubles, 5 singles, best win Phil Jones, first half 58.3%, second half 73.3%, last season 47%
 4 points first half, 12 points second half

Birch Copse 'A' managed a draw against Kingfisher 'I'. Jes Eassom won two and Roy Hull and reserve Jarek Chmielowiec both winning one each. Jes and Roy also combined to win the doubles set. At Tilehurst Meths 'A' Jarek was the sole scorer in a 9 – 1 defeat. He beat Paul Treadgold 5-11, 11-13, 11-4, 4-11. At home to Milestone 'A' they lost 2 – 8 with Roy and Mike winning one each. I have to say that a few sets could quite easily have gone in their favour. At Springfield 'A' Mike was the only scorer by beating Des Hele in a 9 – 1 defeat.

Jes 27/60 = 45% 11 doubles, 5 singles, best win Alistair Richardson, first half 46.7%, second half 43.3%, last season 45%
 Mike 15/51 = 29.4% 2 doubles, 11 singles, best win Ray Webb, first half 23.3%, second half 38.1%, last season 29%
 Roy 14/60 = 23.3% 1 double, 12 singles, best win Ludo Couillard, first half 16.7%, second half 30.0%, last season 37%
 Nil point's first half, 4 points second half



DAVID JOYCE

We now have the facility to award **"Player of the Match"** on the website which is normally calculated automatically based on the match scores. The first three in terms of who notched up the most "Player of the match" awards throughout the season were: Phil Burke and David Joyce both with 13, then Eric Holmes with 7.

The following players played in every match: Jes Eassom, Roy Hull and Ray Webb. Well done to you all.

Finally on behalf of you all I would like to thank everyone on the Committee for all of their hard work which has made this season a great success. We are very lucky to have them all on board

Cheers

Derek



DIVISION FOUR

by Nigel Rowland

As another season finishes and is confined to the history books, Tidmarsh 'E' are worthy champions with Sonning Sports 'A' taking the second promotion spot. Congratulations go to both teams and it is fitting that Sonning Sports 'A' managed to take a point off Tidmarsh 'E' in the final top of the table clash of the season.

I am amazed at the quality of players playing for teams at the bottom end of the table. Nicolas Nowak of SC&P 'F' and Zoltan Kelemen of Milestone 'B' are two play-



way with a treble with support from Theresa and Dave Sheppard to defeat OLOP 'E' 8 – 2 and in the process win the title. In their last match of the season a weakened team could only muster a draw against Curzon 'C'. Dave managed a hard fought treble including a tight win over Linda King and a single from Theresa. Isak Davies played up and managed to take a game against veteran Mike Gillard.



ZOLTAN KELEMEN

ers who have excelled week after week even though the team results go against them, I congratulate both of you.

At the bottom end, **Milestone 'B'** were the basement club for months but were able climb above SC&P 'F' in the final weeks of the season. The fact still remains they both ended up in the relegation places. Kingfisher 'K' and Tilehurst Meths 'C' were also under threat of relegation but proved to have too much in the 'locker' and easily secured their places for next season.

Chris Webb of Tidmarsh 'E' remains at the top of the averages followed by **Felix Thomis** of OLOP 'E' and **Bob Woodmansee** of Sonning Sports 'A'. Well done to everyone for their contribution to a great season of table tennis. Without your contribution there would be no league.

Bob Woodmansee and Dave Chard head the doubles averages followed by **Chris Taylor and Martin Wetherell**.

Dave Sheppard sits top of the table with seven 'Player of the Match' awards.

Tidmarsh 'E' In their top of the table clash, Chris Webb was the hero with a treble and a final set win over Bob Snellgrove to snatch a point against Sonning Sports 'A'. Simon Barter and Theresa Watson played their part with single wins to maintain their unbeaten record. Chris led the

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tidmarsh E	18	16	2	0	140	40	34
Sonning Sports A	18	13	4	1	136	44	30
Tidmarsh D	18	11	2	5	106	74	24
Curzon Club C	18	7	6	5	91	89	20
Springfield B	18	10	0	8	84	96	20
OLOP E	18	7	4	7	85	95	18
Tilehurst Meths C	18	7	3	8	85	95	17
Kingfisher K	18	2	4	12	62	118	8
Milestone B	18	0	5	13	59	121	5
SC&P F	18	1	2	15	52	128	4

Sonning Sports 'A' In their long awaited top of the table clash with Tidmarsh 'E' Bob Snellgrove, Bob Woodmansee and Dave Chard teamed up to snatch a point. Bob S had a great five game win over Simon Barter and Dave Chard a five game win over Theresa Watson. Bob W, Keith Machin and Dave recorded doubles to brush away the challenge from SC&P 'E' winning 3 – 7. Bob W just lost in five to inform Nicholas Nowak. Nigel and the two Bob's celebrated promotion in style with a 10 – 0 hammering of Springfield 'B'. Bob S, Keith and Dave rounded off a brilliant season



FELIX THOMIS OF OLOP 'E'



LAURENCE DE STE CROIX

with a hard fought 0 – 10 win over Kingfisher 'K'.

Tidmarsh 'D' Dave Smith and John Liddle braces with a single from Dave Edwards along with the important doubles victory gave them a close 6 – 4 win over Kingfisher 'K' to keep, at that time, their slender promotion hopes alive. A Terry Hardie double with singles from John Liddle and Dave Smith as they went down 6 – 4 to Tilehurst Meths 'C' since ended their promotion hopes. A double from John and single from Terry as they lost 7 – 3 to a determined Curzon 'C'. Doubles from the two Dave's and John finished their season with a 7 – 3 win over Milestone 'B'.

Curzon 'C' In a close match, John Walker managed a double and Linda King a treble as they shared the points with Tilehurst Meths 'C'. John had a five game win over Martin Wetherell and a crucial five game last set win over Patrick O'Sullivan to snatch a point. Oli Lister lost in four to Chris Taylor and five to Patrick O'Sullivan. Hero John recorded a superb treble with support from Linda and Oli to get a hard fought 7 – 3 win over Tidmarsh 'D'. John had a close five game win over Terry Hardie and John and Linda



ANIA PYTKA OF KINGFISHER 'K'

another doubles pairing win. Linda and John recorded doubles with a great single from veteran Mike Gillard to snatch a draw against a weakened Tidmarsh 'E'.

Springfield 'B' Adam Sheen led the way with a treble and there were two wins for John Burke and a single win for Alan Gould to defeat basement club Milestone 'B' 3 – 7. John, Chris Speight and Alan were overcome with celebration 'Champagne' as they succumbed 10 – 0 to promoted Sonning Sports 'A'. John just lost in five to Bob Snellgrove. Adam, Dan Mortimer and Chris finished a very successful season with a good 7 – 3 win over OLOP 'E'. The score could have been greater had Dan and Chris not lost in five to Laurence Croix.

OLOP 'E' Both Jan Polnik and Chris Bunn got singles as they succumbed 8 – 2 to title winners Tidmarsh 'E'. Jan had a great five game win over Theresa Watson. Felix Thomis and guest Rao Burgula won trebles to defeat SC&P



ADAM McTIERNAN OF KINGFISHER 'K'

'F' 7 – 3. Laurence Croix just lost in four to Oliver Sayer and Jamie Legg. Laurence Croix battled hard for two wins with a single from Jan as they lost 7 – 3 to Springfield 'B'.

Tilehurst Meths 'C' Chris Taylor led with a double and there were single wins for Martin Wetherell and Patrick O'Sullivan to take a point against Curzon 'C'. Martin and Chris recorded a doubles win over John Walker and Linda King. Martin won the all-important final set to win the match 6 – 4 against Tidmarsh 'D', securing their future in the division. Chris and Patrick played their part with a double and single respectively. Doubles from Martin and Patrick with a doubles pairing win earned them a point against basement club Milestone 'B'. Rob James played up and just lost in five to Sachin Mundra.

Kingfisher 'K' There were doubles from Gwynne Penny and Ruben Hernandez as they lost 6 – 4 to promotion hopefuls Tidmarsh 'D'. Gwynne had a good five game win over Dave Edwards and Adam McTiernan managed to take a game off Dave Smith. David Wells got the all important final game win over Zoltan Kelemen to secure a vital point against basement club Milestone 'B'. Gwynne Penny and Ania Pytka also recorded important wins that ensure their

DIV 4 LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	P	W	%
Chris Webb	Tidmarsh E	36	33	91.67 %
Felix Thomis	O LOP E	24	21	87.50 %
Terry Spice	Curzon Club C	14	12	85.71 %
David Sheppard	Tidmarsh E	39	33	84.62 %
Bob Woodmansee	Sonning Sports A	42	35	83.33 %
Adam Sheen	Springfield B	30	25	83.33 %
Simon Barter	Tidmarsh E	33	26	78.79 %
Keith Machin	Sonning Sports A	18	14	77.78 %
Robert Snellgrove	Sonning Sports A	42	32	76.19 %
Nicolas Nowak	SC&P F	30	22	73.33 %
Linda King	Curzon Club C	54	39	72.22 %

survival for next season. Ruben, Gwynne and David refused to lie down as Sonning Sports 'A' continued their celebrations by beating them 0 – 10. Such was their fight-

ing spirit, four sets went to five games and two sets went to four.

Milestone 'B' Sachin Mundra and Zoltan Kelemen got vital wins over Kingfisher 'K' but a point was not enough as Milestone are relegated. Zoltan had a close five game win over Gwynne Penny. A Zoltan treble with singles from Sachin and Andi Mutlow gave them a precious point against a weakened Tilehurst Meths 'C'. This point raises them off the basement position. Zoltan showed how good a player he is with another treble but the team lost 7 – 3 to Tidmarsh 'D'. Andy and Sachin were as committed as ever to the team, Sachin losing all sets in four games.

SC&P 'F' Nicolas Nowak scored a fantastic treble in their 3 – 7 loss to promotion hopefuls Sonning Sports 'A'. Oli Sayer just lost in five to Bob Woodmansee. Nicolas, Oliver and Jamie Legg battled hard but still went down 7 – 3 to OLOP 'E'. This loss dropped them to the basement position.



DIVISION FIVE

by Duncan Abbott

So here we are at the end of the season and it's congratulations to Reading FC for winning Division 5 at the first time of asking. They also won the Division 4/5 KO Cup to complete a unique double. Needless to say they won all their last four matches, two of them by a 6 – 4 margin (against Kingfisher 'L' and SC&P 'G') and the other two (against Sonning Sports 'B' and Milestone 'C') by a 9 – 1 margin. Average-wise Mark Edwards was top of the pile with 81%, followed by Joe Bull (75% from the three matches he played in), captain Richard Witt 65%, Paul Brown 54% and Keith Greene 52%.

In my previous report **Tilehurst Methodists 'D'** led the way by one point, but an untimely defeat by OLOP 'F' let their

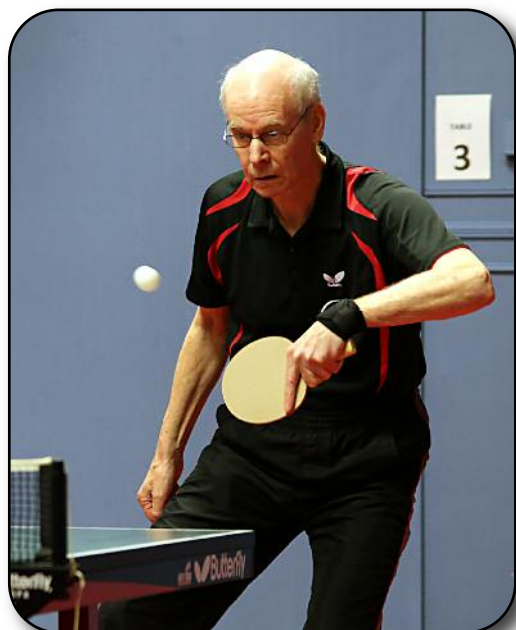
rivals in. BBC were despatched 9 – 1, Tidmarsh 'F' 8 – 2, OLOP 'G' 7 – 3 together with the 2 – 8 defeat by OLOP 'F'. Captain Steve Dopson scored 86%, Sam Will 70%, Steve Wood 67% and Rob James 62%



Four consecutive wins was not enough for **OLOP 'F'** who had basically left their fantastic run too late. Wins came against Birch Copse 'F' 6 – 4, Tilehurst Meths 'D' 8 – 2 and 9 – 1 against both BBC and SC&P 'F'. Averages: David Holt 73%, Steve Shaw 70%, Rao Burgula 64%, Balasz Horanyi 63% and captain Cedric Dias 25% in three matches. Gordon Munns finished with 14% and Siti Abdul Rahmann 11%.

SC&P 'G' won 3 and lost 2 of their last five matches. Their predicted double against BBC was backed up by a 6 – 4 triumph over Kingfisher 'L', but finished with a 4 – 6 defeat against Reading FC and 1 – 9 defeat against OLOP 'F'. Mike Casserley finished with 74%, Dave Aust 62%, Julian James 56%, Steve Knott 17%. Derek Maltby didn't win any sets and captain Pete Harman didn't play any.

Kingfisher 'L' looked like title contenders until John Creighton's untimely death. In the last 4 matches they have won only one, 7 – 3 in their final match against Springfield 'C',



DAVID HOLT OF OLOP 'F'

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading FC	22	18	1	3	155	65	37
Tilehurst Meths D	22	17	2	3	152	68	36
OLOP F	22	16	2	4	136	84	34
SC&P G	22	14	2	6	129	91	30
Kingfisher L	22	12	2	8	116	104	26
OLOP G	22	10	2	10	113	107	22
Tidmarsh F	22	8	3	11	100	120	19
Sonning Sports B	22	9	0	13	90	130	18
Birch Copse B	22	6	3	13	100	120	15
Milestone C	22	6	2	14	91	129	14
Springfield C	22	4	1	17	81	139	9
BBC Club	22	2	0	20	57	163	4

and lost 3: 4 – 6 against SC&P 'G' and Reading FC, and 2 – 8 against Milestone 'C'. Averages: John Creighton 100%, Ken Robb 88%, David O'Keefe 60%, captain Derek Crombie 15% and Colin Mercer 3%.

Slap bang in mid-table were **OLOP 'G'** who finished on a high note with 2 wins (against Birch Copse 'B' and BBC), one defeat (against Tilehurst Meths 'D') and a draw with Springfield 'C'. All the wins were either 7 – 3 or 3 – 7. For averages captain Mihajlo Ralic finished with 77%, Tony Alleyne 63%, Carlo Cafaro 59%, James Griffith 32%. **Mariusz Paluszkiewicz** failed to trouble the scorers.



MIHAJLO RALIC OF OLOP 'G'

Tidmarsh 'F' finished with one win, one draw and two defeats. Their defeats were against Birch Copse 'B' (4 – 6)

& Tilehurst Meths 'D' (2 – 8). The draw was with Milestone 'C' and the win (7 – 3) against Springfield 'C'. Averages were Pete Sinclair 67%, Steve Andrews 67%, Isaac Davies 63%, John Harland 43%, Mike Bundy 34%, and captain Bob Sunerton 31%.

Up to eighth place were **Sonning Sports 'B'** thanks to three wins out of four. After a 1 – 9 hammering at Reading FC, they finished in style with wins over two-man Milestone 'C' (7 – 3), Springfield 'C' (7 – 3) and Birch Copse (6 – 4). End of season averages have captain Cris Reynolds at the top with 64%, Colin Chalkley 60%, Mike Gautrey 46%, Meriel Low 25%, Mo Cole 15% and Suzanne Brownhill 8%.

In total contrast to Sonning Sports, **Birch Copse 'B'** finished the season on a low with one win and three defeats. They lost 4 – 6 to OLOP 'F' and Sonning Sports 'B', 3 – 7 to OLOP 'G' and beat a two-man Tidmarsh 'F' team 6 – 4. Average wise Jaroslaw Chmielowiec had a sensational

debut season finishing second in the averages with 89%. captain Duncan Abbott hit 50%, Andrew Adair 49%, Melanie Griffiths 34%, Trevor Davis 17% and Elizabeth Hull 4%.

Just behind were **Milestone 'C'** who won 1 and drew 1 of their last 4 matches. Pick of that bunch was the 8 – 2 win against Kingfisher 'L'. They drew with Tidmarsh 'F', and lost against Sonning Sports 'B' (3 – 7) and their one man team (literally speaking) lost 1 – 9 to Reading FC. Average-wise Oliver Bonser topped the charts with 85%, Bill Hayden 67% from one match, John Evans 53%, Carl Edlind 38%, and captain Tony Hayden 20%.

Just one draw was all that **Springfield 'C'** achieved in their four matches, that was in the first one against OLOP 'G'. Defeats came against Tidmarsh 'F', Sonning Sports 'B' and Kingfisher 'L' all by a 3 – 7 margin. Aidan Simmons was best with 67%, Robert Atack was 40%, captain Colin Jones 39%, Tom Berryman 26%, Andrew Atack 11% and Tim Carr didn't win a set.

Apart from two wins against Birch Copse 'B' the season was an unmitigated disaster for BBC. In the final run in they lost 2 – 8 twice to SC&P 'G', 1 – 9 to Tilehurst Meths 'D', 1 – 9 to OLOP 'F' and 3 – 7 to OLOP 'G'. Top of their averages was John Scott 53%, followed by captain Phil Peat 31%, Jack Mitchell 30%, John Lancashire 19% and Dave Pearson 18%.

LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	P	W	%
Jarek Chm'wicz	Birch Copse B	47	42	89.36 %
Kenneth Robb	Kingfisher L	60	53	88.33 %
Steve Dopson	Tilehurst Meths D	42	36	85.71 %
Oliver Bonser	Milestone C	33	28	84.85 %
Mark Edwards	Reading FC	54	44	81.48 %
Mihajlo Ralic	OLOP G	39	30	76.92 %
Mike Casserley	SC&P G	61	45	73.77 %
David Holt	OLOP F	33	24	72.73 %
Sam Will	Tilehurst Meths D	30	21	70.00 %
Steve Shaw	OLOP F	43	30	69.77 %
Steve Wood	Tilehurst Meths D	60	40	66.67 %

COME TO THE READING MASTERS

On Sunday 24th April at Kingfisher - 9.30 start

When else are you going to see such an array of talent?

Martin Adams
Daniel Moses
Hari Gehlot
Daniel McTiernan
Martin Gunn
Krasi Ivanov
Yeqin (Philip) Zeng
Csaba Pall
Steve Murgatroyd
Tony Reynolds

Juniors:

Harry Munro
Yonatan Slobodskoy
Joe Barraclough
Thomas Perkins
Jim McAllister
Bill Hayden
Laurence de Ste Croix
Nathan Munns
Dylan Cook
Jamie Barlow

John Cunningham Youth Division

by Emma Barraclough

Matches resumed on the 12th February with wins in Division 1 for the Strikers against the Jaguars 8 - 2 with 3 wins for Adam Winterbottom and the Raiders had an emphatic 9 - 1 win against the Tigers with 3 wins for Nathan Munns. In the Second Division the Attackers defeated the Spartans 8 - 2 with three wins for Dylan Cook and the Trojans defeated the Panthers 9 - 1 with three wins each for Arran Reeve and Jamie Barlow. The session during February half term (19th) was the annual Alan Dines Memorial Handicap Tournament run as usual by Adam McTiernan with many thanks to him as always.

By the 26th February the competition for the top spots was close. In Division 1 the Jaguars defeated the



DYLAN COOK

competition for the final league managed a 6 - 4 victory against the Raiders while the Strikers defeated the Tigers 6 - 4 in Division 1 while in Division 2 the Trojans defeated the Attackers 8 - 2 while the Spartans defeated the Panthers 8 - 2.

Division 1 champions this year the Jaguars topped the Division with 38 points. The Jaguars contained some of the Youth Division's most experienced players and this showed through in their consistent performances especially in the second half of the season when they remained either in first or second position throughout. The team members Bill Hayden, Daniel



JAMIE BARLOW



NATHAN MUNNS

Knott and Daniel Follant brought great skill and great attitude to their performances and Bill Hayden topped the individual averages with 94.44%. Second place in Division 1 was taken by the Strikers only one point behind the Jaguars on 37 points. Seasoned Youth Division players Adam Winterbottom and Chris Brant who have played in the league for several seasons were joined by Tamir Slobodskoy to climb steadily up the league after Christmas briefly topping the league in February. Adam Winterbottom topped the individual averages for the Strikers with 93.33%.



Division 2 winners the Trojans were newcomers from Sonning Common and Peppard playing their first season in the Youth Division and they brought great attitude and commitment to their play. The members Arran and Alexandra Reeve, Jamie Barlow and latterly James Cunningham played with great consistency after the

Christmas split in either first or second position throughout. They eventually won with 39 points with Jamie Barlow topping the team averages on 86.67%. Finishing in second place in Division 2 only one point behind were

Div One Table							
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Jaguars	6	5	0	1	38	22	38
2 Strikers	6	4	1	1	37	23	37
3 Raiders	6	2	1	3	32	28	32
4 Tigers	6	0	0	6	13	47	13

Div Two Table							
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Trojans	6	3	1	2	39	21	39
2 Spartans	6	5	0	1	38	22	38
3 Attackers	6	3	1	2	36	24	36
4 Panthers	6	0	0	6	7	53	7

the Spartans on 38 points. This team was a great mix of two experienced division players Camran Nesari and Keyan Ghods and a complete newcom-



JUDE SULLIVAN-BARNES

AVERAGES (Div 1)

Player	%
Bill Hayden	95
Adam Winterbottom	94
Nathan Munns	72
Tamir Slobodskoy	66
Chris Brant	46
Daniel Follant	44
Daniel Knott	40
Zach Bonifacii	38
Ryan Griffiths	33
Sachin Dougall (S)	33
Nathan Munns (S)	33
Alex Eaton	26
Joseph Brooks	25

AVERAGES (Div 2)

Player	%
Camran Nesari	94
Sachin Dougall	92
Jamie Barlow	86
Dylan Cook	80
Arran Reeve	61
Alexandra Reeve	60
Keyan Ghods	55
Lukas Dahmann	53
Jude Sullivan-Barnes	33
James Cunningham	33
Sachin Dougall (S)	33
Charlie Lethbridge	20
Vasu Pandey	20

Derek, can we please add a massive thanks from me (Wendy) to Emma. Who has provided excellent reports, Helped supervise the sessions throughout the season, and set up the food on party days.

Also thanks to Joe Barraclough and Jim McAllister who have been great role models for the players. Helping to coach them and show how much fun the game can be. Thanks Boys.

Thanks to the parents for their support and in getting the players there week in week out.

And finally to all the players. It has been a pleasure watching you all improve through the season, thank you for making Friday night entertaining. Enjoy the break and I look forward to seeing you next season.



er to the division and the youngest player in it, Jude Sullivan-Barnes. They played with great energy and enthusiasm throughout with Camran topping the individual averages for the team on 94.44%

The conclusion of the league matches left two weeks remaining with March 11th set aside for coaching and the season ended on March 18th with a second evening inviting parents along to play alongside the Youth Division players with refreshments and presentations which was a great end to the season. Many thanks to Wendy for all her hard work through the season which has seen both great play and strong attendance.



DIVISION TWO

by Barry Carter

Hi All, First off a massive apology for our place at the back of the grid rather than our usual second row position but it's amazing how hectic things are when you return from three weeks out of the country coupled with a bout of forgetfulness and hey presto you don't write a newsletter report until a week after the deadline and when you do it's quite short and hopefully sweet... oops!

Anyway on to the final outcome and it's congratulations to Sonning Common & Peppard 'B' and Our Lady of Peace 'C' who have gained promotion to division one, they were both in the top two for all the season. Tidmarsh 'B' won their last four matches to finish in third and unfortunately my jinx affected Kingfisher 'E' because after they won five in a row and were praised by me in the last newsletter they then slumped to two defeats in a row but they did well to finish fourth. At the bottom the signs of relegation had been Aston Villa-esque for both Sonning Common & Peppard 'E' and Kingfisher 'G' from the start



of 2016 and it was duly confirmed before the last matches of the season.

Sonning Common & Peppard 'B' have been in the top two for most of the season and deserve to be champions, in their last four matches of the season they won two, drew one and suffered their only league defeat of the season at the very last hurdle. The two wins and the draw were against Kingfisher teams, 7 – 3 v Kingfisher 'G', 6 – 4 v Kingfisher 'E' and 5 – 5 v Kingfisher 'F'. If they can tempt Mathew Faulkner to play more often next

season they might stand a chance of staying up, he played 18 and won 18. Three each from Simon Berry and Jeremy Willis helped clinch the 7 – 3 win. A treble from Mathew and a good double from Brian Meheux saw them to a tight 6 – 4 win over improving Kingfisher 'E'. Brian and Jeremy won two each and then teamed up to win the doubles to snatch a draw against Kingfisher 'F'.

Our Lady of Peace 'C' pushed Sonning Common & Peppard 'B' all the way to the championship but eventually missed out by three points. Two of their players, Harry Munro and



HARRY MUNRO OF OLOP 'C'

Yonatan Slobodskoy, have a great chance of staying up in division one next season. Of their last four matches, they won three and lost one. The wins were 7 – 3 over Tidmarsh 'C' where Harry got sweet revenge for his defeat by me earlier in the season as he beat me 11–2, 11–4, 11–4. Yonatan won two and Ziko Jerzmanski one. Their last two matches had a set difference of +19 as they swiftly accounted for Sonning C & P 'C' 10 – 0 where Ziko recorded his only

maximum of the season and relegated Kingfisher 'G' where the scoreline was 9 – 1.

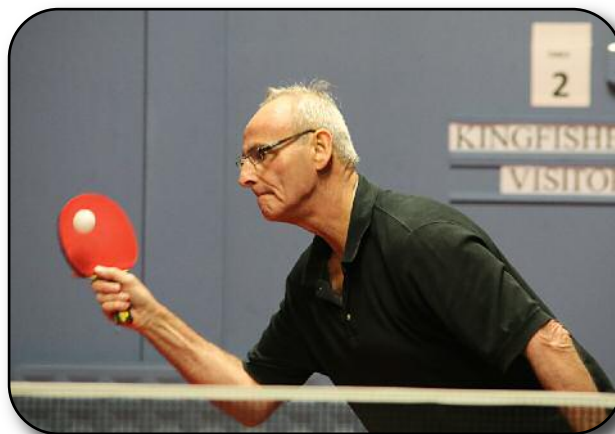
Tidmarsh 'B' finished the season strongly as they won six of their last seven, which included the last four, to end in third place and miss out on promotion by six points. They can point to either side of the Christmas break as a reason for winning only once in seven. The best win of the season came in the last week as they became the only team to beat Sonning Common & Peppard 'B' 6 – 4. They stormed into a 4 – 1 lead with wins for John Golding two, Mike Aistrop and Francois Durand and it was left to Mike to clinch the two points with an 11–9, 11–4, 13–15, 11–7 win over Brian. The other wins since the last newsletter were two 8 – 2's over Pangbourne WMC 'A' when Francois and John returned home with maximums and Sonning C & P 'D' thanks to a second successive maximum by John. The other 6 – 4 was against Kingfisher 'F' as Rob Jones had a double.

Kingfisher 'E' were the latest team to suffer my jinx as mentioned in the introduction. The next two matches since the last newsletter they lost, one a bit surprisingly to Sonning Common & Peppard 'D' and the other one less so as they went down 4 – 6 to the champions. They did win their last match of the season 7 – 3 against Sonning Common & Peppard 'E' which enabled them to finish fourth. Rob Gladstone finished a good second half of the season with his third maximum, whilst Colin Dyke returned his fifth brace in six matches and Grant Wheatley rounded off a decent season with

his third successive single. If the squad are all fit and available next season it could be a fruitful one that could end up in promotion.

Sonning Common & Peppard 'C' had a bad end to the season as they won only one of their last three matches to finish fifth, although I'm sure they would have taken that back in September. The only win since the last newsletter came against their 'E' team as Tim Raby finally grabbed a maiden maximum with wins over Joe Barraclough, Angus Jones and Scarlett Jones. Matt Stone finished with a brace, but his second half of the season wasn't as productive as the first half. Matt was the only victor in the 1 – 9 defeat to OLOP 'C' and one each from Danny Dockree, Tim and Matt plus the doubles saw their season end with a 4 – 6 defeat to Tidmarsh 'C'.

Kingfisher 'F' finished the season with a run of one win, two draws and a defeat to finish sixth. The final match of the campaign saw the win, a comprehensive 9 – 1 victory over Sonning C & P 'E'. Ivor Hardman made it 15 wins in a row with his fifth maximum, he was joined by Allan Bruton who returned to play after a few weeks away and a brace from Peter Bennett, his best return



ALLEN PACK OF KINGFISHER 'F'

since the same fixture earlier in the season. The most notable draw came against the champions as apart from

	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sonning C & P 'B' (6)	20	15	4	1	140	60	34
OLOP 'C' (3)	20	13	5	2	137	63	31
Tidmarsh 'B' (8)	20	11	3	6	116	84	25
Kingfisher 'E' (10)	20	10	2	8	110	90	22
Sonning C & P 'C' (1)	20	9	3	8	94	106	21
Kingfisher 'F' (9)	20	7	6	7	105	95	20
Pangbourne 'A' (12)	20	7	6	7	94	106	20
Tidmarsh 'C' (2)	20	7	5	8	96	104	19
Sonning C & P 'D' (7)	20	5	2	13	68	132	12
Sonning C & P 'E' (5)	20	3	2	15	72	128	8
Kingfisher 'G' (11)	20	2	4	14	68	132	8

Ivor's three there were wins for both Peter and Allen Pack over Nigel Maltby. The other draw came against Sonning C & P 'D', the only difference being Michael Houghton's single that claimed the point.

Pangbourne WMC 'A' were having a terrible second half of the season but they managed to pull two wins out of the bag from the last four to claim seventh spot in the table. The best win of the season was reserved to almost the last match as they defeated OLOP 'C' 6 – 4 with John Simmonds and Denise Weller both winning two each and Simon Hopkins one with John and Simon teaming up to win the doubles too. The other win came against Sonning C & P 'D' thanks to John and Denise's first maximums of the year, plus two from Simon saw them to a comfortable 9 – 1. Tidmarsh 'B' and 'C' both inflicted heavy end of season defeats in between the two wins with only Denise and Simon winning sets against the 'B' variety.

Tidmarsh 'C' won both of the games that they played since the last newsletter, the first being a comprehensive 10 – 0 win over Pangbourne WMC 'A' as I won my first maximum since week five of the season. Dave Reynolds also won his first maximum since Christmas, however for Andy Stephens it was his fourth in five. Our last match of the season came in the form of a 6 – 4 win over Sonning C & P 'C' as both Peter Galea and Andy Stephens won three each to clinch the points. It's been a difficult season for us as injuries and lack of commitment/enthusiasm have made it tricky. I would like to say thanks to skipper, Dave Reynolds who stuck with it right to the end for organising the team. Good luck with your TT retirement guys!

Sonning Common & Peppard 'D' can be pleased with how they grew into the division and thanks to crucial points against the three Kingfisher teams in the final weeks of the season they avoided the trap door to division three by four points. They did only win one match since the last newsletter and that came against the then in-form team Kingfisher 'E'. Alan Mollett and Mark Jones both won two, Alan's two were against Grant Wheatley 8–11, 11–9, 11–6, 13–11 and Colin Dyke 7–11, 11–8, 6–11, 11–9, 11–9 and Mark's included the match winning 8–11, 11–6, 12–10, 6–11, 11–9 win over Luca Bianchi to give them the 6 – 4 win, Anthony Reeve had earlier success over Luca. The other point came against Kingfisher 'F' with two each for Alan and Mark. Derek Wavell battled well in the match against Michael Houghton but eventually succumbed 7–11 in the fourth.

Sonning Common & Peppard 'E' have had a difficult time adjusting to the division and have come close on a few occasions to picking up points with them losing the most matches 3 – 7, a couple more wins in those games and they might well have stayed up but unfortunately it's through the trapdoor they potentially fall. Their only point since the last newsletter came in the wooden spoon decider against Kingfisher 'G'. Angus Jones went home with his third successive brace after wins against Willis Ma 7–11, 11–7, 3–11, 11–6, 11–7 and Dave Gostelow 8–11, 8–11, 11–2, 11–7, 11–9. Joe



JOE BARRACLOUGH OF SCP 'E'

Barraclough also had wins over Willis and Dave and Eric Walker claimed a single with the win over Dave.

Kingfisher 'G' must be shell-shocked that they have gone down having been top of the table at the end of week 2 but only five points since Christmas tells the story of how it went Villa-esque shaped. The only point in the run in I've already mentioned as part of the Sonning C & P 'E' bit, but the version from the Kingfisher side is that Nigel Keedy won all three in three straight and if only the two five-game sets had gone Willis and Dave's way it could have been a win. In the match against the champions, Willis, Nigel and Dave all overcame Brian Meheux but that was as good as it got for them as they lost the other seven. The last match of the season was disappointing as it was their heaviest defeat of the season, but the 0 – 10 reverse to OLOP 'C' was closer than the result suggests as three of the games went to five. Rick Leachman produced the same form that it took to do the double over me to take Harry Munro to five before he lost 6–11 and he also lost 7–11 to Ziko in the fifth. Jazz Dhillon was also came off the worse in a five-game set with Ziko as he lost 8–11 in the final game.

Here are some season ending stats...

TEAM and PLAYER STATS

SONNING C&P 'C'

Team Stat	Most 6 – 4 victories (5)
Matt Stone	On the four times he scored a maximum SCP 'C' won
Danny Dockree	Was involved in the most five-game sets (25)
Jon Abbott	Was never on the losing team when he won
a	set (9)

TIDMARSH 'C'

Team Stat	Didn't do a double over another team
Barry Carter	Two of my three maximums were away from home
Dave Reynolds	13 of 16 wins were by 3 – 0 or 3 – 1
Steve Ricks	Two out of 8 wins were 3 – 0
Andy Stephens	Wasn't on the losing side

OLOP 'C'

Team Srtat	Best doubles record 17/20 85%
Harry Munro	Most maximums (16)
Yonatan Slobodskoy	Didn't record a blank all season

Ziko Jerzmanski Was involved in 20 four-game sets, winning 10, losing 10

SONNING C&P 'E'

Team Stat: Only team not to win a match by 6 – 4
Angus Jones Was on the losing team each time he recored a brace (3)
Joe Barraclough All three maximums were away from home
Thomas Perkins All three maximums were in the first half of the season
Eric Walker Was involved in all of SCP 'E's three wins

SONNING C&P 'B'

Team Stat Most 10 – 0 victories (3)
Simon Berry Won 27 of his 36 games 3 - 0
Brian Meheux Only one occasion did he record the same amount of wins in the first half as he did in second (1 v OLOP 'C')
Jeremy Willis 21 of 28 wins were either 3 – 0 or 3 – 1
Nigel Maltby Only maximum came at home

SONNING C&P 'D'

Team Stat Didn't draw an away match all season
Alan Mollett When he got a maximum SCP 'D' won (2)
Mark Jones Won nearly twice as many sets in second half as he did in first
Anthony Reeve Seven of his twelve wins were by the 3 – 2 scoreline
Derek Wavell His win sealed the 6 – 4 win over Kingfisher 'G' which was the catalyst to a better second half

TIDMARSH 'B'

Team Stat Only team to beat Sonning C & P 'B' all season
Mike Aistrop Didn't get a duck in the first half of the season
John Golding Didn't play against the same team twice
Dave Wise Only maximum came in the Tidmarsh derby (10 – 0)
Francois Durand Won 10 of the 12 five-setters he was involved in

KINGFISHER 'F'

Team Sats: Most away draws (4)
Allan Bruton Wasn't on the losing side when he recorded maximum (4)
Peter Bennett Won four times as many sets in second half as in the first (2/8)
Ivor Hardman Won the most games 3 – 1 (16)
Allen Pack Wasn't on the winning team when he won one (D2, L3)

KINGFISHER 'E'

Team Stat Most 8 – 2 victories (5)
Colin Dyke Only person to play in all the matches this season
Grant Wheatley Tidmarsh 'B' were the only team he didn't win a set against
Rob Gladstone Won all seven of his five-game sets

KINGFISHER 'G'

Team Stat Drew three of their four matches with SCP teams
Rick Leachman Four of his ten wins were against Tidmarsh 'C'
Dave Gostelow Only won one of his nine sets by the 3 – 1 scoreline
Willis Ma Joint most singles (8)

PANGBOURNE 'A'

Team Stat Joint most draws (6)
John Simmonds Both maximums were won away from home
Denise Weller Pangbourne didn't lose when Denise got a maximum (5)
Simon Hopkins Only maximum was at home

Best home record Sonning C&P 'B' 16
 Worst home record Sonning C&P 'E' 3
 Best away record OLOP 'C' 18
 Worst away record Kingfisher 'G' 4
 Most 10 – 0 wins Sonning C&P 'B' 3
 Most 9 – 1 wins OLOP 'C' 4
 Most 8 – 2 wins Kingfisher 'E' 5
 Most 7 – 3 wins Sonning C&P 'B' / OLOP 'C' 4
 Most 6 – 4 wins Sonning C&P 'C' 5
 Most draws Pangbourne 'A' & Kingfisher 'F' 6
 Most 4 – 6 losses Kingfisher 'E' 6
 Most 3 – 7 losses Sonning C&P 'E' 6
 Most 2 – 8 losses Sonning C&P 'D' 6
 Most 1 – 9 losses Sonning C&P 'D' 4
 Most 0 – 10 losses Tidmarsh 'C' 3
 Most maximums Harry Munro 16
 Most braces Colin Dyke 9
 Most singles Willis Ma 8
 Best doubles record OLOP 'C' 85%
 Best comeback (team) Kingfisher 'G' v Tidmarsh 'C' (to win 6 – 4) 0 - 3
 Most players used in season Tidmarsh 'B' 8

Least players used in season Sonning C&P 'D' 4
 Most appearances Colin Dyke 20
 % of 10 – 0 scorelines 7%
 % of 9 – 1 scorelines 9%
 % of 8 – 2 scorelines 18%
 % of 7 – 3 scorelines 24%
 % of 6 – 4 scorelines 23%
 % of 5 – 5 scorelines 19%
 Most 3 – 0 wins Harry Munro 32
 Most 3 – 1 wins Ivor Hardman 16
 Most 3 – 2 wins Colin Dyke 14
 Most five-setters Danny Dockree 25
 Most four-setters Jeremy Willis 21
 Best five-set winning % Rob Gladstone 100%
 Least four setters Rob Gladstone 2
 Least five setters George White 2
 Most points in first half of season Pangbourne WMC 'A' 20
 Most points in second half of season Sonning C&P 'B' 16

•Another small stat is that the top four places would remain the same using the Basingstoke and Newbury points systems, however the remaining seven would be changed with Kingfisher 'F' and Tidmarsh 'C' being the biggest beneficiaries as they would finish 5th and 6th and Sonning C & P 'C' and Pangbourne being the biggest fallers as they would finish 7th and 8th. Sonning C & P 'E' would have escaped relegation in both Basingstoke and Newbury, whilst Sonning C & P 'D' would have slipped through the trap door and finished 10th in Newbury and bottom in Basingstoke.

Well that concludes another season of table tennis. The division has been competitive with the odd surprise result, thanks to all team captains for the scorecards arriving on time and for the general smooth running of the division this season. Good luck to the teams heading to the promised land of division one and those potentially heading through the trapdoor hope you land on a springy trampoline and bounce back quickly. As has become traditional with my last newsletter report of the season. I'd like to wish you all a good summer and here's to England returning home from Paris with the 2016 European Championship trophy, Team GB to have as good or better medal haul as they did four years ago at the Rio Olympics and to Purley on Thames Cricket Club for a good season.

LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	P	W	%
Mathew Faulkner	SC&P B	18	18	100.00 %
Harry Munro	OLOP C	57	54	94.74 %
Simon Berry	SC&P B	39	36	92.31 %
Andy Stephens	Tidmarsh C	24	22	91.67 %
Rob Gladstone	Kingfisher E	21	17	80.95 %
John Golding	Tidmarsh B	30	24	80.00 %
Jeremy Willis	SC&P B	36	28	77.78 %
Yonatan Slobodskoy	OLOP C	57	44	77.19 %
Ivor Hardman	Kingfisher F	42	32	76.19 %
Nigel Keedy	Kingfisher G	24	18	75.00 %

