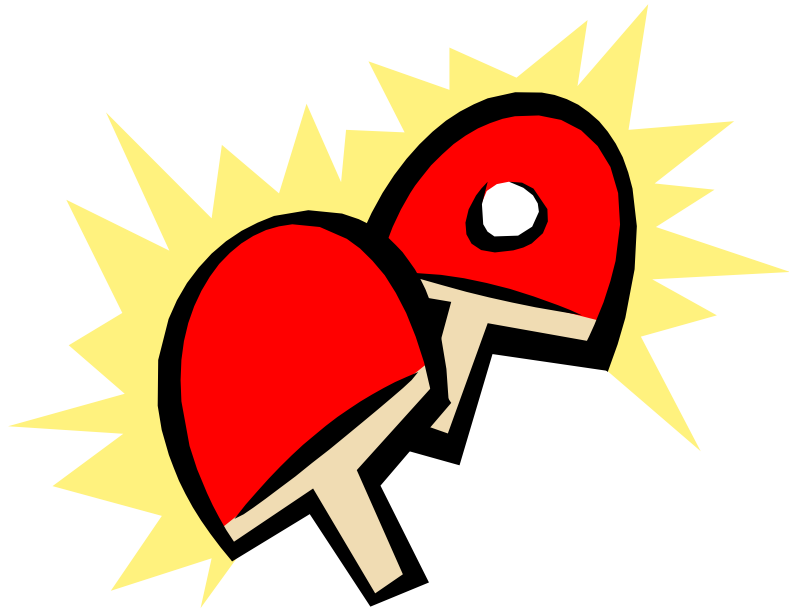


LEINSTER TABLE TENNIS NEWS

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PREMIER

<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>INDIVIDUALS</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Eastpoint 1	8	6	0	2	12	Na Ning	24	22
Alsa 1	8	6	0	2	12	Brian Fitzgerald	24	17
Pioneers 1	8	4	2	2	10	Eoin Byrne	24	17
U. C. D. 1	8	1	2	5	04	Dave Pemberton	24	16
Mt.Pleasant 1	8	1	0	7	02	Yan Basire	24	14
						Marcus Mc Donnell	24	13
						Damien Lynch	24	13
						John Bowe	24	12
						John Murphy	24	12
						David Mc Neill	24	09
						John Strange	24	08

Alsa cruised through the second half of the season beating Mt. Pleasant 6-3, Pioneers 6-3 and U. C. D. 6-3 to finish level on top of the division. Eastpoint beat U. C. D. 7-2. Mt. Pleasant 6-3 and only needing one point from their last match against Pioneers to win the title. Fielding an under strength team due to the unavailability of players, they lost 7-2 and finished level with Alsa. A play-off will take place. Eastpoint lost to Pioneers twice and Alsa lost to Eastpoint twice.

Na Ning won the individuals dropping two singles to Brian Fitzgerald and John Bowe, with Eoin Byrne and Brian Fitzgerald in joint runner-up position.

TONY MARTIN

DIVISION 1

<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>INDIVIDUALS</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Terenure 1	10	7	3	0	17	Barney Moloney	30	23
Leinster 1	10	3	4	3	10	Jim Davey	30	20
St. Pauls 1	10	2	5	3	9	Stephen Dunne	30	17
Tallaght 1	10	3	2	5	8	Darren Mc Grath	30	16
St. Killians 1	10	2	4	4	8	Stephen Sweeney	30	16
Balgriffin 1	10	2	4	4	8	Ros Carpenter	30	14

Terenure was the 'runaway horse' in what was otherwise a very closely fought division. With the powerplay of Marius Berende (ineligible for individual honours) and the supporting play of crafty veteran Vinnie O'Neill and the super top-spin play of left-hander Jim Storey, they avoided defeat and whizzed to victory with a seven point advantage. The rest of the field were so tightly packed that the grading committee should pat themselves on the back.

There were many individual displays, notably Barney Moloney of Leinster who takes the honours. Jim Davey of Balgriffin was knocking at the door just a few points adrift. Stephen Dunne from that super enthusiastic Drogheda club pointed to a fine display by their player Tom Burke, who at the young age of 66, took all three singles in their match away to Tallaght. He wonders if this is a record for the division. I was glad to see that Ros Carpenter recovered from injury and returned to form.

Pudge Donoghue sent me a lengthy dissertation and analysis of the division and I was looking forward to his erudite comments. Unfortunately that message is floating about on the ether of the internet, somewhere over Iraq, as my email address was incorrectly recorded on our website. Please note that it is 'desryan@iol.ie'.

My thanks to all the captains and players for a sporting and closely fought league. I look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Dance on April 25th.

DESRYAN

DIVISION 2

<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>INDIVIDUALS</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Tallaght 2	9	9	0	0	18	Emmanuel Olivier	27	26
St. Pauls 2	7	5	1	1	11	Loie Galliou	27	21
Terenure 2	9	5	0	4	10	Chris Cowan	30	18
E. S. B. 1	10	4	2	4	10	Teresa Devaney	27	18
Balgriffin 2	9	1	1	7	3	Shay O'Reilly	27	17
Terenure 3	10	1	0	9	2	Eamonn Mc Ginley	30	14
						Dave Gibbons	27	13
						Eddie Keeley	30	11
						Mick Murphy	30	11
						Gerry Tallon	27	11

Congratulations to Tallaght on winning the league and Manu on winning the individuals, losing only one game. Loie, his team mate was runner-up, so a clean sweep for Tallaght. By winning the league by 7 points, they were too strong for the opposition and will have move up next year. St. Pauls had good wins over Terenure 8-1, Balgriffin 7-2, Terenure 3 7-2 and a 6-3 win over E.S.B. who came back to hold them to a draw at St. Pauls. Chris Cowan, playing well to win 2 and the doubles with Eamonn Mc Ginley who also won 2. Ollie Adamson won his three, Eddie and Anto one each. Age is catching up on Ollie as he wasn't fit enough to play the doubles. Terenure 2 started off well beating Terenure 3 7-2, Mick Murphy playing well to beat Teresa and Shay, but that was all they got. Terenure2 also beat Balgriffin 7-2, 7-2 and beat E.S.B. 6-3 but lost a close return one 4-6 and also lost their way against St. Pauls 1-8. They also lost 6-3 and 6-4 to Tallaght, but came closest to taking a point off Tallaght losing the doubles 12-10 in the 5th. Teresa winning 2, Shay 1 and evergreen sub Noel Lennon won 1. Manu won his three and Loie and Dave one each. E.S.B. put up some good performances with Chris and Eamonn winning most of the matches, Michael Hayden found the going tough, they should do well in the cup, as the top three are promoted. Balgriffin were a bit out of their depth but had a good draw against E.S.B., Gerry Tallon winning his three and Joe Mc Grane two. They also beat Terenure 3 6-3 but also lost 6-3 to them. Terenure 3 who had only two players Mick and Eddie and a sub for every match found the going tough but beat Balgriffin 6-3 for their only points, better luck in the cup as they play Balgriffin again.

VINNY O' NEILL

DIVISION 3

<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>INDIVIDUALS</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>PTS</u>
E. S. B. 2	10	10	0	0	20	Nigel Johnston	30	28
Balgriffin 3	10	5	2	3	12	Martin Harford	30	23
Tallaght 3	10	5	2	3	12	Paddy Murphy	30	19
Balgriffin 5	10	3	1	6	7	Jimmy Fleming	30	18
Mt. Pleasant 2	9	1	3	5	5	Leslie Dungan	30	17
Eastpoint 2	9	0	2	7	2	Johnny Moore	30	17
						Jimmy Mc Nevin	30	16
						Tom O'Connell	27	16
						Mick Healy	30	15
						Dave Kennedy	30	15
						Paul Gilshinan	30	14
						Joe Mc Grane	30	14

E. S. B. were leading at the half-way stage and they continued the trend for the second half, and the only team to get close to them was Tallaght who brought them to the doubles. Martin Harford won his three games, Jimmy Mc Nevin lost two games, both in the 5th set and both 12/10, and Dave Kennedy had a good win over Jimmy Fleming but Tallaght didn't get going in the doubles and lost it in straight sets. The only other loss Tallaght had was a surprise defeat by Balgriffin 5. Paddy Murphy had a great night winning all his games. They led 5-4 and went on to win the doubles in straight sets. Balgriffin 3 had a surprising draw with Eastpoint who got their first point of the season. Eastpoint were leading 5-2 but Balgriffin came back to 5-4 and went on to win the doubles. Mt. Pleasant should have done better in this division but didn't seem to get going. Killian is not the best at sending in result sheets

and I'm still waiting for one. Eastpoint were definitely out of their depth in the first half but improved a lot in the second half getting two draws.

Nigel Johnston (ESB) led the individuals all the way. He dropped only two games to Martin Harford and Tom O'Connell. Martin Harford had a great season coming in second. The top three teams have all their players represented which proves what a competitive division it was. Well done to everyone and hopefully we'll see you all at the Presentation Night on Friday 25th April in Roadstone Sports Complex.

TERRI MC KEON

DIVISION 4

<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>INDIVIDUALS</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>PTS</u>
St. Pats 1	10	9	0	1	18	Tony Healy	30	26
Leinster 2	10	7	1	2	15	Simon Holohan	30	25
Balgriffin 4	10	5	1	4	11	Christy Ray	30	21
Terenure 4	10	2	4	4	8	Dermot O'Meara	30	21
Alsaas 2	10	2	2	6	6	Dick Cruise	30	20
Alsaas 3	10	0	2	8	2	Albert Adamson	30	19
						Terri Mc Keon	30	18
						Paul Fallon	30	17
						Paul Burnett	30	15
						Jack Dempsey	30	14

In the second half of this division, St. Pats put away all their nearest rivals to consolidate their position at the top and end up deserving winners. They defeated runners-up leinster 7-2 at Leinster, had a close 6-4 win over Balgriffin, the only team to beat them in the first half. A good solid team display which is emphasized by their positions in the individual table, with Christy, Dermot and Terri all in the top ten. Leinster tried their utmost to make up the half-way deficit but despite wins over Alsaas 2 and 3, Balgriffin and Terenure their loss to St. Pats relegated them to second place. Balgriffin's second half performance where they could only manage wins against Alsaas 2 and 3 was in stark contrast to their first half form which saw them in contention for the title. Terenure (the draw specialists) managed two more in the second half to finish fourth. Alsaas 2 and 3 never got motoring in this division and despite Albert Adamson's heroic efforts in the individuals his team still finished bottom.

Despite a major hiccup against St. Pats where he won only one singles, Tony Healy (Terenure), emerged as the individual winner from Simon Holohan (Leinster) by a margin of just one point. For the record Simon also lost two to St. Pats. Dick Cruise finished in fifth spot behind the two St. Pats players. All in all, a division without any trials or tribulations (for me, at least). Congratulations to the winners, commiserations to the losers and thank you for causing me no grief.

JIMMY DOYLE

DIVISION 5

<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>INDIVIDUALS</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Dundrum 1	12	8	2	2	18	Craig O'Brien	36	33
Balgriffin 6	12	7	3	2	17	Paul Lahiffe	36	29
Glenville 1	12	3	7	2	13	Jeanne Davey	36	23
Dundrum 2	12	4	3	5	11	Martin Whelan	36	23
St. Pauls 3	12	4	2	6	10	Tim O'Callaghan	36	20
St. Pats 2	12	4	2	6	10	Brendan Baker	36	20
Pioneers 2	12	1	3	8	5	Audrey Cowan	36	20
						Biddy Nagle	36	19
						Des Mahon	36	18
						Seamus Quinn	36	17

Greetings to all my fellow T.T. players. First of all a big thank you to all the captains, and a special thanks to Debbie Somers, for making sure I got the results on time. As I mentioned in my report at the half-way stage and nicknamed the teams 'The Magnificent Seven', well, they all lived up to their names. This was surely a great division, with 84 matches played – 31 wins, 22 draws and 31 lost. The

final result shows the narrowest of margins, with Dundrum 1 on 18 points, followed on their heels Balgriffin 6 on 17 points, with only a few points separating the other four teams, with Pioneers finding the going tough. Balgriffin, St. Pauls and Glenville taking points from the winners, Balgriffin winning the doubles in the fifth 11-5 away from home to earn a draw. Glenville and Dundrum 2 had good draws home and away, and as the table shows Glenville had seven magnificent draws and only two losses. St. Pats had a good win over Dundrum 2 away from home 7-2, and a good draw with Glenville, again going to the doubles. Pioneers lost narrowly at home 6-4 against Dundrum 2 but made amends with a fine draw 5-5 away.

If seven was a good number for the league five was a better for the individuals with most of the games going to five sets. Well done to Craig O'Brien from St. Pauls winning the individuals, having dropped only three games on the way, two to Jeanne Davey and one to Debbie Somers from Balgriffin. Apart from the top two the table was very close with everybody having good individual wins. Finally well done to all the players. Congratulations to Dundrum 1 and good luck to Dundrum in finding premises. I'm sure we'll see them next year to defend their title. Hope to see you all on the 25th April for the Supper Dance.

JIMMY FLEMING

DIVISION 6

<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>INDIVIDUALS</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Ternure 5	12	8	2	2	18	Neill O'Connor	36	25
RCTT 1	12	8	1	3	17	Terence Quinn	36	25
Alsa 4	12	6	3	3	15	Pam Meldrew	36	24
Alsa 5	12	5	2	5	12	Mark Cannon	36	22
St. Pats 3	12	1	6	5	8	Brian Gibney	36	22
Cabra Loop 1	12	3	1	8	7	Ray Fahy	36	20
Tallaght 4	12	1	5	6	7	Thomas Weppleman	36	19
						Stephen Coughlan	36	19
						Gary Denner	36	18

Firstly I would like to thank all 7 teams for their commitment to completing this division on time, it can't have been easy! RCTT got off to a very strong start and continued to dominate throughout the first half recording two 9-0 and 8-1 wins. Terenure were a couple of points behind them most of the way but came good in the second half winning all of their last five matches. In their game against RCTT they were 2-4 down but held out and took the next three singles and went on to win the doubles in the fifth set. This victory proved crucial to Terenure as they won the league by one point from RCTT with Alsa 4 three points behind and Alsa 5 six points behind. On looking at the results it would appear that Cabra, St. Pats and Tallaght were somewhat out of their depth but on closer inspection we can see that St. Pats and Tallaght drew quite a lot of their matches including ones against Terenure and RCTT and Tallaght recorded a win over Alsa 4 (who came 3rd).

In the individuals there was only one point between the first three players with Neill O'Connor and team mate Terence Quinn from RCTT coming joint first followed closely by Pam Meldrew from Terenure. Well done to all.

CARMEL LOKKO

DIVISION 7

<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>INDIVIDUALS</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>PTS</u>
E. S. B. 3	10	10	0	0	20	Gary Gibney	30	29
Dundrum 3	10	7	1	2	15	Anne Clarke	30	26
Leinster 3	10	4	0	6	8	Pat Brown	30	24
Mt.Pleasant 3	10	2	4	4	8	Pat O'Kane	30	21
Balgriffin 7	10	2	1	7	5	Tony Seal	30	19
Cabra Loop 2	10	1	2	7	4	Patrick Brophy	30	17
						Kevin Sweeney	30	16
						Victoria Koro	30	15
						David Mathews	30	15

Congratulations to E.S.B who won this section in style taking both the title and the individuals with Gary in first place, Anne in second place with Pat missing out and doing Anne a favour by missing the

match against Mt. Pleasant. Dundrum got the runner-up spot losing to E.S.B. twice and Mt. Pleasant taking a point from them. I am afraid Leinster, Mt. Pleasant, Balgriffin and Cabra were in a competition of their own with some close matches, Cabra and Mt. Pleasant drawing 5-5 both home and away. Well done to all and thank you for returning your score sheets.

IRENE MC NEVIN

DIVISION 8

<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>INDIVIDUALS</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Dundrum 4	10	10	0	0	20	David Keenan	30	29
E. S. B. 4	10	6	0	4	12	Jay Osolo	30	27
Alsa 6	10	3	3	4	9	Albert Morris	30	20
Terenure 6	10	4	1	5	9	Aideen Callan	30	17
Terenure 7	10	3	2	5	8	Justin Morahan	30	16
Leinster 4	10	0	2	8	2	Catherine Greene	30	16
						Fran Mc Evoy	30	15
						Aidan Redehan	30	14
						Ray Lynch	30	14
						Louise Mc Kenna	30	14

Well done to Dave Keenan, Jay Osolo and Rachel Gillen of Dundrum on winning this division. They were unbeaten in all their matches. Dave was also the winner of the individuals, after dropping only one match. E.S.B. finished in second place but had two close matches with Dundrum, losing 6-4 on both occasions. It was very close between the two Terenure teams and Alsa. Terenure 6 made a strong finish with a draw against Alsa and wins over Leinster and E.S.B. Despite draws against Alsa and Terenure 7, Leinster were unlucky not to get more points, losing most of their matches 6-3.

ALAN O'REILLY

LEINSTER LEAGUE TABLE TENNIS NEWS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PRESENTATION AND SUPPER DANCE ON FRIDAY 25TH APRIL IN ROADSTONE SPORTS COMPLEX, KINGSWOOD CROSS, DUBLIN 22 COST €15, FROM 8.00P.M. TO 12.30A.M. TICKETS HAVE TO BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE. NO MONEY WILL BE TAKEN ON THE NIGHT. SUPPER WILL BE SERVED AT 8.30P.M. SHARP. TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM LEAGUE SECRETARY.

CUP FINALS IN I. W. A. ON SATURDAY 5TH APRIL @ 6.00P.M. SHARP. HALL OPENED @ 5.30 P.M.

ALL TROPHIES MUST BE RETURNED TO IRISH RUBIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS THEY ALL HAVE TO BE ENGRAVED.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

At a recent committee meeting it was decided that since the Annual Inter League match v Belfast was such an important event that the players should be presented with a commemorative team tee shirt.

Also discussed was the fact that some teams do not attend the Presentation Dance at the end of the season. This we feel is a great pity since the event has always been a great a social event and a great opportunity for the players and friends to unwind after a grueling season and generally let their down. It is not an event just for winners.

On behalf of the committee

Des Ryan