## MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 14th December 1986

News of the raid by the DTI came in too late for inclusion last week. Concept Radio opened late on Sunday 7th December as Keith of KDA was unavailable. Concept were therefore somewhat surprised to find themselves being relayed by KDA from approximately 10:30pm. Around 11:30pm, KDA was raided by three DTI men accompanied by two policemen. The DTI men then accused Keith of relaying Concept Radio, which he admitted. They removed approximately £900's worth of equipment, for which, receipts were issued. The DTI were at KDA for approximately 20 minutes and as soon as possible, Keith passed on a warning to Concept who closed down at approximately 11:50pm. The warning was also passed on to Radio Mersey Waves, who closed down shortly after. On Monday 8th December the DTI followed up with an attempted raid on Mersey Waves at about 3pm. This station closed down and removed all equipment to another location. They say that they were back on the air by 7pm, but they weren't noted here till much later. These latest raids seem to have forced other stations to change their plans and not too many have been noted:

RADIO MERSEY WAVES: 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 YUW Noted this week have been:-

Mon: 8am Dave Collins; 10am Continuous music; 11am Peter Thomas; 1:30pm DJC; 3pm(?) temp. c/down....7pm(?) ???: 9pm Mark Newman; 11pm Mark Palmer; Midnight Tony Hollis; ??(2am) c/down

Fri: 2pm Dave Collins(for Peter Thomas); 4pm Dave Collins; 6pm Mark Palmer; 8pm Tony Hollis; 10pm Dave Collins; 11pm Mark Palmer; Midnight-2am Mark Newman

Sat: 8am Dave Collins; 10:30am Mark Wright; Noon Peter Thomas; 2pm Paul James; 4pm Mark Palmer; 6pm KtC; 8pm Dave Collins (still on the air at 12:14am); ?? c/down.

Sun: 8am Dave Collins; llam Wayne Scott; lpm Paul Jay; 3pm Mark Palmer; 5pm DJC; 6pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don La One; l0pm Tony Hollis; Midnight Dave Collins; ??c/d. Dave Collins has announced that he will not be doing any more breakfast shows for a while due to his "new job" under a re-training scheme.

LIVERPOOL PIRATE RADIO 1386kHz?: 30, Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2TD Phil Davies rang on Wednesday morning to ask for a reception report for this station, which apparently opened at 9am. Initially it couldn't be found, but later was noted on approximately 1386kHz. Adjustments were apparently being made and the station kept fading. It sounded at times as though they were using a VFO with lots of "whoosh" noise sweeping the frequency. Slight re-tuning was also necessary to keep up with the station, which wasn't found after 10:30am

CENTRAL RADIO INT 1404kHz: 30, Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2TD.

This station was noted briefly on Saturday. Phil Davies came on the air at 12:45pm to tell listeners that the station was closing down to change location as soon as transport arrived. He closed down at 1:30pm, saying that the station had been on the air for an hour previously to keep listeners informed and that they will be back on the air from a new location by next weekend

RADIO CAROLINE NORTH 1325kHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF This station wasn't found till 12:15pm and had disappeared completely by about 3pm. They say that their schedule was:-

Sun: 8:30am Mark Evans; 10am Paul Yates/John Martin; 11am Dave Starr; Noon Jim Browne; 2pm Mark Evans; 5pm c/down

The station continues to be "sandwiched" between Radio Norway on 1314kHz and BBC Ulster on 1341kHz although they say that they are now operating "off channel" to get further away from 1341kHz. Even near the transmitter location reception is quite grim once Radio Moscow sign-on on 1323 or 1332kHz

Concept Radio say that the raid on KDA has forced them to change their plans to come on the air every day from 14th December, and that Wirral FM will not make their planned come-back over the holiday period

I am told that contrary to last week's report, Mersey Sound don't operate every day. Their schedule is said to be Sundays 1pm to 1am, and occasionally on Wednesday night. In the past they have tended to open whenever they felt like, and close down when they get fed up. Also, the station have been broadcasting a lot of very bad language. However, on Sunday 7th December they seemed to have a full complement of DJs and got on

with running a proper station. A report from their area said that they made a good job of it, and sounded quite good. They DO announce a mailing address, which is:-128 East Lancashire Road, Liverpool L11 3DW. The DJs DO use radio names, but in the limited listening time available, only KBDJ and JIMMY "G" have been noted. They also have a number of female DJs. Jim Browne tells me that he hopes to get a MW relay for Caroline North via Mersey Sound, who operate on 103.8MHz and are blocked here by BBC R Lancs on 103.9MHz.

The following cuttings are taken from local press reports. JOHN CECCHINI is (was ?) a presenter on Radio Mersey Waves, but hasn't done any programming for them since sometime around Whitsun.

Liverpool Echo, Monday December 8, 1986

JOHN Cecchini has been crowned Britain's DJ of the Year.

Now the outrageous 24-year-old from Birkenhead is on the road to fame and fortune after turning the tables on well over a thousand rivals.

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The madcap disc jockey, whose trademark is his set of weird and wonderful hats, said: "The offers have been pouring in. My head is in a spin to be honest."

Former shipping clerk John scooped the prestigious accolade in a glittering final at a top Birmingham nightspot.

His near-the-knuckle humour and slapstick style — delivered in string vest and wellies — easily saw off the rest of the silk-shirted competition.

John, who regularly has the crowds in Wallasey and Bootle's new Quadrent Park, has won a jet-set working toliday in Spain and the Canary Islands, a tucrative 12-month contract with sponsors Disco Mirror, and £2,000 worth of peer.

He was helped on the night by a noisy army of 200 banner-waving Scousers who travelled down to cheer him on.

John said: "They were absolutely fabulous. Thanks to them I did not feel a bit nervous

Judges for the final included radio Luxembourg DJ Tony Prince and ex-Everton and Aston Villa soccer star Andy John Cecchini Gray.



## Top DJ

BIRKENHEAD's John Cecchini is Britain's top disc jockey - and that's official! John competed against 1,050 other night club DJ's for the prestigious title making it to the finals held recently in Birmingham. John works for a variety

of fun-pubs and nightclubs on Merseyside, and he hopes that news of his win will lead to a string of tempting offers.

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To correct a mistake in last week's notes, the operators of Supreme Radio (still not heard here on 105.0MHz) are Paul Yates and John Martin, not John Martin and Dave Starr. The latter is a Caroline North presenter.