**Table-tennis League Report**

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St Georges B moved into second place in Division 1 with a 9-1 trouncing of Free Church B. Laurence Sweeney and Ron Vose were invincible but 15 year old Adam Cofler spoilt Mark Jackson’s night with an unexpected win. St Georges A saw off another struggling side, Colebridge B, by the same score. Damon Fenton and Gary Jackson were unbeaten and it was left to Vikas Bakshi to grab the consolation against double winner Matt Jordan. Rugby A remain top and conceded no points to County Council A with Ryan Lines, Matt Outhwaite and Ryan Stockham in resolute mood. County Council B are in an impressive 4th position after accounting for Wellesbourne 8-2. Nilton Green and Simon Griew posted trebles and Martin Hunter won once, falling to Alan Cotton and Pete Dunnett. Colebridge A are third and whitewashed bottom side Nomads A with Nav Matharu, Mike Rinnhofer and Ben Willson nailing the points.

Millennium A zoomed up the Division 2 table with an emphatic 9-1 victory over St Georges D. Jack Garner, Michael Harrison and Christian Ward collected all of the singles leaving Tracey Fletcher and Richard Grover to take the doubles. However, the edge was taken off the win as they fell 3-7 to Colebridge C. Ward won two and Rob Warnes one but Michael Credland, Lisa Rinnhofer, on her Leamington League debut, and Neil Wheatley all took two and Credland and Wheatley took the doubles. Mum met daughter as St Georges D took on Free Church E. Young Olivia Fletcher inspired her team winning three, a feat emulated by Tom Harris. Dudley Turner chipped in with two to make it 8 points with Andy Caine beating him. Mum had the last word however as Tracey Fletcher partnered Richard Grover to the doubles. With matches in hand, Whitnash A look a danger to the top teams and defeated Free Church D 7-3. Kevin Ariss and Paul Riman both won twice, losing to Anthony Smith, and Dennis Woodhead also took two but lost to Jack Green. Ariss and Riman won the doubles. Whitnash then defeated Rugby B 7-3 with Riman in tremendous form to win three. Arris (2) and Woodhead (1) supported with Danny Orr (2) and Sam Cafearo (1) responding. Phoenix also have games in hand sitting in third. They narrowly beat Rugby C 6-4 thanks to Paul Calloway’s hat-trick and two from Richard Jardim who paired with Calloway for the doubles. Thomas Jacko (2), Hugh Crosfield (1) and Ben Holvey (1) replied. Nomads Enigmas cemented top spot with an 8-2 win over Eathorpe A, Syed Moyinuddin and Charlie Somerton unbeaten in singles and doubles and Malc Macfarlane winning one but losing to Binh-Khoi Nguyen and Pete Titmas. St Georges C claimed 8 points against their D team with Kevin Finn winning his three, Brian Aston two, the duo winning the doubles 14-12 in the 5th, and Will Fletcher bagging two. Mark Rose won two for D.

Snitterfield A moved into the top half of Division 3 with a 10-0 eclipse of Eathorpe B, Stuart Ayres, Tim Fell and Dave Milton are close enough to the top if they can compile a late run. The three then defeated the strong WCC C side 8-2, Fell and Milton unbeaten and Ayres falling to Steve Poole. Poole then partnered Ian Stevens to a 5 game doubles win. Free Church G are the surprise package in this division and currently have a narrow lead in top position. Their latest effort was a 7-3 win over 5th placed Flavels with Ricardo Bolanos winning three, Adam Pulman two and Tom Fletcher one as well as winning the doubles with Bolanos. Mick Bennett (2) and Dot Macfarlane scored for the visitors. County Council D trail G by 5 points but with a match in hand, and also emerged as 7-3 winners against Eathorpe B, for whom Binh-Khoi Nguyen won his three. Tony Ford, Mark Freeman and Cliff Jackson nabbed the other singles with Jackson and Freeman successful in the doubles. Greg Swan was another hat-trick star as Whitnash B held high flying Free Church F to a draw. Richard Smith added two wins with F’s James Robertson winning twice and the doubles with Lewis Singleton who won once. Jenny Singleton ensured the match was tied., beating Wilf Chan. Rugby E are second and edged lowly Nomads C 6-4. Dave Cox won his three and Freddy Jones two, the duo taking the doubles. Richard Miles (2), Les Hoggins (1) and Steve Kurle (1) took the match to the wire.

It is all to play for in Division 4 with second placed Eathorpe D defeating leaders Free Church H 6-4. Charlie Wragg was the star collecting a hat-trick, Jon Ablett won twice and John Ablett once. Sam Bradley, Ciara Hancox and Emma Kilpatrick all won one with Bradley and Kilpatrick winning the doubles. Eathorpe C beat Free Church I 6-4. Will Apted and Paul Deavall won braces and Michael Rossington a single as well as the doubles with Apted. However, none could master Dave Ramsey who was a triple winner with Chris Jones gaining one win.

**Christmas tournaments**

Ricardo Bolanos of Lillington Free Church TTC had a very busy time over the holiday period.

The weekend before Christmas he entered the Halifax tournament where his most impressive performance was in reaching the Under 13 Boys’ semi-final which he lost against Oliver Bryant of Yorkshire.

The next day in the Blackpool tournament, he reached the knock-out stages of the Under 15 event and again battled through to the semis of the under 13s where he faced England number 18 Peter Smallcombe of Devon, losing 0-3.

However, the experience boded well and on the Sunday after Christmas he won his Under 13 group comfortably in the Burton-Uxbridge tournament accounting for Oscar Shakesheff of Notts, Felix Anderson of Lancs and Bertie Kelly of Somerset.

He then beat Lewis Ellams, the England number 67 from South Yorkshire in the quarters before facing his Lillington club-mate Nikit Sajiv in the semi whom he beat 3-1. In the Final he came up against David Gofton of Cleveland the England number 15 to whom he lost 1-3.

Younger brother Eduardo also entered all three tournaments. Just starting out on his tournament career, Eddy put in some encouraging performances and notched a couple of wins, indicating that he will soon be following in his brother’s footsteps.

**County Veterans Match Reports**

Leamington's Veterans A side are in a strong position In Midland League Division 1 after the first two rounds of matches held at Draycott ,having won four of their first five matches with their only defeat being a 3-7 reversal at the hands of reigning champions Nottingham A.

Mark Jackson recorded particularly impressive wins against Trevor Kerry and Tim Sheppard in the Nottingham A match, and Simon Griew supported well with a good win over Hon Choi, but Nottingham'.s all round strength proved decisive.

Spa recovered from this setback to edge out a strong Derby A side 6-4 to finish last weekend's session on a high, with Jackson securing a fine singles maximum and partnering Griew to a vital doubles win, whilst Griew also contributed two excellent singles successes.

Leamington Veterans B are also in Midland League Division 1, but they face a battle for survival after winning only one of their opening five matches. The one success to date was a 7-3 victory against Nottingham C, with Matthew Jordan, Pat McCabe and Phil Paine each winning two singles. Vital points were also secured in a narrow 4-6 defeat at the hands of Nottingham B(Paine 2,McCabe 1,Murray Stevenson 1)  and a 3-7 defeat against Derby A(Paine 1,McCabe 1, plus doubles Paine/Stevenson 1).