**Table-tennis Report**

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Lillington Free Church TTC sent two teams to the National Junior League at Wellingborough on Saturday. The A team of Solomon Hayes, Sam Weaving and Kit Turner finished second in Division 1, amassing 18 points from 5 matches. They defeated Sycamore A of Nottingham 6-0, Westfield A of Wellingborough 5-1, drew with Market Harborough 3-3 and lost out to leaders Draycott A of Long Eaton 2-4 and Blitz of Gainsborough also 2-4. Weaving (80%) and Turner (70%) finished 3rd and 5th respectively in the averages.

The youthful B team finished 5th of 6 in Division 2 but were very close to their competitors with 15 points from 5 matches. They trounced Werrington of Peterborough 6-0 (Adam Cofler, Tom Harris, Tom Meldrum), drew with Draycott B 3-3 (Cofler 2, Olivia Fletcher 1) and lost their remaining 3 contests 2-4 to Milton Keynes, Bedford and Westfield B. Cofler and Harris finished the day on 62.5%.

In Leamington Division 1, a James Ward treble enabled leaders Rugby A to open up a 2 point gap when beating WCC A 8-2. Free Church A have 3 of their 5 man squad out through injury but reserve Sam Wiggins stepped in with a vital single to see his team to victory against 3rd placed WCC B. Timmy Cooper(3) and Chris Mulligan (2) edged Church to a 6-4 success with Simon Griew (2) best for Council. St Georges B enjoyed two 8-2 wins over Wellesbourne and Free Church B, Alan Hewitt and Mark Jackson maximum men in the first encounter and Jackson and Luke Hobbins securing triples in the latter.

Enigmas are making their intention of a quick return to the Premier division obvious in Division 2 and hammered Snitterfield A 10-0 to take 3rd spot. Malcolm Macfarlane, Steve Proctor and Dong Wei collected the points. Bottom placed Flavels A just lost out to Eathorpe A 4-6, despite a hat-trick from Trevor Bradley. Chris Atkins (2) Pete Titmas (2) and Andy Baruch (1) plus a Baruch/Titmas doubles win saw the villagers home. Free Church’s Sam Weaving, on a year’s loan to Nomads A, made his parent club suffer by taking his 3 and the doubles when facing Free Church C. Andy Davies and Tony Thomas both won a single. Phoenix O came away from St Georges D with 7 points, all scored by Richard Jardim and Roy Joiner. Georges then crashed 0-10 to Nomads A, Ian Beasley, Tony Thomas and Sam Weaving sweeping to victory.

Leaders Rugby D fielded newcomer Steve Osiyem against Nomads B in the third division and he marked his debut with 3 wins. Dave Cox won twice and Jo Outhwaite once, the pair also wrapping up the doubles for a 7th point. Third placed WCC C also secured 7 points against Free Church H through Mark Freeman and Doug Lowe. H bounced back with a 6-4 success at Nomads C, Adam Cofler(3), Lleryn Gardner(2) and Lindy Myers (1). Free Church F also edged Nomads C 6-4, helped by just two players appearing for the opposition. Sarah Barkowski, Kim Wong and Josh Wyatt-Smith all recorded a victory with Richard Miles (2), Steve Kurle (1) and the doubles making a fight of it. Free Church D took 8 points off Nomads B as Chris Blowey and Cherry Matthews posted impressive hat-tricks.

In Division 4 Eathorpe C retained pole position when garnering 8 points from their visit to Ashorne A. Jon Ablett and Charlie Wragg won all their singles and Simon Thompson chipped in with a brace.

Topspinners have shot to the top of Division A after two wins, home and away, over Eathorpe D. 13 year old Bradley Matthews and Russell Smith harnessed the points. Flavels B also won all 5 points against Eathorpe D through Steve Lyons and Dot Macfarlane. Free Church N eased into second spot in the B division by overcoming their O team 4-1. Jay Virdi’s two and the doubles with Phil Booth, who won once, was decisive. St Georges F beat FC L 3-2 with Kevin Rose taking two. Alex Wright held one with 12 year old Robbie Fitchford nailing one and the doubles with Daniel Shaw.

Rugby F made it 29 out of a possible 30 points in Division C, accounting for Norton Lindsey 5-0 through Sam Basford and Freddy Jones. Nearest Challengers Free Church P defeated Norton Lindsey 4-1 and Free Church Q 5-0, Daniel Strand unbeaten in both matches including the doubles. Free Church U got off the mark in Division D, Dylan Speller taking their first point of the campaign against Free Church S. For S, Ellie Goldsmith won twice and partnered identical twin Amie, who won once, to the doubles. At the top, Eathorpe G narrowly defeated their younger H team 3-2 with Cory Hancock unbeaten and Ben Barker taking a vital single.