**Table-tennis League Report**

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Division 1 leaders Colebridge A came through a stern test to emerge as 7-3 victors over St Georges B. Ian Ferguson’s hat-trick was key and he was ably supported by Ben Willson (2) and Kate Hughes (1). Mark Jackson replied twice for Georges and Ron Vose once. Second placed Rugby A, with games in hand, made up ground with a 9-1 success over Free Church B. Ryan Lines and Matt Outhwaite were unbeaten and Danny Orr chipped in with two, losing to the ever improving Sam Weaving. There were two 10-0 wins, Free Church A’s Tom Brocklehurst, Lee Dorning and Chris Mulligan eclipsing Colebridge B and St Georges A’s Damon Fenton, Matt Jordan and Earl Sweeney handing out similar medicine to Enigmas. Simon Griew’s treble eased WCC B to a 7-3 win over WCC A, Martin Hunter and Murray Stevenson adding two apiece. Pat McCabe won twice for A.

Free Church C, the leaders in Division 2, racked up 9 points against Rugby C, Chris Blowey and Harry Purewal winning all of their singles and the doubles, with Kit Turner posting two, losing to Ben Holvey. Eathorpe A move second, collecting 7 points on their visit to Snitterfield A. Nelson Wong (3), Andy Baruch (2) and Pete Titmas (2) saw them to the win with Dave Milton (2) the best of the home side. Newly promoted Free Church D have made a strong start and pipped Phoenix 6-4 to sit 3rd. Adam Cofler and Anthony Smith won braces and then combined for the vital doubles whilst reserve Phil Blowey played his part with a single. Callum Martin with two was the Coventry side’s star.

St Georges D are the early pace setters in Division 3 and eased past Free Church E 6-4. Richard Grover took an eye-catching treble, Andy Caine won twice and the pair won the doubles. Phil Blowey’s two included Caine’s first defeat of the season. County Council C showed no mercy to Eathorpe B wrapping up all 10 points through Derek Harwood, Steve Poole and Ian Stevens. Free Church F had a satisfying 7-3 win over Nomads B thanks to a maximum from Tom Meldrum and doubles from Adam Pulman and Josh Wyatt-Smith.

Eathorpe C have gone top of Division 4 after their 10-0 whitewash of WCC F, Paul Deavall, Shaun Martin and Michael Rossington doing the damage. Runners-up Free Church H dropped three points to their K team, Eve Briscoe and Katie Singleton unbeaten in singles and doubles. Marc Briscoe, Nick Darwen and Miles Wyatt-Smith each won once. However, Rugby E look the strongest in this division and hammered Free Church J 9-1, Sam Cafearo and Bradley Matthews taking maximums and Freddy Jones just losing to Sam Bradley. Ashorne A triumphed 7-3 against Free Church I, Roger Kelley’s three being crucial. Chris Bowles added two and Steve Bolton one whilst Joe Mills was Church’s best performer with two. Eathorpe D had a fine 9-1 win over WCC E with William Apted and James Keay notching trebles and Callum Pickering (2) losing out to David Dunn.

Flavels B have opened up a 5 point gap at the top of Division A and unbeaten Mick Bennett was joined by Steve Lyons to inflict a 5-0 win over FISCC. Norton Lindsey A also look strong and another 100 per center, Gareth Hepworth, was aided by Vince Ford to take all 5 points against Rugby F. Free Church L took their first win of the season against Snitterfield B, for whom Henry Lu won twice. Church took the other 3 points through Phil Booth and Jay Virdi.

The top two sides in Division B had very different outcomes, Free Church N’s Oscar Dalrymple and Dan Strand hammering their O team 5-0 but Eathorpe E going down 4-1 on their visit to Free Church M. Jeremy Knott won twice and joined brother Ashley (1) for the doubles. Norbu Sunang-Joret won the villager’s consolation. Ever improving Rugby G edged Eathorpe F 3-2 thanks to Callum Ball winning twice and combining with Bradley Smith for the doubles. Cory Hancock and Max Turvey with single wins ensured a tight finish.

Steve Handsley’s unbeaten season continued as Ashorne B strode to the top of Division C against Eathorpe G. He took three points and Jim Jack added one. John Gymer replied. Free Church P could feature in the promotion picture and another unbeaten player, Dominic Priest, helped Ben Hall secure a 4-1 win over stablemates Free Church Q. Emily Beasley avoided the whitewash. Bottom side Free Church R had a welcome win, 3-2, at Norton Lindsey B. Carolyn Dorning won twice and joined Elaine Bradley to snatch the doubles against Jocelyn Coulter and Edward Rogers who both won once.

Eathorpe H head Division D and overcame Free Church S 4-1 thanks to Luca Bloodworth (2), Tom Booth (1) and the doubles. Debutante Fiona Wyburn took Church’s point. Free Church T lurk in second spot and defeated bottom side Ashorne C 5-0, Dan Gunthorpe and Chris Jones in fine form. Free Church V are 3rd, Findlay Douglas maintaining his 10 per cent record in the 3-2 win over Church U. Dylan Speller supplied the match clinching point with Emma Briscoe winning once for U and joining Fran Singleton for an excellent doubles win.