**Table-tennis Report**

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**Leamington Veterans C team, in the guise of Andy Davies, Malc Macfarlane and Steve Proctor, found the going tough in their Midland League encounter with Nuneaton and lost all 10 matches. Mick Alsopp, Matt Hobday and Pete Jamieson, who will be well known to many local players, were always on top.**

**In Division 1 second placed Colebridge A ‘s Chris Burgess had to pull out of his first match of the night and conceded the other two when his team faced Wellesbourne but Kate Hughes and Mike Rinnhofer saw them to 6 points. Alan Cotton and Awais Muhammed took the doubles for the villagers. St Georges B sit fourth after beating County Council A 6-4. Ron Vose won his three and Mark Jackson two, the pair taking the doubles in a 6-4 success. Pat McCabe won two for their opponents and Clive Irwin and Phil Paine added singles. Free Church A also accounted for WCC A but by a 7-3 scoreline, thanks mainly to a treble from Sam Wiggins. Sam Weaving won twice, the two Sams also winning the doubles, and Tom Brocklehurst beat Paine. Chris Brewer (2) and McCabe (1) replied. County Council B overcame Phoenix 7-3 with Simon Griew winning his singles and aiding Nilton Green (1) to the doubles. Martin Hunter contributed two more. Mark Rose (2) and Paul Calloway (1) recorded the Coventry points. Phoenix then entertained Free Church B and ended all square. Callum Martin won twice as did Rose and Richard Jardim took one. Harry Purewal( 2 ), Charlotte Spencer (1) and Martyn Todd (1) set the stage for a thrilling doubles which Purewal and Todd claimed in 4.**

**Eathorpe A have lifted themselves out of the Division 2 relegation spots and went down narrowly to 4th placed Free Church E 6-4. Bernard Reman and Pete Titmas both notched braces and it was left to Church’s Mark Bolshaw (3), who also won the doubles with Anthony Smith, to ensure victory as Smith and Cherry Matthews both won a single. An even better scoreline was attained when securing a draw against Rugby B. Titmas won two, Reman one and the doubles with Titmas, and Marius Morariu chipped in with one. Danny Orr notched a hat-trick and Christine Scaysbrook a brace. Favourites Whitnash A beat 5th placed Millennium A 8-2 when Kevin Ariss and Mark Woolerton were unbeaten in singles and doubles and Paul Riman claimed one, losing to Pete Harris and Michael Harrison. Whitnash went on to defeat St Georges C 9-1 Ariss (3) Woolerton (3) and Riman (2) plus the doubles. Len Coonan claimed the consolation. Free Church E also beat St Georges C 9-1, Dave Ramsey (3), Smith (3) and Bolshaw (2) as well as the doubles with Ramsey. Brian Aston prevented the whitewash. Enigmas drew with Rugby B, whose number one Orr won his three. Philip Morris helped out with two but Charlie Somerton (2), Bobby Lee and Steve Proctor, one apiece and a Proctor/Somerton doubles victory ensured stalemate. Free Church C are second despite being held to a draw by Millennium. Jeff Harris won his three for Church and the doubles with Michael Ho who won once but Jack Garner and Pete Harris both nailed two singles and Christian Ward supplied one.**

**Whitnash B have put themselves in line for promotion from Division 3 and moved third with matches in hand after defeating Millennium B 6-4. Greg Swan was in fine form winning all 3 singles to which Dennis Woodhead added two and Wilf Chan one. Bob Clarke (2) and Colin Astbury (1) replied and took the doubles. The same scoreline for Millennium came in their clash with leaders County Council D. Astbury won two as did Dave Cox but the top side edged it with two wins from Tony Ford and Mark Freeman and a single from Cliff Jackson, who joined Freeman to win the doubles. Free Church G eased away from relegation when beating bottom side Eathorpe B 7-3. Ged Kuprys was the difference with a triple, Eve Briscoe backed up with two and Milly Bradshaw won one as well as helping Kuprys to the doubles. For Eathorpe Charlie Wragg won two and John Ablett one. Rugby E also beat Eathorpe 7-3 Dave Cox and Stuart Mills winning the seven points. Ablett, Steph Hawkins and Wragg all won once for the villagers.**

**Free Church L are making a late challenge for promotion in Division 4 and trounced bottom side County Council E 10-0. Eduardo Bolanos and Ben Hall won 7 of the matches with reserve Jake Simmons recording a terrific hat-trick. Leaders Free Church I were not to be outdone and walloped a weakened Eathorpe C 10-0, Nick Darwen, Chris Jones and Dan Shaw in determined mood.**

**Free Church P maintained their second spot in the A division as they romped to a 4-1 win over Rugby H, Milly Green and Josh Yarrow taking all the singles. Angel and William Chen won the doubles. Snitterfield are third and also won 4-1 beating Norton Lindsey A. Stuart Ayres won twice and paired with Tim Fell for the doubles. Fell won once but lost to Gareth Hepworth.**

**FISSC A moved to joint top in Division B with a 5-0 thrashing of Ashorne A, Mark Kingham and Brian Marston amassing the points.**

**Division C leaders Eathorpe E opened up an 8 point gap over second placed Free Church T whom they beat 5-0 through Luca Bloodworth and James Stone. They followed this up with a 5-0 eclipse of their F side, the same duo amassing the points. Free Church T bounced back by defeating their S team 5-0, Ben Holding and Tom Yarrow the boys in form.**

**Ashorne C have recorded two 4-1 wins to go top in Division D. The first was against Norton Lindsey B with Roger Pye winning two and the doubles with Chris Bowles, who won once but fell to Guy Harrison. They then accounted for Rugby I with Pye again undefeated in singles and doubles and Steve Bolton winning once but falling to young Josh Adams.**

**Eathorpe G also enjoyed two 4-1 wins but in Division E and are joint second. James Rome(2) and Dave Hanson (1) plus the doubles saw them beat their H side for whom Kieran Braden-Brown notched the consolation. They then beat leaders County Council F with Rome being joined by Ben James who lost the only point to Jeff Millward. A brace from Nicholas Ho, a single from Dan Gunthorpe and the doubles enabled Free Church R to beat FISSC B for whom Mandip Takhar won once.**

**There was a shock in Division F as leaders Eathorpe I fell to Free Church X, 4-1. George Barnes and Alex O’Driscoll won every single leaving Eathorpe’s Joshua Cope and Jamaal Iqbal to gain consolation through the doubles. Free Church W showed no mercy to their U side whom they beat 5-0, Emma Pulman and Joe Shrimpton the triumphant duo.**