Table-tennis Report,

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Colebridge A proved too strong for Free Church A on their Division 1 visit to Lillington, winning 8-2. Edward Lynn and Kate Hughes nailed all their singles and Sam Henderson notched two. It was left to young Timmy Cooper to take a singles and help Chris Mulligan to the doubles. Free Church A fared better against their B side just conceding the doubles in a 9-1 win in which Tom Brocklehurst, Timmy Cooper and Chris Mulligan were otherwise invincible. A sparkling treble from Damon Fenton for St Georges A proved too much for their C team who capitulated 7-3. Matt Jordan combined with Fenton for the doubles and won twice with Earl Sweeney taking one. Rugby A trounced their B team 9-1 when Adrian Pilgrim and Matthew Outhwaite stormed to threesomes. Jesse Kendrick-Hill notched two. Wellesbourne shared the spoils with Phoenix A despite Paul Calloway’s hat-trick. Gary Stewart won two and the doubles with Pete Dunnett who, like John Price, won once. St Georges C slipped past WCC A 6-4 with Paul Smith winning all his singles, helped by Peter Harris (2) and Guy Sparrow (1). St Georges A hammered Free Church B 8-2 with Martyn Todd claiming a treble. Damon Fenton and Matt Jordan added twos with Luke Spencer recording two excellent wins in reply.

In Division 2 Free Church C travelled to Colebridge B and exacted a 6-4 win, despite John Taylor’s home treble. Solomon Hayes and Kit Turner won two apiece, Sam Wiggins won once and combined with Hayes to take the match clinching doubles. Rugby C recorded their 28th point from 30 as they impressively defeated Phoenix 9-1, Danny Orr (3), Anshul Satsangi (3) Niall Herbert (2) plus the doubles. St Georges D beat their E team 7-3 with William Fletcher recording a treble. Flavels A drew with St Georges E thanks mainly to a Trevor Bradley maximum. Gary Jackson and Dong Wei were also maximum men as Enigmas beat St Georges D 7-3. Phoenix O crushed Eathorpe A 8-2 with Paul Calloway and Richard Jardim unbeaten in singles and doubles.

 Free Church E beat a strong WCC C team 7-3 in the third division with Tom Meldrum taking a hat-trick, Harry Purewal two and Tom Harris one. Purewal and Harris took the doubles. Church E also conquered Nomads C 6-4 thanks to Andrew McIlvaney’s hat-trick. Free Church D edged Millennium 6-4 with Chris Blowey’s treble and the doubles with Cherry Matthews the deciding factor.

Free Church J posted their best Division 4 result so far when whipping Ashorne A 9-1. There were trebles for Sam Bradley and Lewis Singleton and Jenny Singleton won twice. Rugby E fought a thrilling draw with a strong Eathorpe C team with Mark Wilson taking three and Millie Bradshaw two. Jon Ablett was best of the visitors with a brace. Eathorpe B overwhelmed Free Church K 10-0, Paul Deavall, Dave Hawker and Michael Rossington giving no quarter.

Snitterfield B could not find a way past Flavels’ Dot Macfarlane in the singles but still ended their Division A match as 3-2 winners with Henry Lu and Nello Mauri winning one apiece and snatching the doubles. The villagers were not so fortunate against Topspinners falling 2-3 despite an excellent double from Peter Vale-Humphries. Bradley Matthews and Steve Shaw grabbed the other points. Flavels meanwhile recovered to beat Eathorpe D 5-0 with Dot Macfarlane joined by Mick Bennett to whitewash their opponents.

In Division B St Georges F were unfortunate to go down 2-3 to Free Church sides in successive weeks. Jack Green won twice and aided Dan Shaw to the doubles for FC L and FC N’s Phil Booth and Jay Virdi each won once and took the doubles. Kevin Rose and Alex Wright won a singles each in both matches. Eathorpe E came away from Free Church M 4-1 winners as William Apted and James Keay took all the singles.

Free Church P recorded all 5 points against their Q team in Division C, Oscar Dalrymple and Daniel Strand showing little mercy. Rugby F were similar winners against Norton Lindsay Sam Cafaero and Freddy Jones amassing the points. Eathorpe F had a maximum haul against Free Church Q , Norbu Sunang-Joret and John Gymer the stars. Ashorne B eased past Norton Lindsay 3-2 with singles and the doubles from Steve Handsley and Tony Philpott. Andrew Mountney won both singles for the visitors.

In Division D Eathorpe H edged Free Church R 3-2 thanks to Ben Barker’s two and a single from Miguel Calvo-Turnbull. Free Church R were on the right side of a 3-2 however when defeating their T team. Hugh Doody won twice and Harry Hayes once. Eathorpe H meanwhile improved to extort 5 points from Free Church S, Calvo-Turnbull and Barker wrapping up the points. Eathorpe G secured all 5 points against Free Church U through Cory Hancock and Max Turvey.