**League Report**

In Division 1 Colebridge A kept up the pressure on the leaders by defeating their B team 9-1. Kate Hughes, Mike Rinnhofer and Ben Willson took all the singles but lost out in the doubles to Vikas Bakshi and Farooq Kakar. The leaders, Rugby A, crushed Wellesbourne 10-0 with Ryan Lines, Matt Outhwaite and Ryan Stockham producing the goods. They then went on to defeat Free Church A 8-2 with Adrian Pilgrim winning his three. Timmy Cooper beat Lines and Lee Dorning accounted for Stockham. Fourth placed Free Church B stole a march on 5th placed County Council B, beating them 8-2. The inclusion of a reserve did not help Council’s cause and Church romped to victory with a triple from Sam Wiggins and twos from Jeff Harris and Sam Weaving, with the Sams getting the doubles point. Nilton Green and Martyn Hunter scored for WCC. Previously FC B had been held to a draw by relegation threatened Colebridge B who have recently strengthened their team. A treble from Anthony Ellis made the Birmingham outfit competitive, Vikas Bakshi and John Chandler adding singles. Weaving replied with two, Wiggins and Michael Ho with singles and the two Sams again notched the doubles.

In Division 2 Rugby C drew with Whitnash A. Ben Holvey and Thomas Jacko won twice and Liz Adams once, with Kevin Arris and Paul Riman also getting braces and the doubles. Whitnash A then went down 1-9 to relegation threatened St Georges D. Richard Grover and Mark Rose won trebles, Tracey Fletcher won twice, losing to Riman, and Grover and Rose won the doubles. Rugby C went on to claim a 7-3 win against St Georges C, Holvey 3, Hugh Crosfield 2 and Adams 1 with Crosfield and Holvey taking the doubles. Len Coonan 2 and Kevin Finn 1 replied.

The only result to hand in Division 3 is the victory of leaders Free Church G over Snitterfield A. Ricardo Bolanos and Adam Pulman posted impressive trebles, Tom Fletcher won once and guided Bolanos to the doubles. Stuart Ayres and Dave Milton got the villagers’ wins.

In Division A Norton Lindsay A defeated Free Church M 4-1 with Gareth Hepworth winning two and Ron Shakesheff once, the pair taking the doubles. Jay Virdi took Church’s point. Free Church N recorded a 3-2 win at Rugby F. Callum Ball won his two for the home side but Church edged it with singles from Sam Bradley and Emma Kilpatrick who combined for the crucial doubles. FISSC A defeated FC N 3-2 despite two wins from in- form Eve Briscoe. Mark Kingham and Brian Marston won the other points.

Eathorpe E won 4-1 in Division B against Norton Lindsay B. Norbu Sunang-Joret won two and partnered Jamie Sayer, who won one, to the doubles. John Walker stopped the whitewash. Eathorpe E went one better against Free Church A, Shaun Martin joining Sayer for all 5 points. FC AA then went down 1-4 against Rugby H for whom Dan Burgess won two. Jack Davidson added one and the doubles with Catherine McAuley gaining Church’s consolation. Leaders Free Church O had a scare at Rugby H edging the match 3-2 after Burgess posted a double. Father and son Ashley and Keith Knott fought back with the other three points.

Eathorpe F nailed Ashorne B 3-2 in their Division C clash. Richard Freeman (2)and Dave Hawker (1) set up the victory with Steve Handsley winning once before joining Jim Jack for the doubles.

**County Cadets**

The Warwickshire under 15 side travelled to Cippenham on Saturday to compete on Day 2 of the County championships in Division 1B.

They began their day by defeating the Northants first team 9-1 with Sam Cafearo (Rugby), Jack Green, debutant Nikit Sajiv, and Ciara Hancox, all of Lillington Free Church, winning twice and the other debutante from Free Church, Emily Beasley nabbing her first win at this level.

Norfolk proved tough opponents, not least because they included England number 9 Louis Moyes who won twice. The girls proved crucial in a 6-4 win as they both collared Ella Barnard and Hancox also beat Carrie Last. Sajiv weighed in with two and Cafearo and Green took a single apiece.

A polished performance saw the quartet drub Bedfordshire 10-0 the highlight perhaps Beasley’s win over Rebekah Barry. This left Buckinghamshire to play and Warwickshire came out 8-2 winners. The boys each won twice but the girls found England number 25, Shristri Gosh too good.

Sajiv won all 8 of his matches, Cafearo and Hancox tasted defeat only once, and Green recorded six wins. Beasley should likewise be very proud of her 5 wins on her County bow. The team was captained by Free Church coach Chris Mulligan.

**Lillington Free Church TTC**

**Tournament**

Lillington Free Church table-tennis club held its third tournament of the season at St Nicholas Leisure Centre in Warwick on Saturday. With a new club, Ael-y-Bryn from Cardiff, swelling the numbers, the event was over-subscribed and those lucky enough to be playing enjoyed good competition.

The host club dominated the Senior and Junior events with Lee Dorning defeating Timmy Cooper in the Seniors and James Robertson accounting for Lewis Singleton.

The under 15 event was run as a round robin. Rugby’s Callum Ball emerged on top from Cardiff’s Jaimie-Lee Harley with another Ael-y-Bryn player, Ellis Burgess in third and Free Church’s Alex Costa doing extremely well to gain 4th place.

County player Sophie Rinnhofer (Colebridge) took the under 13s, her experience too great for promising Free Church player Josh Yarrow.

There was a surprise in the Grade A singles in the afternoon when Sam Weaving beat his Free Church club-mate Timmy Cooper in a thrilling 5 setter with long, attacking rallies which entertained the spectators. Flavels’ stalwart Trevor Bradley used all his experience to beat Church’s Milan Sajiv in the Grade B and his niece, Katie Singleton made it a family double when edging Emma Kilpatrick in 5, both girls from Free Church. Sophie Rinnhofer had a close semi-final with Alex Costa in the Improvers before beating another church player, Marc Briscoe, in the Final. In the Beginners, Josh Tyagi of Rugby defeated Jake Simmons (FC).

Consolation Events :-

Senior Winner: Chris Blowey (FC) Runner-up Harry Purewal (FC)

Junior Winner: Adam Pulman (FC) Runner-up: Daniel Shaw (FC)

U 13 Winner: Josh Tyagi (Rugby) Runner-up: Jake Simmons (FC)

Grade A Winner: Peter Morris (Nuneaton) Runner-up: Harry Purewal (FC)

Grade B Winner: Jaimie-Lee Harley (Cardiff) Runner-up: Milly Bradshaw (Rugby)

Grade C Winner: Tom Fletcher (FC) Runner-up: Dan Shaw (FC)

Improvers: Winner: Kian Todd (Rugby) Runner-up: Kayla-Rose Evans (Cardiff)

Beginners: Winner: Tom Yarrow (FC) Runner-up: Anya Sompura (Coventry)

**National Cadet League Day 4**

The final day of the National Cadet League was staged in Wellingborough on Sunday. Day 4’s results were added to those from Day 3. Lillington Free Church A took the runners-up spot in Division 1, 5 points adrift of winners Nottingham Sycamore but 15 points clear of third. Rugby A were defeated 4-2, Sam Cafearo winning his two for Rugby, a feat emulated by Robbie Fitchford for Lillington. Great Stukeley of Cambridgeshire were beaten 5-1, with Nikit Sajiv beating Louis Roper-Gibbs who is ranked just above him in England. Sajiv (2), Robbie Fitchford (2) and number one Jack Green (1) compiled the points. Cliffedale Chambers A (Grantham) fell 5-1 and Free Church B 6-0. Coming in to the last match against Sycamore, Church had to win 4-2. However, the pressure told and it was left to Fitchford to get the consolation in a 1-5 defeat with an excellent win over England number 13 Hannah Ward. Fitchford recorded an 85% average over Days 3 and 4, Sajiv won 75% and Green a fine 65% playing at number one.

Rugby A’s trio of Sam Cafearo, Callum Ball and Anay Lad finished in 3rd drawing with Lillington B when Cafearo notched a double and Callum Ball returned one. Emily Beasley and Ciara Hancox accounted for Lad and Ricardo Bolanos defeated Ball. They went on to draw with Great Stukeley, all players winning one, beat Cliffedale Chambers 4-2, Ball and Cafearo each winning twice, and lost to Sycamore 1-5, Cafearo beating Ward. Cafearo’s average was 80%.

Free Church B’s cause was not helped by the fact that they lost number one Bolanos for the whole of Day 3 and for the last two matches of Day 4, finishing 6th of 6. They tasted victory once, edging Great Stukeley 4-2 with Beasley winning twice, Bolanos and Hancox one apiece. Hancox’s excellent win over Trafford Mason was the only point gleaned from Chambers and they were whitewashed by Sycamore. However, Hancox could be pleased with the fact that she took Ward to 5.

Lillington C fielded a stronger side on Day 4 and reaped the reward creeping up from last to 5th in Division 2. After losing 0-6 to St Neots A, pride was restored with a 5-1 drubbing of Bedford B. Milly Green and Ben Hall both beat Ramprasad Dinakar, Hall and Josh Yarrow defeated Alexander Smith and Yarrow bettered Ben Lewis. They then drew with St Neots B, Hall beating Kieran Harris and Thomas Hurrell, who was also nailed by Yarrow. A 0-6 defeat was suffered at the hands of Bedford A but wins from Yarrow over Charlie Barber and Hall over Tim Lieu gave them 2 points against Milton Keynes.

Rugby B finished last in Division 3 but the young side of Angel and William Chen and Jack Davidson will have gained from the experience. They lost 1-8 to Cliffedale Chambers B, Davidson beating Jai Mistry-Moulton, 1-8 to Westfield A, Davidson accounting for Daniel Mann, but then defeated Cliffedale C 5-4, William Chen and Davidson recording two wins and Angel Chen one.

After Day3 Lillington D sat 6 points clear in Division 4 and, in a very even division, took the title by 8 points. First up were Cliffedale D whose Stefania Popa took a treble. However, Eduardo Bolanos, Findlay Douglas and Nicholas Ho all defeated number three Henry Edwards and Bolanos and Ho gained wins over Sarah Ferguson.

Westfield B were also edged 5-4. Sebastian Priest joined Douglas and Ho to beat Olivia Berardi-Ross and Ho enjoyed impressive victories over Northants County players Evie Elliott and Kaitlin Curt.

With Popa dropping out of Cliffedale’s match with Bedford B, giving Bedford a big win, Church had to find 3 points in their last match. The team rose to the challenge and secured a 6-3 victory. Bolanos, Ho and Priest all conquered the awkward style of Neelan Pillai, Priest and Bolanos beat Keiran Carroll and Bolanos went on to complete a hat-trick with a win over Pemina Aderoju. It was the strength in depth of the Lillington club which was key to their success.