**League Report**

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**Colebridge A moved into second place in Division 1 with a 7-3 victory at Wellesbourne. Kate Hughes and Ben Willson amassed their points with Alan Cotton, Dave Harvey and Gary Stewart replying. Wellesbourne are now in a relegation spot, one point adrift of St Georges A but with a game in hand. St Georges B have opened up a 15 point lead at the summit and whitewashed bottom side County Council A 10-0, Mark Jackson, Laurence Sweeney and Ron Vose conceding nothing. Free Church C sit fourth after an excellent 9-1 thrashing of Whitnash A. Ricardo Bolanos and Dave Ramsey raced to hat-tricks and then won the doubles, with Nikit Sajiv posting two but losing to Mark Woolerton. However, champions elect St Georges B were too strong for them, Jackson and Sweeney compiling 7 points in a 9-1 win. Vose added two but was beaten by Bolanos. St Georges A grabbed 4 useful points against a strong Rugby A team. Damon Fenton won twice and took the doubles with Matt Jordan, and Gary Jackson added one. None could master Ryan Lines who claimed a treble and he was aided by Sam Cafearo (2) and Danny Ricks (1).**

**St Georges C did their chances of avoiding the drop from Division 2 a power of good with a 7-3 win over Rugby C. Len Coonan won his three, and Brian Aston and Kevin Finn both contributed twos. Peter Ratcliffe nailed two wins for Rugby and guided Jo Outhwaite to the doubles. Free Church E proved too strong for County Council C, overcoming them 8-2. Chris and Phil Blowey took trebles and Emily Beasley secured a brace, losing to Mark Freeman who also steered Cliff Jackson to the doubles. Free Church F and Nomads Enigmas finished all square after their clash. Anthony Smith was unbeaten for Church and Cherry Matthews and Lewis Singleton posted the other points. Malc Macfarlane (2) and Steve Proctor (2) replied and pocketed the crucial doubles.**

**Division 3 leaders Snitterfield A slipped to second after their clash with Free Church H which ended in a draw. Josh Yarrow was on fire for Church with a hat-trick and Eduardo Bolanos gained two more impressive wins. It was left to Michael Credland (2), Stuart Ayres (1) and Michael Klein (1) to set up the vital doubles in which the two Michaels pipped Yarrow and Milly Green 11-9 in the 5th. FC H had earlier accounted for their G side 9-1 and now sit fourth. Yarrow and Ciara Hancox posted triples, Bolanos mustered two, losing to Tom Fletcher, and Bolanos and Hancox won the doubles. St Georges D are one place above H in third. They eclipsed Free Church I 9-1 with trebles from Andy Caine and Richard Grover and a brace from Jerry Simmons. Tracey Fletcher joined Grover for the doubles with Ben Hall taking a consolation. FC I then went down to Millennium B 8-2. Hall again won their points but Bob Clarke (3), Colin Astbury (2) and Lewis Cox (2) plus a doubles win for Astbury and Cox, made it comfortable for the Banbury team. Flavels A also won 8-2, against Warwick University A. Michael Farmer won two for the students but he could not defeat Trevor Bradley who notched a maximum. Mick Bennett (2) and Sam Bradley (2) plus a Bradley family doubles success completed the scoring.**

**Eathorpe D slipped a place to third in Division 4 after they were held to a draw at Free Church M. The Lillington side included reserve, Tom Yarrow and the move paid off as he gained an impressive hat-trick. Mark Singleton gave excellent support with a double. Paul Deavall (2), Shaun Martin (2) and Michael Rossington (1) responded and Deavall and Rossington grabbed the doubles. Free Church L took full advantage to steal into second with a 10-0 whitewash of County Council E, Jerry Chung, Nicholas Ho and Owain Jones doing the damage. Leaders Free Church K also won 10-0 against County Council F, Darren Laffey, Keith Knott and Eleanor Fletcher in top form. Eathorpe B closed the gap on their D side when they beat County Council E 9-1. Jim Levack and Charlie Wragg were unbeaten in singles and doubles and Roger Palmer won two, losing to Carl Morgan. Eathorpe B followed this up with a 10-0 result against Warwick University B John Ablett, joining Levack and Wragg to take the points.**

**The bottom sides in Division A met with Ashorne A edging their B team 3-2. The win, which was insufficient to lift the A side from last position, came as Roger Pye won two and Steve Bolton one. Steve Kay beat Bolton and partnered Steve Handsley to the doubles.**

**Free Church N hold a narrow lead in Division B and defeated their R side 4-1. Dan Strand was instrumental in the win taking both singles and a close doubles with Phil Booth who won once. George Barnes recorded a good consolation. Free Church O sit second and crept up on the leaders with a 5-0 win over Ashorne C. Alex Costa and Tom Yarrow garnered the points. Ashorne C bounced back to beat Eathorpe E 4-1. Barry Bayliss won two and the doubles with Tony Philpott who collected a single. Dave Hawker nabbed the consolation.**

**Division C’s top side, Free Church P enjoyed two good wins. Firstly, FISSC B were cast aside 5-0 with Chris and Nicholas Ho gaining maximums and then Free Church Q tumbled 4-1, Nicholas Ho (2) and the doubles with brother Chris (1). Erin Darwen continued her recent good form with a fine win for Q. Eathorpe H went second when pipping their I side 3-2. Josh Cope and James Rome for H and Jamaal Iqbal and Christian Roberts for I all won singles with Cope and Rome pairing for the match winning doubles.**

**Free Church S visited early Division D leaders County Council F and wiped them away 5-0 to replace them as leaders. Nathan Jackson and Alfie Ransom were the Church stars. Rugby G took advantage to move up to second with a 3-2 win at Free Church U. Josh Tyagi won his two and Tyler Humphries one. Jack Knowles defeated Humphries and helped David Knott to the doubles.**

**Eathorpe K beat Free Church V 4-1 in Division E. Ben Anderton and Aaron Heel won the four singles but were pegged back in the doubles by Michael Khovanov and Arnav Mulay. Eathorpe J also won 4-1 against Free Church W to head the division. Keiran Braden-Brown won his two and added the doubles with Joshua Atkins who won once. Jun Chung got Church’s point.**

**West Midlands Regional Tournament**

**Nine youngsters from Lillington Free Church Table Tennis club travelled to Wednesbury on Saturday to compete in the West Midlands Regional tournament and everyone of them enhanced the club’s reputation with outstanding performances.**

**Dan Stone was the club’s youngest competitor. He entered the Under 11 Boys singles and finished third of 6 in this round robin event. He lost 0-3 to Siva Ghanta and 1-3 to the experienced Toby Fletcher but had satisfying wins against Adam Antoszkiewicz, Alex Setchell and Oliver Westwood to crown a pleasing tournament debut.**

**In the Under 13 Boys’ singles, Eduardo Bolanos won his group with 4 straight sets victories over Dominc Evans, Greg James, Adam Anderson and club-mate Tom Yarrow. Yarrow was to join him in the semi-finals after accounting for all but Bolanos. In another group Church’s tournament debutant George Barnes beat Reuben Yates 3-1, John Blakeley 3-1 and Sam Madhill 3-0, his only loss coming at the hands of Toby Fletcher. This earned him a very creditable semi-final slot where he fell to Bolanos. In the other semi Yarrow fought hard against Fletcher, going down 7-11 in the 5th. This meant a final between Bolanos and Fletcher which the Lillington youngster won 3-0.**

**In the under 13 Girls singles Eleanor Fletcher gained a semi-final berth after defeating Sophie Arrandale of Worcester and Daya Chima, to finish second in her group after a loss to England number 5 Megan Jones of Shropshire. In the other group Erin Darwen emulated her club-mate finishing second after a defeat to number 15 Jyorthirmayi Ghanta but accounting for Rebecca Arrandale and Anya Sompura. Therefore both faced strong opponents in the semis, Darwen losing to Jones, the eventual winner, and Fletcher losing to Ghanta.**

**Ricardo Bolanos swept to straight set victories in his Under 15 Boys Singles group with wins over Staffordshire’s Joshua Webb , Alex Emms and Reuben Yates. Younger brother Eduardo just lost out on further progress when finishing third and Tom Yarrow enjoyed one win to take 4th. In another group Josh Yarrow lost to Harry Fletcher 6-11 in the 5th but cast aside Reece Chand, Dominic Evans and Robert Tasker to take second. Bolanos senior received a bye in the quarter-finals but Yarrow had to face Webb, whom he beat 3-0. In the semis Bolanos defeated Fletcher 3-0 and Yarrow fell at the hands of Alex Lee of Staffs. A thrilling final ensued with Lee pipping the Lillington youngster 13-11 in the 5th.**

**Ricardo and Josh also entered the Junior Boys Singles. Bolanos clinched top spot in his group beating Webb, Fletcher, Alistair Witheford and Josh, who finished a worthy third. After a quarter-final bye, Bolanos exacted revenge on Lee whom he beat 3-1. This pitted him against Craig Witheford in the Final which he lost in straight sets.**

**The 9th Lillington representative was Emily Beasley who played in the Junior Girls Singles. This was a round robin event and Beasley lost to Amillia Baker of Staffs but conquered Colebridge’s Sophie Rinnhofer and Alice Antoszkiewicz, also of Staffs, to claim the runners-up medal.**