Table-tennis report

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Leamington Veterans B notched their first win of their Midlands Division 3 campaign with a 6-4 success over Mansfield. Andy Davies and Rob Warnes beat Matt Fewker, Malc Macfarlane beat Pete Hodgson and all three saw off Paul Linfield in a thrilling match.

In Division 1 Wellesbourne got the better of WCC A, 6-4, helped by a splendid threesome from Alan Cotton. Gary Stewart chipped in with two and the pair won the doubles. Pat McCabe was Council’s best with two. The same scoreline saw WCC B edge Free Church A. Simon Griew and Martin Hunter took braces and Nilton Green a single, Green and Griew taking the doubles. Deepak Chandrababu and Timmy Cooper each won twice.

In Division 2 on-loan Sam Weaving haunted his parent club when taking a hat-trick for Nomads A against Free Church C. Ian Beasley and Tony Thomas added two apiece and Beasley and Weaving won the doubles to make it 8 points. Sam Wiggins enjoyed two wins in reply. Colebridge B went one better, taking 9 points from Whitnash A John Chandler(3), John Taylor (3), Michael Credland (2) plus a Chandler/Taylor doubles’ win. Richard Smith avoided the whitewash. Enigmas hammered Snitterfield A 9-1, Malcolm Macfarlane and Dong Wei recording trebles and Steve Proctor a double. Stuart Ayres took the villagers’ consolation. Phoenix O also gleaned 9 points from their visit to Flavels, Paul Calloway and Callum Martin unbeaten and Richard Jardim just falling to Trevor Bradley, one of several entertaining tussles in the match.

Millennium continue their chase of the leaders in Division 3 and beat FC G 7-3. Colin Astbury and Bob Clarke nailed maximums and won the doubles. Olivia Fletcher, Adam Pulman and reserve James Robertson took one each. Rugby D also defeated Free Church G 7-3 with the Rugby version of James Robertson getting 3, Dave Cox 2 and Jo Outhwaite 2. Livvy Fletcher and Adam Pulman again notched singles and took a good doubles. Leaders Free Church D were pegged back by their E side whose Harry Purewal played brilliantly to take a triple plus the doubles with Tom Meldrum who added one. Chris Blowey(2), Anthony Smith (2) and Cherry Matthews(1) ensured the draw. Adam Cofler maintained his wonderful form for FC H winning his three against Nomads C. Lindy Myers and Pete Rourke took a 4th point with a doubles’ win but the visitors got the vital six points with Robin Fox-Strangways, Steve Kurle and Richard Miles all getting braces.

Leaders Eathorpe C march on in the 4th Division, seeing off Rugby E 8-2. Charlie Wragg’s treble allied to twosomes from John and Jon Ablett who also took the doubles. Milly Bradshaw was in sparkling form for the town side, winning twice. Free Church J’s Lewis Singleton was another in eye-catching form, romping to a maximum in the draw with Ashorne A. Sister Jenny Singleton got two whilst Steve Bolton was the villagers’ best, also grabbing two. Free Church I overcame FC K 9-1, Tom Fletcher (3), James Robertson (3), Joe Mills (2) plus the doubles. Alberto Vitale replied.

Free Church N edged Eathorpe E 3-2 in Division A, Jay Virdi (2), Phil Booth (1) with Eathorpe responding through Will Apted and an Apted/ James Keay doubles win.

Free Church B took all 5 points from their B division clash with Ashorne B, Ashley Knott (2), Jeremy Knott (2), Jeremy and Keith Knott the doubles. Leaders FISCC just got home against Eathorpe D despite two wins from Richard Freeman. Mark Jones and Mark Kingham won a single each and the doubles.

Free Church O beat Norton Lindsay 4-1 in Division C with Mark Singleton winning two and the doubles with Marc Briscoe who won once. Andrew Mountney recorded Norton’s success. Free Church P enjoyed a similar success against Eathorpe H, Daniel Strand winning twice and partnering James Wilson, who won a single, to the doubles. Miguel Calvo-Turnbull showed his improvement with a win.

Free Church S upset the form book with a 3-2 win at FC R in Division D. Ellie Goldsmith won her two and identical twin Amie nailed one. Hugh Doody won once and joined Matt Hayes for the doubles. Another form upset came when FC V defeated second placed FC Q 3-2, Ricardo Bolanos winning twice and pairing with Nicholas Ho for the doubles. Elaine Bradley and Carolyn Dorning kept Q in it. Q then fell 2-3 to leaders FC T whose Milly Green was unbeaten in singles and doubles with Emily Beasley. Sophie Bethell and Dorning made it close. T opened up a convincing lead at the top with a 4-1 success over FC V, Ciara Hancox (2), Milly Green (1) Hancox/Green the doubles. Bolanos got one for V.