**League Report**

**Table-tennis Week 7**

**Courier 13th November, 2015**

**Colebridge A went back to the top of Division 1 with an impressive 10-0 success over St Georges A, Kate Hughes, Edward Lynn and Ben Willson the trio responsible. Second placed Rugby A dropped a solitary point to Wellesbourne, Adrian Pilgrim and Ryan Stockham racking up trebles and Ryan Lines winning two but tasting defeat for the first time this season when losing to Pete Dunnett. Free Church B, enjoying their second season in the top flight, currently sit third, thumping bottom side Colebridge B 9-1. Jeff Harris,Sam Weaving and Sam Wiggins won all the singles before conceding the doubles to Vikas Bakshi and Farooq Kakar. Nomads A sit in the other relegation spot. They fell 2-8 to County Council A with Ian Beasley and Tony Thomas securing two valuable points whilst Pat McCabe and Phil Paine notched trebles for WCC. However, this was followed by a 10-0 drubbing at the hands of the ever improving County Council B whose Nilton Green, Simon Griew and Martin Hunter were in no mood for mercy. Nomads should be consoled by the fact that Free Church C are only 4 points above them after their 9-1 reverse against County Council A (McCabe 3, Paine 3, Clive Irwin 2). Harry Purewal avoided the whitewash.**

**Nomads Enigmas lead Division 2, their latest success being an 8-2 win over St Georges D. New signing Syed Moyinuddin showed his class with a triple which was matched by Charlie Somerton. Steve Proctor added two with Tracey Fletcher claiming his scalp and steering Richard Grover to the doubles. Surprisingly, Enigmas drew with bottom placed Rugby C for whom Ben Holvey recorded an outstanding hat-trick. He also took the doubles with Hugh Crosfield who won once. Enigmas’ points came from Proctor (2), Somerton (2) and Moyinuddin (1). Whitnash A, with a game in hand, look dangerous in runners-up spot and won 7-3 against 3rd placed Free Church E. Kevin Ariss won his three, Paul Riman won twice, losing to Tom Harris, and reserve Greg Swan picked up a useful point beating Harris but losing to Phil Blowey and Livvy Fletcher. Millennium A drew with Free Church D with the home team’s Christian Ward unbeaten and Rob Warnes winning twice. Mark Bolshaw was the Church mainstay with two wins plus the doubles with Anthony Smith. Cherry Matthews and Smith both won a single.**

**County Council D opened up a 5 point gap at the top of Division 3. They overcame Snitterfield A 7-3 through a Tony Ford hat-trick and braces from Mark Freeman and Cliff Jackson. Stuart Ayres and Kim Wong won singles and the doubles in reply. County Council D then went on to thrash Nomads C 10-0, Ford, Freeman and Jackson again turning out for the points. County Council C moved in to second place after beating Millennium B 8-2. Steve Poole notched his three and Derek Harwood and Doug Lowe chipped in with doubles. Ian Stevens joined Harwood to take the doubles. Bob Clarke won 2 for the Banbury team.**

**Free Church H stormed to a 10-0 success against their third placed J side to go top of Division 4 by 8 points. Sam Bradley, Emily Beasley and Emma Kilpatrick were in determined mood. Eathorpe C lie 5th with games in hand after defeating Free Church I 8-2. Will Apted was unbeaten and helped Michael Rossington to the doubles, Rossington and Sophie Cooper winning two apiece. Chris Jones and Fiona Wyburn had good wins for I. Free Church I then fell 4-6 to Ashorne A for whom Paul Rouse maintained his 100% record before helping Steve Bolton, two wins, to the doubles. Nikit Sajiv (2), Jones (1) and Wyburn (1) responded.**

**In Division A Free Church L saw off third placed Flavels B 5-0 after tremendous performances from Robbie Fitchford and Dave Ramsey. L then dropped their first point of the season to Rugby F with Ramsey keeping his unbeaten record and Jerry Simmons winning once as well as taking the doubles. Callum Ball became the first player to dent L’s progress. Rugby F recorded a whitewash against Fissc A, Callum Ball being joined by Dad Steve to secure the points. Flavels B won all 5 against bottom side Free Church N Trevor Bradley defeating son Sam on his way to taking the points with Steve Lyons. Gareth Hepworth starred for Norton Lindsey A as they pipped Snitterfield B 3-2. Hepworth won his two and won the doubles with Ron Shakesheff. Henry Lu and Kim Wong snatched Snitterfield’s two. Fissc A squeezed past Free Church M 3-2 despite Jay Virdi winning two for Church. Mark Jones and reserve Mandip Takhar took singles and the doubles 11-9 in the 5th.**

**Free Church O have an 8 point cushion at the top of Division B. Ashley and Keith Knott beat Eathorpe F 5-0 and then overcame their P team 4-1, debutant Gediminas Kuprys winning two plus the doubles with Ashley Knott who won once. Dan Strand scored for P.**

**Eathorpe E are the nearest challengers but conceded two their F team. Jamie Sayer won twice for E and Norbu Sunang-Joret once but F bounced back with Richard Freeman defeating Norbu and joining Dave Hawker for the doubles.**

**Rugby H lead Division C by a massive 12 points. They dropped one point to Ashorne B’s Steve Handsley but Dan Burgess (2) and Jack Davidson (1) plus the doubles, stretched their lead.**

**Division D leaders Free Church T clung on to top spot despite losing to 5th placed Eathorpe H 3-2. Marcel Bloodworth proved the thorn in Church’s side winning two and guiding Dave Hanson to the doubles. Amie and Ellie Goldsmith ensured a tight finish. Free Church S had a welcome 4-1 success against Norton Lindsey C , Nicholas Ho and Seb Priest just conceding the doubles to Andy Mountney and Edward Rogers.**

**Rugby I march on in Division E Angel Chen and brother William amassing another 5 points against Free Church Y. Third placed Free Church W sit just two points behind Free Church V after squeezing past them 3-2. Eddie Bolanos won two 5 setters for V but the rapidly improving Jake Simmons and Dylan Speller each won a singles and combined to take the doubles.**

**Burton-Uxbridge 1-Star tt tournament**

**November 8th 2015**

**Players from Lillington Free Church table-tennis club excelled at the Burton-Uxbridge 1-star tournament on Sunday. Eve Briscoe led the way achieving her best ever set of results to take the Junior Girls’ title. The event was played on a round robin basis and Eve beat all of her rivals defeating Chloe de la Fontaine (Lincs) 3-1, Erin Greensmith (Durham) 3-0, Kelsey Andrews (Leics) 3-0, club-mate Jenny Singleton 3-1 and top seed Chloe Lingard (Lincs) 3-2.**

**Jenny had three good wins against de la Fontaine, Greensmith and Andrews but after falling to Briscoe she also lost to Lingard to finish a nonetheless creditable third.**

**Lewis Singleton made it a double for his club by winning the Junior Boys title. Singleton won his group comfortably to reach the semi-final in which he defeated number 1 seed Joe Abbott from Leicestershire 3-1. The number two seed, Jack Finney of Derbyshire faced him in the Final but was also dispatched 3-1.**

**Ricardo Bolanos finished runner-up in the Boys under 13s beating Toby Fletcher (Staffs) Sam Lowe (Scarborough) and Ben McHoul (Burton) in his group. In the semi-final Harry Fletcher fell 3-1 but Bolanos had to give second best to Ben Moore of Rhyl in the Final.**

**In the Under 15s Bolanos did well to qualify from his group in second place beating Rhyl’s Matthew Fox and Hereford’s Kyle Day before losing to Alex Lee of Staffs. In the knock-outs Bolanos overcame Marcus Holba of Gloucestershire before losing to the eventual winner, Louis Roper-Gibbs of Cambridgeshire in the quarter-final.**

**Ricardo’s younger brother Eduardo entered the round robin Primary Boys competition and also claimed the runners-up medal. Toby Fletcher and Sam Lowe were both beaten but Bolanos lost to Danny Emery of Hereford to be denied the title.**

**Blackpool 2-star**

**Two other Lillington Free Church players ventured to Blackpool to play in the 2-star tournament. Milan Sajiv defeated Matthew McCarthy in the qualifying round of the Juniors, overcame Owen Webb in round 1 before falling to Lancashire’s Daniel Olsberg in round 2. His brother Nikit won his qualifying group in the Under 15s defeating Aaron Radford of South Yorkshire, Rashed Al-Dahri of Lancashire and Jasper Choi all in straight sets. Ben McDonald of Cumbria was dispatched 3-1 in Round 1 but Nikit lost in the quarter-final in 4 to Ben Wardell of Cleveland.**

**In the Under 13s Nikit beat Ethan Walling, Leo Pontone of Durham and Adam Szabo of South Yorkshire to reach the knock-outs where he lost in 4 to McDonald whom he had previously beaten. Nonetheless the boys will have gained much experience from this level.**