Table-tennis League Report

7th March, 2014

Leamington Veterans enhanced their chances of promotion from Midland League Division 2 with two great wins. Pat McCabe, with a treble and the doubles, led his team to a 6-4 away success at previously unbeaten Nottingham C and then hat-tricks from Nilton Green and Phil Paine plus a brace from Murray Stevenson secured a 9-1 drubbing of Nuneaton, Green and Stevenson taking the doubles.

In Division 1 St Georges A overcame Free Church B 8-2, Mark Jackson (3) Damon Fenton (2), Martyn Todd (2) and the doubles, Hugh Matthews and Luke Spencer a single apiece in reply. Wellesbourne went one better, hammering Rugby B 9-1 with Alan Cotton and John Price unbeaten and Gary Stewart notching two. Danny Ricks avoided the whitewash. Free Church A moved into 4th position with an 8-2 victory over Phoenix A, for whom Aaron Riley won twice. He could not master Deepak Chandrababu who won all his singles and the doubles partnering Tom Brocklehurst. Brocklehurst and Lee Dorning wrapped up the other 4 points. St Georges B edged a 6-4 result against second placed Colebridge A when Mark Jackson stormed to an impressive treble. He also took the doubles with Luke Hobbins and the visitors conceded 2 rubbers. Sam Henderson and Kate Hughes both won two in reply. Leaders Rugby A took advantage of the slip, seeing off St Georges A 8-2. Jesse Kendrick-Hill (3), Ryan Lines (3) and Danny Orr (1) got the win with Matthew Jordan and Martyn Todd ensuring a contest.

There was a top of the table clash in Division 2 but it was one sided in terms of points as leaders Rugby C claimed 8 against Enigmas. Danny Orr and Anshul Satsangi posted hat-tricks and the doubles and Niall Herbert chipped in with one. Gary Jackson and Dong Wei replied. Phoenix O and Nomads A fought out an exciting draw with Sam Weaving recording an impressive triple for the visitors. Ian Beasley and Andy Davies recorded singles. Paul Calloway and Callum Martin, two each and the doubles, ensured stalemate. Colebridge B came away from Flavels with 7 points thanks to 3 from John Taylor and 2 from John Chandler and Michael Credland . Trevor Bradley and Roger Potts each tasted victory once. Flavels borrowed Free Church junior Adam Cofler for their trip to Eathorpe A and the youngster nabbed both of their two points as well as going to 5 in the other rubber. Pete Titmas was a calming influence for the home team winning 3 and was helped by Chris Atkins and Andy Baruch who each won 2.

Snitterfield A beat St Georges E 8-2 when Robert Poole won his three and the doubles with Stuart Ayres. Ayres(2) and Tim Fell (2) added to the total with Andy Caine and Tracey Fletcher responding.

Free Church G did their hopes of avoiding relegation the power of good with a draw against Nomads C in division 3. Olivia Fletcher and Adam Pulman won two each and the doubles but could not master Richard Miles who took a maximum. Robin Fox-Strangways and Steve Kurle posted singles. At the other end of the table Rugby D had an impressive 7-3 win at WCC C with Steve Osiyemi and Jo Outhwaite winning their threes and reserve Mark Wilson adding one. Free Church E put away Nomads B 9-1, Tom Meldrum (3), Harry Purewal (3) and Andrew McIlvaney (2) plus the doubles. Ian Stevens took the consolation. Millennium’s trio of Bob Clarke, Christian Ward and Rob Warnes took all 9 singles against Free Church G who won the doubles through Olivia Fletcher and Adam Pulman.

Free Church J upset the form book when visiting Division 4’s 3rd placed Eathorpe B. Lewis Singleton was unbeaten, Katie Singleton won twice and Jenny Singleton once with Lewis and Katie taking the doubles. Paul Deavall (2) and Dave Hawker (1) scored for the home team. Leaders Eathorpe C triumphed 9-1 against WCC D, John Ablett (3), Charlie Wragg (3) Jon Ablett (2) plus the doubles. Jason Grey had a good consolation win.

Rugby F took the plaudits in Division A edging a strong Topspinners 3-2. Freddy Jones won twice and Sam Cafearo once. Bradley Matthews took a single and the doubles with Russell Smith. Flavels B’s Mick Bennett and Dot Macfarlane claimed all 5 points against Free Church N but dropped one at Rugby F to Jones. Steve Lyons accounted for 3 of the points. Topspinners recovered to edge Snitterfield B 3-2, Matthews (1), Steve Shaw (1) and the doubles, Henry Lu (2) for the villagers.

Leaders FISCC won a close game against Free Church M in Division B. Mark Kingham and Brian Marston both won once, falling to Keith Knott but rallied to secure the doubles. Shaun Martin and George Miller of Eathorpe D whitewashed Free Church L.

Eathorpe F beat Norton Lindsay 3-2 in Division C as John Gymer won his two. Jamie Sayer added the third with Andrew Mountney winning one single and pairing with Edward Rogers for the doubles. Free Church P also won 3-2 against their O side. Oscar Dalrymple won twice and Daniel Strand once with Mark Singleton winning once and partnering Marc Briscoe to the doubles. O then tasted success in the shape of a 4-1 victory over Norton Lindsay, Singleton (2) Briscoe (1) and the doubles. Mountney was again on the score sheet.

Free Church T are setting a hot pace at the top of Division D and walloped their U team 5-0 ( Emily Beasley and Ciara Hancox) and repeated the feat against FC S (Beasley and Milly Green). S had better luck against FC V just losing 2-3, Amie Goldsmith (1) Fran Singleton (1). Ricardo Bolanos was unbeaten in singles and doubles with Nicholas Ho.