**Table-tennis League Report**

**Any lingering doubts as to which team would clinch the Division 1 title this season were largely dispelled as aspirants Rugby A trounced rivals Colebridge A 8-2. A Matt Outhwaite hat-trick, all achieved in 5 setters, saw the favourites hom e with Ryan Lines and Ryan Stockham adding braces, Lines losing to Ben Willson and Stockham to Edward Lynn. Lines and Outhwaite clinched the doubles in 5. St Georges B took advantage to move into second place with a whitewash of bottom side Nomads A, Mark Jackson, Laurence Sweeney and Ron Vose in top form. County Council A pushed Free Church C into a relegation spot with a decisive 8-2 win. Chris Brewer was undefeated and Pat McCabe and Phil Paine notched doubles. Adam Cofler and Martyn Todd replied. Free Church A moved in to the top half when beating Wellesbourne 8-2. Timmy Cooper and Lee Dorning notched their threes and Tom Brocklehurst chipped in with a single before Cooper and Dorning proved their doubles’ strength. Alan Cotton and John Price took the villagers’ points. Free Church B sit above them in 4th, their latest success being a 6-4 triumph over St Georges A. Sam Weaving and Sam Wiggins totted up the winning points with Georges keeping it close with singles from Damon Fenton, Gary Jackson and Matt Jordan and a Fenton/Jackson doubles win.**

**Phoenix joined Nomads E at the top of Division 2 when beating them 7-3. Callum Martin won his three and the doubles with Paul Calloway who won twice. Richard Jardim added one. Syed Moyinuddin (2) and Charlie Somerton (1) were Nomads’ scorers. Phoenix also accounted for bottom team Eathorpe A 7-3, Calloway and Martin accruing the points with reserve Marius Morariu, Bernard Reman and Pete Titmas gaining valuable points in reply. With games in hand, Rugby B could figure in the promotion picture and they beat St Georges C 7-3. Danny Orr’s treble was critical and young Sam Cafearo posted two and the doubles with Orr. Jo Outhwaite completed the tally. Brian Aston, Kevin Finn and William Fletcher all won once for Georges. Free Church D moved into 6th with a 6-4 success over table-toppers Nomads. Jack Green and Anthony Smith won two apiece and combined for the doubles. Cherry Matthews enjoyed an excellent win over Moyinuddin who won his other two. Malc Macfarlane and Steve Proctor chipped in for Nomads with singles. A Michael Harrison hat-trick propelled Millennium to a 6-4 win over Eathorpe. RobWarnes clinched two wins and Christian Ward one. Titmas (2) and Reman (1) paired for the doubles to keep it close. Colebridge C put daylight between them and relegation threatened St Georges D with a 7-3 victory. Neil Wheatley was in fine form, nailing his three, Awais Muhammed added two and John Overton one. Mark Rose starred for Georges with two and Andy Caine helped out with one.**

**In Division 3, Free Church G have gone top with 123 points from 19 matches after defeating County Council D ( 114 from 18) 7-3. Ricardo Bolanos and Adam Pulman took the church points with County’s Tony Ford, Mark Freeman and Cliff Jackson each winning a single in reply. Free Church F (102 from just 16) took maximum advantage with a 10-0 eclipse of County Council C, James Robertson, Milan Sajiv and Lewis Singleton amassing the points. WCC D recovered to beat a strong Rugby E 8-2, Ford 3, Freeman 2, Jackson 2 , Freeman/Jackson the doubles. It was left to Milly Bradshaw and Jack Evans to respond. Free Church G meanwhile collared Snitterfield A 8-2, Bolanos 3, Pulman 3, Tom Fletcher 1 plus the doubles with Bolanos. Stuart Ayres and Dave Milton were the Snitterfield winners. Millennium B eased relegation fears with an emphatic 9-1 success over Flavels A. Colin Astbury and Lewis Cox won 7 of the points with Bob Clarke just losing out to Dot Macfarlane. Likewise Eathorpe B moved just above the relegation zone and consigned Rugby D to bottom position after a 6-4 win. Binh-Kwoi Nguyen (3) and Marius Morariu (2) also won the doubles with Oliver (2) Harvey (1) and Steve (1) keeping the Fowler family from Rugby in contention.**

**10-0 wins over Ashorne A and County Council E helped Eathorpe D to the Division 4 summit with John and Jon Ablett and Charlie Wragg doing the damage. They then took on second placed Free Church H in a thrilling encounter which ended in a draw. Jon Ablett’s treble proved crucial and Dad John and Wragg chipped in with singles but Church bounced back with twos from Emily Beasley and Eve Briscoe and the impressive duo went on to inflict the season’s first doubles defeat on the Abletts. Free Church K sit third and defeated their I team 9-1 with another father and son combination, Stuart and Joe Mills nailing hat-tricks and the doubles. Fiona Wyburn picked up an excellent consolation against Dan Shaw.**

**In Division A Norton Lindsay A enjoyed mixed fortunes, beating Free Church M 4-1with two wins from Gareth Hepworth plus the doubles with Ron Shakesheff, who won once. Jay Virdi avoided the whitewash. They then lost 2-3 to Flavels B, Hepworth 1 and the doubles, with Flavels tasting success through Dot Macfarlane (2) and Mick Bennett (1). Free Church N edged Rugby F 3-2 despite a double from Callum Ball. Sam Bradley and Emma Kilpatrick won the other points. Free Church M and N then clashed , with M winning a close encounter 3-2 after a 12-10 in the 5th doubles win for Nikit Sajiv and Pete Rourke. Sajiv won his two singles whilst Eve Briscoe and Ben Hall each beat Rourke.**