Table-tennis report

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A strong Rugby team finished top of Division 1 in the National Junior (under 18) League on Day 1 at Wellingborough on Saturday. Anshul Satsangi and Paul Lilley tasted singles defeat only once as they trounced St Neots A 6-0 and Milton Keynes A, Lillington Free Church A and Draycott A (Long Eaton) 5-1, their only blip being a draw with Knighton Park A (Leicester). Niall Herbert returned a 60% average.

The younger Free Church team managed a creditable 3rd spot with a 5-1 win over Draycott, draws against Knighton Park and Milton Keynes and a narrow 2-4 reversal against St Neots. 14 year old Adam Cofler returned a 60% average and was well supported by Kit Turner and Olivia Fletcher on 40%.

Free Church B took 3rd spot in Division 2 beating Westfield (Wellingborough) 5-1 and Knighton B 4-2, drawing with Free Church C and losing to Milton Keynes B 2-4 and leaders St Neots B, who took maximum points from their 5 matches, 0-6. Adam Pulman finished with 60% and Jack Green and Lewis Singleton, 13 and 14 respectively, notched excellent 40% averages.

Free Church C finished equal 5th but James Robertson, in his first appearance at this level, Tom Fletcher and Eve Briscoe demonstrated their potential despite suffering 4 defeats and a draw. Fletcher had a very respectable 50% return.

Free Church D blooded 11 year old Ricardo Bolanos in their team and he came up with 2 wins and a series of very competitive tussles. D lost to both Draycott B and Milton Keynes C 4-5 where another two points in either match would have seen them as victors. They completed their day with a 7-2 win over Market Harborough. 14 year olds Jenny Singleton (66%) and Katie Singleton (77%) excelled against the male opposition to claim 3rd position.

Colebridge A gave notice that Division 1 won’t be a one horse race when they whitewashed Wellesbourne, Kate Hughes, Mike Rinnhofer and Ben Willson taking the points. Rugby A also won 10-0 for the second week, whipping Colebridge B. Ryan Lines, Matt Outhwaite and James Ward were the victorious trio. County Council A pipped Free Church B 6-4 with Chris Brewer, Pat McCabe and Phil Paine each winning twice. Sam Wiggins(2) and Sam Weaving (1) combined for the doubles to make the finish close. Free Church A also went down 4-6 at St Georges B for whom Mark Jackson was unbeaten and Ron Vose won twice. Lee Dorning won twice for the visitors. County Council B took 8 off St Georges A for whom Free Church loanee, Adam Pulman, made his Division 1 debut. Simon Griew took a maximum and Nilton Green and Murray Stevenson two apiece, both falling to Earl Sweeney.

Free Church C are the early leaders in Division 2, Chris Blowey (3), Kit Turner (3) and Harry Purewal (2) just dropping the one point to Snitterfield A. Eathorpe A had a 7-3 success over Millennium with Andy Baruch claiming a hat-trick. Pete Titmas (2) and Chris Atkins (1) were also on the scoresheet with Pete Harris (2) and Joe McGivern(1) replying. Whitnash A’s Paul Riman was another maximum man as Dennis Woodhead (2) and Kevin Ariss (1) helped his team to a 7-3 success over Free Church D. Anthony Smith (2) was in fine form in reply and young Adam Cofler took his first win of the campaign.

County Council D are impressing in Division 3 and walloped Rugby D 9-1. Tony Ford and Mark Freeman took trebles whilst Cliff Jackson’s only blemish was defeat at the hands of Milly Bradshaw.

St Georges D also look strong and saw off Free Church F 9-1. Andy Caine and Richard Grover were in sparkling form and Tracey Fletcher won twice, losing to the excellent Josh Wyatt-Smith. Flavels A will compete at the top too and won 6-4 against Free Church E despite conceding 3. Trevor Bradley (3) and Mick Bennett (2) also took the match clinching doubles. Nomads B fought out an exciting draw against Free Church G with no player undefeated. Dave Harding and Les Hoggins took braces and the doubles with Tom Fletcher and James Robertson claiming two each and Lewis Singleton taking the vital 5th point.

In Division 4 Rugby E conceded 3 points to rivals Free Church H by fielding only two players but Sam Cafearo took his 3 and Anay Lad won once. Jenny and Katie Singleton won one each and took the doubles to add to their 3 gifts. Whitnash B took on Free Church K and won 7-3, Greg Swan (3), Wilf Chan (2) and Jayne Fitton (1). Reserve Keith Knott took an excellent double in response. Ashorne A enjoyed a 9-1 trouncing of WCC E with Steve Bolton and Roger Kelley unbeaten and Chris Bowles taking two. David Dunn grabbed a consolation. Eathorpe C won 7-3 at Free Church I as Sophie Cooper, Paul Deavall and Shaun Martin all won twice. Dan Shaw led I well, taking two and inspired reserve Ciara Hancox to a success over Cooper.

Flavels B had a good 4-1 win at Snitterfield B with Mick Bennet taking two and the doubles with Steve Lyons (1). Henry Lu avoided the clean sweep. Norton Lindsey A were also 4-1 winners against Free Church L with Gareth Hepworth posting two and the doubles with John Walker (1). Phil Booth replied. The same scoreline as FISCC beat Rugby F with Mark Jones unbowed in singles and doubles and Mark Kingham taking one but losing to Sam Basford.

Eathorpe E squeezed a 3-2 win over Rugby G in Division B with Norbu Sunang-Joret winning both singles and partnering Jamie Sayer to the doubles. Bradley Smith and Archie West ensured a tight finish. Eathorpe F also got home 3-2 against Free Church O, Cory Hancock and Max Turvey taking a singles and the doubles but falling victim to Joss Farmer. Free Church N sneaked home 3-2 against FC M in this tightest of divisions. Charlie Snelson’s double and a single from Dan Strand clinched the win with Ashley Knott winning once and claiming the doubles with brother Jeremy.

Ashorne B beat Free Church P 3-2 in the C division thanks to two wins from Steve Handsley and the doubles with Anthony Philpott. Ben Hall and Seb Priest clawed two back. Eathorpe G, John Gymer and James Stone, were impressive 5-0 victors against Free Church R. Free Church Q clinched a 3-2 win on their visit to Norton Lindsey B as Ciara Hancox took both her singles and Milly Green won once. Andy Mountney posted a single and paired with Edward Rogers for the doubles.

In Division D two new teams clashed when Eathorpe G, Luca Bloodworth and Tom Booth, won 5-0 against Ashorne C. Free Church T edged FC V 3-2 with Chris Jones unbeaten and teaming up with Nicholas Ho for the doubles. Identical twins, Brody and Dylan Speller each won once. Free Church S also fielded identical twins, but they finished on the winning side, 4-1. Amie Goldsmith won two, Ellie Goldsmith one and Emma Pulman joined Ellie for the doubles. Emma Briscoe had a good win for opponents FC U.