**Table-tennis report**

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The Autumn competition in the 2-a-side League has ended and Topspinners have clinched the Division A crown. Bradley Matthews, Steve Shaw and Russell Smith were the triumphant trio with Matthews claiming the average prize after an 81% return. Mick Bennett, Steve Lyons and Dot Macfarlane, in the guise of Flavels B, were runners-up. Eathorpe D and FISCC were relegated to Division B.

Eathorpe E will replace their D team as they won Division B. Will Apted, James Keay and Callum Pickering can look forward to action in the top flight. Free Church N’s Phil Booth and Jay Virdi will join them, Virdi taking the top average prize with 85%. Only one team is relegated, Free Church O.

Rugby F outclassed their rivals in Division C, dropping only two points and, as a result, will move to Division A where there is a vacancy. Sam Basford, Sam Cafearo and Freddy Jones were the dominant trio with Cafearo and Jones unbeaten but the latter taking the averages by virtue of having played the most games. Free Church P’s Oscar Dalrymple, Daniel Strand and James Wilson were runners-up and will replace their O side in Division B. Again, only one team, Free Church Q will be relegated.

Eathorpe G pipped Eathorpe H for the Division D title. Cory Hancock, who won the averages with 90%, and Max Turvey led G with Ben Barker and Miguel Calvo-Turnbull heading H’s charge. A new team, Free Church V, will join Division D in January giving 4 divisions of 6 teams.

In Midlands Veterans League Leamington A won their Division 1 encounter with Oxford 7-3, claiming all 5 of the rubbers that went to a deciding game. Karl Bushell won his 3 for Oxford but Simon Griew, Mark Jackson and Pat McCabe each won twice and took the doubles.

In Veterans Division 2 Leamington B fell 4-6 to Coventry A for whom Andy Woodcock nailed a treble. Nilton Green, Phil Paine and Murray Stevenson all beat Steve Deeming with Paine also eclipsing Paul Calloway.

Local players will be saddened by the news of the death of Gary Webb, a much loved Division 1 player, after a long battle with cancer.