Table-tennis Report

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The biggest shock in the Leamington League came in Division 2 when runaway leaders Rugby C lost their unbeaten record at Nomads A. Sam Weaving won 2 and held match points in his 3rd rubber, Tony Thomas emulated him, Ian Beasley won one and Thomas/ Weaving notched the doubles. Anshul Satsangi claimed his 3 for the visitors and Niall Herbert one. Whitnash A thumped Flavels 9-1 with Richard Smith and Dennis Woodhead unbeaten and reserve Greg Swan notching an impressive brace. Whitnash continued their good form with a 7-3 success against Snitterfield A, Paul Riman (3), Woodhead (2), Smith (1). Rob Poole (2) and Tim Fell (1) kept the match competitive. St. Georges D drew with Eathorpe A. Brian Aston (2), Kevin Finn (2) and Will Fletcher (1) scored for the home side with the villagers replying through Chris Atkins (2), Pete Titmas (2) and the doubles. Enigmas pipped St Georges E 6-4 through Dong Wei’s hat-trick, a pair from Steve Proctor and the vital doubles. Andy Caine (2), Tracey Fletcher (1) and Peter Harris (1) responded. Colebridge B kept a clean sheet against St Georges D John Chandler, Mike Evetts and John Taylor racking up the points.

In Division 1 County Council A whitewashed Free Church B, Clive Irwin, Pat McCabe and Phil Paine amassing the points. Free Church B bounced back to take a creditable 4 points off St Georges B despite the inclusion of two reserves. Jeff Harris led the way with two, Sol Hayes stepped up to take one and Scott Delday joined Harris for the doubles. Mark Jackson was in imperious form for Georges winning 3, Luke Hobbins added 2 and reserve Will Fletcher 1. Georges B went one better against Rugby B, triumphing 7-3, through another Jackson hat-trick, two from Hobbins and a single from Alan Hewitt. Danny Ricks (2) and Martin Kacani (1) hit back. Rugby A dropped just the one point, to Simon Griew, when visiting WCC B. Ryan Lines and Matthew Outhwaite recorded maximums and Jesse Kendrick-Hill a double. Trebles from Matthew Jordan and Martyn Todd plus two from Damon Fenton saw St Georges A post 8 points against Wellesbourne. Rugby B did their relegation scrap a power of good when overcoming 2 player Phoenix A 8-2. Paul Lilley and Danny Ricks were unbeaten.

Leaders Free Church D beat WCC C 7-3 in the 3rd Division thanks to triples from Chris Blowey and Anthony Smith. Free Church G were the recipients of 3 points from Free Church H due to a last minute illness. They added 3 more through Adam Pulman (2) and Livvy Fletcher (1). Pete Rourke (2), Lindy Myers (1) and the doubles kept H in contention. Free Church H also went down to Millennium 0-10 as Bob Clarke, Barry Hammond and Rob Warnes gave no quarter. Free Church E defeated Nomads B 9-1, Tom Meldrum and Harry Purewal unassailable, and Free Church F edged Whitnash B 6-4. Sarah Barkowski signed off her stay in England with a hat-trick and the doubles with Kim Wong who won twice. Greg Swan (2), Wilf Chan (1) and Jayne Fitton (1) ensured a close finish.

Eathorpe C have Division 4 sewn up and hammered Free Church J 9-1. John Ablett (3) Charlie Wragg (3) and Jon Ablett (2) did the damage. At the other end, WCC D squeaked past Free Church K 6-4. David Dunn’s treble made the difference and he was supported by two from Jason Grey and one from William Hung. Eve Briscoe had two good wins for K, Alberto Vitale contributed one and Briscoe joined Jill Weaving for a doubles success. County Council had less joy against Free Church I who romped to a 9-1 victory. Tom Fletcher and Jack Green posted impressive trebles and James Robertson notched two.

Topspinners lead Division A and Bradley Matthews and Russell Smith bagged all 5 points against Eathorpe E. Free Church N recorded their first win in this division when edging Snitterfield B 3-2. Phil Booth and Jay Virdi each won one and the doubles with Henry Lu winning twice in reply.

Another Free Church side, L, recorded their first win in Division B seeing off Ashorne B 4-1. Daniel Shaw was in top form winning two and the doubles and Joss Farmer showed his improvement with one. FISCC lead the division overcoming St Georges F 5-0 and Ashorne B 5-0 with Mark Kingham and Brian Marston grabbing all ten points. Eathorpe D also took 5 off St Georges F, Richard Freeman and George Miller the lethal duo.

Norton Lindsay had an emphatic 5-0 win over Eathorpe H in Division C with Andrew Mountney and Edward Rogers on top form. Eathorpe F took 4 points from Free Church O, John Gymer unbeaten and Norbu Sunang – Joret winning one but falling to Mark Singleton. Free Church P won 4-1 at Eathorpe G, Oscar Dalrymple (2) James Wilson (1) and the doubles. Cory Hancock staved off the whitewash. Eathorpe G recovered to overwhelm their H side 5-0, Hancock and Max Turvey mopping up the points.

Free Church R whipped Free Church V 4-1 in Division D with Matthew Hayes winning his two and partnering son Harry, who won once, to the doubles. Ricardo Bolanos took a consolation.