**Table-tennis**

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Timmy Cooper continued his recent run of outstanding form when he reached the Final of the Under 18s at last Saturday’s Milton Keynes 2-star. Ranked England U 15 number 28 in the latest ETTA list, he won his initial group and then took the semi-final group by beating Jake Henley and Ben Tombs. In the Final he fell 1-3 to Michael Bree, who will be his doubles partner in the Nationals later this season.

Lillington Free Church also sent a contingent to the Cirencester 1-star last Sunday. Best performance came from Katie Singleton who beat Emily Haskell, Sarah Mengstab and club-mates Olivia Fletcher and Eve Briscoe to finish a highly creditable 4th in the Under 15 girls. She also distinguished herself by taking a game off England number 25 girl, Holly Johns of Devon. Fletcher notched 5th place and the improving Briscoe 7th. Fletcher bettered that performance by finishing 4th in the Junior Girls and brother Tom finished 7th of 30 in the under 15 Boys.

Division 1’s biggest shock so far came at Phoenix when the home side saw off early leaders Rugby A 7-3, who were missing some of their stars. Nonetheless it was a cracking performance with Aaron Riley and Ryan Stockham undefeated in both singles and doubles.

Colebridge A took advantage of Rugby’s slip with a comfortable 8-2 win over St Georges A. Kate Hughes continued her wonderful early season form with a treble and Michael Browne and Mike Rinnhofer chipped in with two apiece and the doubles. Damon Fenton replied with two.

County Council B edged a close match, defeating Wellesbourne 6-4. Simon Griew, Martin Hunter and Murray Stevenson all won twice but had no answer to Gary Stewart who also partnered Alan Cotton to the doubles. Two man St. Georges B had to concede 3 sets to their C team and eventually went down 9-1 with Miles Chan and John Fuller unbeaten. Finally, Rugby A hammered County Council B 9-1 Jesse Kendrick-Hill, Ryan Lines and Danny Orr taking all the singles.

Rugby C look unstoppable in Division 2 and pasted St Georges E 9-1 with hat-tricks from Danny Orr and Anshul Satsangi. A similar scoreline was imposed on Phoenix O, Orr and Satsangi again invincible. Free Church C edge 3rd position after squeezing out Colebridge B 6-4. None could master John Taylor but the FC lads took the spoils with braces from Solomon Hayes and Kit Turner, a single from Sam Wiggins and a Hayes/Wiggins doubles win. Eathorpe A had to settle for a draw when they entertained Nomads A. Pete Titmas (2), Chris Atkins (1) and Nelson Wong (1) plus the doubles were home scorers with Sam Weaving clinching his first Division 2 maximum in reply. Tony Thomas added two. Eathorpe followed this up with a 7-3 win against Free Church C thanks to a hat-trick from Andy Baruch, two from Pete Titmas and one from Chris Atkins with Baruch and Titmas winning the doubles. Newly promoted Snitterfield A managed a fine draw on their visit to Flavels. Stuart Ayres (2), Robert Poole (2) and Graham Poole (1) ensured defeat was off the agenda but the home team’s Dot Macfarlane could not be conquered and she also partnered Roger Potts, who won once, to the doubles. Snitterfield A gave second best to Free Church A losing 7-3 as Scott Delday, Kit Turner and Sam Wiggins all won two. The Villagers’ Stuart Ayres also recorded two. Whitnash A won 7-3 against St Georges E in a match when no player remained unbeaten. Paul Riman, Richard Smith and Dennis Woodhead won 2 for the Sports club with Georges’ Richard Grover emulating them. Whitnash could not get the better of Enigmas however, losing 4-6 despite a treble from Jon Williams. Gary Jackson, Malc Macfarlane and Dong Wei all posted two victories.

Other result:

Snitterfield A 2 (Tim Fell 1, Robert Poole 1) St Georges D 8 (Brian Aston 3, Kevin Finn 3, William Fletcher 1 +D) ;

Rugby D top Division 3. David Cox (3), James Robertson(3) and Jo Outhwaite (2) proving too strong for Nomads C after a 9-1 victory.

Free Church G had a 6-4 success against their F side. F’s Dave Ramsey took his 3 and Josh Wyatt-Smith had a fine win but G’s Olivia Fletcher (2), Adam Pulman (2) and Joe Hunt (1) plus the doubles got G off the mark. Free Church D overcame 3rd placed WCC C 6-4 with Anthony Smith starring with a maximum. He partnered Cherry Matthews, who like Dudley Turner won once, to the doubles with Derek Harwood and Doug Lowe notching two each for Council. Whitnash B drew with Free Church H when Wilf Chan and Greg Swan won two singles. Pete Elliott joined Swan for the vital doubles but 14 year old Adam Cofler showed his potential with his first Division 3 treble. Lleryn Gardner and Lindy Myers added singles.

Ashorne A had their best win of the Division 4 campaign over Rugby E whom they beat 9-1. Steve Bolton and Roger Kelley could not be mastered and Chris Bowles won twice. Eathorpe C took all 10 points against WCC D, Jon and John Ablett and Charlie Wragg the destroyers. Free Church I won 9-1 against their K team with Tom Fletcher and James Robertson conceding no quarter and the less experienced Joe Mills winning twice. Eve Briscoe nailed an excellent consolation. Eathorpe B edged Free Church J 6-4 with Sophie Cooper (2), Michael Rossington (2) and Paul Deavall (1) plus the doubles seeing them home. However, the visitors’ Katie Singleton took her first hat-trick at this level.

Other results:

Free Church K 0 Eathorpe C 10 (Jon Ablett, John Ablett and Simon Thompson); WCC D 3 (Jason Grey 2, David Dunn 1) Free Church I 7 (Tom Fletcher 3, James Robertson 2, Joe Mills 1);

In Division A Flavels look to be a side to be reckoned with and Mick Bennett and Steve Lyons took all 5 points at FISCC.

Eathorpe E ride high in Division B and crushed Free Church O 5-0 with William Apted and Callum Pickering proving too good. They followed this up with a 4-1 success over a strong Free Church N, Pickering dropping the only point to Jay Virdi. FC O recovered to beat FC L 4-1 with Mark Singleton winning twice and Miles Wyatt-Smith recording his first League success. Free Church M beat L 4-1, Keith Knott 2, Ashley Knott 1 +doubles and then the same players won all 5 points against St Georges F.

Rugby F haven’t dropped a point in Division C and Sam Basford and Freddy Jones were rarely troubled against FC Q. Ashorne B had a nail-biting 3-2 win at FC P, Steve Handsley winning 11-9 in the 5th against Oscar Dalrymple and another close game with Daniel Strand. He then partnered Tony Philpott to the doubles.

Eathorpe H beat Free Church S 5-0 and Free Church T 4-1 in Division D. Miguel Calvo-Turnbull was unbeaten in both matches and Ben Barker dropped just one when he lost to T’s Ciara Hancox. Eathorpe G’s Cory Hancock and Max Turvey defeated FC S 5-0 and FC R ‘s Matthew and Harry Hayes inflicted a similar scoreline on FC U.