**Table-tennis League Report**

Colebridge A’s 9-1 success over Free Church B lifts them 22 points clear at the top of Division 1. Kate Hughes and Ben Willson were undefeated and Mike Rinnhofer added two. Sam Wiggins had an outstanding win over Rinnhofer to avoid the whitewash. At the other end of the table Rugby B made significant progress as they overcame Colebridge B 8-2 with maximums from Adrian Pilgrim and Anshul Satsangi. Paul Lilley recorded a single but was second best to John Chandler and Jamie Fellows. St Georges A beat Wellesbourne 7-3 with Damon Fenton and Earl Sweeney in fine form. Matt Jordan contributed one with Alan Cotton and Luke Moffat taking a single apiece and the doubles. St Georges B walloped Enigmas 9-1, Mark Jackson (3), Ron Vose (3), Luke Hobbins (2) with Steve Proctor replying. Free Church A and WCC B fought out a draw, Timmy Cooper and Chris Mulligan scoring braces for the home side and Nilton Green emulating them for the visitors.

Division 2 leaders Free Church C suffered their second successive loss, 4-6 to Whitnash A for whom Kevin Ariss and Paul Riman each won twice. Kit Turner with two was Church’s best player. Free Church D made the concession of 3 points by Eathorpe A count, winning 6-4. Adam Cofler and Anthony Smith each won once and took the doubles, whilst Chris Atkins and Andy Baruch shared the villagers’ points. Chris Hughes appeared for Snitterfield A against St Georges C and helped his team to a draw as he remained unbeaten. He also took the doubles with Tim Fell who won once. Brian Aston (2), Kevin Finn (2) and Gary Edwards (1) replied. Nomads A went one better against St Georges C, winning 6-4 with braces from Paul Rowan and Tony Thomas, who also took the doubles, and one from Andy Davies. Brian Aston’s treble kept the visitors in contention.

Second placed WCC C were held to a draw in Division 3 by Free Church G whose James Robertson secured a tremendous treble. Jack Green and Lewis Singleton each won once with Doug Lowe and Ian Stevens winning twice and taking the doubles for Council. WCC C then went on to beat Nomads B 8-2. Steve Poole won his three and combined with Doug Lowe for the doubles, Lowe and Derek Harwood winning twice. Les Hoggins with 2 nailed Nomads’ points. Free Church F drew with bottom side Eathorpe B as Adam Pulman and Josh Wyatt-Smith recorded doubles and Pete Rourke one. Jon Ablett and Charlie Wragg both won twice in reply. Rugby D just slipped to a home defeat against Nomads B 4-6. Les Hoggins made the difference with a visiting hat-trick and Richard Miles added two. Dave Cox was Rugby’s best with two wins.

Eathorpe C sit top of Division 4 after trouncing Free Church K 10-0 through Sophie Cooper, Paul Deavall and Michael Rossington. However, 3rd placed Whitnash B look very dangerous and their experienced trio of Wilf Chan, Richard Smith and Greg Swan were too good for the young girls of Free Church H, taking all the points. WCC E leapt up the table after defeating their F team 10-0, David Dunn, William Hung and Carl Morgan inflicting the damage. 4th placed Rugby E showed promotion credentials overcoming second placed Ashorne A 7-3 with Sam Cafearo and Freddy Jones racking up the points. Chris Bowles, Roger Kelley and reserve Steve Handsley all posted a win. Eathorpe D’s Will Apted won his three in their 7-3 win over Free Church I. James Keay and Callum Pickering won twice with Joe Mills and Dan Shaw taking singles and combining for the doubles.

Flavels B have a secure lead at the top of Division A and Mick Bennett and Roger Potts were in no mood to surrender points in their 5-0 win over Rugby F. Snitterfield B’s Henry Lu and Nello Mauri also whitwashed Norton Lindsey A and FISCC beat Free Church L 4-1, Mark Jones (2) and Brian Marston (1). Jay Virdi can be pleased with his win for Church. Rugby G are creeping ever higher in the B division and thrashed Free Church O 5-0 with Bradley Smith and Archie West accounting for the points. Free Church M move top after eclipsing Eathorpe F 5-0, Ashley and Keith Knott the men in form. Free Church N are hard on their heels and beat Eathorpe E 4-1, Oscar Dalrymple (2) and Charlie Snelson (1), losing to Norbu Sunang-Joret.

 Division C leaders Ashorne C edged Norton Lindsey B 3-2 as Steve Handsley won twice and took the doubles with Anthony Philpott. Andy Mountney and Edward Rogers responded. Eathorpe G beat Free Church P 3-2 but could not dent the 100% record of Dominic Priest. John Gymer and James Stone ensured victory. Free Church Q overcame their R side 4-1 with Emily Beasley unbeaten and Milly Green winning once and joining Beasley for the doubles. Elaine Bradley was R’s heroine.

Free Church V posted a 4-1 success over FC S as Findlay Douglas maintained his 100% average. He helped Brody Speller, who won once, to the doubles whilst Amie Goldsmith replied. Ashorne C took all 5 points against Free Church U, Steve Bolton lending his experience to Harvey Innocent. Ashorne were denied a full house by Free Church S winning 4-1. Innocent again secured a maximum but Bolton fell to Ellie Goldsmith.

 **Burton Uxbridge 1-Star**

Lillington Free Church’s young table-tennis stars entered Sunday’s Burton Uxbridge tournament and emerged with three runners-up trophies. Olivia Fletcher won her Junior Girls’ group beating Shreya Mehta and Jessica Lindsay as well as club-mate Eve Briscoe, 3-1, to qualify for the semi-final where she beat Rugby’s Milly Bradshaw in straight games. She then had to settle for the second place trophy despite 3 close games with Chloe Lingard of Lincolnshire. Eve Briscoe might have rued the fact that she was in Fletcher’s group but went on to contest the Girls’ Consolation trophy in which she reached the Final, losing to Amy Gittings.

Robbie Fitchford came second in his initial Boys’ Under 13 group, losing to Jinius Sleuth but claiming two wins including the scalp of Draycott’s Rory Watkins. This was sufficient to propel him to the knock-out stages. After winning his quarter-final comfortably, he found himself down 1-2 in games and 6-9 in points but came back to win in 5. Sleuth was again his opponent in the Final but this time a much closer tussle ensued and the Church youngster lost in 5 to bag the runners-up trophy.

Jenny Singleton, playing in the Under 15 Girls, enjoyed a fine opening group. Despite losing to England number 61 Medha Varma of Surrey she collared Bethany Wootton, Helena Dicken and Georgia Harris to make the semi-final where she lost to the eventual winner, Lingard.

Lewis Singleton also qualified in the Junior Boys and included fine wins over club-mate James Robertson and the respected David Bree before falling in the knock-outs.

Ricardo Bolanos finished 3rd in the competition for Primary pupils featuring wins over Jai Varma and Yatharth Parmar. He then qualified in second place in the under 13s beating Parmar and Benjamin Shieldrake before bowing out in the quarter-final.