**Table-tennis League Report**

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**Fourth placed St Georges B held second placed Rugby A to a draw in a thrilling Division 1 match. Rugby’s Matt Outhwaite notched a hat-trick and won the doubles with Ryan Lines who won once but Mark Jackson and Ron Vose lifted their games to snatch braces and Luke Hobbins had a fine win over Danny Orr. However, they quickly came down to earth as third placed Free Church A beat them 7-3 with 16 year old Lee Dorning starring with three wins and the doubles with Timmy Cooper, who won twice. Proud coach Chris Mulligan added one with Jackson (2) and Vose (1) replying. Two player St Georges A overcame Rugby B 6-4 with Lawrence Sweeney undefeated in singles and doubles and Damon Fenton taking two. Ryan Stockham added to the conceded points. Leaders Colebridge A surprisingly dropped 3 points to Wellesbourne for whom Alan Cotton was in top form winning two and partnering Gary Stewart to the doubles. Ben Willson’s three and two each from Kate Hughes and Mike Rinnhofer got Colebridge home. Rugby A beat Colebridge B 7-3 as Lines and Outhwaite took the points. Vikas Bakshi, John Chandler and Farooq Kakar all posted one for the visitors. County Council’s Phil Paine was in great form against Free Church B winning his three in a 6-4 success. Pat McCabe won two with Sam Weaving (2), Jeff Harris (1) and Sam Wiggins (1) responding.**

**Paul Calloway demonstrated that he is a top Division 2 player, notching a treble against Snitterfield A in a 6-4 victory. Richard Jardim won twice and took the doubles with Calloway. Chris Hughes (2), Stuart Ayres (1) and Dave Milton (1) were the villagers’ marksmen. Harry Purewal went to watch his side Free Church C against Snitterfield but ended up playing with a borrowed bat and won his 3 in a 7-3 win. Chris Blowey was also unbeaten and Kit Turner won once, losing to Ayres and Tim Fell who combined for the doubles. Whitnash A power on and saw off Free Church D 7-3 with Kevin Arris and Paul Riman posting hat-tricks and the doubles.**

**Division 3 leaders St Georges D were made to work for their 7-3 success at Free Church F, for whom Lleryn Brocklehurst had two great wins. Andy Caine was unbeaten, Richard Grover won twice and Tracey Fletcher once with the two latter taking the doubles. Free Church E edged promotion rivals Flavels A, 6-4 despite Roger Potts’s wonderful triple and a single from Dot Macfarlane. Olivia Fletcher (2), Dudley Turner (2), Phil Blowey (1) and a Fletcher/ Blowey doubles win stole it for Church. Young Jack Green showed great maturity as he grabbed a hat-trick for Free Church G in their 6-4 victory over Nomads B. James Robertson added two and the pair took the doubles with Les Hoggins (2), Steve Kurle (1) and Richard Miles (1) running Church close.**

**Leaders Whitnash B whitewashed Free Church K in Division 4 courtesy of Wilf Chan, Jayne Fitton and Greg Swan. Ashorne A won 9-1 against WCC E, Steve Bolton(3), Roger Kelley (3) and Chris Bowles (2) doing the damage with Jason Grey replying.**

**Free Church J also won 9-1, trouncing WCC F. Sam Bradley and Jill Weaving took 7 of the points with Catherine McAuley losing only to the improving Richard Haigh. An outstanding treble from 11 year old Ricardo Bolanos could not prevent Free Church I succumbing 3-7 to Eathorpe C, Paul Deavall, Shaun Martin and Michael Rossington all winning twice.**

**In Division A Free Church AA accounted for Champions Flavels B 3-2. Dot Macfarlane took Flavels’ points but Mark Bolshaw and Jerry Simmons took a single apiece and the vital doubles. WCC G also look strong and thrashed Snitterfield B 5-0 through Doug Lowe and Steve Poole.**

**Mixed fortunes for Free Church M in Division B. They defeated Rugby F 4-1 with Ashley Knott winning two and brother Jeremy taking one. Dad Keith joined Ashley for the doubles with Ian Evans picking up the consolation. They then fell to Rugby G, for whom Freddy Jones won two and the doubles with Archie West, the Knott brothers each taking a singles. Free Church L defeated FC N 4-1 with Robbie Fitchford winning two and the doubles with Jay Virdi who won once but fell to Charlie Snelson.**

**In Division C Free Church Q recovered from their first week defeat to trounce FISSC B, Emily Beasley and Ciara Hancox the destroyers. Eathorpe E also won 5-0 against Free Church P, Jamie Sayer and Norbu Sunang-Joret invincible and Eathorpe F overcame Free Church O 4-1 with Cory Hancock (2) and Dave Hawker (1) combining for the doubles. Joss Farmer scored for the visitors.**

**In Division D Eathorpe G walloped Free Church BB 4-1 with Ben Barker winning twice and James Stone once, the pair winning the doubles. Fiona Wyburn avoided the whitewash. FC BB had earlier defeated Norton Lindsey B 4-1, Wyburn(2), Findlay Douglas (1) and the doubles. Edward Rogers restored the villagers’ pride. Norton Lindsey were then edged out by Eathorpe H 2-3 despite Andy Mountney winning his two. Tom Booth and Luca Bloodworth took a single each and the doubles. Free Church T made it two wins out of 2 crushing Free Church R 5-0 through 10 Year old Nicholas Ho and Chris Jones.**

**In Division E Free Church S edged Ashorne C 3-2. Harvey Innocent won his two for the visitors but Church stormed back with singles from Amie Goldsmith and Emma Pulman before Ellie Goldsmith teamed with her twin for the doubles. It was the same score as FC U fell 2-3 to FC W in a match where every player won once, Emma Briscoe and James Briscoe for U and Eleanor Fletcher and Jake Simmons for W. Fletcher and Simmons took the doubles.**

**Table-tennis Extra**

**Players from Lillington Free Church had an outstanding weekend at tournaments. In the Burton Uxbridge 1-star on Sunday, Emily Beasley and Ciara Hancox decided to enter the U15s instead of the U13s in order to increase their experience. Beasley played well to win one of her initial group and was close to several other victories. Hancox excelled to win her group. She then beat Jessie Freeman, the number one seed in the quarter final before hammering England number 81, Amy Bestall, 3-0. In the Final she came up against Zoe Hewitt, England number 50, losing 2-3 after taking a 2-0 lead.**

**Robbie Fitchford entered the Under 13 Boys finishing second in his initial group to England number 10, Liam Williamson. In the quarter Final he beat Yorkshire’s Jack Hewitt, defeated Abishek Bathula in the semi and met Williamson for the second time in the Final, going down 7-11, 10-12, 11-13.**

**On Saturday Sam Weaving entered the U17s and U18s in the Milton Keynes 2-star winning 10 out of his 12 matches. Sam won his initial group in the 17s, lost to Zak Dowling of Kent to finish 2nd in his second group and then beat David Sharp in the 3rd/4th play-off. Likewise he won his first group in the U18s, finished second in his next group, losing to Milton Keynes’s Matt Evans before beating MK’s Ed Simms in the 3rd/4th play-off.**