**Table-tennis**

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**Draycott 1-Star**

**Lillington Free Church TTC sent four players to the Draycott tournament at Long Eaton on Saturday and all came away with impressive results. Ricardo Bolanos qualified for the knock-out stages from his U13 group after beating Luca Pontone of Durham, Jai Varma of Derbyshire and Sam Lowe. In the semi-final he beat England number 48, James Courtney of Cheshire to face Abishek Bathula of North Wales in the Final, Bathula winning 3-1 in a close match.**

**Bolanos also qualified from his under 15 group, this time in second place on countback. Bathula won the group and Bolanos beat Finley Drake, losing to Bathula and Taylor Pearson. However, Drake beat Pearson to allow Bolanos through. In the quarters Bolanos, ranked 150 under 15 in England, overcame England number 97, Louis Roper-Gibbs of Cambridgeshire and then clinched his semi against Jai Varma of Derbyshire. In the Final Bolanos faced Rugby’s Sam Cafearo, now number 70 in England, losing 0-3.**

**Cafearo had reached the Final by way of beating Daniel Andrews, Leo Pontone of Durham and Jai Varma. He beat Luca Pontone in the quarters and Bathula in the semis, 3-1, before meeting Bolanos. In the Juniors Cafearo beat Aaron Stanyard, Matt Lowe of Yorkshire and Hayden Wootton of Staffs to qualify for the semis where he beat Nottinghamshire’s Andreas Dickman 9 in the 5th. Cafearo then lost the Final 0-3 to Jack Finney of Derbyshire.**

**Tom Fletcher impressed as he qualified from his group in the Junior Boys, especially with his win over Daniel Andrews. In the knock-outs he lost a close tussle, 1-3 to Roper-Gibbs.**

**Olivia Fletcher won her Junior Girls group defeating Jessica Lindsey, Bethany Wootton of Staffordshire and Erin Greensmith of Durham. Eve Briscoe also qualified losing to Lincolnshire’s Chloe Lingard, England number 33, but beating Kelsey Andrews and Evie Elliott of Northants. In the semis the two club-mates faced each other with Fletcher triumphing 3-1 but Briscoe should be pleased with her best tournament performance of recent times. Fletcher went on to face Lingard in the Final going down 1-3.**