**Table-tennis Report**

**November 9th 2018**

**The top clash in Division 1 was at League headquarters where St Georges A pipped Colebridge A 6-4 to move into third place. Laurence Sweeney won his three for the former boys club with reserve Damon Fenton and Mark Jackson adding singles. A thrilling 11-9 in the 5th verdict for Jackson and Sweeney in the doubles swung the match in their favour. Paul Lenormand and Ben Willson secured braces for Colebridge who sit second. Lillington Free Church A grabbed top spot after sweeping aside their D team 10-0, Jack Green, Dave Ramsey and Sam Weaving in inspired form. D bounced back to secure their first win with a 6-4 success at home to Wellesbourne. James Robertson nailed his first ever premier treble and partnered Tom Hunt to win the doubles. Hunt and Livvy Fletcher got Church over the line with Gary Stewart (2), Alan Cotton (1) and John Price (1) replying. Wellesbourne also lost 6-4 to Whitnash A. Kevin Arris and Mark Woolerton won all their singles and it was left to Cotton, Price and Stewart and a Cotton/Stewart doubles win to keep it close. County Council B had an emphatic 9-1 win over Free Church C. Martin Hunter won his three but went to 5 in each match. Simon Griew also took a maximum and stole the doubles with Martyn Todd 11-9 in the 5th. Todd added two losing to Harry Purewal.**

**County Council A moved impressively into 3rd place in Division 2 with matches in hand after trouncing Whitnash A 10-0, Chris Maiden, Pat McCabe and Martyn Todd the strong trio. Millennium A beat Snitterfield A 9-1 with hat-tricks from Peter Harris and Jack Shardlow. Jack Garner notched two, losing to Nigel Payne, and Harris and Shardlow secured the doubles. A triple from Roald Myers steered Free Church F to a draw against Nomdas Enigmas. Lewis Singleton contributed two with Nomads forcing stalemate through Steve Proctor (2), Malc Macfarlane (1) and John Taylor (1). Macfarlane and Proctor took the crucial doubles 11-9 in the 5th.**

**Rugby C posted two wins in Division 3. The first came against Free Church I 6-4, thanks to maximums from Sarah James and Martyn Lilley. Reserve Nick Darwen, Darren Laffey and Joe Shrimpton all claimed one for Church. Laffey and Shrimpton grabbed the doubles. Rugby C then overcame their D side 8-2. James and Lilley were again unbeaten in singles and doubles with Jo Outhwaite contributing one. Joe and Stuart Mills scored for D. Free Church I suffered another defeat at the hands of Nomads Codgers. Les Hoggins and Kim Wong won their singles, Richard Miles won two, losing to Shrimpton, and paired with Wong for the doubles.**

**Eathorpe C edged their D side 6-4 in Division 4. Sophie Cooper, Shaun Martin and Michael Rossington all won twos for the victors with Thomas Backhouse doing likewise for D and Kieran Braden-Brown winning once as well as helping Backhouse to win the doubles. However, C couldn’t prevent the strong Warwick University A team taking 8 points off them. Cooper and Paul Deavall squeezed singles but a treble from Michael Farmer (3), Adam Green (2) and Aaron Yan (2) and a Green/Yan doubles win kept Warwick at the top of the division. Rugby F are also contenders in this division and blitzed County Council E 9-1. Alex Bowe and Jack Kuomi accounted for 7 of the points and Grace Newman added two, losing to Jason Grey. Ashorne D claimed their first win of the season 6-4 against County Council F. Jim Jack played a pivotal role winning his three and partnering Steve Handsley, who won twice, to the doubles. Simon Chalker (2), Eric Barthorpe (1) and Jeremy Sampson (1) kept Council in contention.**

**In Division A Rugby H whitewashed their G team and Daryl and Matthew Burgess find themselves second.**

**Ashorne B thumped FISSC B 5-0 in Division B through Steve Bolton and Mark Bridgeman to move into top place.**

**Free Church P have a one point lead over Rugby J at the summit of Division C despite losing to them 3-2. Mark Jackson won his two for Rugby and Kuba Kucharczyk won once, losing to Jun Chung who also guided Jack Bradbury to the doubles. Eathorpe H had a welcome 4-1 success over County Council F . Declan Jay won two and Joshua Jay, one, with the twins winning the doubles. Eric Barthorpe took the consolation point.**

**Free Church S surprised Eathorpe J in Division D with a 3-2 win. Deva Bakthisaran and Michael Khovanov held singles and pocketed the doubles. Ben Anderton and Adam Colbridge responded. However, J rebounded to replace their I team at the top of the division after a 4-1 win. Anderton and Colbridge won all the singles but ceded the doubles to David Hanson and John Gymer.**

**County Report**

**Warwickshire’s Senior table-tennis team went to St Neots on Saturday to play in Division 2A of the County League. The first match was against Cambridgeshire seconds which produced a 7-3 win. Ryan Lines of Rugby won two, as did Charlotte Spencer and Livvy Fletcher, both of Free Church. The ladies both beat Carrie Cope, ranked at number 20 as an England veteran. Colebridge’s Ben Willson chipped in with one.**

**Staffordshire were then dispatched 8-2 with Spencer and Fletcher again taking their two singles, Mark Jackson of St Georges also winning twice and Lines and Willson one apiece. The ladies took the prized scalp of Amilia Baker and Jackson accounted for Nick Gilmour.**

**The final match resulted in a narrow 6-4 defeat to Worcestershire. Spencer beat Barbara Szeligowska and Margaret Dignum, an over 70s England veteran international. Fletcher also beat Dignum and Willson overcame Jason Thompson 3-0 who is ranked at number 13 as a veteran.**

**On the same day the County Junior team played at the Draycott club in Long Eaton in Division 1A of the County Junior League. The squad was made up of Emily Beasley, Ricardo Bolanos, Sam Cafearo, Jack Green, Milly Green and Nikit Sajiv. Cafearo is from the Rugby TTC and the rest are all from Lillington Free Church TTC. The first match resulted in a hard fought draw against Yorkshire. Jack Green starred with two wins, Beasley, Bolanos and Milly Green supplying singles. Worcestershire were next up and Warwickshire delivered a 9-1 win. Bolanos’s double included a 3-1 victory over England number 27 junior Harvey Ellicott who had beaten him last weekend in the West Midlands tournament. Beasley, Milly Green and Sajiv also won their two singles and Jack Green won once, losing to Ellicott. In the final match Cheshire proved too strong, emerging as 8-2 winners. Jack Green and Sajiv both beat Liam Dibby.**

**National Cadet League**

**November 4th 2018**

**Four teams from Lillington Free Church TTC travelled to the Westfield club in Wellingborough on Sunday to compete on Day 1 of the National Cadet League. With only 3 of their 12 players in their last season as a cadet it was a daunting challenge but the young teams were up to it.**

**The A team finished second in Division 1 after beating Bedford Modern A 6-0, Lillington B and WDHA (Wellingborough) 5-1 and St Neots A 4-2. In their last match they faced unbeaten Corby Smash A , losing 2-4, the match hinging on a 11-13 defeat for Tom Yarrow in the 5th against Alex Cochrane. Eduardo Bolanos recorded an 80% average and Yarrow and Eleanor Fletcher, the only girl competing in the League, on 70%.**

**Lillington B exceeded expectations with a 3rd placed finish in this division. They lost 5-1 to Corby, Chris Ho taking the consolation against Ed Brown, and by the same score to their A side, Ho getting the better of Fletcher though 4 of the matches went to 5. However, Bedford, WDHA and St Neots A were all dispatched 4-2 with number 3 Chris Ho returning an 80% average and Nicholas Ho and Joe Shrimpton recording 30%.**

**Lillington C were placed in Division 2 at the last minute but justified the decision by finishing 3rd. They lost 6-0 to top side Knighton Park of Leicester and 4-2 to Corby Smash B but beat Westfield A and WDHA B 6-0 and Bedford B 5-1. Number 3 Dan Stone won 7 of his 10 singles with George Barnes and Owain Jones posting 6 victories apiece.**

**The most exciting finish came in Division 3 B. Lillington D and Corby Town A had both defeated Bedford C and WDHA C 9-0 and faced each other to determine top place. Corby went 2-0 up but were clawed back to level after wins for Nathan Jackson and Jack Bradbury. Further wins from Jackson and Jun Chung left the match poised at 4-4. Chung then opposed number 1 Nathan Dixon and got home 11-9 in the 5th to win promotion for his team of debutants.**