**Table-tennis Report**

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Top clash of the New Year in the Leamington League came in Division 2 where second placed Enigmas posted their intentions of a return to Division 1 with a 9-1 thrashing of high flying Free Church C. Gary Jackson and Dong Wei picked up 7 of the points with Malcolm Macfarlane adding a crucial two. Flavels’ Trevor Bradley achieved two maximums, against Whitnash A and St Georges D but could not prevent his team from defeat in either case. Doubles from Paul Riman, Richard Smith and Dennis Woodhead saw Whitnash edge the match 6-4 and braces from Gary Edwards, Kevin Finn and William Fletcher plus the doubles enabled Georges to get home 7-3. Phoenix O drew with Colebridge B with Paul Calloway and Richard Jardim each winning twice and Roy Joiner taking a single. John Taylor won his three for the Brummies and held the doubles with John Chandler who won once. Nomads A overwhelmed Snitterfield A 9-1, Andy Davies and Sam Weaving scoring trebles and Tony Thomas a brace.

In Division 1 Free Church B had arguably their best performance so far when narrowly going down 4-6 to 3rd placed WCC B. None of the home side accounted for Simon Griew but Hugh Matthews won twice, Jeff Harris once and the pair took the doubles. Wellesbourne stayed just ahead of St Georges A in mid-table when securing a 6-4 win. Alan Cotton, Pete Dunnett and Gary Stewart all won twice but could not better Damon Fenton who took his three and the doubles with Earl Sweeney.

Millennium moved into 3rd place in Division 3, one point adrift of a promotion spot with a match in hand. Bob Clarke, Christian Ward and Rob Warnes took all 10 points from Nomads C and then trounced 5th placed WCC C 8-2, Warnes again winning three with Colin Astbury and Bob Clarke notching twos. Mark Freeman got both points for Council. Free Church D sit 26 points clear at the top and showed little mercy to Free Church F, crushing them 9-1. Chris Blowey and Cherry Matthews were unbeaten, Dudley Turner won twice and helped Blowey to the doubles. Kim Wong had an excellent win for F. Fourth placed Rugby D beat Free Church H with Dave Cox, Phil Morris and James Robertson all winning twice and the two latter taking the doubles for a 7-3 success. However, a sparkling treble from 13 year old Adam Cofler ensured H had something to show.

Ashorne A moved in to runners-up spot in Division 4 after a whitewashing of WCC D, Steve Bolton, Chris Bowles and Roger Kelley wrapping up the points. Eathorpe B fought out a thrilling draw with Free Church I with Paul Deavall and Michael Rossington snatching braces and Dave Hawker chipping in with one. Jack Green rallied Church with a triple and the doubles with Tom Fletcher who won a single. Leaders Eathorpe C beat Rugby E 7-3, for whom Mark Wilson was unbeaten. John and Jon Ablett and Charlie Wragg bagged the other points. Eathorpe C notched the same scoreline against Free Church J With John Ablett (3) joined by Simon and Holly Thompson who both won twice.

Rugby F, promoted from division C to Division A for the Spring 2-a-side League, saw the size of the challenge as Topspinners roasted them 4-1. Bradley Matthews starred with 2. For Rugby, Sam Cafearo became the first player to beat Topspinners’ coach Richard Lancucki for several seasons. Flavels B saw off another promoted team, Free Church N, 5-0 with Mick Bennett and Roger Potts amassing the points. Snitterfield B likewise beat the third promoted team, Eathorpe F, 5-0 with Henry Lu and Nello Mauri unbeaten.

FISCC just edged St Georges F 3-2 in their Division B match when Brian Marston won his two and partnered Mandip Takhar to the doubles. Kevin Rose and Alex Wright both responded with a single. Relegated Eathorpe D got back to winning ways, crushing Ashorne B 5-0, Richard Freeman and Shaun Martin doing the damage.

Norton Lindsey are getting the hang of League Life and secured a Division C success, 3-2, over Free Church O. Gareth Hepworth was their mainstay winning his two and pairing with Edward Rogers for the doubles. Mark Singleton and Miles Wyatt-Smith replied. Eathorpe F hammered their G side 4-1 with Jamie Sayer taking two and the doubles with Norbu Sunang-Joret (won one). Cory Hancock posted his first win in this division. Free Church P, who missed out on promotion through games countback, gave notice of their ambitions by defeating Eathorpe H 5-0, Daniel Strand and James Wilson the determined duo.

In the all Free Church Division D T trounced U 5-0, Emily Beasley and Milly Green successful.

Q beat new side V 5-0 but Elaine Bradley and Carolyn Dorning were made to work despite the scoreline. R defeated S 4-1, Matthew Hayes (2) Harry Hayes (1) and the doubles with newly crowned County under 11 champion Ellie Goldsmith replying.