**Table-Tennis League Report**

Rugby A have dropped just one point in three Division 1 matches, their latest victims being Colebridge B and County Council B who were both whitewashed. WCC’s Simon Griew almost snatched a point against Ryan Stockham, losing 9-11 in the 5th but otherwise, Stockham, Ryan Lines and Adrian Pilgrim were untroubled. Matt Outhwaite replaced Pilgrim in the Colebridge match. Wellesbourne got their season off to a flyer with an 8-2 victory over newly promoted Nomads A. Alan Cotton and John Price were undefeated and Pete Dunnett won twice, losing to Paul Rowan who took the doubles with Ian Beasley. St Georges A recorded their first win of the season against Wellesbourne, 7-3. Damon Fenton, Luke Hobbins and Matt Jordan all won two with Fenton teaming up with Earl Sweeney for the doubles. However, none could master Gary Stewart.

In a very close Division 2 where 9 points separate top from bottom, Phoenix O have manoeuvred themselves into joint third. They drew with St Georges C, Callum Martin winning three and taking the doubles with Roy Joiner who won once, 7 in the 5th against Kevin Finn. Brian Aston and Will Fletcher each won twice and the unlucky Finn once. Phoenix followed this with a 7-3 win over Free Church D Martin again winning three, aided by Paul Calloway who also took a maximum as well as partnering Martin to the doubles. Mark Bolshaw, Jack Green and Anthony Smith all scored for FC. Eathorpe A and Rugby C share bottom place after their clash which the villagers edged 6-4. Pete Titmas’s hat-trick was crucial, Steph Hawkins added two and Chris Atkins one. Ben Holvey took two in reply and won the doubles with Hugh Crosfield who bagged one. Nomads Enigmas lie second despite being squeezed out 6-4 by Colebridge C for whom Neil Wheatley starred with a treble. Mike Evetts, two, and John Overton, one, saw them over the line. Malcolm Macfarlane, two, and Steve Proctor, one, plus the doubles kept Enigmas in it. Top place is currently enjoyed by Whitnash A and they accounted for St Georges C 7-3 with Kevin Ariss and Paul Riman taking all 7 points. Brian Aston, Len Coonan and Will Fletcher all claimed one.

Free Church F beat early Division 3 leaders Flavels A 6-4 thanks to an outstanding triple from James Robertson. Milan Sajiv and Lewis Singleton posted singles and Robertson perfected his night by taking the doubles with Singleton. Mick Bennett (2), Dot Macfarlane (1) and Roger Potts (1) replied. However, it is Free Church G who are the early surprise package, sitting second after beating County Council C 7-3. Ricardo Bolanos stormed to a hat-trick, Adam Pulman won twice and Tom Fletcher won once, Bolanos and Pulman picking up the doubles. Ian Stevens (2) and Derek Harwood (1) were WCC scorers. WCC D have returned just one result so far and that was an emphatic 8-2 success over promoted Whitnash B for whom Richard Smith won twice. Mark Freeman’s triple and braces from Tony Ford and Cliff Jackson plus the doubles (Freeman/Jackson) suggests this side will be pushing for promotion. Flavels A recovered from defeat to whitewash Eathorpe B with Trevor Bradley joining Macfarlane and Potts to secure the points.

In Division 4 Free Church H sit at the top and crushed WCC E 9-1. Emily Beasley and Ciara Hancox were unbeaten in singles and doubles and Emma Kilpatrick added the other points, losing out to Carl Morgan. Free Church J are second, cruising to an 8-2 win over FC I. Janice Rowan and Mike Weaving clocked up 7 of the points and Jill Weaving added the eighth. Chris Jones and FionaWyburn responded. In third place lie Free Church K who defeated a strong Eathorpe C 6-4. Stuart Mills was the key player winning all his singles and the doubles with Dan Shaw who won twice. Eathorpe bounced back with two from Paul Deavall and singles from Sophie Cooper and Michael Rossington. The main challenge in this competitive division could well come from Eathorpe D who had an excellent 7-3 success over Ashorne A whose Paul Rouse won all three singles. John and Jon Ablett and Charlie Wragg took two apiece and the Abletts won the doubles.

In Division A Rugby F defeated the bottom side Free Church N with Callum Ball winning twice and taking the doubles with single winner Archie West. Emily Beasley averted the whitewash.

In Division B lowly Eathorpe E had a welcome 3-2 success at Free Church P when Jamie Sayer and Norbu Sunang-Joret each took singles and the doubles. Oscar Dalrymple was in impeccable form for the hosts winning both singles. Eathorpe E followed this up by overcoming early leaders Free Church O 3-2 with the same players claiming a single apiece and the doubles. This time the thorn in their side was Keith Knott who won twice. Norton Lindsey B triumphed 4-1 against Eathorpe F, hard bat player John Walker winning twice and Guy Harrison once with the pair taking the doubles. Richard Freeman claimed Eathorpe’s point. Free Church P bounced back from defeat to take all 5 points on their visit to County Council F, Oscar Dalrymple and Dan Strand the destroyers.

First played second in Division C with Rugby H nailing Eathorpe G 4-1, thanks to Jack Davidson’s double and one from Bradley Smith, the duo combining for the doubles. Luca Bloodworth secured an excellent consolation.

Ashorne B are finding their form and snatched all 5 points in their match against Rugby G, Steve Handsley and Tony Philpott the men responsible. Free Church R edged their Q team 3-2 despite Ben Hall’s double. Sarah Costa and Milly Green took an excellent single apiece and their eye-catching speed around the table secured the doubles.

Fissc B are on course for promotion from Division D and crushed Free Church S as Martin Hamer and Mandip Takhar were in no mood to concede a point. Norton Lindsey C edged out Eathorpe H 3-2 with Robert Applegarth winning twice and steering Edward Rogers to the doubles. Marcel Bloodworth and John Gymer made it close.

Ashorne C clobbered Free Church W 5-0 in Division E with Steve Bolton and Steve Kay wrapping up the points. W came good the following week to beat their X side 3-2 with singles from Brody and Dylan Speller. Jake Simmons joined Dylan for the doubles whilst Alex O’Driscoll and Emma Pulman took it to the wire. Another close derby was staged between Free Church V and FC Y, Eduardo Bolanos’s double proving pivotal in a 3-2 win for V. Carolyn Dorning won once with Thomas Yarrow getting his first League win and helping Erin Darwen to the doubles.

**Junior British League**

Lillington Free Church TTC sent a team to the British Junior League held over the last weekend at the arena in Derby. Church were placed in Division 2B and finished in 4th place, after three wins out of 5.

They defeated Formby 6-0 with Timmy Cooper, Lee Dorning and Sam Weaving accounting for Stefan Thomson, Rhys Davies and Joshua Parker. BATTS of Harlow were overcome 4-2 with Dorning beating Jordan Wykes and Joe Walker, who was also beaten by Weaving, and Cooper victorious over Victor Kjellander. Northfield 2 from Stockton-on -Tees also fell 4-2 Cooper winning his two against Jack Cope and Jimmy Yeung, and Dorning and Weaving seeing off Will Dobinson.

The two defeats came at the hands of Byng Hall of Tunbridge Wells, Church’s consolation coming from Dorning who beat Carl Baldry and a 2-4 loss to Dublin when Dorning and Weaving were both successful against Joey Nelson.

All in all a good weekend for Church who fielded a “home grown trio”. Dorning returned an admirable 70%, with Cooper and Weaving 50%.

Table as it stands:-

Byng Hall 8 points, BATTS 7, Dublin 6, Lillington 6, Northfield 3, Formby