**Table-tennis League Report**

Leamington Veterans C fell 0-10 to Birmingham B in the Midland Veterans League. Andy Davies, Malc Macfarlane and Rob Warnes faced three Birmingham premier players in the shape of Ada Jones, Paul Hancock and Steve Taylor with matches being much closer than the scoreline suggests.

Rugby A have opened up an ominous 12 point gap at the top of Division 1 and crushed Colebridge B 10-0. Ryan Lines, Adrian Pilgrim and Ryan Stockham will take some catching. Nearest challengers Colebridge A took 9 points off County Council A, Kate Hughes and Ben Willson winning threes and Mike Rinnhofer taking two plus the doubles with Willson. Pat McCabe staved off the whitewash. Free Church A blooded reserve Olivia Fletcher because of a late illness and the new County Junior champion did her bit by taking a vital point as Free Church A defeated their C team 6-4. Lee Dorning won his three and Tom Brocklehurst two with C bouncing back after two wins from Adam Cofler and one from Chris Blowey, the pair also taking the doubles. Wellesbourne defeated Nomads A 9-1 with trebles from Alan Cotton and Pete Dunnett and a brace from John Price who partnered Cotton to a doubles win. Paul Rowan grabbed the consolation.

Rugby C did their second placed team-mates Rugby B no favours in Division 2, holding them to a draw. Danny Orr won two for B and Sam Cafearo added two but a double from Thomas Jacko and singles from Hugh Crosfield and Ben Holvey plus a Holvey/ Jacko doubles win, ensured stalemate. Rugby C also drew with Millennium A, Jacko (3) and Crosfield (2). Christian Ward returned two for the Banbury side with Jack Garner and Rob Warnes winning once. Garner and Ward took the doubles. Free Church D edged their E side 6-4 despite Phil Blowey taking a hat-trick for E plus the doubles with Livvy Fletcher. Mark Bolshaw, Jack Green and Anthony Smith all won twice. Nomads Enigmas zoomed to the top of this division with an 8-2 win over Whitnash A. Syed Moyinuddin led the way with three wins, and Steve Proctor and Charlie Somerton each won two, Syed and Steve winning the doubles. Kevin Ariss claimed both Whitnash points.

County Council D whitewashed their C team to soar to second place in a tight Division 3. Tony Ford, Mark Freeman and Cliff Jackson were invincible on the night. Previously they had held leaders Snitterfield A to a draw, Freeman (2), Ford (1) and Jackson (1) plus the doubles with Stuart Ayres (2), Tim Fell (2) and Dave Milton (1) replying. County Council C beat Rugby E , who are beginning to fade from the promotion picture, 7-3. Ian Stevens took a triple, Derek Harwood two and Steve Poole one with Harwood and Stevens notching the doubles. Milly Bradshaw, Ian Evans and Jack Evans all won singles for the visitors. Rugby D collared Flavels 6-4, Steve Fowler unbeaten, Harvey Fowler winning two and Oliver Fowler one. Free Church junior Eve Briscoe guested for Flavels as allowed for under rule 9, and won once, a feat emulated by Steve Lyons and Dot Macfarlane. Roger Potts joined Macfarlane to take the doubles. Free Church G sit third but dropped 4 points to lowly Nomads C. Ricardo Bolanos, Tom Fletcher and Adam Pulman all lost a single with Dave Harding (2), Richard Miles (1) who also combined for the doubles, proving a thorn in FC’s side. Fourth placed Free Church F fell 4-6 to Millennium B, for whom Bob Clarke took a hat-trick. Colin Astbury (2) and Richard Pickering (1) edged them home with James Robertson (2) and Lewis Singleton (1) also winning the doubles 12-10 in the 5th , gaining Church’s points.

Division 4 leaders, Eathorpe D showed bottom side County Council E no mercy, thrashing them 10-0 through John and Jon Ablett and Charlie Wragg. They then went on to defeat second placed Free Church H 6-4, Jon Ablett (3), Wragg two and the Abletts securing the doubles. Eve Briscoe (2), Sam Bradley (1) and Ciara Hancox (1) replied. Free Church K also edged their H team 6-4 with Stuart Mills nailing a fine maximum. Joe Mills and Dan Shaw took singles and the Mills father and son took the doubles. Briscoe (2) and Emma Kilpatrick (2) replied. Ashorne A beat Free Church I 8-2 with trebles from Chris Bowles and Roger Kelley and a single from Steve Bolton, Bowles and Kelley the doubles. Chris Jones and Fiona Wyburn replied.

In Division A Fissc A nudged past Rugby F 3-2 with a rare appearance from George Mudie seeing him win twice and Mark Kingham adding one. Callum Ball won once in response and took the doubles with Archie West. Rugby F were then crushed 5-0 by Free Church pair, Robbie Fitchford and Dave Ramsey. Snitterfield B got home 3-2 against Norton Lindsey A with Henry Lu taking his two and Kim Wong one. Gareth Hepworth replied. Fissc had a second successive 3-2 win, this time against Free Church M for whom Nikit Sajiv won twice. Mark Jones and Brian Marston won the other points. Flavels defeated Free Church N 4-1 after a first appearance of the season from Trevor Bradley who opposed son Sam. Dot Macfarlane helped Trevor to the doubles and narrowly accounted for Sam Bradley but lost out in 4 to Ciara Hancox.

The new team in Division B, Free Church AA visited Rugby H, losing 1-4 to Dan Burgess (2) and Brad Smith (1)plus the doubles. Jill Weaving enjoyed her win for Church. Autumn champions Free Church O posted their intent to repeat the feat by whitewashing Rugby H 5-0, Ashley Knott and Ged Kuprys sealing victory and inflicting similar punishment on Eathorpe E, Keith Knott joining Kuprys on this occasion.

In Division C Eathorpe G, in the guise of Luca Bloodworth and James Stone, beat Fissc B 5-0 and Ashorne B (Steve Handsley 2, Tony Philpott 1) got home 3-2 against Free Church P for whom Dan Strand won once and partnered Joss Farmer to doubles success. Free Church R beat Rugby G 5-0 in an all female Division D encounter, Sarah Costa and Milly Green proving too strong for Karen Buckby and Lesley Summers. Eathorpe H defeated Norton Lindsey C 3-2 through a David Hanson brace and the doubles with John Gymer. Dan McDonald and Edward Rogers each won once for Norton. However, Eathorpe lost 1-4 to Free Church U for whom Joshua Yarrow (2), Eduardo Bolanos (1) and the doubles saw them to victory. Marcel Bloodworth notched a consolation. Free Church S enjoyed a thrilling encounter against their T team, winning 3-2. Nicholas Ho won twice and Seb Priest once, with T getting close through an Alex Costa win and the doubles with Amie Goldsmith.

James Rome impressed for Eathorpe I in Division F winning his two against Free Church Y. However, Y took the points with singles and the doubles from Thomas Yarrow and Erin Darwen. Eathorpe then found Free Church W too good losing 4-1. Brody Speller (2) and Jake Simmons (1) did the damage, also taking the doubles with Rome getting another win.

**National Junior League**

A quartet of teams from Lillington Free Church table-tennis club competed at Wellingborough on Day 3 of the regional National Junior League. With the results from Saturday being added to Day 4’s results in February to decide the trophies, a strong showing was essential and all four teams did not disappoint.

The A side lead Division one by one point from both Nottingham Sycamore A and Milton Keynes A. They defeated Bedford A 5-1 and Knighton Park (Leicester), Milton Keynes A and Rugby 4-2 before a thrilling draw in the last match with Sycamore, in which Kit Turner with a huge crowd of spectators watching, snatched a dramatic last win against Andreas Dickman. Adam Cofler returned an exceptional 80%, Turner and Jack Green very creditable 60% averages.

The B team took a stranglehold on Division 2 and sit top by 7 points, from their C side who are two points clear of Great Stukeley in third. B beat Westfield (Wellingborough), Milton Keynes B and Clifford Chambers (Grantham) 6-0, Lillington C 5-1 and drew with Great Stukeley (Cambridgeshire). Olivia Fletcher and Lewis Singleton each won 9 out of 10, and Milan Sajiv 8. The C team, despite the reverse against their B side, won their other four matches, defeating Milton Keynes 6-0 and the rest 4-2. James Robertson won 80%, his two reversals coming against his A team, and Jenny Singleton and Adam Pulman both nailed 60% averages.

The D team secured second spot in Division 3, 5 points off the leaders but on course for runners-up medals. They lost 1-5 to top side St Neots A but drew with Bedford, and saw off Sycamore B and C and St Neots B 6-0. Eve Briscoe won 8 out of 10, Tom Fletcher 7, Ricardo Bolanos 4 out of 4 and Katie Singleton 3 out of 6.

Rugby had a tough time of it in Division 1 finishing 6th but the day was a personal triumph for number 1 Sam Cafearo who won 7 of his 10 matches.