**Table-tennis League Report**

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County Council B have made a strong start to the season with Simon Griew particularly impressive. His treble allied to singles from Nilton Green and Murray Stevenson, plus the doubles with Martin Hunter, saw them to a 6-4 win over St Georges A. Damon Fenton (2), Luke Hobbins (1) and Gary Jackson (1) replied. This was followed by another 6-4 success against the much fancied St Georges B, for whom Laurence Sweeney won three and Mark Jackson one. Braces from Green and Griew, who won the doubles in 4, and a single from Hunter captured the spoils. Colebridge A march on, Kate Hughes, Mike Rinnhofer and Ben Willson amassing all 10 points against Free Church C. In the St Georges derby, B (Sweeney 3, Ron Vose 2 and Jackson 1) took the match 7-3 against A (Matt Jordan 2, Gary Jackson 1) after Sweeney and M. Jackson won the doubles 7 in the 5th. Free Church A nailed Colebridge B 9-1 with trebles from Timmy Cooper and Lee Dorning who also took the doubles, and a pair from Tom Brocklehurst. Anthony Ellis notched the Brummies’ consolation. Lillington Free Church B are proving to be a much tougher side this year and walloped Wellesbourne 8-2, the two Sams, Weaving and Wiggins, unbeaten in singles though they lost the doubles. Michael Ho won twice, losing to Gary Stewart.

In Division 2 Nomads Enigmas won 6-4 despite being a player short against Whitnash A who fielded two reserves. Steve Proctor and Charlie Somerton won their singles but lost the doubles to Paul Riman and Richard Smith in 5. Newly promoted Free Church E were delighted to hold a strong Rugby B to a draw. Danny Orr showed his class for Rugby winning three and young Sam Cafearo added two, falling to Tom Harris who won twice for Church. Livvy Fletcher and Dudley Turner took singles and a straight sets doubles win from Harris and Fletcher tied the match.

Trevor Bradley and Roger Potts were in impeccable form for Flavels A in Division 3, their hat-tricks and the doubles securing an 8-2 win against Rugby D as Dot Macfarlane chipped in with one. Oliver and Steve Fowler responded. Rugby D also lost their derby with their E team who triumphed 7-3 courtesy of a triple from Thomas Jacko, two from Milly Bradshaw and one from Freddy Jones, Jones and Bradshaw edging a close doubles 13-11 in the 5th. The Fowler family, Harvey, Oliver and Steve, all claimed a single. Lewis Singleton inspired Free Church F to a 6-4 win over Nomads C, posting a maximum and winning the doubles with Milan Sajiv who won twice. Dave Harding (2), Les Hoggins (1) and Steve Kurle (1) hit back.

The Division 4 Eathorpe derby was a personal triumph for reserve Norbu Junang-Joret who took all 3 singles for C in a draw with D. Paul Deavall won twice in support with D bouncing back with a double from Jon Ablett, singles from dad John Ablett and Charlie Wragg and a Jon/Charlie straight sets doubles win.

Paul Rouse’s treble led Ashorne A to a 6-4 win at WCC E. He also guided Steve Bolton to the doubles and Chris Bowles and Roger Kelley added singles. David Dunn and Carl Morgan took braces for the home side. Free Church K went one better taking 7 points off WCC E thanks to trebles from Stuart Mills and Daniel Shaw. Joe Mills got the 7th point. Dunn and Morgan gained a single each and took the doubles 11-9 in the 5th. Eathorpe C followed their deby with another draw, at home to Free Church J. J’s Mike Weaving was the match’s star winning his three, aided by a single from new recruit Janice Rowan. Will Apted and Paul Deavall with two apiece and one from Sophie Cooper took the contest to the doubles which FC won through Weaving and Catherine McAuley. Eathorpe D also drew successive matches, this time against Free Church I for whom 10 year old reserve Nikit Sajiv starred with a treble. Chris Jones and Fiona Wyburn helped him out with singles with D staying in it with another brace from Jon Ablett and two more from Charlie Wragg who paired for the doubles.

Two teams have taken 15 points from 15 in a very strong looking Division A. Stuart Ayres and Dave Milton bagged all 5 for Snitterfield B against Fissc A and Dave Ramsey and Jerry Simmons matched the feat for Free Church L against their M team.

Free Church O are the early leaders in Division B and took all 4 singles through Ashley and Keith Knott against Norton Lindsey B, for whom Vince Ford and John Walker salvaged the doubles. Eathorpe F edged closer to them however after a 5-0 whitewash of WCC F, Richard Freeman and Dave Hawker the duo in form. Rugby H are dominating Division C and Dan Burgess and Bradley Smith collected all 5 points against Free Church R. Free Church Q perhaps exacted some revenge winning 3-2 at Rugby G. Findlay Douglas and Richard Hancox took a singles each and the doubles but fell to the experienced Grace Newman. Eathorpe G look promotion challengers and trounced Ashorne B 5-0 when Luca Blodworth and James Stone impressively took the points.

In Division D Free Church S edged a 3-2 win on their visit to Norton Lindsey C for whom Edward Rogers scored twice. Dan Gunthorpe and Nicholas Ho both recorded wins and were successful in the doubles. Identical twins Amie and Ellie Goldsmith had identical results as Free Church T hammered their U side 5-0.

Rugby I have yet to drop a point in Division E and saw off Ashorne C 5-0 through Angel and Tie Chen, though the villagers’ Jason Wood only lost 9 in the 5th to Angel.

National Junior League

Four teams from Lillington Free Church TTC and one from Rugby competed in the National Junior League at Wellingborough. Church’s A side finished 3rd in Division 1, 3 points adrift of the top two teams. They lost narrowly to joint winners Bedford Modern B 2-4 but drew with the other leaders, Nottingham Sycamore A. A 5-1 win against St Neots A and 4-2 successes against Lillington B and Milton Keynes A were insufficient to challenge for top spot. Adam Cofler returned a very impressive 90% average with Jack Green on 60% and Kit Turner on 30%. The B team were the surprise package in this division claiming a comfortable 4th place. They drew with both the top teams, Bedford and Nottingham, hammered St Neots A 6-0 and suffered their only two defeats 2-4 to Milton Keynes and their own A side. Livvy Fletcher, undeterred by playing top boys, proved a tremendous number 1 posting a 60% average. Milan Sajiv also returned 60% and Lewis Singleton 50%, underlining the strength in depth of the club.

Lillington C were placed in Division 2 and were pre-match favourites for relegation but they too proved to be a surprise package, winning promotion to Division 1 by finishing second. They lost to the winners, Knighton Park of Leicester 2-4 but beat Westfield of Wellingborough and Nottingham Sycamore B 6-0 and drew with Great Stukeley, of Huntingdonshire, and Rugby . James Robertson and Adam Pulman claimed 70% averages and Jenny Singleton an eye-catching 60%.

Rugby finished 3rd in this division defeating Westfield 6-0, Nottingham 5-1, drawing with Great Stukeley and Lillington and losing 2-4 to Knighton. Sam Cafearo was in great form recording 9 wins out of 10 and Harvey and Oliver Fowler each enjoyed 5 wins.

Lillington D kept the club flag flying in Division 3 finishing second by one point in Division 3 to ensure promotion. They overcame St Neots B 6-0, Bedford Modern B 5-1 and Nottingham Sycamore C 6-0 before drawing with the winners Milton Keynes B and being edged out by 3rd placed Cliffedale Chambers of Grantahm 2-4. Tom Fletcher won 9 of his 10 matches and Eve Briscoe 5 out of 10. Katie Singleton (4 out of 6) and Nikit Sajiv (4 out of 4) shared their singles.