**Table-tennis League Report**

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**The new season got under way last week in the Leamington table-tennis League. In Division 1 Wellesbourne travelled to Nomads A and emerged with a 7-3 win. Alan Cotton, John Price and Gary Stewart all won twice, Cotton and Price falling to new signing Simon Nolan and Stewart to Paul Rowan. Price and Stewart took the doubles.**

**In Division 2 three Free Church sides romped to comfortable wins. C beat St Georges C 9-1 with trebles from Jeff and Tom Harris and a brace from Michael Ho, who partnered Jeff to the doubles. Kevin Finn notched the consolation. D accounted for St Georges D 9-1 where Ricardo Bolanos, Livvy Fletcher and Lewis Singleton won all the singles. Tracey Fletcher and Richard Grover took the doubles. F beat two man Rugby C 8-2. Phil Blowey won both his singles and James Robertson and Nikit Sajiv each took one, losing out to Ben Holvey. Blowey and Robertson secured the doubles. Nomads Enigmas visited Rugby B and returned a 7-3 win. None could beat Danny Orr but Malcolm Macfarlane, Steve Proctor and Charlie Somerton pocketed all the other points. Whitnash A also look a strong side and Eathorpe A were their first victims in a 7-3 win. Former Leamington Men’s Champion Mark Woolerton claimed his three, Kevin Ariss won twice and Richard Smith once, Ariss and Woolerton taking the doubles. Bernard Reman returned two good wins for the villagers and Pete Titmas added one.**

**Whitnash B were joint top scorers in Division 3, as they bagged 8 points against Free Church H. Greg Swan and Dennis Woodhead nailed triples and won the doubles and Roger Palmer won once, losing to both Emma Kilpatrick and Jenny Singleton. County Council D also secured 8 against Rugby D, Mark Freeman unbeaten and Tony Ford and Cliff Jackson winning twice. Freeman and Jackson pinched the doubles and Harvey and Oliver Fowler each took a singles. Rugby F took 8 too against newly promoted Eathorpe B through Jack Evans (3), Bradley Matthews (3) and Ian Evans (1),Bradley and Ian emerging with the doubles. John Ablett and Charlie Wragg won a singles apiece. County Council C defeated Millennium B 7-3 in a match where no player remained unbeaten. Doug Lowe, Steve Poole and Ian Stevens all won twice before Poole and Stevens combined for the doubles. Lewis Cox won two for the Banbury side and Ian Luxford contributed one. Free Church G fought out a close draw on their visit to Rugby E. Ged Kuprys was Church’s mainstay with a treble on his three a-side debut. Good support was given by Eve Briscoe and Tom Fletcher who both won one. Freddy Jones and Stuart Mills secured braces in return and were victorious in the doubles.**

**Free Church L beat Free Church K 7-3 in Division 4 in a match where all 6 players were making their debuts in the 3-a-side format. Ben Hall led the way with a maximum, taking the doubles with Eduardo Bolanos who won twice. 11 year old Eleanor Fletcher added one. For K Josh Yarrow won two and Milly Green one. Free Church I entertained Eathorpe D and shared the spoils. Paul Deavall was undefeated for the visitors and Sophie Cooper and Shaun Martin each won a singles but Church bounced back with Nick Darwen and Chris Jones taking braces and the doubles.**

**Snitterfield fielded a strong duo in Division A and Stuart Ayres and Kim Wong whitewashed Free Church N 5-0 although several games were close encounters. Free Church M came back from their trip to Norton Lindsey A with 4 of the points. Milan Sajiv won both his singles and helped his Dad, Saj, to the doubles. Saj won once but lost to Gareth Hepworth.**

**Rugby H’s players have made a huge leap to play in Division B but early signs are good and Angel (2) and William Chen (1) plus the doubles propelled them to a 4-1 win over Free Church O for whom Jay Virdi claimed the consolation. Free Church P also won 4-1 against Eathorpe F, courtesy of Josh Yarrow (2), Milly Green (1) and the doubles, Dave Hawker getting the consolation. Free Church Q edged Eathorpe E 3-2 with Jill Weaving taking her two and Marc Briscoe bagging one. James Stone won a singles and partnered Luca Bloodworth to the doubles.**

**In Division C Steve Handsley led Ashorne A to a 4-1 success over Free Church R winning his two and joining Tony Philpott in a doubles victory. Philpott won one but had to give second best to Nicholas Ho. Norton Lindsey B travelled to Rugby I and won 4-1. Vince Ford took his singles and helped Ed Rogers, who won once, to the doubles. Grace Newman avoided the clean sweep. Brother and Sister Alex and Sarah Costa guided Free Church S to a 4-1 victory at FISSC B. Alex grabbed both his singles and steered Sarah( 1)to the doubles. Martin Hamer replied.**

**Ashorne B whitewashed Free Church U with Jim Jack and Steve Kay accruing the points in this Division D clash. Free Church T also ran out 5-0 winners in what was nonetheless a close match against Rugby J. Jake Simmons and Tom Yarrow used their extra experience to good effect. County Council F triumphed 5-0 as well, Richard Haigh and Steve Maggs too good for Eathorpe G.**

**Eathorpe H overecame Free Church V in Division E with James Rome pocketing two and the doubles with debutant Keiran Braden-Brown who won once. David Knott averted the whitewash. A 12-10 in the 5th doubles win saw Free Church X pip Rugby L 3-2. Jack Knowles and Josh Reece both won once but failed to master the impressive George Spraget.**