**Table-tennis**

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**The new season in the Leamington League got under way this week and the top teams posted their intent in no uncertain fashion. Reigning Champions Colebridge A walloped Free Church B 9-1 in Division 1 with Mike Rinnhofer and Ben Willson getting maximums and Kate Hughes winning once. Sam Weaving claimed the scalp of Hughes. Runners-up Free Church A had the same winning margin against WCC A. Timmy Cooper and Lee Dorning notched hat-tricks and the doubles and Tom Brocklehurst won twice, falling to Phil Paine. Third placed Rugby A also won 9-1 against newly promoted Free Church C, Ryan Lines and Ryan Stockham unbeaten in singles and doubles and Matt Outhwaite winning twice. Harry Purewal took his first ever Division 1 victory for Church. With the addition of Lawrence Sweeney St Georges B will be contenders and they hammered Colebridge B 10-0 with Mark Jackson and Ron Vose joining Sweeney.**

**Young Sam Cafearo starred for Rugby B in their Division 2 draw with Colebridge C, taking a treble. Danny Orr chipped in with two whilst Michael Credland scored twice and John Overton and Neil Wheatley one apiece in reply. Credland and Wheatley took the vital doubles. Rugby C also drew, away at Millennium A. Ben Holvey’s triple was pivotal and Hugh Crosfield lent support, winning a singles and joining Holvey for doubles success.. Jack Garner and Christian Ward won braces for the home side and Joe McGivern won once. Relegated Nomads Enigmas looked to bounce back with a7-3 win over St Georges C. Steve Proctor was unbeaten in singles and doubles, his partner, Charlie Somerton, tasted victory twice more and Malc Macfarlane won once. Len Coonan, Kevin Finn and Will Fletcher all won once for Georges. Phoenix’s Paul Calloway posted a typical maximum but his side only secured one more win, through Gordon Tucker, as they succumbed 4-6 to St Georges D. Andy Caine and Tracey Fletcher each took two, Richard Grover won a single and helped Fletcher to the crucial doubles.**

 **Promoted Whitnash B had an eye-catching Division 3 win against Eathorpe B, 7-3. Pete Elliott won three and took the doubles with Jayne Fitton, who won once. Wilf Chan took two. Newcomer Binh-Khoi Nguyen won twice for the villagers and Shaun Martin added one. Another newcomer, Dave Ramsey, starred for Free Church G, taking a maximum in their 7-3 win over Nomads C. 12 year old Ricardo Bolanos joined in with two as did Tom Fletcher. Ken Southwell won two in response and Les Hoggins and Richard Miles took the doubles.**

**There were two Free Church derbies in Division 4. After a lay-off through injury, Emma Kilpatrick recaptured much of her old form to take a treble for Free Church H in their 8-2 win over Free Church I. In addition she partnered Emily Beasley, who won twice, to the doubles. Ciara Hancox also posted two but Chris Jones was the thorn in H’s side with two good wins. Free Church G pipped Free Church J 6-4 with Nick Darwen and Dan Shaw taking braces and Joe Mills a single before pairing with Shaw for the doubles. Mike Weaving enjoyed two successes for J and Catherine McAuley and Jill Weaving had a win apiece.**

**There were three 5-0 whitewashes in Division A. Champions Flavels A proved too strong for promoted Free Church M as Dot Macfarlane and Roger Potts showed their class, Snitterfield B’s Henry Lu and Kim Wong rousted Rugby F and Free Church L got all 5 points against their N team through Robbie Fitchford and Dave Ramsey in what was nonetheless a close encounter.**

**Free Church O took all 5 points against their P team in Division B, Ashley and Keith Knott in ruthless form.**

 **In Division C Eathorpe G won 4-1 at Free Church Q with Luca Bloodworth winning twice and James Stone once, falling to Findlay Douglas. Free Church R had a narrow 3-2 victory over Rugby G, Dominic Priest showing his potential with two singles successes before partnering his young partner, Sarah Costa to an excellent doubles win. Grace Newman and Lesley Summers replied.**

**In Division E Rugby I opened their account with a 5-0 win over Free Church Y, Angel and William Chen the talented duo. Ten year old Eduardo Bolanos made his League debut for Free Church V against stable-mates Free Church W. Carolyn Dorning was in sparkling form winning her two singles and guiding young Bolanos to the doubles. With Bolanos also claiming a good singles win V triumphed 4-1 with Dylan Speller claiming the consolation in 5.**