**Leamington Closed**

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**The Leamington Closed table-tennis Championships took place at St Nicholas Leisure Centre in Warwick on Sunday and produced the biggest shocks of recent years in the Men’s Singles. The Final, to be played on 7th March, will be contested by two Lillington Free Church juniors, Lee Dorning and Sam Weaving, seeded 6 and 5 respectively. Weaving beat number 4 seed, Rugby’s Ryan Lines, in the quarters and then defeated Colebridge’s Mike Rinnhofer, both falling in straight sets. Dorning beat club-mate and number 3 seed Timmy Cooper in the quarters before storming to a 3-1 success over number 2 seed Simon Griew of WCC. The shocks had begun with the elimination of top seed Ryan Stockham of Phoenix by Church’s Sam Wiggins in the group stages.**

**The Ladies Singles was much more predictable with Colebridge’s Kate Hughes retaining her title in a round robin event. Rugby’s Milly Bradshaw was runner-up after defeating Free Church’s Livvy Fletcher.**

**The Men’s doubles will see Ryan Lines and Ryan Stockham line up against Cooper and Dorning after dispatching WCC’s Griew and Murray Stevenson 3-1 in the semis. The Church duo overcame Phil Paine (WCC) and Earl Sweeney (St Georges).**

**The Ladies Doubles was another round robin event with Hughes and Bradshaw in pole position and Livvy Fletcher and Mum Tracey (St Georges) finishing as runners-up.**

**The top two seeds also made it to the Mixed Doubles Final, Hughes and Stockham facing Tracey Fletcher and Sweeney. The latter two overcame Livvy Fletcher and Dorning in 5 in the semi.**

**Free Church provided all the semi-finalists in the Junior Boys, Timmy Cooper fending off Adam Cofler 11-6 in the 5th and Weaving edging Dorning 11-9 in the 5th. to set up a March Final.**

**Livvy Fletcher took the Junior Girls title in a round robin. Bradshaw beat Church’s Eve Briscoe to take the runners-up spot.**

**The Junior Boys doubles was played out on the day and it was an all Free Church final as number one seeds Cooper and Dorning defeated Adam Cofler and Tom Fletcher 2,-6,4,-9,7 in a thrilling match.**

**There were only two pairings in the Junior Girls doubles where Bradshaw and Fletcher found themselves trailing 3-7 in the 5th to young Church duo Emily Beasley and Ciara Hancox, before recovering to win the last 8 points.**

**Number 1 seed Adam Cofler will face Church club-mate and number 3 seed Jack Green in the under 15 Boys singles after Green beat Rugby’s Sam Cafearo, seeded 2, in straight games in the semi.**

**In the Under 15 Girls event Katie Singleton and Ciara Hancox both had 3-1 wins over Milly Green and Emily Beasley respectively, all four girls from the strong Free Church stable.**

**The under 13 Boys Singles was another round robin event, Church’s Robbie Fitchford taking the title despite being extended to 4 in his match with club-mate Ricardo Bolanos.**

**The Under 13 Girls Final will be played in March with Colebridge’s Sophie Rinnhofer taking on Ciara Hancox.**

**The two under 11 singles competitions drew pleasing entries. League player Nicholas Ho took first spot in another all Free Church affair but it was close for second as Thomas Yarrow, Ben Wilkinson and Josh Reece tied. Yarrow was adjudged the runner-up on countback. James Payne in 5th showed lots of potential.**

**Likewise, the experienced Rinnhofer was too strong for the Free Church trio of Sarah Costa, Eleanor Fletcher and Erin Darwen with Costa claiming second place.**

**It was an all WCC clash in the Veterans Final with Simon Griew beating Murray Stevenson. Griew had beaten Flavels’ Trevor Bradley 3-1 in the semi whilst Griew nailed WCC’s Phil Paine. Paine will face Stevenson in the over 50s Final and Enigmas Malc Macfarlane in the over 60s. St Georges’ Will Fletcher beat Rugby’s Jack Kuomi in the over 70s event.**

**Two more Free Church finalists in the handicap with Phil Blowey from division 3 taking on Mike Weaving from Division 4.**

**One of the most popular events is the Parent/ Child doubles. Jack and Nilton Green (WCC) will face Sophie and Mike Rinnhofer in the Final.**

**Ryan Lines collared Gary Jackson of Enigmas in the semi-final of the Grade 1 singles and will face Cooper who beat Sam Weaving.**

**In the Grade 2 Adam Cofler faces Malc Macfarlane, and Tom Fletcher faces Phil Blowey in Grade 3. Ricardo Bolanos lines up against Mike Weaving in Grade 4 and Fiona Wyburn (Free Church) took the grade 5 singles on countback from both Eathorpe’s James Stone (runner-up) and Church’s Joshua Yarrow.**