**Table-tennis League Report**

**Friday, 21st November**

It’s early days but Enigmas did their Division 1 relegation fight the power of good as they overcame rivals Free Church B 6-4. Gary Jackson led the way with a treble, Charlie Somerton added two and Malcolm Macfarlane one. Sam Weaving was Church’s mainstay, winning twice and partnering Jeff Harris, who won once, to the doubles. Wellesbourne went thirteen points clear of the relegation spots after hammering Colebridge B 8-2. Pete Dunnett was unbeaten and Alan Cotton and John Price both won twice. At the top, champions Rugby A put retention of their title in jeopardy as they drew with Free Church A. Ryan Lines notched a superb maximum and Matthew Outhwaite scored one but Deepak Chandrababu (2), Timmy Cooper (2) and Lee Dorning (1) stood firm. Colebridge A now enjoy a comfortable lead at the top after crushing County Council A 9-1, Sam Henderson (3), Kate Hughes (3) and Mike Rinnhofer (2). Rugby B romped to a 9-1 success over County Council B, Adrian Pilgrim, Anshul Satsangi and Ryan Stockham posting maximums but losing the doubles. St Georges B edged their A team 6-4 thanks to a Mark Jackson hat-trick. Ron Vose with two and Luke Hobbins with one saw them home whilst Damon Fenton’s double ensured a close finish.

Lillington Free Church D, perhaps the Division 2 pre-season relegation favourites, claimed their 4th win in 5 matches as they defeated St. Georges C 7-3, with hat-tricks from Adam Cofler and Anthony Smith. Cherry Matthews added one with Brian Aston and Kevin Finn replying with singles and the doubles. Bottom side Millennium drew when visiting Snitterfield A for whom Chris Hughes starred with a triple. Tim Fell and Dave Milton each returned a win. Pete Harris won twice for the visitors and took the doubles with Christian Ward. Ward and Joe Mc Givern took the other points. Paul Rowan and Tony Thomas led Nomads A to a 7-3 win over Rugby C, taking trebles and Paul Calloway was another maximum man as he led Phoenix to a 6-4 victory over Eathorpe A.

Free Church E bagged second spot in the third division as they overcame WCC C 6-4. Church’s Phil Blowey won his three and partnered Livvy Fletcher to the vital doubles. Fletcher and Tom Harris won one apiece whilst Derek Harwood and Ian Stevens both won twice for Council. Flavels A enjoyed two recent 9-1wins, against Nomads B, Trevor Bradley 3, Dot Macfarlane 3, Roger Potts 2, and versus WCC D, Mick Bennett 3, Bradley 3 and Steve Lyons 2. Rugby D fought out a fine draw with Eathorpe B with Milly Bradshaw and Mark Wilson winning twice and Dave Cox once. Charlie Wragg claimed two for Eathorpe with father and son, John and Jon Ablett, notching singles and the doubles. Free Church G triumphed 8-2 against their F team as James Robertson remained unbeaten. Tom Fletcher and Lewis Singleton bagged braces and the doubles with Tom Meldrum’s two representing the resistance.

Rugby E whitewashed Free Church I in the 4th Division, Sam Cafearo, Freddy Jones and Bradley Matthews securing the points. Whitnash B dropped just one point, to Michael Rossington, as they walloped Eathorpe C 9-1. Richard Smith and Greg Swan were undefeated and Wilf Chan grabbed two. Better fortunes for Eathorpe D who recorded a full house against WCC F, Will Apted, James Keay and Callum Pickering the men on fire. WCC E beat Free Church K 8-2 with Jason Grey and Carl Morgan unbeaten and Will Hung picking up a single but losing to Marc Briscoe and Mark Singleton. A hat-trick from Katie Singleton led Free Church H to an 8-2 success over their J team. Eve Briscoe and Jenny Singleton added two each but fell to Katie’s cousin, Sam Bradley.

Flavels B dropped a rare point in Division A, winning 4-1 against Snitterfield B. Mick Bennett scored twice and took the doubles with the other point scorer, Steve Lyons, with Nello Mauri responding. FISSC thumped Rugby F 5-0, Mark Jones and Brian Marston the successful duo and Norton Lindsey A did the same to Free Church L, Vince Ford and John Walker the men in form.

Free Church M edged out their N side 3-2 in the Division B top of the table clash. Ashley Knott was the M star winning his two and joining Dad Keith for the clinching doubles. Eathorpe F won 4-1 on their visit to Free Church L, Cory Hancock 2, Max Turvey 1 and the doubles. Joss Farmer replied. Eathorpe E went one better defeating Rugby G 5-0, Jamie Sayer and Norbu Sunang-Joret starring.

James Stone’s double could not prevent his Eathorpe G side losing to Free Church R in the C division. Elaine Bradley and Carolyn Dorning took singles and the doubles.

Top team Eathorpe H thrashed Ashorne C 5-0 in Division D through Luca Bloodworth and Tom Booth. Nearest challengers Free Church T beat their V team 4-1 with Chris Jones maintaining his unbeaten record and Nicholas Ho adding one. Dylan Speller had a good win for V. Free Church U edged FC S 3-2 with Fran Singleton invincible in singles and doubles. For S, Emma Pulman grabbed her first League win and Amie Goldsmith also scored.

**Bristol Grand Prix**

An 18 hour day paid off for Free Church’s Timmy Cooper and Sam Wiggins as they both returned impressive performances at the Bristol Grand Prix. In the Band 5 event Cooper won his group beating Ellis Burgess and Jordan Beadle. In Round 1 he beat a veteran, Alex Aston, before losing to Phil Handy in round 2. Having reached the last 32 in Band 6, Wiggins did even better in Band 5 qualifying in second spot from his group after beating John Watson. He then defeated Stephen Day before falling to Chris Penrose in Round 2.

In Band 4 Cooper beat John Gilmour 3-0 and Joel Webb 3-2 to clinch a place in Round 2 after receiving a bye. He then beat Reece Lo 3-1 and Jochen Buehrer in the Quarter-final also 3-1 before falling to Lawrence John of Wales in the semi. Both players had wins against much higher ranked opponents and should shoot up the England Senior ratings.