Table-tennis Report

In Division 1 County Council B enjoyed a 7-3 win over relegation threatened Free Church C. Simon Griew maintained his form to collect three wins plus the doubles with Nilton Green who added two and Martin Hunter one. Church replied with a double from Martyn Todd and single from Chris Blowey. One of Church’s rivals at the bottom is Nomads A who lost 0-10 to Rugby A, Ryan Lines, Adrian Pilgrim and Ryan Stockham doing the damage, and by a similar score to St Georges B, Mark Jackson, Laurence Sweeney and Ron Vose showing no mercy.

There were two good results for Millennium A in division 2. Firstly, they edged St Georges C 6-4 with Christian Ward and Rob Warnes getting braces and Colin Astbury, who joined Warnes for the vital doubles, winning once. Brian Aston and Len Coonan shared Georges’ points. The Banbury club then held high flying Nomads Enigmas to a draw, Jack Garner winning a couple as did Warnes who defeated Syed Moyinuddin 12-10 in the 5th. Christian Ward got the fifth point. Moyinuddin and Steve Proctor won two apiece and the doubles, Proctor turning the tables on Warnes when he pipped him 12-10 in the 5th. Rugby C look strong and saw off St Georges D 8-2, with Ben Holvey and Thomas Jacko both nailing three and Liz Adams two. Andy Caine defeated Adams and Tracey Fletcher and Richard Grover took the doubles. A fine treble from Tom Harris secured Free Church E a draw on their visit to St Georges C. Livvy Fletcher and Dudley Turner chipped in with singles with Brian Aston and Kevin Finn taking doubles and the doubles to force a tie.

In Division 3 Free Church G triumphed 7-3 when visiting Eathorpe B. Adam Pulman put in another fine performance taking his three and Ricardo Bolanos and Tom Fletcher both won two. Binh-Khoi Nguyen was the villagers’ star winning twice and joining Callum Pickering to take the doubles. Church G went on to defeat Whitnash B 6-4, Pulman again undefeated and Bolanos taking two, the pair combining for the doubles. Greg Swan (2), Wilf Chan (1) and Richard Smith (1) responded. Whitnash suffered another loss, this time 3-7 at the hands of Nomads C. Richard Miles was in top form taking a treble, Dave Harding won twice and Les Hoggins once with Harding and Miles claiming the doubles. Swan two and Chan one replied. County Council D beat Rugby D 7-3 but Tony Ford, Mark Freeman and Cliff Jackson, who all won two, had to give second best to Oliver Fowler. Jackson and Freeman pinched the doubles. Rugby E are top and squeezed past Millennium B 6-4. Freddy Jones took his three, Dave Cox won twice and Milly Bradshaw once with Bob Clarke (2) and Colin Astbury (1) winning the doubles. Flavels A defeated Nomads C 6-4, Dot Macfarlane and Roger Potts winning twice before taking the crucial doubles 11-8 in the 5th. Steve Lyons added one. Steve Kurle and Miles divided Nomads’ points. Stuart Ayres took a hat-trick for Snitterfield A but could not avoid defeat to Free Church F for whom James Robertson, Jenny Singleton and Lewis Singleton took all the other points.

In Division 4 Eathorpe C shot up the table with a 10-0 eclipse of County Council E, Will Apted, Sophie Cooper and Paul Deavall amassing the points. They went on to defeat Free Church J 7-3, Apted (3), Cooper (2) and Michael Rossington (1) Apted/Cooper the doubles. Janice Rowan, Jill Weaving and MikeWeaving all won one for Church.

Free Church l march on in Division A accounting for Fissc A 5-0, through Robbie Fitchford and Dave Ramsey, and Ramsey again took three points in the 4-1 win over Free Church N. Jerry Simmons joined him winning once, with Eve Briscoe gaining an excellent scalp forN. N went on to lose 0-5 to Snitterfield B, pen-holders Henry Lu and Kim Wong in no mood to concede. Flavels B are challenging for second and thumped Rugby F 4-1, Mick Bennett invincible and Dot Macfarlane taking a single but losing to Callum Ball. Gareth Hepworth won his two for Norton Lindsey A and guided Robert Applegarth to the doubles to secure a 3-2win against Free Church M. Phil Booth and Jay Virdi enjoyed a win apiece.

Norton Lindsey B whitewashed Eathorpe F in Division B, Vince Ford and John Walker the duo responsible . Free Church P’s Joss Farmer and Daniel Strand also took maximum points off struggling Eathorpe F. FC P had a far tougher encounter with County Council F. Each player, Farmer and Fiona Wyburn for Church and Richard Haigh and Steve Maggs for WCC, won once with Church stealing the doubles. Leaders Free Church O proved stronger, taking all 5 points off Council through Ashley Knott and Gediminas Kuprys.

Division C leaders Rugby H beat one of their stronger rivals , Free Church Q, 5-0 with Jack Davidson and Brad Smith proving unbeatable. Eathorpe G also recorded a 5-0 scoreline against Rugby G, Luca Bloodworth and James Stone nabbing the points.

Early pacesetters in Division D, Free Church T, have struggled of late and ceded all 5 points to Free Church S for whom the improving Nicholas Ho and Seb Priest were in top form.

In Division E Free Church Y came through 3-2 against Ashorne C for whom Steve Kay won twice. David Knott and Thomas Yarrow took the remaining points. Leaders Rugby I have proved far too powerful for this division and swept aside third placed Free Church W 5-0, Angel and William Chen untroubled.