**Table-tennis Report**

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Lillington Free Church TTC sent four teams and Rugby one to the National Cadet League in Wellingborough on Sunday and all covered themselves in glory. Free Church A’s team finished 3rd in Division 1 losing to Draycott of Long Eaton 1-5 and Westfield A (Wellingborough) 2-4 but drawing with Westfield B and beating Milton Keynes 5-1 and Draycott B 6-0. Tom Harris averaged 70%, Andrew McIlvaney 60% and number one Adam Cofler, who had the tougher games, a creditable 40%.

The B side finished 2nd in Division 2, thereby earning promotion. They drew with Cliffedale Chambers B of Grantham, and won their other matches, 4-2 against Bedford, Rugby and Lillington C and 6-0 versus Cliffedale A. Adam Pulman finished with 80%, Josh Wyatt-smith 70% and Olivia Fletcher 60%. Lillington C, newly promoted from Division 3, finished a surprising 3rd, though the 2 points they took off their B team prevented their club-mates from tieing for top spot. Robbie Fitchford had the top average with 60% and Tom Fletcher and Lewis Singleton 50%.

Rugby, another promoted team, took top spot, losing to Lillington B but winning their other matches, 4-2 against Bedford, 5-1 against Cliffedale B, and 6-0 against Cliffedale A and Lillington C where 4 of the games went to 5. Millie Bradshaw and Freddy Jones finished on 80% and Sam Cafearo on 70.

Lillington D played in Division 3B which had a different format. They finished 2nd and consequently earned a place in Division 3 for the last two days when there will be 4 divisions. Draycott C and Cliffedale D were dispatched 8-1 but they came across a powerful St Albans side and lost 0-9, though it probably brought out their best table-tennis. Katie Singleton won 100%, Alice Todd 55%, Jenny Singleton 50% and Eve Briscoe, who had the tougher matches, 33%.

The Warwickshire Schools’ team championships were held at Lawrence Sheriff School in Rugby last week with winning teams qualifying for the zone finals in Cirencester in January. Local interest focussed on three of the Boys’ competitions. In the Under 13’s Ashlawn of Rugby, Warwick School and Woodlands School from Coventry each won two matches and countback dictated that Ashlawn were the champions. Rugby’s Sam Cafearo and Eathorpe’s Ben Barker were both in the team. The under 16 event saw Kenilworth School and Warwick School winning their groups with Kenilworth taking the Final 7-1, though 4 matches went to 5. Kit Turner, AndrewMcIlvaney, Tom Harris and Josh Wyatt-Smith were the victorious quartet. The Under 19 boys went to Lawrence Sheriff who drew with Warwick School but were crowned champions on countback by virtue of winning more games. Jesse Kendrick-Hill, Anshul Satsangi, Reuben Holtom and Richard Massie took the title.

There was a shock in Division 1 where high-flying Colebridge C fell 3-7 at the hands of St Georges C. A treble from Miles Chan and two from John Fuller plus a single from Paul Smith and the doubles saw the Spa team home. Free Church B had easily their best performance of the season with a draw against Wellesbourne. Michael Ho was in fine form winning his three and Jeff Harris and Luke Spencer chipped in with one apiece. Alan Cotton and Gary Stewart both won twice in reply as well as taking the doubles. Injury hit St Georges A could only muster two players against Free Church A and went down 2-8 with Damon Fenton and Matt Jordan both on the score sheet. Timmy Cooper and Chris Mulligan took maximums and the doubles.

Other results: Rugby A 10 (Ryan Lines 3, Matthew Outhwaite 3, Adrian Pilgrim 3 +D) Free Church B 0; Wellesbourne A 2 (John Price 1, Gary Stewart 1) Colebridge A 8 (Kate Hughes 3, Mike Rinnhofer 3, Michael Browne 1 +D).

Rugby C march on in Division 2 and took out St Georges D 10-0 (Niall Herbert 3, Danny Orr 3, and Anshul Satsangi 3 +D) and eclipsed Free Church C 8-2 (Orr 3, Herbert 2, Satsangi 2 +D). Solomon Hayes beat Herbert and Scott Delday defeated Satsangi. FC C bounced back to beat Flavels 9-1 just conceding the doubles as Delday, Kit Turner and Sam Wiggins posted hat-tricks. Nomads A trounced Whitnash A 8-2 with Ian Beasley and Sam Weaving maximum men. It was a similar score to Colebridge B when they entertained Snitterfield A, John Chandler 3, Mike Evetts 2, Neil Wheatley 2 and the doubles. Tim Fell and Robert Poole replied. Phoenix beat St Georges E 7-3, Paul Calloway and Richard Jardim unbeaten.

Free Church D overcame previous leaders Rugby D in the 3rd division 8-2 to replace them at the top. Chris Blowey and Cherry Matthews won triples and Anthony Smith a brace. Steve Osiyem won once and helped Jo Outhwaite to the doubles. Free Church E nudged into second spot after beating their G team 8-2. Andrew McIlvaney and Tom Meldrum were unbeaten in singles and doubles and Tom Harris added one. Olivia Fletcher and Adam Pulman had good wins for G. Kim Wong’s treble and the doubles with Sarah Barkowski who won twice eased Free Church F to a 6-4 success over Free Church H for whom Adam Cofler won twice and Lindy Myers and Pete Rourke once. Whitnash B walloped Nomads C 7-3, Wilf Chan 3, Greg Swan 2, Jayne Fitton 1 and the doubles. Richard Miles 2 and Steve Kurle 1 responded.

Other results: Free Church D 10 (Blowey 3, Smith 3, Dudley Turner 3 +D) Nomads C 0; Nomads B 8 ( Steve Poole 3, Ian Stevens 3, Chris Moore 1 +D) Free Church G 2 (Fletcher, Pulman); Free Church H 5 (Adam Cofler 3, Lleryn Gardner 2) Nomads B 5 (Stevens 2, Poole 1, Moore 1 +D).

Ashorne A fought a good draw against visiting Free Church J in the 4th Division with Steve Bolton unstoppable and Roger Kelley tasting defeat only once. Lewis Singleton with two and Katie and Jenny Singleton with a win apiece kept Church in it and then Lewis and sister Jenny bagged the doubles.