**Table-tennis Report**

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**In Division 1 Colebridge A defeated St Georges A 8-2 with a treble from Ben Willson and doubles from Kate Hughes and Nav Matharu. Matt Jordan won Georges’ points. Colebridge then beat Wellesbourne by the same score, Willson (3), Hughes (2) and Mike Rinnhofer (2) with Alan Cotton and Gary Stewart taking singles for the villagers. However, they are 12 points adrift of second place which was seized by St Georges B who whitewashed County Council A courtesy of Mark Jackson, Laurence Sweeney and Ron Vose. Champions elect Rugby A could afford to cede 3 points to Free Church B when turning up a player light. Ryan Lines and Matt Outhwaite won their singles but were thwarted in the doubles by Sam Weaving and Sam Wiggins. Free Church C will probably be relegated but are going out with a fight and edged St Georges A 6-4 thanks to a hat-trick from Martyn Todd and two wins from 15 year old Adam Cofler, the duo pairing for the doubles. Russell Duncan, Damon Fenton and Matt Jordan replied. County Council B moved in to 4th when accounting for Colebridge B 6-4. Nilton Green won three, Simon Griew two and Martin Hunter one with Vikas Bakshi (2) Farooq Kakar (1) plus the doubles easing the Birmingham side’s relegation fears.**

**Colebridge C also eased relegation worries with a 6-4 win over Rugby C in Division 2. Michael Credland starred with a triple, Neil Wheatley added two and Lisa Rinnhofer one. Ben Holvey (2) and Hugh Crosfield (1) took the doubles for Rugby. Four more points were gleaned in their match with Free Church D with Awais Muhammed and Wheatley taking twos. Mark Bolshaw and Anthony Smith secured braces for Church, Cherry Matthews had a vital win and Bolshaw and Smith took the doubles. St Georges C are struggling to stay above the bottom two and Free Church E did not help their cause when inflicting an 8-2 defeat. Olivia Fletcher had an outstanding treble for Church and also secured the doubles with Phil Blowey who won twice. Tom Harris also bagged two wins and it was left to Len Coonan to grab Georges’ two. However, a 7-3 win over bottom team Eathorpe A restored a 10 point cushion between St Georges C and relegation. Brian Aston won his three, as did Coonan, and Kevin Finn notched one. Bernard Reman and Pete Titmas took singles and the doubles in response. Whitnash A probably squandered their chance of promotion when falling 4-6 to Millennium despite a treble from Kevin Arris, who took the doubles with Dennis Woodhead. Jack Garner, Michael Harrison and Christian Ward all won twice for the Banbury side.**

**Free Church G seem determined to take the Division 3 crown and posted a 7-3 win against Millennium B , despite fielding two reserves in the absence of their best two players. Dave Ramsey and Nikit Sajiv won their threes and Ramsey steered Tom Fletcher to the doubles. County Council D trail them by 17 points with two games in hand. A draw with struggling Eathorpe B did not aid their cause. Mark Freeman and Cliff Jackson won twice and Tony Ford once but Binh-Khoi Nguyen proved invincible in singles and doubles, with Marius Morariu who won one. Free Church F are the only other promotion contenders and overcame Whitnash B 6-4 thanks mainly to a James Robertson maximum. Robertson joined Lewis Singleton for the doubles and Lewis and sister Jenny added singles. Nomads C slipped into the bottom two despite a draw with Millennium B., who are bottom but with 7 matches still to complete. Dave Harding and Richard Miles won twos and Les Hoggins won once but Nomads were pegged back by Colin Astbury’s hat-trick, a single from Lewis Cox and the doubles. Mid table teams Rugby E and Whitnash B also fought out a draw with Dave Cox (2), Jack Evans (2) and Milly Bradshaw (1) compiling Rugby’s points and Richard Smith (2), Greg Swan (2) and the doubles ensuring parity.**

**Free Church H are battling to stave off a challenge from promotion rivals Free Church K in Division 4 but struggled to a draw against Eathorpe C. Emma Briscoe and Katie Singleton notched doubles and Sam Bradley chipped in with one but Will Apted’s pair, singles from Sophie Cooper and Michael Rossington plus an Apted/ Cooper doubles success kept things even. Eathorpe C went on to beat Free Church I 7-3 with a treble from Paul Deavall, two from Rossington and one from Cooper. Chris Jones won two in reply and Marc Briscoe one.**

**In Division A the interest centres on which team will finish second. Norton Lindsey A have the edge and probably ended Snitterfield B’s challenge with a 4-1 win. Gareth Hepworth won his two and joined Ron Shakesheff, who won one, for the doubles. Kim Wong avoided the whitewash. Flavels B could catch Norton and also won 4-1 against Free Church N. Mick Bennett picked up his two and the doubles with Steve Lyons, who won once but was out-gunned by Eve Briscoe. Leaders Free Church L cannot be caught but took their foot off the pedal when losing 2-3 to Snitterfield. Jerry Simmons won his two but Henry Lu and Wong took the other points.**