**League Report**

**Courier February, 3rd 2017**

**The top three sides all had comfortable wins in Division 1. Leaders Colebridge dropped a single point to Free Church B when Martyn Todd got the better of Mike Rinnhofer but Chris Burgess, Anthony Ellis and Rinnhofer took the remaining 9. Rugby A are only two points behind with a game in hand and showed no mercy to Nomads A whom they defeated 10-0. Ryan Lines, Adrian Pilgrim and Ryan Stockham proved unstoppable. Third placed Free Church A pushed County Council B down to 6th with their 8-2 victory. Timmy Cooper and Lee Dorning harnessed 7 of the points and Tom Brocklehurst backed up with a single. Simon Griew and Nilton Green prevented a heavier loss. County Council A have crept up the table in recent weeks and are now seemingly clear of relegation concerns. Wellesbourne were their latest, 7-3, victims thanks to Chris Brewer(3), Pat McCabe (2) and Clive Irwin (1) plus a Brewer/ Irwin doubles win. Alan Cotton nailed two for the villagers and Gary Stewart won one. St Georges A, in 4th spot, pushed their A side nearer the bottom with a 7-3 win, all points accrued by Mark Jackson and Ron Vose. Damon Fenton, Gary Jackson and Matt Jordan all won singles in reply.**

**St Georges D eased relegation fears with a narrow 6-4 victory at Rugby B. Danny Orr secured a maximum for the home side and Jo Outhwaite chipped in with one but a determined display saw Georges take the win through Andy Caine (2), Tracey Fletcher (2) and Richard Grover (1) to add to a doubles success for Fletcher and Grover, 11-8 in the 5th. Free Church F moved into second place beating St Georges C 8-2. Phil Blowey led the way with three, James Robertson and Nikit Sajiv won braces and Blowey and Robertson stepped up to clinch the doubles. Brian Aston and Kevin Finn responded. Whitnash A, in third, edged Rugby C 6-4. Mark Woolerton preserved his 100% average and took the doubles with Paul Riman who, like Richard Smith, had one win. Ben Holvey and Bradley Matthews each won twice. Millennium A enjoyed their visit to Nomads Enigmas, triumphing 8-2. Jack Garner and Pete Harris were unbeaten in singles and doubles and Rob Warnes notched the other point, losing to Steve Proctor and Charlie Somerton.**

**In Division 3 Millennium B had an excellent 6-4 win at Flavels A . None could master Trevor Bradley on his home table and he also partnered Roger Potts to the doubles but Colin Astbury, Lewis Cox and Richard Pickering shared the remaining singles. Millennium then white washed Eathorpe B with Bob Clarke joining Astbury and Pickering to bag the points and move them into second. Nomads C maintain their recent form which has taken them away from relegation worries to 5th. An 8-2 win over Eathorpe B further aided their cause. Richard Miles and Kim Wong posted hat-tricks and the doubles and John Taylor added one. The villagers scored through Steph Hawkins and Charlie Wragg. Nomads followed this with a home draw against Rugby F, Wong (2), Les Hoggins (1) and Miles (1) plus the doubles. Rugby’s Brad Matthews won his three and Jack Evans two. Leaders County Council D opened up a 12 point gap when defeating Flavels 7-3. Mark Freeman secured a treble and the doubles with Cliff Jackson who won two. Tony Ford supplied the other win. Mick Bennett (2) and Potts (1) kept it close. Rugby E went into the top four with a 6-4 win over Whitnash B. Freddy Jones (2), Joe Mills (2) and Dave Cox (1) won Rugby’s singles with Greg Swan (2) and Dennis Woodhead (2) taking wins for Whitnash. The match thereby hinged on the doubles which the young duo of Jones and Mills won in 5.**

**Eathorpe C were surprisingly defeated by Free Church L in Division 4 who won 6-4 despite a treble from Jamie Sayer. Norbu Sunang-Joret added one but L roared back through Eduardo Bolanos (2) Ben Hall (2) and a Bolanos doubles win with Eleanor Fletcher. Eathorpe C recovered to beat Rugby G 8-2. Sayer and Sunang-Joret won all their singles and Joe Hunt’s only loss was to the experienced Grace Newman who guided Lesley Summers to the doubles. Eathorpe D also overcame Rugby G but by a 9-1 scoreline. Sarah James notched the consolation but Eathorpe’s Paul Deavall (3), Michael Rossington (3) and Sophie Cooper (2) plus a Cooper/ Rossington doubles success secured an impressive win.**

**National Cadet League**

**Wellingborough 29th January**

**Lillington Free Church TTC sent 4 teams to Day 3 of the National Cadet League and it will be all to play for on Day 4 when points from the two days are combined. The A side of Ricardo Bolanos, Nikit Sajiv and Emily Beasley sit joint top of Division 1 with St. Neots A, 12 points clear of the third team. Bedford Modern and Rugby were dispatched 6-0, St Neots B and Milton Keynes A were beaten 5-1 and top spot hinged on the match with St Neots A which ended 3-3. Sajiv kept a 100% average, Bolanos 90% and Emily Beasley, who faced 9 top Cadet boys in her 10 matches, emerged with a remarkable 60%.**

**Rugby, whose 3 team members play in Leamington, also competed in Division 1 finishing 4th. As well as the reverse to Lillington A they lost 1-5 to St Neots A and 2-4 to Bedford but defeated St Neots B 4-2 and drew with Milton Keynes. Daniel Burgess earned a 50% average, Alex Bowe 33% and William Chen 25%.**

**The other three Lillington sides competed in Division 2 and it was always going to be tough for C and the very inexperienced D teams who had gained promotion to this level after Day 2. C, Seb Priest, Dan Gunthorpe and Nicholas Ho, finished 5th but only a point behind 4th place and D (Jake Simmons, Tom Yarrow and Eleanor Fletcher) ended up in 6th position. Both sides will be stronger for the experience. The B team of Josh Yarrow, Eduardo Bolanos and Milly Green sit joint second, level with Westfield (Wellingborough) and only a point behind WDHA, another Wellingborough side. They beat their C and D sides and St Neots C 6-0 and Westfield 4-2, losing 1-5 to the leaders after Yarrow beat Dev Patel. Yarrow returned a 90% average and Bolanos and Green 66%.**

**Burton-Uxbridge 2-Star**

**Saturday 28th January, 2017**

**Eduardo Bolanos of Lillington Free Church TTC attended the Burton -Uxbridge 2-star table-tennis tournament on Saturday and produced some excellent performances. In the round robin event for youngsters at Primary school he finished as the runner-up. Jenson Moreno of London was beaten 3-1, Toby Fletcher of Staffs 3-0, Jake Hewitt of Hull fell 3-2 and it was only England number 25 U13 Toby Ellis of Morecambe who stood between him and the title, Bolanos losing in straight games.**

**Not deterred Bolanos entered the U13 singles where he qualified for the knock-out stages by finishing second in his group. Lennon Maughan of Yorkshire was edged out in 5, Hewitt fell again 3-2 but a defeat to Harry Fletcher of Staffs denied him pole position. In the knock-outs he played Luke Hodgson of Yorkshire, winning 3-2 to set up a semi-final clash with Leo Pontone of Durham who proved too strong.**