**Table-tennis Report**

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**The new Leamington League table-tennis season began last week with defending Division 1 Champions, Rugby A, getting off to a sound start with an 8-2 victory over Phoenix. Sam Cafearo and Ryan Lines were unbeaten in singles and doubles and Danny Ricks added one, losing to Paul Calloway and Mark Rose. Runners-up Free Church A also recorded an 8-2 win over their newly promoted club-mates, Free Church C. Lee Dorning took his three, Timmy Cooper won two, Dave Ramsey preventing his treble, and Sam Weaving won twice, being thwarted by young Nikit Sajiv. Dorning and Weaving wrapped up the doubles. St Georges B have strengthened their side and defeated Wellesbourne 8-2. Laurence Sweeney notched a treble, a feat emulated by Mark Jackson after he beat Gary Stewart 12-10 in the 5th. Ryan Stockham, acquired from Rugby, chipped in with two. Stewart won a consolation singles and paired with Alan Cotton to nab the doubles.**

**In Division 2 Rugby B edged Nomads Enigmas 6-4 with Ben Holvey posting a hat-trick and the doubles with Hugh Crosfield. Crosfield and Bradley Matthews each won a single with Malcolm Macfarlane taking two in reply along with singles from newcomer James Glazzard and Steve Proctor. Ian Beasley has transferred from Nomads to play for Free Church E and he marked his debut with an eye-catching treble at Rugby C. Daughter Emily won two, as did Phil Blowey to complete a 7-3 scoreline. Rugby’s points came from juniors Dan Burgess and Freddy Jones who each claimed a single and won the doubles.**

**Whitnash B will again be a force in Division 3 and they opened their account with a 6-4 win at home to Millennium. Richard Smith, Greg Swan and Dennis Woodhead each took braces with Lewis Cox winning two for the visitors to add to one from Bob Clarke and a Cox/ Richard Pickering doubles success. Snitterfield also got home 6-4 against Nomads C thanks to Michael Credland’s triple. Tim Fell (2) and Dave Milton (1) supported with Richard Miles (2), Les Hoggine (1) and the doubles keeping matters close. Relegated St Georges D got off to a flyer with a resounding 8-2 win against County Council D. Richard Grover starred with three, Gary Edwards and Tracey Fletcher each won twice and the strong doubles partnership of Fletcher and Grover were not to be denied. Steve Poole and Ian Stevens scored for Council. Free Church H were also 8-2 winners against their I side, all players on view making their 3rd Division debuts. Josh Yarrow and Eduardo Bolanos contributed 7 of the points and Milly Green chipped in with one. Ben Hall and Chris Jones took consolations. Trevor Bradley steered Flavels to a draw as he was unbeaten in singles and helped Roger Potts, who won once, to the doubles. Opponents Rugby D replied through Callum Ball (2), Dave Cox(2) and Stuart Mills (1).**

**Free Church M hit the heights in Division 4 with a 9-1 drubbing of County Council Flounders. Marc Briscoe and Jay Virdi won all of their singles and the doubles and Richard Hancox had two good wins, losing out to Peter Whidborne. Free Church J entertained Free Church L and honours were shared. Janice Rowan(2). Mike Weaving (2) and Jill Weaving (1) scored for the home side with Jerry Chung and Richard Pittaway each winning twice and teaming for the doubles.**

**Snitterfield B started Division A in form with a 4-1 victory over Free Church N. Ron Shakesheff won both singles and the double with Vince Ford who won one but suffered defeat at the hands of Dan Strand.**

**Ashorne A whitewashed Free Church P in Division B, Steve Bolton and Roger Pye putting their experience to good effect.**

**The first 3 results in Division C indicate that this could be a hotly contested one. Ashorne C edged Free Church R despite a double from George Barnes. Anthony Austin and Barry Bayliss won singles and the doubles. Eathorpe H edged their G team 3-2 with Josh Cope and James Rome taking singles and the doubles. Newcomer Paul Holtby won two for G. Free Church Q also won 3-2 against their S team where Ben Holding won twice and guided Emma Briscoe to the doubles. Erin Darwen won once as did young Jacomo Lubrano on his League debut.**

**In Division D FISSC B squeezed home 3-2 when visiting Eathorpe J. Keiran Braden-Brown won twice for the home side but Martin Hamer and Mandip Takhar secured the remaining points. Eathorpe I edged Free Church T 3-2. Christian Roberts won his two in style and , partnering Jamaal Iqbal, won the doubles in 5. Jack Knowles and Alex O’Driscoll ensured a close contest.**

**Free Church U took all the points in their Division E encounter with their V team through Chris Ho and Dan Stone.**