

Week Commencing 7th February 2005

Rugby is the new team to watch in Division A. They have yet to be beaten though Riverhouse B ran them close, only going down in the doubles after Steve Proctor had kept his two singles. Stephen Maddison and Jack Randle took one single each and the doubles for Rugby's 3-2 win. The same pairing then overran Free Church I 5-0, taking singles and the doubles. Free Church E also found their third win in 3 outings, 4-1 over LCP Dreamers with Ron Stanbridge's two, Estyn Williams' one and the doubles together. Nick Blackmore kept one for LCP's reply. Dreamers however had squeezed past St. Georges F 3-2 with Simon Walmsley and Nick Blackmore's doubles to add to the one single each whilst Karen Toozer had held onto her two singles for Saints. Luke Hobbins and Adam Cooper gave singles and doubles to Free Church G for its 5-0 local derby over Church I. Eric Smith and new recruit Tom Jamie for Eathorpe C did the same for 5-0 against Free Church H, despite a good effort by the church side. A strong contest between Eathorpe D and Free Church F only finished when Sam Smith and Steve Richards gained the doubles in the fifth set for the match at 3-2, as Steve Richards had already taken a brace. The two Sophie's (Cooper and Niepceron) had kept one single each for Eathorpe.

Two wins for Free Church J in Division B have set them up well. First they edged past Eathorpe H 3-2 when Ross McDermott and Anthony Reeve took the doubles to add to Ross's brace for the match. Adam Kennedy and Alastair Nicholson kept one each for Eathorpe. Then Philip Booth and Anthony Reeve took singles and doubles for Church J's 5-0 defeat of Eathorpe G. St. Georges E picked up their second 5-0 in 2 matches, Philip Morby and Steven Johnson easily overcoming new entrants Free Church L. Eathorpe I may be new but they have now taken 2 wins, first 3-2 against Eathorpe G, then 4-1 over Free Church K. The local derby saw 11-year-old William Hancock picking up a brace and the doubles with father Mark for the I side, whilst 12 year olds William Henry and Jack Henderson kept one each for the G's. Against Church K Mark Hancock took two, son William one and the doubles with Tom Postings (aged 12), though with two games only lost at 16/14 Church were unlucky to only get one point from Thomas Smith. Eathorpe E also won at 3-2 with Dave Hawker's brace plus the doubles with daughter Katie, whilst Doug Smith and Sara Hemp held one each for opponents LCP Packers. LCP Inkers however saw off Eathorpe H at 4-1, with Nicky Barrett taking two, Tom Moseley one and the doubles together whilst Eathorpe's Alastair Nicholson kept hold of one point. A close local derby between two new Free Church teams, L and M, saw first wins for Jack Hobbins (two for the M's), Luke and Charlotte Spencer (one each for the L's) whilst Jacob Lane and Lewis Barge gave L the doubles and the match at 3-2.

Better results for champions County Council A in Division 1. First they rolled over promoted Flavels 10-0, Phil Paine and Clive Irwin taking singles and doubles and reserve Nilton Green a hat-trick. Then almost as good at 9-1 against Colebridge A, Matthew Hobday and Clive Irwin picking up their singles and the doubles and Phil Paine a brace. Barry Hunt kept one for Colebridge's consolation. St. Georges A saw off Wellesbourne at 8-2, Ian Packford three, Earl Sweeney and Mike Bishop two each plus the doubles went to Packford and Bishop. Pete Dunnnett kept a brace for Wellesbourne. Two wins for St. Georges B. First a tremendous 8-2 against Free Church A led by Peter Kirby and Ron Vose who took trebles and the doubles, plus a useful single from Rob Warnes. Stuart Kurle and Gary Webb kept one each for Church. Then 9-1 to Saints against promoted RNA C, Peter Kirby and Rob Warnes taking their singles and the doubles, Alf Chapman a brace. Daryl Burgess held one for the naval reply. Better for RNA C in their match against fellow promotee Marconi, which the naval crew won at 7-3 with braces from Dot Macfarlane, Andy Davies and Daryl Burgess plus the doubles from MacFarlane and Burgess. Steve Smith held onto two, Gordon Tucker one for Marconi's first points at this level. Whitnash A squeezed past Wellesbourne at 6-4 with hat-tricks from Mark Wollerton and Richard Arnold. Gary Stewart, Pete Dunnnett and Sven Rudolph all held onto one for Wellesbourne and Stewart and Dunnnett the doubles. Whitnash B had an easier ride against Colebridge

A, with Justin Rai and Alan Hewitt picking up singles and the doubles and Ian Perry a brace for Whitnash's 9-1 win. Barry Hunt held one to salve Colebridge's pride. Colebridge B were helped to 9-1 against Flavels as Flavels were one short on the night. Navinder Matharu and Neil Wheatley took braces and the doubles for Colebridge, John Taylor one. Roger Potts consoled Flavels with one point.

The Leamington Championships are on the weekend of 26/27th February at Sydenham and the finals at WCC Staff Club in Warwick on Saturday 12th March. There are events for all ages, both sexes and all standards with 5 graded events so you are guaranteed an event with players of roughly the same standard as yourself. You can also enter the grade above (giving you extra matches) at no extra cost. The Under 11 (mixed) and the under 13 boys and girls are open to those not yet playing in the league so if your club has young beginners please make sure you tell them. At the other end of the age scale there is a new over 60 event. Finals night is a big event. Everyone has a chance to play in a staged final in the graded events and (whether you make it or not) watch some top class table tennis in the main events. There is a licensed bar and free light buffet in the evening. Entry forms are being sent to team secretaries and will be posted on the web. Entry fees have not been increased from last year and there is a reduction if you enter early. Entries close on Monday 14th February.