

Week Commencing 31st January 2005

Birmingham Table Tennis by Bob Brown

PAUL Leck, Mike Browne and Chris Leach of Kingshurst 'A' crushed Sutton 'A' 10-0 in the Premier Division of the Birmingham League, with Leck showing a welcome return to form, which included an 11-9 in the fifth win over the ageless Derek Backhouse. Curdworth continue their relentless march to yet another title, following a ruthless 10-0 success over Colebridge Dinosaurs, although Eileen Shaler put up a spirited display against Phil Burwell before losing 11-9 in the final set. Andy Evans produced one of the top performances of the season in winning three for Phones 'A' against Colebridge Aces despite his side losing 7-3, beating both Ray Dixon and Pete Roddy in the fifth and Mike Kendall three straight. Aces had previously beaten strugglers Tile Cross 'A' 10-0. Scott Prime and Paul Taylor gained maximums as Kingshurst 'B' hammered their 'C' side 9-1, with Jason Essex gaining the only win for the 'C' team against Roger Morris. Land Rover 'B' beat Bournville 'A' 6-4 in Division One, despite another superb unbeaten display from Bhavesh Amlani for the visitors. Dave Smye pipped Ken Lancaster 14-12 in the fifth which enabled Kingshurst 'D' to beat Sutton 'C' 6-4, as Smye, Karl Manning and Roger Ellerington all won two singles each. Hockley Heath 'A' and Kingshurst 'F' drew 5-5 in Division Two, with Warwickshire junior star Alan Caffery of Kings the only unbeaten player on show. Pen holder Mark Hadley continued his consistent form for Colebridge Eagles in their 8-2 success at St Chads. Sutton 'E' had a shock 6-4 victory over title hopefuls Walmley 'A' in Division Three. Derek Ellis beat Alan White by a remarkable 17-15 in the fifth in the first game of the night, Ellis also beat Colin Lewis, whilst Sutton reserve Alan Healey gained two wins. Sutton then came down to earth with a bump as Colebridge Giants recorded a 9-1 victory, with Ken Beech showing his best form of the campaign to beat Healey 11-9 in the decider and Dave Butler also in the final set. White was back to form for Walmley against Tile Cross 'B' with a maximum, but his side were held to a 5-5 draw as Bernard Oliver and Alan Thompson won two each for Cross. Colebridge Indians maintained their challenge for honours with a 7-3 win over Tile Cross, with Tim Fell and Brian Morris unbeaten. John Dineen won three for Land Rover in their 5-5 draw against Sutton 'H' in Division Four, Nabil Kalfey picking up two singles for Sutton. Dean Hicks won three for Hockley Heath 'B', but was given little support as his highflying side crashed 7-3 at Kingshurst 'F'. West Midlands Police crushed Tile Cross 'D' 10-0 in Division Five, through Ron Fraser, Richard Ryan and Lesley Dewick. Streetly 'C' triumphed 7-3 at home to Sutton 'I', with Tony Badham unbeaten. Harry Ford maintained his quest for the Division Five individual title, with three wins for Bournville at Hockley Heath 'C', with Bruce Barrett also unbeaten for the visitors. Bournville then ruthlessly disposed of Sutton 'I' 10-0. Paul Oakes and Stuart Oakes were again in form as Streetly 'D' beat Jacombs 'B' 7-3 in Division Six.