

Week Commencing 7th November 2005

Birmingham Table Tennis by Bob Brown

Helen Turner looks to be fighting a losing battle for Sutton 'A' in the Premier Division of the Birmingham League. She showed glimpses of her best form in the 7-3 defeat to fellow strugglers Streetly 'A' beating both John Waters and Bemí Okunribido, but received little support. Kingshurst Bribar 'B' and Colebridge Braves fought out a 5-5 draw, in a match that showed the rich talent of county junior Navinder Matharu, who was unbeaten for Braves. Jack Williamson of Kingshurst Bribar 'D' is another youngster in form, as he showed with an outstanding 12-10 in the fifth win over Nick Georgovic, in his sides 6-4 victory over Jacombs 'A' in Division One. Land Rover 'B' stunned Hockley Heath 'A' to the tune of 8-2, with Dean Opbroek gaining a superb maximum. Colebridge Giants went 4-0 up against clubmates Colebridge Hawks in Division Two, before Hawks stormed back to lead 5-4, before the reliable Frank Cotter levelled matters beating Mick Welsh. Mahroof Hussain of Colebridge Eagles, showed his fighting qualities in the 6-4 win at Walmley 'A', beating Bob Findlay, Colin Lewis and Alan White all in the deciding game. Streetly 'B' were indebted to a treble from Mike Standen in the 7-3 success over Hockley Heath 'B' in Division Three, whilst Land Rover 'E' drew 5-5 with Beaufort Sports 'B', with Rover's John Dineen the only unbeaten player. Tim Fell won three for Colebridge Indians in their 7-3 victory over Bournville 'C' and was well supported by Neil Buckley, with Bruce Barrett winning two for the visitors. Ron Harze inspired Beaufort Sports 'C' to an 8-2 triumph at Lodge Road in Division Four, with Farhan Petkar gaining a classy treble for Sutton 'F' in their 7-3 win at Land Rover 'F'. West Midlands Phones 'B' maintained their excellent start with an 8-2 thumping of Sutton 'H', which saw Sally Russell and Dave Lyne unbeaten. Streetly 'D' showed no mercy to Beaufort Sports 'D' in a 10-0 mauling in Division Five, with David Gregg, David Tart and David Johnson all in fineform. Streetly had a far tougher match with Jacombs 'B', edging it 6-4 with a treble from Tony Badham. Maurice Eggleton beat Jim Ferguson 11-9 in the fifth for Quinboirne 'B' at Baverstock 'A' in the opening set of the night and also accounted for both Brian King and Ron Anson as his side won 7-3.