

## **Week Commencing 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005**

### **Birmingham Table Tennis**

**By Bob Brown**

Colebridge Aces continued their excellent start to the season in the Premier Division of the Birmingham League, with Mike Kendall, Pete Roddy and Ray Dixon inflicting a 10-0 drubbing on Kingshurst Bribar 'C'. Dixon, who has just returned from representing England veterans in Sweden, has yet to taste defeat in 2005/6. Newcomer Simon Rudland warmed up for the forthcoming 'Battle of Brum' against Kingshurst with a maximum for champions Curdworth at Colebridge Braves. Ian Ferguson also registered a treble in an 8-2 success, although 'Fergie' was taken the distance by the lightning reflexes of Edward Lynn. Land Rover 'A' suffered two maulings, a predictable 10-0 at Curdworth and 8-2 against Streetly 'A' for whom Steve Taylor playing in his first match of the season recorded a fine treble, as did teammate John Waters. David Ameghino and Silvanus Ward were both unbeaten for Land Rover 'B' in their Division One clash at Beaufort Sports 'A', as the Solihull side came back from a 3-2 deficit. Rover continued in winning ways against Sutton 'B' with a 7-3 scoreline, with Ameghino winning three again Sutton got back to winning ways crushing Sandwell Unison 8-2, as Andy Choi and Martin Round recorded trebles. Colebridge Falcons and Smithereens fought out a 5-5 draw in Division Two, with Tony Greene of Falcons and Norman Harvey and Simon Bailey of Smithereens winning two singles each. Brian Morris looks set to challenge for the individual title in Division Two, as the backhand specialist helped to put St Chads to the sword in a 9-1 thumping. St Chads lost their second match of the week in a 7-3 reverse at Sutton 'D'. Colebridge Hawks gained a 6-4 victory over Walmley, with Mick Welsh not dropping a game. The Hockley Heath 'B' trio of Mike Evetts, Dean Hicks and Bernard Oliver roared up the Third Division table after a 9-1 demolition job over Walmley 'B'. Unbeaten duo Hicks and Oliver combined for an exciting 14/12 in the fifth doubles win over Maurice Clayton and Stan Willis. Walmley had a fine 8-2 win over Sutton 'E', as Willis was unbeaten, including an 11-8 in the decider victory over Gerald Billington. John Dineen was unbeaten for Land Rover at home to Streetly 'B', but The visitors won 6-4 through braces from Mike Standen, Graham Fleet and David Collins. Bournville 'C' and Beaufort Sports 'B' shared the spoils 5-5, with Beaufort's Rob Sheldon the only unbeaten player on view. Alan Healey recorded a maximum for Sutton 'F' in their 6-4 triumph over Walmley 'C' in Division Four, with the match of the night seeing Walmley's Tony Williams just edging out Dave Butler 11/7 in the fifth. Andrew Nichol was in inspired form for Sutton 'H' in their 5-5 draw at Beaufort Sports 'C'. Sutton 'I' won 7-3 at Kinghurst 'F', despite a treble from the home sides David Lewis, whilst Quinborne 'B' had a comfortable 8-2 win over Jacombs B' with David Ranford unbeaten.