

Week Commencing 17th October 2005

**Birmingham Table Tennis
by Bob Brown**

Tributes have been paid to Barry Hunt, who collapsed and died during a table tennis league match at the Colebridge Club, Shirley. He played in the Warwickshire veterans side, for Birmingham in the Midland League and represented Colebridge in the British League. Club leader Neil Wheatley said: "Barry was a leading member of the club and will be missed by us all. He was a tremendous example to the young players at Colebridge and at the age of 66 was still one of the best defensive players in the West Midlands. "He was first and foremost a team man and I feel that he is best remembered for that, rather than for his individual record." Barry, who lived in Olton, played for over three decades in the Birmingham League, including clubs such as Holdens and Olton and West Warwickshire. He joined the Colebridge club in 1995 where he switched to playing in the Leamington League. Birmingham President Brian Lloyd has known Barry throughout his involvement with the sport. "Barry had a very easy going personality and was well liked and very modest.and the table tennis scene has lost a leading member of its community. "I have been a friend of Barry's from the time he played at Holdens through to West Warwickshire and now Colebridge and on behalf of the Birmingham League I send our condolences to his wife Rita and family. The funeral service will be held at Yardley Crematorium, on Friday October 21, at 12 noon.