

Week Commencing 27th February 2006

Birmingham Table Tennis

By Bob Brown

Ray Dixon showed just why he is a regular member of the England veterans squad, with an easy maximum for Colebridge Aces against West Midlands Phones 'A', in the Premier Division of the Birmingham League. Aces gained a 6-4 win, despite Andy Evans and Tim Freeman both getting the better of Mick Kendall and Pete Roddy. Kingshurst Bribar 'B' hammered their 'C' side 8-2, with a Karl Manning treble continuing his fine campaign. Mike Browne, Chris Leach and Scott Prime warmed up for next week's 'Battle of Brum 11' against Curdworth, as Kingshurst Bribar 'A' beat their 'B' side 10-0. Sandwell Unison gained a crucial 7-3 victory over Beaufort Sports 'A' in Division One, with Brian Morris unbeaten, while Sutton 'C' look doomed for the drop despite a brave effort in a 6-4 defeat at Jacombs 'A'. Dean Hicks was awesome for Hockley Heath 'A' against Sutton 'B', but the visitors won 6-4 with two singles each for experienced duo Andy Choi and Graham Williams. Kingshurst Bribar 'D' crushed Land Rover 'C' 10-0, although Chris Allen took both Dave Smye and Luke Hemming to the deciding game. Colebridge Eagles look assured of promotion to Division One after a 9-1 success over clubmates Colebridge Falcons. Mahroof Hussain remains high in the individual chart after another three wins, but John Cox lost three for Falcons for the first time this season. Martin Round was unplayable for Sutton 'D' in their 5-5 draw with Colebridge Giants, winning three singles and combining with Colin Cleverley for doubles success. Land Rover 'D' closed in on the Division Three title with a 6-4 triumph over Sutton 'E', despite a treble from star Sutton youngster Nabil Khalfey. Alan Thompson and Rob Sheldon both gained maximums for Beaufort Sports 'B' in their 6-4 win at Colebridge Indians. Roger Hookes of Bournville 'B', on his return from injury, beat John Swinburne of Hockley Heath 'B' 14-12 in the fourth game to gain a draw for his side in a Division Four encounter. West Midlands Phones 'B' are going great guns in Division Four, with Simon and Sally Russell and David Lyne gaining another emphatic 10-0 success over Walmley 'C', with Walmley also gaining a 5-5 draw at Land Rover. Phones had another big win by an 8-2 margin against Sutton 'F', although Sutton then gained a 10-0 win over Beaufort Sports 'C'