

Week Commencing 29th January 2007

Second placed Flavels A faced a strong Free Church A side in a Division 1 fixture that could easily have slowed down their title bid. Paul Savins and Mark Jackson did extremely well to take hat-tricks for Flavels that included the scalps of the rarely beaten Andy Woodcock and Gary Webb and thirteen year old Xiaoyang Ma. Andy, Gary and Xiaoyang all held on to one for Free Church, but couldn't prevent Savins and Jackson taking the doubles in five sets and running out 7-3 winners. Mark Jackson continued his good form against Colebridge A as he posted a second successive hat-trick in Flavels A's 8-2 win. However, for the first time this season, Paul Savins was unable to take his three and his 100% average slipped away in the tightest of contests, which saw Edward Lynn recover from deficits twice in the deciding fifth leg. Lynn picked up Colebridge's other point, while Pete Dasher took two for Flavels and Savins / Jackson the doubles. Free Church A also had a second match and drew this one against St Georges B. Xiaoyang Ma coasted to a maximum for Church, with Gary Webb and Hugh Matthews adding one each. Ron Vose kept two for Saints and the doubles with Jimmy Pittaway. Jimmy claimed a single of his own, as did Phillip Beasley. St Georges C could well have suffered a whitewash at the hands of BGN A, but they were let off when Andy Caine triumphed in a five setter against Bob Harman for their solitary point. Bob regained his composure to take his other two; Gary Jackson and Barry Hook both took maximums, plus the doubles together, to complete BGN's 9-1 win. Saints C slipped to another defeat – this time 7-3 to Colebridge B, with Andy Caine winning one again, to add to the two from Brian Aston. John Chandler took his three for Colebridge, John Taylor two, Bob Brown one. The doubles went to Chandler and Taylor. Colebridge B found the going much tougher, though, as they found the Peter Pan of Leamington Table Tennis, Phil Paine, in scintillating form. Inspired by Paine's hat-trick, team-mates Pat McCabe and Clive Irwin followed suit and when Paine and Irwin took a five-set doubles, the 10-0 win was complete. St Georges A kept their spot at the top of the table with an 8-2 win over Wellesbourne. Ian Packford took his three for Saints, Mike Bishop and Earl Sweeney two each, with the doubles going to Packford and Sweeney. Michael Wilkins saved two for 'Bourne in reply. Eathorpe A's struggle goes on, but they picked up a welcome two points in their 8-2 defeat by WCC B. The points were taken by Matt Cooper and Allan Stockham. Simon Griew held his three without drama for County Council, Nilton Green and Martin Hunter two each. The doubles went to Griew and Green.

Whitnash put in an excellent Division 2 display to cast aside Free Church C without too much trouble. Dennis Woodhead and Ken Southwell both won hat-tricks, Ian Perry one plus the doubles. Cherry Matthews was Church's lone victor as Whitnash ran away with the match 9-1. BGN B beat Flavels B 7-3, thanks to three each from Steve Proctor and Dong Wei, with Malcolm Macfarlane adding a single. Roger Potts and John Earles held singles for Flavels, with Roger taking the doubles along with Mick Bennett. Rugby A demolished RNA B 9-1 with three from Thomas Jacko and Ian Randle. Ian took the doubles with son Jack, who added two of his own. Ian Stevens was RNA B's saviour. RNA A also suffered a heavy 9-1 defeat. Free Church B's Mike Bridgman and Tom Brocklehurst took singles and doubles, with James Hodges adding two. Tony Thomas saved the blushes for Navy A.

From no wins in ten Division 3 matches, Free Church F's youngsters have now made it two wins in their last two! Phil Blowey took an impressive three, Jake Harrison two, Charlotte Spencer one and the doubles with Blowey. John Hunt held two for opponents FISSC and Tony Scott one in the 7-3 match. WCC D were another 7-3 winning team – Tony Ford and Doug Lowe taking their three plus the doubles against Ashorne. Ashorne's points came from Steve Bolton, Janet Andrews and Roger Kelley. Free Church D and E both took 8-2 wins this week. The D side beat Eathorpe C, with maximums from Pete Rourke and Lleryn Brocklehurst. Lleryn was joined by Adam Cooper for the doubles. Eathorpe's two

came from Paul Deavall and Charles Wragg. Free Church E's eight were scored by Tom Hunt, Luke Hobbins and Chris Blowey, who took three, three and two respectively. Their opponents, WCC C, saved their two thanks to Reg Warnes' single and the doubles from Reg and Graham Roberts. WCC C reversed that score line against Ashorne though. Graham Roberts took three, plus the doubles with James Owen. James picked up two, as did Reg Warnes. Steve Bolton and Roger Kelley held one each for Ashorne.

FISSC B were emphatic winners against Eathorpe D in Division A. Tony Scott and Mark Kingham took singles and doubles for the 5-0 win. Eathorpe D fared better against Free Church H, but just missed out as they lost 3-2. Peter Nicholson and Sophie Niepceron won one each for Eathorpe; Scott Delday his two plus the doubles with Holly Thompson for Church. Rugby F edged out Free Church I 3-2 thanks to one each from Jesse Kendrick Hill and Ryan Lines plus the doubles together. Lleryn Brocklehurst kept two for Free Church. St Georges D picked up a 4-1 win against Eathorpe E, with Paul Nason winning his two, Lawrence Sweeney one, plus the doubles together. Ryan James Oldham saved 'Thorpe's point with a fine five set win. St Georges E beat defending champions AP Sports B 3-2. Jimmy Pittaway took his two, plus the doubles with Phillip Morby to secure the win. Tony Williams and Carol Meredith hit back with one each for AP.

LCP Dreamers earned bragging rights over stable mates LCP Packers in Division B. Simon Dainty took his two, Simon Walmesley one and the doubles together. Packers response came from Doug Smith. The Dreamers repeated their trick against Free Church M, with Dainty and Walmesley again winning two and one and the doubles. Church's reply came from Richard Pittaway Jr. The Packers, unfortunately for them, also repeated their derby trick and lost another match 4-1. Doug Smith and Nicky Barrett were able to take the doubles and prevent the whitewash, but Free Church J's Tom and Sam Smith both picked up braces for the win. Church M then won a second match, this one 3-2 against Eathorpe H. Tom Smith won his two and the doubles with Michael Turner. Elizabeth Hancock and Hannah Saville won one each in reply. Eathorpe H also came unstuck against Eathorpe F. Dave Hawker won two, Katie Hawker one and the doubles together in the F's 4-1 win. Hannah Saville held one for H. Eathorpe G beat Eathorpe I 4-1, with Richard Freeman's experience seeing him home with two from two plus the doubles with Mark Hancock, who picked up a single. Pauline Parkes won a convincing single in reply. Free Church K skipped past Eathorpe J 5-0 thanks to Jack Hobbins and Lindy Myers. Eathorpe J also lost 5-0 to Eathorpe K – Jack Parry and Holly Savage reaping the rewards of constant practice as they reversed the score from match they played back in September.

Harbury Lane, new to the League, don't seem to be having any trouble adapting to competitive table tennis. They beat fellow League newcomers Free Church R 5-0 thanks to Sam and Leo Twigg. Eathorpe L just edges the match against Rugby H, with Gary Osbourne and Josh Osbourne taking one each, plus the doubles. Peter Moffatt was unbeaten for Rugby as Eathorpe took the match 3-2. Free Church Q's David and Niall Herbert both won maximums against Free Church P, but Anita Whitehouse came in to join Aidan Pestell for the doubles and saved a point in the 4-1 defeat. Tighter for Church Q against Eathorpe L as they only managed to win this one 3-2. David Herbert took two, Niall Herbert one. Josh Osbourne held a single and was joined by dad Gary to win the doubles. Fledgling Ellie Parry, just nine years old, was playing her first league match and, despite finding it a hard start, will hopefully settle in – she certainly has time on her side and it's good to see the young players in competition. Free Church O beat St Georges F 4-1, with James Payne taking singles and doubles with Kyle Thompson. Kyle chipped in with one of his own, but couldn't beat Jamie Compton who saved the point for saints.