

Week Commencing 3rd December 2007

It has been a good week for some of Leamington's younger table tennis players, obtaining some good results at the Regional Trials at the weekend. Six of our youngsters had made it through to this stage from the County Trials back in September and an impressive five of the six have made it through to the National Finals. Jess Champion, of Free Church, finished top of the pile in the U11 Girls event, with club mates Simon Thompson and Niall Herbert finishing second and third respectively in the U11 Boys. All three progress to the Nationals. St Georges' Laurence Sweeney also moves forward, having finished second in the U13 Boys, with Free Church's Luke Spencer just missing out in fifth place, despite a good performance which included a win over a higher ranked player. The fifth qualifier for the National Trials was Charlotte Spencer of Free Church, who overcame a nervous start to the day and finished second in the U15 Girls. The National Trials are to be held on 12th/13th April 2008.

AP Sports B completed a routine 5-0 win over Eathorpe E in Division A, as Tony Williams and Andrew Meredith took singles and doubles. Tony continued his excellent form by taking both his singles against FISSC B, but FISSC hit back with one each from Mark Kingham and Brian Marston and then took the doubles to complete a 3-2 win. FISSC racked up another win, this time a 5-0 against Eathorpe D. Brian Marston joined on this occasion by John Hunt. Rugby F were too strong for Free Church H and Ryan Lines and Jo Outhwaite both won braces. Church's consolation came in the doubles when Estyn Williams and Jaz Gahir edged it in five.

In Division B a strong showing from Harbury Lane A gave them a 5-0 whitewash at the expense of Free Church L. Father and son, Alex and Sam Twigg dropped only one set during the evening. Church L bounced back with a 5-0 win of their own as Sam and Tom Smith hammered LCP Packers. Eathorpe F and H met each other and in a closely contested affair, it was Mark Hancock's nerve that held true, winning two five-setters to add to a single from Richard Freeman and the doubles, to give the F side a 4-1 win. Matthew Jackson consoled for H. Eathorpe I recorded a 3-2 victory against Free Church J with Gary Osbourne winning both his singles and taking the doubles with Joshua Osbourne. Scott Delday and Lindy Myers both held one for Church. Peter Moffatt won his two for Rugby G, with opponents Free Church K responding through a Jack Hobbins single and the doubles from Jack and Anita Whitehouse. The crucial match winning point was scored by Daniel Roberts, giving Rugby the 3-2 edge.

Division C's Free Church T rolled over their club mates Free Church Q 5-0. The continued improvement in the young ladies confidence evident as Lucy Marlow and Lauren Delday made sure their experience counted. John and Richard Milton of Eathorpe K continued their impressive debut season by taking out the Free Church T girls 4-1. John won two, Richard one and the pair took the doubles. Free Church T's sole point came from Lucy Marlow. Rugby H hammered Free Church R 5-0, singles and doubles being taken by Daniel Roberts and Simon Pook. Jordan Cullain-Liburd was outstanding for Eathorpe J, but his maximum wasn't enough to prevent Free Church S taking the match 3-2. Tom Boote and Charlie Snelson both won one and then combined for the decisive doubles. Snitterfield B cruised past Free Church O as Kevin and Richard Bennett took all the points for a 5-0 win. Chris Beckett won his singles and the doubles with Brian Payne as Free Church P recorded a 3-2 win against Eathorpe L, for whom Conor Thorpe and James Hobbs both notched one. The doubles was fiercely contested, with the final two legs going the way of the Free Church side by scores of 16/14 and 17/15!

In Division 4, WCC D beat Ashorne 6-4 with Doug Lowe and Tony Ford both taking hat-tricks. Steve Bolton, Roger Kelley and Chris Bowles won one each and Roger and Chris took the doubles. Ashorne

suffered a second defeat, this time at the hands of Free Church F as Phil Blowey, Jake Harrison and Charlotte Spencer all stormed to maximums in a 9-1 win. Roger and Chris consoled with another doubles win. Church F improved on the 9-1 as Phil, Jake and Charlotte destroyed their G-side colleagues 10-0. Free Church E were led by Ian Rourke's hat-trick as they trounced Eathorpe C 8-2. Lleryn Brocklehurst and Adam Cooper contributed two each plus the doubles, with Charles Wragg winning both of Eathorpe's points in five set matches.

WCC C and Nomads B had an expectedly close tussle in Division 3 – County Council emerged 6-4 winners thanks to two each from Reg Warnes, James Owen and Graham Roberts. Nomads replied through Dave Harding's two, Ian Stevens' one and the doubles from the pair.

Gordon Tucker posted a Division 2 maximum in Copsewood's 7-3 win over Nomads A. Richard Jardim and Steve Smith added two and one respectively plus the doubles together. Dot Macfarlane, Andy Davies and Darryl Burgess all picked up a single for Nomads. Copsewood fell to a 6-4 defeat against St Georges C, for whom Brian Aston won three and Alf Chapman two. Richard Jardim won twice for Copsewood and Steve Smith once. Saints had to concede a singles match, but Brian Aston and Andy Caine won the doubles for the win. Nomads A suffered at the hands of Whitnash B as Paul Ryman, Dennis Woodhead and Mark Woolerton won 10-0. A closer contest for 'Nash B against Free Church D, but Mark Woolerton's hat-trick was instrumental in securing a 6-4 win. Paul Ryman and Dennis Woodhead added one each and Paul took the doubles with Mark. Tristan Gretton won two for Church, as did Luke Hobbins. Whitnash A's Steve Proctor, Malc Macfarlane and Deepak Chandrababu coasted past an Eathorpe A side still short on senior players by ten points to nil. AP Sports A beat Rugby B 7-3. Andrew Meredith, Edward Freeman and Terry Smith all took two and Andrew and Terry the doubles. Rugby replied with an Alan Chan hat-trick.

BGN were a side in form in Division 1 and overcame WCC B 7-3 thanks to three from Bob Harman, two from Gary Jackson, one from Barry Hook and the doubles from Bob and Barry. Simon Griew kept two for Council; Derek Harwood one. Colebridge A showed no mercy to their B side and ruthlessly dispatched them 10-0 – Ian Ferguson, Edward Lynn and Sasha Grokhotov simply too strong. Free Church A beat St Georges B 7-3 with two from each of Hugh Matthews, Gary Webb and Gary Deakin, plus the doubles from the two Garys. None, though, could beat Ron Vose who won his three for Saints. Church A tasted defeat against Flavels A as Mark Jackson and Paul Savins took singles and doubles in an 8-2 win. Damon Fenton added a single, but Hugh Matthews and Matthew Carter saved face with one each for Church. St Georges B were a player short against Free Church B and so conceded three points. Mike Bishop and Matt Squires soon made amends for that as they both stormed to maximums. Mike Bridgman and Tom Brocklehurst managed to pull out a good doubles performance for Church B to beat the Saints pair in five and leave the final score at 6-4 to Saints. WCC A beat Wellesbourne 6-4, with braces from Phil Paine, Clive Irwin and Pat McCabe. Pete Dunnett won twice for 'Bourne, Gary Stewart once and the pair also took the doubles.

Results – Div1: WCC A 6-4 Wellesbourne; Free Church B 4-6 St Georges A; Free Church A 2-8 Flavels A; St Georges B 3-7 Free Church A; Colebridge B 0-10 Colebridge A; WCC B 3-7 BGN. **Div2:** Eathorpe A 0-10 Whitnash A; AP Sports A 7-3 Rugby B; Nomads A 0-10 Whitnash B; Whitnash B 6-4 Free Church D; Copsewood 4-6 St Georges C; Copsewood 7-3 Nomads A. **Div3:** WCC C 6-4 Nomads B. **Div4:** Free Church G 0-10 Free Church F; Ashorne 4-6 WCC D; Free Church E 8- 2 Eathorpe C; Free Church F 9-1 Ashorne. **DivA:** Eathorpe D 0-5 FISSC B; AP Sports B 5-0 Eathorpe E; FISSC B 3-2 AP

Sports B; Rugby F 4-1 Free Church H. **DivB:** Free Church J 2-3 Eathorpe I; Eathorpe F 4-1 Eathorpe H; Rugby G 3-2 Free Church K; Free Church L 5-0 LCP Packers; Free Church L 0-5 Harbury Lane A.
DivC: Free Church R 0-5 Rugby H; Free Church T 5-0 Free Church Q; Eathorpe J 2-3 Free Church S; Eathorpe K 4-1 Free Church T; Free Church O 0-5 Snitterfield B; Free Church P 3-2 Eathorpe L.