



Week commencing 5th October 2009

The Leamington & District Table Tennis season is now underway, with one of its junior members making some early waves. Playing up in Division 1 as a reserve, Jesse Kendrick-Hill of Rugby A notched an impressive hat-trick against his B side colleagues. Ian Randle added another three and Jack Randle a single as Rugby A completed a 7-3 win. Rugby B scored through Thomas Jacko and Ladislav Grezdo, who took one each plus the doubles together.

In another A versus B club match, Free Church A overcame their B side 7-3. Ron Vose was a maximum man for the A side and took the doubles with brace-winning Jon Hall. Ryan Stockham's single completed the scoring. Church B's points came from a Paul Magois brace and a Chris Mulligan single. That 7-3 defeat was Church B's second in as many matches as the previous week they had fallen by the same score line to Wellesbourne. One from each of Hugh Matthews, Chris Mulligan and Tom Brocklehurst was all they could manage. Pete Dunnett lead Wellesbourne with a hat-trick; Gary Stewart grabbed a brace and Alan Cotton a single.

Mark Jackson and Matthew Jordan were undefeated in singles for St Georges B, overcoming Colebridge Braves 7-3. The Braves trio of John Chandler, John Taylor and Amann Ubhi all took a point, before Jackson was joined by Laurence Sweeney to win the doubles. Whitnash A started their campaign with a 6-4 win over WCC Bats, spearheaded by Aiden Walsh's three. Aiden also grabbed the doubles with Andy Lebutt, who won once, as did Justin Rai. Keith Fellows won twice for the Bats; Nilton Green and Simon Griew once each.

St Georges D kicked off their assault on the Division 2 title with an 8-2 win against Rugby D. Laurence Sweeney starred with three plus the doubles with Pete Dasher. Dasher, now rebuilt and aiming to come back better, stronger, faster than he was before, backed up Sweeney with two, as did Kevin Finn. Jesse Kendrick-Hill held his nerve to win two five-setters in consolation for Rugby.

Phoenix Okimo won 7-3 against WCC Crocs, for whom only Derek Harwood could find much bite as he won two plus the doubles with Tony Ford. Richard Jardim took his three for Okimo, with Dennis Mockford and Gordon Tucker collecting two each.

The two reported Division 3 fixtures both resulted in comprehensive wins. Nomads B were 10-0 winners against St Georges F thanks to Dick Smith, Steve Poole and Dave Harding. Eathorpe A whitewashed Nomads C - Peter Titmas, Alastair Nicholson and Murray Stevenson inflicting the misery on a Nomads side who battled hard but couldn't quite nick any points.

Rugby G were winners in a close Division 4 match with Eathorpe B, each of Liam Victoros, Mark Wilson and Brian Hudson taking two to secure a 6-4 win. Ron Coats was 'Thorpe's strongest player on the night, winning two plus the doubles with Paul Deavall who added a single.

Snitterfield B could only field two players against Free Church B, but a lacklustre performance from Church let Snitterfield off the hook. Ron Shakesheff took three, John Walker two plus the doubles with Ron. The enigmatic Ian Rourke was the only Church player to record a win as Snitterfield ultimately won 6-4.

Ashorne's three of Robert Poole, Chris Bowles and Roger Kelley all won twice against Potters Green A to get them off to a 6-4 winning start. Mark Sandford cruised to three and added the doubles with Duncan Hall.

WCC Flounders were annihilated by a razor sharp Eathorpe D as Allan Stockham led his young charges to a 9-1 win. Allan's maximum was a feat matched by Holly Thompson and the pair also collected the doubles. Simon Thompson added a brace, missing out on his own hat-trick by the narrowest of margins as he succumbed to Mark Freeman in five.

In Division A, the match between Free Church H and Rugby I was settled by the doubles. Grace Newman and Michael Loizou had won one each for Rugby, but couldn't tame Tony Williams who secured his two. In the doubles, however, it was the rugby duo who prevailed in three straight legs to win the match 3-2.

Nomads E secured a solid 4-1 win against a Free Church G side who will have hoped to do better. Ian Beasley won his two, Roger Palmer one plus the doubles with Ian. Church's face-saving single winner was Luke Spencer.

Chris Beckett and Roald Myers won one each plus the doubles to give Free Church J a 3-2 winning start to their Division B campaign. Dave Hawker of Eathorpe E won two to make a fight of the match.

Robin Eddie won two for Rugby J, plus the doubles with Majinder Dosanjh as they squeezed out a 3-2 win over Free Church I, for whom Anita Whitehouse and Jack Hobbins won a single each.

Andy Kendall was the star performer in a close match between Free Church L and Eathorpe G in Division C. Andy's two set up Church for the win, which was secured by James Payne's single. John Gymer took one for 'Thorpe, with the doubles being won by Richard and Jonathan Milton.

Potters Green B looked a class apart and then some as they breezed past Eathorpe H 5-0 thanks to Aaron Riley and Harry Ellis. On this viewing they could take some stopping in Division D.

Free Church O had Ben Haigh in brace-winning form, but Kris Reiman and Troy Pierce both won a single and joined forces to win the doubles and with it the match for Free Church Q 3-2.