



WARREN SPRING TABLE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER



December 2019 Edition

May I take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a very festive Christmas and a happy New Year.

The Season

With the halfway stage of the season reached, things look good for the majority of our league teams. In the premier division, our B team are currently third whilst our A team lie in fifth place. In division one, we occupy the top three places with our F, C & D teams in that order respectively. In division two, our G team lie third whilst in division three our K side are top by a clear nine points.

Divisional hotshots at this stage are;

Premier – Arron Beckett 76%, Victor Ramirez-Rioja 72%.

Division One – Jim Dodds 93%, Barry Phillips 85%, Mark Redford 83% & Barry Camis 81%.

Division Two – Sam Dermont 95%, Satveer Pawar 91% & George Thorn 80%

Division Three – Steve Campbell 91%, Eric Morcombe 78%.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following three young players who have made great strides in the local league this season and whose game has improved tremendously over the past few months. Keep up the good work.

Colm Bushell, Satveer Pawar & Heidi Oestreicher – Well Done!!

Cup Semi Finals

Willmott Cup

*****Stop Press – Congratulations also to our B team of Victor Ramirez-Rioja, Colm Bushell and Maciej Demski, who defeated Bedwell A (winners of this trophy for the past few years) by 6 games to 3. A maximum from Victor, two from Maciej and one from Colm did the trick.

McCloughlin Cup

*****and to; Our H team who pulled off the biggest surprise in the cup this season by beating league leaders and cup favourites ARTO C by 5-2. The win was due in no small measure to 14 year old Heidi Oestreicher who took a

maximum which included the scalp of Arto Vivavorian surely her best win to date. Brian Bennett and Jim Keirl took the other two.

Diamond Anniversary – Elite Tournament

I am pleased to report that our Elite Tournament, held at the St Neots Table Tennis Centre on Sunday 10th November to mark the club's sixty years in being was a great success. So much so, that many entrants were asking me when we were going to organise another event. Oh! If it were that simple.

With good prize money up for grabs forty men and nineteen women entered their perspective competitions to find out who would reign supreme at the end of the day. Competition was really strong as can be seen from the fact that good local league premier players such as Jimmy Walsh and our own Victor Ramirez-Rioja failed to make it out of their groups.

Numbers in the women's event suffered as competitors found themselves being called up for international duty as well as illness and injury. The event lost Lois Peake (England No 7), Danielle Kelly (Welsh International), Amy Marriott (England No 1 cadet) international duty, as well as Megan Gidney (England No 3 junior) through illness.

The men also had casualties as both Ethan Walsh and Naphong Boonyaprapa had to withdraw because of an England call-up.

The day began with one or two big upsets as both the men's No 1 and No 2 seeds Jack Bennett and Joseph Langham-Ferreira failed to make round 2. No such upsets in the ladies as all the ranked players made it through to the later stages.

Results: Main Competition Men's Singles – **Quarter Finals;**

Louis Price (Avon) beat Niall Cameron (Scotland) 12-10, 11-6, 9-11, 12-10

Adam Jepson (Cambs) beat Olly Tyndall (Glous) 10-12, 11-7, 11-4, 12-10

Gaurav Aravind (Middx) beat Naphat Boonyaprapa (Notts) 6-11, 11-7, 11-8, 8-11, 11-7

Ferenc Horvath (Hungary) beat Umair Mauthoor (Essex) 9-11, 9-11, 11-9, 11-8, 11-7

Semi Finals

Adam Jepson beat Louis Price 7-11, 11-5, 5-11, 13-11, 11-6

Gaurav Aravind beat Ferenc Horvath 9-11, 11-4, 11-7, 14-12

Final

Adam Jepson beat Gaurav Aravind 6-11, 12-10, 6-11, 11-5, 11-5, 11-4



Adam Jepson receiving his cash prize & trophy from Mastercars Director Clive Coleman.

Results: Main Competition Ladies Singles – **Quarter Finals**

Mollie Patterson (Norfolk) beat Sarah Menghistab (Eritrea) 11-4, 11-4, 11-5

Elena Todirca (Romania) beat Sarah Hudson (Beds) 11-9, 11-9, 13-11

Tiana Dennison (Essex) beat Raquel Sao Pedro (Portugal) 8-11, 11-5, 10-12, 11-5, 13-11

Sara Williams (Hertfordshire) beat Anaya Patel (Berks) 5-11, 11-6, 8-11, 11-4, 11-5

Semi Finals

Mollie Patterson beat Elena Todirca 11-4, 11-4, 11-8

Sara Williams beat Tiana Dennison 11-2, 9-11, 14-12, 11-9

Final

Mollie Patterson beat Sara Williams 11-2, 11-4, 11-5, 14-12

Mollie Patterson receiving her cash prize & trophy from Mastercars Director Clive Coleman



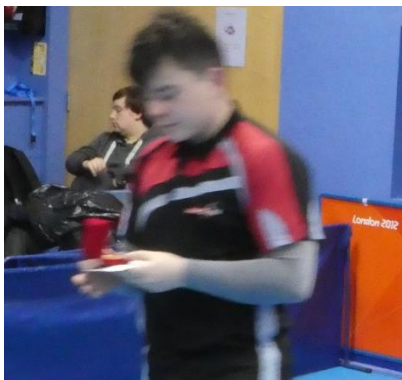


Mens Runner-Up Gaurav Aravind



Ladies Runner-Up Sara Williams

The consolation events for group losers also saw some good table tennis . Warren Spring's Victor Ramirez-Rioja was unlucky to go down to Jacob Kubowski 8-11, 10-12, 11-8, 11-7, 11-9 as was Cambridgeshire's top league player Steven Gray who was defeated by Central London's Darius Xavier 12-10, 13-11, 7-11, 13-11. The semi-final stage brought together Vetur Zeqiri (Warwicks) who finally succumbed to Matuesz Mikosz (Middx) 11-7, 12-10, 9-11, 11-7 and the St Neots resident coach and former international Mark Mitchell who defeated Lewis Waddup (Oxon) 12-10, 11-3, 10-12, 13-11. The final was as you would expect a tight affair with Mikosz finally coming through against Mitchell 11-8, 11-9, 11-9



Mens Consolation Winner Matuesz Mikosz



**Ladies Consolation Winner
Lydia John**

In the ladies competition, the club's Isabelle Lacorte played well to reach the semi-finals by beating Suffolk's Isobel McGerty 8-11, 8-11, 11-8, 11-7, 11-6 where she then faced another rising Hertfordshire star Samadhi Udamulla . Close friends Isabelle and Samadhi then produced a belter with Samadhi finally coming through 11-5, 7-11, 11-6, 4-11, 11-8. Meanwhile Cardiff City's Lydia John was ensuring her place in the final by defeating Stefania Popa (Lincs) 13-11, 7-11, 11-8, 11-5.

In the final it was Lydia's experience which saw her through against young Samadhi with the Welsh lady taking the consolation title by a score of 11-8, 11-8, 6-11, 11-5



Mens Consolation Runner-Up Mark Mitchell



Ladies Consolation Runner-Up Samadhi Udamulla

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors for the event namely Mastercars (Hitchin), Pawar Management Consultants, JD Wetherspoon and NFU Mutual for their support and financial backing; to St Neots Table Tennis Centre for hire and use of their facilities and to Daniel Bullen of St Neots who did a brilliant job on the day running the event and providing the Umpires and Assistant Referee.

National Cadet League

The club entered three teams into this season's NCL, with the opening round of matches taking place in November. In past years, we have played at Cippenham as part of the Southern Zone, but this time we were assigned to the South Midlands Zone playing at the Westfield Table Tennis Centre, Wellingborough, Northants.

Our A team of George Thorn, Satveer Pawar, Inderjeet Pawar and Heidi Oestricher playing in division one started their campaign against Bedford Modern A but found themselves on the receiving end of a 1-5 defeat. With Satveer sitting this match out it was left to younger sister Inderjeet to bag our only win. Next up was Knighton Park and this time we went a game better going down 2-4. Wins here for Satveer and Heidi. A win against St Neots A by a margin of 4-2 and we were up and running A good team performance with all our players getting on the scoresheet. Unfortunately, this did not last as we succumbed to Rugby again 2-4 with both Satveer and Inderjeet getting a win a piece. Finally, we finished the day on a real high with a 6-0 drubbing of WDHA Cadets.

Averages after weekend 1;

Heidi – 57.1%, Satveer – 57.1%, George – 37.5% and Inderjeet 33.3%.

Meanwhile, in division two, our B team were sweeping all before them winning four from five matches and only slipping up against Westfield A there gaining a 3-3 draw. We now currently sit at the top of the table some six points clear of Westfield in second place. Some outstanding performances against the other teams with 6-0 wins over Huntingdon A, St Neots B, Corby Town and Corby Smash TTC.

Averages after weekend 1;

Kamil Tanaka – 100.0%, Pablo Ramirez-Rioja – 90% and Beau Casey – 80.0%

In division three, our C team lie just below halfway having won two, drawing two and losing one. Results here were wins against Westfield B 5-1, Huntingdon B 6-0, 3-3 draws with WDHA and St Neots C and defeat at the hands of Bedford Modern B 0-6. Kyle Devall was unlucky when playing some inspired stuff to go down 2-3 against Jeevan Sengha who only lost one match in the opening series.

Averages after weekend 1;

Max Pickford – 60.0%, Evan Hunt – 55.5% and Kyle Devall 44.4%.

National Junior League

A-team

With only 3 players available, Bruce Yao, Arshbir Singh & Joe Keczkas and without our number one Colm Bushell it was always going to be a tough day.

First match was a 9-0 defeat against an excellent team.

4 games went to 5 sets but sadly we were not victorious in any which was very bad luck.

The next 2 matches were much less one-sided, but we were still unable to find a winning formula once again against some very good opposition. Finally, we managed a breakthrough, a hard fought 5-4 victory in the last match of the day against Kingfisher A from Oxford.

Despite carrying a hamstring niggle Bruce managed a total of 3 wins with Joe suffering a frustrating day of nets and edges going against him with huge frequency.

B- team

The 3 man team of George Thorn, , Satveer Pawar and Meth Wijeyekoon had an easy first match where they wiped the floor with the weakest team in their division (Reading B).

In the next 2 matches they showed tremendous fighting spirit against a strong Chiltern A team losing narrowly 5-4 but winning 3 of those games in nail-biting 5 setters.

In this match, George won 2 games (including a 5th set win over a player who was unbeaten this year - eliciting praise from match referee (Mike Atkinson) who is a coach at Chiltern.

Satveer and Meth also showed great skill and determination to pick in a game apiece (both 5 setters and with Meth coming from 2-0 down in his game).

The final match also resulted in a narrow defeat, this time to Ashford B (5-4). Despite their tiredness the trio again showed fighting spirit to the end. George again won 2 of his games and Satveer and Meth won 1 each.

Thanks to David Kells for this report

Match reports from the other Warren teams in this competition are not yet to hand.

Annual Club Tournament

The 2020 annual club tournament will take place over the weekend of 22nd / 23rd February (weather permitting) at the village hall, Great Wymondley.

Entry forms will be sent to all members in January. Please ensure that they are returned to me in good time and by the closing date which will be stated on the form.

James Hamblett

Just thought you might like to be kept up to date on the recent performances of the club's former junior high achiever James Hamblett. His list of successes have been many over the past few months but here are the most important ones.

- Now England ranked seven as a Cadet (U/15)
- Travelled to Romania with his new club Urban (London) where he won an age group competition.
- Promoted to the England Aspire squad where he will be representing them in Croatia and China.

Raffle Prizes

As you know, we are holding another free raffle during the season as part of our Diamond Anniversary celebrations. This is an appeal for donations to add to the prizes. So, any unwanted Christmas presents perhaps a bottle of whiskey that you do not like, or anything you have been storing at home that you are thinking of throwing away (within reason of course) then please contact Bill (details in handbook) with details.

Thank you!!!

