

## **Mixed Set Of Cup Results For Table Tennis Club**

**In the second week of the Times and Directory Handicap Cup, New Milton Table Tennis Club saw four of its teams progress through to the next rounds but three of its teams were put out of the competition.**

The premier's A team of Alan Gordon, Steve Hemmings and Brian Vibert, who made it all the way to the semi finals last year, had no problems in despatching Div 4's Merton G by 5-1 away at Southbourne to go through to Round 2 of the cup.

The Club's other losing semi-finalists in last year's competition, the B team of Bob Fagan, Shaun Newcomb and Paul Bolter (Div 1) beat Div 2's Broadstone B by 5-2 at home to go through to Round 3 courtesy of a hat-trick from Newcomb. Fagan and Bolter chipped in with one apiece by both beating 'Stone's Brian Vincent.

The Div 2 C team of Terry Jenvey, Mick Barry and Roy Hobbs are now completely out of the competition as they lost 2-7 away against Div 1's Bournemouth Sports G in the first round of the "Plate". Milton looked to be in with a good chance when Hobbs won his second match to make it 2-3 but that proved to be a false dawn as they lost the remaining four matches to exit the plate.

The E team go through to Round 2 of the "Plate" however because Broadstone C had conceded their match because they were unable to raise a team.

The F team of John Parkhouse, Ian Linney and Max Doohan who normally play in Div 4 had a tremendous 5-4 home victory over Div 2's Lynwood B to go through to Round 3 of the cup proper. The Man of the Match award just had to go to teenager Max Doohan who played beyond his years to land his hat-trick. Milton were leading 4-3 when Doohan, playing off +20 took on 'Wood's Roger Whitt (+16) for the match. The pressure was on because Parkhouse had lost his previous two games but Doohan displayed great maturity and coolness to win out over three ends and clinch the match for his side. It was all over bar the shouting as Parkhouse went on to lose his final match leaving young Doohan to collect the plaudits.

Both of the club's Div 5 sides exited the cup by losing their Round 2 matches by 2-7. The G team of Josh Harris, Keith Kensley and Sam Watkins lost away against Div 4's Shamrock B, the two wins coming from Kensley and Watkins who both beat Shamrock's Chris Roberts.

The H team comprising the brothers Daish (Simon, Matthew and Andrew) visited Div 1's Bournemouth Sports E and were level pegging at 2-2 by the fourth match courtesy of wins from Matthew and Andrew. However, that was Milton's high water mark as they lost the remaining matches to go out of the cup.

The next rounds of the competition are due to be played after Christmas during week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> December.