

## Mixed Fortunes For Table Tennis Club

**New Milton Table Tennis Club kicked off the second round of matches in the Bournemouth and District league with two wins, two draws and four defeats. The week also saw their F team get the better of their E team in a Times and Directory Handicap Cup match.**

The A team of Alan Gordon, Steve Hemmings and Brian Vibert picked up a valuable point in the Premier in an away 3-7 defeat against Bournemouth Sports C. Hemmings who is enjoying a great run of form at the moment beat Bourne's Karl King and Saul Harris, and Vibert chipped in with the one win by also beating Harris.

Div 1 saw the B team of Shaun Newcomb, Bob Fagan and Malcolm Floyd improve on their first round 2-8 defeat away at Bournemouth Sports F by holding them to a 5-5 draw at home. Floyd was called in at the last minute to stand in for the stranded Paul Bolter and surprised himself by beating Bourne's Lewis Proudley in three straight ends. Newcomb and Fagan also beat Proudley, and Newcomb excelled himself by beating Lee Devaney who had only lost two so far this season. The doubles were needed to force the draw and Floyd and Newcomb took the first two ends but lost the third by the mind-boggling 18-20. They then sharpened up their act and took the fourth end by a convincing 11-6 to land the two precious points.

In Div 2, the C team of Terry Jenvey, Mick Barry and Roy Hobbs came up with their fifth draw in nine matches, this time with a 5-all at home to Bransgore B. Captain Jenvey led from the front with a brace and Barry and Hobbs both managed to beat 'Gore's Graham Blake. Milton needed the doubles for the draw and Barry and Hobbs just managed to nick it at the death by 12-10 in the fifth end.

Div 3 saw the D team record their second 7-3 win over Dorset Police, this time down at the Divisional Police HQ in Ferndown. The Police were a man short and Clive Pitts added to the three-match advantage by beating both players in attendance. Captain Bev Scott-Johns drew a rare blank but teenager Alex Everett-Bolter beat Chris Adlem to help land the point. Scott-Johns and Pitts combined well to take the doubles in three straight ends but by then the point was already in the bag.

Also in Div 3, the E team of Gerard Redman, Peter Eke and James Lewis did the double over basement boys Shamrock A with an 8-2 victory down at Cole Hill, thanks to hat-tricks from captain Lewis and Redman. "Man of the match" just had to go to Redman who recovered from 2-7 and then 7-10 down in the fifth against Shamrock's Dave Stanbridge to come back and win it 12-10. The doubles were needed for maximum points and deadly duo Lewis and Redman blew away the Shamrock pairing in three straight ends to deliver. This maximum points victory accrues them the same number of points as leaders Nimrod B and are only deprived by the hair's breadth of two games.

Div 4 saw the F team of John Parkhouse, Max Doohan and Les Smith lose again to Bournemouth Sports M, this time by 2-8 at home to miss out on a repeat point. Both captain Smith and Parkhouse drew blanks but teenager Doohan spared the blushes with excellent wins over Bourne's Jim Simmonds and Steve Joyce. Milton needed the doubles for the point, but Smith and Parkhouse saw it slip from their grasp as they lost 3-11 in the fifth end.

The E and the F teams were in action for the second time in a week when they faced each other in a local derby in Round One of the Times & Directory Handicap Cup. The F team of John Parkhouse, Ian Linney and Max Doohan emerged 5-4 winners over the E team of James Lewis, Dave Sutton and Lewis Reading. It was level pegging at 4-4 when teenager Doohan (+20) took on Dave Sutton (+17) and won in two straight ends to take his team into the next round. The E team live to fight another day however as they now go into the "Plate".

Back to the league in Div 5, the G team of Paul Douglas, Peter Scott and Malcolm Douglas lost for the second time against the high-flying Bournemouth Sports R, but this time managed to take a point of them in a 3-7 away defeat. Captain Malcolm Douglas put in his best performance so far this season by bagging his first brace and teenager son Paul chipped in with the one win. Another contender for "comeback of the week" has to be Douglas Senior who recovered from losing the first two ends against Lawrence Kemp to nick the match 12-10 in the fifth.

Also in Div 5, the H team of Danny Williams, Matthew and Simon Daish took another point off Shamrock C in their second 3-7 defeat, this time at Mudeford Wood. Both Williams and teenager Simon beat Shamrock's Tim Mumford, but Simon's younger brother nine-year-old Matthew only just missed out on beating Mumford by going down 13-15 in the fifth and final end.