

## Winless Week For Table Tennis Club

**For the first time this season, New Milton Table Tennis Club couldn't come up with any wins in the Bournemouth and District League. Their six matches resulted in five defeats and one draw. The good news is that the B team secured its place in Div 1 for another season.**

The B team, who were promoted from Div 2 last season, secured their survival in Div 1 with a point from their 3-7 defeat away against Broadstone A. Shaun Newcomb bagged a brace and captain Malcolm Floyd chipped in with the one win. There was nothing on the doubles which was fortunate as the duo lost out over four ends.

Div 3 saw the D team of Alex Everett-Bolter, Bev Scott-Johns and Bill Page lose against Nimrod B for the first time this season through a 4-6 home defeat. The Milton trio all beat Nimrod's Dave Eaton to land the point and captain Scott-Johns and Page took the doubles over five ends.

Div 3 also saw the top of the table clash between the E team (Gerard Redman, Lewis Reading and Peter Eke) and Merton F, with Merton coming out on top with a 7-3 win down at Southbourne. Stand-in captain Redman bagged a brace and Eke chipped in with the one win. Both teams are now level on 72 points but Merton leapfrog over Milton through superior games difference.

In Div 4, the F team of John Parkhouse, Les Smith and Teddy Linsley did well to hold Nimrod C to a 5-5 away draw, having lost to them in their previous two encounters. Captain Smith and Parkhouse grabbed a brace apiece and won the doubles in three straight ends to force the draw. Teenager Linsley was unlucky to come away empty-handed as he narrowly lost two of his matches which went all the way to five ends.

In Div 5, the G team of Paul Douglas, Malcolm Douglas and Keith Kensley lost 2-8 against the high-flying Nimrod D for the third time this season. Kensley won both singles for Milton who were unlucky not to come away with a point from their labours at Mudeford Wood. Teenager Paul Douglas lost 14-16 in the fifth end against Nimrod's John Reynolds and 9-11 in the fifth against Stewart Harrison. They could have snatched a point at the death in the doubles but Malcolm Douglas and Kensley lost 15-17 in the fifth end.

Also in Div 5, the H team of Danny Williams, Simon Daish and Peter Daish lost for the first time against Shamrock D in their 4-6 home defeat. Williams bagged a brace, teenager Simon Daish won one and the duo combined well to take the doubles in four ends. Daish's eleven year old brother Peter did very well to take Shamrock's Lawrie Phillips to five sets, but Phillips' experience told in the end.

The A and C teams had "byes" in the Premier and Div 2 respectively this week. The A team remain bottom of the Premier and only have three more matches in which to save themselves, including a toughie against title challengers Bournemouth Sports B. It is all very tight in the bottom four of the Premier with Milton on 23 points, Kinson A on 24, Bournemouth Sports D on 25 and Bournemouth Sports C on 27 points.