

## Slight Relief For Table Tennis Club

**The New Milton Table Tennis Club had only a slightly better week in the Bournemouth and District League after last week's disappointing haul of only two wins out of eight. Still only managing two wins, the Club saw their A team come away with a draw in the Premier, which means that the Club lost five instead of six matches.**

The A team of Alan Gordon, Steve Hemmings and Brian Vibert recorded their first draw in the Premier, away against Merton B. Hemmings put in a terrific performance to land his second hat-trick of the season and Vibert chipped in with the one win. Vibert was unfortunate not to come away with his own treble as he lost to Merton's Danny Allen and Adam Elcock by 10-12 and 9-11 respectively in the fifth end of each match. Captain Gordon was unlucky not to get off the mark as he lost out to the wily Allen 10-12 in the fifth end of a close scoring encounter. The doubles were needed for the draw and the precious extra point and Hemmings and Vibert duly obliged over four ends to make it 5-5.

Div 1 saw the B team of Bob Fagan, Malcolm Floyd and Paul Bolter take a point off Lynwood A in a 4-6 home defeat. Captain Floyd and Bolter bagged a brace apiece having both lost to Lynwood's Dave Crossley, but Fagan drew a blank. Funnily enough, Fagan came the closest to beating Crossley but went down 8-11 in the fifth end, having only just missed out on victory by 10-12 in the fourth. The doubles would have given the draw but Floyd and Fagan were slaughtered in three straight ends.

In Div 2, the C team beat basement boys Lynwood B 6-4 at home courtesy of an excellent hat-trick from captain Terry Jenvey. Mick Barry and Roy Hobbs chipped in with the one apiece and Hobbs combined well with his captain to take the doubles over four ends to land their second win of the season.

Div 3 saw the D team suffer their heaviest defeat of the campaign by going down 1-9 away against Merton F. In a tough match in which teenager Alex Everett-Bolter and Bill Page only just lost their opening singles over five ends, Milton's blushes were spared by Ian Linney who was playing up from Div 4.

Also in Div 3, the unbeaten E team of James Lewis, Gerard Redman and Lewis Reading came up with their fifth consecutive 6-4 victory, this week at home to Bournemouth Sports L. Redman recorded his fourth hat-trick of the campaign, but captain Lewis missed out on his fifth treble by going down to Bourne's Derek Davies in three straight ends. Reading chipped in with the one win so there was nothing on the doubles which Lewis and Redman lost over four ends. Although both on 25 points, Milton relinquish top spot to Nimrod D who beat Shamrock A by the more emphatic 9-1.

Div 4 saw the F team of Brian Theaker, Angela Farmer and Max Doohan lose 2-8 at home to Ringwood B. Teenager Doohan came up with the only singles win of the evening by beating Pat Baldwin. Fourth man, captain Les Smith joined Farmer to take the doubles in three straight ends to improve the scoreline.

In Div 5, the bottom placed G team of Keith Kensley, Peter Scott and David Plumb went down 2-8 for the second week running, this time away to Merton J. Captain Kensley and teenager Plumb both beat Merton's Chris McGrath and they were unlucky not to come away with a point by losing the doubles over five ends.

Also in Div 5, the H team of Robert Saunders, Sandy Fagan and Mike Craddock fared slightly better by taking a point off leaders Bournemouth Sports P in a 3-7 away defeat. Saunders bagged a brace and Fagan chipped in with the one win as they both beat Bourne's Rob Griffiths. Fagan and teenager Craddock lost the doubles in three straight ends but by then the point had already been secured.