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Visiting French table tennis teams find it tougher in Jersey but still win overall



Twelve players and six supporters from St James in Brittany, France arrived in Jersey to play against local teams on the 1 – 2 October 2011. Whilst the table tennis was very competitive, there was also a focus on social activities. Around the same date last year Jersey players travelled to St James and enjoyed a feast of table tennis and social events. The overall results this year were much improved with Jersey A winning 13 -5 compared with a 10 -8 defeat last year. Jersey B and C both lost overall but picked up more wins than last year.

In the A team matches leading Appleby Academy junior Max Tupper and Craig Gascoyne each won all of their four singles and combined to take the doubles. This was a great achievement against their talented opponents. Eugene Ellis lost to Thibaut Baron and Romeo Besnard but recorded victories over Nicolas Baron and Anthony Legard. Trevor Lefebvre beat Romeo but lost to the others.

The B team lost by an overall score of 14 – 4. Kevin Allen recorded 2 victories with wins over Thomas Perrier and Olivier Barsot whilst Trevor Motto also beat Perrier. The only other Jersey win was Scott Cassin's result over Fabrice Belloir. Mickael Herve from St James remained unbeaten in all his matches.

The C team found it even tougher and lost 16 – 2 overall. The only Jersey winners were Dave Hole against Pascal Teurterie and Euan Le Marquand against Emmanuel Youf, the later match 13 -11 in the 5th game.

Prizes and mementos kindly provided by Durrells and Jersey Pottery were presented to the visiting teams.

Whilst the matches were very competitive, the social events were enjoyed by all and many friendships were renewed. This annual event results in St James and Jersey becoming much closer and everyone is looking forward to the next event.

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