

REPORT

DIVISION 1

WEEK 16

It was first against third between CCC Tigers and St Josephs A, with the Tigers looking for revenge for their defeat earlier in the season at the hands of the St Joseph's side. It was a see saw battle between the two sides, that could have gone either way. Craig Gascoyne won all of his singles, dropping sets against both Max Tupper and Sofia Uddnäs. Two wins apiece by Max Tupper and Eugene "Yogi" Ellis meant that the match was finely poised going into the doubles. Tupper and Ellis for the Tigers and Chris Morshead and Gascoyne St Joseph's served up a feast of table tennis. The Saints duo raced into a 2-0 lead, but the Tigers clawed their way back winning the next two to take the match into a deciding fifth game. The match could have gone either way, with each pairing seeming to win alternate points. However, it was Ellis and Tupper who showed that it was neat to have some tiger feet and won the game by a whisker with a 12-10 scoreline. With the Tigers holding a 5-4 lead, it looked like St Joseph's would take a share of the points when the pocket rocket Jordan Wykes went 2-1 up against Sofia. However, Super Swede Sofia didn't go wasting her emotions to take the fourth and fifth sets, and the match overall for the Tigers 6-4.

CCC Panthers won 9-1 against a young CCC Pumas side, who were a player short. Kay and Trevor Le Febvre won both of their singles, although Ollie Griggs let slip a 2 set lead against Kay in their match. Thomas Wallwork for the Pumas had a cracking match against Trevor, and at one point looked like he was going to cause quite an upset,

before Trevor ran out a 3-1 winner. Trevor and Martin Tupper paired up for the doubles, the young Pumas held a 2-1 lead over their opposition, but it was the Panthers who were to win the match as the final two games went their way for a 3-2 win. Ollie gained a straight set consolation win over Martin Tupper. Ollie and Thomas impressed in their play, which should bode well for them for the remainder of the season.

Pegasus, missing Josh Band this week as he takes part in the Slovenian Open, were a player short against second place St Joseph's B, so it was always going to be a difficult evening for last year's champions. Two singles wins for Bruce Gallichan over Mario Martinka and Josie Marshall gave Pegasus a glimmer of hope. Victoria Barnes also won her singles match against Josie Marshall. However with Marcin Jurkiewicz winning both of his singles matches and joining up with Mario to win the doubles ensured that St Joseph's B took the points with a 7-3 win and still on the tail of the Tigers.

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Division 2 and 3 results to follow as soon as the matches are played later on this week.

With very best wishes,

Duncan Mills.