

Two of the league's youngest players produced the performances of the week in the Braintree Table Tennis League.

Zach Harrington, 16, won his three singles in only his second match in division two while 15-year-old Ben Page not only remained undefeated but also took the notable scalp of Garry Fryatt, beaten only once in play-off group two last season.

Harrington's success came in Black Notley C's 8-2 win over their own D team.

What made it more notable was that he outscored his experienced teammates Rob Stannard and Gordon Fairchild.

Stannard lost to Adam Pitt while Fairchild was bettered by Sean Clift. Harrington beat both, including a cliffhanger against Clift when he had to come from two games down to win 11-7 in the fifth.

Page's full house was vital in Netts B's 6-4 win over Nomads in the same division.

His win over Fryatt was particularly notable as the Nomads player was the only person last season to register a win over the formidable Tom Elder.

Page, however, got through him 11-5, 11-9, 7-11, 11-7.

Promoted White Lions found it hard going against Netts B, where they failed to win a set, but held their own against Rayne F. Malcolm Wehmeyer was undefeated for Rayne F whose 6-4 win was turned into 5-5 after they included an unsigned player.

In division one, last year's runners-up Notley A did not have things all their own way in their match against Rayne A, who finished one place behind them.

John Andrews, Andrew McEwan and Steve Pennell all won once and Andrews and Pennell scored a good win in the doubles over former league men's doubles champions Peter and Ian Hayden.

Once again Peter Hayden was in a different class, winning his three singles without dropping a game, to give his side a 6-4 win.

It may not last, but Liberal A currently top the table after two matches. They followed their 10-0 win in the first week with an 8-2 victory over Rayne D.

Robin Armstrong and Mike Johnston were unbeaten in singles and combined to win the doubles.

Promoted Sible Hedingham, on the wrong end of that 10-0 scoreline last week, managed to rack up their first sets when Roy Hooper and Graham Cannon won one each against Rayne B.

In division three, Felsted RBL won the battle of the newcomers when they beat Stebbing 8-2. Andy Laws and Ian Butler were unbeaten.

Notley F and Notley G both recorded their second successive wins. Notley F beat Rayne H 10-0 while Notley G had a 9-1 win over their own I team. Mike Pitt and 13-year-old Oliver Hicks were unbeaten for the G team.

Notley H turned out a team of Baineses for their encounter with Rayne I. Warren was unbeaten while his father Steve took two and brother Declan one.

Fourteen-year-old Chris Hillman won twice, his first wins in the league, in Netts C's 7-3 defeat by Rayne J, for whom Tim Townsend was unbeaten.