**League Report**

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The Leamington 2-a-side League officially drew to a close at the end of March though outstanding matches will affect the final standings in two of the Divisions. One of those is Division A where Free Church AA sit top after a narrow 3-2 win over Snitterfield B. Mark Bolshaw won his two and the doubles with Jerry Simmons with Snitterfield doing their chances of avoiding relegation no harm with points from Stuart Ayres and Dave Milton.

Flavels can draw level if they win their last match 5-0, keeping in the hunt with a 3-2 win over Norton Lindsey A. Mick Bennett won two and Dot Macfarlane one whilst Ron Shakesheff (1) and the doubles with Vince Ford took the match to the wire.

With 3 games to play WCC G have an even better chance of securing either first or second and defeated rivals Flavels 3-2. Doug Lowe and Steve Poole won a singles each and took the doubles. Bennett and Macfarlane replied. However, one of the remaining games for WCC is a clash with FC AA which will almost certainly decide the title.

FISSC A sit at the bottom having lost 4-1 to Snitterfield B at home, Mark Jones picking up the point with Shakesheff (2), Ford (1) and the doubles seeing the visitors over the line. Norton Lindsey and Snitterfield will be the other relegated team.

It’s all decided in Division B with Rugby G proving worthy champions. Rugby G ‘s Callum and Steve Ball whitewashed Ashorne C to take the crown. Free Church M entertained their L side in a match which was to decide the runners-up spot and, with it, promotion. Keith Knott won his two and Jeremy Knott one to take the teams level on points in the table. However, Jay Virdi’s single and the doubles with Phil Booth gave L second place on games difference.

Free Church N finished 4th, well clear of the relegation places despite losing 3-2 to Ashorne C for whom Steve Handsley won twice and stole the doubles with Tony Philpott. Dan Strand and Charlie Snelson responded. Rugby F will suffer relegation with Ashorne, their latest result being a 4-1 defeat to Free Church L when Karen Buckby posted a win.

In Division C there were runaway champions in the guise of Eathorpe E. They ended their campaign with a 5-0 drubbing of FISSC with Jamie Sayer and Norbu Sunang-Joret inflicting the whitewash. The under 13 girl trio of Emily Beasley, Milly Green and Ciara Hancox, Free Church Q, needed just one point in their last match to secure runners-up position and they had one to spare in a nervy 2-3 defeat to Free Church O, whose Joss Farmer won twice. Richard Hancox won once but a Ciara Hancox success and the doubles with Green, saw the girls pip Eathorpe F for promotion. F battled to the end and defeated Free Church P 4-1 with Dave Hawker taking two and the doubles with Max Turvey who won once but was nailed by Dominic Priest. FISSC B will go down despite roasting FC O 5-0 when Martin Hamer and Mandip Takhar were unbeaten. Free Church O and P clash in the last fixture which will determine the other relegation place.

In Division D Free Church BB ended their season with a 3-2 victory at Eathorpe H, Findlay Douglas winning twice and Fiona Wyburn once. Luca Bloodworth and Tom Booth each won a single for the villagers. BB have definitely secured promotion but H can take the title if they win their last match. Eathorpe G finish third after squeezing Free Church T 3-2, James Stone winning two and the doubles with Ben Barker. Nicholas Ho and Chris Jones ‘s points could keep T up depending on how the teams below them perform in their last matches. One of those sides is Norton Lindsey B who walloped Eathorpe G 4-1 as Andy Mountney won twice and notched the doubles with Edward Rogers, who won once with John Gymer avoiding the whitewash. The other is Free Church R who lost 4-1 to Free Church BB, Carolyn Dorning picking up what could yet prove to be a vital point. Douglas again won twice for BB with Matthew Wand helping him to the doubles and taking a single.

In an exciting finish in Division E Free Church W faced their U team and emerged 3-2 winners, Sarah Costa and Eleanor Fletcher both winning singles and taking the doubles. Emma Briscoe inflicted a first defeat of the season on Costa and Fran Singleton beat Fletcher. This meant Free Church S had to win 5-0 against Free Church V to draw level on points with W. V had been the long term leaders of the division but a disastrous run where they took only one point from 3 matches blighted their chance. S were not to be denied, Amy and Ellie Goldsmith winning 5-0 and taking the title on games difference. Ashorne C sit at the basement but their young and inexperienced team have improved greatly. The League looks forward to hearing of further progress from Harvey Innocent, Matthew Quinn and Jason Wood next season.