**League Report**

**Courier 12th December, 2014**

Struggling Wellesbourne had an excellent Division 1 win over WCC A, 6-4, and now sit above them in the table. Alan Cotton and Gary Stewart both notched braces and the doubles and John Price contributed one. Clive Irwin with two kept Council in it. Also in the lower reaches Free Church B enjoyed an excellent draw with Rugby B. Sam Weaving and Sam Wiggins with two apiece and Michael Ho ensured defeat was not on the cards but Rugby roared back through Adrian Pilgrim’s triple plus a 11-7 in the 5th doubles win with Niall Herbert, who won once. Rugby B fared less well against Free Church A who took all 10 points through Timmy Cooper, Lee Dorning and Chris Mulligan. Colebridge A march on at the top, Ian Ferguson and Kate Hughes unbeaten in singles and doubles against St Georges A and Mike Rinnhofer taking two. Damon Fenton avoided the whitewash. Rugby A are giving chase and trounced Enigmas 10-0 with Ryan Lines, Danny Orr and Matt Outhwaite on the scoresheet. However, a rare appearance from Laurence Sweeney for St Georges A spiked their surge to the top as they wriggled home 6-4, Sweeney taking a hat-trick. Lines(2), Outhwaite (2) and Orr (1) plus the doubles saw them to victory. High flying St Georges B scraped home 6-4 against County Council B, for whom Simon Griew nailed an outstanding treble. Nilton Green also claimed a scalp but Georges secured the win with Mark Jackson and Ron Vose taking twos and the doubles and Luke Hobbins adding one.

In Division 2 Free Church C edged St Georges C 6-4, Chris Blowey showing scintillating form for his hat-trick. Scott Delday added two and Harry Purewal one with Brian Aston, Kevin Finn and Bill Fletcher all taking a single plus the doubles. Free Church D continued their excellent season with an 8-2 hammering of Snitterfield A. Adam Cofler and Anthony Smith recorded maximums and Cherry Matthews posted two. Stuart Ayres won once and took the doubles with Dave Milton.

In the third Division St Georges D stormed to the top with a 10-0 eclipse of Eathorpe B, Andy Caine, Tracey Fletcher and Richard Grover the destroyers. Free Church F did their survival aspirations a power of good with a 7-3 success over Rugby D. Adam Pulman’s hat-trick was key but Tom Meldrum (2) and Pete Rourke (1) plus a Pulman/Meldrum doubles success leant support. Jack Kuomi with two starred for Rugby with Milly Bradshaw taking the other point. County Council D walloped Nomads B 8-2 with Mark Freeman unbeaten in singles and doubles. Tony Ford and Cliff Jackson won two apiece with Dave Harding and Les Hoggins responding.

Whitnash B have dropped just 4 points out of the last 70 and took all 10 against Free Church I in Division 4, Wilf Chan, Richard Smith and Greg Swan the formidable trio. Rugby E chase them and also took 10 off Eathorpe C, Sam Cafearo, Freddy Jones and Bradley Matthews the successful lads. Eathorpe D emerged 8-2 winners in their derby with their C side. Callum Pickering nailed a hat-trick and Will Apted and James Keay twos. Pickering and Keay took the doubles with Sophie Cooper and Michael Rossington replying. Ashorne A defeated Free Church J 9-1 with trebles from Steve Bolton and Roger Kelley. Chris Bowles chipped in with two but fell victim to Catherine McAuley.

FISSC defeated Free Church L 3-2 in Division A when Mark Jones and Mark Kingham picked up singles and the doubles. However, Jones’s fine 100% record was ended by Robbie Fitchford who won twice. Flavels B stay top after a 5-0 win over Rugby F, Mick Bennett and Steve Lyons unbeatable.

In Division B Free Church M clinched top spot when overwhelming Eathorpe F 5-0 through father and son Keith and Jeremy Knott. Rugby G bounced back to form with a 4-1 victory at Free Church O. Callum Ball won twice and Archie West once, falling to Joss Farmer.

Ashorne B look to have Division C sewn up winning 4-1 against Norton Lindsey B, Steve Handsley and Tony Philpott the scorers, and then 4-1 against Free Church P. Jim Jack took two in the second match but Handsley’s 100% average fell to Ben Hall. Free Church P bounced back to claim all 5 points against Eathorpe E, Ben Hall and Dominic Priest in form. They also eased Norton Lindsey out 3-2 with Dominic Priest winning two and Ben Hall one. Free Church Q also took all 5 against their R team, Milly Green and Ciara Hancox in charge.

Eathorpe H look to have secured the Division D title, defeating nearest rivals Free Church T 4-1. Luca Bloodworth won his two, ending Chris Jones’s 100% record in the process and Tom Booth added one. Free Church V squeezed past FC S 3-2 with Findlay Douglas a double winner. Ellie Goldsmith took 1 for S and joined twin sister Amie for a doubles win.

**Nottingham Grand Prix**

Lillington Free Church’s Timmy Cooper, 15, excelled at the Nottingham Senior Grand Prix on Saturday. He finished second in his group in Band 4 before falling to Callum Morrison in the last 32. However, in Band 5 he sauntered through his group and defeated Karl Brown in the last 32. He then beat club-mate Sam Wiggins in the next round, accounted for James Berry in the quarters and Wales’s Marc Castro in the semi-final before losing 1-3 to Morrison to come away with the runners-up medal.

Church’s Sam Weaving, in his first Grand Prix, won his Band 6 group beating Morgan Smith of Hants, Arturs Reinholds of Notts and Yutaro Tsuji from Yorks before falling to Marc Castro in the knock-out He qualified in second spot in Band 5 after beating Helmuth Osborne from Sussex but fell in the first knock-out round to Cade Short of Wales, pleasing performances nonetheless.

Club mate Sam Wiggins had a Band 6 group to forget but came good in Band 5 winning his 4 player group easily before falling 1-3 to Cooper in the knock-outs.

Lee Dorning was the final Church star to enter and won his Band 6 group with wins over Steve Hirst from Kent, Josh Walshe from Lincs, and Castro. He then beat Morgan Smith to reach the quarter-final where he lost to Chun Yin Yu of Northumberland. In Band 5 he won his group defeating Ryan Lunn, Cheshire, Tsuji and Scott Dixon of Northants. Wins against Smith and Samson Bekele of Surrey propelled him to his second quarter-final losing to Morrison.

**National Junior League**

Four young teams from Lillington Free Church contested Day 2 of The National Junior League in Wellingborough. Despite an injury to one key player and three of the squad feeling below par, the teams performed with credit. Pride of place must go to the C team who bounced back from defeat to Wellingborough Hindu Centre, all of whose players were exponents of long pimples, to beat Westfield of Wellingborough 8-1 and Free Church D 9-0, thereby clinching promotion. Tom Fletcher, James Robertson and Jenny Singleton excelled and all defeated the highly rated Travis Holly of the host club. The D team of Eve Briscoe, Ricardo Bolanos, Ashley Knott and Ciara Hancox were very competitive, their highlight being a close contest with Westfield which was lost 3-6 but could easily have gone the other way. The A side of Kit Turner, Adam Cofler and Olivia Fletcher suffered heavy defeats against St Neots B, 0-6, and Milton Keynes A and Knighton Park A, Leicester, both 1-5 but preserved their Division 1 status with emphatic wins over Rugby and Milton Keynes B, both 5-1. The B team also did well to finish 3rd in Division 2, losing 2-4 to second placed St Neots A but drawing with champions Draycott A of Long Eaton and defeating Draycott B 4-2, Knighton Park B 5-1 and Milton Keynes C 6-0. Lewis Singleton returned an eye-catching 80% and Jack Green and Adam Pulman enjoyed 60 % averages.