**League Report**

**Courier, 24th February, 2017**

**Rugby A have regained top spot in Division 1. An 8-2 win over County Council A when Ryan Lines and Adrian Pilgrim secured maximums plus the doubles, and Sam Cafearo added one, losing out to the experience of Clive Irwin and Pat McCabe, was followed by a 10-0 eclipse of Wellesbourne, the same trio in action. Mid –table sides County Council B and St Georges B drew. Mark Jackson won his three for Georges and Ron Vose chipped in with two but Simon Griew (2), Martin Hunter (1) and Murray Stevenson (1) responded and Nilton Green joined Griew for the crucial doubles. Colebridge A (Anthony Ellis, Ian Ferguson and Mike Rinnhofer) and Free Church A (Timmy Cooper, Lee Dorning and Sam Weaving) both trounced bottom side Nomads A 10-0 to sit second and third respectively. Colebridge followed up with a 9-1 success over County Council A Kate Hughes (3) joining Ferguson (3) and Rinnhofer (2). McCabe stopped the whitewash. St Georges A moved out of the relegation places with a 7-3 win over Phoenix. Damon Fenton starred with three, Gary Jackson posted two and Earl Sweeney won once, partnering Fenton to the doubles. Callum Martin (2) and Richard Jardim (1) scored for the Coventry side.**

**Free Church D moved to the summit of Division 2 with a 9-1 success at Eathorpe A. Ricardo Bolanos and Chris Blowey were undefeated in singles and doubles and Lewis Singleton won twice, being pipped by Marius Morariu. Whitnash A are third with three matches in hand and defeated challengers Free Church E 7-3 thanks to hat-tricks from Paul Riman and Mark Woolerton and a single from Kevin Ariss. In reply, Mark Bolshaw and Dave Ramsey both won singles and combined for the doubles. Millennium A zoomed into the top half when whitewashing St Georges D, Jack Garner, Pete Harris and Rob Warnes the men in form. Nomads Enigmas squeezed past Eathorpe A 6-4, Steve Proctor (2), Charlie Somerton (2) and Malc Macfarlane (1) plus the doubles taking the match against two from Bernard Reman and one apiece from Morariu and Pete Titmas.**

**County Council C’s full house against Free Church H catapulted them into second place in Division 3. Doug Lowe, Steve Poole and Ian Stevens were the successful trio. Leaders County Council D also enjoyed a 10-0 win courtesy of Tony Ford, Mark Freeman and Cliff Jackson when facing Eathorpe B. This was followed by a 9-1 win over Nomads C , Ford dropping the point against John Taylor. Whitnash B emerged from their visit to Rugby F with 6 points, Roger Palmer (2), Dennis Woodhead (2), Greg Swan (1) plus the doubles, with Jack Evans recording a superb treble for the home side allied to one from Dan Burgess. Whitnash then entertained Rugby D and emerged as 7-3 victors with Swan and Woodhead taking all their points. Harvey, Oliver and Steve Fowler all enjoyed single wins. Trevor Bradley’s three and the doubles with Roger Potts plus a couple from Sam Bradley, steered Flavels A to a 6-4 win over Free Church H. Emma Kilpatrick (2), Emily Beasley (1) and Jenny Singleton (1) kept it close. Free Church G went one better than their H counterparts by holding Flavels to a draw. Mick Bennett was a hat-trick hero for Flavels and took the doubles with Potts, Sam Bradley adding one but Church tied the match through Milly Bradshaw (2), Tom Fletcher (2) and Eve Briscoe (1). Rugby F lifted themselves into 5th with a terrific 9-1 win over high flying Millennium B, Burgess, Evans and Bradley Matthews winning all the singles but conceding the doubles to Colin Astbury and Lewis Cox.**

**In Division 4 Eathorpe C’s promotion push is faltering due to player absences. Bottom side County Council E faced just two players and came away with 6 points, Jason Grey and Carl Morgan bagging singles and Morgan combining William Hung to take the doubles to add to the three conceded points. Jamie Sayer won his three and newcomer Ollie Loudon won one. Jamie Sayer also won his three in their 4-6 loss to Free Church J and was supported by Loudon in the doubles. Catherine McAuley, Janice Rowan and Jill Weaving all won two for J who sit third. Free Church L moved into second after beating Free Church K 6-4, Ben Hall (3), Eduardo Bolanos (2) and the doubles, with Milly Green notching two fine wins for K and Darren Laffey and Richard Pittaway nailing singles. L then travelled to Eathorpe D who defeated them 6-4 despite a treble from Bolanos and an outstanding single from Eleanor Fletcher. Sophie Cooper (2), Shaun Martin (2) and Michael Rossington plus a Martin/Rossington doubles edged Eathorpe to the win. Free Church I powered to the top of the division with a 10-0 pasting of Rugby G, Nick Darwen, Chris Jones and Dan Shaw in command. Finally, County Council C posted an excellent 6-4 result over Rugby G. Grey (2), Morgan (2), Hung (1) and the doubles saw them home with Grace Newman and Sarah James taking two each for Rugby.**

**Lillington Free Church TTC**

**Graded Tournament**

**February 18th 2017**

**Lillington Free Church TTC held its third tournament at St Nicholas Leisure Centre in Warwick on Saturday and attracted a full entry. There were a record number of entries from other clubs but, despite this, the host club managed to hold on to the two main titles.**

**In the morning competitions, Lee Dorning pipped his Free Church club-mate Sam Weaving in the semis whilst another Free Church stalwart, Timmy Cooper, came from 0-2 down to defeat Piotr Sniezek of Blaenafon. Dorning lifted the prize in the Final. The Junior event saw two all Lillington semi-finals in the shape of Adam Cofler, who defeated the rapidly improving Ben Hall, and Livvy Fletcher who triumphed against Lewis Singleton in 5. Cofler won the Final. Ollie Keen of Bodicote was impressive in the Under 15s, beating Ben Stanley of Colebridge in the semis and duly secured the winners’ medal over Alex Costa of Free Church who had overcome Alex Bowe of Rugby in his semi. England ranked Nathaniel Saunders of Colebridge took the Under 13s, accounting for Toby Dow of Bodicote in his semi before winning the Final over another emerging Free Church star, Joe Shrimpton, who had beaten club mate Nicholas Ho in the semi.**

**In the afternoon events the Grade A semis mirrored the Senior event but this time Dorning faced Sniezek and Cooper opposed Weaving. Dorning repeated his earlier final success over Cooper to lift the crown. Nuneaton’s Justin Rai beat Roald Myers (FC) in one Grade B semi before winning in a fiercely contested final against Nomads’ Ian Beasley, who had been taken to 5 by Jake Crawshaw of Colebridge in the other semi. Ben Stanley of Colebridge beat Keen, who had overcome Church’s Jenny Singleton in his semi, in the final of Grade C. There were three representatives from Rugby in the Improvers’ semi finals, Alex Bowe nailing Josh Tyagi in one and Toby Dow of Bodicote bettering Oliver Wilson in the other. Bowe proved the stronger in the Final. Finally, Henry Belcher of Colebridge defeated George Barnes of Free Church in his Beginners semi final and another Free Church youngster, Owain Jones, beat Connor Invernizzi of Rugby with Belcher taking the trophy.**

**Consolation Finalists:**

**Seniors: Awais Muhammed (Colebridge) bt. Roald Myers (FC)**

**Juniors: Jenny Singleton (FC) bt. Callum Hunt (Blaenafon)**

**U15s: Emily Beasley (FC) bt. Henry Belcher (Colebridge)**

**U13s: Tyler Humphries (Rugby) bt. Harvey Wilson (FC)**

**Grade A: Sam Wiggins (FC) bt. Jamie Fellows (Colebridge)**

**Grade B: Ben Allen (Blaenafon) bt. James Robertson (FC)**

**Grade C: Callum Hunt (Blaenafon) bt. Darren Laffey (FC)**

**Improvers: Tyler Humphries (Rugby) bt. Harry Gallon (North Newington)**

**Beginners: Harvey Wilson (FC) bt. Markus Henderson (North Newington)**