**League Report**

**Courier, 2nd February**

**St Georges B reinforced their hold on top spot in Division 1 with a 9-1 win over Free Church B. Mark Jackson and Laurence Sweeney were in top form to take 7 of the points and Ron Vose added a useful double. Jack Green had a very encouraging win for Church. Second placed Free Church A were thumped 8-2 by Rugby A. Ryan Lines won his three and the doubles with Sam Cafearo. Cafearo and Danny Ricks claimed braces with Sam Weaving and Sam Wiggins getting consolations. However, Rugby had a setback of their own when losing 7-3 to struggling Phoenix. Lines took a hat-trick but the Coventry outfit bounced back through Taran Dhillon (2), Callum Martin (2) and Mark Rose (2), Rose joining Paul Calloway for a winning doubles. The nearest challengers for the summit might be Colebridge who accounted for the ever improving Free Church C 7-3. Ben Willson won 3, newcomer Paul Lenormand, a French player, won twice and Kate Hughes once with Lenormand and Willson taking the doubles. Dave Ramsey won two in reply and Ricardo Bolanos enjoyed an excellent win over County Champion Hughes. County Council B overcame their A side 7-3 thanks to Nilton Green’s treble. He also won the doubles with two time winner Murray Stevenson and Martin Hunter grabbed a single. Pat McCabe (2) and Chris Brewer (1) replied.**

**First played second in Division 2 and unsurprisingly the match ended in a draw. Simon Nolan’s splendid triple for the wanderers were allied to two from Paul Rowan. Church responded with two wins for Milan Sajiv, and one apiece for Adam Cofler and James Robertson with Robertson and Sajiv lifting the doubles. Church are a point adrift of Nomads but with a match in hand. However, the chasing pack are 23 points behind. One of those are Rugby B who fell 7-3 to struggling St Georges C. Brian Aston was in great form, winning his three, Kevin Finn chipped in with two and Len Coonan supplied one. Jack Evans got two in reply, Hugh Crosfield won once and the pair combined for the doubles. Another team near the bottom won 7-3, County Council C overcoming Eathorpe A. Mark Freeman was unbeaten in singles and the doubles with Cliff Jackson. Jackson won twice and Tony Ford once. Brain Hobill bagged two for the villagers and Marius Morariu provided a single. Finally, Free Church E edged their derby with FC F 6-4. The Blowey brothers, Chris and Phil, had two singles wins apiece and paired for the doubles. Young Emily Beasley added one. Lewis Singleton and Anthony Smith both had braces.**

**In Division 3 Flavels A have flown up to 3rd with two impressive wins. Firstly Rugby D were swept aside through Trevor Bradley’s hat-trick,two from Mick Bennett and one from Sam Bradley, The Bradley father and son then faced another father and son, Stuart and Joe Mills, to clinch a family doubles. Stuart Mills (2) and Callum Ball (1) scored for Rugby. Flavels then beat Free Church H 6-4 with Trevor Bradley again taking a treble. Sam Bradley won two and partnered Dad to the doubles. Eduardo Bolanos replied with two and Milly Green and Ciara Hancox had singles. Snitterfield A remain top after seeing off a strong St Georges D 7-3. Michael Credland won his three, Michael Klein pocketed two and Dave Milton supplied one as well as the doubles with Credland. Richard Grover (2) and Andy Caine (1) kept Georges in it. Second placed Whitnash B edged Millennium B 6-4. Richard Smith and Dennis Woodhead won two singles each and grabbed the doubles, with Greg Swan providing the other point. Colin Astbury and Lewis Cox were double winners for the Banbury side.**

**Leaders Free Church L beat close rivals, Free Church J 7-3 in Division 4. Richard Pittaway starred with a triple, Jerry Chung had two good wins and Owain Jones nabbed one. Chung and Pittaway took the doubles. Jill Weaving won twice for J and husband Mike once. Second placed Eathorpe B were taken to the wire by Free Church M whose Jay Virdi won all 4 of M’s points. Marc Briscoe joined him for a successful doubles. John Ablett, Roger Palmer and Charlie Wragg all won twice to maintain their promotion challenge. Eathorpe C crept past Warwick University B 6-4 when Luca Bloodworth, Marcel Bloodworth and James Stone all won twice. Adam Green (2) and Sam Pattison (1) responded for the students with the duo also taking the doubles. There was another close encounter between Rugby E and County Council E with Rugby triumphing 6-4. Sarah James was instrumental in the win, claiming her three and the doubles with Grace Newman who won twice. Jason Grey (2), William Hung (1) and Carl Morgan (1) kept it tight.**

**In Division A Snitterfield A took all 5 points from Rugby F through Michael Klein and Ron Shakesheff.**

**A tense derby ensued in Division B when Free Church N pipped their R team 3-2. Phil Booth and Dan Strand won a single apiece and took the doubles in 5 but neither could get the better of Joe Shrimpton who has remained unbeaten since the start of the September campaign.**

**A similar story emerged in Division C where FC Q overcame FC P despite a double from Seb Priest. Sarah Costa and Erin Darwen won three points for Q.**

**In Division E Eathorpe K defeated Free Church V 4-1 though Ben Anderton and Aaron Heel who won all the singles. Michael Khovanov and Arnav Mulay clung on to the doubles. Free Church T were beaten by Eathorpe L 3-2 when Josh Jay won his two singles and guided brother Declan to the doubles. There were single wins for Jack Bradbury, on debut, and Ben Brady. Eathorpe J overcame Free Church W 4-1. Keiran Braden-Brown won his two and took the doubles with Josh Atkins who won one. Charlie Hines won the Church consolation.**

**on Saturday. They lead by 4 points, with Day 4’s scores to be added, after winning all of their matches. Cliffedale Chandlers A, Grantham, and Lillington A were beaten 4-2( Sam Cafearo 2, Dan Burgess 1 and Callum Ball 1 with Adam Cofler accounting for Ball and Milan Sajiv nailing Burgess), Lillington B were defeated 5-1( Burgess falling to Josh Yarrow) as were Milton Keynes A. Westfield of Wellingborough were dispatched 6-0. Cafearo kept a 100% record, Ball returned 80% and Burgess 60%.**

**Lillington Free Church A grabbed second spot, their only defeat at the hands of Rugby. They had 6-0 wins over their B team and Westfield but draws against Milton Keynes and Cliffedale did them no favours. Cofler returned an 80% average, Sajiv 70% and Lewis Singleton 50%.**

**Lillington Free Church B managed a draw against Westfield but lost their other matches to stand 5th. Emily Beasley and Yarrow both netted 40% averages.**

**From Lillington’s perspective it was left to their C side to take the honours. Playing in Division 3 they saw off all of their opponents 6-0, namely Bedford B and C, Cliffedale C, Huntingdon and Milton Keynes B. Tom Fletcher, Ben Hall and Milly Green have opened up a seemingly unassailable lead of 13 points.**

**Nottingham 1-star**

**Three players from Lillington Free Church travelled to Nottingham on Sunday to contest the men’s Singles in which there were 42 entrants.**

**Playing in Band 1 Harry Purewal beat Alix Bell of Middlesex, Chris Maiden of Worcestershire, and Steve Foster of Staffordshire, losing to Hereford’s Alex Aston in 5, Ken Lewis of Essex as well as club-mates Dave Ramsey and Sam Weaving. Ramsey also defeated Bell, Maiden and Foster but added Aston to his list of victims along with Ken Lewis. With Sam Weaving victorious against the aforementioned, he faced Ramsey in an all Free Church play-off for first place. Weaving emerged with the win and a £25 prize. Ramsey, who finished second, received £15 and Purewal did well to claim 4th spot.**