**League Report**

**Courier, 10th February, 2017**

**In Division 1 Free Church A maintained third place with a 9-1 success over Phoenix. Timmy Cooper and Sam Weaving were unbeaten and Sam Wiggins won two but tasted defeat at the hands of Paul Calloway. The two Sams paired for the doubles.**

**The much awaited clash between Free Church D and Whitnash A took place in Division 2 with the latter emerging as 6-4 winners. Mark Woolerton was the difference, winning his three and securing the doubles with Kevin Ariss. Ariss and Riman added singles. Church bounced back with Ricardo Bolanos and Chris Blowey each winning twice. D then went on to defeat their C team 6-4, Bolanos (3), Blowey (1) and Livvy Fletcher (1) plus a Bolanos/ Blowey doubles win. Jeff and Tom Harris replied with braces. A busy FC C beat Millennium B 6-4, Michael Ho (3), Jeff Harris (2), Kit Turner (1) against Jack Garner (2) and Pete Harris (1) who also combined for the doubles. C then saw off St Georges C 7-3, Tom Harris (3), Jeff Harris (2), Kit Turner (1), Kit and Tom winning the doubles. Kevin Finn(2) and Len Coonan (1) responded. Enigmas squeezed past Rugby C despite Ben Holvey’s hat-trick and a single from Hugh Crosfield. Malc Macfarlane (2), Charlie Somerton(2) and Steve Proctor (1), Proctor/ Somerton the doubles, got them to 6 points.**

**In Division 4 Free Church I overcame their K side 8-2. Dan Shaw was undefeated in singles and took the doubles with Chris Jones. Nick Darwen and Jones won two apiece but fell victim to Darren Laffey.**

**Flavels B had a comprehensive 5-0 win over Rugby H in Division A, Mick Bennett and Steve Lyons inflicting the damage on the promoted side. Free Church M also nailed a full house against Snitterfield, brothers Milan and Nikit Sajiv in fine form.**

**Relegated Free Church N are determined to win Division B and did their cause the world of good when beating Free Church Q 5-0 through Keith Knott and Daniel Shaw. Free Church O also enjoyed a good win, 4-1 over Ashorne A. Dan Strand won his singles and the doubles with Phil Booth, who won once. Steve Handsley avoided the whitewash.**

**Eathorpe E’s first two outings in Division C have resulted in two wins. Ashorne B fell 3-2 with Luca Bloodworth winning two and taking the doubles with James Stone. Jim Jack and Steve Kay replied. Eathorpe then collected all 5 points from Free Church S, Bloodworth and Stone in command. Free Church T overcame Eathorpe F 4-1, Ben Holding (2), Jake Simmons (1) and the doubles. Richard Freeman stopped the whitewash.**

**Rugby K visited Norton Lindsey B in Division D and returned with three points. George Marshall and Josh Tyagi set up the win with a single apiece and the doubles but had to succumb to the experience of John Walker. Ashorne C edged Rugby I 3-2. Steve Bolton and Roger Pye each won once and paired for the doubles but neither could master Josh Adams. Rugby I went on to inflict a 5-0 drubbing on their K team, Adams and Kieran McNicholas accruing the points. Ashorne also amassed all 5 points in their next match versus Rugby J, Bolton and Pye taking the honours.**

**County Council F walloped Eathorpe G 5-0 in Division E, Richard Haigh and Jeremy Sampson in fine form. Free Church R also collared Eathorpe but by a 3-2 scoreline. All 4 players, Dan Gunthorpe and Nicholas Ho for FC and Ben James and James Rome for the villagers, enjoyed single wins but it was the Church combination that won the crucial doubles. FISSC B beat Eathorpe H 4-1 with Mandip Takhar winning twice and partnering Sam Taylor to the doubles. Taylor won once but fell to Aaron Heel.**

**There were two Free Church derbies in Division F. X beat W 3-2, George Barnes (1), Alex O’Driscoll (1) and the doubles with Joe Shrimpton supplying W’s points. U beat V 3-2, David Knott (1), Harvey Wilson (1) and the doubles, with Owain Jones posting V’s points. Eathorpe I have made an impressive start and defeated Rugby L 5-0 through Joshua Cope and Jamaal Iqbal.**

**National Junior League**

**Day 3**

**Lillington Free Church A’s trio of Ricardo Bolanos, Livvy Fletcher and Nikit Sajiv put in excellent performances at Wellingborough on Saturday to sit equal top of Division 1 of the National Junior League. They enjoyed 6-0 wins against Knighton Park of Leicester and Rugby, defeated St Neots A 5-1 and Milton Keynes 4-2, their only blemish a 2-4 loss to joint leaders Great Stukely. It will be all to play for on Day 4 of the competition in March when the title will be decided. Bolanos and Fletcher returned 80% averages and Sajiv 70%.**

**Rugby (Sam Cafearo, Callum Ball and Jack Evans) finished 4th in this division. They managed two 4-2 wins against St Neots and Knighton Park and Cafearo won 50% of his singles.**

**Lillington C finished a point above their B side in Division 2. A 5-1 win against Cliffedale Chambers A, Grantham, and two draws, against their B team and Westfield A, Wellingborough, lifted them into 3rd. Tom Fletcher 60% and Ben Hall 60% were ably supported by Eve Briscoe. B number 1 Milan Sajiv played some great table-tennis to steer his team to a 4-2 win over Cliffedale and two draws (against Lillington B and Westfield) and returned an impressive 80% average. Number 2 Jenny Singleton chipped in with two vital wins and Emily Beasley, at 3, tasted victory 4 times to secure 4th spot.**

**Lillington D blooded a quartet in Division 3 finishing in second place, three points adrift of the leaders Bedford A. They beat St Neots C 6-0, Bedford B 5-1 and Westfield B 4-2, suffering two narrow defeats 2-4 to Bedford A and Cliffedale B. Number 1 Katie Singleton had two good wins out of her 6 singles, Josh Yarrow won 7 from 8, and Eduardo Bolanos and Milly Green recorded 5 out of 8.**

**In a League dominated by Junior boys it was good to see that 6 of Lillington’s 13 representatives were girls and 6 were 15 or younger.**