**League Report**

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**The top clash in Division 1 of the Leamington League was that between Colebridge A and Free Church A, with runners-up spot arguably at stake. Colebridge nudged it 6-4 despite Church’s County Champion, Lee Dorning, taking his three. Sam Wiggins added one but the Birmingham team came back with two wins apiece for Kate Hughes and Paul Lenormand and a single from Ben Willson, who took the doubles with Lenormand. St Georges B look uncatchable at the top and trounced Whitnash A 9-1. Mark Jackson and Laurence Sweeney accounted for 7 of the points with Ron Vose providing the other two but falling to Mark Woolerton. Free Church C continued their good form with an 8-2 win over St Georges A. Ricardo Bolanos and Dave Ramsey won triples and Nikit Sajiv two, losing to Matt Jordan. Jordan and Damon Fenton won the doubles. Phoenix also felled St Georges A 7-3. Callum Martin won his three, Mark Rose secured two and Taran Dhillon one with Dhillon and Rose proving to be the better doubles players. Fenton (2) and Jordan (1) posted Georges’ points. Wellesbourne eased relegation fears considerably with a 6-4 win over bottom side County Council A. Debutant Dave Harvey won his three, Alan Cotton chipped in with two and Gary Stewart one. Pat McCabe (2), and Chris Brewer (1) plus a doubles success for Brewer and Chris Maiden, kept the match close.**

**Nomads A extended their lead at the top of Division 2 with a 7-3 win over Millennium A. Simon Nolan grabbed a hat-trick, Paul Rowan mustered two and Tony Thomas one with Nolan and Rowan winning the doubles. Peter Harris (2) and Jack Garner (1) scored for the Banbury side. Free Church E swept aside St Georges C 8-2 as the Blowey brothers, Chris and Phil, nailed trebles. Ian Beasley, returning after a lay-off, posted one and guided Phil to the doubles. Brian Aston and Len Coonan pinched Georges’ points. Eathorpe A edged Rugby B 6-4 thanks to braces from Marius Morariu and Bernard Reman, who also combined for the doubles, and a single from Brian Hobill. Ben Holvey (2), Hugh Crosfield (1) and Jack Evans (1) replied. However, in their next match Eathorpe succumbed 7-3 to Nomads Enigmas whose Steve Proctor was in top form to win three plus the doubles with single winner Malc Macfarlane. James Glazzard notched the other two points. Morariu (2) and Chris Atkins (1) responded. Rugby C then lowered Enigmas’ colours 6-4 due mainly to a fine maximum from Dan Burgess. Jo Outhwaite and Peter Ratcliffe added singles and Ratcliffe supported Burgess in the crucial doubles. Glazzard (2) Macfarlane (1) and Proctor (1) kept Enigmas in it. Rugby B drew at home with Free Church F. Crosfield (2) and Evans (2) teamed for the doubles whilst Anthony Smith (2), Cherry Matthews (2) and Lewis Singleton (1) forced the stalemate.**

**Bottom side Warwick University A had a welcome Division 3 victory against struggling Free Church G. Arslan Aslan and Michael Farmer won threes and paired for a doubles win. Eve Briscoe, reserve Marc Briscoe and Jenny Singleton all recorded singles for Church. The university continued their improvement with a creditable draw with Free Church I. Aswan and Farmer notched doubles and Krysztof Bolhuis added one. Ben Hall won twice for Church as well as partnering Chris Jones, who won once, to the doubles and reserve Jerry Chung notched his first win at this level. Whitnash B continued their assault on the title with a 10-0 whitewash of County Council D, Richard Smith, Greg Swan and Dennis Woodhead the determined trio. Free Church H also inflicted a heavy defeat, 8-2, on Council. Josh Yarrow won three and Eduardo Bolanos and Milly Green two apiece, Bolanos and Yarrow taking the doubles. Steve Poole won Council’s points. Nomads C drew away at Millennium B. Lewis Cox was unbeaten in singles and the doubles with Richard Pickering and Bob Clarke also scored for the Banbury team. Les Hoggins (2), Kim Wong (2) and John Taylor (1) made it a tie.**

**In Division 4 leaders Free Church K defeated Rugby E 8-2. Keith Knott won all of his singles as well as the doubles with Darren Laffey. Laffey and Nick Darwen each won twice but neither could master Sarah James. Eathorpe D beat stablemates Eathorpe B 7-3 thanks mainly to Paul Deavall who won his three. Sophie Cooper and Michael Rossington contributed two wins. John Ablett and Charlie Wragg won singles in response and Wragg joined Jim Levack to win the doubles. Eathorpe D then fell to the srong Free Church L side who beat them 7-3. Jerry Chung won his three, Owain Jones two and Nicholas Ho one with Chung and Jones claiming the doubles. Deavall (2) and Shaun Martin (1) grabbed the villagers’ points. Free Church M included reserve Tom Yarrow when they met Eathorpe C but it proved an inspired selection as the youngster won his three. Jay Virdi emulated him and guided Mark Singleton, who won once, to the doubles. Luca Bloodworth and James Stone won singles.**

**In Division A FISSC A pipped Ashorne B 3-2 despite a double from Steve Kay. Mark Kingham and George Mudie recorded single wins and the doubles.**

**Free Church O proved too strong for their R team in Division B, Alex Costa and Tom Yarrow winning all 5 points.**

**Free Church P came away from Eathorpe F with a 3-2 win in Division C despite Ben James winning two for the villagers. Chris Ho and Seb Priest won a single each and the doubles for Church. Eathorpe F went on to overcome their I side 4-1, James (2), David Tait (1) and the doubles. Christian Roberts nabbed the consolation. Eathorpe H beat Free Church Q 3-2 in a match where no player remained unbeaten. Josh Cope and James Rome won singles for Eathorpe and joined forces to take the doubles. Erin Darwen and reserve Alfie Ransom scored for Church.**

**Rugby G hammered Eathorpe G 5-0 in Division D to aid their promotion challenge. Tyler Humphries and Josh Tyagi pocketed all the points.**

**In Division E Eathorpe L whitewashed Free Church W through Declan and Joshua Jay. Eathorpe J inflicted a similar scoreline on Eathorpe K with Joshua Atkins and Keiran Braden-Brown the players in form.**

**Free Church V edged their T side 3-2. Joe Cole and Arnav Mulay won singles and the doubles and it was left to Jack Bradbury (2) to save face for T.**