**County Junior Championships**

Lillington Free Church’s Lee Dorning enjoyed an outstanding day at the Sycamore Club in Nottingham on Saturday when he represented Warwickshire Juniors, winning 5 of his 6 matches. In the 5-5 draw with Derbyshire he defeated Robin Pearson and Lucas King. Club mate Timmy Cooper beat King and Colebridge’s Sam Henderson was victorious over Pearson. With another Colebridge youngster, Lisa Rinnhofer, winning against Jayden Bloodworth, the draw was assured. Another draw ensued in the match with Nottinghamshire, Dorning taking the scalps of Harry Tomlinson and Tom McKintosh, both in straight games. Henderson also won twice, against Naphat Boonyaprapa and Tomlinson, with Cooper notching one, beating McIntosh. Finally, the County suffered a 3-7 reverse to Hertfordshire, Dorning accounting for Chris Clifford, Cooper defeating Danny Lewis and Henderson also seeing off Clifford.

**Leamington League**

In Division 1, Colebridge B eased relegation fears with an 8-2 success over Enigmas. Vikas Bakshi was invincible and John Chandler and Farooq Kakar added twos. Gary Jackson won twice for the visitors. Free Church A crept into 3rd spot after edging WCC A 6-4 despite a superb treble from Chris Brewer. Deepak Chandrababu (2), Chris Mulligan (2) Tom Brocklehurst (1) and a Brocklehurst/Mulligan doubles saw Church home. Colebridge A look determined to nail the title and their victims this week were WCC B who fell 9-1. Ian Ferguson and Kate Hughes were unbeaten and Sam Henderson won twice, falling to Simon Griew. Rugby A fell a point further adrift as they beat WCC A 8-2. Ryan Lines and Matt Outhwaite won triples and Danny Orr twice. Pat McCabe claimed one and Clive Irwin and Phil Paine enjoyed doubles success. St Georges B sit 4th with matches in hand and overcame Wellesbourne 7-3, Mark Jackson and Ron Vose stacking up all their points. Alan Cotton, Pete Dunnett and Gary Stewart replied.

Second division leaders Free Church C were held to a stalemate by Phoenix, for whom Paul Calloway posted a triple before joining Callum Martin, who won once, for a doubles win. Harry Purewal (2), Kit Turner(2) and Chris Blowey (1) tied the match. Whitnash A look a team to watch and had an excellent 8-2 victory at Eathorpe A. Paul Riman won his three and Kevin Ariss and Dennis Woodhead took doubles. Similarly, Nomads A look threatening and hammered Snitterfield A 9-1, Ian Beasley and Paul Rowan with hat-tricks and Andy Davies a double. St Georges C eased past Rugby C 6-4 though they could not better the visitors’ Ben Holvey. Brian Aston (2) Len Coonan (2), Will Fletcher (1) and the doubles earned the win.

Free Church E were in eye-catching form in Division 3, sweeping aside Eathorpe B 10-0, Phil Blowey, Tom Harris and Dudley Turner the destroyers. County Council C beat Free Church F 7-3 as Ian Stevens used his experience to notch 3 wins. Steve Poole with 2 and Mark Bridgeman with one, plus the doubles, made up the total whilst Adam Pulman was Church’s star with two. Top side St Georges D marched on relentlessly, 8-2 over Flavels A, Andy Caine 3, Gary Edwards 2, Richard Grover 2 and the doubles.

Two teams are emerging as title contenders in the fourth division and both won 10-0. Rugby E ‘s Sam Cafearo, Freddy Jones and Bradley Matthews were too strong for County Council E and Whitnash’s Jayne Fitton, Richard Smith and Greg Swan hammered Free Church J. Free Church I had a welcome 10-0 victory over WCC F, Ricardo Bolanos, Dan Shaw and Alice Todd the victors. Ashorne A beat Free Church K 8-2, Steve Bolton and Roger Kelley maximum men, Chris Bowles winning one and joining Kelley for the doubles. Nick Darwen and Mark Singleton had good wins in response. The one close match was Free Church H against Eathorpe D which went the villagers’ way 7-3 but contained lots of 5 setters. Callum Pickering scored a hat-trick, Will Apted (2) and James Keay (1), Apted/Keay the doubles.

Snitterfield B enjoyed a 3-2 Division A victory over Rugby F with Nello Mauri winning both his singles and adding the doubles, partnering Peter Vale-Humphreys. Karen Buckby and Ian Evans responded. Mark Jones’s double was not enough to prevent FISCC going down 2-3 to Norton Lindsey A, Vince Ford and John Walker taking singles and the doubles.

In Division B Eathorpe E beat Free Church O 4-1 through Jamie Sayer (2), Norbu Sunang-Joret (1) and the doubles. Joss Farmer avoided the whitewash. Free Church N took all 5 points from Eathorpe F, Oscar Dalrymple and Charlie Snelson romping to victory. Leaders Free Church M fell 2-3 to Rugby G for whom Callum Ball won twice. Archie West added one but Keith Knott joined son Jeremy, who also had a single success, for the doubles.

First faced second in Division C with top side Ashorne B getting home 3-2. Steve Handsley won his two singles and the doubles, pairing with Tony Philpott. Milly Green and Ciara Hancox kept Q in it. Free Church P thwarted Free Church R 3-2 as Dominic Priest scored two and joined brother Sebastian for the doubles. Sophie Bethell and Carolyn Dorning kept it close. Andy Mountney won twice for Norton Lindsey B but his team lost 2-3 to Eathorpe G as Ben Barker and John Gymer grabbed the other points.

Ashorne C are shooting up Division D and a Harvey Innocent double inspired them to a 4-1 win over Free Church S. Team-mate Matthew Quinn helped him to the doubles and won once but fell to the impressive 12 year old Ellie Goldsmith. Findlay Douglas maintained his unbeaten record against Eathorpe H but Free Church V still succumbed 2-3 to Eathorpe G, whose Luca Bloodworth and Thomas Booth collected the remaining points. Likewise, FC U’s Emma Briscoe nailed a double but her side lost to FC T 2-3 as Dan Gunthorpe and Nicholas Ho wrested the other games.

**National Cadet League**

Lillington Free Church sent 4 teams to Wellingborough on Sunday to compete on Day 1 of the National Cadet League. Many of the players have 2+ seasons in this age group ahead of them so it was very much a learning exercise but the D team amazed everyone by winning Division 3A. They defeated St Albans B and Cliffedale Chambers C (Grantham) 7-2 and edged Knighton Park of Leicester 5-4. Number one Ciara Hancox won 9 out of 9, all in straight games, the highlight being the eclipse of England number 57 cadet girl Sufyaana Dhanji. Emily Beasley had an impressive return of 5 out of 6, Milly Green contributed 3 out of 6 and the very inexperienced Findlay Douglas added two vital rubbers.

The A team of Adam Cofler, Jack Green and Lewis Singleton finished 3rd in Division 1, losing to the top two teams, St Neots A and B 2-4, but beating Nottingham Sycamore and Knighton Park A 5-1 and Free Church B 6-0. Cofler, who finished on 80%, defeated England number 17 cadet Sam Chesterman as well as Zach Marillo (70) and Jack Leader (77). Green returned a 70% average and Singleton 50%.

The B team finished bottom of Division 1 by one point, suffering 4 convincing defeats but bounced back to win their last match against Knighton Park 4-2, Robbie Fitchford winning twice and Tom Fletcher and Ricardo Bolanos contributing singles.

The C team finished 5th in Division 2, just two points off 3rd place, defeating Cliffedale B 6-0 and drawing with Westfield A (Wellingborough) 3-3. Katie Singleton won 50%, and Jenny Singleton and Daniel Strand, on his debut, 40%. The Division was won easily by Rugby’s Sam Cafearo, Harvey and Oliver Fowler and Callum Ball.