**League Report**

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St Georges A gained an impressive 9-1 success over WCC A in Division 1 as Damon Fenton, Matt Jordan and Earl Sweeney took all the singles, leaving Clive Irwin and Phil Paine avoiding the whitewash with the doubles. St Georges B posted a similar scoreline against Rugby B, Mark Jackson and Ron Vose maximum men and Luke Hobbins taking two but losing to Ryan Stockham. Wellesbourne crushed Enigmas 10-0 with Alan Cotton, Pete Dunnett and John Price in top form and Colebridge A were likewise in no mood to help their B team, mopping up all the points through Ian Ferguson, Kate Hughes and Mike Rinnhofer. Free Church B did nick a point off their A side, Sam Weaving beating Lee Dorning, but Deepak Chandrababu, Timmy Cooper and Dorning ensured there were no other slips. FC B fared better at WCC B, losing 4-6 with Sam Weaving and Sam Wiggins both winning two. However, Simon Griew won his three in straight games and partnered Nilton Green to the doubles. WCC B had arguably a much better performance in a 4-6 loss to the strong Rugby A. Matthew Outhwaite’s presence was the crucial factor as he won 3 and paired with Ryan Lines for the doubles, Lines notching the other two points. Once again Griew was WCC’s star with two fine wins allied to singles from Nilton Green and Martin Hunter.

Early Division 2 leaders Free Church C were shown little respect by their D team who collared them 6-4, thanks mainly to Adam Cofler’s outstanding treble. Cherrylyn Matthews and Anthony Smith each won once and Smith joined Cofler to snatch the doubles. Chris Blowey won twice for C. Whitnash A could be serious challengers and edged Phoenix 6-4 despite a Paul Calloway hat-trick. Roy Joiner added one but Whitnash bounced back with wins from Paul Riman and Richard Smith, the doubles and 3 concessions. Phoenix recovered to see off Rugby C 8-2 with triples from Calloway and Richard Jardim and one from Roy Joiner plus the doubles. Ben Holvey and Jo Outhwaite replied. Rugby C then went on to secure a draw at Eathorpe A, for whom Pete Titmas grabbed three. Chris Atkins took one and the pair won the doubles. Ben Holvey and Hugh Crosfield each won two for the visitors and Jo Outhwaite weighed in with a single. Another tie in the match between St Georges C and Millennium. Len Coonan (3), Kevin Finn (1) and the doubles amassed the points for Georges whilst Pete Harris and Rob Warnes with braces and Colin Astbury with one drew the Banbury side level.

In Division 3 St Georges D trounced Rugby D 9-1 with maximums from Richard Grover and Tracey Fletcher, the pair also taking the doubles. Andy Caine won twice but fell to the improving Milly Bradshaw. Free Church E recorded their best result so far when beating Nomads B 9-1. Phil Blowey and Tom Harris won trebles, Livvy Fletcher won twice and partnered Blowey to the doubles. Dave Harding avoided the whitewash.

Whitnash B inflicted the first defeat of the season on Eathorpe D triumphing 9-1, Richard Smith and Greg Swan unbeaten and Jayne Fitton winning twice. James Keay was the villagers’ scorer. Ashorne A sit top and beat WCC F 10-0 in straight games as Steve Bolton, Chris Bowles and Roger Kelley showed no mercy. WCC E won their first match, 6-4, against Free Church I. Jason Grey and Carl Morgan posted braces and the doubles, and Will Hung won one. 11 year old Ricardo Bolanos revealed his talent with a first triple and reserve Ciara Hancox claimed an excellent win. Free Church J beat stablemates FC K 6-4 in a very close encounter. Sam Bradley’s greater experience showed for J as he took 3 and the doubles with Jill Weaving. Weaving added another point as did Catherine McAuley. Nick Darwen and Mark Singleton countered with doubles.

After dropping only one point in the whole Division A campaign so far, leaders Flavels A found themselves in a contest as they nudged a 3-2 victory at Norton Lindsey A. Mick Bennett took his two and the doubles with Steve Lyons but Vince Ford and John Walker with singles ensured a fight. Flavels reverted to form when crushing FISCC 5-0 through Bennett and Lyons. FISCC also fell 0-5 to Snitterfield B, Henry Lu and Nello Mauri the maximum men. Snitterfield B came away from Rugby F with a 3-2 success, Henry Lu undefeated in singles and taking the doubles with Peter Vale-Humphries. Karen Buckby and Ian Evans scored for the home team.

Division B leaders Free Church N were rousted 4-1 by Rugby G. Jo Outhwaite won two and the doubles with Archie West, who won once. Charlie Snelson claimed Church’s point. This enabled Free Church M to make up ground as they roasted FC O 5-0 through Ashley and Jeremy Knott. M had earlier beaten Rugby G 5-0 with Keith Knott joining son Ashley to take the points. Eathorpe E walloped their F side 5-0 with Jamie Sayer and Norbu Sunang-Joret in top form.

Steve Handsley and Anthony Philpott took all 5 points as Ashorne B defeated Free Church R in Division C and Free Church Q defeated Eathorpe G 3-2 despite James Stone making two for the visitors. Emily Beasley and Ciara Hancox wrapped up the other points.

Free Church V are vying for promotion in Division D and gained a narrow 3-2 win at Ashorne C. Findlay Douglas won two and the doubles with Dylan Speller whilst Ashorne replied through Harvey Innocent and Matthew Quinn. Eathorpe H will have aspirations too and Thomas Booth and Luca Bloodworth demolished Free Church U 5-0.

**Cirencester 1-Star**

Lillington Free Church’s Singleton twins had their best tournament to date at the Cirencester 1-star open on Sunday. Lewis finished 2nd of twenty Under 15 boys’ entrants after a storming series of games which included the beating of the eventual winner, Greg Small. Garin Edwards of Wales, Dylan Tynan and Daniel Kerr of Devon all fell victim to Lewis and it was only a 1-3 loss to the eventual third, Ben Edmunds, which cost him top spot on countback.

 In the under 15 Girls sister, Jenny defeated Devon’s Emily Haskell, Wales’ Cerys Evans and club-mate Ciara Hancox to put her level with two other girls at the top, Jenny being adjudged 3rd on countback. In the Under 13’s Hancox took England number 21 Haskell to 5 and Emily Beasley, another from the Church stable, lost deuce in the 5th to the overall winner Gemma Kerr. Of Devon. Hancox was ranked 3rd and Beasley 4th in performances which promise much for the future.