**League Report**

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Colebridge A posted their second successive 9-1 win in Division 1 when hosting Free Church C. Paul Lenormand and Ben Willson won their singles and the doubles with Kate Hughes nabbing two but falling to Sam Wiggins. Rugby A also romped to a second win when overcoming County Council B 8-2. Ryan Lines and Adrian Pilgrim took trebles and Sam Cafearo won twice, finding the guile of Simon Griew too taxing. Griew and Nilton Green proved what a strong doubles pairing they are to pick up Council’s other point. Previously Council had fallen to Wellesbourne who defeated them 7-3. Dave Harvey and Gary Stewart nailed hat-tricks, Alan Cotton added one with Green and Griew both getting the better of him and again snatching the doubles. Free Church A overwhelmed their B side 9-1 with Jack Green and Dave Ramsey winning their singles and Sam Weaving, who partnered Ramsey to the doubles, taking two but losing to Ricardo Bolanos.

In Division 2 Rugby B saw off the challenge of Eathorpe A with an 8-2 success. Juniors Callum Ball and Daniel Burgess took 7 of the points with Peter Ratcliffe adding one. Brian Hobill and Bernard Reman took the villagers’ points with Reman also losing in 5 to Ball. Eathorpe then succumbed to County Council A by the same scoreline. Christopher Maiden and Pat McCabe won maximums and Paul Calloway won twice. He was pipped by Reman who also paired with Hobill to take the doubles. Free Church F were inspired by an unbeaten Roald Myers whose 3 victories led his side to a 6-4 win over Snitterfield A. Cherry Matthews chimed in with a couple and Lewis Singleton grabbed the crucial 6th point. Tim Fell (2), Gareth Hepworth (1) and a Hepworth/Stuart Ayres doubles win kept matters close. Snitterfield recovered to beat St Georges C 7-3 with Fell and Christopher Hughes taking trebles and Ayres a single. Brian Aston and reserve Richard Grover replied with wins over Ayres and then combined to nab the doubles.

Nomads Codgers started their Division 3 campaign with a 7-3 win over Free Church H. Richard Miles was unbeaten in singles though Jerry Chung took him to 5. Les Hoggins and John Taylor each won two with Chung proving too strong for them both. Chung then partnered young Owain Jones to a doubles win. However, Codgers came unstuck against the strong looking St Georges D side who stormed to a 9-1 success. Tracey Fletcher and Richard Grover garnered 7 of the points and Jerry Simmons won two, losing to Les Hoggins. Kim Wong also put up stout resistance losing two of his singles in 5. Colebridge B are another strong looking outfit and demolished Free Church G 9-1. Dean Hicks and new recruit Michael Klein won their singles and Mike Evetts won two, falling to a resurgent Ciara Hancox who also took Klein to 5. A treble from Dave Cox steered Rugby D to a 7-3 win over County Council D. Stuart Mills added two, losing to Colin Astbury 10-12 in the 5th, and son Joe one, the family duo taking the doubles in 4. Astbury (2) and Steve Poole (1) replied.

In Division 4 Eathorpe D and Ashorne D fought out a draw. Both teams were previously in the 2-a-side League. Keiran Braden-Brown won twice for Eathorpe as did Christian Roberts. Jamaal Iqbal contributed a vital single. Steve Handsley (2), Jim Jack (2) and a Handsley/ Anthony Philpott doubles win took the match to stalemate. Warwick University A then inflicted a 9-1 drubbing on Ashorne, Michael Farmer and Adam Green winning singles and doubles and Krysztof Bolhuis adding two but finding Jack too strong. County Council edged the University’s B team 6-4. Neil Davis and Richard Haigh won braces and the doubles and Jake McKenzie posted a single. Michael Wilson (2), Billy Summers (1) and Albert Wallace (1) ensured the match went to the wire.

In Division A FISSC A squeezed past Rugby G 3-2. George Mudie’s double included an 11-9 in the 5th win over Angel Chen. Mark Kingham won once , losing to Angel Chen with the farmers ceding the doubles 10-12 in the 5th to Angel and Tie Chen. There was another close encounter in the match between Snitterfield B and Rugby H which the Rugby side took 3-2. Michael Klein won his two for Snitterfield but the visitors bounced back with singles from Daryl and Matthew Burgess and an 11-9 in the 5th doubles win. Free Church L claimed their second victory defeating Ashorne A 4-1. Nicholas Ho won twice and guided younger brother Chris, who won once, to the doubles. Steve Kay took the consolation.

Rugby I beat Free Church N 3-2 in their Division B encounter. Matthew Clarke won twice and Oliver Ferguson once, losing to Harvey Wilson who also partnered Nathan Jackson to a successful double set. Ashorne C also emerged as 3-2 winners against Free Church M despite a double from Nick Darwen. Anthony Austin and Barry Bayliss won singles and the doubles.

In a division C derby Eathorpe G got the better of their H team 4-1. The experienced Richard Freeman won his two and paired with Paul Holtby for the doubles. Holtby won once but fell in 5 to young Joshua Atkins. Eathorpe H fared no better in their next match when entertaining Free Church P. Jack Bradbury and Jun Chung won all 4 singles and it was left to Atkins and Declan Jay to grab the doubles. Rugby J beat Eathorpe G 4-1 with Kuba Kucharczyk and Tyler Humphries claiming the singles and Eathorpe taking the doubles through Freeman and Dave Hawker. County Council F pipped Free Church O 3-2 with Steve Maggs winning twice and nudging Neil Davis to the doubles. David Knott and Alex O’Driscoll scored for Church.

In Division D Free Church Q eclipsed their R side 5-0 with Sarah Costa and Morgan Page drawing on their experience to ward off determined opponents in Mia Chan and Tommy Feeley. Eathorpe I eased past Free Church T 3-2 as David Hanson secured two wins and John Gymer one. Matt Hayes won a single for Church and then helped Joe Cole to a doubles victory.

**National Junior League**

**Wood Green, Wednesbury**

Lillington Free Church TTC sent three sides to compete in the National Junior League at the Wood Green club in Wednesbury on Saturday. It was a new venue for Church who included 7 cadets in their young 9 strong squad. The league was organised into three groups for Day 1 but no seeding took place so each team had to take their chance of drawing top sides.

The A team were in a group of 5 and played 4 matches comprising 6 singles. They beat Littleover of Derby 5-1, Draycott B of Long Eaton 4-2, Wood Green B 6-0 and drew with Colebridge B. Number one Josh Yarrow recorded 5 wins from his 8 matches , Eduardo Bolanos returned 7 and Tom Yarrow added 6.

The B and C sides were in groups of 4 so played matches of 9 singles. The B side faced two strong teams in Draycott A, whom they lost to 9-0, and Rugby who beat them 8-1 with Ben Hall recording a fine victory over Alex Bowe. Sam Cafearo and Dan Burgess, who are well known in the Leamington League, made up a very formidable Rugby team. Finally the B side earned two good points against Woodfield B of Wolverhampton with Hall and Eleanor Fletcher accounting for Siva Pranav.

The C side were also in a strong group. They fell 9-0 to both JLM Arrows of Evesham and Colebridge A but, undaunted, edged Wood Green A 5-4 with two wins apiece from Chris Ho and Owain Jones and a vital single from Joe Shrimpton.