**League Report**

**Courier 24th November, 2017**

**Lillington Free Church A have regained the leadership in Division 1 and accounted for their B side 7-3. Lee Dorning posted a hat-trick and Tom Brocklehurst and Sam Wiggins notched braces but B picked up valuable points through Jack Green and Harry Purewal who each won once and paired for the doubles. Rugby A sit third but their cause was not helped after a 4-6 loss to 7th placed County Council B. Nilton Green and Simon Griew both won twice and claimed the crucial doubles with Murray Stevenson lending support when beating Sam Cafearo 17-15 in the 5th. Ryan Lines was unbeaten for Rugby and reserve Bradley Matthews secured an excellent single. Sixth met fifth as Whitnash A entertained Free Church C with Church romping to a 7-3 win. Ricardo Bolanos, Mark Bolshaw and Nikit Sajiv all grabbed two wins and Bolanos and Sajiv pocketed the doubles 11-9 in the 5th. Mark Woolerton (2) and Kevin Ariss (1) replied. With matches in hand Colebridge A are well placed to vie for the top and duly defeated Wellesbourne 9-1. Ian Ferguson and Ben Willson won their singles and the doubles, with Kate Hughes taking the other two points but losing to Alan Cotton. The bottom two sides faced each other when St Georges A hosted Phoenix, the match ending in a draw. Damon Fenton won two for Georges and Phoenix conceded three points for being a player light. Paul Calloway and Callum Martin accrued the Coventry total.**

**Nomads A have reached the summit of Division 2 with Millennium A being their latest victims in a 9-1 scoreline. Simon Nolan and Paul Rowan won 7 of the points and Tony Thomas chipped in with two, losing to Peter Harris. Millennium bounced back with a 7-3 win over St Georges C. Jack Garner, Harris and Rob Warnes each won twice with Garner and Harris taking the doubles. Len Coonan (2) and Kevin Finn (1) responded. Rugby B are third but had to settle for a draw at Free Church F, for whom Roald Myers claimed a treble. Lewis Singleton and Anthony Smith added singles with Rugby replying through Jack Evans (2) and Bradley Matthews(2), the pair also winning the doubles. Nomads Enigmas lie 4th and edged Rugby C 6-4 with a triple from Malcolm Macfarlane which included a 11-9 in the 5th win over Dan Burgess. Bobby Lee (2) and Steve Proctor (1) got them over the line with Freddy Jones (2), Dan Burgess (1) claiming the doubles for Rugby.**

**Snitterfield A’s 6-4 win over Flavels in Division 3 was enough to open up a 6 point gap at the top. Stuart Ayres, Michael Credland and Tim Fell all won twice but none could master Trevor Bradley who took three and the doubles with Roger Potts. Whitnash B are second and ground out a 7-3 win over Nomads Codgers for whom Les Hoggins collected a hat-trick. Richard Smith, Greg Swan and Dennis Woodhead won the other singles and Smith joined Woodhead to clinch the doubles. St Georges D sit third and enjoyed a 6-4 win over Free Church I, Richard Grover in sparkling form to win three. Gary Edwards chipped in with two and Jerry Simmons won once. Ben Hall starred for Church with two wins and a doubles success with Katie Singleton, and Chris Jones contributed one. Nomads Codgers defeated Millennium B 6-4 with another maximum from Hoggins. Richard Miles (2) and John Taylor (1) saw them home with the Banbury side getting their points through Colin Astbury, Bob Clarke and Richard Pickering who all won singles. Astbury and Clarke won the doubles. Free Church G pipped their H team 6-4 thanks mainly to Jenny Singleton’s triple. Milly Bradshaw and Tom Fletcher added singles and Bradshaw joined Singleton for the doubles. Eduardo Bolanos and Josh Yarrow each won twice for H.**

**Free Church K are dominating Division 4 and beat bottom side County Council F for whom Simon Chalker starred with three wins. Eleanor Fletcher, Keith Knott and Darren Laffey secured the other singles and Knott and Laffey took the doubles. Eathorpe B in second also won 7-3 but against County Council E, again meeting an unbeaten opponent in the shape of William Hung. John Ablett, Jim Levack and Roger Palmer were otherwise victorious with Ablett and Levack snatching the doubles. With matches in hand Free Church J have crept into 4th and beat Warwick University 7-3 with yet another player on the losing side posting a maximum, this time in the form of Adam Green. Catherine McAuley, Jill and Mike Weaving won 6 singles and the ladies paired for a successful doubles.**

**A 4-1 victory for Snitterfield B propelled them to the top of Division A, Free Church N finding them too strong. Michael Klein won two and partnered Ron Shakesheff, who won once, to the doubles. Phil Booth grabbed the consolation. Snitterfield then went on to oppose Free Church O who are bottom of the table but there were only two points between victory and defeat. Michael Klein’s two wins included a 13-11 win in the 5th over Tom Yarrow. Vince Ford helped him to the doubles and a 3-2 match win but Yarrow and Alex Costa both overcame Ford to keep survival on the cards. Free Church N may well replace O at the bottom before the season ends and went down 1-4 against FISSC. Brian Marston won his two for the farmers and Mark Kingham guided him to the doubles and won once. Dan Strand avoided the whitewash.**

**Ashorne B are looking for promotion from Division B and hammered Eathorpe E 5-0 through Jim Jack and Steve Kay. However, they won’t catch their A side who are top and beat them 4-1. Steve Bolton (2) and Roger Pye (1) combined for the doubles and it was left to Jack to grab a consolation.**

**In Division C the two teams likely to be promoted met with leaders Ashorne C pipping Free Church R 3-2. Steve Handsley and Tony Philpott both won singles and paired for the doubles. Joe Shrimpton came from 6-10 down and 7-10 down to beat Philpott in 3 and he also had a 3-1 win over Handsley to retain his 100% average. The two teams facing relegation also met with Free Church S easing to a 4-1 win over their Q team. Erin Darwen continued her recent improvement with two victories plus the doubles with Chris Hearn who won one. Ben Holding scored the consolation.**

**FISSC B with matches in hand have a real chance of promotion in Division D and Mandip Takhar (2) and Sam Taylor (1) plus the doubles accounted for Eathorpe J 4-1 (Keiran Braden-Brown (1)). Eathorpe I (Christian Roberts 2, Jamaal Iqbal 1 plus the doubles) defeated Free Church T (Jack Knowles 1).**

**Free Church V faced second placed Free Church U in Division E. U won by 4-1 with Chris Ho(2) and Charlie Hines (1) also taking the doubles. Michael Khovanov served particularly well to claim a single. FC V then faced leaders Rugby E but could not become the first side to take a point off them. Bowe and Josh Tyagi proved invincible.**

**Lillington Graded Tournament**

**Lillington Free Church Table-tennis club’s second graded tournament of the season attracted a full entry to St Nicholas Leisure Centre in Warwick including a strong contingent from the Colebridge club in Birmingham. This was soon evident in the morning events where Lee Holtham and Hawley Ellicott reached the semi-finals of the Senior event against Free Church duo Dave Ramsey and Sam Weaving. Holtham got the better of Ramsey and Hawley defeated Weaving to set up an all Colebridge Final. After losing the first Holtham went 2-1 up only to be taken to a 5th set which he eventually won. In the Junior event Church’s Emily Beasley overcame club-mate Lewis Singleton in one semi-final with Rugby’s Callum Ball successfully contesting the other semi against Bethany Brewer of Blaenafon. Beasley went on to clinch the crown. Colebridge players showed their strength in the Cadet competition with Henry Belcher beating Church’s Josh Yarrow in the first semi and Jack Simcox edging another Church player, Joe Shrimpton, in the second semi. Belcher proceeded to conquer his Colebridge club-mate in the Final. Three Church players reached the semis of the under 13s. Owain Jones fell to Colebridge’s Harry Simcox and Eleanor Fletcher accounted for George Barnes. Simcox took the Final against the gallant Fletcher.**

**Lillington’s players turned the tables a little in the afternoon providing three of the semi-finalists in the Grade A event. Sam Weaving won a thrilling semi against Dave Ramsey but Phil Blowey found Lee Holtham too strong. However, Weaving won a close Final despite finding himself 0-2 down in sets and 8-10 down in the third to secure the winner’s trophy for the hosts. In Grade B Callum Ball clinched his semi against Josh Yarrow to face another Lillington player, Tom Fletcher, who had an excellent win over Jerry Simmons of St Georges. Ball duly won the Final. In Grade C, Henry Belcher defeated Lillington’s Jerry Chung to reach the final where he opposed Kidlington’s Jamie McNeil who had beaten Sam Slatter of Blaenafon, Belcher winning the Final. The Improvers saw Joe Shrimpton against Tyler Humphries of Rugby in one semi and Owain Jones faced Lillington club-mate Jake Simmons in the other. Shrimpton and Jones reached the Final with the former taking the spoils. Finally Thomas Martin, Colebridge, overcame Alfie Ransom of Lillington in his semi and Nathan Jackson, on his competitive debut, taking the other semi against Jacomo Lubrano, both of Lillington. Martin took the final 3-1.**

**Consolation Events**

**Champions Runners-up**

**Senior: Nilton Green (WCC) Phil Blowey (Lillington)**

**Junior: Ben Hall (Lillington) Jamie McNeil (Kidlington)**

**Cadets: Toby Dow (Bodicote) Nicholas Ho (Lillington)**

**Under 13s: Thomas Martin (Colebridge) Alfie Ransom (Lillington)**

**Grade A: Olivia Fletcher (Lillington) Roald Myers (Lillington )**

**Grade B: Milly Green (Lillington) Emily Beasley (Lillington)**

**Grade C: Eleanor Fletcher (Lillington ) Mark Singleton (Lillington)**

**Improvers: Josh Tyagi (Rugby) George Barnes (Lillington)**

**Beginners: Ben Brady (Lillington) William Brown (North Newington)**

**Cliffedale Chandlers Tournament**

**Grantham 18th November**

**Ricardo and Eduardo Bolanos of Lillington Free Church TTC travelled to Grantham on Saturday for the Cliffedale Chandlers Junior tournament. In the Cadet Band 1 competition, Ricardo won his group with wins over Lennon Maughan of Yorkshire and Marco Plate of Hertfordshire, both going down in straight sets. In the first knock-out round Barney Mindlin of Middlesex was dispatched to take Bolanos to the quarter-final. Adam Ben Mohamed of Surrey was the opponent and another 3-1 victory followed to set up a semi-final clash with England number 18 Felix Thomis of Berkshire. Bolanos lost 0-3 but the games were surprisingly close and much confidence could be taken from the day.**

**The younger Bolanos, Eduardo, contested the Cadet Band 2 competition. He successfully won his group with victories over Frazer Winfield of Lincs and Charlie Ollerenshaw of Sussex to reach the knock-out stages. Zachari Foston of Yorkshire was beaten in round 1 and London’s Jenson Moreno fell in the quarter-finals, both wins being achieved 3-1. However, his progress was halted in the semi-final when he lost to Joel Osaghae.**

**In the under 13s Eduardo qualified from his group and beat Jake Haygarth of Durham in the first round of the knock-outs, losing to Ben Piggott of Ormesby, the England number two, 9-11,11-4,3-11,8-11 in the last 16.**