**Leamington League Report**

**Courier 25th November 2016**

**In Division 1 St Georges B moved into 4th place after overcoming Nomads A 9-1. Mark Jackson and Ron Vose bagged hat-tricks and the doubles and Luke Hobbins added two, losing to Pual Rowan. Free Church A also enjoyed a 9-1 win over County Council A. Lee Dorning and Sam Wiggins took triples and the doubles and Timmy Cooper won twice, losing out to Pat McCabe. County Council B defeated Phoenix 8-2. Simon Griew won all three and Martin Hunter and Murray Stevenson both returned two wins, failing to master Paul Calloway. Griew and Stevenson secured the doubles. The closest contest of the week was at St Georges whose A side entertained Wellesbourne, going down 4-6. Gary Stewart won his three for the visitors and partnered two time winner Alan Cotton to the doubles. Matt Jordan (2), Damon Fenton (1) and Gary Jackson (1) replied.**

**Struggling Eathorpe A had the best result of their Division 2 campaign when just failing to hold Nomads Enigmas to a draw. Bernard Reman won two, Marius Morariu one and Binh-Khoi Nguyen one. Charlie Somerton starred for Nomads with a maximum and newcomer Dean Hicks and Steve Proctor notched singles, with Proctor joining Somerton for the match deciding doubles. Free Church E are second after thumping St Georges C 10-0, Mark Bolshaw, Dave Ramsey and Anthony Smith totting up the points. Free Church F are top squeezing out Enigmas 7-3. Phil Blowey and Nikit Sajiv posted impressive trebles and Adam Pulman supplied one win. Malc Macfarlane and Proctor had single wins, Proctor pairing with Somerton for the doubles. Rugby B moved into the top half of the table with a 7-3 victory over Eathorpe. Danny Orr collected his customary maximum , Christine Scaysbrook won twice and Jo Outhwaite won once as well as guiding Orr to the doubles. Morariu (2) and Reman (1) responded. Rugby C sit one place above their club-mates in 4th and enjoyed an excellent 8-2 win at Millennium A. Ben Holvey was in top form, winning his singles and the doubles with Hugh Crosfield. Jack Evans and Crosfield both notched braces with Christian Ward taking both of the home side’s points.**

**The top two clashed in Division 3 with the spoils being shared. County Council D’s Mark Freeman nailed a treble and partnered Cliff Jackson, who won once, to the doubles but their nearest rivals, Millennium B, retorted with doubles from Colin Astbury and Bob Clarke and a single from Lewis Cox. Whitnash B in third edged a point nearer the top two with a 6-4 success over County Council C. Dennis Woodhead was in inspired form, winning three and steering Greg Swan (2) to the doubles. Ian Stevens (2) Doug Lowe (1) and Steve Poole (1) kept Council in the match. Rugby E drew well away from the relegation spots with a 7-3 win over Flavels A. Stuart Mills took his three and joined son Joe (1) for the doubles. Jack Kuomi added two. Dot Macfarlane (2) and Steve Lyons (1) gave the scoreline respectability. Free Church G also moved away from the basement after crushing bottom side Eathorpe B 8-2. Tom Fletcher collected a maximum, Milly Bradshaw and Ged Kuprys won two apiece and Bradshaw and Fletcher grabbed the doubles. John Ablett and Charlie Wragg scored for the villagers. Rugby D went two points off the bottom when drawing with their F team. Oliver Fowler won two and helped his twin Oliver to the doubles. Oliver and Dad Steve added singles. Bradley Matthews grabbed a hat-trick for F which was allied to two from Jack Evans. Free Church H defeated Nomads Codgers 7-3 despite Kim Wong’s treble. Emily Beasley, Emma Kilpatrick and Jenny Singleton all won their other singles and Beasley and Singleton took the doubles.**

**The leaders in Division 4, Free Church J, were shot down 7-3 by their I side. Chris Jones won his three, Pete Rourke won twice and Nick Darwen won once as well as taking the doubles with Jones. J saved face with two from Mike Weaving and one from wife Jill. Dan Burgess’s maximum for Rugby G could not prevent Eathorpe D winning the other 7 points as Sophie Cooper, Shaun Martin and Michael Rossington all won twice, with Cooper and Martin victorious in the doubles.**

**Snitterfield lead Division A and whitewashed relegation candidates Free Church N with Tim Fell and Kim Wong in no mood to surrender points. Flavels B have a lot to do if they are to catch the top teams but they went the right way about it as they swept aside FISSC A 5-0 with Mick Bennett and Sam Bradley securing the points.**

**Free Church Q moved up to 3rd in Division B, edging 5th placed Eathorpe E 3-2. Dominic Priest claimed both of his singles and joined Marc Briscoe for the doubles. Luca Bloodworth and James Stone forced the match to the wire. Rugby H retained their second spot with a 4-1 win over Free Church O for whom Dan Strand grabbed the consolation. Angel Chen (2) and William Chen (1) plus the doubles propelled Rugby to the win.**

**Free Church S top Division C and enjoyed a 4-1 visit to Norton Lindsey B. Alex Costa won twice and steered sister Sarah to the doubles, Sarah winning once but losing to Guy Harrison. Ashorne A are two points behind with a match in hand and overcame bottom side Free Church R 4-1. Steve Kay won his two and paired with Tony Philpott (1) for the doubles. Seb Priest prevented the whitewash.**

**County Council F jumped up to 3rd in Division D enjoying a clean sweep against Eathorpe G with Simon Chalker and Bernard Hardingham taking the points. The top two faced each other with second placed Rugby J emerging as 3-2 winners over Free Church T. Alex Bowe won his two for Rugby and Oliver Wilson chipped in with one but Jake Simmons beat him and partnered Ben Holding to a doubles win. Rugby trail T by 7 points but with a match in hand.**

**Rugby K are well on course to clinch the title in Division E and eclipsed their L team 5-0 with Tyler Humphries and Josh Tyagi garnering the points. Eathorpe H sit second and edged Free Church X 3-2. James Rome gained two wins and Keiran Braden-Brown one. Alex O’Driscoll posted one single for X and guided Jack Knowles to the doubles.**

**Cliffedale Chandlers 4-star tournament**

**Two of Lillington Free Church’s rising stars entered the Cliffedale Chandlers 4-star tournament in Grantham on Saturday. Supported by three coaches and England number 1 lady, Kelly Sibley, Ricardo Bolanos and Nikit Sajiv, in his first stab at this level, put in impressive performances.**

**In the Cadet (U15) Boys Band 1, which excluded those ranked in the England top 20, Sajiv (42) defeated England 26 Felix Thomis of Berkshire 3-0, Lewis Ellams of South Yorkshire 3-0 and Josh Amanor of Middlesex 3-1 to top his group. In the knock-outs he lost to Valerio Bucci of Middlesex in straight games.**

**In the Under 13s, Sajiv (ranked 10) again won his group beating Lincolnshire’s Luke Nimmo 3-2, Alex Attew in straight games and Durham’s Leo Pontone 3-1. In the knock-outs he defeated Jake Grayson (16) from Middlesex 3-1 before facing England number 1 Jamie Liu in the quarter-final where he lost 0-3.**

**Bolanos (40) finished 3rd of 4 in Cadets Band 1 beating Grayson but losing to Louis Rogrove of Herts and England number 15 Thomas Rayner of Durham 11-13 in the 4th.**

**In the open cadets, Bolanos did better, qualifying from his group in second place behind Liu. England 31 Adam Szabo from South Yorkshire was dispatched along with Mojtaba Adel of Middlesex. In the knock-outs Bolanos lost in 4 to Zaiim Premji of Middlesex, ranked 21.**