**League Report**

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Two of the top sides clashed in Division 1 with Free Church A edging Rugby A 6-4. Men’s singles champion Lee Dorning showed his pedigree with a hat-trick and he was well supported by Tom Brocklehurst and Sam Wiggins who took singles, Wiggins joining Dorning in the vital doubles win. Ryan Lines won twice in reply with Sam Cafearo and Danny Ricks posting singles. Free Church had earlier defeated Phoenix 8-2, Dorning (3), Sam Weaving (3), the pair adding the doubles, and Brocklehurst (1). Paul Calloway and Mark Rose scored for the Coventry side. St Georges B demonstrated that they will be challenging for the title, taking out Free Church B 9-1. Mark Jackson and Ryan Stockham were undefeated in singles and doubles and Ron Vose won twice, falling to Harry Purewal. County Council B showed Whitnash A how tough life can be in the top tier beating them 7-3. Simon Griew’s treble was crucial and he grabbed the doubles 11-8 in the 5th with Nilton Green who won twice. Murray Stevenson won the other point with Whitnash replying through Mark Woolerton (2) and Kevin Arris (1).

The early pacesetters in Division 2 are Free Church D who eclipsed relegated Nomads Aces 10-0, Adam Cofler, James Robertson and Milan Sajiv doing the damage. Eathorpe A welcomed newly promoted County Council C and sent them away with just 3 points. Chris Atkins, Marius Morariu and Bernard Reman all notched braces with Morariu and Reman lifting the doubles. Mark Freeman took two in response and Tony Ford one. Free Church E drew with Nomads Enigmas. Phil Blowey won his three and Emily and Ian Beasley both snatched singles. Bobby Lee and Steve Proctor had two wins apiece and combined for the doubles. Church E then took on their F side and triumphed 7-3, Ian Beasley (3), Chris Blowey (2) and Emily Beasley (1) with Blowey pairing with Ian for the doubles. Lewis Singleton (2) and Anthony Smith (1) made for a competitive match.

Millennium B were the biggest winners in Division 3 trouncing Free Church G 9-1, though two of the victories were clinched deuce in the 5th. Colin Astbury and Lewis Cox accounted for 7 points and Bob Clarke won two, falling to Tom Fletcher. Free Church H pounded Flavels 8-2 thanks to a triple from Josh Yarrow and doubles from Eduardo Bolanos and Milly Green. Bolanos and Yarrow snaffled the doubles and it was left to Trevor Bradley to save face winning two. Snitterfield A beat the fancied St Georges D 7-3 led by Michael Credland who won three. Dave Milton added two and Stuart Ayres one with Credland and Milton winning the doubles. Richard Grover won twice for Georges and Andy Caine once. Free Church I got their first win of the season at County Council D whom they beat 6-4. Ben Hall and Chris Jones bagged braces, Dan Shaw chipped in with one and the doubles with Hall. Steve Poole and Ian Stevens shared the home team’s points.

Free Church l have enjoyed an encouraging start to 4th Division life and defeated Eathorpe B 7-3. Jerry Chung was unbeaten and Nicholas Ho and Richard Pittaway both won two. Jim Levack and Charlie Wragg replied and Wragg joined Roger Palmer for a doubles success. FC L followed this up by edging Rugby E 6-4. Chung again won his three, Ho contributed two and Owain Jones recorded his first win at this level. Sarah James won two for Rugby, Grace Newman added one and James and Ian Evans secured the doubles. Eathorpe B suffered another defeat at the hands of Freee Church M who pipped them 6-4 thanks to hat-tricks from Saj Swamy and Jay Virdi. Levack, Palmer and Wragg all claimed singles and Levack and Wragg clinched the doubles. County Council E beat newcomers Warwick University B, despite a treble from Adam Green. Jason Grey, William Hung and Carl Morgan all enjoyed two wins and Grey and Hung paired for the doubles. Free Church K continue to prosper in this division and overcame Eathorpe D 8-2. Nick Darwen and Darren Laffey won all of their singles and Keith Knott won two, losing to Sophie Cooper who partnered Michael Rossington to the doubles. The best win of the division was Eathorpe C’s 10-0 eclipse of County Council F , Luca and Marcel Bloodworth joined by James Stone to extract every point.

Rugby F notched their first Division A success, 3-2 at FISSC. Angel Chen won her two singles and steered brother William to the doubles. Mark Kingham and George Mudie kept it close. Free Church N whipped their O side 4-1 with Dan Strand unbeaten in singles and doubles with Jay Virdi who won once. Alex Costa took an excellent consolation over the previously unbeaten Virdi.

In Division B Ashorne B whitewashed Free Church P 5-0 thanks to Jim Jack and Steve Kay. Ashorne C inflicted a 4-1 defeat on Eathorpe G with Barry Bayliss winning his two and guiding Tony Philpott, who won once, to the doubles. Paul Holtby nabbed the consolation. Eathorpe H just got the better of Free Church Q 3-2. James Rome won his singles and the crucial doubles with Josh Cope to get the villagers home after single wins for Sarah Costa and Ben Holding. Free Church R took 4 points from their S team as Harvey Wilson won twice. He took the doubles with George Barnes, who won once but fell to Jacomo Lubrano.

County Council F squeezed past Eathorpe J 3-2 in Division D. Jeremy Sampson won his two and took the doubles with Eric Barthorpe. Josh Atkins and Louis Harvey, his debut win, replied.

In Division E Eathorpe K beat their L team 4-1, Aaron Heel (2), Alex Kopter (1), his first win, and the doubles. Declan Jay notched the consolation, his first win. Eathorpe L then went on to sneak past Free Church V 3-2. Declan and Joshua Jay, another first time winner, grabbed singles and took the doubles. Michael Khovanov and Arnav Mulay had their first wins for Church. Free Church U defeated Eathorpe K 4-1. Chris Ho won his two, David Knott won once and the pair won the doubles. Heel responded.

**National Junior League**

**Westfield, Wellingborough**

Two local clubs excelled on Day 1 of the National Junior League held in Wellingborough. There are 4 days of competition and days 1 and 2 are used to jockey for position on the final two days. Lillington Free Church A lead Division 1 by 5 points after 4 wins and a draw. The team of Adam Cofler, who won all 10 of his matches, Milan Sajiv, 90%, and Lewis Singleton 60% defeated Bedford A and Cliffedale Chandlers of Chesterfield 6-0 and St Neots A and WDHA Juniors of Wellingborough 5-1, the only blemish being a draw with Milton Keynes.

A very strong Rugby team competed in Division 2 and were far too strong for the opposing sides dropping just one point to Westfield of Wellingborough. Sam Cafearo, Dan Burgess and Bradley Matthews were unbeaten and Callum Ball won all but one. Lillington B finished second to attain promotion but were 10 points adrift. They lost 0-6 to Rugby and drew with Knighton Park of Leicester but overcame St Neots B 6-0 and Cliffedale Chandlers B and Westfield 5-1. Number 1 Emily Beasley returned 50%, Josh Yarrow recorded an excellent 80% and Ciara Hancox, who missed most of last season through injury, bounced back with 66%. She shared her matches with Eduardo Bolanos who won 2 of his 4.

Not to be outdone Lillington C tied for top spot in Division 3 with Bedford B, with whom they drew. Cliffedale C and Huntingdon were dispatched 6-0 and Milton Keynes B and Bedford C 5-1. Both leading sides will be promoted. Tom Fletcher and Ben Hall won 9 of their 10 matches and Milly Green, who met only one other girl, returned an eye-catching 70%.