**League/Representative Report**

**Courier 16th December, 2016**

Leamington Veterans C suffered a narrow 4-6 loss in their Midland League match away to Hinckley. Alex Mason won his three for the home side, Jason Woodfield added two and Brian Haggar one but Spa kept in contention with a double from Gary Jackson, a single from Malc Macfarlane and a doubles win from Jackson and Andy Davies.

In Division 1 two of the title contenders met and drew. Adrian Pilgrim won his three for Rugby A, Ryan Lines beat Ian Ferguson of Colebridge A and Danny Orr accounted for Chris Burgess. Ben Willson won two for the Brummies, Burgess and Ferguson won one apiece and Ferguson partnered Kate Hughes to the doubles. Colebridge A then visited the current leaders, Free Church A, and again came away with a draw. None could stop Church’s Lee Dorning who took a maximum and the doubles with Timmy Cooper who won a single. Joshua Bleakley (2), Willson (2) and Burgess (1) replied. Meanwhile, Rugby A edged St Georges B 6-4. Ryan Lines led the way with a treble, with Sam Cafearo and Ryan Stockham winning singles. Lines and Stockham took the doubles whilst Mark Jackson and Ron Vose claimed braces in response. Free Church B eased relegation fears with a draw at St Georges A for whom Gary Jackson won three and Matt Jordan two. Martyn Todd won twice for Church and secured the doubles with single winner Harry Purewal. Adam Cofler nailed the last point. Phoenix also crept up the table overcoming struggling Nomads A 7-3. Callum Martin won his three, Paul Calloway tasted victory twice and Richard Jardim won a single plus the doubles with Calloway. Paul Rowan had two excellent wins for Nomads and Andy Davies chipped in with a valuable point.

Whitnash A look the team to beat in Division 2 and overcame Rugby B, for whom Danny Orr enjoyed two fine wins. However, the remaining 8 points went to Whitnash courtesy of Mark Woolerton (3), Kevin Arris (2) and Richard Smith (2) with Arris and Woolerton taking the doubles. Free Church sides occupy 4 of the top 5 positions. F , having played more matches, sit top and defeated St Georges D 9-1, Phil Blowey (3), James Robertson (3) and Nikit Sajiv (2), Blowey/Robertson the doubles. Andy Caine avoided the whitewash. D moved into 3rd sweeping away their E team 8-2. Ricardo Bolanos claimed a hat-trick, Chris Blowey and Livvy Fletcher won braces and Bolanos and Fletcher took the doubles. Dave Ramsey won E’s points to leave them 4th. C sit 5th after defeating Rugby C 7-3 in a match where no one remained unbeaten. Jeff and Tom Harris, who won the doubles, and Kit Turner all returned two wins as did Ben Holvey for Rugby. Hugh Crosfield gained the other point. Millennium A find themselves 9th despite a 9-1 success over Eathorpe A. Jack Garner and Pete Harris took 7 of their points and Rob Warnes added two, losing to Bernard Reman. Similarly, Nomads Enigmas won 9-1 against St Georges C but are still only 8th. Bobby Lee (3), Charlie Somerton (3) and Malcolm Macfarlane (2) won 8 singles with Macfarlane and Somerton taking the doubles. Len Coonan notched the consolation.

County Council D are the most comfortable leaders in all of the divisions, being 12 points clear in Division 3. Rugby F were beaten 6-4 despite an excellent treble from Bradley Matthews and a single from Jack Evans. Mark Freeman (2), Cliff Jackson (2) and Tony Ford (1) with Freeman /Jackson the doubles, continued Council’s winning streak. Their nearest challengers, Millennium B, edged Free Church G 6-4. Bob Clarke won his three and the doubles with Richard Pickering and Lewis Cox chipped in with two. Ged Kuprys starred for Church with two, Eve Briscoe and Milly Bradshaw supplied singles. Rugby E are breathing down their necks but could also only manage a 6-4 win against Nomads C. Richard Miles has been in scintillating form for Nomads of late and won his three with Les Hoggins notching one but Rugby got the win through Dave Cox (2), Freddy Jones (2) and Joe Mills (1) with Jones and Mills victorious in doubles. Whitnash B in 4th caught up ground with an 8-2 triumph over Eathorpe B. Greg Swan and Dennis Woodhead won all their singles and the doubles, with Roger Palmer successful against Jim Levack but losing to Steph Hawkins and Charlie Wragg.

In Division A FC M moved to the top with a whitewash of FISSC A, Robbie Fitchford and Nikit Sajiv bagging the points. Snitterfield slipped to second when losing 2-3 to third placed Norton Lindsey A. Tim Fell won both for Snitterfield but Gareth Hepworth and Ron Shakesheff each won one and took the crucial doubles. Snitterfield bounced back to beat FISSC A 3-2, Kim Wong winning his two and steering Charlie Brookes to the doubles. Mark Kingham and Brian Marston replied.

Rugby H hammered Eathorpe 5-0 in Division B, Angel and William Chen wrapping up the points. FC Q did their survival chances a power of good when they edged Eathorpe F 3-2. Marc Briscoe won his two and secured the doubles with his wife Emma. Bryn Davies and Dave Hawker responded.

FC S pipped Rugby I in Division C with Alex Costa taking his two and Findlay Douglas one. Josh Adams pulled one back and partnered Kieran McNicholas to the doubles. Norton Lindsey B won all 5 points against FC R, Vince Ford and John Walker proving too strong. Ashorne A’s Steve Handsley won two and the doubles with Tony Philpott to sneak a 3-2 victory over FISSC B for whom Martin Hamer and Mandip Takhar scored.

Ashorne B closed on promotion from Division D with a 5-0 success over FC U, Barry Bayliss and Steve Kay taking the points. They then accounted for close rivals Rugby J 4-1 with Kay (2) being joined by Steve Bolton (1) for the doubles. Alex Bowe notched the consolation.

In Division E Eathorpe H beat Rugby L 4-1 with two wins from Joshua Atkins and one from Keiran Braden-Brown, the pair also winning the doubles. Connor Invernizzi took Rugby’s point. Finally, FC W edged FC X 3-2 with Erin Darwen and Joe Shrimpton winning a single apiece and the doubles. Neither could master X’s Jack Knowles.

**National Cadet League**

Lillington Free Church TTC sent 4 sides to Day 2 of the National Cadet League in Wellingborough and enjoyed unprecedented success, securing pole positions in three of the divisions. The A side won Division 1 after accounting for Bedford Modern A, St Neots B and St Neots C 5-1 and Lillington B and St Neots A 4-2. This gave them 23 points, the same as St Neots A, but they were given pole position by virtue of defeating their rivals. Ricardo Bolanos had an outstanding day winning all 10 singles. Nikit Sajiv won 9 and Emily Beasley had four excellent wins against top ranked Cadet boys.

Lillington B had been promoted on Day 1 but performed creditably on their Division 1 debut. They lost 1-5 to St Neots A and 2-4 to their A side and both Bedford and St Neots B but thumped St Neots C 5-1. Tying for 5th place with Bedford they were relegated because of their loss to that side. Number one Ciara Hancox, returning from a long injury lay-off, included an outstanding win against Luke Manning in her two wins and suggested she will soon regain top form. Eduardo Bolanos and Josh Yarrow both enjoyed 5 excellent wins.

Lillington C competed in Division 3A and topped the division by 6 points. St Neots D were dispatched 9-0, Bedford B 8-1 and Westfield (Wellingborough) B 7-2. Milly Green won all of her 9 singles and Dan Gunthorpe, Nicholas Ho and Seb Priest tasted victory 8 times.

Lillington D were perhaps the surprise package, the inexperienced team romping to the top of Division 3 B by a 6 point margin. They defeated Westfield C 9-0, Milton Keynes B 8-1 and Bedford C 7-2. In a true team performance, Eleanor Fletcher, Jake Simmons and Tom Yarrow each won 8 singles out of 9.