**League/Representative Report**

**Leamington Veterans B opened their Midland League Division 1 campaign with a 6-4 win over Nuneaton. Whitnash’s Mark Woolerton led the way with a hat-trick which included a 5 set win over Mick Allsop. County Council’s Pat McCabe beat Paul Calloway and Pete Morris and Woolerton found a winning doubles partner in Nilton Green, another Council stalwart, who saw Spa over the line.**

**Two recent catch-up matches have enabled Phoenix to bridge the gap between relegation and safety in Division 1. Firstly, they fell narrowly, 4-6, to a strong County Council B. Taran Dhillon won twice and Paul Calloway and Mark Rose notched singles. However, Council edged it with braces and the doubles from Simon Griew and Murray Stevenson and a single from Nilton Green. Phoenix then bettered this result with a 6-4 success over Whitnash A. Whilst they could not prevent Mark Woolerton storming to a treble and Kevin Ariss taking one, Dhillon (2), Callum Martin (2) and Rose (1) plus the doubles gained them victory. Phoenix are 10 points clear of bottom side County Council A and only 3 points from safety with matches in hand.**

**Eathorpe A are another relegation threatened side to improve their position, this time in Division 2 where Free Church F were beaten 7-3. Chris Atkins, Bernard Reman and Pete Titmas all nabbed twosomes and Atkins and Titmas took the doubles. Anthony Smith (2) and Cherry Matthews(1) replied. At the other end of the table, Nomads A sit top after overcoming Rugby B 8-2. Simon Nolan won an impressive triple and took the doubles with Tony Thomas who won twice. Paul Rowan also chipped in with two. Jack Evans and Ben Holvey fired singles for Rugby. County Council C and St Georges C are both struggling at the wrong end of the table and a draw ensued in their meeting. Council’s Mark Freeman was the match star with a hat-trick and Tony Ford and Cliff Jackson with singles gave support. Brian Aston and Len Coonan each won twice and Aston guided Kevin Finn to the crucial doubles.**

**Nomads C have continued their recent surge up the Division 3 table, sitting fourth after beating third placed Rugby D 7-3. Les Hoggins was in sparkling form to bag a maximum and the doubles with Kim Wong who won twice. Richard Miles added one. Dave Cox won two for Rugby and Stuart Mills supplied a single. Flavels A trounced Free Church G 9-1. Trevor Bradley and Mick Bennett won their threes and Sam Bradley won twice as well as helping his Dad to the doubles. Milly Bradshaw scored the Church consolation.**

**East Midlands 4-star**

**Lillington Free Church’s Ricardo Bolanos competed in the East Midlands 4-star tournament in Wellingborough at the weekend.**

**In the Cadet Band 1 event he topped his group with wins over Joseph Cooper (Derbyshire) and Adam Dennison(Lancs). This put him in the knock-out stage where he beat Lancashire’s Daniel Watkinson. In the quarter-final Jake Grayson of Middlesex, ranked 39 in England, was swept aside and Nahom Goitom (35) of Surrey was beaten in straight games in the semi-final. However, Durham’s Callum McRae proved too strong in the Final.**

**Bolanos also competed in the main Cadet event. In his group, wins over Donald Marcus and Kamal Annick placed him as runner-up behind England number 9 Rhys Davies of Lancs, against whom he nonetheless bagged a set. This qualified him for the knock-outs where he enjoyed an excellent win over England number 15 Peter Smallcombe from Durham before falling to Somerset’s Bertie Kelly (24) 2-3.**

**Bolanos returned on the Sunday to play in the Banded Junior event. He beat Derby’s Jack Finney before suffering a 2-3 loss to Murhad Hussein. In the main Junior event his highlight was an outstanding performance against Devon’s Uther Kingdom, the England number 30. Bolanos held match points in both the 4th and 5th sets before losing on deuce.**

**On the last weekend of December Bolanos competed in the Burton-Uxbridge 2-star reaching the semi-finals of both the Cadets, where he lost 0-3 to England number 8 Max Stevens of Notts, and the Juniors where he lost to Amirul Hussein 1-3, ranked 14 as a junior and the number 1 England cadet. This followed a great 3-2 victory over Cameron Sandhu of Yorkshire (60).**

**Younger brother Eduardo topped his Under 13 group, defeating Lennon Maughan (16) 3-1 in the process before suffering defeat to Kent’s Shem Lejarde.**

**In the Cadets he was group runner-up to Max Stevens but then grabbed a huge 3-1 win over Sussex’s Harry Yip(18) in the knock-out before going out 1-3 to Che Goulbourne of Yorkshire.**