**League Report**

**1st December, 2017**

**St Georges B crushed Free Church C 10-0 in Division 1 to go top of Division 1. Mark Jackson, Ryan Stockham and Laurence Sweeney were in impressive form and will take some stopping. Free Church A are level on points with the table toppers but have played a match more. This week they beat County Council B 7-3 with Sam Weaving nailing a hat-trick. Tom Brocklehurst and Sam Wiggins added twos but Simon Griew’s brace plus the doubles from the strong partnership of Griew and Nilton Green, caused Church to lose ground. Colebridge A are well poised to go second and their cause was helped by a whitewash of County Council A, Ian Ferguson, Kate Hughes and Ben Willson the awesome trio. The other top contenders are Rugby A who accounted for St Georges A 8-2. Ryan Lines and Danny Ricks were unbeaten, though Ricks was taken to the wire by Damon Fenton. The pair also added the doubles and Sam Cafearo posted one, losing to Fenton and Gary Jackson. At the bottom end Wellesbourne sneaked past Free Church B 6-4. Gary Stewart’s treble which included a 5th set 12-10 verdict over Jack Green, proved crucial. Alan Cotton won two, his 11-9 in the 5th win over Harry Purewal also vital and the duo took the doubles. Church responded with two from Green and one apiece from Jeff Harris and Purewal.**

**There was a crunch match at the bottom of Division 2 as St Georges C overcame Eathorpe A 6-4. Brian Aston and Len Coonan secured braces, Kevin Finn gained a single and supported Aston to take the doubles. Twos from Marius Morariu and Bernard Reman kept the villagers in touch. Another struggling side, County Council E forced a draw at Free Church E, for whom Chris Blowey won his three. Emily Beasley won one and reserve Ben Hall joined Blowey to win the doubles. Tony Ford and Mark Freeman won twice in reply and Cliff Jackson got the 5th point. Free Church E went on to record another draw at Millennium A. Jack Shardlow was unbeaten for the home team and Christian Ward, who won the doubles with Shardlow, chipped in with a single. Chris and Phil Blowey won two each and Emily Beasley added one. Free Church D stayed top after their 9-1 win over County Council C. James Robertson and Milan Sajiv got trebles, Livvy Fletcher won twice and helped Robertson to the doubles but lost out to Jackson. Nomads Enigmas sit 3rd and beat Free Church F 6-4. Bobby Lee won three and the doubles with Steve Proctor who took the other two points. Anthony Smith (2), Roald Myers (1) and Lewis Singleton (1) were the Church scorers.**

**The big shock in Division 3 was the defeat of leaders Snitterfield A at the hands of Free Church H. Josh Yarrow’s hat-trick plus the doubles with Eduardo Bolanos, guided his side to a 6-4 success. Bolanos and Milly Green added singles. Stuart Ayres and Michael Credland each notched a couple of victories in response. Whitnash B are now just a point adrift but with a match in hand and they defeated Free Church G 9-1, Richard Smith (3), Dennis Woodhead (3), Greg Swan (2) and the doubles. Tom Fletcher ensured there was no whitewash. Eleventh placed County Council D had a welcome 7-3 win over Nomads Codgers. Steve Poole was in cracking form, taking his three. Ian Stevens lent good support with two and the pair combined for an 11-8 in the 5th doubles win. Doug Lowe contributed one point. Les Hoggins (2) and Richard Miles (1) notched the wanderers’ points. Rugby D stayed 3rd with a 9-1 victory over another top side, St Georges D. Callum Ball(3). Freddy Jones (3), plus the doubles, and Dave Cox(2) made it something of a romp and it was left to Andy Caine to show some resistance. Free Church I brought in reserve Darren Laffey for their match with Millennium B and his inclusion proved vital as he won two. Ben Hall and Dan Shaw won singles and paired for the doubles but none could master Colin Astbury who won his three. Bob Clarke and Richard Pickering picked up singles. Trevor Bradley’s triple and a doubles success with Roger Potts, helped Flavels beat Warwick University 7-3. Mick Bennett won twice and Sam Bradley once with the students hitting back through Arslan Awan (2) and Michael Farmer(1).**

**Division 4 leaders Free Church K beat their J club-mates 7-3, all 7 points coming through Nick Darwen and Darren Laffey.Catherine McAuley, Janice Rowan and Jill Weaving replied. Second placed Eathorpe B made up some ground with a 10-0 drubbing of Warwick University B, John Ablett, Jim Levack and Roger Palmer showing no mercy. However, they are still 10 points adrift. Rugby E also enjoyed a full house against County Council E, Mark Jackson, Sarah James and Grace Newman accruing the points. 3rd placed Free Church L won 10-0 too, against County Council E with Nicholas Ho and Owain Jones posting their first 3-a-side maximums. Richard Pittaway joined them.**

**Third placed FISSC A pipped second placed Rugby F in Division A , 3-2. Mark Jones won two and Brian Marston one. William Chen got a single for Rugby and partnered sister Angel to the doubles. At the bottom Free Church O leap-frogged their N side with a convincing 4-1 win. Alex Costa was unbeaten in singles and doubles, with Tom Yarrow who won one. Dan Strand picked up the consolation.**

**Ashorne C defeated Free Church S 5-0 through Anthony Austin and Steve Handsley to cement their lead at the summit of Division C. Free Church R are chasing them and saw off 3rd placed Eathorpe H 4-1. Joe Shrimpton maintained his unbeaten record this season and steered George Barnes, who won one, to the doubles. James Rome grabbed the villagers’ point. Free Church Q boosted their chances of survival with a 3-2 win over Eathorpe G, despite two wins from James Stone. Sarah Costa and Ben Holding won singles and the doubles.**

**Top side Eathorpe I in Division D were done no favours by their J team who beat them 3-2. Keiran Braden-Brown was the thorn in their side with a maximum plus the doubles with Louis Harvey. Jamaal Iqbal and Christian Roberts kept I in the match. County Council F made up ground with a 4-1 win over Free Church T. Bernard Hardingham won two and the doubles with Jeff Millward. Millward won one but lost to Alex O’Driscoll.**

 **Eathorpe L had their best result of their Division E season when crushing Free Church V 5-0 through identical twins Declan and Josh Jay. Free Church U remain second when edging Eathorpe K 3-2. David Knott won twice and Dan Stone once. Alexander Koptev took a single in response and guided Aaron Heel to the doubles.**

**Representative Report**

**Leamington Veterans A put in two fine performances in Division 1 of the Midlands Veterans League but returned winless. Firstly, they drew with Nottingham B when Mark Jackson won twice and Tom Brocklehurst and Simon Griew won singles. Griew and Jackson had an excellent doubles win to achieve stalemate. They then went down 4-6 to last year’s champions Nottingham A. Griew beat Hon Chung and Trevor Kerry, Jackson beat Tim Sheppard and the pair again lifted the doubles.**

**Leamington C also went down 4-6 in Division 2 of the same League to Nottingham C. Gary Jackson starred with two wins and the doubles with Rob Warnes.**

**National Junior League**

**Day 2**

**12 Leamington League youngsters competed on Day 2 of the National Junior League held in Wellingborough on Saturday. Days 1 and 2 are used for teams to jockey for position in the three divisions and the hunt for trophies will begin on Days 3 and 4. Rugby, in the guise of Sam Cafearo, Bradley Matthews and Callum Ball put themselves in pole position in Division 1 with a 6-0 win over Bedford A, 5-1 successes over Lillington B and WDHA of Wellingborough and draws against Lillington A and Milton Keynes A. For Leamington league followers the main interest was the clash between Rugby and Lillington A. Milan Sajiv starred for Lillington with two wins and Adam Cofler added a win over Bradley Matthews, the Rugby trio all posting single victories. Cafearo and Matthews ended the day with 8 wins from 10 matches and Ball amassed 60%.**

**Lillington A were two points shy of Rugby in second. They beat Bedford and Lillington B 5-1, Milton Keynes 4-2 but a draw against WDHA and a failure to edge Rugby, proved decisive. Adam Cofler returned an 80% average, Sajiv 70% and Lewis Singleton 50%.**

**Lillington B surprised themselves by managing to finish 4th in this division, thereby avoiding a return to Division 2 which they escaped on Day 1. As well as their single points against their A team (Josh Yarrow beat Singleton) and Rugby (Yarrow accounting for Cafearo) they drew with Milton Keynes and WDHA and then edged Bedford 4-2 to guarantee safety. Yarrow returned 80%, Eduardo Bolanos 30% and Emily Beasley 10%.**

**Several squad absences for Lillington were always going to impact most on the C side, newly promoted to Division 2, and they duly finished at the foot of the table. Their highlight was a draw with Bedford B whom they trailed by one point at the end of the day. Ben Hall notched 3 wins, Milly Green had two scalps and young Owain Jones gained an unexpected but fully deserved win after a number of close encounters.**