**League Report**

**Courier 23rd December 2016**

St Georges B are endeavouring to bridge the gap between themselves and the top trio in Division 1 and took the spoils against fancied Colebridge A 6-4. Mark Jackson and Laurence Sweeney both won braces for them and combined for the doubles, with Ron Vose making a single but vital contribution. Edward Lynn won three for the Birmingham side with Ben Willson winning once. They followed this up with a 7-3 success over Free Church A. Jackson won his three and Sweeney and Vose bagged doubles. Lee Dorning posted two wins for Church and partnered Sam Weaving to the doubles. Rugby A took full advantage of their rivals’ slips by whitewashing Phoenix . Ryan Lines, Adrian Pilgrim and Ryan Stockham amassed the points. County Council B inflicted a 9-1 drubbing on Nomads A with Simon Griew and Murray Stevenson unbeaten and Martin Hunter winning two but falling to Simon Nolan. Hunter and Griew took the doubles. Another of the strugglers were much closer to Council losing 4-6. Harry Purewal won twice, Jack Green once and the pair won the doubles. Stevenson (3) was Council’s man in form with Hunter (2) and Griew (1) securing the win.

Whitnash A are exhibiting their class in Division 2 and claimed all 10 points against St Georges D, Kevin Arris, Paul Riman and Mark Woolerton making their mark. Free Church D had an excellent 9-1 win over Nomads Enigmas, Dave Ramsey (3), Anthony Smith (3), Mark Bolshaw(2) with Bolshaw being joined by Cherry Matthews to win the doubles. Free Church D overcame St Georges D 7-3 with a hat-trick from Jeff Harris and twos from Tom Harris and Kit Turner. Tracey Fletcher and Richard Grover each won a single and the doubles in reply. Free Church D beat bottom side Eathorpe A 8-2. Ricardo Bolanos retained his 100% record, Chris Blowey and Livvy Fletcher just dropped a single and Fletcher paired with Bolanos for the doubles. Marius Morariu and Bernard Reman notched the villagers’ points. Danny Orr powered Rugby B to a 7-3 success over St Georges C with a triple plus a doubles win with Jo Outhwaite, who won once. Christine Scaysbrook chipped in with two. Len Coonan (2) and Will Fletcher (1) kept Georges competitive. Free Church F scuppered Millennium A 6-4 when Phil Blowey nabbed his three. James Robertson (2) and Nikit Sajiv (1) completed their points tally with the Banbury side striking back through singles from Jay Allen, Jack Garner and Pete Harris and a Garner/Harris doubles win.

Rugby D had possibly their best Division 3 result thus far as they defeated Flavels A 7-3. Harvey, Oliver and Steve Fowler all won twice and Harvey and Oliver took the doubles. Flavels responded through Dot Macfarlane (2) and Steve Lyons (1). Bradley Matthews’ fine treble steered Rugby F to a 6-4 win over County Council C. He also won the doubles in straight games with Jack Evans who supplied the other two points. Steve Poole (2), Doug Lowe (1) and Ian Stevens (1) kept matters close. Leaders County Council D crushed Free Church G 8-2 with Cliff Jackson starring with a treble and the doubles with Mark Freeman. Freeman (2) was beaten by Eve Briscoe and Tony Ford (2) found Ged Kuprys too good. Fancied Whitnash B crumbled 4-6 to improving Nomads C whose Richard Miles notched another fine triple. Kim Wong (2) and John Taylor (1) saw Nomads over the line. Dennis Woodhead (2) and Greg Swan (1) who teamed for the doubles, kept it tight. Millennium B were successful hosts when seeing off visitors Rugby E 6-4, despite an eye catching maximum from Freddy Jones. Stuart Mills added one but the home team bounced back through Bob Clarke (2), Dave Cox (2) and Colin Astbury (1), Astbury and Cox winning the deciding the doubles.

High flying Free Church J fell to Earth after being edged out 4-6 by Eathorpe C. Jamie Sayer and Norbu Sunang-Joret nailed hat-tricks and it was left to Catherine McAuley and Jill and Mike Weaving to grab consolation singles and the doubles through their ladies. Free Church l squeezed past their improving K side 6-4. Ben Hall was unbeaten, Eduardo Bolanos won twice and guided Eleanor Fletcher to the doubles. Ian Beasley (2), Richard Hancox (1) and Darren Laffey (1) scored for K. Another maximum player was Dan Burgess for Rugby C who blitzed County Council E 8-2. Grace Newman emulated him and Sarah James won twice, falling to William Hung, who secured the doubles with Carl Morgan. Free Church I dominated the match against one of their nearest challengers, Eathorpe D, and triumphed 8-2. Chris Jones (3), Dan Shaw (3) and Katie Singleton (2) were the players in form with Paul Deavall gaining one win and the doubles with Sophie Cooper.

In Division A Norton Lindsey A have made a late surge towards the top with 5-0 wins in two re-arranged matches against FISSC A and Free Church N and then eclipsed Flavels A by the same score. Gareth Hepworth and Ron Shakesheff accounted for all 15 points. Free Church M lead after a 4-1 win against Snitterfield. Nikit Sajiv won his two and the doubles with his brother Milan (1). Stuart Ayres avoided the clean sweep. Free Church N called Chris Blowey out at the last minute and he inspired his team-mate Keith Knott to a 4-1 win over FISSC A, the pair ceding the doubles to Mark Kingham and Brian Marston.

Free Church P sealed the title in Division B when defeating their O team 4-1. Milly Green and Josh Yarrow won all the singles but suffered only their second doubles loss to Phil Booth and Jay Virdi. The week before FC P had their first loss of the campaign against Rugby H who beat them 3-2. Yarrow kept his 100% League average but Angel and William Chen won a single each and took the doubles. Eathorpe F hammered their E side 5-0 with Luca Bloodworth and James Stone unstoppable.

Struggling Free Church R enjoyed a 4-1 win over Norton Lindsey B despite fielding a reserve in Jake Simmons. He won both of his singles as did his team-mate Dan Gunthorpe and it was left to Edward Rogers and Dan Macdonald to salvage the doubles. Ashorne A also defeated Lindsey but by a 3-2 scoreline. Steve Handsley won his two and partnered Tony Philpott to the doubles with Norton retaliating through Rogers and John Walker. Rugby I could clinch promotion and a 4-1 win over FISSC B will certainly have helped. Grace Newman won twice and Kieran Mc Nicholas once with the duo taking the doubles. Sam Taylor claimed the consolation. Free Church S had promotion hopes dented by their R team who stole two points off them courtesy of Gunthorpe and a doubles victory with Seb Priest. Alex Costa (2) and Sarah Costa(1) recorded the win.

Free Church T cannot be caught at the summit of Division D after 5-0 routs of County Council F (Jake Simmons and Tom Yarrow) and Eathorpe G (Simmons and Ben Holding). WCC F returned to form by hammering Ashorne B 5-0, Simon Chalker and Bernard Hardingham inflicting the damage. Rugby J edged Free Church U 3-2 with Alex Bowe and Oliver Wilson taking a single each and the doubles. Eduardo Bolanos took Church’s points.

Free Church V overwhelmed Rugby L with a 5-0 Division E win, Chris Hearn and Owain Jones garnering the points. Rugby K similarly trounced Free Church X 5-0, Tyler Humphries and Josh Tyagi nailing the points. Eathorpe H also pocketed all 5 points when playing Free Church W through Keiran Braden-Brown and Joshua Cope.

**County Cadet Championships**

**Held at the Blitz club, Grantham**

**17th December 2016**

Warwickshire’s Under 15 team finished 4th of 8 sides in Division 1 B of the County Cadet Championships on Saturday which were staged in Grantham.

The team comprised Ricardo Bolanos, Nikit Sajiv, Emily Beasley and Milly Green, all of Lillington Free Church TTC and Dan Burgess of Rugby TTC.

They began their day with a 5-5 draw with Lincolnshire. Bolanos defeated Henry Walshe and Luke Nimmo, Sajiv beat Nimmo and Aalhad Kulkarni and Burgess overcame Kulkarni. The girls lost toDarcie Proud and Alex Robinson, ranked at 9 and 42 in England, though they were competitive.

Another draw followed against Cambridgeshire. Bolanos beat Kamran Bastani and Daniel-Hearne-Potton, who also fell to Sajiv. Sajiv added the scalp of Matthew Pryke and Green clinched the tie with an excellent win over Chloe Pryke.

Norfolk were next on the agenda and were duly dispatched 8-2. Sajiv beat Edward Horton and Bradley Burgess, Bolanos defeated Alfie Nicholls but lost to Burgess after seemingly coasting at 2-0 up. Warwickshire’s Burgess beat Horton and Nicholls. Beasley accounted for Darcy Brewer and England number 70 Ella Barnard and Green also beat Brewer to complete the win.

The Final match was against Durham, the winners, and Warwickshire went down 4-6. Bolanos had two wins against Jamie Peacock and Callum McRae, Sajiv beat Troy Maddison but lost 12 in the 5th against McRae and Green enjoyed an excellent win over Katie Wray who is ranked at 49, 46 places above her.