**League Report**

**Courier, 18th November, 2016**

Lillington Free Church A have leapt to the top of division 1 after defeating County Council B 8-2. Lee Dorning and Sam Weaving were undefeated in singles and doubles and Sam Wiggins added one, losing to Simon Griew and Martin Hunter. This was followed by a 9-1 win over struggling Nomads A, Dorning (3), Weaving (3) and the doubles, Wiggins (2). Simon Nolan notched the consolation. Rugby A are second, 15 points adrift but with two matches in hand. Trebles from Ryan Lines and reserve Danny Orr, a single from Sam Cafearo and a Cafearo/ Lines doubles win saw them to 8 points against Wellesbourne whose Alan Cotton and Gary Stewart both won once. Colebridge A are two points behind in third and whitewashed County Council A through Chris Burgess, Kate Hughes and Mike Rinnhofer. The St Georges A trio of Damon Fenton, Gary Jackson and Matt Jordan all took braces from their encounter with Phoenix, for whom Callum Martin was unbeaten. Fenton and Jackson took the doubles and the 7th point.

The top two clashed in Division 2, Free Church E and Whitnash A sharing the points. Mark Woolerton took a maximum for Whitnash, aided by Paul Riman who helped him to the doubles and won once. Dave Ramsey and Anthony Smith had two wins apiece and Mark Bolshaw provided a single. Free Church C are third and accounted for Rugby B 7-3. Michael Ho’s hat-trick included a first defeat of the season for Danny Orr. Jeff Harris added two and Tom Harris one, Jeff joining Ho for the doubles. Orr (2) and Christine Scaysbrook replied. Free Church D beat their F side 7-3, Ricardo Bolanos and Lewis Singleton grabbing trebles. Livvy Fletcher added one. Nikit Sajiv and Adam Pulman replied with singles and Pulman joined James Robertson for the doubles. Rugby C hammered St Georges C 9-1, Len Coonan avoiding the whitewash as Hugh Crosfield and Ben Holvey showed great form to win all of their singles and the doubles. Jack Evans supplied the two other points. Millenium A sit just off the top half of the table after defeating strugglers St Georges D 7-3. Jay Allen and Rob Warnes nailed triples and Christian Ward chipped in with one. Tracey Fletcher and Richard Grover both beat Ward and combined for the doubles.

County Council D have opened up an 8 point gap at the summit of Division 3 and overcame Nomads Codgers 8-2, Mark Freeman securing his three and the doubles with Cliff Jackson who won twice. Tony Ford also tasted victory on two occasions whilst Steve Kurle and Richard Miles picked up two useful points. Third placed Rugby F nudged out second placed Millennium B 6-4 when Jack Evans and Bradley Matthews won all their singles. Colin Astbury, Bob Clarke and Richard Pickering took singles and Astbury and Clarke paired to take the doubles. Flavels A should be contesting promotion and beat Free Church G 8-2. Trevor Bradley maintained his perfect record and partnered Roger Potts for the doubles. Steve Lyons and Dot Macfarlane added two apiece but failed to get the better of Milly Bradshaw. Free Church H moved away from the relegation spots with an 8-2 success at Eathorpe B. Emma Kilpatrick and Jenny Singleton led the way with hat-tricks and the doubles and Emily Beasley nabbed a single. John Ablett and Charlie Wragg scored for the home team.

First met second in Division 4 with Free Church J enjoying an 8-2 win to leap-frog their rivals, Eathorpe C. Janice Rowan was in eye-catching form to take her three and the doubles with Mike Weaving, who won two. Jill Weaving matched her husband and it was left to Jamie Sayer and Norbu Sunang-Joret to mop up the other points for the villagers. J followed this win with a 9-1 victory over County Council E. Rowan and Jill Weaving bagged maximums and took the doubles and Catherine McAuley won two, losing to Jason Grey. Free Church I took advantage of the top table clash to sneak into second place. They edged their L side 6-4, for whom Ben Hall starred with a treble and the doubles with Eduardo Bolanos. Nick Darwen, Chris Jones and Pete Rourke scored the winning points. Eathorpe C recovered from their loss to steal past their D side 6-4. Sayer won his three and helped Sunang-Joret, who won two, to the doubles. Sophie Cooper was D’s star with two and Paul Deavall and Michael Rossington posted singles. Free Church K had their best result so far when drawing at home to Rugby G. Dan Burgess maintained his 100% average for the visitors and Sarah James and Grace Newman bagged a single each but K responded with braces from Milly Green and Darren Laffey who went on to take the doubles.

In Division A Flavels B have their eye on the title and crushed Free Church N 4-1, Mick Bennett and Sam Bradley taking all the singles. Ashley and Keith Knott won the doubles for Church. Free Church M suffered their first defeat of the season when losing to Norton Lindsey A 2-3. Robbie Fitchford won once on his seasonal debut and partnered Milan Sajiv to the doubles but Gareth Hepworth proved invincible in his singles and John Walker secured the winning point.

In Division B Eathorpe E showed no mercy to their F team taking all 5 points through Luca Bloodworth and James Stone. However, the boot was on the other foot when they played leaders Free Church P losing all 5 sets to Milly Green and Josh Yarrow. Rugby H’s promotion hopes were dented by Free Church Q who beat them 3-2. Dominic Priest won his singles and the doubles with Marc Briscoe. Angel and William Chen kept Rugby in it. Free Church O collected 4 points on their visit to Eathorpe F. Jay Virdi won two and the doubles with Phil Booth who enjoyed one win but lost to Richard Freeman.

Free Church S have zoomed to the top of Division C after eclipsing FISSC B 5-0, Alex Costa and Findlay Douglas inflicting the damage. Free Church R found FISSC a tougher proposition, however, sneaking past them 3-2. Seb Priest won his two for Church and joined Dan Gunthorpe to pocket the doubles but Martin Hamer and Mandip Takhar replied with singles.

Ashorne B top Division D, overcoming Eathorpe G 4-1. Chris Bowles (2) and newcomer Barry Bayliss (1) also won the doubles with John Gymer avoiding the whitewash. Free Church T go second after trouncing their U side 5-0 through Ben Holding and Tom Yarrow. Rugby J are three points behind and defeated County Council F 4-1. Alex Bowe continued his recent good form with two and Oliver Wilson gained a single as well as helping Bowe to the doubles. Bernard Hardingham replied.

The top side in Division E is Rugby K who took 4 points on their visit to Eathorpe H. George Marshall won his two and the doubles with Tyler Humphries, who won the other point. Joshua Cope notched a single for the home side.

**Burton-Uxbridge 1-star**

Eduardo Bolanos enjoyed his best tournament performance to date at the Burton-Uxbridge tournament staged in Burton-on-Trent on Saturday.

In the Primary Boys competition Bolanos finished second in his group losing to Lennon Maughan of Yorkshire but beating Georgios Gerakios (England number 53, U13) of Notts and Toby Fletcher of Staffs. This put him in the semi-final where he lost in 4 to Yorkshire’s Luke Hodgson.

In the Under 13s he won 2 of his 4 group matches beating Cameron Driver of Notts and Hodgson. With a 3rd placed finish he gained entry to the Consolation competition in which he reached the Final where Driver reversed the result of their earlier meeting.