**League Report**

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**Much of the interest in Division 1 has come at the foot of the table where Whitnash A have moved 10 points clear of the relegation spots thanks to two narrow 6-4 defeats. Ex Leamington Champion Mark Woolerton has been their mainstay and his excellent treble against Sam Cafearo, Ryan Lines and Niall Herbert was the feature of his encounter with 3rd placed Rugby A. He also took the doubles with Kevin Arris whilst the Rugby trio each posted two wins. He could not quite repeat the performance against Free Church B whose 13 year old Nikit Sajiv pipped him 12-10 in the 5th but he won his other two singles accounting for Ricardo Bolanos and Tom Brocklehurst and again took the doubles with Arris, this time 12-10 in the 5th. Arris defeated Sajiv and the Lillington players each ended the night with two wins. These results leave Free Church D and Nomads adrift at the bottom and the FC D team were given no favours by their B side who dispatched them 9-1. Bolanos and current Men’s Singles Champion Lee Dorning, on seasonal debut for FC B, won maximums and Sajiv chipped in with two, falling to Livvy Fletcher. Bolanos and Sajiv won the doubles in 5. Colebridge A strengthened their position at the top when collecting all 10 points from Phoenix, Kate Hughes, Paul Lenormand and Ben Willson firmly in charge. Fourth placed St Georges B were somewhat surprisingly held to a draw by County Council B. Simon Griew and Martyn Todd won braces and Nilton Green squeezed past Andy Woodcock 11-8 in the 5th. Mark Jackson (2), Ryan Stockham (1) and Woodcock (1), a 12-10 in the 5th win over Griew, plus a Jackson/Woodcock doubles success kept honours even.**

**The eagerly awaited clash of Division 2’s top teams resulted in St Georges A edging past County Council A 6-4. Ron Vose starred for Georges , his hat-trick including a 5 set win over Chris Brewer. Damon Fenton added two and Gary Jackson one. Brewer, Pat McCabe and Martyn Todd all posted singles with Brewer and Todd snaffling the doubles. St Georges now have a 2 point lead at the top, from Council A and both enjoy a 20 point plus cushion over their nearest rivals. These are Free Church E who defeated their F side 8-2. Chris Blowey was in top form for E winning his three and taking the doubles with Ian Beasley who won twice. Emily Beasley almost scored a maximum but lost to Anthony Smith 13-11 in the 5th. Roald Myers took F’s other point. Fourth placed Millennium A condemned Eathorpe A to a spell at the bottom of the table as they garnered all 10 points, Jack Garner, Peter Harris and Jack Shardlow proving too strong. County Council C put a little daylight between themselves and the bottom two with a creditable draw against Whitnash B. Brian Aston won two, as did Len Coonan and the pair pocketed the doubles 11-9 in the 5th. Paul Riman’s three for Whitnash was added to singles from Richard Smith and Dennis Woodhead. Another draw ensued for Whitnash when entertaining Snitterfield A. Chris Hughes won his three for the visitors and Nigel Payne won two. Riman (2), Greg Swan (1) and Woodhead (1) set up the hosts for a doubles victory from Riman and Swan.**

**St Georges D moved into second spot in Division 3 with an 8-2 win over Rugby D. Tracey Fletcher led the way with a treble, Andy Caine and Richard Grover both won twice and Grover stepped up to take the doubles with Fletcher. Stuart Mills bagged Rugby’s two. Rugby D bounced back with an 8-2 win over Free Church I. Dave Cox and Mills were unbeaten in singles and doubles and Steve Fowler contributed one. Chris Jones and reserve Nick Darwen scored for Church. Free Church H moved away from relegation fears after securing an 8-2 win over their G side. Jerry Chung and Nicholas Ho grabbed triples and the doubles and Richard Pittaway chimed in with a single, losing to Ciara Hancox and Milly Green. Church G then went down to Nomads C 7-3. Pen holder Kim Wong outfoxed the young Lillington side with a treble and Les Hoggins aand John Taylor both won twice, both losing to Milly Green who also partnered Tom Yarrow to a winning doubles. Free Church J moved into 5th when defeating County Council D 7-3. Dan Shaw won his three and took the doubles with Ian Rourke who won once. Ben Hall added two. Derek Harwood (2) and Steve Poole (1) replied.**

**Rugby F sit in a comfortable runners-up spot in Division 4 and accounted for Eathorpe C on their visit to Eathorpe C. Alex Bowe won his three, Dan Farrow’s two included a 11-9 in the 5th success over Paul Deavall and Grace Newman won twice with Bowe and Farrow taking the doubles. Sophie Cooper and Shaun Martin scored for the hosts. Nomads Dragons are third and beat Free Church K 7-3., Catherine McAuley and Mike Weaving responsible for all their points. George Barnes, Marc Briscoe and Mark Singleton all notched consolation wins. However, FC K were to bounce back with a 6-4 win over Ashorne D. Singleton was in sparkling form nabbing his three, Barnes supplied two wins and Phil Booth one. Tony Philpott won twice for the villagers and won the doubles with Jim Jack who won once. Warwick University B had a welcome 7-3 victory at County Council E. Sam Pattison and Ratish Singh won all of their points with Council’s Jason Grey, Will Hung and Carl Morgan all taking singles in reply. County Council F had a hard fought draw with Eathorpe D. Thomas Backhouse won his three for the villagers with Keiran Braden-Brown grabbing two. Simon Chalker (2), Eric Barthorpe (1), Richard Haigh (1) and a Barthorpe/ Chalker doubles win gave Council a share of the spoils. Warwick University A continued to show their complete dominance of this division with a 10-0 eclipse of County Council F. Calvin Becker, Krysztof Bolhuis and Aaron Yan starred on this occasion.**

**National Junior League**

**Lillington Free Church table tennis club sent three young teams to compete on Day 2 of the National Junior League in Wednesbury. On the first three days all teams are playing each other in turn with seeding according to standard coming in only on Day 4. Performances therefore are greatly influenced by the strength of the opposition.**

**After acquiring 24 points on Day 1 from 4 wins and a draw, Lillington A were in a much tougher group. Josh Yarrow, Eduardo Bolanos and Tom Yarrow fell 8-1 to Draycott A and 7-2 to JLM Arrows of Evesham before accounting for Colebridge A 6-3. Thus, a further 9 points were added to their running total.**

**Lillington B’s trio of Ben Hall, Eleanor Fletcher and Nicholas Ho had faced strong opposition on Day 1 accruing just 3 points. However, after facing a formidable Rugby side of Daniel Burgess, Callum Ball and Alex Bowe, to whom they lost 7-2, Hall and Ho beating Bowe, they beat a Nomads side, comprising spare squad players from competing clubs, 7-2 and Wood Green B (Wednesbury) 9-0 to boost their total by 18 points.**

**Lillington C suffered two 6-0 defeats to Woodfield (Wolverhampton) and Wood Green A and a narrow 4-2 loss to Draycott B (Long Eaton) but rallied to beat Colebridge B 6-0 and to draw with Littleover (Derby). Chris Ho, Owain Jones and George Barnes thereby added 11 points to the 5 gained on Day one.**