**League report**

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Rugby A showed their first division credentials with a 10-0 eclipse of Free Church B. Despite the inclusion of junior Sam Cafearo, Ryan Lines and Adrian Pilgrim will be a force to be reckoned with. Phoenix have suffered two 3-7 losses in the first two weeks. They went down to Free Church A for whom Lee Dorning and Sam Weaving secured trebles and then to St Georges B, for whom Mark Jackson and Ron Vose were undefeated. Callum Martin and Mark Rose recorded single wins in both matches and Ricard Jardim and Paul Calloway added a win in each. Free Church A went on to blow away St Georges A 9-1, Timmy Cooper and Weaving bagging trebles, Sam Wiggins two and the doubles with Cooper. Colebridge A relinquished three points in their win over County Council B. Ian Ferguson (3), Kate Hughes (2) and Anthony Ellis (1) took 6 singles but Nilton Green (2) and Simon Griew(1) made it far from one-sided.

Whitnash A swept aside Free Church F in Division 2, 8-2. Mark Woolerton posted a hat-trick and Kevin Ariss and Richard Smith braces, Ariss and Woolerton the doubles. Phil Blowey and Adam Pulman, on his second division debut, saved face. St Georges C nailed Eathorpe A 7-3 with Will Fletcher in great form to win his three. Brian Aston chipped in with two, and the doubles with Fletcher, and Len Coonan one. Bin-Khoi Nguyen, Marius Morariu and Bernard Reman all notched one in reply. Free Church E shocked their fancied C side with a 7-3 success. Mark Bolshaw led the way with three, Dave Ramsey added two, the pair combining for the doubles, and Anthony Smith one. Tom Harris (2) and Kit Turner (1) responded.

Nomads C tasted the ups and downs of life in Division 3. They lost 3-7 to Flavels for whom Trevor Bradley won his three plus the doubles with his son Sam who won once. Roger Potts took two. Steve Kurle, Richard Miles and John Taylor all replied. Nomads then edged Eathorpe B 6-4, Miles (2), Kim Wong (2) and Les Hoggins (1) plus the doubles. Steph Hawkins (2) and Charlie Wragg (1) scored for the villagers. Flavels B then tasted defeat as Millennium B beat them 7-3. Colin Astbury and Lewis Cox recorded impressive triples and paired for the doubles. Mick Bennett, Sam Bradley and Steve Lyons all took a single. In a tense derby, Rugby E proved too strong for Rugby F, winning 9-1. Callum Ball and Freddy Jones rattled up hat-tricks and Stuart Mills won two plus the doubles with Ball. Daniel Burgess avoided the whitewash. In a second derby, County Council D defeated their C side 8-2. Tony Ford and Mark Freeman were undefeated and Cliff Jackson won once, losing to Derek Harwood and Steve Poole, before joining Freeman for the doubles. For the second week running Free Church G drew, this time against Whitnash B. Greg Swan was unbeatable for the visitors and Dennis Woodhead contributed two but Church bounced back through Tom Fletcher (2) Eve Briscoe (1) and Ged Kuprys (1), Briscoe and Fletcher winning the vital doubles.

Rugby G made a fine start to their Division 4 campaign beating County Council E 8-2. Dan Burgess and Grace Newman had trebles and Newman and Lesley Summers took the doubles, Summers also winning once but losing to Jason Grey and Will Hung. Eathorpe D edged Free Church L 6-4. None could master Church’s Ben Hall for whom Jay Virdi added one but Paul Deavall(2), Michael Rossington (2) and Shaun Martin (1) plus a Martin/Rossington doubles success got Eathorpe home. Free Church J visited their K team and came away with 9 points, Janice Rowan (3), Mike Weaving (3) and Jill Weaving (2), with the ladies winning the doubles. Darren Laffey prevented a whitewash.

In division A Norton Lindsey recovered from a first week loss to hammer FISSC 5-0, Gareth Hepworth and Ron Shakesheff amassing the points. Their conquerors of last week, Free Church M, just got home 3-2 against their N team with Milan Sajiv winning his two and supporting Dad, Saj, to the doubles. Keith Knott and Dan Shaw ensured a competitive match. Snitterfield made it 10 points out of 10 with a 5-0 trouncing of Flavels B, Stuart Ayres and Kim Wong the men in form.

Dan Strand’s double and the doubles with Phil Booth (1) guided Free Church O to a 4-1 success against Eathorpe E in division B. James Stone rescued a point. Free Church P beat their Q taem 4-1 with Josh Yarrow taking his singles and the doubles with Milly Green. Dominic Priest beat Green (1) for the consolation.

In division C Ashorne’s Steve Handsley was in determined mood winning both singles and the doubles with Tony Philpott as his team squeezed past Free Church S 3-2. Alex Costa and Findlay Douglas, with a win apiece, made it a tight match. Josh Adams (2), Grace Newman (1) and the doubles saw Rugby I defeat Free Church R 4-1, Rugby getting the better of three 5 setters. Seb Priest picked up Church’s point.

In division D Steve Bolton and Chris Bowles chalked up a 4-1 victory over Free Church T for Ashorne B. Jake Simmons had an excellent scalp in Bowles. Rugby J thrashed Eathorpe G 5-0, through Alex Bowe and Oliver Wilson, and Simon Chalker’s brace together with a doubles win partnering Jeff Millward saw County Council F take Free Church U 3-2,Emma Pulman and Dylan Speller replying.

In Division E Free Church W beat their V team 4-1, Erin Darwen (2), Joe Shrimpton (1) +D with Chris Hearn notching the consolation.

**County Junior Division 1A**

**St Nicholas Leisure Centre, Warwick**

Warwickshire Juniors whose team comprised Sam Cafearo of Rugby, Timmy Cooper, Livvy Fletcher and Lewis Singleton of Lillington Free Church and Lisa Rinnhofer of Colebridge, found the going tough on Day 1 in Division 1A of the County Championships.

They started with a good draw against Staffordshire. Cafearo won his two singles overcoming Lewis Acton and Jack Wood and Cooper defeated Luke Gittins. Fletcher and Rinnhofer both won one of their two singles, Fletcher beating number one Aimee Evans (ranked 31 in England) but losing to Georgina Harris, whom Rinnhofer beat.

Warwickshire’s only success in a 1-9 loss to Nottinghamshire came courtesy of Fletcher who defeated Jess Lindsey (67) and she starred in the 3-7 loss to Yorkshire’s B side, accounting for Alice Rice and Ffion Myers (45), who also fell to Rinnhofer.

**XLNT Sports West Midlands Junior two-Star**

Several players from Lillington Free Church TTC entered the XLNT Sports West Midlands 2-star tournament at Wood Green academy, Wednesbury on Saturday.

Pride of place went to Nikit Sajiv who won his under 13 Boys group, defeating Francesco Bonata of Middlesex, Joshua Webb and Benjamin Greve of Glos in straight games. Todd Stanmore of Oxfordshire was also dispatched 3-0 in the quarters before Sajiv dropped his first game in a 3-1 win over Lewis Ellams of Yorkshire. In the Final Berkshire’s Felix Thomas, the England number 8, proved too strong.

Eduardo Bolanos was also in this event, the 12 year old giving a good account of himself in a tough group where he took Nathaniel Saunders to 5.

In the under 15 Boys, Sajiv again won his group with wins over Leicestershire’s Oliver Wynne, Finley Drane and Ellams. He defeated Webb for the second time in the first knock-out round but again fell to Thomas, 1-3 on this occasion.

Ricardo Bolanos also won his group beating Connor Green, Kirash Shaddel and Henry Belcher but was disappointed to fall in the knock-outs to Marcus Holba of Glos. However, he bounced back in the Juniors winning two out of three in his group but unluckily being placed third on countback. This gave him a spot in the Consolation event where he beat Kent’s Tirian Jakes in the quarters, Marco Di Giammarino of Middlesex in the semi and Louis Roper-Gibbs of the Graet Stukely club in the Final.

Jack Green qualified from his Junior group with wins over Yoni Ehrlich and Finley Drake but fell in the knock-outs to Jake Price of Hereford. Milan Sajiv also qualified from his group with wins over Warwickshire’s Jake Crawshaw and Kirash Shaddel. However, in the knock-out he found Jacob Kurowski just too strong.

Emma Kilpatrick and Eve Briscoe contested the Junior Girls which was played in a round robin. Kilpatrick finished third, edging Briscoe into 4th in an event won by England number 58 Federica Bonato.

Milly Green entered her first tournament for a long time. She took Maria Besarabova to 7 in the 5th and the experience should serve her well.