**League Report**

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**Reigning Division 1 Champions Rugby A suffered defeat at the hands of nearest rivals Colebridge A 4 - 6. Edward Lynn and Ben Willson both won two for the Birmingham side and combined to take the doubles 11-5 in the 5th. Chris Burgess added one. Ryan Stockham (2), Ryan Lines (1) and young Sam Cafearo (1), an impressive 11-9 in the 5th win over Burgess, got the home team close and kept themselves 9 points clear at the top. Fourth placed St Georges B beat Nomads A 7-3 with Mark Jackson and Ron Vose sharing the points. Nomads’ Ian Beasley, Simon Nolan and Paul Rowan enjoyed a win apiece. Wellesbourne climbed into the top half of the table after overcoming St Georges A 6-4. Alan Cotton (2), Gary Stewart (2) and John Price (1) left it for Cotton and Stewart to clinch the winning doubles. Matt Jordan was the thorn in their side claiming a great hat-trick to which Russell Duncan contributed one.**

**Leaders Free Church D faced favourites Whitnash A in Division 2 with the visitors emerging 6-4 winners. However, star of the night was Church’s Ricardo Bolanos who won his three. The 14 year old ended Mark Woolerton’s perfect record coming from 0-2 down in games and 6-10 down in the 5th to pip the former Leamington Singles Champion. Chris Blowey added one but two from Kevin Ariss, a brace from Woolerton and a single from Paul Riman plus the doubles saw Whitnash home. Church D also endured a tight match when drawing against their F side. Chris Blowey (2), Livvy Fletcher(2) and Lewis Singleton (1) saw them to 5 but a Phil Blowey hat-trick and a single from James Robertson, who partnered Phil to the doubles, meant a stalemate. 5th placed F then fell 6-4 to Nomads Enigmas, two places below them. Steve Proctor was Enigmas’ hero with three and the doubles with Charlie Somerton who, like Malc Macfarlane, won once. Phil Blowey and James Robertson responded with braces. Millennium A moved into the top 6 with a 7-3 win over Rugby C, though three sets were conceded. Pete Harris won his two singles and the doubles with Christian Ward (1). Rugby ‘s Ben Holvey (2) and Hugh Crosfield (1) made a fight of it. Free Church C went second following their 8-2 success over the basement side, St Georges D. Jeff Harris and Michael Ho accounted for 7 of the points with Tom Harris adding one but losing to Andy Caine and Richard Grover.**

**In Division 3 second placed County Council C enjoyed mixed fortunes. They trounced Rugby E 8-2 with Steve Poole and Ian Stevens winning all of their singles plus the doubles. Doug Lowe chipped in with one. Dave Cox and Stuart Mills got the consolations. However, County Council C then suffered a 7-3 reverse when entertaining Whitnash B who are third. Greg Swan and Dennis Woodhead won their singles and Roger Palmer added another, losing to Lowe and Poole who also took the doubles. Free Church H eased away from the relegation spots with an 8-2 win at Eathorpe B. Emma Kilpatrick (3), Jenny Singleton (3), Emily Beasley (2) amassed the points with John Ablett getting one win and securing the doubles with Charlie Wragg. H then lost at Nomads Codgers 2-8 with Singleton posting their two wins. Richard Miles (3), Les Hoggins (2) and John Taylor(2) plus the doubles responded in style. The derby match between Rugby F and Rugby D ended with honours even. F’s Jack Evans starred with three and Dan Burgess claimed two. Oliver Fowler (2), Harvey Fowler (1) and Steve Fowler (1) and a Harvey/Oliver doubles win forced the match to a tie.**

**Third (Free Church J) played 5th (Eathorpe D) in Division 4 with the spoils shared. Janice Rowan (2), Mike Weaving (2) and Jill Weaving (1) posted J’s points whilst a Sophie Cooper treble and the doubles with Paul Deavall, who won once, ensured the villagers parity. Free Church I maintain top spot, beating County Council E 8-2. Chris Jones recorded a triple, Nick Darwen won twice, as did Katie Singleton, and the “men” took the doubles. Jason Grey salvaged Council’s two. The young and rapidly improving Free Church L side have grabbed second spot and enjoyed an 8-2 success over Rugby G. Eduardo Bolanos and Ben Hall won their singles, Eleanor Fletcher won once and helped Hall to a 5 games doubles success.**

**Free Church P squeezed into second spot in Division A as they edged nearest rivals Snitterfield 3-2. Josh Yarrow maintained his 100% record winning his two and Milly Green had a deuce in the 5th victory over Tim Fell. Stuart Ayres won once in reply and guided Fell to the doubles. Free Church M opened up a 9 point gap at the top, their latest win seeing them collect all 5 points from Rugby H, Nikit Sajiv and Sajiv Swamy the players in form. Flavels B accounted for Norton Lindsey A 3-2 despite a double from Gareth Hepworth. Sam Bradley and Steve Lyons each won a singles and paired for the doubles.**

**It’s a one-two for Free Church in Division B too at present. Their N team just edged Fissc A 3-2 to sit top. Dan Shaw won two close matches and combined with Ashley Knott for the doubles. Mark Jones and Mark Kingham kept the farmers handy in 4th. Free Church O let their experience count when whitewashing their Q team through Daniel Strand and Jay Virdi and are second.**

**In Division C top side Ashorne B were narrowly beaten by Free Church S whose Eve Briscoe won both her singles and helped Mum, Emma, to the doubles. Barry Bayliss and Steve Kay scored for the villagers.**

**Rugby I marched to the summit of Division D with a 4-1 drubbing of their J side. Josh Adams won his two and the doubles with Kieran McNicholas who won once. The promising Alex Bowe took J’s point.**

**Leaders County Council F saw off the challenge of unbeaten Free Church R in Division E with a 4-1 win. Simon Chalker won his two and the doubles with Jeremy Sampson who won once. Nicholas Ho grabbed R’s single.**

**Free Church U top Division F and their visit to Rugby L proved fruitful with a 4-1 victory, Chris Hearn (2), Harvey Wilson (1) and the doubles. William Hilton played some good table-tennis to notch his single for Rugby. Free Church W also won 4-1, against their V team-mates. Joe Shrimpton won two and the doubles with Erin Darwen who won once. Dan Stone, replied.**