**League Report**

**Leamington Veterans C won their first Midlands League match of the season with a 7-3 win over Stafford at League headquarters in Radford Semele. Andy Davies of Nomads led the side to victory with an impressive treble, Gary Jackson of St Georges added two beating Cliff Bell and Cyril Merriman but losing 14-16 in the 5th to John Birkett and Malc Macfarlane, also Nomads, beat Birkett, with Davies and Jackson taking the doubles.**

**Colebridge B ensured they would avoid relegation from Division 1 with a 6-4 win over County Council A. Anthony Ellis won his three, Farooq Kakar won twice and John Chandler once. Clive Irwin notched two in reply with Pat McCabe tasting victory once and Irwin and Phil Paine securing the doubles. At the other end of the table St Georges B look set to clinch runners-up medals with a whitewash of Free Church B, Mark Jackson, Laurence Sweeney and Ron Vose the men in form. The same result was recorded against Free Church C with an identical line-up. Champions elect Rugby A conceded 3 points to County Council A when turning up a player short but Ryan Lines and Anshul Satsangi won the 7 contested matches. Free Church A moved into 4th after defeating bottom side Nomads A 8-2. Number one Deepak Chandrababu won his three, as did Timmy Cooper, the pair combining for the doubles and Tom Brocklehurst added one. Paul Rowan and Tony Thomas were the Nomads scorers. This was followed by a 10-0 drubbing of their B team, Chandrababu, Cooper and Lee Dorning wrapping up the points. Nomads went on to lose 1-9 against Colebridge A who currently sit third. Andy Davies and Rowan won the doubles but conceded all the singles to Sam Henderson, Mike Rinnhofer and Ben Willson. County Council B’s 7-3 win against Wellesbourne should ensure a top half finish. Simon Griew posted a treble, Nilton Green added one and Free Church loanee Jack Green, son of Nilton, added an eye-catching double. Griew and Nilton Green took the doubles. Gary Stewart (2) and Pete Dunnett (1) responded.**

**Phoenix O have a commanding 10 point lead at the summit of Division 2 after a 7-3 success at Rugby C. Paul Calloway and Callum Martin were unbeaten in their singles with Roy Joiner winning one. Hugh Crosfield and Ben Holvey took singles for the home side and combined for the doubles. However, they were held to a draw by Free Church E despite Calloway’s treble , one from Joiner and the doubles. Phil Blowey and Livvy Fletcher recorded braces and Dudley Turner pinched a vital fifth point. Free Church D also got the better of Rugby C with Mark Bolshaw unbeaten and Jack Green nailing two. Anthony Smith took the deciding point with Holvey (2) and Crosfield (1) scoring for Rugby. Rugby B were held to a draw with Whitnash A. Sam Cafearo won his three and Danny Orr took two with Whitnash bouncing back through Kevin Arris (2), Paul Riman(1) and Richard Smith (1) with Arris and Riman picking up the doubles. St Georges C moved to safety and probably condemned St Georges D to relegation with an 8-2 win. Brian Aston starred with three, Len Coonan and Kevin Finn both won twice and Aston and Finn won the doubles. Mark Rose took both points for the losers.**

**A crucial re-arranged match took place in Division 3 where Flavels A beat promotion hopefuls County Council D 7-3. Trevor Bradley maintained his 100% average , Dot Macfarlane chipped in with two and Roger Potts won one as well as the doubles with Bradley. Cliff Jackson returned two for Council with Mark Freeman adding one. Flavels A also drew with Rugby E with Bradley again winning three and the doubles with Potts and Dot Macfarlane taking one. Milly Bradshaw (2), Jack Evans (2) and Dave Cox (1) replied. County Council D kept themselves in second spot with a 9-1 win over struggling Nomads C. Freeman and Jackson were undefeated in singles and doubles and Tony Ford won two, losing to Dave Harding. Rugby D ‘s recent form has lifted them clear of relegation and a draw against Whitnash B continued their good run. Harvey and Oliver Fowler won twice and Dad Steve secured one. Richard Smith and Greg Swan won two apiece and paired for the doubles. Snitterfield A sit third but have lost their promotion chance after a narrow 6-4 win at Eathorpe B. Tim Fell recorded a hat-trick, Stuart Ayres won two and Dennis Mockford won once. Bin-Khoi Nguyen (2) Marius Morariu (1) and the doubles kept the home side in it. Snitterfield then drew with County Council C Ayres winning his three and Fell two. Ian Stevens with two single wins plus the doubles with Derek Harwood, who won once, set up Doug Lowe to claim a fifth point.**

**In division 4 County Council E have been catching up on outstanding fixtures. Free Church J defeated them 8-2 with triples from Jill and Mike Weaving and a single from Catherine McAuley who joined Jill for a successful doubles. David Dunn and Jason Grey avoided the whitewash. Eathorpe C overcame Council 7-3 with three from Paul Deavall, two from Michael Rossington and one from Sophie Cooper with Deavall and Rossington nabbing the doubles. Carl Morgan (2) and Dunn (1) kept Council competitive. Finally, Free Church I beat Council 7-3 with Chris Jones recoding his first ever Division 4 hat-trick. Fiona Wyburn contributed two and Marc Briscoe one with Jones and Wyburn adding the doubles. Morgan (2) and Grey (1) were Council’s winners.**

**In Division A Snitterfield B gave themselves a chance of runners-up medals with a 4-1 success over FISSC A. Henry Lu (2) and Kim Wong (1) plus the doubles sealed victory with Mark Kingham gaining a consolation.**

**Norton Lindsey B hammered Free Church AA 5-0 in division B with Vince Ford and John Walker in top form. Eathorpe E edged Rugby H 3-2 despite two wins for Daniel Burgess. Jamie Sayer and Norbu Sunang-Joret took singles and the doubles and should finish second. Rugby H also fell 2-3 to Norton Lindsey B with Burgess again unbeaten in his singles. Walker and Guy Harrison won the remaining points.**

**In Division C the title race was thrown wide open when second placed Eathorpe A beat top of the table Free Church P to draw level on points with one match to play. Luca Bloodworth and James Stone did the damage and cemented their outstanding deed by inflicting the same scoreline on FISSC B. Eathorpe F beat FISSC B 4-1 when Dave Hawker won twice and teamed with Richard Freeman (1) for the doubles. Mandip Takhar took a welcome win for FISSC. Freeman and Hawker then bettered that to bag all 5 points against Ashorne B.**

**In Division D Rugby I will be champions after second placed Free Church R capitulated 0-5 to County Council F, for whom Simon Chalker and Richard Haigh were in inspired form.**

**Rugby I had beaten County Council 5-0 with Angel Chen and brother William amassing the points. Rugby G eased out Free Church Q 3-2 with single wins from Grace Newman and Lesley Summers, who also took the doubles. Findlay Douglas and Ben Hall each won once for Q.**

**Free Church U have an unassailable lead in Division E after trouncing Norton Lindsey C 5-0 courtesy of Eduardo Bolanos and Josh Yarrow. FC S will be second and also defeated Norton Lindsey C, Seb Priest (2), Nicholas Ho (1) plus the doubles. Edward Rogers took a consolation. Eathorpe H beat Free Church T 3-2 with Marcel Bloodworth proving too strong in singles and the doubles with Dave Hanson. Amie and Ellie Goldsmith took T’s points.**

**It is all to play for in Division F with three teams able to claim the title. Two of them, Free Church V and W clashed with V getting home 3-2. All the players, David Knott and Sundeep Virdi for V and Jake Simmons and Brody Speller for W, won singles but it was V who secured the doubles. The sides are now level with a match each to play. FC X could catch both and defeated W 4-1 with two wins from Eleanor Fletcher and one from Emma Pulman, the duo taking the doubles. Brody Speller responded. FC Z spoilt FC Y’s chances of being in the shake-up when winning 4-1. Ben Holding won his two, Jack Knowles recorded his first ever League win and supported Holding in the doubles. Tom Yarrow won once for Y. However, in this very even division Eathorpe I beat FC Z 4-1. James Rome won two including the scalp of Holding, his first defeat. Jude Schofield won once and steered Rome to the doubles with Holding winning one to stay top of the averages.**