**League Report**

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**The destination of the League Division 1 trophy became a lot clearer after title aspirants St Georges B edged Colebridge A 6-4. Ryan Stockham proved Georges’ jewel in the crown as he grabbed a brilliant hat-trick and then partnered Laurence Sweeney to a 11-9 in the 5th doubles win. Sweeney added the other two, falling to Kate Hughes who won twice. Paul Lenormand and Ben Willson bagged singles. Colebridge A look assured of runners-up spot however, crushing Free Church B 10-0, Hughes, Lenormand and Willson taking all of the points. Third placed Free Church A look out of the picture and could only draw with lowly Whitnash. Sam Wiggins won his three for Church and Tom Brocklehurst and Sam Weaving added singles but two from Mark Woolerton who also took the doubles with single winner Kevin Arris, and another from Paul Riman, ensured parity. Free Church C, in their first season at this level, currently sit fourth and have their eye on a top 6 finish. They defeated bottom side County Council A 9-1 with Dave Ramsey and Nikit Sajiv winning all their singles and pairing for the doubles. Ricardo Bolanos won twice, losing to Chris Maiden. Council A also went down 6-4 to fellow strugglers Free Church B. Jack Green posted an impressive treble for Church and Harry Purewal gave good support with two wins plus a guiding hand to Green in the doubles. Chris Brewer (2), Chris Maiden (1) and Pat McCabe (1) replied. If Council look doomed it is anybody’s guess as to who gets relegated with them. St Georges A and Wellesbourne drew to help their positions. Dave Harvey was unbeaten for the villagers and took the doubles with Alan Cotton. Gary Stewart won their 5th point. Damon Fenton (2), Earl Sweeney (2) and Matt Jordan (1) responded. Wellesbourne also squeezed a 6-4 win over County Council B, Harvey (3), Stewart (2) and Cotton (1). Simon Griew (2) and Murray Stevenson (1) claimed the doubles.**

**Division 2 leaders Nomads A crushed Free Church F 9-1 with trebles from Simon Nolan and Paul Rowan and a Nolan/ Tony Thomas (2) doubles win. Roald Myers nailed the consolation. This was followed by a 6-4 win over Rugby C. Nolan was again unbeaten, Thomas posted two and Andy Davies notched a single. Dan Burgess (2) won the doubles with Pete Ratcliffe who won once. Second placed Free Church D overcame their E team 8-2 with Tom Hunt and James Robertson responsible for 7 of their points and Milan Sajiv chipping in with one. Ian Beasley and Chris Blowey were E’s scorers. Church D then went on to edge Rugby B 6-4. Robertson (2), Sajiv (2) and Olivia Fletcher (1) set the match up to be decided on the doubles which Robertson and Sajiv won. Ben Holvey was the thorn in Church’s side taking his three and Madu Ezedinma added one. Rugby B had previously beaten County Council C 8-2. Jack Evans returned a triple as did Ezedinma. The pair teamed for the doubles and Hugh Crosfield contributed one, losing to Tony Ford and Mark Freeman. St Georges C helped their survival chances with a draw against Free Church F. Brian Aston and Len Coonan won braces and Kevin Finn added one. Lewis Singleton (2) and Anthony Smith (2) took the doubles.**

**In Division 3, promotion hopefuls Snitterfield A have not given up thoughts of the title and took County Council D apart 9-1. Stuart Ayres, Tim Fell and Dave Milton won all the singles and it was left to Derek Harwood and Ian Stevens to bag a consolation doubles. Nomads Codgers pushed Free Church I nearer the relegation trap-door, inflicting a 9-1 defeat. Les Hoggins (3), Richard Miles (3) and Kim Wong (2) plus a Hoggins/Miles doubles success ensured the big win with Chris Jones grabbing Church’s point. Fellow relegation candiddates, Free Church G did much better against Codgers, holding them to a draw. Tom Fletcher won twice, Eve Briscoe and Milly Bradshaw nabbed singles and Fletcher and Briscoe won the doubles. Hoggins (3), John Taylor (1) and Wong (1) ensured stalemate. Rugby D moved into the top half of the table when conquering the higher placed Millennium B 7-3. Stuart Mills starred with a triple and Callum Ball and Dave Cox provided braces. Bob Clarke and Lewis Cox won singles with Millennium’s Cox pairing with Richard Pickering to take the doubles.**

**Eathorpe B cruised into second place in Division 4, whitewashing County Council F 10-0. John Ablett, Jim Levack and Roger Palmer accrued the points. Rugby E gave a chance to youth and blooded Alex Bowe in their match with high flying Free Church J. He obliged with an impressive hat-trick to help his team to an 8-2 win. Sarah James also won three and Grace Newman one as well as partnering James to a doubles success. Janice Rowan and jill Weaving replied. Previously Rugby had chalked up a draw with another top side in Eathorpe C. James again held a 100% singles record with Mark Jackson and Grace Newman contributing singles. Luca Bloodworth and James Stone each won two for the villagers and combined to collect the doubles. Another side who have decided to give youth its head are Free Church M who defeated County Council E 7-3 thanks in part to youngTom Yarrow’s terrific hat-trick. Marc Briscoe supplied two further points and Mark Singleton one with the Church adults nailing the doubles. Jason Grey (2) and William Hung (1) kept matters competitive. Church M went on to play a strong Warwick University B side whose Connor Perkins won his three and Adam Green two. Yarrow (2), Briscoe (1) and Jay Virdi (1) plus a Briscoe/Virdi doubles, forced a draw.**

**Rugby F remain second in Division A after pipping Ashorne B 3-2. Tie Chen won her two and steered his son William to the doubles. Steve Handsley and Steve Kay scored for Ashorne. FISSC A beat Ashorne A 4-1. George Mudie exhibited all his experience to notch two and guide Mark Kingham (1) to a doubles win. Roger Pye picked up the consolation.**

**Free Church R moved off the bottom of Division B with a welcome 4-1 win over Ashorne C. Joe Shrimpton bagged two and George Barnes one, the duo taking the doubles. Jim Jack was the consolation winner.**

**Free Church P moved into top spot in Division C after sweeping aside Eathorpe H. Seb Priest won two, Chris Ho one and the doubles also went their way. James Rome secured Eathorpe’s point.**

**The Division D title hopes of Free Church S were dealt a huge blow by their U side who beat them 4-1. David Knott (2), Dan Stone (1) and the doubles restricted S in the form of Nathan Jackson, to one point. This paved the way for Rugby G to go top after defeating County Council F 4-1. Tyler Humphries won his two, Josh Tyagi added one and they teamed for the doubles. Council’s Eric Barthorpe got his side on the scoresheet.**

**Eathorpe J sit top of Division E by three points from Eathorpe L whom they beat 3-2. Keiran Braden-Brown won his two and helped Louis Harvey win the crucial doubles. Declan and Joshua Jay returned singles for L. Eathorpe K edged Free Church T 3-2. Aaron Heel won two for the victors and Ben Anderton one. Jack Bradbury won once for Church and he and Anna Gorvett won a thrilling doubles. Finally, Free Church W squeezed past their V team 3-2. Jun Chung recorded his first twosome and Morgan Page supplied one. Arnav Mulay won once for V and was helped to a doubles win by Joe Cole.**