League Report

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The top two teams met in Division 1 with Rugby A emerging 6-4 winners against Colebridge A. Matt Outhwaite was the Rugby star with a hat-trick , Ryan Stockham won twice, losing deuce in the 5th to Ben Willson and Ryan Lines chipped in with one. Willson (2) Edward Lynn (1) and the doubles ensured a close finish. Colebridge remain top by two points but Rugby have played a match less. At the other end of the table Colebridge B closed the gap on Free Church C defeating them 7-3. Vikas Bakshi shone with a treble, John Chandler bagged two and Farooq Kakar one before joining Bakshi for the doubles. Harry Purewal (2) and Adam Cofler (1) responded. Wellesbourne forced a draw at home to County Council A thanks to an unbeaten performance from Alan Cotton. Gary Stewart added two with Council bouncing back through Phil Paine (2), Chris Brewer (1) and Pat McCabe (1) plus a winning doubles from Brewer and Paine. However, they did not travel as well and fell 8-2 to Free Church A. Timmy Cooper won his three, Lee Dorning won twice losing to John Price in 5 and Charlotte Spencer also took two, losing in 4 to Alan Cotton. Cooper and Dorning claimed the doubles. Braces from all 3 Free Church B players, Michael Ho, Sam Weaving and Sam Wiggins in addition to a doubles success from the two Sams saw them defeat St Georges A 7-3. Matt Jordan notched two for Georges and Gary Jackson one.

Top of the table Nomads Enigmas were toppled in Division 2 by second placed Free Church D who beat them 6-4. Mark Bolshaw took a hat-trick and Anthony Smith won twice as well as taking a close doubles with Bolshaw, 11-9 in the 5th. Cherry Matthews lost by the same score to Steve Proctor. Charlie Somerton (2) and Malc Macfarlane (1) also scored for Enigmas. With games in hand Rugby B look dangerous and walloped St Georges C 8-2 with trebles from Sam Cafearo and Danny Orr who also combined for the doubles. Jo Outhwaite added one. Len Coonan and Will Fletcher each won once. St Georges D eased up the table with an important 6-4 victory over Colebridge C. Andy Caine and Richard Grover won two apiece with Grover joining Tracey Fletcher, who won once, for the doubles. Neil Wheatley with two was the Birmingham star. St Georges C also claimed the scalp of Colebridge, 7-3 when Brian Aston, Len Coonan and Kevin Finn all won two and took the doubles. However all gave second best to Michael Credland. Rugby C crushed Free Church E 8-2 after Ben Holvey and Thomas Jacko each returned three wins. Hugh Crosfield tasted defeat just once to Phil Blowey who took the doubles with Tom Harris.

The top clash in Division 3 came at County Council where 3rd placed WCC D fell 6-4 to Free Church G. Ricardo Bolanos and Adam Pulman fought hard for two wins each, Tom Fletcher claimed one and guided Bolanos to the doubles. Cliff Jackson (2), Tony Ford (1) and Mark Freeman (1) replied. This followed a similar scoreline for FC G against second placed Snitterfield A, despite a triple from Stuart Ayres. Tim Fell added a 4th but G stole victory with braces from Bolanos and Pulman, a single from Fletcher and a Pulman/ Bolanos doubles win. The villagers bounced back to form with a 7-3 win over Rugby D, Ayres (3), Fell (2) and Dave Milton (1) plus an Ayres/Fell doubles success. Steve Fowler scored two for Rugby and Oliver Fowler took point three. Leaders Rugby E got home 6-4 when visiting Whitnash B. Milly Bradshaw and Dave Cox won two singles and the doubles and Peter Kent got the match clinching point. Richard Smith and Greg Swan had two wins each for the home team.

Table-topping Free Church H were given no favours by their club-mates Free Church I who held them to a draw. Nikit Sajiv was the difference winning his three, allied to singles from Chris Jones and Fiona Wyburn. Ciara Hancox (2) and Sam Bradley (2) won the vital doubles. FC H beat near rivals Eathorpe C 8-2 however and still have a comfortable lead at the top. Bradley and Emma Kilpatrick were unbeaten, Hancox added two, losing to Paul Deavall and it was left to Sophie Cooper and Michael Rossington to get Eathorpe’s second point in the doubles. Ashorne A, led by an unbeaten Paul Rouse, romped to an 8-2 success over WCC E. Rouse joined Roger Kelley, who won twice, for the doubles and Chris Bowles also won two. David Dunn claimed both the Council victories. Second placed Free Church K proved too good for FC J, winning 7-3. Stuart Mills (3), Joe Mills (2) and Dan Shaw (2) got them home with Catherine McAuley (1) and Janice Rowan (1) rallying for J, the pair also taking the doubles.

Snitterfield B have edged into second spot in Division A with a 3-2 success over Rugby F for whom Callum Ball collected an excellent two singles. Henry Lu and Kim Wong replied with singles and the doubles. Norton Lindsey A look dangerous in mid-table but with games in hand, and whitewashed Fissc A as Gareth Hepworth and Ron Shakesheff went to town. Struggling Free Church M had a welcome 4-1 win over high riding Flavels B, now third. Nikit Sajiv proved a master and he was given great support by Jay Virdi who joined him for the doubles and beat Steve Lyons. Mick Bennett bagged Flavels’ consolation.

Eathorpe E can be confident of second spot in Division B after overcoming Free Church P for whom Daniel Strand took their solitary point. Jamie Sayer won his two, Norbu Sunang-Joret won once and joined Sayer for the doubles. F C P improved in their next match to beat WCC F 3-2. All the players won a singles, Joss Farmer and Fiona Wyburn for Church and Richard Haigh and Steve Maggs for Council with the church duo taking the doubles. WCC F also lost to Norton Lindsey B 5-0, Vince Ford and John Walker cleaning up and to Eathorpe F 4-1, Simon Chalker getting the consolation as Richard Freeman (2) and Dave Hawker (1) plus the doubles saw the villagers home.

Division C leaders Rugby H enjoyed their visit to Free Church R winning 4-1. Dan Burgess was undefeated in singles and doubles and his partner, Bradley Smith won one., losing to Milly Green. H cemented their 14 point lead at the top as they crushed Eathorpe G 5-0, Burgess and Smith turning out again. Free Church R eased away from relegation with a 4-1 success against their Q side. Milly Green won twice and took the doubles with Sarah Costa who won once but was collared by Q’s reserve Amie Goldsmith.

In division D bottom side Free Church U thumped leaders Free Church T 4-1. Joshua Yarrow was in great form winning twice and steering single winner Sundeep Virdi to the doubles. Alex Costa staved off the whitwash. Free Church S moved second and had an impressive 4-1 success against Fissc B. Seb Priest won two, destroying Martin Hamer’s 100% average in the process, and took the doubles with Dan Gunthorpe who won once but lost to Hamer. A double from John Gymer who guided David Hanson to the doubles gave Eathorpe H a welcome win at Norton Lindsey C. David McDonald and Edward Rogers took the home points. The only result to hand in the E division is Free Church W’s 4-1 victory at Ashorne C. Brody Speller (2) and twin brother Dylan(1) combined for the doubles with Corinne Such notching a point for Ashorne.