**League Report**

**Courier 9th March**

**Colebridge continued their push for a top two finish in Division 1 with a 10-0 whitewash of Phoenix, Ian Ferguson, Kate Hughes and Ben Willson inflicting the damage. However, Phoenix subsequently eased their relegation worries with a 7-3 win over Free Church B. Mark Rose’s treble set them on the way and he was supported by braces from Taran Dhillon and Callum Martin. Jack Green starred for Church with two singles plus the doubles with Harry Purewal. Despite only earning promotion this season, Free Church C sit in 4th place after defeating Wellesbourne 7-3. Dave Ramsey and Nikit Sajiv collected all their points and it was left to Alan Cotton, John Price and Gary Stewart to pick up consolation singles. Wellesbourne then went down to Free Church A who beat them 8-2. Sam Weaving and Sam Wiggins were undefeated in singles and Tom Brocklehurst lost only to Cotton who also claimed the doubles with Stewart. Whitnash A overcame County Council A 7-3 to keep them in bottom position. Mark Woolerton won three, Paul Riman two and Kevin Ariss one as well as helping Woolerton to the doubles. Clive Irwin, Chris Maiden and Pat McCabe all won once in reply.**

**Nomads A maintained their strong attack on the division 2 title with a 9-1 win over St Georges C. Andy Davies and Paul Rowan bagged 7 of their points with Tony Thomas contributing two. Len Coonan grabbed a consolation. St Georges C upped their game against Nomads Enigmas but were edged 6-4. Steve Proctor was in supreme form for the victors winning his three and Malc Macfarlane (2) and James Glazzard (1) led Nomads to the win. Coonan (2), reserve Andy Caine (1) and a Coonan/Brian Aston doubles success kept matters close.**

**Second placed Whitnash B could yet grab the Division 3 crown after two big wins. County Council D were cast aside 10-0 courtesy of Richard Smith, Greg Swan and Dennis Woodhead. Mid-table Free Church H were then swept away 9-1, their cause not helped by being a player short. As well as the three conceded Smith and Swan won their remaining singles and Woodhead fell only to Eduardo Bolanos. Smith and Woodhead took the doubles. Free Church H enjoyed better fortunes at Warwick University A despite losing three singles to Arslan Arwan. They wrapped up the other 7 with two wins apiece for Bolanos, Milly Green and Josh Yarrow with Bolanos and Green combining for the doubles. Two struggling sides clashed, with Free Church I getting a 6-4 win at Free Church G. I’s Chris Jones won an impressive hat-trick, Ben Hall claimed two and Jones and Dan Shaw bagged the crucial doubles. Eve Briscoe (2), Milly Bradshaw (1) and Tom Fletcher (1) made it tense. G suffered another close 6-4 defeat at the hands of Rugby D. Stuart Mills was the Rugby star with three and the doubles with Freddy Jones who won one. Callum Ball supplied the other point. Bradshaw and Fletcher shared G’s points. Flavels A lie in 4th spot and edged County Council D 6-4. Trevor Bradley won his singles and the doubles with Mick Bennett who won once. Sam Bradley chipped in with the vital 6th point. Steve Poole responded with two wins which were allied to singles from Derek Harwood and Ian Stevens. St Georges D are just off the top two and returned a 6-4 win over Millennium B. Richard Grover and Jerry Simmons won braces and Tracey Fletcher one as well as taking the doubles with Grover. Lewis Cox posted a fine hat-trick for the Banbury side with Colin Astbury adding one.**

**The top side in Division 4, Free Church K, were made to battle by Eathorpe B, K getting home 6-4. Keith Knott (2), Darren Laffey (2) and Nick Darwen (1) and a Darwen/Laffey doubles success secured the win. Charlie Wragg was the villagers’ best performer with two wins and John Ablett and Jim Levack added singles. However, Church lost no ground as the second placed team, Eathorpe D, squeezed home by the same score against Rugby E for whom Sarah James notched a great hat-trick and the doubles with Grace Newman. Sophie Cooper, Paul Deavall and Shaun Martin all won two in reply. Warwick University B shot up to 9th in the table after a strong 9-1 victory over County Council F. Sacha Dennett and Sam Pattison won triples, Billy Summers enjoyed two wins and a doubles success with Pattison but lost to Peter Whidborne. Free Church J beat County Council E 9-1. Jill and Mike Weaving pocketed 7 of the points and Catherine McAuley won twice, losing to William Hung.**

**Rugby F enjoyed two close tussles in Division A, pipping their opponents 3-2 on both occasions. The first match was against Ashorne B for whom Steve Kay won two. Angel and William Chen won a singles each and the doubles. FISSC A ‘s George Mudie then took two points off them with Angel and Tie Chen taking 3 points. Snitterfield B are top and trounced Ashorne B 5-0 thanks to Michael Klein and Ron Shakesheff.**

**In Division C Free Church P accounted for FISSC B 3-2. Chris Ho and Seb Priest won a singles apiece and the doubles, with Martin Hamer and Mandip Takhar responding. Free Church Q also beat FISSC but by a 4-1 scoreline. Sarah Costa won her two and guided Erin Darwen (1) to the doubles. Takhar notched the consolation.**

**Leaders County Council F proved too strong for Free Church U in Division D thanks to Simon Chalker and Jeremy Sampson taking all 5 points. Rugby G could be promotion contenders and out fought Free Church S 3-2. Josh Tyagi won two and Tyler Humphries one with Alfie Ransom winning once for Church and steering Nathan Jackson to the doubles.**

**In Division E Free Church W defeated stable-mates Church V 3-2. Charlie Hines won twice for W and guided Jun Chung to the doubles. Michael Khovanov and Arnav Mulay scored for FC V. Eathorpe J could win this division and got home 3-2 against Free Church T. Joshua Atkins and Keiran Braden-Brown won the crucial doubles after they had each won singles. Ben Brady and Jack Bradbury posted singles for Church.**

**National Cadet League Day 3**

**Wellingborough**

**Four local club sides visited the National League staged in Wellingborough on Sunday. On Day 3, Lillington Free Church A finished second in Division 1, three points adrift of Draycott (Long Eaton) whom they nevertheless defeated 4-2, the match hinging on Milly Green’s 3-2 win over England number 33 Anna Green. A went on to beat Corby 5-1, St Neots A 5-1 and Milton Keynes A 4-2. However, a draw with Bedford A scuppered their chances of top spot. Josh Yarrow finished joint top of the averages with 80%, Eduardo Bolanos returned 77% and Milly Green 44%.**

**Lillington B went one better in Division 2 and lead the table by 5 points. They defeated their C team 4-2, the thorn in their side being C’s number 1 Joe Shrimpton who grabbed both points. Bedford B were swept aside 6-0, Rugby C were dispatched 5-1, Alex Bowe getting Rugby’s consolation, Draycott B fell 4-2 and the only blemish was a 3-3 stalemate against St Neots B. Number 3 Eleanor Fletcher recorded a remarkable 9 wins from 10 matches, Tom Yarrow bagged a 70% return and number 1, Nicholas Ho 60%.**

**The C side had done well to earn a place in Division 2 and can be well pleased with their 5th position. As well as their match with the B team They fell 2-4 to St Neots , Draycott and Rugby and drew with Bedford B. Number 1 Joe Shrimpton recorded a 50% average and Erin Darwen and Owain Jones returned 30%.**

**Rugby finished 4th in this division, two points above Lillington C. Following the Lillington matches, they lost 2-4 to Draycott but managed draws with St Neots and Bedford. Alex Bowe finished on 70%, Tyler Humphries on 50% and William Chen 37%. The current points will be carried to Day 4 after which trophies will be presented.**

**Midland League Report**

**Leamington A clashed with Leamington B in Division 1 of the Midland Veterans League last week and lived up to their status by recording an impressive 8-2 victory, though the match was a lot closer than the final scoreline suggests. Simon Griew led the way for the A side with an excellent singles maximum after emerging triumphant in a 12-10 final set thriller against Matthew Jordan, and also partnered Mark Jackson to a successful doubles. Jackson and Alan Cotton were also in fine form for the A side in winning two singles apiece, but both lost out to B side number 1 Mark Woolerton.**