**League Report**

**November 10th**

**In Division 1, Whitnash A moved into 5th spot after a convincing 7-3 triumph at County Council A. Mark Woolerton posted a treble and teamed with Jon Williams, who won twice, for the doubles. Kevin Ariss took the last point with opponents Clive Irwin, Chris Maiden and Pat McCabe all grabbing a single. Council’s loss enabled Free Church B to put some daylight between themselves and the foot of the table with a 7-3 win over Phoenix. Harry Purewal’s first ever premier hat-trick was allied to a brace from Jack Green and a single from skipper Jeff Harris who also guided Green to the doubles. Callum Martin nailed two for the Coventry side and Mark Rose added one. Free Church A sit top of the table thanks to a whitewash of Wellesbourne, Lee Dorning, Sam Weaving and Sam Wiggins the ruthless trio. County Council B edged Free Church C 6-4. Nilton Green and Simon Griew added two wins apiece to their customary doubles win and Martin Hunter claimed one. Ricardo Bolanos’s two wins included the exceptional scalp of Griew, and Mark Bolshaw and Dave Ramsey secured singles to keep the match close.**

**Two away victories for Free Church D keep them top of Division 2. Livvy Fletcher’s treble and braces from Adam Cofler and Tom Hunt plus a Fletcher/Hunt doubles win enabled them to collect 8 points at Millennium A, Christian Ward proving the thorn in their side. They then grabbed 7 points at Rugby courtesy of Cofler (3), James Robertson (2) and Fletcher (1) with Cofler and Robertson lifting the doubles. Callum Ball, Dan Burgess and Peter Ratcliffe shared the home points. Nomads Aces are 5 points adrift of the leaders but swept home 10-0 against St Georges C, Andy Davies, Paul Rowan and Tony Thomas showing no mercy. Second placed Rugby B defeated Eathorpe A 7-3 despite being a player short. Jack Evans and Ben Holvey pushed their team to sit three points behind the leaders. Free Church F, with games in hand, are in the top half and accounted for County Council C 8-2. Roald Myers and Anthony Smith won their singles and Cherry Matthews lost just the one, to Mark Freeman who joined Cliff Jackson to take the doubles. Nomads Enigmas went 5th after pipping Millennium A 6-4. Bobby Lee caught the eye with a triple, Charlie Somerton notched two and Malc Macfarlane added one. Peter Harris won two in reply, Rob Warnes won once and Jack Shardlow joined Harris to win the doubles.**

**Snitterfield A have gone to the summit of Division 3 thanks to a 9-1 conquest of Free Church I. Stuart Ayres, Michael Credland and Dave Milton won all the singles and it was left to Chris Jones and Dan Shaw to grab a consolation doubles. St Georges D are on their tails and felled Nomads Codgers 6-4. Richard Grover won his three, Andy Caine and Tracey Fletcher nabbed singles and the strong doubles pairing of Fletcher and Grover saw them home. Les Hoggins (2), Richard Miles (1) and John Taylor (1) responded. A Trevor Bradley full house plus the doubles with Roger Potts saw Flavels sneak past County Council D. He was helped by two wins from Mick Bennett. Council’s points came from Steve Poole (2), Doug Lowe (1) and Ian Stevens (1).**

**Free Church K tightened their grip on top spot in Division 4 when overcoming Warwick University B 9-1. Eleanor Fletcher and Keith Knott won hat-tricks and Darren Laffey won two, losing to Adam Green. Knott and Laffey snatched the doubles. Second placed Eathorpe D suffered a 6-4 loss to Free Church J. Jill and Mike Weaving both won braces, Catherine McAuley chipped in with one and partnered Jill for the doubles. Sophie Cooper won her three in reply and Michael Rossington added one. Eathorpe B closed in on the top teams with two wins. Rugby E were dispatched 8-2 thanks to hat-tricks from Jim Levack and Charlie Wragg and a single from Roger Palmer. Levack and Wragg triumphed in the doubles. Ian Evans and Grace Newman won singles in response. The villagers then steam-rollered their C side 9-1, John Ablett (3), Wragg (3), Levack (2) and an Ablett/Wragg doubles success. Luca Bloodworth avoided the whitewash. Rugby E bounced back to form thumping Free Church M 10-0 through Ian Evans, Sarah James and Grace Newman.**

**Snitterfield B have assumed the leadership of Division A, their latest contest against FISSC resulting in a 4-1 win. Michael Klein won both of his singles and partnered Vince Ford, who won once, to the doubles. Brian Marston took the consolation.**

**Ashorne A took their fourth maximum in as many games when eclipsing Eathorpe E, Steve Bolton and Roger Pye again proving invincible in Division B.**

**Another Ashorne side, the C team, lead Division C and edged Eathorpe H 3-2 . Steve Handsley starred, winning his two and steering Anthony Austin to the doubles. The villagers stayed in the match with wins from Joshua Cope and James Rome. Eathorpe G beat Free Church S 4-1 with Paul Holtby winning his two singles and the doubles with John Gymer. The latter won one but was denied his maximum by Jacomo Lubrano.**

**Eathorpe I tie for top spot in Division D after crushing their J side 5-0. Jamaal Iqbal and Christian Roberts were in top form.**

**Rugby G are another side who have gleaned maximum points, this time in Division E and they overwhelmed second placed Free Church U to make it a fourth 5-0 victory. Alex Bowe and Tyler Humphries are proving unstoppable.**

**Tournaments**

**Several youngsters from Lillington Free Church TTC had busy weekends at 2-star tournaments. On Saturday, Nikit Sajiv competed at Milton Keynes. In the under 15s he won his initial group, defeating Robert Wood of Essex and Matthew Stanfield of Dorset. This placed him in a second group where he accounted for Oxford’s Todd Stanmore but lost to Kamal Annich. From there he played for the 3rd and 4th play-off place where he lost to Daniel Hearne-Potton of Cambridgeshire, the England number 19.**

**Sajiv then contested the under 16s again winning his group with victories over Middlesex based Arjun Arora and Ben Boutrolle of Leicester. In his second group he lost to Hearne-Potton and Branislav Zivkovich (Middlesex). This meant a 5th/ 6th play-off which he duly won against Dorset’s Jack Trafford, ranked 21 in England.**

**On the Sunday, Sajiv travelled to Burton-on –Trent. He won his under 15 group beating Lewis Ellams and David Porubiak, both Yorkshire and Ben Stanley of Worcestershire. In the knock-outs Harry Fletcher of Staffs was disposed of in the quarter-final but defeat came at the hands of the eventual winner, Che Goldbourne, in the semi.**

**Ricardo Bolanos also contested the under 15s and matched his club-mate by winning his group, including a win over Lincolnshire’s Luke Nimmo. In the quarter-final he beat Shay Graham of Northants before losing his semi to Hearne-Potton in 4.**

**The younger Bolanos, Eduardo, enjoyed two good performances in his under 15 group, beating Jack Simcox and taking Hearne-Potton to 5. This placed him in the Consolation event where he mastered Jenson Moreno of London in the first round but found pimple specialist Luke Lowther too tricky in round 2.**

**In the Junior singles Nikit lost to top 20 junior girl Gemma Kerr in his group but beat Nimmo and Graham to qualify for the knock-outs where he lost to Goldbourne.**

**Ricardo won his junior group by virtue of beating Fletcher, Daniel Allen of Derby and a terrific 3-2 success over Goldbourne of Yorkshire, the England number 28. This propelled him to the quarter-final where Rowan Jones of Derby was felled 3-1 to set up a semi-final clash with Gemma Kerr, the eventual winner, which he lost 9-11 in the 5th.**

**Milan Sajiv was runner-up in the Junior Consolation Final, his highlight being a strong victory over Fletcher.**

**In the under 13 singles, Eduardo won his group with wins over Moreno and Siva Ghanti. He then faced Lewis Ellams and raced into a 2-0 lead but Ellams fought back and scrambled home 11-9 in the 5th.**

**Senior British League**

**Two Lillington Free Church teams competed on Day 2 of the Senior British League on Saturday and Sunday. Lillington 1 were based at Bromley, near Stourbridge, and posted two wins on the first day. They accounted for Corby Smash 2 6-3 with Tom Brocklehurst and Sam Wiggins taking two singles each and Sam Weaving chipping in with one. The two Sams combined for the doubles. Bromley were then beaten 5-4 Weaving and Wiggins notching braces and Brocklehurst a vital one. Sunday went even better. First up were Wood Green of Wednesbury who capitulated 9-0. Brocklehurst, Chris Mulligan, Weaving and Wiggins were invincible in the singles and Brocklehurst and Mulligan pocketed the doubles. Phoenix of Coventry also went down 9-0 the same players amassing the points with Mulligan and Wiggins the doubles winners. Lillington sit equal second in C2 of the British League, 4 points adrift of leaders Woodfield 2, a Wolverhampton side.**

**In Division C1 played at Westfield in Wellingborough, Lillington 2 enjoyed a successful Saturday. The RAF were beaten 7-2 as Tom Hunt, Dave Ramsey and Charlotte Spencer all won two singles. Harry Purewal joined Ramsey for a doubles success. Nottingham Sycamore 4 were then cast aside 7-2 Ramsey (2), Spencer (2), Hunt (1) and Purewal (1) with Purewal and Ramsey again taking the doubles. However, the momentum was not maintained on the Sunday. Wensum 2 of Norwich edged them 5-4, Church’s points coming from Purewal (2), Ramsey (1) and another Purewal/ Ramsey doubles win. Corby Smash 1 then defeated them 8-1 with Lillington’s consolation earned by James Robertson. Lillington 2 sit 3rd behind Corby and Wensum.**