



Leicester & District: KP keep up their pace

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This week was possibly the worse one for postponements in a long time in the Leicester & District League with more matches postponed than played, only two took place in each of Divisions Two and Five. Previously only weeks when the weather prevented travel have been hit so badly but this time travelling conditions have been perfect.

Division One has two teams up with their schedule with many other teams with matches to pull in but Knighton Park first team is not one of them despite injuries along the way. Chris Rogers, Jack Rogers and Reza Kiani not surprisingly defeated bottom team, Abbots Road, 10-0, the latter having battled along valiantly having thought they would be playing in Division Two originally, but found themselves in One.

Syston Casuals is another team up to date and they did well to get close to Unicorn II who won 6-4 when Craig Witheford and Luke Greenfield each won three, although they couldn't be bothered with the doubles. For Syston John Szostak, Jon Jacom and Jason Woodfield all won one.

Another 6-4 saw Knighton Park's second string defeat Holwell Sports with Karen Smith in top form with a maximum while Osman Bawa, playing up from two, took two before Smith teamed with George McClurkin to claim the all-important doubles. Smith beat Martin Brunning 11-9 in the fifth first set up and later just got the better of Adam Feargrieve 3-2 (3-11, 7-11, 12-10, 11-9, 11-9), the latter gaining two.

The two matches in Division Two saw Desford Village beat Arnesby II 8-2 when Tony Smith and Arun Jogi each scored three, Malc Truman two. A closer tussle was Knighton Park fourth team's 6-4 victory over Blaby and Whetstone when Osman Bawa, having a busy week, this time won all three while Zia Malik supported with two and the doubles.

There were some very useful maximums in Division Three, one from Fleckney's new signing, Pete Jamieson normally seen playing in the Hinckley League. He had Jason Prescott supporting with two for a 5-5 draw against the team currently way out at the top, Holwell Sports II. Tony Fox took two for Holwell, Dave Sharpe and Mike James one apiece, the latter still just top of the averages.

Scott Robinson scored what is becoming a habitual maximum for Goons against Unicorn III in a 7-3 success, Barry Robinson notching two and Graham Cutler one. Tony Geanta won one for Unicorn.

Steve Pratt is having a useful season and conjured up another maximum for Abbots Road III in an 8-2 victory over Knighton Park V for whom Steve Bessant took two. Also taking a brace each for Abbots were Raju Rahul and Shabnam Ahmed, the latter's against much higher graded opponents.

The final undefeated return came from Syston Casual's Scott Morris who steered his club's third team home by 6-4 when Chetan Tailor won two and these two joined forces to win an exciting doubles 11-9 in the fifth for full points. Matthew Jarvis won two for their opponents, Knighton Park VI, and all three of his sets, win or lose, needed a deciding fifth game.

While Goons II and Unicorn IV were maintaining the status quo at the top of Division Four, others were losing ground.

The most significant result was Goons' 6-4 victory over Desford Village III who were one of the teams dropping away a little from the top order, despite a fine maximum by John Henshaw who found support only from Alan Oxbrough who won one. Goons were deeper in depth and had Steve Harrison and John Jacques each gaining two while Kevin Edwards supplied the other, and then the first two named took an exciting doubles in five games.

Unicorn maintained their interest at the top with an excellent 8-2 over Electricity VI. Nicolas Iacovou kept up his good form with a maximum and would be top of the averages had he played more matches, and could still do it. David Green was also unbeaten while Eric Baker collected the other singles. Dave Bray and Dave Cox each won one for the Sparks.

Lutterworth just about keep in tenuous touch with the top two with a 6-4 success over Winstanley Wizards II thanks to a very good team effort when Kevin Jones and Mike Eastell each won two, Simon Jones one, the first two the doubles in five. None could get the better of Calum Dale playing his second match for the Wizards and getting the better of Eastell 12-10 in the fifth. Marcus Harvey clinched one for the Wizards.

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