



Leicester & District: Berry good show!

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One of the best individual performances of the week in the Leicester and District League came in Division One when James Berry, who has been playing for Knighton Park II for a couple of years and improving all the time, took a very fine maximum against Thringstone to help his team to a 5-5 draw, beating players graded well above himself in the process.

Karen Rogers and Richard Hayes helped the cause by contributing one apiece while Maurice Newman and Trevor Kerry each won two for Thringstone before securing the doubles to share the points.

Meanwhile the three teams dominating at the top of the chart all won. Unicorn, with 58 points, beat Electricity firsts 8-2 when Gary Knights and Lois Peake notched three apiece and Tim Sheppard two. Matt Hobday won the Spark's singles and they were given the doubles.

Just one point behind are Unicorn's second string and they defeated Knighton Park III by 7-3. Craig Withespoon and Sam Bailey each won three while Jacob Sharp, playing up from division three, won one, the Park gaining a valuable point with a doubles success..

Third are Knighton's first team who beat Electricity's second team 7-3 which was helped by the Sparks only having two players, one of whom, Sam Perry, emerged undefeated with three. Chris Rogers, Reza Kiani and Jack Rogers all won one of their two, the latter in five to Perry.

Slipping down to Division Four we find Lutterworth and Syston Casuals still locked in a tussle for top position with the former just two points ahead.

Lutterworth defeated Knighton Park's junior eighth team 7-3 when Kevin Jones and Mike Eastell won three each. For KP Alex Randle, Roma Morjaria and Michael Parker all took one.

Syston Casuals beat Winstanley Wizards II by the same score of 7-3. Scott Morris led from the front with three while Tony Monteiro and Wes Glauds each supported with two.

The closest match in this division found Blaby and Whetstone travelling to Fleckney II, coming away with a 6-4 success when Tom Phipps took a great maximum supported by one each from Alan Willson and Jack Angrave before Phipps and Angrave bagged the doubles to gain full points.

It has now become a two horse race in Division Five after Knighton Park X could only draw 5-5 at Fleckney III thanks to a home team maximum from Tony Burns who had John Woodford support with one and then combined with Mike Miles for success in the doubles. Two each for Mike Smith and Tony Scarborough and one for Bill Walmsley for KP.

The Park's ninth team maintain top position with an 8-2 victory over Winstanley Wizards V for whom Matt Weedall won the two. Abe Lam was unbeaten for KP while Fares Gabbar and Paul Ducksbury each notched a brace.

Just one point behind are Abbots Road IV who showed no mercy in defeating Winstanley's third team 10-0 with Sameer Shaikh, Kishen Mistry and Zakaria Yusuf all in tip top form and allowing none of the sets to go to five.

Winstanley's fourth team are a handy fourth having climbed the charts since the two young Bhakta brothers, Kai and Kalan, have been having things pretty much their own way by taking six singles and the doubles, they are unbeaten in the latter, between them, while Sneh Joshi is beginning to win some as well.

Their latest was a 7-3 victory over Fleckney IV when the brothers won all seven. Among the Fleckney team was Miriam Wohl who celebrated her new status as a county coach with a win.

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