

Leicester & District TTL reaches half-way

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Division Four of the Leicester and District League is developing very nicely and promises an interesting second half of the season.

Knighton Park VIII had an uncertain start to the season with a new team and two members playing in the league for the first time. But a 7-3 victory over Abbots Road V continues an unbeaten run that now extends to six matches with Jim Burdett improving all the while and coming up with an excellent maximum, supported by two from Chris Parmar-Saville and one from James Parker with the first two gaining a doubles win.

Leaders at the half way point were Nomads II and they started their second half in great style with an 8-2 victory over close rivals, Blaby and Whetstone II. Steve Andrews maintained his top position in the average with a customary maximum to take his tally to 33 from 33, while Chris Weston also won three. Trevor Hawkins won one.

Regent Sports II, meantime, lost a little ground in surrendering a draw to the busy Abbots Road V in a very hard fought encounter, the latter having Trevor Drury and Shloak Mehta both winning two while Shreya Mehya grabbed an all important one. For Regent Stu Jones won two while Tim Crawson and Rob Price both won one, with the doubles needed to share the spoils.

Generally the second half of the season is taking time to really get going with too many postponed matches.

Of two results in **Division Two** leaders, Knighton Park III, maintained their unbeaten tag with a competent 7-3 victory over Leicester Electricity II with both Reza Kiani and George McClurkin emerging with maximums and combining for a doubles success, McClurkin was in superb form, all three straight. Kiani also played up in **Division One** for his club's first team and scored a brilliant maximum in an 8-2 success against Abbots Road II. Karen Smith also won three while Tobit Dehnen won two.

Back in the second division Syston Casuals began their second half with a 7-3 victory over their own second team when Jason Woodfield and John Szostack both won three.

Match of the week came in **Division Three** when Dave Cox won a magic maximum for Leicester Electricity IV against his own third team in a 5-5 draw. The third team had won every match up to this point but Cox proved unbeatable, support by one each from Dave Silvester and Dave Bray. For The third team, who still easily lead the division, Tomas Oravec won two, Sherriff Makhani and Chris Woodward one each and they had to rely on maintaining their one hundred percent doubles for the share.

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