

Leicester League: Sparks are looking bright

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Electricity V maintained a handy third position in **Division Four** of the Leicester League with a 7-3 victory over Nomads IV. Dave Greasley led the way with a good maximum, supported by two from Dave Bray.

The third member of the team, Daniel Woolman, played in Division Five last term and struggled somewhat, but he is beginning to reap the rewards of tenacity by picking up a few successes in this higher sphere, beating Steph Burley, who as ever fought to the end, in five. Woolman also took Dave Weston to five.

Abbots Road III conserved second position just one point ahead of the Sparks by defeating their own fourth team 6-4 and, as the score suggests, it was a tough match. Bhulesh Rathod and Trevor Drury both won two for the victors, with one coming from Jeffrey Jarvis, but how the latter fought as all three went to five and all were close. For the fourth team, Aftab Gaffar won two, Raju Rahul and Tosh Singh one each.

Leicestershire Police remain at the top but, again, it was a very close encounter against Syston Casuals III with Chetai Tailor pulling out all the stops in winning three, Wesley Glauds two. For Syston, Paul Weston notched two, Mal Woodfield and John Henshaw one apiece in a 6-4 result.

Meanwhile Knighton Park IX keep snapping away at the heels of those in the top three or four and did very well in beating Goons II 7-3. Eddie Kwok has been improving all season and he scored an impressive maximum, with the experienced Mike Smith also undefeated, Kenny Obilaso weighing in with one.

In **Division Three** Unicorn rule the roost and surely cannot now be caught, despite two drawn matches in the first half. Their latest success saw them rub salt into the wounds of Great Glen II, who could muster only two players, 10-0 the final scoreline.

Arnesby II are not giving up on top position although they need something of a miracle, but they are gradually making sure of the other promotion place, beating Knighton Park VI 8-2 – this match being drawn first time around – with Dave Small unbeaten, Nile Lovett and Dave Wagstaffe two each. John Bowness won the KP two.

Bruce Johnson was again to the fore in Leicester Taxes' 6-4 victory over Blaby and Whetstone, proving as difficult to beat as ever in this division. David Hodgson and Tony Nelson each won one in support while Hodgson joined Johnson in a doubles success to secure full points. For Blaby, Paul Hinson and Robert Vassalio both won two.

Another player doing well is Harry White for Electricity IV and he notched a maximum against Knighton Park VIII in an exciting 5-5 draw. Supporting were Asher Abraham and Dave Silvester with one each, the latter playing up from Five. For the Park, Jack Rogers and Richard Martin each took two but did not get a look in against White.

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