



Leicester & District League: Keepers open up Elbow room at the top

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Park Keepers continue to dominate Group B of the Leicester and District League's summer competition for the Elbow Tankard with a 15-5 victory over KP Nutters their latest contribution, which stretches their lead at the top to massive proportions.

Ben Stone won another four from four and, with not playing in the league last year due to being away at university, his ability has moved way beyond his current grading, although he only just got the better of Robert Geary 21-18, 22-20.

George McClurkin, always a good competitor, won five from six, dropping one game to Steve Bessant, who won two for Nutters. Tracey Smith notched three for Keepers while Mike Smith celebrated his elevation to Table Tennis England Life Membership with a canny one.

Meanwhile, Park Rangers are doing a similar job at the top of Group A having drawn a match earlier. Since then they have proved an unbeatable young team, improving all the time and beating Nomads 16-4 in their latest escapade.

A brilliant maximum six from six by Oscar White was the spearhead and he was well supported by Adam Green with four from six, while Max Huggins claimed three from four in both singles and doubles. For Nomads, Dave Weston won two and Tony Burns one.

They don't come closer than the match between KP4 England and Bishops in Group A, the latter trying to clinch a place in the semis in the runners-up spot. At 9-9, KP's Chris Parmar-Saville faced Raju Rahul on level terms to decide the outcome, with an inevitable 1-1 result for the 10-10 draw.

Parmar-Saville won two, as did Eddie Kwok, while Simon Aldis's two came from four singles. The latter's four from four in the doubles was the crucial element, although a fighting five from six by Bishop's Geoff Hancock almost swung it the other way. Rahul won four and Chetan Tailor one for Bishops.

In the same group, Blaby and Whetstone defeated Nomads' other team 12-8 when Tom Phipps recorded a fine maximum six, supported by two each from Paul Hinson and Jack Angrave.

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