



Leicester & District: Kotecha spearheads young KP side

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Knighton Park have a young team in Division Two of the Leicester League – their fourth team – who played twice during the last week including catching up with a postponed match.

Against Abbots Road II it was a very good maximum from Rayan Kotecha that spearheaded the way to an 8-2 victory, well backed when Oscar White and Adnan Ebrahim gained two each, White losing to Chetan Tailor 12-10 in the fifth to deny him a maxi, the latter gaining both his team's successes. KP also won the doubles to deny their opponents a consolation point.

The Park then faced Nomads, this time getting home 7-3 when Nomads grabbed the doubles to gain the one point, otherwise a similar result to the other except that, this time, Ebrahim came away unbeaten leaving White and Kotecha winning two apiece. For Nomads, Cliff Smith and Zaheer Mohamed each won one.

Syston Casuals II played host to Electricity II and won 7-3, mainly thanks to a superb maximum from Mike James, as well as two from Ian Wetherley who almost got the max until Russell Pettitt beat him deuce in the fifth. Chandresh Sodha won the other for Syston while Pettitt took two for the Sparks, Andy Wright one.

Honours were even when the dust had settle at the end of the Great Glen v Regent Sports clash in which Alex Mason was easily man of the match for Glen with a relatively easy-looking full house, while Kevin Trueman won one, these two taking the doubles. For Regent, Charlie Bateman and Martin Bolton both won two and Richard Anderson one.

Knighton Park V were pleased to secure a point against Unicorn II, who won 7-3. Ben Stone (also a member at Knighton Park) was the star for Unicorn with three, all three straight, while John Genovese also emerged undefeated, albeit with closer sets, Jianglong supplied one. John Underwood and Lucky Obi both won one for the Park before an excellent win in the doubles.

In Division One, Ajax Wolvey are now back on the winning trail after beating Syston Casuals 9-1, that one being by way of a defaulted doubles. Aidan Walsh, Jon Williams and John Fuller are now obviously in full cry.

Electricity beat Arnesby by the same 9-1 score although the latter's one came in a singles when Ian Brown beat Andy LeButt who returns to the fray after a fairly long shoulder injury. Winning two in his first match back is a triumph, although team-mates, Mat Hobday and Dave Grundy, both went one better with maximums.

No stopping George Briskolas and Jared Patel, who won three apiece for Unicorn II against Knighton Park V, but the losers, Kevin Yang, Jack Rogers and George McClurkin, all managed to defeat the luckless Geoff Parsons to gain a point.

Division Four saw Ian Lockington play for the first time this season when he secured a cracking full house for Wigston Conservatives against Regent Sports II in a 7-3 defeat.

Good maximums also in Division Three, especially from Raju Rahul who helped Abbot Road III defeat Leicester Taxes 6-4, including a win over the high flying Bruce Johnson. Max Huggins posted a maximum for the second week running for Knighton Park VIII in 5-5 draws. Having won all three against his club's sixth team, he then did the same against KP's seventh team.

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