

Week Commencing 2nd December 2002

After 9 matches each, Free Church A and St. Georges B are level at the top of Division 2. Free Church A, still unbeaten, swamped their Church B colleagues 9-1 with Dave Daniels and Les Booth taking singles and doubles for the A's and John Taylor adding a brace to put them on 62 points from their 8 wins and 1 draw. Emma Churchley hung onto one for the B's. Meanwhile St. Georges B had a harder tussle against Eathorpe A before coming out 6-4 in front for their eighth win in 9 outings and also 62 points. Rob Warnes, Tracey Fletcher and Gary Edwards all took braces for Saints, 'Thorpe 's leading player Chris Atkins holding onto two and the doubles with Matthew Cooper who added one more. Marconi C dealt a blow against Free Church C's chances by knocking them down 8-2. Dennis Mockford made a treble for Marconi, Richard Jardim and Dave Kelly braces and Mockford and Kelly grabbed the doubles whilst Church's Stuart Mills salvaged their pride with two singles. Two naval teams picked up the same 6-4 score against the same team - AP Sports B and only five days apart. First RNA C's Dot Macfarlane, Andy Davies and Daryl Burgess all picked up braces whilst AP's Gerald Taylor held onto two and the doubles with Stephanie Hawkins and Eddie Stafford added a single. Then RNA B also found a 6-4 victory mainly courtesy of Richard Miles who took his three and the doubles with Duncan Hall who had made a brace. AP's Gerald Taylor took two, Tony Williams and Stephanie Hawkins one each

In Division 3 Blessed George Napier B squashed AP Sports C 9-1 with hat-tricks from Janice, Michael and Daniel Rowan. Carol Meredith and Ros Freeman held the doubles for AP 12/10 in the fourth in reply. Marconi B eclipsed Eathorpe B 8-2 led by trebles from Steve Smith and Bob Montgomery for Marconi, a single from Geoff Taylor and the doubles by Taylor and Smith. Michael Rossington and Ron Coats held onto one each for 'Thorpe. Myton A then edged past an unlucky Eathorpe B 6-4. Jim Quinn took his three and the doubles in the fifth with Ray White for Myton, Ray White also added a single as did Paul Deavall. Ron Coats and Michael Rossington both kept two for Eathorpe. Two good results in Division 1 put Whitnash A only 3 points behind the leaders. First 'Nash stormed over a below strength Blessed George Napier A who could only field two players and one of them was a reserve. Jon Williams and Mark Woolerton both took braces for Whitnash, Ian Perry a single plus the doubles with Jon Williams, which with the three forfeited points gave them the 9-1 result. Paul Rowan held onto one for BGN. Then a closer 6-4 score for Whitnash against Colebridge A. Mark Woolerton and Jon Williams took two each and the doubles and crucially Kevin Ariss added a single for 'Nash's victory. Naseem Shahzad took his three for Colebridge, Graham Hoskin a single. Nuneaton also found 6-4 to be a useful scoreline in their match against Colebridge B. Sohail Caratella took a maximum for Nuneaton, taking his three, and Peter Morris and Arun Jogi gained one each and the doubles between them. Neil Wheatley held two for 'Bridge B, John Taylor and Vikas Bakhshi one each. Flavels picked up a better result, their second this season following their promotion from Div 2. They overcame AP Sports A 7-3 with two each from Len Coonan, John Finlay and Mick Bennett and the doubles went to Coonan and Finlay. Ron Vose kept his three for AP Free Church E have swept into the top place in Division A with their latest two results. First they traveled to play FISSC B where they cruised to 4-1 success with two singles apiece from Keith Knott and Paul Nason. George Mudie and John Hunt kept the doubles for the Farmers. Then the same duo for Church E whitewashed their club-mates Church F 5-0. Prior to that Church F had squeezed past Church G 3-2, courtesy of one single each and the doubles by F's Jonathan and Peter Mason. Robin Hirons had kept his two for the G's reply. St. Georges C had also had victory over FISSC B. Richard Grover kept his 100% record intact by winning his two and dad Derek added one (his first league win) for the 3-2 success. John Hunt took one for the Farmers and the doubles with Derek Nelson.

Free Church H keep in front of Division B with a 4-1 result over Church J despite a strong effort by the J's. Adam Cooper took his two for H, Ben McNally one and the doubles between them whilst J's Ricky Fell did well to snaffle one single for the J squad 14/12 in the fifth. Eathorpe D had an easy

fixture against St. Georges D as their opponents could only field one player, so giving three points away. Jim French and Sophie Cooper both won their single to give 'Thorpe the 5-0 result. In an all Eathorpe local derby closely contested the E side had the edge over the F team, led by Nicola Rossington who took her two for the E's and the doubles with Katie Hawker to take the match 3-2. Ian and Lawrie Western both gained one for the F's.

Representative matches

Leamington Mens team had an unfortunate experience recently when they travelled to Trowbridge in Wiltshire to play two other teams in the first round of the National team competition 'The Wilmott Cup' - and came third! The trio of Mark Woolerton, Jon Williams and Mark Jackson were unlucky and disappointed to lose to both Plymouth and West Wiltshire and so Leamington will not progress to the next round. Against Plymouth, Spa had been 4-3 up but eventually lost 5-4, having the horrendous experience of losing both the last two games 12/10 in the fifth. The strongest side West Wiltshire beat Leamington 5-2. In Division 1 of the Midland League the Leamington squad played their first match this season away against Oxford - and won it 7-3. Ron Vose swept up his three, Phil Paine and Earl Sweeney two each to give the team three points under the new scoring system in the Midland League. (Unfortunately 8-2 or better would have given Leamington a more useful four points.)