

Week Commencing 3rd February 2003

It was the first round of the individually handicapped Coronation Cup competition, played up to 61, and it was Free Church who seem to have the in-form teams. First of all second division Free Church A met the youngsters from a combination of two of the teams from Eathorpe from the 2-aside Division B. Eathorpe E / F squad kept all the games in doubt until the end, only falling by narrow margins and were unlucky to lose out 5-1 to Church. Hugh Matthews and John Taylor took two each for Church and Les Booth a single. Starting from 52/0 Katie Hawker from Eathorpe might have been thought to have it easy but her Church opponent clawed his way to 59 all before Katie picked up two net cords and the game 61/59. Free Church B also took on an Eathorpe side and won 5-1. Tom Brocklehurst led his second division side with an excellent treble and Ian Rourke added a brace. Dave Hawker gave the consoling point to the third division based Eathorpe B. Two Free Church teams from the 2-aside league were matched and it was the lower rated div B squad from Church H / J who defeated the div A leaders Church E 5-1. Phil Blowey and Adam Cooper took two each and Tom Crellin a useful single to give H / J the win. Keith Knott kept one point for E to avoid the whitewash - by the narrowest of margins 61/60. Eathorpe will keep at least one team in the competition - perhaps because their A team was not drawn against a Church side! Eathorpe A from div 2 faced Myton A from div 3 and rolled over Myton 5-0 with two from Chris Atkins and Colin Cooper and one from Matthew Cooper. A few League results as some teams use cup week to catch up Two good results from the Colebridge A players in Division 1. First of all Colebridge inflicted the first defeat this winter on Nuneaton Bucks by crushing them 8-2 and then Colebridge squashed Phoenix 10-0. Waseem Shahzad took singles and doubles for 'Bridge in the Nuneaton match, his partner Graham Hoskin added a brace as did John Chandler. David Grundy replied for both points. Then the same trio of Shahzad, Hoskin and Chandler played in the Phoenix match. Top team County Council A also gained a 10-0 scoreline, their players Mark Jackson, Phil Paine and Clive Irwin, their unfortunate opponents Flavels. Phoenix had better luck against County Council B, and picked up an 8-2 result, though with 4 games decided on deuce the score could have been a lot different. Allan Stockham took singles and the doubles for Phoenix, his partner Brett Medforth chipped in with a brace, as did Alan Jones. Reg Warnes and Derek Harwood both kept one for Council. Whitnash A found Colebridge B to their liking and ran out with a 7-3 victory. Mark Woolerton, Jon Williams and Ian Perry picked up three, two, one respectively and Williams and Woolerton the doubles for 'Nash. Neil Wheatley held two for 'Bridge, Michael Rinnhofer one. Two 9-1 results in Division 2 and both involved Whitnash B. First 'Nash scuppered RNA C 9-1 with maximums from Jane Dickens, Dennis Woodhead and Paul Riman. Graham Heath and Dot Macfarlane kept the doubles for the naval pride in the last game. Then St. Georges B rolled over Whitnash B 9-1 with all the singles going to the Saints team of Rob Bennett, Rob Warnes and Alf Chapman. Whitnash's Dennis Woodhead and Paul Riman took the doubles in an epic 5 setter, once again the final game. In Division 3 the current two top teams met and it was Marconi B who came out on top and kept their unbeaten record intact. Steve Smith took the maximum with singles and the doubles for Marconi with Stan Render who contributed a brace and Geoff Taylor added a single to ensure a good win 7-3. Their opposition FISSC A were limited to one each from John Hunt, Mark Kingham and Brian Marston. FISSC B had a better time in Division A of the 2-aside league. Malcolm Smith and Pete Florence took singles and doubles to give the Farmers a 5-0 result over Eathorpe C. The local derby between two Church sides in Division B proved a closer affair. Sam Smith took both his singles for Church K and Ricky Fell and Philip Blowey one each for Church J before the K duo of Sam and brother Thomas Smith took the doubles 11/9 in the fifth to give K the success 3-2.