

Week Commencing 4th November 2002

A good week for the newest team in Division 1, Blessed George Napier, who gained two successes, their first in the Leamington League. First they rolled over AP Sports A 7-3 with Paul Rowan and Simon Nolan taking singles and doubles for BGN, Andrew and Sam Meredith and reserve Eddie Stafford keeping one each for AP. Then BGN overcame County Council B 9-1 with Simon Nolan and Zhou Shuang picking up all their matches and the doubles and Paul Rowan two more. Derek Harwood worked well to hold onto one in the fifth for Council.

Nuneaton also had a good time against AP Sports, gaining an emphatic 9-1 result with David Grundy and P Morris grabbing three each, Arun Jogi a brace and the doubles with Morris. Ron Vose took AP's point. Jon Williams, Kevin Ariss and Ian Perry swept Whitnash A to a 10-0 result over Flavels. Closer, however for Colebridge B who needed the last played match to gain the 6-4 advantage against St. Georges A. Neil Wheatley led 'Bridge with his three singles, John Taylor took two whilst Michael Rinnhofer gained the crucial final single. Martyn Todd held onto two for Saints, Earl Sweeney one and the doubles between them.

RNA A continue to pile on the points in Division 2. This week they steamed over their B team crew-mates 8-2 led by trebles from Ken Southwell and Tony Thomas and a single from Kim Wong and the doubles partnering Tony Thomas. Duncan Hall and Steve Poole both held onto one for RNA B. St. Georges B also finished 8-2 in front in their encounter with Free Church C. Two Robs (Bennett and Warnes) led Saints with three each, Tracey Fletcher added one single and the doubles with Rob Warnes and Church's Chris Mulligan and Stuart Mills held onto one each. Three results ended at 6-4. St. Georges B had Rob Warnes to thank for a fine hat-trick to add to Tracey Fletcher's two and Gary Edwards' one to give them the victory whilst RNA C went down with Graham Heath taking two and the doubles with Andy Davies and one single from Dot Macfarlane. Then RNA D edged past Free Church B with three, two, one from Robin Fox-Strangways, Steve Kurlle and Pam Beedham respectively for the naval side, two for Church's Tom Brocklehurst plus the doubles with Emma Churchley, who held a single as well. Marconi A had the upper hand, just, on AP Sports B, who have still to gain a victory in this division this season. Roy Joiner took his three for Marconi, Dennis Mockford two and the doubles between them while AP's Eddie Stafford clung onto two, Tony Williams and Gerald Taylor one each.

Marconi B are beginning to make their mark in Division 3 - as is Blessed George Napier B. Both teams have posted two victories last week. First the Marconi trio of Stan Render, Terry O'Neill and Geoff Taylor rolled over AP Sports C 10-0. Then they inflicted the first defeat of the season on Ashorne who went down 7-3. Geoff Taylor, Stan Render and Bob Montgomery took three, two, one respectively for Marconi plus the doubles by Render and Taylor. Roger Kelley held onto two for Ashorne, Chris Bowles one. Blessed George Napier B squeezed past County Council C 6-4 and then 7-3 against Eathorpe B. Against Council Janice, Michael and Daniel Rowan all took braces for BGN, Council's Tony Ford keeping his three and the doubles with Pat Woolvin. Against Eathorpe the three Rowans again gave BGN braces apiece plus the doubles by Janice and Michael but none of them could stop an excellent treble from 'Thorpe's Ron Coats.

Free Church D picked up a 7-3 result over County Council C with two each from Ron Stanbridge, Paul Nason and Mike Skidmore plus the doubles from Nason and Skidmore. Council's Doug Lowe predictably held onto his three. FISSC A also had a 7-3 result - over AP Sports C. George Mudie took his three and the doubles with John Hunt who contributed a single plus two from fellow Farmer Brian Marston. Carol Meredith picked up two for AP, Ros Freeman one. RNA E finished up with a 5-5 draw against Myton A. Jim Thomas gave the naval side a brace, Wilf Harris and Ken Hassall one each and

the final match the doubles was taken by Thomas and Harris. Jim Quin kept his three for Myton and Jonny White two.

Free Church Tournament

The first Lillington Free Church Graded Tournament of the season was held at Sydenham Sports Centre, Leamington Spa in October with yet again a large entry from around the country. Winning players are known to have come from Redditch, Nuneaton, Birmingham, Milton Keynes, Banbury, Evesham, Leamington and even from Wales.

Louis Siket had a very successful day at this his first Spa tournament, and returned home with the two top trophies, having won both the Seniors in the morning and the Grade A in the afternoon. In both events he met and beat in the final top local player Mark Jackson from County Council A.

The Seniors consolation went to Derek Thompson from Nuneaton whilst Welsh youngster Lee Morris was runner-up. In the Grade A consolation was taken by Birmingham's Leigh Bradford with Ken Baker (Evesham) runner-up.

Daniel Whitfield was the Under 17 winner, Robert Hatherley the runner-up - though that result was reversed in the Grade B final when the two met again that afternoon. The consolation winner for the Under 17 was Avi Jethwa with Free Church's Adam Cooper the runner-up.

In a Leamington League final for the Grade B consolation Eddie Stafford (AP Sports) overcame Janice Rowan from Blessed George Napier. Another new face took both the Under 14 and the Grade C titles. Sasha Grokhotov from Redditch was matched with Narinder Matharu from Birmingham in each event - and won both times. In the Under 14 consolation Paul Leck (Birmingham) was the winner, Daniel Shurrock (Banbury) runner-up whilst in the Grade C consolation final Alex Boyd beat off the challenge from fellow Banbury player Adam Clarke.

Daniel O'Connell took the Under 12 trophy, his final opponent Free Church's Luke Hobbins and the consolation winner was Minesh Morjaria from Milton Keynes with another Church player Phil Blowey the runner-up.. Paul Leck (Birmingham) won the Improvers against in the final Alex Nicholl (Birmingham) and the consolation went to Ros Freeman (AP Sports) with Conor Boyd (Banbury) the runner-up. Finally the Beginners was won by another Free Church member Jonathan Mason with Birmingham's Alan Caffrey second. Christian Miller (Banbury) was the consolation winner against at the last Ricky Fell (Free Church).

The next Free Church Tournament is at Sydenham Sports Centre, Leamington Spa on Saturday November 16th. Contact Hugh Matthews for details.