

Week Commencing 10th March 2003

Whitnash A have had a fruitful time against the two County Council teams in Division 1. First they defeated current champions Council A 8-2 with Mark Woolerton taking a treble, Jon Williams and Ian Perry braces and Woolerton and Williams the doubles for 'Nash whilst Mark Jackson and Phil Paine clung on to one each for Council. Williams and Woolerton then teamed up with Kevin Ariss to whitewash County Council B 10-0.

Colebridge A also were in top form. First Graham Hoskin, John Chandler and Barry Hunt rolled over Flavels 10-0. Then they edged past County Council A 6-4 with Wazeem Shahzad taking his three and the doubles with Graham Hoskin who took two. Council's Clive Irwin held two, Phil Paine and Mark Jackson one each. This their fourth defeat of the season could well cost them the championships.

Colebridge B went one better, beating AP Sports A 7-3 with Michael Rinnhofer, Neil Wheatley and Vikas Bakhshi all taking braces for 'Bridge and the doubles. AP's Ron Vose kept his three singles in reply. Phoenix did not live up to their name recently. First they went down 6-4 to Wellesbourne and then 8-2 to St. Georges A. Against Wellesbourne Alan Jones took two, Allan Stockham and Brett Medforth one each whilst Andy Cockerill took his three and the doubles with Pete Dunnett who took a brace. Martin Tallis and Allan Stockham both held onto one for Phoenix in the Saints match whilst Martyn Todd and Mike Bishop both took a treble and the doubles between them and Bert Banks added a single.

Blessed George Napier A cruised to 9-1 success against County Council B before falling to Nuneaton 8-2. Against Council, Simon Nolan and Sam Clarke took singles and doubles and Paul Rowan chipped in with a brace. Derek Harwood kept one to solace Council. Nuneaton's Alan Hewitt took his three, Pete Morris and Mick Alsopp two each and Alan Hewitt partnered successfully Pete Morris in the doubles. Simon Nolan held two for BGN.

In Division 2 leaders St. Georges B are racking up the points. First they cruised over RNA C 8-2 and then rolled over RNA B 7-3. Against the C side Rob Warnes and Alf Chapman took three each and Tracey Fletcher two and Graham Heath held one single and the doubles with Andy Davies for the navy. In the B match Rob Bennett and Rob Warnes gained trebles and Bennett supported by Tracey Fletcher added the doubles for Saints. The naval crew of Richard Smith, Richard Miles and Duncan Hall all kept one.

Free Church A keep in contact with the Saints leaders with two good wins. First they squashed their C colleagues 9-1 in a local derby, Hugh Matthews and Dave Daniels taking singles and doubles, John Taylor a brace. C's Stuart Mills stopped the rot. Then they steamed over RNA C 7-3 led by Dave Daniels and Les Booth, unbeaten in singles and one from John Taylor. Graham Heath and Dot Macfarlane held onto a single each and the doubles in reply.

A better time for RNA A who edged out RNA B 6-4 led by Tony Thomas with a hat-trick, Ian Stevens a brace and crucially the doubles between them. Steve Poole kept two for the B's, Richard Miles and Tony Bennett one each.

RNA D picked up their third and fourth wins of the season by winning twice in a week - and by the same close margin of 6-4. First they played Free Church B and Richard Lancucki was the crew in control, winning his three and the doubles with Steve Shaw, who contributed a single as did skipper Pam Beedham. Cherry Matthews and Tom Brocklehurst both kept two for Church B. Then the naval D's defeated Eathorpe A with Richard Lancucki again taking his singles aided by two from Robin

Fox-Strangways and a crucial single from Steve Kurle. Chris Atkins, Matthew and Colin Cooper all kept one single for 'Thorpe and Atkins and Matthew Cooper the doubles.

A mixed time for Marconi A. They gained a 7-3 over AP Sports B before falling 8-2 to Whitnash B. Against AP Richard Jardim, Dennis Mockford and Roy Joiner all took braces and Mockford and Joiner the doubles. Stephanie Hawkins held two for AP, Eddie Stafford one. In the Whitnash match Roy Joiner kept two singles for Marconi but Jane Dickens took her trio for 'Nash, Liz Haynes and Paul Riman two each and the doubles went to the two ladies.

Eathorpe A however inflicted a close defeat on Whitnash B in a very competitive match. Chris Atkins and Matthew Cooper gained two excellent wins each against experienced opponents (including one 13/11, 9/11, 13/11, 11/13, 12/10), Colin Cooper added one and Chris Atkins and Matthew Cooper sealed the 6-4 win with the doubles. Dennis Woodhead and Paul Riman kept two for 'Nash's reply.

Blessed George Napier B are moving up the places in Division 3. They played both their matches against Free Church D in close succession and nearly got the same score to put them into third place. First they won 7-3 with Janice Rowan taking her three, Daniel Rowan two, Michael Rowan one plus the doubles from Janice and Michael. Ron Stanbridge, Graham Cooper and Mike Skidmore all held one for Church. The second fixture gave BGN an 8-2 result with Janice and Michael Rowan taking singles and doubles and Daniel one single. Barry Hobbins and Ron Stanbridge both kept one for Church this time.

The top two teams in the division keep their relative places as they both won by the narrow margins of 6-4 - and against the same team. First Marconi B played Ashorne, Steve Smith took his three, Geoff Taylor and Bob Montgomery one each and the doubles critically fell to Smith and Taylor. Roger Kelley held two for Ashorne, Chris Bowles and Simon Chalker one each. Then top placed FISSC A faced Ashorne, George Mudie gave the Farmers a treble, Brian Marston a brace and the two combined to win the doubles. Chris Bowles kept two for 'Horne, Steve Bolton and Simon Chalker one each. Ashorne had not lost all their recent matches - they did pick up one - when the 6-4 score went their way against RNA E. Simon Chalker and Roger Kelley gave Ashorne two singles each and the doubles and Chris Bowles cemented the win with a single. Steve Proctor took his three for the naval E's, Jim Thomas one.

AP Sports C gained only their second win this season, by the popular scoreline of 6-4. Reserve Richard Grover led AP with a hat-trick, Ros Freeman a brace and Charlotte Freeman the crucial single. For opponents Eathorpe B Michael Rossington took two, Ron Coats one and the doubles.

County Council C also keep up the top with yet another win, this time 7-3 over Standard Photographic A. Tony Ford, Andy Woodfield and Pat Woolvin took three, two, one respectively for Council, plus the doubles by Woodfield and Ford. Brendan Leahy held two for Photographic, Chris Fincham one 17/15 in the fifth.

In Division A FISSC B rolled over Standard Photographic B 4-1 led by Mark Kingham with a brace, Derek Nelson a single and the doubles together. Brendan Leahy kept one for 'Photo's reply in the 2-aside league. Closer for St. Georges C against Eathorpe C which finished 3-2 to Saints with Richard Grover taking his two and the doubles with dad Derek. Eric Smith and Richard Freeman kept one each for Eathorpe.

Three wins for Free Church H put them in the lead in Division B. First Adam Cooper, Chris Blowey and Ben McNally rolled over Free Church K 5-0. Then the Church H team edged out Eathorpe D 3-2 with one single each from Ben McNally and Chris Blowey and the doubles fell to Adam Cooper with

Ben McNally. Keith Miles took two for Eathorpe. Then H went one better 4-1 over St. Georges D led by Adam Cooper and Chris Blowey with both their singles. Steven Morby held the doubles for Saints with Philip Morby.

Previous leaders Church I also saw off Eathorpe D. Luke Hobbins two, Joseph Cox one and the doubles together gave Church the 4-1 result, Keith Miles keeping one in reply. Eathorpe F squeezed past Church K 3-2 thanks to the doubles to add to the single each from Ian and Lawrie Western. Church's Sam Smith took his two singles. Eathorpe F then fell 4-1 to Church J, though Lawrie Western kept the consoling point. Ricky Fell held his two singles for Church J plus the doubles with Tom Crellin and Philip Blowey kept another single. Free Church K were given the 3-2 victory over Eathorpe E when Sam and Thomas Smith took the doubles to add to the one single each they had already gained. Nicola Rossington kept her two singles for "Thorpe.

Leamington Closed Finals night for the Leamington Closed Championships will be held on Saturday 15th March starting at 3.45pm until 10.30pm at the Warwickshire County Council Staff Club, Northgate Street, Warwick (opposite the police station). All spectators will be most welcome.