

Week Commencing 11th November 2002

Free Church H are not having it all their own way in Division B of the 2-aside league. Last week they met with their first defeat in 6 matches when they slipped 3-2 to club-mates Church I, who are possibly their strongest rivals. Luke Hobbins was in tremendous form for the I's, taking both his singles and the doubles with Joseph Cox, whilst H's Chris Blowey and Ben McNally could only keep hold of one point each.

St. Georges D have also improved their position with an excellent 5-0 by Philip Morby and Ryan Fenwick over Free Church K. Saints D also saw off Eathorpe F 3-2 led by Philip Morby's brace and the doubles with brother Steven. Eathorpe's father and son pairing of Ian and Lawrie Western kept one each in reply for Lawrie's first League single. Eathorpe D meanwhile found Free Church K to their liking and gained a 4-1 result. Jim French gave two to 'Thorpe, Sophie Cooper one and the doubles together whilst Linda Nason kept one point for Church K's pride.

St. Georges C had an easy ride in Division A because their opposition from Standard Photographic B could only field one player. Richard Grover took one single for Saints, Paul Marsh picked up one for Photo, so with Saints picking up three forfeited games the score was 4-1 to them. Closer for Free Church F against Eathorpe C which finished 3-2 to Church. Jonathan Mason took his two singles for Church and father Peter added one single whilst Richard Freeman took one single and the doubles with Pauline Parkes for 'Thorpe. St. Georges C were also on the right side of a 3-2 scoreline in their match against Free Church G. Richard Grover took his two for Saints and the doubles at 12/10 in the fourth with dad Derek. Robin Hirons and Mark Harris both held onto one for Church G.

Colebridge A may have had to postpone many of their matches this autumn but they thought they had not lost their touch in Division 1. Their second result was again a 7-3 success for Colebridge with Graham Hoskin and Mike Howell picking up singles and doubles. For their opponents Flavels, Len Coonan, John Finlay and Trevor Bradley all took one. But their next match was a whitewash - for their opponents County Council A not Colebridge. Council's glorious trio of Mark Jackson, Phil Paine and Clive Irwin continued with their leading roll by knocking out 'Bridge 10-0. Wellesbourne also gained at 7-3 over Phoenix. Andy Cockerill and Pete Dunnett both posted maximums and Jim Betts added the doubles by partnering Pete Dunnett for 'Bourne. Phoenix's Alan Jones, Martyn Tallis and Allan Stockham all held onto one. Wellesbourne followed that with another 7-3, this time against two-man Flavels. Andy Cockerill took two for 'Bourne, Alan Cotton one and the doubles between them plus three forfeited points. Len Coonan picked up a brace for Flavels and Roger Potts one. Jon Williams, Mark Woolerton and Ian Perry gave Whitnash A an excellent 10-0 result by rolling over County Council B.

In Division 2 St. Georges B have stolen the lead from RNA A when the Saints picked up a better result than the navy! The trio of Alf Chapman, Rob Warnes and Tracey Fletcher for Saints B cruised to 10-0 over RNA B, though the naval B squad were unlucky to lose one of the singles matches 12/10 in the fifth and the doubles 17/15 in the fifth. This places St. Georges B on 47 points from 5 matches. RNA A meanwhile had only been able to pick up 6-4 success against Free Church B and so only have 45 points from 5 matches. However, both teams could be caught by teams which have games in hand. For the naval A crew Tony Thomas and Ken Southwell gained braces and the doubles and crucially Ian Stevens added one single. Tom Brocklehurst kept his three for Church B and Ian Rourke one. In a Free Church derby the A team were held to a 5-5 draw by the C's. Hugh Matthews was unstoppable for Church A in singles and the doubles with John Taylor who chipped in with one single. Chris Mulligan and Stuart Mills took two each for Church C and Pete Rourke one. Free Church A followed that draw with a slightly better result. They squeezed past RNA C 6-4 led by a maximum from Hugh

Matthews who also took the doubles with John Taylor, and Dave Daniels added two. Naval's Dot Macfarlane took a brace, crewmates Graham Heath and Daryl Burgess one each.

Ashorne and FISSC A have been making all the running at the top of Division 3 - and they met with no change in respective positions as the match finished in a 5-5 draw. Roger Kelley was supreme for Ashorne taking singles and the doubles with Chris Bowles, who also contributed a single. Peter Florence and Brian Marston gave the Farmers braces and John Hunt a crucial single. County Council C gained their first victory this season by squashing struggling Standard Photographic A 8-2. Tony Ford and Doug Lowe gained hat-tricks for Council, Pat Woolvin a single and Pat Woolvin and Tony Ford took the doubles. Photographic's Sean Care and Brendan Leahy kept one each.

County matches

Warwickshire Juniors playing in Division 1A of the County Championships have found the going hard against highly ranked players from other counties. In the first day of matches played last week at Grantham, the Warwickshire squad of 4 boys and 3 girls went down 6-4 to a strong squad from Lancashire, drew 5-5 against a weaker Lincolnshire and then were swamped 9-1 by the team from Derbyshire and with the same score to Nottinghamshire. Matthew Cooper (Leamington) gained one good victory in his match against Lancashire and nearly gained another in the Nottinghamshire match. Coventry's Nicki and Rachael Pilgrim both picked up two good wins when they played against Lincolnshire. Nicki Pilgrim was the lone voice for Warwickshire against Derbyshire and Leamington's Stephanie Hawkins did well to keep one against Nottinghamshire.