

Week Commencing 18th November 2002

The first round of the 3-aside team handicapped Southwell Trophy took place last week and two of the matches went all the way to the final game.

First was a local derby composed of players from Free Church teams who play in the 2-aside league. Free Church I / K from Division B had a useful 24 start on Church E from Division A in the hunt to 41 and it was that large handicap that helped the lower teams to win the day. Luke Hobbins and Sam Smith took two singles each for I / K, Joseph Cox added one, (ironically losing both his others at 40/41) and Luke and Joseph added one of the doubles for their winning 6-5 scoreline. Paul Nason kept his three for the E's despite starting on scratch, Keith Knott one and the second doubles between them.

Myton A from Division 3 overcame Free Church F / G from Division A 6-5 even though the match started at +15 to Church. Ray White and Jim Quinn picked up two each, son Jonny White one and the two Whites took one of the doubles. Church's David Whittaker took an excellent treble and the other doubles with Jonathan Mason, who added a single.

AP Sports A / B composed of players from Divisions 1 and 2 had to give away 15 points to Division 3 based Eathorpe B, but AP still emerged the winner 6-2. Andrew Meredith, Eddy Stafford and Gerald Taylor all made braces for AP whilst Ron Coats held onto two for Eathorpe's reply. Surprisingly no doubles were played in this match.

An all Eathorpe matching meant that one Eathorpe team will reach the next round - Eathorpe A. The A's from Division 2 played from zero, the E / F composite squad from Div B had a +22 start - but it was the A's who ran out easy winners at 6-0. Chris Atkins took his two singles, Colin and Matthew Cooper took one each and Matthew Cooper partnered both his father Colin and Chris Atkins to doubles success.

Whitnash A have proved again to be County Council A's Waterloo in Division 1! County Council A only lost once last year on their path to becoming League Champions - and that was to Whitnash, who finished runners-up, a mere 10 points behind Council. And this year could be the same! Or it could be Whitnash's turn to take the top honours. Whitnash A emerged triumphant in their session against Council last week, gaining a 7-3 result placing 'Nash still unbeaten this season from 6 matches, Council with one loss from 7. Whitnash's leading players were Jon Williams and Mark Woolerton who stormed to singles and doubles success. Mark Jackson, Phil Paine and Clive Irwin all kept one for Council's reply.

Colebridge A have had two winning scores over the last two weeks. First they edged past AP Sports A 6-4 and then they rolled over St. Georges A 7-3. Against AP Mike Kendal, Graham Hoskin and John Chandler all made braces for Colebridge whilst Ron Vose held his singles and the doubles with Andrew Meredith for AP. Against Saints, Colebridge's Graham Hoskin, John Chandler and Roy Prosser all took two and Hoskin and Chandler the doubles. Earl Sweeney kept a hat-trick for St. Georges.

Free Church C gained an excellent 8-2 over AP Sports B in Division 2. Chris Mulligan and Stuart Mills took trebles and Kevin Rourke a brace for Church. Eddie Stafford held onto one and the doubles with Stephanie Hawkins for AP. Free Church A also found success, for them 7-3 over Marconi A. Hugh Matthews, John Taylor and Dave Daniels picked up three, two, one respectively and Matthews and Taylor the doubles. Dennis Mockford kept two for Marconi, Roy Joiner one. Closer for Whitnash B against RNA B in a match where 5 games finished in deuce. Paul Riman kept his three for 'Nash,

Jane Dickens two and Dennis Woodhead one for 6-4 victory. Duncan Hall, Richard Smith and Tony Bennett all gave one single to the navy and Hall and Smith the doubles.

Two 7-3 scores in Division 3. First Eathorpe B overcame AP Sports C 7-3 led by Charles Wragg with his three, Michael Rossington two and Ron Coats one and the doubles fell to Rossington and Coats. Carol Meredith held onto two for AP and Ros Freeman one. Then Marconi B tripped up Myton A 7-3 thanks to Stan Render and Geoff Taylor taking singles and doubles. Jonny White, Paul Deavall and Jimmy Quinn all kept one for Myton.

In the two-aside league FISSC B had an emphatic 4-1 result over Eathorpe C in Division A. Brian Marston took his two for the Farmers, Malcolm Smith one and the doubles between them. Eric Smith kept hold of one for Eathorpe.

In Division B there were two whitewashes, with Church and Eathorpe teams involved in both. First Luke Hobbins and Joseph Cox for Free Church I swamped Eathorpe E 5-0. Then Jim French and Sophie Cooper for Eathorpe D rolled over Free Church J 5-0. Finally Free Church J met Eathorpe E and the result was closer - 3-2 to Church. Ricky Fell and Philip Blowey both took one for Church, and Ricky Fell partnered Tom Crellin crucially to doubles success. Katie Hawker kept both her singles for Eathorpe E.