

## Week Commencing 20<sup>th</sup> January 2003

Two good results for the defending champions County Council A put them back at the top of Division 1 though it may be only temporarily. First they defeated Colebridge B 9-1 and then they dampened down Phoenix 10-0. Against Colebridge Mark Jackson, Phil Paine and Clive Irwin all took trebles for Council but the doubles eluded them and went to 'Bridge's Michael Rinnhofer and Neil Wheatley. Against Phoenix it was the same Council trio of Mark Jackson, Phil Paine and Clive Irwin who dominated.

Whitnash A slipped back into second place with their latest scores. First Jon Williams and Mark Woolerton took singles and doubles and Ian Perry added a single to give Whitnash an 8-2 result over AP Sports A. Ron Vose and Andrew Meredith held one each for AP's reply. Then Whitnash were held to a 5-5 draw by third position Nuneaton Bucks, a repeat of their first half score line against Nuneaton and the only 2 matches that 'Nash have not won this season. Jon Williams kept his three for Whitnash, Mark Woolerton two whilst Alan Hewitt picked up a brace for Nuneaton, Dave Grundy and Sohail Caratella one each and Hewitt and Grundy took the doubles. Both having played 12 matches, Council A are on 98 points, Whitnash on 93.

Colebridge B gained a useful 8-2 score over trailing County Council B led by Neil Wheatley supreme in singles and the doubles with Michael Rinnhofer, who picked up a brace as did John Taylor. Derek Harwood held onto two for Council B's reply.

Wellesbourne had an easy ride over St. Georges A who were short of a player so 'Bourne picked up 3 points by default. Andy Cockerill took two, Pete Dunnett one to give Wellesbourne the 6-4 win, whilst Mike Bishop held onto two for Saints, Martyn Todd one and the doubles together.

Free Church B gained their second success this season in Division 2 by defeating RNA B 7-3 led by Ian Rourke's maximum, a brace from Tom Brocklehurst, one from Emma Churchley and the doubles by Rourke and Brocklehurst. Richard Smith held onto two for the naval crew, Richard Miles one though with 10 sets won on deuce the match could have gone very differently.

RNA C however had the match of Eathorpe A when they cruised to 9-1 victory with three each from Andy Davies and Dot Macfarlane, two from Daryl Burgess who also took the doubles with Dot Macfarlane. Matthew Cooper kept Eathorpe from the doldrums with a single.

St. Georges B sneaked into top place (86 points from 12 matches puts them ahead of Free Church A by 1 point) when they saw off Marconi A 8-2. Rob Warnes and Alf Chapman were both in fine form for Saints taking their singles, Tracey Fletcher chipped in with a single and the doubles with Rob Warnes. Nuri Gunde and Dave Kelly both kept hold of one for Marconi.

Mixed results for Eathorpe B in Division 3. First they fell 8-2 to Free Church D - and then they squashed Standard Photographic A by the reverse score. Against Church Ron Coats and Dave Hawker kept one each for Eathorpe, but Paul Nason and Mike Skidmore took singles and the doubles for Church and Graham Cooper, playing in his first match after long term injury, added a useful single. Trebles from Calvin Woodings and Michael Rossington and two from Ron Coats gave 'Thorpe B the convincing win over Photographic 8-2. For the opposition Sean Care came back strongly to take his single and to partner Chris Fincham to doubles victory which they took in the fifth after being 2 sets down.

County Council C had yet another win when they eclipsed Ashorne 7-3 led by straight set maximums from Tony Ford and Doug Lowe and one from Andy Woodfield. Simon Chalker and Chris Bowles retained one single each for Ashorne and the doubles went to Simon Chalker partnering Steve Bolton.

Another 7-3, this time FISSC A over RNA E. Brian Marston, George Mudie and John Hunt took three, two, one respectively for the Farmers and Mudie and Marston paired up for the doubles. Jim Thomas kept two for the navy, Wilf Harris one.

Two good results for FISSC B in Division A of the two-aside league. Firstly in a late card from before Christmas George Mudie and Brian Marston rolled over Free Church G 5-0 in an away match. The home fixture this month saw the same score with Farmers John Hunt and Brian Marston squashing Church G 5-0 in straight sets.

Free Church F meanwhile also picked up maximum points 5-0. Their target was Eathorpe C with Church's Jonathan Mason and David Whittaker the Church pair in control. Leaders Free Church E did not do quite so well but they were playing FISSC B. Paul Nason took his two, Estyn Williams one and the doubles together to give Church E the 4-1 score. Mark Kingham held onto one for the Farmers. These results put FISSC B equal second in the division, well behind Church E but equal with St. Georges C.

Free Church H in Division B had only lost one match this season until this week when they again lost to close contender Free Church I 3-2. Ben McNally and Adam Cooper both took one for Church H in this local derby whilst Luke Hobbins held his singles for I. Predictably the crucial doubles went to 5 sets before Luke Hobbins and Joseph Cox triumphed to give Church I the victory 3-2. These two teams are out in front of the division with 2 points between them and the H's in the lead.

Philip Morby and Ryan Fenwick for St. Georges D had to work hard but managed to see off Eathorpe F 5-0. Eathorpe D meanwhile had the 4-1 edge on Free Church K with Keith Miles playing his first competitive match for 12 years. Keith took both his singles, Jim French one and the doubles between them. Sam Smith took the consolation single for Church.

A closer encounter for Eathorpe E against Free Church J. Katie Hawker took both her singles to 5 for Eathorpe but only gained one of them but also took the doubles with Nicola Rossington. Philip Blowey showed his star potential at 10 by winning both his singles which, with Tom Crellin's one, gave Church J the match 3-2.