

Week Commencing 21st April 2003

Free Church E hit problems with their penultimate match in Division A but still end up top of the division with 64 points. One of Church's players was not able to make it to the match against FISSC in Stratford when Longbridge roundabout was blocked by an accident and so Church forfeited three points. They also lost the only two singles played and so Farmers Brian Marston and George Mudie took a clean sweep 5-0. Church E turned the tables when they played Standard Photographic B with Paul Nason and Keith Knott picking up the 5-0 result for Church.

FISSC B had a less good time against Eathorpe C going down 4-1. Eric Smith took his two for 'Thorpe, Richard Freeman one and the doubles together. Brian Marston consoled Farmers with a single. Eathorpe C also took out Free Church G 4-1 with again Eric Smith taking his two, Richard Freeman one and the doubles together. Robin Hirons worked hard to keep the one point for Church 11/8 in the fifth.

Standard Photographic B gained only their second win of the season when they edged past Free Church F 3-2. Brendan Leahy took his two singles for Photo, Peter and Jonathan Mason one each for Church and then Tim Bott partnered Brendan Leahy to doubles success 9/11, 13/11, 5/11, 12/10, 12/10 for the match for Photographic.

A lost card result from Christmas time gave another win for FISSC B. They ran over Standard Photographic B 4-1 with two singles wins for George Mudie, one for Mark Kingham plus the doubles.

In Division B Free Church H sealed their place at the top of the table with a 5-0 straight sets hammering of Eathorpe F. Chris Blowey and Adam Cooper took the singles for the victorious Church squad and Ben McNally partnered Chris Blowey for the doubles.

Close contenders for the title, Free Church I had to settle for second place in the end though they had given the H's a good run. In their final match Church I picked up a 4-1 score over Eathorpe E. Luke Hobbins won his two singles, Joseph Cox one and the doubles together. Nicola Rossington clung onto one for Eathorpe.

Eathorpe E also went down 4-1 to club-mates Eathorpe D. Jim French took two for the D's, Chris Long one and the doubles together but once again Nicola Rossington holds onto one for the E's. This was Nicola's last match - she goes off to college in the autumn. Eathorpe D were however pipped 3-2 by Free Church J, though with two matches lost on deuce (14/16 in the fourth and 16/18 in the fifth) the result could easily have been better for 'Thorpe. Phil Blowey and Ricky Fell won one single each for Church and Ricky Fell won the doubles with Tom Crellin to give Church the victory. However none could stop Sophie Cooper winning her two with ease for Eathorpe.

St. Georges D also finished with a 3-2. Philip Morby won both his singles and Steven Morby one to give Church the success. For opponents Free Church K Sam Smith held one and the doubles with brother Tom.

Its still very tight in Division 1. Whitnash A are looking good for the title with a 9-1 score in against St. Georges A whilst defending champions County Council A fell 6-4 to Nuneaton. For Whitnash, Jon Williams and Kevin Ariss took trebles, Mark Woolerton a brace and Williams and Woolerton took the doubles. Saints' Mike Bishop stopped the whitewash by taking a single. For Council Mark Jackson picked up two, Phil Paine and Clive Irwin one each but Matt Hobday gained a hat-trick for Nuneaton plus the winning doubles with Alan Hewitt who took two singles as well.

Nuneaton are also posting two more wins. They also edged out Blessed George Napier A 6-4 with Alan Hewitt and Arun Jogi taking braces, Pete Morris a single plus the doubles for the match by Pete Morris and Alan Hewitt. Simon Nolan kept his three for BGN and Paul Rowan one. Even better for Nuneaton against Flavels which finished at 8-2 to the town. Mick Allsopp and Arun Jogi both took hat-tricks, Pete Morris a single, losing another 10/12 in the fifth and the doubles went to Morris and Jogi. Len Coonan and Roger Potts both kept one for Flavels' reply.

Wellesbourne gained a victory by the close margin of 6-4 though with one of the opposing players from Colebridge A injured during the match and so forfeiting two points it was an easier victory than it should have been. Pete Dunnett won two for 'Bourne, Andy Cockerill one and the doubles together. Waseem Shahzad took his three for Colebridge and John Chandler one.

Colebridge B gained a 7-3 result over Flavels and so may be consigning Flavels to relegation. Michael Rinnhofer, Vikas Bakhshi and John Taylor took three, two, one respectively and Rinnhofer and Bakhshi the doubles for Colebridge's victory. Len Coonan hung onto two for Flavels, Mick Bennett one.

St. Georges A eclipsed Phoenix 9-1 led by Martyn Todd and Earl Sweeney with trebles, Mike Bishop a brace and Todd and Bishop paired up to take the doubles. Alan Jones kept the one for Phoenix.

AP Sports A gained their second victory this season by defeating relegation doomed County Council B 7-3. Ron Vose, Andrew Meredith and Edward Freeman took three, two, one respectively for AP and Vose and Meredith the doubles. This was Edward Freeman's first win in div 1. Derek Harwood kept two for Council, Reg Warnes one.