

Week Commencing 21st October 2002

Down in the second of the two 2-aside divisions, Division B, Free Church H are making their mark in a most impressive fashion. They have so far won all 4 of their matches and have only dropped one point, putting them onto 19 points, far ahead of the rest of the division. This week Adam Cooper and Chris Blowey for Church H crushed St. Georges D in the singles whilst Ben McNally and Chris Blowey had a closer 5-set encounter in the doubles to give Church the 5-0 score over the Saints. Newcomers to the league Free Church K found their first points in their latest two matches - and even a win. First they squeezed past Eathorpe F 3-2, Sam and Tom Smith taking one each and the doubles to give them the edge, Ian Western holding onto his two for 'Thorpe. Then Eathorpe E overcame Church K 4-1 despite a single held onto by Sam Smith. Michael Rossington took two, Nicola Rossington one and the doubles between them for Eathorpe. Eathorpe F bounced back to take out Free Church J 3-2 led by reserve Dave Hawker with his singles and the doubles with Lawrie Western. Ricky Fell and Philip Blowey both kept one for Church J. Another 3-2 in an Eathorpe / Church encounter. Jim French and Sophie Cooper scored one single each and the doubles together to give Eathorpe D the success whilst Luke Hobbins kept both his singles for Free Church I.

In Division A Free Church E are currently in the pole position at this early stage of the season, having this week beaten club-mates Church G 4-1. Paul Nason held both his singles for the E's, skipper Estyn Williams one and the doubles between them. Robin Hirons consoled Church G with one single. St. Georges C picked up a close win, 3-2 over Eathorpe C, courtesy of Richard Grover's singles and the doubles with dad Derek. Eric Smith and Richard Freeman both kept one for Eathorpe.

Ashorne look in fine form in Division 3 this year and have marched into their third win from three outings with a 10-0 defeat of Standard Photographic A. The trio in charge were Ashorne's Roger Kelley, Steve Bolton and Chris Bowles though the match was not as one sided as the score suggests. Free Church D had an excellent result 9-1 over Myton A. Jonathan Taylor and Ron Stanbridge both took trebles for Church, Paul Nason a brace and Taylor and Nason took the doubles. Ray White consoled Myton by taking the sole point. Closer for FISSC A against Blessed George Napier B, which finished in 6-4 victory for the Farmers. George Mudie and Pete Florence gave the Farmers braces, Mal Smith a single and Mudie and Smith the crucial doubles while Michael Rowan kept two for BGN, brother and mum Daniel and Janice kept one each.

Two tight results in Division 2. First Free Church C edged past RNA D 6-4 one day and then the next Marconi A took the doubles to give them the 6-4 score over Free Church B. For Church C Chris Mulligan and Stuart Mills took two singles each and the doubles together plus the critical single from Kevin Rourke to give them the win. Richard Lancucki kept his three for the naval side and Steve Shaw a single. Marconi's Richard Jardim held his three, Dennis Mockford two and Gordon Tucker one to give them the victory, Church B 's Cherry Matthews keeping two, Tom Brocklehurst one and the doubles together. Just as tight was Eathorpe A's encounter with Free Church B which finished with a 5-5 draw. Cherry Matthews was impressive, taking her three and the doubles with Emma Churchley, who added the single for the B's results. For Eathorpe Chris Atkins and Colin Cooper took two each, son Matthew Cooper one. Two naval sides met in battle with the C side cruising over the D team 8-2. Dot Macfarlane and Daryl Burgess picked up trebles for RNA C, crewmate Andy Davies one and the doubles with Daryl Burgess. Steve Shaw and Pam Beedham both kept one for RNA D.

County Council A keep up their successes in Division 1 with an 8-2 result over Blessed George Napier A. Mark Jackson led council with his three singles, Phil Paine and Clive Irwin both took braces and Jackson and Paine grabbed the doubles. For BGN Paul Rowan and Simon Nolan both held one. Whitnash A also had a good week. They rolled over Phoenix 9-1 with Jon Williams and Mark

Woolerton taking singles and doubles for Whitnash and Ian Perry a brace. Martyn Tallis kept one to salve Phoenix's pride.