

Week Commencing 27th January 2003

In Division 3 Marconi B may be the team to watch. Still undefeated they saw off fancied Blessed George Napier B with an emphatic 7-3 score. Steve Smith, Stan Render and Geoff Taylor picked up three, two, one respectively for Marconi and Render and Smith the doubles whilst BGN's Michael Rowan took two and brother Daniel one. This puts Marconi out in front with 81 points from 11 matches, an average ahead of any other team.

A rare defeat for County Council C who, fielding an under-strength team, went down badly 9-1 to Myton A apart from a single by Andy Woodfield. Jonny White and Jim Quinn took singles and doubles for Myton and Paul Deavall added a brace.

AP Sports C also had a good week and gained their best result and their first win in the division. They over-ran Standard Photographic A 7-3 led by reserve Richard Grover who took his singles and the doubles with Rosalind Freeman who also took a brace and Charlotte Freeman added one. Brendan Leahy held onto two for Photographic and Sean Care one.

Ashorne edged past Free Church D 6-4 thanks to Roger Kelley and Chris Bowles taking the doubles (the last game) in the fifth set. Roger Kelley also won his three singles and Chris Bowles and Steve Bolton one each. Paul Nason took two for Church, Graham Cooper and Mike Skidmore one each. With two matches won 12/10 in the fifth the final score could have gone any way.

RNA E cruised over Eathorpe B 8-2 thanks to Jim Thomas and Steve Prosser taking singles and doubles and Ken Hassel chipping in with a single. Ron Coats and Calvin Woodings both kept one for Thorpe.

The top two teams in Division 2 faced each other with only one point between them and it was the so far unbeaten Free Church A who toppled falling 7-3 to St. Georges B. Alf Chapman led the Saints with an excellent hat-trick, Rob Bennett and Rob Warnes added two and one respectively and the doubles. Hugh Matthews kept two for Church with his first defeat of the season and Dave Daniels one.

RNA A gained an 8-2 victory over AP Sports B though the match was closer than the score suggests. Tony Thomas took the maximum with three singles and the doubles with Ken Southwell who took a brace as did Kim Wong for the navy. AP's Gerald Taylor and Tony Williams both kept one in reply.

Whitnash B picked off Free Church C 9-1 though Church were especially unlucky to lose the doubles to Nash's Jane Dickens and Dennis Woodhead 12/10 in the fifth. Dennis Woodhead and Jane Dickens both also took their singles and Paul Riman a brace. Stuart Mills salvaged Church's pride with a single.

Free Church C bounced back to sink RNA D 9-1 led in singles and doubles by Chris Mulligan and Stuart Mills and a useful brace from Pete Rourke. Steve Kurle held the naval point.

Eathorpe A gained their fourth success with their best result to date, 9-1 over RNA B. Chris Atkins and Matthew Cooper took three each and the doubles together and Colin Cooper a brace whilst Tony Bennett won the naval consolation point 11/9 in the fifth of the last game.

Free Church B gained only their third win this season with an 8-2 result against Marconi A. Tom Brocklehurst won his three, Cherry Matthews and Emma Churchley two each and the doubles went to Tom Brocklehurst and Emma Churchley. Marconi's Nuri Gandez held onto two.

AP Sports B may have pulled themselves off the bottom of the division with their second success, 7-3 against next door placed team RNA D. Eddie Stafford, Tony Williams and Stephanie Hawkins took three, two, one respectively and Eddie and Steph the doubles. Steve Kurle held two for the naval crew, Pam Beedham one.

Wellesbourne improved their scores with an 8-2 result over AP Sports A in Division 1. Andy Cockerill took his three for 'Bourne, Pete Dunnett and Jim Betts two each and the doubles went to the experienced duo of Cockerill and Dunnett. AP's Ron Vose held onto their points.

Previously Colebridge A had met AP Sports A - and the same 8-2 scoreline had resulted. Waseem Shahzad had predictably taken his maximum, Graham Hoskin and John Chandler two each and the doubles went to Shahzad and Hoskin. Ron Vose once again kept two points for AP.

Flavels were particularly unlucky. First they went down 9-1 to Blessed George Napier A and then were deprived of a win against two-man Phoenix. Against BGN Len Coonan took the only game for Flavels whilst Zhoa Shuang and Sam Clarke picked up the singles and doubles for BGN and Simon Nolan a brace. Len Coonan again took one in the match against Phoenix which with the three voided points made the score 6-4 to Phoenix. Allan Stockham gained his three for Phoenix, Martin Tallis two and the doubles together.

BGN A then slipped heavily 9-1 to St. Georges A with Mike Bishop and Martin Todd taking hat-tricks for Saints and Earl Sweeney a brace. Interestingly the Warwickshire mixed doubles semifinalists who play for BGN were no match for the hard hitting of Mike Bishop and Martin Todd in the doubles.

St. Georges C had an excellent 4-1 result against Free Church G in Division A in the 2-aside league. Richard Grover took his predictable two, dad Derek added a useful one and the doubles together. Robin Hirons kept one for Church's pride.

Free Church F also achieved a 4-1 score - their opponent Standard Photographic B. David Whittaker took his two, Jonathan Mason one and the doubles together for Church whilst Brendan Leahy held onto one point for 'Photo by the skin of his teeth - 12/10 in the fifth.

Free Church H keep in the lead in Division B by edging past Eathorpe F 3-2. Ben McNally and Chris Blowey took one each and the competitive doubles went to Chris Blowey partnered by Adam Cooper. But none could halt Eathorpe's Ian Western who took his first brace in the league in this his first season. Second placed Free Church I however were less lucky against an Eathorpe side. Church went down 3-2 to Eathorpe E for whom new player Eugene Mawn picked up his two and the doubles with Katie Hawker. Luke Hobbins and Joseph Cox both kept one for Church.

Eathorpe D also had a good time against a Church team, J this time. Jim French took his two for 'Thorpe, Sophie Cooper one and the doubles together for a 4-1 score, Tom Crellin holding onto one for Church J to prevent a whitewash.

St. Georges D also gained a 4-1 victory over a Church side, K this one. Ryan Fenwick took his two for Saints, Philip Morby one and the doubles together whilst Sam Smith hung onto one for Church K's reply.

Representative matches

In the Veterans Division 1 of the Midlands League there were two good home results for the Veteran A squad. First the team drew 5-5 with Kidderminster after losing the doubles which was the key game. Phil Paine and Graham Hoskin took two each for Spa, Earl Sweeney one.

Then Leamington had to face Bromsgrove - which resulted in an 8-2 success thanks to Phil Paine who gained his three singles and the doubles 14/12 in the fifth, with Graham Hoskin, who added a brace as did Pete Dunnett. This gives Leamington a total of 6 points for the two matches from the win and the draw.

In the Mens Division 1 the Leamington Mens A trio were matched at home by the favourites Loughborough - and Spa went down 6-4. Phil Paine took two , Jon Williams and Mark Woolerton one each. This was Leamington's second match - they beat Oxford before Christmas.