

Week Commencing 8th November 2004

Mixed fortunes for defending champions Riverhouse B in Division A within a week. First they eclipsed Free Church E 4-1, then they did the same to LCP Dreamers but a day later they were defeated 4-1 by Free Church H. Against Church E Steve Proctor took two for Riverhouse, Nathan Lee one and the doubles at 12/10 in the fifth whilst Keith Knott held onto one in reply for Church. In the LCP match, Steve Shaw won two, Nathan Lee one and the doubles with Simon Dainty holding onto the consolation point for the Dreamers. But against Church H only Marc Peart could take one for Riverhouse whilst Chris Blowey took his two, Anita Whitehouse one in her league debut match and the doubles together to give Church the win and their first victory. Free Church E bounced back to see off Eathorpe C 3-2 with Keith Knott picking up his two and crucially the doubles with Estyn Williams, this time won at 12/10 in the fifth. Eric Smith and Richard Freeman kept one each for Eathorpe. Free Church F picked up a 4-1 victory, St. Georges E the losers. Sam Smith took two, Steve Richards one plus the doubles together for Church, Philip Morby a good win for Saints to save the whitewash. Worse for St. Georges E against Free Church G when the Saints went down 5-0. Ben McNally and Adam Cooper took singles and doubles for the G's who have yet to lose a match. Eathorpe D and LCP Packers had all to play for as neither had won this season yet. It was a keen match with the Packers duo of Doug Smith and Sara Hemp taking one single each. Sophie Cooper gained her brace for Eathorpe and combined with Peter Nicholson for an excellent performance and the doubles success for the match to be won 3-2 by the Eathorpe team.

An LCP local derby in Division B between the Groovers and the Inkers saw the Inkers swallowing their colleagues with a 5-0 whitewash. Nicky Barrett and James Dex took the singles and doubles wins. Eathorpe E also profited from playing their club-mates. Dave and Katie Hawker took braces and the doubles for the E's 5-0 cleansweep of Eathorpe H. Eathorpe F almost did as well, picking up a 4-1 success over St. Georges F for Saints' first loss. Chris Long took his two singles for Eathorpe, Robert Fay one and the doubles with dad Michael. Karen Toozer worked hard to keep hold of one for the Saints.

St. Georges A and County Council A had yet to slip this season in Division 1 so a closely fought match was on the cards. In the end the outcome was only decided in the last game of the night when Earl Sweeney and Mike Bishop won the doubles to add to their two singles wins apiece earlier, which added to the other vital singles win by Ian Packford gave Saints A the 6-4 victory. For Council Matthew Hobday had hit top form and gained a splendid hat trick and Phil Paine gave the other success in a tremendous 5-setter. Similarly St. Georges B picked up their win at 6-4 over Colebridge B in a great match played in the right spirit, topped off by a much appreciated visit by League President John Earles. Ron Vose led Saints with a trio, Rob Warnes took two and Alf Chapman contributed a useful one. For Colebridge Pete Roddy made a brace, Neil Wheatley one and the doubles with Navinder Matharu. Previously Colebridge B had overcome Wellesbourne, 7-3 their score. Neil Wheatley, Paul Collins and Navinder Matharu all taking braces and the doubles also going to Colebridge. Pete Dunnett kept his three singles for Wellesbourne. The same winning score for Colebridge B against Riverhouse A. Pete Roddy took his three, Neil Wheatley and Navinder Matharu again making braces for 'bridge, Simon Griew replying for Riverhouse with two and the doubles with Kevin Finn.

Two 5-5 draws for St. Georges D in Division 2. First they played Eathorpe A and Tracey Fletcher gained her three for Saints, Gary Edwards and Bert Banks one each whilst Allan Stockham picked up two for Eathorpe and the doubles with Matthew Cooper who took one single as did Chris Atkins. With four matches ending on deuce the score could easily have gone differently. Against AP Sports A, Bert Banks and Gary Edwards took two each and the doubles for the draw and AP's Eddy Stafford kept his three, Gerald Taylor and Andrew Meredith one each. Almost as close for RNA C against

Marconi which finished at 6-4 when Steve Smith and Dennis Mockford won the doubles to give Marconi the victory, with Steve Smith already having won a treble, Dennis Mockford and Roy Joiner one each. Naval crew Daryl Burgess kept two, Dot Macfarlane and Andy Davies one each for the C's first loss in 6 matches. Trebles from John Taylor and Stuart Mills plus one from Pete Rourke gave Free Church C a 7-3 score over Ashorne. Ian Reader and Roger Kelley kept one each and the doubles for Ashorne's reply. First win for County Council B who had been having a disappointing season. Derek Harwood and Nilton Green took singles and doubles and Sue Clarke chipped in with one for Council's 8-2 result. Robin Fox-Strangways and Richard Smith took one for opponents RNA D.

An emphatic win for RNA B in Division 3 to put them up the positions into the lead. They rolled over Eathorpe B 10-0 with Steve Poole, Duncan Hall and Dave Harding all taking their singles and Poole and Hall the doubles. Whitnash C also had a good result, they knocked out County Council C 7-3 with Paul Riman and Dennis Woodhead taking singles and doubles. Tony Ford, Howard Rodgers and Pat Woolvin all held one for Council. St. Georges C edged their first success at 6-4 over AP Sports B when Tony Bennett picked up his third single of the night to add to the three taken by Rob Bennett. Tony Williams, Stephanie Hawkins and Carol Meredith all kept one for AP and Tony and Stephanie took the doubles. BGN B used their superior experience to crush new entrants to division LCP Spartans 9-1. Malcolm Macfarlane and Keith Woodcock took trebles, Janice Rowan a brace and the doubles went to Rowan and Woodcock. Nick Blackmore held onto the consoling point for LCP.

In Midland League Veteran division 5 Leamington B won their first match against Nuneaton. Rob Bennett took a treble and Mick Bennett a brace and the doubles together for the 6-4 victory.