

Week Commencing 18th October 2004

Less good fortunes for County Council C in Division 3 after a first week win. They followed that win with a 7-3 loss against FISSC and then a 5-5 draw against St. Georges C. Against FISSC Tony Ford took his three whilst Farmers George Mudie, Brian Marston and John Hunt picked up two each. And George and John the doubles. Against the Bennett family from Saints C, Tony Ford and newcomer Howard Rodgers took braces and Andy Woodfield a single for Council but none of them could stop Martin Bennett for Saints who picked up his three and the doubles with brother Rob whilst another brother Tony critically chipped in with a single to give the draw. Whitnash C took their first match with a confident 7-3 courtesy of Paul Riman and Dennis Woodhead creaming off singles and doubles. For opponents Eathorpe B all three players, Michael Rossington, Ron Coats and reserve Eugene Mawn took one each.

Two excellent scores for St. Georges A in Division 1. First they overcame Wellesbourne 8-2 led by Earl Sweeney in singles and the doubles with Mike Bishop who took a brace of singles as did new face Pete Dasher in his first Leamington match. Gary Stewart held onto two for Wellesbourne. Then Saints overpowered promoted Riverhouse A 10-0. Ian Packford, Earl Sweeney and Mike Bishop all took trebles and Packford and Bishop the doubles. Riverhouse had however picked up their first win in div 1 the previous week when they played the other team come up from last season's div 2, RNA A in a battle that ended with the runners-up beating the winners! Richard Lancucki took his three for 'House, Brian Morris two and Simon Griew one, whilst the 7-3 result was cemented with the doubles taken by Richard and Simon. For the naval pride, Tony Thomas, Ken Southwell and Ian Stevens all held onto one. RNA A did not do any better against St. Georges B going down 8-2 despite a strong effort with Ken Southwell and Tony Thomas both holding onto lone singles. For Saints B and their first win this season, Alf Chapman and Rob Warnes both took two, and Brian Aston three with Aston and Warnes adding the doubles. In a late card from the first week Whitnash A over-ran BGN A 9-1 with Jon Williams and Richard Arnold taking singles and doubles for 'Nash and Jane Dickens a brace. Simon Nolan held one single in recompense for BGN.

Two teams in Division 2 may well be pleased with their recent performance against the same side, Ashorne who have moved up from div 3 after finishing second in the spring. First AP Sports A romped to a 10-0 score and then RNA D drew 5-5. For AP Andrew Meredith, Eddie Stafford and Gerald Taylor all gained trebles and Meredith and Stafford the doubles. The naval side RNA D also have just come up from div3 where they had finished on top so the draw may be a fair representation of their respective abilities. Jim Thomas gave a naval brace, Robin Fox-Strangways and Pam Beedham one each and the doubles. For Ashorne Roger Kelley took his three, and Simon Chalker two. AP Sports A went on to draw 5-5 with RNA C in a tight match where half the games went to 5 sets. For AP Gerald Taylor and Eddie Stafford took two each and Tony Williams one for the draw. For the navy Dot Macfarlane was in fine form winning her three, Daryl Burgess chipped in with one and crucially Dot partnered Andy Davies in the last game the doubles to success at 11/7 in the fifth to ensure the draw.

In the 2-aside league Division A Free Church E had a 5-0 win over LCP Dreamers though the match was not as one-sided as the score suggests. Estyn Williams and Keith Knott took singles and doubles for Church E. Free Church G also gained a 5-0 victory, Eathorpe C their opposition, both teams unbeaten till that point. Adam Cooper and Luke Hobbins took impressive singles and doubles against Eathorpe's duo, showing how their form has improved since entering the league.

New adult team LCP Inkers found their first league win in Division B at 4-1 over Eathorpe H, a team of beginners all aged 11 or 12. James Dex took two, John Storey one (in his first match) and the doubles together for LCP but were denied a whitewash by the determination of eleven year old

Alastair Nicholson who came from behind to win a tough 5 setter. Free Church I had an easier time, winning 5-0 in straight sets against LCP Groovers, young stalwarts Ricky Fell and Phil Blowey taking singles and Ricky Fell and Tom Crellin the doubles for Church. Church I have not dropped a point in 2 matches. Free Church J also triumphed, with Philip Booth taking his two, Ross McDermott one and the doubles together though two games could only be won in the fifth set in an excellent match between two young teams finishing at 4-1. Jack Henderson persevered to take one in consolation for opponents Eathorpe G at 12/10, 11/9, 16/14.