

Week Commencing 9th January 2006

In Division 3 of the 3-aside league, which will not be finished until April, RNA D reach the halfway stage in pole position with 9 wins from 11 outings. Recently the RNA D crew of Steve Kurle, Robin Fox-Strangways and Jim Thomas defeated County Council D 10-0. Then RNA D beat AP B 7-3 Albert McKay three, Jim Thomas two and the doubles together, Steve Kurle one. Charlotte Freeman, Tony Williams and Stephanie Hawkins all kept one for AP. Church D then drew 5-5 against RNA D in a tightly contested match where no player was unbeaten and the draw the fair result. Ron Stanbridge and Pete Rourke two each and Llyryn Brocklehurst one for Church, Robin Fox Strangways one, Albert McKay two and the doubles together and Jim Thomas one for the navy. Rugby Lawford were newcomers to the division this season but have done well and are currently in second place, though St. Georges D are on their shoulders. Rugby Lawford saw off Eathorpe B 8-2 with Tristan Mobbs two, Matthew Outhwaite three, Steven Maddison two and the doubles with Matthew. Ron Coats and Steven Maddison one each for Eathorpe. Rugby then beat Council D 6-4 with Tom Bradley two, Ben Meakin one, Tristan Mobbs two, Ben and Tristan the doubles. Tony Ford kept three for Council, Andy Woodfield one. In what may prove crucial, Rugby (Alan Chan three, Alum Durrani two and the doubles together plus Joe Stoica two) beat St. Georges D 8-2 (Martin Bennett a brace). Finally Rugby saw off AP B 7-3, Alan Chan three, Alum Durrani two and the doubles together plus Jack Koumi one for Rugby, Tony Williams two and Stephanie Hawkins one for AP. St. Georges D (Rob Bennett and Martin Bennett trebles, Rob and Tony Bennett the doubles) beat Free Church E 7-3 (Chris Blowey, Tom Hunt and Philip Blowey one each for Church). Saints also saw off Eathorpe C 8-2, with trebles from Rob and Tony Bennett, a single from Luke and the doubles with Martin Bennett. Eathorpe's Sophie Cooper and Alistair Nicholson kept one each. County Council D rolled over Eathorpe C 9-1, Howard Rodgers and Tony Ford three each, Pat Woolvin two and the doubles with Howard Rodgers for Council, Alistair Nicholson one for Eathorpe. Tony Ford's treble plus Howard Rodgers' single meant Council were only edged out 6-4 by Free Church D, Ron Stanbridge and Luke Hobbins two and the doubles, plus one from Adam Cooper. Eathorpe B gained a 7-3 result over two man Standard Photographic. Ron Coats two, Paul Deavall one and the doubles together plus 3 forfeited points. Chris Fincham one and Brendan Leahy two for Photo. FISSC A (George Mudie two, John Hunt two, Mark Kingham three) beat Ashorne 7-3 (Roger Kelley two and the doubles with Chris Bowles) and then edged out Free Church D 6-4, David Milton three, John Hunt two and the doubles for the Farmers, Pete Rourke two, Ron Stanbridge and Llyryn Brocklehurst one each for Church. Church D squeezed past Standard Photographic 7-3, Pete Rourke and Ron Stanbridge three each, Adam Cooper one for Church, Brendan Leahy and Geoff Taylor one each for Photo plus the doubles from Chris Fincham and Brendan Leahy. In an Eathorpe local derby the B team of Ron Coats, Charles Wragg and Michael Rossington whitewashed the C youngster's 10-0. County Council D (Tony Ford three, Pat Woolvin one plus doubles together) drew 5-5 with Ashorne (Steve Bolton and Roger Kelley braces, Chris Bowles one). FISSC A (George Mudie two, Mark Kingham and Brian Marston one each, the doubles from George and Mark) plus 3 forfeits beat two man Standard Photo 8-2, Geoff Taylor two.

County Council A continue unbeaten in Division 1 with a 10-0 result over Colebridge A by Mathew Hobday, Phil Paine and Clive Irwin. Then they defeated Flavels 9-1, Pat McCabe and Clive Irwin three each, Phil Paine two plus the doubles with Clive for Council, Damon Fenton one for Flavels. Colebridge B picked up 7 forfeited points in their match against BGN, who could only field one player, who lost his matches to Michael Rinnhofer, Navinder Matharu and Tom Hearne, to give the 10-0 result. County Council B picked up an 8-2 success over RNA C, with Nilton Green three, Simon Griew two and the doubles together, Derek Harwood two for Council, Tony Thomas two for the navy. Free Church A Gary Webb, Alan Jones and High Matthews rolled over Flavels 10-0.

In Division 2 St. Georges C lie in front with 8 wins so far and three draws from 11 matches. They saw off Whitnash B 7-3 with a brace from Alf Chapman and singles from Gary Edwards and Brian Aston. Paul Ryman kept two and the doubles with Dennis Woodhead for Whitnash. Saints also defeated County Council C 7-3, Bert Banks three, Andy Caine two and Gary Edwards one, Bert and Gary the doubles. Reg Warnes, Susan Clarke and Doug Lowe all held one in reply. Second placed Copsewood are doing well as well. Richard Jardim and Gordon Tucker took hat-tricks, Dennis Mockford one plus the doubles with Gordon for the 8-2 victory over Free Church C. Cherry Matthews and Les Hoggins one each for Church. Free Church C bounced back to cruise over RNA B 9-1, who were one short giving away three points. Les Hoggins one, Cherry Matthews and Stuart Mills two each and the doubles went to Les and Stuart. Dave Harding kept one for the navy. Rugby Town (Ian Randle three, Daniel Fellowes two and Jack Randle one) edged past AP A 6-4, (Andrew Meredith two, Edward Freeman one and the doubles together). A 5-5 draw from RNA B against County Council C with Steve Poole two, Richard Miles and Dave Harding one each and the doubles went to Steve and Dave. Doug Lowe and Reg Warnes braces and Graham Roberts one for Council.

The Warwickshire Closed Championships take place at St. Nicholas Park Leisure Centre, Warwick on Sunday 15th January 2005 starting at 9am with group matches for Juniors, Cadets, Mens and Veterans. In addition there are events for Ladies, Under 13, doubles and mixed doubles. This year there is a particularly large entry for the Over 50 and eight players in the Over 60 singles. Full details on the website <http://leamingtont.tripod.com> and spectators will be most welcome.