

Week Commencing 13th March 2006

In Division A an Eathorpe local derby saw the E team beat the D's 4-1, Charles Wragg two, Peter Nicholson one and the doubles for E, Richard Freeman one for D. The doubles by Tom Jamie and Chris Long added to their one single each gave Eathorpe G the 3-2 win in a close contest over FISSC B 3-2, Mark Kingham and Tony Scott keeping one each for the Farmers. Eathorpe G also edged out Free Church F 3-2, new signing Murray Stevenson giving Eathorpe two and the doubles with Chris Long. Keith Knott and Jake Harrison kept one each for Church. Joe and Steven Shaw took singles and doubles to give Riverhouse Henley B a 5-0 whitewash of Free Church F. Church F recovered to roll over Eathorpe D 5-0, Keith Knott and Jake Harrison taking singles and doubles. Then a tight 3-2 for Eathorpe D over club-mates Eathorpe F with Eric Smith and Richard Freeman adding the doubles in the fifth to one single each for the match. Dave Hawker kept his two for Eathorpe F's solace. Paul Nason's brace and the doubles with Lawrence Sweeney gave St. Georges E 3-2 success against LCP Dreamers, Simon Dainty and Simon Walmesley taking one each for LCP. St. Georges F also won at 3-2 over LCP Dreamers, Philip Morby and Steven Johnson one each and the doubles for Saints, Simon Dainty and Simon Walmesley again one each for Dreamers. George Mudie and John Hunt took singles and doubles for FISSC B to roll over St. Georges F 5-0.

Free Church G took a 4-1 victory in Division B, Ricky Fell two, Tom Crellin one plus the doubles with James Matharu holding onto one for opponents Eathorpe J's reply. LCP Packers took out Free Church I 4-1, Nicky Barrett and Doug Smith giving Packers the singles, Philip Booth and Anthony Reeve the doubles for Church. Then Packers saw off Free Church J 4-1, Doug Smith two, Sara Hemp one and the doubles for Packers, Russell Spencer one single for Church J. Church I also went down to Church H 4-1, Tom Smith two, Michael Turner one plus the doubles together for H, Philip Booth one for I's reply. Church H then fell 4-1 to Church J, Charlotte Spencer two and the doubles with dad Russell, Luke Spencer one for J and Tom Smith one for H.

A series of 5-0 whitewashes in Division C. First by LCP Inkers (Nicky Barrett and James Dex) over Eathorpe H, then Free Church K (Lewis Barge 2, Jakob Lane 2 plus doubles with Callum Jeromson) against Free Church M. Another Church derby saw the L's (Scott Delday and Jack Hobbins) wipe out the M's. Philippa Dalley and Dave Overton took singles and doubles to give LCP Groovers clear wins over Free Church P and Free Church O. Father and daughter Mark and Elizabeth Hancock had an easy passage as Eathorpe I against Free Church O. Not so easy for Eathorpe I against Free Church N, which finished at 3-2, the Hancock's taking one each and the doubles, Lindy Myers keeping her singles for Church N. Hannah Saville two, Jack Englert one and the doubles together gave Eathorpe K a 4-1 score over Church Q, Holly Thompson holding onto one for Church. Eathorpe I also beat Church Q at 4-1, Mark Hancock two, Elizabeth Hancock one and the doubles together for Eathorpe, Holly Thompson again hanging onto one for Church. A close match for Church N against Church P finished at 3-2, Roald Myers two, Lauren Delday and Lindy Myers the doubles for N, Lucy Marlow and Henry Carpenter one each for P. Church L (Jack Hobbins and Scott Delday) rolled over Church P 5-0 in straight sets, but needed the doubles to add to Scott's brace to beat LCP Groovers 3-2. Sara Hemp and Philippa Dalley kept one each for Groovers. Philippa Dalley and Dave Overton then gave Groovers a 5-0 win over Church N. Eathorpe H also won at 3-2 in their match against Free Church Q with Adam Kennedy and William Henry taking one single each and William Henry partnering Robert Young for the doubles, Holly Thompson impressive in taking both her singles for Church.

The Leamington Closed Championships will be completed this Saturday, 18 March, at the Warwickshire County Council Staff Club, Northgate Street, Warwick. The finals for all events plus the semi-finals for the Mens singles will be staged between 2.30 and 10.30pm. There is a free light buffet and licensed bar in the evening. All members and their family and friends are welcome. The

finals night programme is now available on the Association's website together with results for the qualifying rounds for all the events. The men's semi finals are former champion Alan Hewitt (seeded 1) v County Champion Ian Packford seeded =3) and current champion Mark Jackson (seeded 2) v dark horse Gary Webb (unseeded). The women's final features former champion Sam Apostol (nee Meredith) v Kay Nason, who is making her first appearance in the women's final but is no stranger to finals night having won the junior crown in a memorable match against Gilly Matthews in 1999.

In the semi-finals of the team-handicapped Southwell Trophy, Eathorpe J beat AP A 3-1, with Ryan Oldham taking two, James Matharu one for Eathorpe, Andrew Meredith one for AP. Free Church L beat Free Church I 3-0. In the quarter-finals of the individually handicapped Coronation Cup, two local derbies saw Eathorpe C and Free Church B progressing. For Eathorpe, both teams aged 12 or 13, the C side overcame the H's 5-0, Hannah Saville and William Hancock two each and Alastair Nicholson one. In the Church match, Church B won at 5-4 when Ian Rourke won at 61/60 for his second single to add to Tom Brocklehurst's two and Chris Mulligan's one. Jake Harrison kept his three for opponents F/G and Ricky Fell one.