

Week Commencing 17th October 2005

A Free Church derby in Division 2 led to Church B beating Church C 7-3. Tom Brocklehurst and Chris Mulligan were unstoppable for the B's, taking singles and doubles. Cherry Matthews, Les Hoggins and Stuart Mills all took singles for the C side. Closer for Rugby Town against Copsewood (Coventry) before Rugby finished 6-4 in front. Ian Randle took his three for Rugby, son Jack two and they paired up for the match in the doubles. Gordon Tucker kept two for the former Marconi team, Richard Jardim and Dennis Mockford one each. RNA B however were able to restrict Rugby Town to a 5-5 draw. Richard Smith and Dave Harding picked up braces for the navy, and critically Steve Poole one. Ian Randle could not be touched in singles or the doubles with son Jack, with Jack also taking one single.

RNA D sailed away to a 9-1 swamping of Rugby Lawford in Division 3. Albert McKay and Steve Kurlle took trebles and the doubles and Pam Beedham a brace to prove the vast experience of the naval squad. Ben Meakin held onto one in solace. Free Church D picked up a complete 10-0 whitewash of the youngsters of Eathorpe C by Lleryn Brocklehurst, Adam Cooper and Pete Rourke, with Lleryn and Adam adding the doubles.

In Division 1 St. Georges B picked up a useful 5-5 against Colebridge B. Ron Vose took a hat-trick, Jimmy Pittaway one single and the doubles with Rob Warnes for Saints. Neil Wheatley and Tom Hearne won two, Navinder Matharu one for 'Bridge. Free Church A saw off County Council B 8-2 led by Hugh Matthews with his singles and the doubles with Alan Jones, who added a brace as did Stuart Kurlle. Simon Griew and Nilton Green both kept one for Council's reply. Also 8-2 for St. Georges A against BGN. Earl Sweeney and Mike Bishop took singles and doubles for Saints A, and Martyn Todd one, in Martyn's first match after a two year lay-off. John Watson and Dong Wei held onto singles each for BGN. Top teams Whitnash A and County Council A were well matched leading to a 5-5 scoreline. Jon Williams picked up two, Ian Perry and Richard Arnold one each, and crucially the doubles went to Williams and Arnold for Whitnash. Council's Pat McCabe took his three, Phil Paine and Clive Irwin one each. Easier for Whitnash A against RNA C leading to an 8-2 victory. Ian Perry and Alan Hewitt won singles and doubles and Jane Dickens chipped in with one single. The naval points came from Andy Davies and Bill Fletcher.

Free Church F did well in Division A to pick up a 4-1 result over LCP Dreamers. Estyn Williams took two for Church, Jake Harrison one and the doubles together. Simon Dainty replied for the Dreamers. Previously been closer in the match between St. Georges E and Free Church F which Church won 3-2, Keith Knott two, Jake Harrison one. Paul Nason gave Saints one single and the doubles with Lawrence Sweeney. FISSC B ploughed over Free Church G 5-0. Farmers George Mudie and Brian Marston taking singles and doubles.

A Division B local derby saw two LCP teams battling it out before the Inkers over-ran the Groovers 5-0. Nicky Barrett and Tom Moseley gave the winning performances in singles and doubles.

Two Free Church teams in Division C, the O's and the L's met before Scott Delday won the last game and his second single, his first brace, to give the L's the match at 3-2, as he had also won the doubles with Jack Hobbins. Neil Murphy and Kyle Thompson in their first league match did well to both hold onto one each for the O team. Meanwhile Free Church Q went down 4-1 to Eathorpe H, though James Payne kept one for Church, his first league win. Adam Kennedy took two for Eathorpe and the doubles with William Henry, Robert Young one single. Another derby saw Free Church N rolling over Free Church M 5-0 with Lindy Myers and Roald Myers taking the singles (Roald's first wins in only his second match), and Lindy Myers and Lauren Delday the doubles.

Sad news

Leamington League were saddened to hear that one of Colebridge's leading players, Barry Hunt, collapsed during their A team's Division 1 match against Wellesbourne last Tuesday (11 October) and died shortly afterwards, having suffered a massive heart attack. Barry's funeral is to be held at Yardley Crematorium, Yardley Road, South Yardley, Birmingham B25 8NA next Friday 21st October at 12 noon. The family has requested no flowers, but donations to Guide Dogs for the Blind may be sent.

In the Midland League, Leamington Men have picked up an excellent three points for a 7-3 home win over Stafford. Mark Jackson took his three, one just at 12/10 in the fifth plus the doubles with Earl Sweeney, who took a brace and Phil Paine added a single. Leamington Veteran B team were runners-up last season in division 5 but, through a quirk in the system, are now in Division 3. They had an exciting match before edging out Stafford B 6-4 with Rob Bennett winning three, Bert Banks two and the doubles together. Rob was 2-1 sets down in the last game before winning it and therefore the match in the fifth.