

Week Commencing 21st November 2005

A clear message in Division 1 from last season's champions St. Georges A, who picked up an 8-2 against Colebridge A with Mike Bishop's hat-trick, braces from Ian Packford and Earl Sweeney and the doubles going to Bishop and Sweeney. Graham Hoskin held onto two for Colebridge's reply. St. Georges A went onto to roll over Colebridge B 9-1 with Earl Sweeney and Mike Bishop taking singles and doubles and Ian Packford a brace. Neil Wheatley kept one in solace for the B side. A win at 8-2, for Free Church A over two-man St. Georges B. Gary Webb won his two and the doubles with Hugh Matthews, who added a single as did Alan Jones, plus three forfeited points for the match. Ron Vose held onto two for Saints B. In their next match Free Church A were one short and so had to give away three points slipping 6-4 to RNA C, though Hugh Matthews kept two, John Taylor one and the doubles together. Bill Fletcher's two and Daryl Burgess' one were enough to give the navy the win. County Council A were playing well. Pat McCabe, Phil Paine and Clive Irwin wiped out BGN 10-0 with Paine and Irwin taking the doubles. Colebridge B were in good form against Flavels and went off with 9-1 victory, Neil Wheatley and Thomas Hearne hat-tricks and the doubles, Mike Rinnhofer a brace. Trevor Bradley consoled Flavels by taking one single. Whitnash A picked up a good result at 7-3 over County Council B, with Jon Williams and Alan Hewitt taking singles and doubles. Simon Griew, Nilton Green and Derek Harwood all kept one for Council B's response. Wellesbourne also gained the win at 7-3, RNA C their opposition. Gary Stewart took his three and the doubles with Jim Betts, who chipped in with a single, whilst Michael Wilkins picked up a brace. Bill Fletcher gave the navy two points, Andy Davies one. Last month's tragic match between Colebridge A and Wellesbourne when Barry Hunt was taken ill has been settled by the committee to be scored for the results as 6-4 to Wellesbourne. Only 4 games had been played, with Michael Wilkins winning two and Pete Dunnett one for Wellesbourne, Graham Hoskin one for Colebridge. Another apology for our match reports. For the BGN match against Colebridge A played earlier this month, John Chandler only won two for the winners Colebridge, not three as earlier reported, whilst Graham Hoskin was the one with the treble.

In Division 2 Rugby Town's Ian Randle maintained his 100% record in the league with three straight set wins. Don Pritchard stepped up a division and "got his moneys worth" as all three of his matches went the distance, and he won two of them. Jack Randle joined his Dad in a successful doubles pairing to ensure Rugby won the match by the narrowest of margins at 6-4. Doug Lowe kept two for opponents, County Council C, Sue Clarke and Graham Roberts one each. Free Church B edged past Riverhouse Henley A with the score at 6-4. Chris Mulligan gave Church his three, Tom Brocklehurst two and critically the doubles together for the win in the fifth set. Steve Proctor held onto two for Riverhouse, Steven Shaw and Richard Lancucki one each. Another 6-4, this time with Copsewood squeezing past RNA A. Steve Smith, Dennis Mockford and Roy Joiner took three, two, one respectively for the Coventry side's win. Ken Southwell kept two for the naval pride, Tony Thomas one and the doubles with Ian Stevens. RNA A went onto draw 5-5 against Rugby Town, with Tony Thomas and Ken Southwell taking braces and Kim Wong crucially adding a single. Ian Randle took his three, Daniel Fellowes one and the doubles together. Rugby Town continued to be draw specialists, with another 5-5 in their next match against St Georges C. This week it was young Jack Randle who gained the valuable singles win to add to his Dad Ian's three wins. Father and son then teamed up to win the doubles. Brian Aston and Alf Chapman held two each and Bert Banks one for Saints. Better for St. Georges C in their next match which they took at 8-2 over RNA B. Brian Aston took singles and the doubles with Bert Banks, who added a brace as did Andy Caine. Richard Smith picked up two for the navy.

An emphatic result for Free Church E at 9-1 over Eathorpe C in Division 3. Tom Hunt and Phil Blowey took singles and doubles, brother Chris Blowey a brace. Sophie Cooper held one for Eathorpe. AP B came from 4-1 behind to earn a well deserved draw against FISSC A with a good performance from Stephanie Hawkins winning 2, Tony Williams and Charlotte Freeman one each. Dave Milton winning all his three, Tony Scott and George Mudie one each, kept the result in balance right up to the last game where Stephanie and Tony took the doubles to level the match at 5-5. Trebles from Lleryn Brocklehurst and Ron Stanbridge plus the doubles and two from Pete Rourke gave Free Church D a convincing 9-1 win over Eathorpe B, who played well without success with only Michael Rossington claiming a consolation point.