

Week Commencing 24th January 2006

Third placed Whitnash A in Division 1 had turned out their strongest possible side for the only time this season for their encounter against title contenders County Council A and proved what a formidable force they are at full strength by triumphing 9-1 and at the same time putting a considerable dent in Council's title chances. Alan Hewitt, Jon Williams and Mark Woolerton all turned in terrific performances for Whitnash and Council's consolation came from Phil Paine who defeated Williams in the only 5 set tussle of the evening. Alan Hewitt and Mark Woolerton took trebles, Jon Williams two and the doubles with Mark Woolerton. Previously Council A had won at 9-1 over Colebridge A, with trebles for Pat McCabe and Phil Paine, a brace for Clive Irwin, who also took the doubles with Phil. John Chandler stopped the whitewash. In Whitnash's previous match, Mark Woolerton took his three over St. Georges B, but with no team mates present gave away 7 points to Saints. St. Georges A saw off two-man Wellesbourne 8-2, Ian Packford two, Mike Bishop and Earl Sweeney one each and the doubles for Saints A, plus the 3 forfeits; Pete Dunnett two for Wellesbourne. Colebridge B defeated BGN 7-3, Navinder Matharu three, Neil Wheatley two, Tom Hearne one and the doubles went to Wheatley and Matharu. Bob Harman kept two for BGN, Malcolm Macfarlane one. Simon Griew, Nilton Green and Derek Harwood whitewashed RNA C 10-0 and Flavels fell 10-0 to St. Georges A, Ian Packford, Earl Sweeney and Mike Bishop taking singles, Packford and Bishop the doubles.

In Division 2, AP A saw off Copewood 7-3, with braces from Andrew Meredith, Samantha Apostol and Edward Freeman plus the doubles by Andrew and Samantha. For the Coventry team, John O'Donnell held his three. Eathorpe A picked up a good 8-2 score over Free Church B, Allan Stockham a treble and the doubles with Matthew Cooper, who took a brace as did Chris Atkins. Tom Brocklehurst kept two for Church in consolation. Whitnash B gained a useful 5-5 draw against St. Georges C thanks to a hat-trick from Mark Woolerton and one each by Paul Ryman and John Bunn. Brian Aston kept two for Saints, Bert Banks and Alf Chapman one each and crucially for the draw the doubles went to Brian and Bert. Another 5-5 draw, this time for County Council C against RNA B, Martin Hunter three, Susan Clarke one and critically the doubles for Council, Richard Smith and Dave Harding two each and Richard Miles one for the navy. A treble for Tony Thomas, plus braces by Ian Stevens and Robin Fox Strangways gave RNA A a 7-3 victory over Riverhouse Henley A. For Riverhouse, there was one each and the doubles to Inky Moss and Steven Shaw. In the return fixture, RNA A only won at 6-4, Ken Southwell a treble, Ian Stevens a brace and Jim Thomas one; whilst for Riverhouse, Steve Proctor two, Richard Lancucki one and the doubles together. Rugby Town gained an easy 8-2 over two-man and relegation doomed RNA B. Ian and Jack Randle two each, Alan Chan one plus the three points given away for Town, Richard Smith one and the doubles with Steve Poole for the naval crew.

Chris Blowey and Tom Hunt taking trebles and Phil Blowey one gave Free Church E a 7-3 result over County Council D in Division 3. For Council, Howard Rodgers and Tony Ford took one each and Tony and Andy Woodfield the doubles. Ashorne also beat Council D, 8-2 their score, when Chris Bowles took two, Roger Kelley and Steve Bolton one each, and Roger and Chris the doubles, plus three extra as Council were one short. Howard Rodgers held two in reply. A tight 5-5 from an Eathorpe local derby at the bottom of the division when C's new player Murray Stevenson added the doubles with Alistair Nicholson to his treble and Alistair's single for C's best result of the season. For the B side, Paul Deavall one, Ron Coats and Michael Rossington two each. Rugby Lawford gained against AP B who were one short for an 8-2 result. Alan Chan and Don Pritchard two each for Rugby, Alum Durrani one plus the three points; Tony Williams one and the doubles with Stephanie Hawkins for AP. Another good score from division leader RNA D, 7-3 against Free Church D with Steve Kurle and Albert McKay taking singles and doubles. For Church, Pete Rourke, Adam Cooper and Llyern Brocklehurst all took one. Standard Photo also won at 7-3, FISSC A their opponents. Geoff Taylor and Brendan Leahy took their matches in singles, Geoff and Chris Fincham the doubles for Standard, Farmer solos from John Hunt, Mark Kingham and Brian Marston.

Division A saw second placed Eathorpe E picking up a 4-1 over LCP Dreamers in a very closely fought match, Charles Wragg two, Peter Nicholson one and the doubles together for Eathorpe, Nick Blackmore one. In LCP's second match of the night, they edged past Eathorpe G 3-2, with Nick Blackmore's two and Stephen Pavlovich's single. For Eathorpe, reserve Matthew Jackson one and the doubles with Chris Long. Free Church F beat Eathorpe E 3-2 with two from Keith Knott and one from Jake Harrison. For Eathorpe E, Charles Wragg one single and the doubles with Alistair Nicholson. Division leaders FISSC B also won at 3-2, St. Georges E their opponents and Saints also went down 3-2 to Riverhouse Henley B. For the Farmers, Tony Scott and Brian Marston added the doubles to one single each for the win. Joe and Steven Shaw took one each and the doubles for Riverhouse. Paul Nason kept his two for Saints in both matches. Yet another loss at 3-2 for Saints E, Paul Nason this time holding one single and the doubles with Lawrence Sweeney. For winning side Eathorpe G Murray Stevenson two and Chris Long one. Eathorpe D also won at 3-2, St. Georges F the losers, with Richard Freeman two and Eric Smith one for Eathorpe, Steven Johnson one and the doubles with Philip Morby for Saints.

In Division B LCP Packers won twice at 3-2 both against the same Free Church H team in a double header. Firstly, Douglas Smith and Nicky Barrett took one each and the doubles, Tom Smith held his two for Church. The second match was a straight repeat. A Free Church local derby saw Church J beat Church I 4-1 with Russell Spencer two, Luke Spencer one and the doubles. Philip Booth kept one for the I side.