

Week Commencing 24th October 2005

Eathorpe B pipped County Council D 6-4 in Division 3 with Michael Rossington, Paul Deavall and Ron Coats all winning braces. Howard Rodgers held his singles for Council, Pat Woolvin and Andy Woodfield the doubles. R.N.A. D wiped out Eathorpe C 10-0 Bert McKay, Steve Kurle and Robin Fox Strangways the singles and Robin and Steve the doubles. Free Church D gained a 7-3 result over Ashorne with three, two, one respectively from Pete Rourke, Lleryn Brocklehurst and Adam Cooper, and the doubles went to Brocklehurst and Cooper. Roger Kelley held onto two for Ashorne, Chris Bowles one. St. Georges D also finished at 7-3 against Eathorpe B. Rob and Martin Bennett took their singles, and Luke Bennett paired with Martin for the doubles. Calvin Woodings, Ron Coats and Paul Deavall fought well against the Saints family team but could only keep one each against strong opponents. A 5-5 resulted when FISSC A met St. Georges D, with Farmers David Milton and John Hunt picking up two each and Brian Marston one. Martin Bennett gave Saints his three and the doubles with Rob, whilst Tony chipped in with a single.

A Division 2 draw at 5-5 for Copsewood (Coventry) against Free Church B with Copsewood's Steve Smith and Dennis Mockford taking two each and the doubles. For Church Tom Brocklehurst kept his three, Emma Churchley and Chris Mulligan one each. Another 5-5 draw between AP A and Riverhouse Henley A. Andrew Meredith and Edward Freeman won two for AP, Eddie Stafford one whilst Riverhouse's Steve Proctor and Mark Dudley took braces and the doubles in reply. Eathorpe A rolled over County Council C 10-0 with Chris Atkins, Matthew Cooper and Allan Stockham taking singles and Cooper and Stockham the doubles in a comfortable win. AP A also squashed County Council C with Andrew Meredith and Edward Freeman taking hat-tricks and the doubles, Samantha Apostol a brace for the 9-1 scoreline. Doug Lowe held one for Council in consolation. Closer for Whitnash B against R.N.A. B which finished 6-4 to Whitnash with Paul Ryman taking three, Dennis Woodhead two and critically the doubles together. For the navy, Richard Smith gained two, Richard Miles and Steve Kurle one each. Another 6-4 saw Free Church C 's Les Hoggins winning three, Cherry Matthews two and John Taylor one for the match. For opponents Riverhouse Henley A, Steve Proctor, Richard Lancucki and Steven Shaw all took one, Richard and Steve the doubles. St. Georges C overcame Copsewood (Coventry) 7-3 with Brian Aston getting his three, Bert Banks two, and the doubles together in a thrilling 5 setter, and as well Gary Edwards took one to finally break his duck! Steve Smith gave Copsewood two, Roy Joiner one.

Two good results for Council teams in Division 1. County Council A defeated Wellesbourne 8-2 led by Phil Paine and Clive Irwin who took singles and doubles whilst Pat McCabe added a single. Michael Wilkins and Pete Dunnett won one each for Wellesbourne. County Council B overcame two-man St. Georges B 7-3, Simon Griew taking two and the doubles with Nilton Green who provided a single, which with the forfeit gave the win. Rob Warnes took two for Saints, Jimmy Pittaway one.

For the 2-aside league Division A, Riverhouse Henley B squeezed past FISSC B 3-2 with Steven Shaw's two and Joe Shaw's one. Brian Marston gave Farmers one and the doubles with Mark Kingham. The more experienced St. Georges F wiped out club-mates St. Georges E 5-0, Philip Morby and Steven Johnson taking singles and doubles.

An Eathorpe local derby in Division B saw the F side just edging out the G's 5-0, father and daughter duo Dave and Katie Hawker taking singles and doubles with the G team unlucky to finish pointless. Free Church I won 4-1 against LCP Groovers with Philip Booth taking his two, Anthony Reeve one and the doubles together. Sara Hemp salvaged Groovers' pride with a single. Free Church I also won at 4-1 against LCP Inkers with Philip Booth one, Ross McDermott a brace and the doubles together. James Dex kept the Inkers point in a fast, close, furious and very enjoyable match.

LCP Groovers also went down 4-1 to Eathorpe G with again Sara Hemp stopping the whitewash. Christopher Long gave Eathorpe his two, Tom Jamie one plus the doubles. LCP Inkers also lost their next match at 4-1, Free Church H the victors, with Tom Smith picking up his two, Michael Turner one and they teamed up for the doubles. Nicky Barrett gave Inkers one single.

Rugby's top cadet (U15) players lead the way following the opening day's play last Saturday in the National Cadet League Midlands Division. The matches were seeded, so the best players in the two teams play each other so in their first match Rugby were playing Bedford Modern's top team and earned a 3-3 draw. Rugby's top ranked player, Jack Randle, beat his opposite number and Ben Meakin showed the strength in the team by winning both his opening games. The second match was against Westfield and they began to find their form, with Jack and Ben winning both their matches, Matthew Outhwaite adding a point to complete a 5-1 win. The team then whitewashed 6-0 club mates Rugby B. Their final match was against Cliffedale Chandlers and they repeated both their match and individual scores of the Westfield match. Ben Meakin was the only player in the top division to win all his matches.