

Week Commencing 2nd April 2007

There are a few league results to catch up on this week and we start with Division C, where Free Church R just managed to get the better of LCP Groovers. Chris Beckett and Andrew Martin both won once for Church, with Philippa Dalley levelling the score with a maximum. The deciding match was taken by Church R, as Andrew Martin and Tom Boote prevailed in a five-set doubles. Church R failed to make the same impact against Rugby G though. Chris Beckett took one, but Rugby hit back with two from Jack Davis, one from Liam Hobson Hobday and the doubles to win the match 4-1. LCP Groovers second match also ended in defeat, as Rugby H's Sam Back won two, Simon Pook one and also took the doubles to win 4-1. Philippa Dalley consoled for LCP. Harbury Lane eased past Free Church P with a 4-1 victory, thanks to two from Sam Twigg, one from Leo Twigg and the doubles from Sam and Alex Twigg. Anita Whitehouse saved the solitary point for Free Church P. Anita won both her games against Free Church O, but O's James Payne and Kyle Thompson won one each, plus the doubles to take the match 3-2. Free Church Q beat Free Church N 3-2 thanks to David Herbert's two, plus the doubles with Niall Herbert. Lucy Marlow and Lauren Delday won once each in reply for N. Free Church Q slipped to a 3-2 defeat against St Georges F though. Callum Martin took both his for Saints; Billy Bain one. David Herbert kept one, plus the doubles with Niall Herbert, in reply.

Division B side Eathorpe G whitewashed Free Church K 5-0 – Charles Wragg and Richard Freeman making light work of their opponents. Church K then suffered a second maximum loss at the hands of Free Church J. The J's seem to have rediscovered their form after a poor first half to the season – Tom and Sam Smith were virtually faultless in this win, dropping only one set. The J's couldn't maintain the winning streak against Eathorpe K, though, as their match ended in a 4-1 win for 'Thorpe. Tom Smith kept one, but Eathorpe's Jack Parry won his two plus the doubles with Holly Savage, who also kept one. Free Church J also fell 4-1 to the strong father-daughter pairing of Dave and Katie Hawker of Eathorpe F, but made a good fight of it with three of the four singles matches going to the deciding set. Two from Dave, one from Katie, plus the doubles notching up the winning points. Sam Smith saved pride for Church. Eathorpe G whitewashed Eathorpe J 5-0 thanks to Mark Hancock and Richard Freeman. Eathorpe H just failed to get the better of Free Church K. Hannah Saville took a single, plus the doubles with Elizabeth Hancock, but two from Jack Hobbins and a crucial single from Lindy Myers gave Church K the 3-2 win. Free Church M sailed through an open match with some great rallies against LCP Packers. Richard Pittaway Jnr and Phil Booth both won braces, but LCP fought back to take the doubles thanks to Doug Smith and Nicky Barrett and limit the score to 4-1.

St Georges E were a man light for the singles in Division A, but Eric Teale joined Gary Edwards, who had already won his two, for the doubles win that gave them a 3-2 win over Eathorpe D. Free Church G had a comfortable win over Rugby E – Keith Knott and Stuart Ayers taking singles and doubles for the 5-0.

There were two ten-nil wins for the top two sides in Division 3. Leaders Free Church E beat FISSC A 10-0; Luke Hobbins, Tom Hunt and Chris Blowey continuing their surge towards what now looks like an almost certain title. Rugby C have games in hand, but look like having to rely on a slip-up by Free Church E to let them back in for the title. However, their 10-0 win over FISSC A gives them a couple of points lead over third place Eathorpe B. Mihai Duhovnicu, Don Pritchard and Dave Cox collected the points against FISSC and will hope to maintain their form to get promotion. Free Church D had two hat-tricks to thank for spiriting them on their way to a 7-3 win over Ashorne. Pete Rourke and Lleryn

Brocklehurst both remained unbeaten, with Adam Cooper chipping in with one. Roger Kelley and Steve Bolton saved one each, plus the doubles.

Division 2 side, Rugby B, squeezed past BGN B 6-4 thanks to a couple of five-set games going their way and tipping the balance in an entertaining match. Pete Morris was tested, but emerged with his hat-trick, Alaam Durrani won two and the pair combined to take the doubles. Dong Wei won a brace for BGN, Steve Proctor and Malcolm Macfarlane one each. Rugby B then went one better as they saw off RNA B 7-3. Pete Morris was again undefeated, Alaam Durrani won two, Alan Chan one and the doubles went to Morris and Durrani. Ian Stevens, Steve Poole and Dave Harding all won a single in reply. Navy B got a great draw against their A side, with Richard Smith and Ian Stevens taking two and Steve Poole one. Tony Thomas won his three for RNA A, Kay Nason one, with the draw saving doubles going to Tony and Andy Davies. RNA B went on to complete a 7-3 win over Free Church C – a result which puts them within striking distance of the team immediately above them in their bid to avoid relegation. Ian Stevens picked up one, Richard Smith one also, plus the doubles together. John Taylor won twice for Church, Cherry Matthew once, but unfortunately had to concede three games due to being a player short. AP Sports A and RNA B battled out a 5-5 draw, as Navy B's hectic run of matches came to an end, with AP's Terry Smith remaining unbeaten. Samantha Apostol won once and took the doubles with Terry. For Navy, Dave Harding and Richard Miles won two each, Ian Stevens one. AP went down 7-3 to Free Church B, thanks to a hat-trick from Mike Bridgman, two from Tom Brocklehurst, one from James Hodges and a Bridgman/Brocklehurst doubles. Samantha Apostol kept two for AP, Terry Smith one. Free Church C had two more matches to get through and the managed a draw against Flavels B, with Cherry Matthews taking two, John Taylor and Les Hoggins singles plus the doubles. Mick Bennett won his three for Flavels, Roger Potts two. Church C then lost 7-3 to RNA A. Kim Wong took his three for Navy, Andy Davies and Dot Macfarlane two each. Stuart Mills and Cherry Matthew both won a single, plus the doubles from Stuart and John Taylor. Rugby A saw off Copsewood 7-3, with hat-tricks from Ian Randle and Mihai Duhovnicu and a Duhovnicu/Jack Randle doubles. Richard Jardim, Roy Joiner and Gordon Tucker all won once for Copsewood. An extremely competitive and enjoyable match between Free Church B and Whitnash saw three five-set games all going the way of Whitnash. The superior nerve of Ken Southwell, Paul Ryman and Ian Perry, who all won two each, gave Whitnash a deserved 6-4 win. Mike Bridgman collected a brace, Tom Brocklehurst a single and the doubles together in reply.

St Georges B beat St Georges C 8-2 in Division 1 – Jimmy Pittaway and Rob Warnes hat-tricks plus the doubles and junior reserve Jack Randle a creditable single. Brian Aston and Andy Caine saved for the C side. Saints C then crushed Eathorpe A 10-0, with a perfect performance from Brian Aston, Alf Chapman and Andy Caine. WCC B beat Eathorpe A 7-3, with braces from William Fletcher, Martin Hunter and Derek Harwood, plus a Fletcher/Hunter doubles. Eathorpe's three all came from one source, as Matthew Cooper collected a first top flight hat-trick of his career. WCC B fell to Wellesbourne 7-3 – Gary Stewart collecting a hat-trick, Michael Wilkins and Pete Dunnett two each for the victors. Council's replies came from Simon Griew's brace and a Griew/William Fletcher doubles. WCC A faced Colebridge A twice in quick succession. They beat them 8-2 away – Sasha Grokhotov a hat-trick, Phil Paine and Clive Irwin braces plus the doubles. Nav Matharu and Michael Rinnhofer replied. In the second meeting, home advantage didn't seem to count for WCC A and they ran out winners by only six points to four this time. Phil Paine won a hat-trick this time, Clive Irwin two and Pat McCabe one. Nav Matharu held two this time, Neil Wheatley one and Michael Rinnhofer partnered Matharu to take the doubles. St Georges A may have finally let slip their tentative hopes of overhauling champions elect, Flavels A, as they could only manage a draw with Free Church A. Ian Packford took two for Saints, Earl

Sweeney and Mike Bishop one each, with the doubles going to Packford and Sweeney. Gary Webb won all his for Church, Hugh Matthews and Xiaoyang Ma one each.