

Week Commencing 4th December 2006

Two-a-side league team FISSC B overwhelmed LCP Dreamers 5-0 this week. Brian Marston and Mark Kingham demonstrated just why FISSC are challenging for the Division A title as they breezed past their opponents. A doubles match that swung back and forth was the deciding factor when Eathorpe E played host to Free Church G. James Matharu and Ryan Oldham picked up one each, but neither could beat the dominant Keith Knott. Keith was given great support by reserve Jack Hobbins as they won the doubles and thus the match 3-2. Eathorpe D also just missed out, although this was due to two forfeited points by St Georges E who were reduced to one player. Gary Edwards did, though, win both his games and was able to drum up a doubles partner in the shape of Eric Teale to gain that crucial third point and take the match 3-2. AP Sports A are poised, ready to strike, in second place with a game in hand. They performed strongly, again, as they beat Eathorpe F 4-1. Carol Meredith too her two, Tony Williams one, plus the doubles together. A very good win for Eathorpe's William Hancock saved a point for Eathorpe. Free Church H travelled to Rugby E and, despite failing to topple Don Pritchard, who won both his games, edged the match 3-2. Scott Delday and Phillip Blowey took one each, plus the five-set deciding doubles together.

Rugby F made it eight Division B wins from eight by whitewashing Eathorpe H 5-0. Jesse Kendrick Hill and Ryan Lines had too much power for the Eathorpe girls who's plucky efforts couldn't quite get a reward. LCP Packers kept Free Church J stuck at the bottom of the table – Douglas Smith's two and Nicky Barrett's one taking the three points needed to win the match. Tom Smith saved one for Church and won the doubles with Michael Turner.

Division C and a close encounter of the 'Thorpe kind saw the improving Eathorpe K scrape past their I-side counterparts 3-2. John Gymer's experience was enough for him to take two for the I's, but Holly Savage and Jack Parry hit back with a single each and the doubles to take the match. Two Free Church derby matches – first the L side beat the O's 4-1, with Jakob Lane and Lewis Barge both claiming maximums. Some good perseverance by Kyle Thompson and James Payne took the doubles and kept a point for O. The L side picked up their doubles performance against Free Church P. Jakob Lane being joined, this time, by Callum Jeromson to take it. Jakob also won his two singles, as did Lewis Barge, giving L the 5-0 victory. Rugby G won 3-2 at LCP Groovers, with Jack Davis taking a brace, to which Liam Hobson Hobday added one. LCP's replies came from Dave Overton and a Dave Overton/Phillippa Dalley doubles.

Warwickshire County Council's two Division 3 teams faced off against one another this week. Doug Lowe's treble for the D side the highlight of a keenly contested match. Tony Ford added to the D's tally with a brace, but the C side responded with two from Sue Clarke and one each from expert defenders Graham Roberts and Reg Warnes. The doubles went in favour of Doug and Tony for the D's and they took the match 6-4. Eathorpe B's Phillip Hill and Allan Stockham's experience showed against Free Church F, despite plenty of effort and a number of good shots from the Church youngsters. Both duly claimed their hat-tricks. Experience, though, is not something that can be used to describe 'Thorpe's Alastair Nicholson but this talented thirteen year old kept pace with the rest of his team by adding a hat-trick of his own and leading the way to a doubles win with Phillip Hill. An emphatic 10-0, the winning score line. Rugby C were another side on a demolition job – Eathorpe C the side in need of hard hats as Matthew Outhwaite, Don Pritchard and Dave Cox lit the fuses. FISSC A did well to gain the upper hand over WCC C and took the 7-3 win. David Milton took his three for FISSC, Gareth Conway and George Mudie two each. Reg Warnes and Sue Clarke both picked up singles for County Council and Reg and James Owen the doubles. Free Church D's navigational skills may have been called into question, but they showed they were still capable on the table tennis table as they pipped Ashorne 6-4. Ron Stanbridge, Adam Cooper and Lleryn Brocklehurst all took

braces for Church; Steve Bolton one, Roger Kelley two plus the doubles with Chris Bowles for Ashorne.

Some valuable and much needed points for Eathorpe A in Division 1. They picked up their best result to date by drawing 5-5 with two-man St Georges C. Alf Chapman and Brian Aston both took two for the Saint's and the doubles together. Eathorpe picked up three points by default, plus two from new signing Malcolm Francis. Flavels A powered past BGN A in a 9-1 victory. Paul Savins and Mark Jackson were relatively untroubled on their way to maximums plus the doubles; Pete Dasher contributing two. Some outstanding hitting saw Jason Adams come through in five sets to salvage a point for BGN.

Division 2's Rugby B picked up a hard fought 7-3 win against RNA B, with Pete Morris showing the way with his three for Rugby. Alum Durrani added two; Alan Chan one and the doubles went to Alum and Pete. Ian Stevens picked up a good brace and Richard Smith one in reply for RNA. BGN B were another 7-3 winning side – their opponents a strong Whitnash side, making this a very good result. Malcolm Macfarlane took three for BGN and the double with Steve Proctor who won two himself. John Ludford chipped in with a single. Ian Perry saved two for 'Nash; Paul Ryman one. Free Church B complete the hat-trick of 7-3 wins in the division this week by defeating AP Sports A. Church's points came courtesy of a Tom Brocklehurst hat-trick, a Chris Mulligan brace, a James Hodges single and a Brocklehurst/Mulligan doubles. Andrew Meredith, Terry Smith and Edward Freeman all held one for AP in reply.