

Week Commencing 5th February 2007

Division B produced a couple of tight, entertaining matches this week. Eathorpe F's Dave and Katie Hawker had both one a game each, as had Richard Pittaway and Dan Ward for their opponents, Free Church M. With the match poised at 2-2, it was father and daughter Dave and Katie who prevailed and won the match 3-2 for Eathorpe. Eathorpe H and Eathorpe I clashed in a match of youth versus experience. The youth of H helped Hannah Saville and Elizabeth Hancock score a point each, but the experience of Pauline Parkes saw her claim her two and the doubles with John Gymer to take the match 3-2. The I side may have used their experience to beat the H side, but they found that their experience was no match for that of Eathorpe G! Pauline Parkes held one for I, but two from Richard Freeman, one from Mark Hancock and the doubles together gave the G's a 4-1 win. Eathorpe G registered the same score line against Eathorpe K; Richard and Mark winning two and one respectively, plus the doubles together. Jack Parry picked up the consolation for K.

St Georges F narrowly missed out on a Division C win, as they dipped just short of the line against Harbury Lane. Jamie Compton and Billy Bain won a point a piece for Saints, but Sam Twigg's brace, plus the doubles with Leo Twigg took the match 3-2 for Lane. Sam won his two once more, plus the doubles with Leo against Free Church N. This time, though, Leo picked up a single to ensure Harbury came away with a 4-1 win. Lucy Marlow saved for Church. Free Church R crushed Free Church P 5-0 with two each from Chris Beckett and Andrew Martin, plus the doubles from Chris and Tom Boote. Free Church O managed to do the same to LCP Groovers – James Payne and Kyle Thompson in solid form in their 5-0 victory.

Saint Georges D and E sides faced off in Division A. A comfortable brace from the experienced Gary Edwards wasn't quite enough though, as Paul Nason and Lawrence Sweeney both won a singles, plus the doubles together to win 3-2. Free Church G were more than Free Church H could handle, as Keith Knott and Adam Cooper rolled over them 5-0. Better for H against their I side though. Phil Blowey and Jake Harrison both won braces. An excellent doubles win from father and son, Russell and Luke Spencer saved a point for the I's though as H won 4-1. A relatively routine performance from AP Sports B, as Carol Meredith and Tony Williams flew past Eathorpe D 5-0.

Division 3's FISSC A travelled to Ashorne and ran off with a tidy 8-2 result. John Hunt and Gareth Conway were unbeatable in singles and doubles, with Brian Marston adding a singles. Ashorne's replies came from Chris Bowles and Roger Kelley. Rugby C also stormed to an 8-2 win against Free Church D. Don Pritchard led the way with a hat-trick, plus the doubles with Dave Cox. Dave won a couple, as did Joe Stoica. Lleryn Brocklehurst and Pete Rourke both scored for Free Church. Free Church E and Eathorpe B battled out a 5-5 draw. Allan Stockham won his three for Eathorpe and the doubles with Phillip Hill; Alastair Nicholson also picked up one. Free Church's haul was taken by Luke Hobbins, Tom Hunt and Chris Blowey, who won two, two and one respectively.

Rugby's two Division 2 sides really meant business this week. Out of a possible forty points, they picked up thirty five! Rugby A won twenty of those, with two whitewashes. First, Ian Randle, Len Coonan and new signing Mihai Dunovnicu hammered RNA A, before Ian and Mihai were joined by Mark Randle to take the ten points against Whitnash. Rugby B dropped only one leg in beating bottom side RNA C 10-0. Pete Morris, Alan Chan and Alaam Durrani invincible. They found it tougher against Whitnash though – Pete Morris picked up two, Alan Chan and Alaam Durrani one each. Ken Southwell and Ian Perry both claimed braces for 'Nash, Paul Ryman one, but Morris and Durrani held firm in the doubles to earn

Rugby B the draw. Free Church B didn't have it all their own way against Free Church C. The C side fought all the way, but just couldn't quite get over the finish line in a few close games. Chris Mulligan and Tom Brocklehurst took singles and doubles for the B's, with James Hodges adding two. Les Hoggins won a fast and free-flowing singles match to stave off the whitewash – 9-1 to the B's the final score. Free Church C were involved in another encounter where the final score didn't reflect the competitiveness of the match. After a long evening, however, they emerged the 9-1 victors over RNA C. Les Hoggins and Stuart Mills won three each, Cherry Matthews two. Pam Beedham produced a sparkling five-set win over Cherry for Navy's point. Church's final point was won in the fifth set, when the offensive Hoggins and Mills treated the spectators to a fine display of smashing against the defensive pairing of Steve Kurle and John Johnson. Copsewood slipped past Whitnash with a 6-4 win, thanks to Richard Jardim, Steve Smith and Gordon Tucker who all took braces. Ian Perry was Whitnash's saviour as he won all his three, plus the doubles with Dennis Woodhead. Copsewood then ended up on the wrong end of a 6-4 result against AP Sports A. Richard Jardim took two, Steve Smith and Gordon Tucker one each for Copsewood. Andrew Meredith won three for AP, Samantha Apostol two and the doubles together. AP could only field two players against Flavels B, but did well to come away with a 5-5 draw. Terry Smith and Edward Freeman both won two, plus the doubles for AP. Roger Potts claimed his two for Flavels, with the three conceded points making up their five.

Simon Griew's hat-trick helped WCC B to a 7-3 win over Division 1 opponents St Georges C. Nilton Green added two, Derek Harwood one plus the doubles with Griew. Andy Caine won a fine two for Saints in reply, Brian Aston one. Colebridge A beat two-man St Georges B 8-2. Neil Wheatley and Nav Matharu picked up braces, Michael Rinnhofer one, plus three forfeited points. Jimmy Pittaway held one for Saints, plus the doubles with Ron Vose. Free Church A won 8-2 against Wellesbourne – Gary Webb winning three, plus the doubles with Gary Deakin, who won two. Hugh Matthews completed the scoring with a brace. Pete Dunnnett held Wellesbourne's two. St Georges A wrapped things up quickly against Colebridge B. Ian Packford, Mike Bishop and Earl Sweeney taking all ten points. WCC A's Clive Irwin led his side to an 8-2 win over BGN A with a maximum that was supported by Pat McCabe and Phil Paine who both won two. Bob Harman and Barry Hook responded for BGN, but the doubles was taken by Paine and Irwin to complete the big win. Flavels A beat Eathorpe A 9-1. Mark Jackson and Damon Fenton won three each, with Fenton being joined by Paul Savins for the doubles. Pete Dasher won two to take the tally to nine, but Eathorpe's Matthew Cooper showed good determination as he pushed past Dasher in the fifth to prevent what had looked like a nailed on whitewash.

No less than three of the county's teams were in action over the weekend of the 3rd and 4th February

The Senior A squad of Ian Ferguson, Scott Prime, Steve Bertie, Mark Jackson, Helen Turner and Samantha Apostol just failed to achieve promotion falling 7-3 against winners Cornwall in St Austell where all the Senior Division 2B matches were played, the last two games however were both lost deuce in the fifth and the match deserved that score.

Mark Jackson starred for the Men winning 8 out of 8, being one of only two players in the competition to emerge undefeated the other being Cornwall's Number One Darren Reed, Scott Prime won 5 from 7, Steve Bertie 4 from 7 and Ian Ferguson won 4 from 6. For the Women Helen Turner won 7 out of 10 and Samantha Apostol won 5 from 10.

The county Cadet team were in Draycott and Long Eaton near Derby, playing for the first time ever in the Cadet Premier Division, Xiaoyang Ma, Jack Williamson and Matthew Outhwaite, Sanika Karandikar and

Holly Thompson were the team and they garnered two wins against Gwent and Cleveland and a draw against Surrey.

XiaoYang Ma turned in a superb performance winning 12 matches out of 14 against some of the best cadets in the country, he was well supported by Jack Williamson with 7 from 14, and Matthew Outhwaite with 6 from 14.

The Girls found the opposition rather strong but Sanika Karandikar claimed 2 wins from 12. Holly Thompson, just eleven, playing girls up to four years older was unable to claim a win but performed very creditably against such opposition.

The county Veterans team of Mick Browne, Phil Paine, Pete Dunnett and Dot Macfarlane claimed their first win of the season with an 8-2 defeat of Hertfordshire IV. Two singles wins for Phil Paine and Pete Dunnett and one from Mick Browne, the Mens doubles from Phil and Mick plus a Womens singles win from Dot Macfarlane and a Mixed doubles win with Mick Browne claimed the 8-2 win.