

Week Commencing 5th March 2007

Rugby E had a fairly comfortable Division A win over Eathorpe D this week. Although Peter Nicholson took a consolation single for 'Thorpe, Rugby's Jack Koumi won his two, Grace Newman one and took the doubles together for a 4-1 win. FISSC B gave Eathorpe E a 5-0 hiding, thanks to singles and doubles from Mark Kingham and Brian Marston. Rugby F beat Free Church G 4-1 with Don Pritchard winning a comfortable two, Jesse Kendrick Hill a well fought single and the doubles together. Keith Knott consoled for Church. Rugby F went one better against St Georges D with a very good 5-0 whitewash. Don and Jesse both taking singles and doubles this time. AP Sports B had a comfortable 5-0 win against Free Church I, although the I duo did battle well, but Tony Williams and Carol Meredith were just too strong.

Division B's Free Church M coasted past Eathorpe H with two each from Dan Ward and Richard Pittaway Jnr. However, Elizabeth Hancock and Hannah Saville put in a tremendous doubles performance to save a point and limit the score to 4-1. Eathorpe G had a good result in their match against LCP Packers. There were several close sets in the match, but Eathorpe's Mark Hancock and Richard Freeman ultimately triumphed 5-0. A John Gymer/Pauline Parkes doubles settled a close encounter in favour of Eathorpe I, when they faced Free Church K. John and Pauline had both earlier picked up a single, but none could stop Church's Jack Hobbins, who won his two. 3-2 to Eathorpe I the final result. Eathorpe F squeezed past Eathorpe J 3-2 thanks to two from Dave Hawker and one from daughter Katie. William Henry took one for the J's and a five set doubles with Robert Young. No joy for the J's, though, against LCP Packers, who hammered them 5-0 without the loss of a single set by Simon Dainty and Simon Walmesley.

Free Church N won a tough Division C match against LCP Groovers. Dave Overton won both his for the Groovers, but one each from Lauren Delday and Lucy Marlow, plus the doubles together gave the girls a 3-2 win. The Groovers also slipped to 4-1 defeat against St Georges F. Phillippa Dalley saved a point, but two from Matthew Compton, one from Matthew Bain and the doubles together saw Saint's home. Eathorpe L won 4-1 thanks to two from Gary Osbourne, one from Joshua Osbourne and the doubles together. Their opponents, Rugby G, had Jack Davies to thank for saving their blushes. Free Church L completed a routine victory over Free Church R as Lewis Barge and Jakob Lane remained unbeaten to take a 5-0 win.

Free Church E consolidated their position at the top of Division 3 with a 7-3 win over WCC D and the two chasing sides, Eathorpe B and FISSC A look like having to battle it out for the second promotion spot unless there is a slip up. Tom Hunt found a return to form with a hat-trick for Church E against County Council, Chris Blowey added a brace plus the doubles with Tom and Luke Hobbins a single. Doug Lowe won two for Council; Tony Ford one. Eathorpe B made a good effort to narrow the gap by beating Ashorne 9-1. Allan Stockham and Alastair Nicholson both won hat-tricks, while Phillip Hill contributed a brace and the doubles with Allan. Chris Bowles won Ashorne's consolation – the lone point in a match that was closer than the final score reads. Eathorpe failed to build on their win though and were held to a 5-5 draw by Rugby D. Allan Stockham won his three, Phillip Hill one and the doubles with Allan. For Rugby, Steven Maddison and Ben Meakin both picked up two; Alex Phillips a vital one.

Two games for RNA C in Division 2, one of which was a heavy 10-0 defeat by AP Sports A – Samantha Apostol, Terry Smith and Edward Freeman notching the points up. They fared much better against Whitnash though, managing to pick up four well earned points thanks to Robin Fox-Strangways, John Johnson and Pam Beedham who all won once. Robin and John also added the doubles, but maximums

from Ian Perry and Dennis Woodhead gave Whitnash the 6-4 win. Rugby B held their nerve better than their opponents in a few tight games to run out 7-3 winners over BGN B. Pete Morris won his three for Rugby, Alan Chan two and Alaam Durrani one plus the doubles with Morris. Dong Wei, Steve Proctor and Malcolm Macfarlane all scored once for BGN. RNA A beat their B side 6-4. Tony Thomas won a maximum, Andy Davies a brace and the two combined to take the doubles. Steve Poole won twice for the B's; Ian Stevens and Dave Harding once each.

Free Church A beat seemingly doomed St Georges C 10-0 in their Division 1 match. Gary Webb, Xiaoyang Ma and Hugh Matthews unbeatable. Colebridge B were also 10-0 winners when they faced Eathorpe A. John Chandler, Bob Brown and Pete Roddy the maximum men in this match. Colebridge's A side had a 7-3 win over BGN A to celebrate after Navinder Matharu had won three, Neil Wheatley two and Michael Rinnhofer one. Bob Harman and Gary Jackson saved two and one points respectively for BGN, but Matharu and Wheatley secured the 7-3 by taking the doubles. St Georges A then beat BGN A 8-2. Ian Packford and Earl Sweeney won hat-tricks, Mike Bishop two. Bob Harman replied for BGN with one, then took the singles with Jason Adams for two. Flavels A matched title rivals St Georges with an 8-2 win at Wellesbourne. Pete Dunnnett and Gary Stewart picked up points for the home side, but maximums from Mark Jackson and Paul Savins, the doubles together and a single from Damon Fenton kept Flavels title charge moving forward.

The seeding for the Leamington Closed Championships has been decided by the League Committee. The draw for this weekend's tournament is being made and match schedules are being sent out to all competitors. Top billing in the Mens Singles goes to former champion Mark Jackson, with Division 1 averages leader Paul Savins seeded at number two. Defending champion Samantha Apostol is seeded at number one for the Ladies Singles, Kay Nason is number two and Tracey Fletcher three. The top two seeds in the Mens Doubles are Mark Jackson and Paul Savins at one; Gary Webb and Phil Paine at two. Top spot in the Ladies Doubles goes to Tracey Fletcher and Kay Nason, with former winners Emma Churchley and Lleryn Brocklehurst at two. The tournament promises to produce some good matches, with one or two dark horses lurking and hoping to cause an upset. Refreshments will be provided by AP Sports over the weekend and spectators are welcome the event, to be held at Sydenham Sports Centre.