

Week Commencing 11th December 2006

A busy week in Division 2 started with an extremely tight battle between RNA B and Copsewood. RNA picked up some greatly needed points thanks to a quick-fire brace from Dave Harding. Ian Stevens joined Dave to win the doubles and collected a single of his own, as did Richard Miles. Copsewood replied with a well fought hat-trick from Roy Joiner and an important brace from Richard Jardim secured the 5-5 draw. Another close encounter ensued between Flavels B and Whitnash. Nash's Ian Perry was in unstoppable form as he collected his three and Paul Ryman collected two, only being prevented a hat-trick of his own in the deciding set against Mick Bennett. Mick picked up another win to take his total to two for Flavels; Roger Potts and Trevor Bradley both took one. The 6-4 match winning point was taken by Dennis Woodhead and Paul Ryman in the doubles. Doubles all round for RNA A with Tony Thomas, Andy Davies and Darryl Burgess in solid form against Free Church C. Andy and Tony added the doubles to take their match winning tally to seven. Free Church scored three points in reply, with Cherry Matthews notching two and Les Hoggins one. AP Sports A scored a creditable 7-3 win over RNA B – Andrew Meredith, Terry Smith and Ed Freeman all winning two, plus the doubles from Andrew and Terry. Ian Stevens won a good two for Navy, Richard Miles an excellent single against spinny left-hander Terry in the fifth. RNA C are starting to pick up a few more points as they settle into Division 2 and did well to take three off title challengers BGN B. Robin Fox Strangways collected two and the effervescent Pam Beedham one. BGN's seven came courtesy of a Malcolm Macfarlane hat-trick, a Steve Proctor brace and debutant Ian Maybury's single. Rugby B were in no mood to hang around and swiftly dispatched RNA A 9-1. Andy Davies collected the one for RNA, though Tony Thomas can count himself unlucky to lose two of his matches in five. Rugby's Pete Morris was untested on his way to his maximum, Alan Chan worked a little harder for his and Alum Durrani fought well for his two.

Eathorpe C brought plenty of experience to the table in Division 3, but left with nothing in their match against an impressive Free Church E who dropped only three sets during the evening. Church's ten were posted by Luke Hobbins, Tom Hunt and Chris Blowey. Eathorpe's B side fared much better in their match though. Allan Stockham led the way against WCC D with a maximum, Phillip Hill two and Alastair Nicholson one. Doug Lowe held on to two, Tony Ford one and the doubles together as County Council slipped to a 6-4 defeat.

In Division 1, WCC A are trying to hang on to the shirt tails of the top two and took an important 10-0 win against Eathorpe A. Pat McCabe, Phil Paine and Clive Irwin doing what was necessary. St Georges A are also in need of big wins to keep the pressure on Flavels A and collect an 8-2 victory over Colebridge A. Ian Packford a straight-sets treble for Saints, Earl Sweeney and Mike Bishop two each and Packford and Bishop the doubles. Colebridge's points were taken by Edward Lynn in two five-set encounters.

It's all to play for in Division A, with the top three teams all having three games remaining and being separated by only three points! Two of the three were in action this week, both securing good wins. AP Sports B proved too strong for the lads of Eathorpe E. Tony Williams taking two, Carol Meredith one and the doubles together for the 4-1 win. James Matharu's consistency saved one for 'Thorpe. St Georges D lie third, but only a point off second. They rolled over Free Church I 5-0, with Lawrence Sweeney and Paul Nason in cruise control. With three going down, LCP Dreamers are fighting hard to move out of the relegation zone and picked up a 3-2 win against Free Church G. Simon Dainty took both his singles and the doubles with Nick Blackmore. Estyn Williams and Adam Cooper took one each for Church.

Eathorpe G swept aside Free Church K in Division B with a 4-1 win. Mark Hancock took his two and the doubles with Richard Freeman, who registered a single. Lindy Myers took Church's sole reply.

Another tough night for Church K as they lost 5-0 to Rugby F. Jesse Kendrick Hill and Ryan Lines remaining unbeaten throughout the evening.

Division C sides Rugby H and LCP Groovers battled out a 3-2 match. Dave Overton took two for the Groovers; Simon Pook and Peter Moffatt one each for Rugby. The deciding doubles was won in five sets by Dave and Philippa Dalley to take the match for LCP. A tidy maximum from Niall Herbert couldn't save Free Church Q from going down 3-2 to Free Church N. Lucy Marlow and Lauren Delday took one each and the doubles to secure the win. Rugby G then beat Church Q 4-1. Jack Davis won two, Liam Hobson Hobday one plus the doubles together. The Church response coming from David Herbert. Business as usual for Free Church M. A routine 5-0 demolition of Church L carried out by Richard Pittaway Jnr and Phillip Booth. Richard was joined by Dan Ward for the doubles.