

Week Commencing 13th November 2006

The Division C derby spoils went the way of the J's when they faced their Eathorpe I club mates. Three of the five games went the distance, with John Gymer of the I's undefeated in this entertaining match. William Henry and Robert Young both picked up a singles and the doubles together, to give the J's the 3-2 winning edge. Eathorpe's K side also had a slight edge over Rugby G, winning 3-2. Holly Savage and Jack Parry both picked up singles and the doubles for Eathorpe; Jack Davis a maximum for Rugby. Free Church M posted another 5-0 win; their opponents on this occasion being LCP Groovers. Phillip Booth and Daniel Ward took the singles, with Richard Pittaway Jnr joining Phillip for the doubles. Free Church Q were less fortunate and went down 5-0 to Eathorpe J. Brian Yeates and William Henry claimed the singles and William and Robert Young the doubles.

Two matches for Free Church K in Division B against the sides immediately above and below them. Against second placed Rugby F, K weren't able to make any headway as Ryan Lines and Jesse Kendrick Hill claimed one and two respectively, plus the doubles, in their 4-1 win. Jack Hobbins saved the whitewash for Church. Against fourth placed Eathorpe H, however, the K's managed to extend their lead with a 4-1 win. Jack Hobbins took a good maximum and the doubles with Lindy Myers, who took one. A hard fought five-setter went the way of Hannah Saville as she registered 'Thorpe's lone reply.

Division A's Nick Blackmore had two close encounters against Father / Daughter combo Dave and Katie Hawker, but his maximum helped LCP Dreamers to a 3-2 win over Eathorpe F. Dave Hawker pulled a point back for Eathorpe, but Simon Dainty's single proved decisive for the Dreamers. Better for Eathorpe F against St Georges E though. Reserve William Hancock pulled out a fantastic maximum, to which Dave Hawker added a single and the doubles with William. The experienced Gary Edwards held his nerve in a couple of long deuce games for St George's consolation in the 4-1 defeat. Adam Cooper was dominant in Free Church G's 4-1 win over Eathorpe D and duly claimed his two. Keith Knott picked up a single and the doubles with Adam, while Peter Nicholson rallied to pick up a consolation in five sets for Eathorpe.

Free Church D faced Free Church E in Division 3 and the E's overcame their club mates in tight 6-4 encounter. Luke Hobbins, Tom Hunt and Chris Blowey all picked up braces for E. Lleryn Brocklehurst a brace for D, with Adam Cooper collecting one plus the doubles with Lleryn. WCC C inflicted another defeat on Church D, this time by an 8-2 scoreline. Graham Roberts led them with a maximum, to which Susan Clarke and James Owen added braces. Lleryn and Pete Rourke had earlier put Church 2-0 up, but a Roberts/Owen doubles sealed the comeback in emphatic style. FISSC A hammered a depleted Eathorpe C 8-2, David Milton and Gareth Conway winning both of their singles and the doubles together. Charles Wragg and Michael Rossington picking up one each for Eathorpe in reply. Eathorpe's B side also tasted defeat, with Rugby D's Steven Maddison taking a hat-trick that included the scalp of Allan Stockham who, last year, was near the top of the Division 2 averages! Ben Meakin added a couple to Steven's haul and Tristan Mobbs the vital one to complete the 6-4. Stockham recovered to pick up a brace, Phillip Hill one. The doubles went to Hill and Stockham. Rugby C move a point clear at the top of the table thanks to a 9-1 massacre of WCC D. Dave Cox and Matthew Outhwaite took all three, Don Pritchard one plus the doubles with Matthew. Tony Ford held one for Council in reply. Rugby D picked up another win when they took on Ashorne. Ben Meakin won his three, Peter Gierth and Tristan Mobbs took one each. Steve Bolton and Chris Bowles responded with singles for Ashorne. Roger Kelly's brace gave Ashorne a chance, but a Meakin/Mobbs doubles saw Rugby home.

Free Church B moved to the top of the competitive Division two with a couple of useful wins. First they travelled to Ruby B where they won 7-3. James Hodges, Chris Mulligan and Tom Brocklehurst

all claimed braces and the doubles went to Chris and Tom, but none could beat the canny Pete Morris. Second up were Copsewood. Chris picked up another two, Tom a hat-trick and the doubles together for their six points. Copsewood's four came courtesy of a brace from Gordon Tucker and one each from Steve Smith and Roy Joiner. BGN B had a couple of wins themselves and sit second by only two points. Dong Wei, Jonathan Wright and Steve Proctor all took two, with Dong and Steve adding the doubles for BGN. A fine treble from Free Church C's Stuart Mills eased the score line as BGN ran out 7-3 winners. BGN also picked up the win, this time 6-4, against RNA A. Andrew Davis a hat-trick, Steve Proctor two plus the doubles together for BGN. Tony Thomas' brace and singles from Andy Davies and Darryl Burgess for RNA. Rugby A took out Free Church C 8-2 thanks to Ian Randle and Len Coonan maximums. Jack Randle fought well for his single and took the doubles with Ian. Stuart Mills and Les Hoggins a point a piece for Church. The A side could only manage a draw when they faced Rugby B though. Ian Randle again remained unbeaten for A; Thomas Jacko adding a brace. For B, previously unbeaten Pete Morris took two and the doubles with Alum Durrani who claimed one for himself. Alan Chan a draw saving single.

WCC B's Simon Griew paid little attention to his A side colleagues' status as he took a relatively untroubled hat-trick. Nilton Green partnered Simon to win the doubles, but The A's just about maintained their superior status with braces from Sasha Grokhotov, Pat McCabe and Phil Paine earning the 6-4 win. County Council B found it hard work against Flavels A though. Simon Griew managed one this time and the doubles again with Nilton, but Flavels continued their good form with hat-tricks from Paul Savins and Pete Dasher and a brace from Damon Fenton. Wellesbourne made light work of Eathorpe A as they won 10-0 without the loss of a set. Pete Dunnett, Gary Stewart and Michael Wilkins supreme. Colebridge's two sides faced each other and ended the evening on equal terms. Nav Matharu remained undefeated for A and added the doubles with Michael Rinnhofer who also won a single. John Chandler and Peter Roddy won braces for B and John Taylor a crucial one. The absence of Matharu was costly for Colebridge B as they went down 10-0 to Free Church A. Gary Webb, Alan Jones and Hugh Matthews taking the points. St Georges A coasted past St Georges C 9-1. Three's from both Ian Packford and Earl Sweeney and two from Mike Bishop who also took the doubles with Earl. Brian Aston registered an excellent, if solitary response for the C's.

The second Free Church tournament of the season, held on Saturday, attracted a large entry with plenty of quality, the evidence of which was that the Senior and Grade A finals were contested by different people. The Seniors was won by Steve Bertie (Birmingham) against Mark Jackson (Leamington), Alan Jones and Paul Savins (both Leamington) the unlucky semi-finalists. Grade A was taken by youngster Chris Doran who's victory came at the expense of Savins. Doran had put out Mark Jackson in the semi's, with Savins putting paid to Welsh number ten Patrick Thomas. The Seniors Consolation event was won by Jack Williamson (Birmingham), Hugh Matthews the runner up. The Grade A consolation winner was Matt Carter (Northants), who beat local crowd favourite Damon Fenton.

The Junior event was won by Chloe Thomas (Blaenavon), who beat J Dainty (Northants). The consolation event was taken by Ross Henderson (Oxford) – J Watts (Birmingham) the runner up. Luke Baker (Birmingham) took the Cadets event at the expense of N Thompson (Northants). C Bingley (Northants) the consolation winner at the expense of A Davies (Sutton). Charlotte Carey (Blaenavon) beat I Anson (Birmingham) in the Under 13 final and local lads Lawrence Sweeney and Scott Delday contested the consolation – Sweeney victorious.

Chloe Thomas made it two wins from two when she once again beat J Dainty, this time in the Grade B final. Lee Bennet (Nuneaton) beat Jack Randle (Rugby) in the consolation. I Anson took the Improvers title by beating D Walker (Birmingham). Another win for Lawrence Sweeney in the consolation, this time beating Charlotte Spencer (Leamington). J Colen (Sutton) took advantage of

the absence of Paul Nason to beat P Nash (Birmingham) in the final of the Beginners main event. A Mikos (Sutton) beat Luke Spencer (Leamington) in the consolation event.