

Week Commencing 15th January 2007

A new year and new experience for Free Church F in Division 3. In their first fixture of the second half of the season, they finally managed to register their first win. Braces from Jake Harrison, Phil Blowey and Scott Delday gave them the six points against Warwickshire County Council D for whom Tony Ford took his three and the doubles with Pat Woolvin. Eathorpe B faced their more established C side colleagues and crushed them 10-0 thanks to good performances from Allan Stockham, Phillip Hill and Alastair Nicholson. Eathorpe C then suffered another 10-0 defeat, this time at the hands of Rugby D's Ben Meakin, Steven Maddison and Alex Phillips. Warwickshire County Council C found Rugby C a tough side, but just shaded the contest 6-4. James Owen and Graham Roberts took two each and the doubles together for Council; Don Pritchard a well fought hat-trick and Matthew Outhwaite one for Rugby. Reg Warnes took a vital single for WCC to secure the win. FISSC A scored an excellent maximum win against Free Church D. David Milton, John Hunt and George Mudie taking all ten points.

AP Sports A had a mixed start to 2007. They kicked off with a good 10-0 result against two-man RNA A. Andrew Meredith, Terry Smith and Edward Freeman took singles, with Andrew and Edward combining for the doubles. RNA A, though, as well as being a player short, were also fielding a reserve from Division 3 and special mention should go to the efforts of thirteen year old Alastair Nicholson who grew in confidence as the match progressed. AP's start then took a slight dip as they lost 7-3 to Rugby B. Pete Morris won his three for Rugby, with Alan Chan collecting two and Alum Durrani one plus the doubles with Pete. AP's points were won by Samantha Apostol's two and Andrew Meredith's one. AP finish the week on a high though – the thirteen points they collected were enough to move them into second place in the division. Rugby B took another 7-3 win when they played Flavels B. Trevor Bradley took all Flavels' points with a fine maximum. Pete Morris, Alum Durrani and Alan Chan all won braces, plus the doubles from the former two. Flavels B were under strength as they fielded a reserve from Division A against Free Church B, although another special mention is deserved for Lawrence Sweeney who competed well and showed plenty of promise for the future in the 8-2 defeat. Mike Bridgman, returning to competitive action after a few years out, picked up three, as did Tom Brocklehurst. James Hodges collected one and the doubles went to Bridgman and Brocklehurst. Mick Bennett and Roger Potts both held on to one for Flavels in reply. Rugby A and BGN B clashed in a match where a heavy defeat for BGN could have just eased them to the outer margins of the title race. Both sides battled well though and fought out a draw, although BGN could have taken a couple more points had some close encounters gone their way. BGN's points were taken by Andrew Davies, Steve Proctor and Jonathan Wright who won two, two and one respectively. Rugby's Ian Randle took his three, Jack Randle one and the doubles together. RNA C found their B side a player short and took advantage to win 6-4. Robin Fox-Stangways won both of his games and Steve Kurle the crucial single. Steve Poole claimed two, Richard Miles one and the doubles together for the B's. Copsewood entertained Free Church C and beat them by a convincing 8-2 margin. Richard Jardim and Steve Smith both won hat-tricks, Roy Joiner one plus the doubles with Steve. Cherry Matthews and Stuart Mills saved a point a piece for Church.

Division 1 saw two tight matches and two whitewashes. Colebridge B battled out a 5-5 draw with BGN A. Pete Roddy was unbeaten for 'Bridge, with John Taylor adding a brace. BGN's Gary Jackson picked up two plus the doubles with Barry Hook, who added one, as did Bob Harman. Colebridge's A side beat WCC B 6-4, with Edward Lynn and Neil Wheatley taking braces and the doubles, plus one from Graham Hoskin. None, though, could beat the impressive Nilton Green, who took a maximum for Council, which was added to by Simon Griew's single. Wellesbourne whitewashed St Georges C thanks to Pete Dunnett, Gary Stewart and Michael Wilkins. Free Church A did the same to Eathorpe A with Hugh Matthews, Gary Webb and Xiaoyang Ma showing no mercy.

Defending champions, AP Sports B picked up where they left their Autumn competition in Division A with a 5-0 win over Eathorpe E. Tony Williams and Carol Meredith putting down an early marker in their bid to retain the title. FISSC B eased past Free Church H 4-1 with two from Brian Marston, one from Mark Kingham plus the doubles. Church's reply came from Charlotte Spencer. St Georges E beat Rugby E 3-2. Gary Edwards won his two for Saints plus the doubles with Phillip Morby. Grace Newman and Marion Dixon both collected one for Rugby.

Division B's Eathorpe F, who were relegated from Division A, started their bid to return to the top flight with a hard fought 5-0 win over Eathorpe I. Katie and Dave Hawker took singles and Pauline Parkes joined Katie for the doubles. LCP Dreamers' Simon Dainty was involved in two tight five-setters, but came through both to lead his side to a 4-1 win over Eathorpe G. Simon Walmesley added one, plus the doubles with Dainty. Mark Hancock held a good single for 'Thorpe. Eathorpe K, promoted from Division C, continue to make impressive strides and took out Free Church K 4-1. Holly Savage and Jack Parry both taking braces. Free Church's salvation came from Jack Hobbins and Lindy Myers in a tight doubles.

Newcomers to the league, Harbury Lane, started off with a solid Division C win against Free Church O. Sam Twigg starred with a maximum, Leo Twigg added one plus the doubles with Sam. Church's consolation in the 4-1 defeat was picked up by James Payne. Rugby G's Liam Hobson Hobday and Jack Davies took maximums, but a good doubles effort by Lauren Delday and Lucy Marlow saved a point for Free Church N. Free Church L beat St Georges F 4-1, with Jakob Lane winning two plus the doubles with Lewis Barge, who also took a single. Jamie Compton registered Saints' point. Eathorpe L made a good start to life in the league with a 5-0 win against LCP Groovers. Gary and Joshua Osbourne with strong performances against their plucky opponents. Free Church P edged a tight 3-2 encounter against Rugby H. Anita Whitehouse won her two, plus the doubles with Aidan Pestell for Church. Sam Back and Simon Pook both kept one for Rugby. Free Church Q were a touch too strong for Free Church R and David Herbet's two, Niall Herbert's one and the doubles gave them a 4-1 win. Chris Beckett took the R sides consolation.