

Week Commencing 16th April 2007

The result of the week must surely belong to WCC A who put in a spectacular performance to topple Division 1 leaders, Flavels A, 8-2 in a match where they won four out of the five deciding set encounters. Phil Paine put in a captain's performance to take his best hat trick of the year and was supported by two each from Pat McCabe and Sasha Grokhotov. Sasha joined Phil for a convincing doubles win. Paul Savins replied with two for Flavels, Damon Fenton one. Better for Flavels against BGN A, as they took the match 8-2. Paul Savins was a maximum man, Damon Fenton and Pete Dasher both braces, with Savins and Fenton taking the doubles. Bob Harman and Jason Adams saved one each for BGN. WCC A put in another good performance to hold second placed St Georges A to a 5-5 draw. Pat McCabe and Sasha Grokhotov both won twice and Phil Paine once. Ian Packford won his three for Saints, Mike Bishop took one and the pair combined for the doubles. A 10-0 win for Saints A against Eathorpe – Ian Packford, Mike Bishop and Earl Sweeney tested only on one occasion, as Matthew Cooper forced a deciding set in one of his singles. St Georges B saw off St Georges C 9-1, with maximums from Jimmy Pittaway and Ron Vose, which were added to by Rob Warnes' brace, plus the doubles with Jimmy. Alf Chapman consoled for the C's. St Georges B crashed to a 10-0 defeat at the hands of BGN A though. Gary Jackson, Bob Harman and Jason Adams proving too strong for their opponents.

In Division 2, Rugby A enhanced their title winning prospects while at the same time putting a dent in their B side's ambitions of taking second place. Rugby A took the match 7-3 thanks to a hat-trick from Ian Randle and braces from Jack Randle and Len Coonan. Pete Morris and Alaam Durrani both won once and took the doubles together. Ian, Jack and Len then managed a 10-0 win over Free Church C and a 9-1 win over AP Sports A, for whom Terry Smith saved the whitewash. Those three results, bearing in mind their remaining fixtures, should be enough to see Rugby A home in first place after maintaining some excellent form since the turn of the year. Rugby B have also played Free Church C, but couldn't match their A side's result and ended up beating them 7-3. Pete Morris won his three, plus the doubles with Alaam Durrani. Alaam took one for himself and Alan Chan two. Cherry Matthews battled hard for her brace, which was added to by Stuart Mills' one. Free Church B put in a focused performance against Copsewood and Mike Bridgman, Chris Mulligan and Tom Brocklehurst's 10-0 victory just about keeps them ahead of Rugby B in the race for second place. Copsewood were 8-2 winners against RNA A with Richard Jardim and Roy Joiner both taking all three. Gordon Tucker held one plus the doubles with Roy, while RNA's points were scored by Kim Wong and Dot Macfarlane. RNA A suffered another heavy defeat, this time 10-0, at the hands of BGN B. Dong Wei, Steve Proctor and Malcolm Macfarlane giving themselves an outside chance of third place, should anyone slip up. Whitnash crushed RNA B 10-0 thanks to Paul Ryman, Ken Southwell and Ian Perry. Flavels B took a 7-2 win home after their encounter with RNA C. Roger Potts and Trevor Bradley took their two against two-man Navy, but conceded two points as they were also a player short. One game was void, hence the 7-2 score line.

A promising start in Eathorpe C's Division 3 match against WCC C saw them level at 3-3, but from that point they faded and succumbed to the stronger County Council team. Michael Rossington won twice and Ron Coats once for Eathorpe, but two from each of Graham Roberts, Sue Clarke and Jim Owen, plus the doubles from the latter two, gave WCC the 7-3 win. Free Church F beat two man Ashorne 6-4. Phil Blowey won twice and took the doubles with Charlotte Spencer to add to the three forfeited points and take the match. Steve Bolton and Roger Kelley both held two for Ashorne. Free Church D and Rugby D fought out a 5-5 draw, with Rugby's Ben Meakin starring with a maximum plus the doubles with Tristan Mobbs, who also won once. Ian Rourke and Llyryn Brocklehurst collected a single for Church, who picked up three points due to Rugby only having two players.

AP Sports A sealed their status as double Division A champions; their 4-1 win over Free Church H adding the Spring title to the Autumn one they won before Christmas. Carol Meredith and Tony Williams won one and two respectively and took the doubles. Scott Delday picked up a good single for Church. FISSC B had a 5-0 win over Rugby F which puts them two points clear of St Georges D in the race for second. Mark Kingham and Brian Marston making light work of their Rugby opponents. St Georges E beat Free Church G 3-2 thanks to a brace from Gary Edwards and the doubles which Gary took with Callum Martin. Adam Cooper and Stuart Ayres both won once in reply. Free Church I were vastly strengthened by reserve Lleryn Brocklehurst who guided them to a 5-0 win over Rugby E. Rugby were unlucky not to pick up a point as Church's Luke Spencer had to fight hard for five set wins over both Marion Dixon and Grace Newman.

LCP Dreamers finally secured the Division B crown with a 5-0 win over Eathorpe F. Simon Dainty and Simon Walmesley putting in a title-winning performance. The Dreamers had previously slipped to a 3-2 defeat against Free Church J. Both Simons won once for the Dreamers, but were Church's Sam and Tom Smith won one each, then took the doubles to win the match. Church J lost 3-2 to Eathorpe I as John Gymer and Pauline Parkes won one each plus the doubles, although neither could beat Sam Smith who took both points for Free Church. Eathorpe I had also fallen to champions LCP Dreamers 4-1. Simons Dainty and Walmesley both won maximums, but John and Pauline took the doubles to save some pride. Eathorpe H beat LCP Packers 3-2 with Hannah Saville winning a brace plus the doubles with Elizabeth Hancock. Doug Smith and Nicky Barrett both took a single. Free Church M beat Eathorpe J 5-0 in a good humoured match that saw Phil Booth and Daniel Ward winning the singles and Phil being joined by Richard Pittaway Jnr for the doubles. Sam Smith won twice, Tom Smith once and the brothers took the doubles in another match for Free Church J, which ended with a 4-1 win over Eathorpe G, for whom Richard Freeman salvaged. Eathorpe K beat Eathorpe F 3-2. An excellent two from Holly Savage was added to by one from the exuberant Jack Parry and the doubles. Dave Hawker saved the whitewash for the F's.

Three teams are all locked together on 35 points at the top of Division C. Harbury Lane are slightly behind, having played ten games, with Eathorpe L and Free Church L sitting first and second with nine games played. Free Church L were the only one of the sides in action this week and pulled level with a 5-0 win over Free Church N – Lewis Barge and Jakob Lane giving the side a shot at the title. Free Church O just beat Free Church R 3-2 with two from James Payne and one from Kyle Thompson. The R side's points came from Chris Beckett's single and the doubles with Tom Boote. Free Church R found Rugby H too hot to handle and Simon Pook and Peter Moffatt duly took all five points. Rugby G had two 5-0 wins in a row. First, Jack Davis and Carl Smith beat Free Church Q and then Jack was joined by Liam Hobson Hobday as they dealt out the punishment against Free Church P.