

## Week Commencing 20<sup>th</sup> November 2006

FISSC A consolidated their position at the summit of Division 3 as they checked second placed Rugby C's challenge with a 7-3 win. David Milton and Gareth Conway were unbeaten in singles and doubles for FISSC, while the Rugby points came from Dave Cox, Matthew Outhwaite and Don Pritchard. It's not just a two horse race, however – WCC C put themselves right in the mixer with two resounding victories. Reg Warnes, James Owen and Sue Clarke whitewashed Free Church F 10-0, despite some brave performances from the youngsters, then moved on to beat Ashorne 9-1. Against Ashorne, Reg and Sue were joined by Graham Roberts and all took hat-tricks. Ashorne's point came thanks to a Chris Bowles/Roger Kelley doubles. Ashorne also took a heavy defeat against Eathorpe B. Alastair Nicholson, Phillip Hill and Allan Stockham racing through to a 10-0 win. The fourth side that is still very much in the hunt for the top two spots is Free Church E. Their credentials aided this week by an 8-2 win over Church F. Luke Hobbins stamped his authority on the evening with a comfortable hat-trick, to which Tom Hunt and Chris Blowey added braces. An excellent win from both Phil Blowey and Jake Harrison ensured that the F side left with some reward for their efforts. Mid-table sides Rugby D and Free Church D faced each other, with the slightly lower placed Free Church side gaining a little with a 6-4 win. Lleryn Brocklehurst put in a solid performance to take her three for Church; Adam Cooper added two and Pete Rourke one. Ben Meakin battled to take his two points in a couple of five-setters and Steve Maddison picked up one. Ben and Steve also combined to take the doubles in the fifth set.

St Georges A played host to WCC A in the match between Division 1's leading two sides. The Saint's increased their lead at the top with a 7-3 winning performance. Ian Packford was unstretched as he took his three, Mike Bishop two and Earl Sweeney one and the doubles with Packford. Pat McCabe pulled two good points back for WCC and Phil Paine added a single. Flavels A sit third, but with a couple of games in hand. They had a comprehensive 9-1 win over Wellesbourne this week, courtesy of three from both Paul Savins and Mark Jackson, who took the doubles as well. Pete Dasher added two, with Michael Wilkins picking up a consolation for 'Bourne. A dogged defensive display from Matthew Cooper earned Eathorpe A a point, but John Chandler and John Taylor hat-tricks and doubles, plus two from Bob Brown gave Colebridge B a 9-1 victory. Simon Griew posted a maximum for WCC B in their 8-2 win over St Georges B. Nilton Green added two, with Derek Harwood picking up a win and a concession. Rob Warnes and Jimmy Pittaway saved a point each for the Saints.

Division 2 produced a close match between second placed Rugby A and fourth placed Copsewood. Gordon Tucker picked up two for Copsewood, with Steve Smith and Roy Joiner adding one each. Jack Randle picked up a solid brace for Rugby, as well as the doubles with Ian Randle. Ian's treble proved decisive, though, and Rugby A edged the match 6-4. RNA C found it tough against AP Sports A. Steve Kurle kept one for Navy, but Andrew Meredith and Terry Smith took singles and doubles and Samantha Apostol a brace for AP's 9-1 win. RNA C fared a bit better against Whitnash, though – this time picking up a couple more points as they went down 7-3. Steve Kurle, again, picked up a single, as did Robin Fox Strangeways. The duo combined to good effect in the doubles and took it in five sets. For Whitnash, Dennis Woodhead and Ken Southwell remained unbeaten and Suzi Lingard chipped in with a single. Whitnash found themselves on the other end of a 7-3 result against Free Church B. Ian Perry collected two for Whitnash; Ken Southwell one. James Hodges took a single for Church, Chris Mulligan two and Tom Brocklehurst three plus the doubles with Mulligan.

A second win of the Division A campaign for Free Church I saw them beat LCP Dreamers by a 4-1 scoreline. Russell Spencer took his two, plus the doubles with son, Luke, who registered his first win of the season in a hard fought five-set battle. Simon Walmesley saved a point for the Dreamers. The Dreamers were in better form against Free Church H though. Simon Walmesley and Simon Dainty

taking the match by five points to nil. A predictably close encounter between Eathorpe's D and E sides just went the way of the E's. Ryan Oldham put in the star performance of the night by taking his two for E. Peter Nicholson won one for D, plus the doubles with Sophie Niepceron but a crucial single from James Matharu saw the E side home. Eathorpe E also posted a maximum win. James and Ryan rolling over Free Church I, though with both of them winning tense five-setters it could have been a closer scoreline. St Georges D were another side who took maximum points, leaving them within striking distance of the top spot. Paul Nason and Lawrence Sweeney did the damage against Eathorpe F. St Georges D also picked up a 3-2 win against Rugby E. The ever-dependable Nason again won his two and Lawrence picked up one. Marion Dixon took a single for Rugby and joined Grace Newman for the doubles. Marion again picked up one for Rugby E, but could do no more as Tony Williams and Carol Meredith won two and one respectively for AP Sports B's 4-1 win. St Georges E's Gary Edwards proved to be too strong for Free Church H and picked up his two, although he was extended to five sets by an on form Phil Blowey. Phil Blowey picked up one, as did team mate Jake Harrison. The crucial double went the way of the Free Church duo as they won the match 3-2.

Rugby F had two good wins in Division B. They thumped Free Church J 5-0 and took out LCP Packers 4-1. Against Church, Richard Frost and Jesse Kendrick Hill didn't drop a leg as they cruised past. Against LCP, Jesse picked up another maximum and was joined by Ryan Lines, who took one for himself, for the doubles. LCP's point was scored by Douglas Smith. The Packers dealt out their own 4-1 win against Free Church K. Douglas Smith picked up two this time, Sarah Hemp one and the doubles together. Roald Myers saved the whitewash for Church. Eathorpe G beat the considerably younger H side by a 4-1 margin. Richard Freeman took two, Mark Hancock one and the doubles together. A good win from Hannah Saville saved the H's blushes.

Eathorpe K continue to improve week by week in Division C and on this occasion picked up a 4-1 win. Holly Savage took her two, Jack Parry one and the doubles together. Dave Overton held one in defeat for LCP Groovers. Even better for the K's against Free Church N. Jack and Holly, this time, remaining unbeaten in a 5-0 win. Another 5-0 defeat for Church N, but a good effort by the young girls who managed to take a couple of games to the fifth set. Ultimately, though, Rugby H had too much for them and Sam Back and Simon Pook took maximum points. Free Church O beat Free Church Q 4-1, thanks to James Payne's two and Andrew Martin's single. The lads took the doubles as well, but a hard fought first league win for Q's Aidan Pestell saved a point. Eathorpe I also faced Free Church O and won the match 4-1. Adam Kennedy picked up one, Pauline Parkes two and the doubles together. James Payne played well once more to take his single.

The Warwickshire Closed Championships are being held, a little earlier than usual, this Sunday at St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre. The draw for the events will be posted on the Warwickshire TTA website at <http://www.wtta.org.uk>. Refreshments will be provided at the venue and competitors are reminded that, if they haven't received a Car Park Pass, they will need to Pay & Display. The tournament attracts players from all over the county and will last all day. Spectators are welcome.