

Week Commencing 23rd April 2007

Flavels A have finally wrapped up the Division 1 title, with two maximum wins. Mark Jackson, Paul Savins and Damon Fenton made it mathematically impossible for them to be caught by crushing St Georges C and Eathorpe A 10-0. They have one match remaining and the trio, along with team mate Pete Dasher will go in to that match against second place St Georges A as champions. St Georges A are guaranteed the runners up spot and moved themselves to 161 points from 21 games, compared to Flavels' 176 from 21, with wins over WCC B and Free Church A. Against County Council, Ian Packford won his three, Mike Bishop two and the doubles together to take the match 6-4. Simon Griew kept to for County Council; Nilton Green and Martin Hunter one each. Saints could only field two players against Free Church A, but still managed to come out with a 6-4 win thanks to three from Ian Packford, two from Mike Bishop and the doubles. Hugh Matthews had a fine win over Bishop, which was added to by three conceded points. Colebridge B and St Georges B fought out a 5-5 draw. Pete Roddy took his three for Colebridge and John Taylor added a brace. Rob Warnes won twice for Saints; Ron Vose and Jimmy Pittaway once each, plus the doubles together. BGN A had a comfortable win of Eathorpe A with Bob Harman and Malc Macfarlane winning singles and doubles and Steve Proctor a brace. Matthew Cooper consoled for 'Thorpe.

Flavels B overpowered RNA C in their Division 2 encounter. John Earles and Roger Potts were untouchable in singles, Mick Bennett won twice and partnered Roger to take the doubles and complete a 9-1 win. RNA's point came from an excellent Steve Kurle single. Flavels couldn't manage to keep the winning streak going when they faced both Rugby A and Rugby B on the same night. Against the A side, Trevor Bradley and Mick Bennett won a single a piece, but hat-tricks from the division's 100% man, Ian Randle and brother Mark, the doubles from the pair and a single from Len Coonan gave the champions elect an 8-2 win. Against the B side, Trevor Bradley's two and Mick Bennett's single limited third place Rugby B to a 7-3 win. Pete Morris took his three for Rugby B, Alaam Durrani a single, plus the doubles with Pete and Alan Chan one. BGN B beat Copsewood 8-2 thanks to Dong Wei's hat-trick and braces from Malc Macfarlane and Steve Proctor. Gordon Tucker and Roy Joiner picked up a point each, but a Dong Wei/Steve Proctor doubles completed the result for BGN. Copsewood then went on to beat two man RNA C 10-0. Steve Smith, Gordon Tucker and Roy Joiner took singles and doubles to add to the three conceded points. RNA C were a player light again against Free Church B and Chris Mulligan, Mike Bridgman and Tom Brocklehurst duly put paid to them 10-0.

The top of the Division 3 table makes very interesting reading. Free Church E, having lost 10-0 to Rugby C's Don Pritchard, Mihai Duhovnicu and Matthew Outhwaite – their first defeat of the season in their last match! -, are top on 145 points from 20 games. Rugby C are second with 143 points and Eathorpe B third on 137. With Rugby and Eathorpe to play each other in their final match of the season, an 8-2 win for Eathorpe will see all three teams tied on 145 points. Anything other than that result will see Free Church B promoted in second place, with one of Eathorpe and Rugby finishing as champions. WCC D and Free Church D completed their fixtures when they played each other and Free Church D ran out 7-3 winners. Doug Lowe took his three for WCC, but braces from Pete Rourke, Ian Rourke and Lleryn Brocklehurst, plus the doubles by the latter two, gave Free Church the win.

St Georges D completed their Division A campaign and sit third with fourth spot guaranteed. Local pin-up, Paul Nason, led the way with a brace against Free Church I, which was followed by a brace from the ever improving Loz Sweeney. The doubles from the pair completed the 5-0 win. Paul and Loz won once each and took the doubles for a 3-2 win over Free Church G, for whom Stuart Ayers won twice.

William Henry and Robert Young have perhaps not fulfilled the early promise they showed when winning promotion from Division C at Christmas. Their 4-1 defeat at the hands of LCP Packers, for whom Sarah Hemp won twice and Douglas Smith once to add to their doubles, condemns them to bottom place in Division B and relegation. The pair tried hard against their LCP opponents and Robert Young did well to nick a single. Relegation, maybe, but the pair will doubtless benefit from the experience and bounce back in September.

Harbury Lane beat Division C opponents Rugby G 4-1. Sam Twigg won twice, Leo Twigg once and Leo joined dad Alex for the doubles. Jack Davies won a tight five-setter against Leo for Rugby's point. Free Church O saw off Rugby G 5-0 – James Payne and Kyle Thompson taking singles and doubles. James and Kyle slipped to a 3-2 defeat against Eathorpe L. Gary Osbourne won twice for 'Thorpe and took the doubles with son Josh. James and Kyle both took a single for Church.

With the final matches being played and the titles being decided, it is an opportune moment to remind all players that the annual Presentation Evening is due to be held on Friday 18 May 2007 at St Patrick's Irish Club in Leamington. Players, their friends and families are all encouraged to attend. Further details and tickets are available from Sue Clarke on 01926 402934.