

Week Commencing 23rd October 2006

A big win for Free Church C in Division 2 this week when they came across RNA C. Stuart Mills and Cherry Matthews both took three, Les Hoggins two and the doubles with Cherry. Robin Fox-Strangeways saved a consolation for 9-1. Church C couldn't, however, maintain their winning ways when they met their B side. Stuart, Cherry and Les all won one, but Chris Mulligan and Tom Brocklehurst took singles and doubles for a 7-3 win. Another 7-3 followed for the B side; this time against RNA A. Andy Davies fought well to save a couple for RNA, Dot Macfarlane one, but three-two-one from Tom, Chris and James Hodges, plus the doubles saw the B's home. A slightly closer match for Naval when they travelled to Rugby A. Ian Randall won his three, plus the doubles with Jack Randall, to which Don Pritchard added two in the 6-4 win. Andy Davies again picked up a brace, with Tony Thomas and Kim Wong contributing singles. Rugby's B side found the going easier against RNA C and promptly romped to a 10-0 victory. Alum Durrani, Pete Morris and Alan Chan the trio in command. BGN B found RNA B a player short and took full advantage. Dong Wei and Jonathan Wright picking up two each, Steve Proctor one and the doubles with Dong. Ian Stevens saved RNA's blushes.

Gareth Conway continues to rise to all challenges in Division 3, this week leading FISSC A to a 7-3 win against Ashorne with another hat-trick. George Mudie followed suit and Mark Kingham picked up a single. Roger Kelly and Janet Andrews won a game a piece and Roger partnered Chris Bowles to take the doubles. Free Church F continue to find life tough in their first season at this level. Points for effort, but unfortunately none to add to their league total as they lost 10-0 to Eathorpe C. Ron Coats, Paul Deavall and Charles Wragg just too strong. Eathorpe B continue to benefit from Allan Stockham's experience and this week were able to limit Free Church E to 6-4. Allan's treble was added to when Alastair Nicholson joined him for the doubles. Luke Hobbins, Tom Hunt and Chris Blowey all picked up two for Church to ensure they got the win. WCC C, down from Division 2, will be looking to bounce straight back and a commanding 10-0 demolition job on Rugby D will do them no harm at all. James Owen, Sue Clarke and Reg Warnes dropped only three sets between them en route to maximum points.

St Georges A continue their early season march in Division 1. The latest side to be strode over being Colebridge B. Mike Bishop, Ian Packford and Earl Sweeney winning the match 10-0. St Georges C couldn't emulate their A side and found an on form WCC B too hot to handle. Simon Griew, Nilton Green and William Fletcher inflicting a 10-0 defeat on Saints. A solid 8-2 victory for Free Church A. Alan Jones and Hugh Matthews unbeatable in singles and doubles, plus a single from Chris Mulligan put the points on the board. Jimmy Pittaway and Rob Warnes saved a couple of points for St Georges B. Much better for Saints against Colebridge A though. Ron Vose and Jimmy Pittaway picked up braces; Rob Warnes a single and the doubles with Jimmy in their 6-4 win. Michael Rinnhofer took two, Navinder Matharu and Thomas Gerald Hearne one each.

Divisions C's Rugby H had a useful 4-1 win over Eathorpe K. Peter Moffatt won both his games; Simon Pook one. Peter and Simon combined to take the doubles, while Holly Savage claimed another good win for 'Thorpe's point. Free Church P just stole the win from Free Church Q – Hollie and Ashley Edwards winning a game a piece and Ashley and John Edwards winning the doubles. For the Q's, nine year old Niall Herbert, making his debut, took a very creditable maximum. LCP Groovers didn't hang around when they faced Church P – Dave Overton and Phillipa Dalley racing to a 5-0 win. Eathorpe I were also in a rush; they whitewashed Free Church P as well! Pauline Parkes and Matthew Jackson, Eathorpe's stars. Free Church O faced Rugby G in a close match. Kyle Thompson and James Payne notched for the O's; Jack Davies took his two for Rugby. The crucial doubles was won by Kyle and James and Free Church took the match 3-2. Free Church M's Richard Pittaway Jnr and Phillip Booth were too strong for their N side as they won 5-0. Credit to Lauren Delday and Lucy

Marlow, though, for taking a leg of the stronger players in the doubles. Free Church L also whitewashed some club colleagues – Free Church Q the opponents receiving no charity. Jakob Lane and Callum Jeromson securing the victory.

In Division B, Rugby F took on Eathorpe H and came out on top. Elizabeth Hancock picked up a good single, but Pete Moffat (1) and Richard Moffat (2) gave Rugby a 4-1 win. Contrasting fortunes for Free Church K who first edged out their J side 3-2. An excellent brace from Jack Hobbins was met by a Tom Smith single and Tom / Michael Turner doubles. The deciding point was secured by K's Roald Myers. Not such an easy ride against Eathorpe G though. Richard Freeman took his singles and the doubles with Mark Hancock, who won one. Another good performance by Jack Hobbins gave the youngster another fine win to save a point in the 4-1 reverse.

The experience of AP Sports B was in evidence as they travelled to Eathorpe D. Some purple patches from 'Thorpe's Sophie Cooper weren't quite enough to nick a game as Tony Williams and Carol Meredith coasted home 5-0. Eathorpe's E and F sides faced one another, with Ryan Oldham in inspired form as he took his two. James Matharu also won his games, but the two thirteen year olds weren't able to beat Dave and Katie Hawker in the doubles. 4-1 to the E side the final score. A tremendous effort by Free Church H was enough to see them defeat their G side. Keith Knott was unbeaten for G, but a good win for both Phillip Blowey and Scott Delday levelled the score. The youngsters holding their nerve to take a five-set deciding doubles and thus the match 3-2.