

## Week Commencing 26<sup>th</sup> February 2007

A resounding 10-0 win for St Georges A will have done their Division 1 title ambitions no harm whatsoever this week. Club mates, St Georges C, were the unfortunate side who found Ian Packford, Earl Sweeney and Mike Bishop in destructive form. Free Church A also collected some big points as they swept BGN A aside 9-1. Xiaoyang Ma and Hugh Matthews took hat-tricks for Free Church, with Matthew Carter winning two, plus the doubles with Xiaoyang. Jason Adams responded for BGN's consolation. Edward Lynn continued his good form of late for Colebridge A and his straight-sets maximum helped steer them to an 8-2 win over Colebridge B. Navinder Matharu also won his three, with Neil Wheatley contributing a brace. John Chandler saved an epic five setter for the B side, plus the doubles with John Taylor. Eathorpe A scored two welcome points thanks to Chris Atkins and Matthew Cooper, but overall Wellesbourne were just too strong. Pete Dunnett and Gary Stewart both won their three; Jim Betts one plus the doubles with Dunnett. WCC A had a comfortable win over WCC B, with Pat McCabe remaining unbeaten for the A's and being supported by two each from Phil Paine and Clive Irwin, who also won the doubles. Simon Griew claimed both the B side's points in reply.

A couple more 8-2 wins, this time in Division 2. RNA A took advantage of Flavels B being unable to field a full side and when the three forfeited points were added to braces and the doubles from Andy Davies and Tony Thomas, RNA A's early finish gave them a useful result. Mick Bennett and Roger Potts both won a game each. Flavels B were back up to their full complement against Rugby A, but could only manage two points again. Mick Bennett and Trevor Bradley providing them. Rugby's Ian Randle won his three, as did Mihai Duhovnicu. Jack Randle managed a single, plus the doubles with Duhovnicu.

A good humoured Division 3 exchange between FISSC A and Eathorpe C resulted in a 9-1 win for the FISSC side, although they had to work hard for it. Ron Coats saved the consolation for 'Thorpe, while Gareth Conway, John Hunt and George Mudie won three, three and two respectively and completed the scoring with a Conway/Hunt doubles. Free Church E made light work of Free Church F – Luke Hobbins, Tom Hunt and Chris Blowey taking all ten points for a maximum win. WCC C beat Free Church D 8-2 thanks to three from James Owen and Graham Roberts and two from Reg Warnes. Pete Rourke collected a single for Church D and Lleryn Brocklehurst and Adam Cooper the doubles.

Eathorpe E have had a rapid rise through the bottom two divisions of the league, but are finding it hard to sustain their momentum in Division A. A few brief flurries produced some deuce sets, but Phillip Blowey and Jake Harrison proved too strong and romped to a 5-0 victory for Free Church H. Mark Kingham's maximum and Brian Marston's single helped FISSC B to a narrow 3-2 win over Rugby E, for whom Steven Maddison replied with a single and Ben Meakin and Marion Dixon the doubles. Eathorpe D beat Free Church G 4-1 courtesy of a Alastair Nicholson brace, a Peter Nicholson single and the doubles together. Church G's response was won by debutant Steven Ayres. In the match between Eathorpe E and Rugby F, it was the Eathorpe side that put the most effort in and deserved their 3-2 win. Ryan James Oldham won his two, James Matharu one for 'Thorpe. Jesse Kendrick Hill won a singles, plus the doubles with Matthew Outhwaite for Rugby. Jesse improved on his tally and won both his singles and again partnered Matthew Outhwaite for the doubles, as Rugby F beat Rugby E 3-2. Grace Newman and Marion Dixon both picked up one in reply.

Free Church K did extremely well to beat the experienced Eathorpe F 5-0 – Jack Hobbins and Lindy Myers winning singles and doubles in a match that had only one game that didn't go to a deciding set.

Eathorpe I beat LCP Packers 4-1, with Paul Deavall and Pauline Parkes winning two and one respectively, plus the doubles. Nicky Barrett saved the point for LCP. Free Church M's Phillip Booth and Richard Pittaway Jnr both won maximums against Eathorpe G, but Richard Freeman and Mark Hancock collected the doubles to limit the M's win to 4-1. Eathorpe J got the better of Free Church J as Robert Young won two and William Henry one in their 3-2 win. Free Church J's replies came from Tom Smith and a Tom / Michael Turner doubles.

In a top of the table Division C clash, Eathorpe L were worthy winners over Free Church L. Gary Osbourne, finding this division no real test, duly took his two plus the doubles with son Joshua, who contributed one of his own. Jakob Lane's perseverance earned Free Church's consolation point. Rugby G beat Free Church P 5-0, thanks to Jim Davies, Liam Hobson Hobday and Jack Davies, who took singles and doubles between them. St Georges F beat Free Church R 4-1, with Jamie Compton and Billy Bain collecting two and one respectively, plus the doubles. A hard fought Church reply came from Chris Beckett.

In the last remaining quarter-final of the Southwell Trophy, Free Church E saw off AP Sports 3-1

A reminder that the Leamington Closed Championships are to be held next weekend on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March, again at Sydenham Sports Centre. Late entries will be accepted up until the time of the draw, which will take place on the evening of Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March.