

## Week Commencing 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006

Free Church M continue their dominance of Division C and are surely a safe bet for promotion at Christmas. They notched up another couple of maximum wins – Phil Booth, Daniel Ward and Richard Pittaway crushing Free Church Q and Eathorpe I 5-0. Eathorpe J, with two games in hand, can still catch Church M and kept up their challenge with two convincing 5-0's of their own. William Henry, Paul Deavall and Robert Young showing their class against Free Church L and Free Church P. 'Thorpe J and Church M have still to meet – a match which could decide the title. Rugby's G and H sides faced each other and the G side took a narrow 3-2 win in a match where all participants picked up a single. For the G's, Jack Davis and Liam Hobson; for the H's, Sam Back and Simon Pook. Jack and Liam the crucial match winning doubles. Rugby H made amends for a narrow defeat by taking a narrow victory against Free Church L. Peter Moffat took his two for Rugby, Simon Pook one. Callum Jeromson replied with one for Church and partnered Lewis Barge to win the doubles. The Eathorpe K duo of Holly Savage and Jack Parry, still in their first league season, improve with every match and were too strong on the night for the plucky and very young Free Church Q – 5-0 the winning margin for Eathorpe. Free Church N took out LCP Groovers in another close contest. Lucy Marlow a fine maximum for Church, supported by Lauren Delday's single. Dave Overton kept one for the Groovers and was joined by Philippa Dalley for the doubles. 3-2 to Church the final result. Free Church O took all five points as James Payne and Kyle Thompson beat their P side stable mates convincingly.

A busy period for Division B side LCP Packers. They got off to a less than ideal start when they lost 5-0 against table-topping Rugby F. Jesse Kendrick Hill and Richard Frost wrapping things up without drama. Packers improved against Free Church K though, with Douglas Smith taking a single and the doubles with Sara Hemp. Lindy Myers' brace and a vital single from Jack Hobbins gave Free Church the 3-2 edge. Third time lucky for LCP! They edged out Eathorpe H 3-2. Douglas Smith a single once more, which was added to by Nicky Barrett and the doubles together. Hannah Saville put in another good performance for 'Thorpe to win her two. Rugby F had a second big win, by four points to one on this occasion, beating Eathorpe G 4-1. Richard Frost and Jesse Kendrick Hill taking two each for Rugby; Richard Freeman and Mark Hancock the doubles in reply. Eathorpe G turned things around against Free Church J – William Hancock's brace, Mark Hancock's one and William's doubles with Richard Freeman gave them four points. Michael Turner battled hard to save a point for Church in five sets. Free Church J tasted another 4-1 defeat against their K side, Tom Smith salvaging this time. Two for Roald Myers, one for Jack Hobbins and the doubles together gave K the win.

FISSC B carved out a 3-2 win against Free Church G in Division A. Mark Kingham and Brian Marston taking one each, plus the doubles together. Neither could manage to beat Keith Knott though, as he took a gritty maximum. Unfortunately, no similar form could be found by Church G against AP Sports A. Carol Meredith and Tony Williams cruising to a 5-0 whitewash. FISSC B took their match against Eathorpe E by five points to nil - Brian Marston joined by John Hunt. The erudite Paul Nason demonstrated his knowledge of the angles as he took a straight sets maximum, maintaining his 100% average, in St Georges D's 5-0 whitewash of Free Church H. Loz Sweeney continued his rapid improvement and collected a maximum of his own. Eathorpe D's Peter Nicholson was unbeaten in singles and doubles (with Sophie Niepceron) and those points were enough to give them a 3-2 win over LCP Dreamers, for who Simon Dainty and Simon Walmesley took one each. Eathorpe's F side found themselves a touch unfortunate to lose 5-0 to Rugby E. A lot of good play and several deuces were, however, not good enough to prevent Marion Dixon and Grace Newman taking all the points in this entertaining match. St Georges E rolled over Free Church I 4-1, with Gary Webb taking a comfortable two, Phillip Morby one and the doubles together. Church's consolation came from ten year old Luke Spencer.

Some tight matches in Division 3 this week, starting with a 5-5 draw between Eathorpe C and Ashorne. Michael Rossington and Ron Coats had taken braces, to which Charles Wragg added a single, which gave Eathorpe a 5-2 lead. Ashorne fought back to level the match though, with Roger Kelly taking two and Chris Bowles and Steve Bolton one each. Roger and Chris took the doubles. Another draw, this time between Free Church E and WCC D. Tony Ford picked up his three for WCC, with Doug Lowe's brace completing their haul. For Church, Tom Hunt won two and the doubles with Luke Hobbins. Luke picked up a single, as did Chris Blowey. The E side then got the better of FISSC A by a 6-4 scoreline. Tom Hunt an excellent maximum this time round, Luke Hobbins two and Chris Blowey one. Gareth Conway kept two for FISSC, George Mudie one and the doubles together. Eathorpe B were led by an Allan Stockham treble, with Alastair Nicholson and Phillip Hill collecting two and one respectively when they met Free Church D. Lleryn Brocklehurst picked up two, Ron Stanbridge one and the doubles together. 6-4 to Eathorpe the final score. Rugby D proved the exception to the rule and ran roughshod over Free Church F. Ben Meakin, Tristan Mobbs and Peter Gierth the 10-0 victors.

Only one Division 2 result in this week – Free Church B overcame RNA C 7-3. Chris Mulligan and Tom Brocklehurst took singles and doubles for Church; Robin Fox-Strangways, Steve Kurle and Pam Beedham one each for RNA.

In Division 1, WCC A against Free Church A proved to be a high quality encounter from the start, with Pat McCabe beating Gary Webb 13/11 in the deciding set to give County Council a 1-0 lead, but Alan Jones equalising by eclipsing Phil Paine 14/12 in the fifth. This was followed by another five set win, this time for County Council's Clive Irwin, as he edged out Hugh Matthews 11/8. WCC eventually emerged with a 7-3 win, with McCabe sealing a fine treble and Irwin winning his second 11/9 in the fifth after a titanic struggle with Alan Jones, but not before Webb had completed his second win of the evening. Free Church put aside their disappointment and slammed their way past St Georges C 10-0. Same again for Saints as Colebridge A's Michael Rinhoff, Neil Wheatley and Navinder Matharu picked up all ten points. St Georges A had Earl Sweeney in fine form as he picked up his three against WCC B. Ian Packford and Mike Bishop added two each and Bishop and Sweeney the doubles. Nilton Green took two in reply, as WCC went down 8-2. BGN A swept aside Eathorpe A 10-0, with Gary Jackson, Barry Hook and Bob Harman proving too strong. Flavels A took eighteen points out of a possible twenty. First, they beat Colebridge B 9-1 – Mark Jackson and Paul Savins taking trebles, Damon Fenton two and the doubles with Jackson. John Chandler kept one for Colebridge. They then repeated the trick against St Georges B. Mark Jackson and Pete Dasher both took two from two and the doubles together, Damon Fenton one. Jimmy Pittaway hit back with a single for Saints, but the three forfeited points proved costly. Saints were able to field a full side against Wellesbourne – Rob Warnes, Phillip Beasley and Jimmy Pittaway all taking one each. Pete Dunnett and Michael Wilkins were unbeaten for 'Bourne and Dunnett was joined by Jim Betts as the doubles completed a 7-3 win.

The Warwickshire Closed Championships were held at St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre this weekend and a new Mens Singles Champion was crowned. Scott Prime took the title by defeating Steve Bertie 11/9, 11/6, 11/8 in the final. Steve had earlier put out Navinder Matharu in the semi finals, with Scott winning a tremendous five set encounter with Andy Lebutt. The Womens Singles went to the top seeded Rachel Pilgrim, who beat Samantha Apostol (Leamington) 11/6, 6/11, 11/6, 11/9. Samantha had done well to put out second seed Helen Turner in the group stages, with Rachel finally triumphing in five against Sarah Riach. Michael Brown and Steve Bertie took the mens doubles title at the expense of Ian Packford / Earl Sweeney (Leamington) and the two Leamington players also featured in the final of the mixed; Packford partnering Rachel Pilgrim to success over Sweeney and Tracey Fletcher. Ryan Stockham beat Paul Savins (Leamington) in the Mens Restricted Singles final and

Spencer siblings Luke and Charlotte (Leamington) triumphed in the Under 11 Boys and Girls Restricted events respectively. Luke beat Jesse-Kendrick Hill, with Charlotte just pipping Jessica Burbeck for her title. The other results were as follows. Womens Doubles – Sarah Riach/Helen Turner bt Rachel Pilgrim/Samantha Apostol (Leamington); Veterans Singles – Andy Lebutt bt Michael Brown; Over 50 Singles – Alan Jones bt Bob Harman; Over 60 Singles – Neil Wheatley bt Roger Ellerington; Veteran Doubles – Dave Grundy/Andy Lebutt bt Michael Brown/Steve Bertie; Junior Boys Singles – Xioayang Ma bt Alan Caffrey; Junior Girls Singles – Rachel Pilgrim bt Sanika Karandikar; Cadet Boys Singles – Xioayang Ma bt Jack Williamson; Cadet Girls Singles – Sanika Karandikar bt Jessica Burbeck; Under 13 Boys Singles – Matthew Outhwaite bt Ian Anson; Under 13 Girls Singles – Sanika Karandikar bt Jessica Burbeck; Junior Boys Doubles – Alan Caffrey/Jack Williamson bt Xioayang Ma/Matthew Outhwaite; Junior Boys Restricted Singles – Nabil Kalfey bt Lee Bennett. Full details of all results are available on the Warwickshire TTA website – <http://www.wtta.org.uk>