

Week Commencing 5th November 2007

In what is proving to be a fiercely competitive Division B this week, Free Church L and Eathorpe G engaged in a very tight contest. Ryan Oldham notched once for Eathorpe and took the doubles with Dave Hawker, who was unlucky in both his singles, but it was Sam and Tom Smith who took two and one respectively that won the match 3-2 for Free Church. Mark Hancock and Richard Freeman of Eathorpe F proved too strong for dad and lad David and Niall Herbert of Free Church M and ran out 5-0 winners. Eathorpe I's Liz Hancock was the star performer of the evening; her steady performance gaining her two wins against Free Church N. Jakob Lane and Lewis Barge, however, hit back with one each and a fiveset doubles to sneak the match 3-2. Free Church J rolled over LCP Packers with relative ease as Lindy Myers and Scott Delday put in good performances.

In the only reported Division A encounter, Eathorpe D edged a high quality encounter 3-2 thanks mainly due to newcomer Lincoln Liburd's excellent two. Opponents, Free Church I, hit back with one from Richard Pittaway and a Pittaway / Dan Ward doubles, but Lincoln's cohort, Peter Nicholson, gave superb support to take a match-winning single.

Division C newcomers Simon Thompson and Charlie Snelson both managed to pick up their first league wins this week when their sides clashed. Simon's single for Free Church Q was added to David Marguerie's brace to give them the a 3-2 win over Charlie's Free Church S side. Charlie's team-mates, Andrew Martin and Tom Boote combined to take the doubles and minimise the defeat. Eathorpe L had a comfortable 4-1 win over Free Church R. Keith Hobbs won twice for Eathorpe, Conor Thorpe once, and the pair took the doubles. Matthew Hayes replied for Church. Harbury Lane B were made to work hard for their 3-2 win over the young ladies of Free Church T. Leo Twigg and Jacob Burton won once each for Harbury, as did Lauren Delday and Lucy Marlow for Free Church. The match was decided when the boys took the doubles in four sets. Richard Milton was unbeaten for Eathorpe K, winning both his singles and taking the doubles with Jonathan Milton in a 3-2 win over Free Church P. James Payne and Chris Beckett both kept one back for Church. Free Church O beat Eathorpe J 3-2 thanks to two from Matthew Bain and one from Ed Williams. Jordan Cullaine-Liburd took one in reply, plus the doubles with Simon Fisher.

St Georges E racked up another couple of big wins in Division 4, the first of which being a 9-1 win over Free Church G. Richard Pittaway saved the whitewash, but three from Matt Corcoran and the flamboyant Paul Nason, plus two from Laurence Sweeney and a Corcoran/Sweeney doubles condemned Free Church G. Saints went one better against Ashorne and secured a 10-0 victory. Warwickshire County Council D beat Snitterfield A 7-3, with Doug Lowe registering a fine hat-trick. Tony Ford won twice and added the doubles with Lowe, and Pat Woolvin chipped in with a single. Stuart Ayers won twice in reply for Snitterfield and Vince Ford once. Snitterfield bounced back with a 7-3 win of their own against Ashorne. Stuart Ayers and Vince Ford won three each and Geoff Saunders one. Steve Bolton and Roger Kelley picked up singles for Ashorne and Roger was joined by Chris Bowles for the doubles. Ashorne were in action again against Free Church E, but fell 8-2 with Free Church's Ian Rourke picking up another maximum. Ian partnered brace-winning Llyryn Brocklehurst to the doubles, with Pete Rourke also winning twice. Roger Kelley and Janet Andrews responded for Ashorne. Free Church F eased past Eathorpe C 8-2 with maximums from Phil Blowey and Charlotte Spencer, which was added to by Jake Harrison's brace. Michael Rossington kept one for Eathorpe, plus the doubles with Charles Wragg. Warwickshire County Council C posted a 6-4 win in Division 3 against Nomads C. James Owen and Reg Warnes won three and two respectively and also took the doubles to win the match. For the Nomads,

Pam Beedham was a two-time winner; Steve Kurle and Robin Fox Strangways one a piece. Nomads B won 7-3 against St Georges D thanks to a Dave Harding maximum and braces from Steve Poole and Ian Stevens. Martin Bennett picked up two for Saints, plus the doubles with Tony Bennett. FISSC A were 10-0 winners over Rugby E thanks to Gareth Conway, George Mudie and Tony Scott.

Division 2 side Free Church C picked up ten much needed points as they blitzed Eathorpe A, who are continuing to feel the absence of their number one, Chris Atkins, 10-0. John Taylor, Les Booth and Cherry Matthews scored the points for Free Church. Rugby D and Free Church D scrapped out a 5-5 draw. Rugby's points were scored by Aalam Durrani and Alan Chan, who both won two, and Tristan Mobbs, who won one. Tristan Gretton won a good three for Free Church and took the doubles with Luke Hobbins, who also registered a single win for himself. Deepak Chandrababu and Dong Wei both picked up braces and the doubles when Whitnash A faced St Georges C. Alf Chapman responded with two for Saints and Brian Aston and Gary Edwards one each. A fine five set win by Whitnash's Steve Proctor decided the tight 6-4 match. Not quite as tight for Whitnash B as Mark Woolerton continued his return to the sport with a maximum to set up a 7-3 win. Paul Ryman added a single and Dennis Woodhead won one, plus the doubles with Woolerton. Youngster, Matthew Outhwaite, won a very commendable two for Rugby; Don Pritchard one. Copsewood's Gordon Tucker, Steve Smith and Roy Joiner were simply too strong for Flavels B and ran away with a 10-0 victory.

Colebridge B had a good 6-4 win against St Georges B in Division 1, with Pete Roddy and John Taylor winning twice, John Chandler once and the two Johns taking the doubles. None could beat Saints' Jimmy Pittaway though, as he won his three, with Phil Beesley scoring the remaining point. Colebridge A continued their stunning early season form with a 9-1 demolition of Wellesbourne. Ian Ferguson maintained his unbeaten start to the season with another hat-trick and kept another unbeaten record alive when he and Sasha Grokhotov won yet another doubles together. Sasha won three himself, with Edward Lynn winning two. Jim Betts was Wellesbourne's lone victor with a hard fought five set win. St Georges A beat Rugby A 9-1 with Earl Sweeney a hat-trick man. Ian Packford won twice, Mike Bishop once, plus the doubles with Sweeney. Ian Randle won once for Rugby, but two walkovers for Saints completed the 9-1 score. WCC A beat BGN 6-4 thanks to braces from Pat McCabe and Phil Paine, which were added to by Clive Irwin who won once and took the doubles with Paine. John Camilleri and Jason Adams both won twice for BGN in reply.

Results – Div1: WCC A 6-4 BGN; St Georges A 9-1 Rugby A; Wellesbourne 1-9 Colebridge A; Colebridge B 6-4 St Georges B. Div2: Eathorpe A 0-10 Free Church C; Rugby B 5-5 Free Church D; Whitnash A 6-4 St Georges C; Copsewood 10-0 Flavels B; Rugby C 3-7 Whitnash B. Div3: Nomads C 4-6 WCC C; FISSC A 10-0 Rugby E; Nomads B 7-3 St Georges D. Div4: Free Church G 1-9 St Georges E; Ashorne 2-8 Free Church E; Ashorne 3-7 Snitterfield A; St Georges E 10-0 Ashorne; Free Church F 8-2 Eathorpe C; Snitterfield A 3-7 WCC D. DivA: Eathorpe D 3-2 Free Church I. DivB: Free Church J 5-0 LCP Packers; Eathorpe F 5-0 Free Church M; Eathorpe I 2-3 Free Church N; Free Church L 3-2 Eathorpe G. DivC: Free Church R 1-4 Eathorpe L; Free Church Q 3-2 Free Church S; Harbury Lane B 3-2 Free Church T; Free Church O 3-2 Eathorpe J; Free Church P 2-3 Eathorpe K.

Leamington Veterans B claimed an excellent 7-3 victory at the weekend against Cheltenham. Leamington raced to a 4-0 lead, were pegged back to 5-3 and then took control again, winning the last two singles comfortably. Dong Wei was the star winning all three singles, ably supported by Steve Proctor and Malcolm Macfarlane with two each. Both, however, succumbed to the unusual style of two sided anti loop chopper and hitter Chris Lane and the doubles slipped away as well.