

## Week Commencing 12<sup>th</sup> November 2007

Whitnash A registered a resounding 8-2 win against Rugby C in Division 2 this week, led by Deepak Chandrababu who won his three with ease. Steve Proctor and Dong Wei both won twice and took the doubles together. Dave Daniels scored both points for Rugby. Brian Aston was on form for St Georges C, taking a hat-trick against Rugby B in a narrow 6-4 win. Gary Edwards added two and Alf Chapman a vital one. For Rugby, Aalam Durrani notched twice, Alan Chan once and the pair took the doubles. Nomads A triumphed 9-1 against Eathorpe A – Tony Thomas won three, as did Darryl Burgess, with Andy Davies picking up two plus the doubles with Tony. A fine win by Alastair Nicholson was Eathorpe's solitary response. Free Church D and AP Sports A drew 5-5 with Tristan Gretton starring for Church with a hat trick, plus the doubles with Chris Blowey who also won once. Andrew Meredith and Samantha Apostol won twice for AP; Ed Freeman once. AP cruised past Nomads A 8-2 with Ed Freeman taking all three, and Andy Meredith and Terry Smith winning two each plus the doubles. Tony Thomas won twice for Nomads.

Division 3 side, Rugby B, beat WCC C 7-3 thanks to Alex Phillips' three and two each from Ben Meakin and Tom Bradley. Reg Warnes and Graham Roberts both took one for County Council and Graham and James Own the doubles. Nomads C slipped past Rugby E 6-4 courtesy of maximums from Steve Kurle and Robin Fox Strangways. Jack Koumi, Jesse Kendrick-Hill and Peter Moffatt all hit one for Rugby and Jack and Jesse combined for the doubles.

In a clash of two Free Church sides in Division 4, it was the more experienced E side who eclipsed the Gs by ten points to nil. Adam Cooper, Pete Rourke and Lleryn Brocklehurst completed the rout. St Georges E had Paul Nason in inspirational form as he took his three against Free Church F to help his side to a 6-4 win. Laurence Sweeney added two and Matthew Corcoran one. Phil Blowey won twice in reply, Jake Harrison once and the pair added the doubles.

There was no mercy shown in Division 1 when the bottom two sides faced each other. Free Church A took full advantage and demolished their B side 9-1. Gary Webb and Hugh Matthews took hat-tricks; Gary Deakin two plus the doubles with Webb. Mike Bridgman saved the whitewash. Better for Free Church B against Rugby A though and they collected some much needed points in a 6-4 win. Mike Bridgman won his three, Chris Mulligan two plus the doubles with Mike. Ian Randle won twice for Rugby, Jack Randle once and Matthew Outhwaite once also. WCC B beat Wellesbourne 8-2 with three from Martin Hunter, two each from Nilton Green and Simon Griew, and the doubles from Griew and Hunter. Pete Dunnett kept both Wellesbourne points.

AP Sports B had mixed fortunes in Division A. Against Free Church H, Tony Williams' two, Guy Ferguson's one, plus the doubles gave them a 4-1 win. Jaz Gahir replied for Church. However, against WCC E the result was reversed and Derek Harwood's two, Sue Clarke's one, plus the doubles gave Council the 4-1 win. Tony Williams consoled. The youngsters of Eathorpe E had a comfortable 5-0 win over the all-adult side of LCP Dreamers. Jack Parry and Holly Savage continue their good progress. Eathorpe D pipped Free Church H 3-2, thanks to one each from Alastair Nicholson and Lincoln Liburd, plus the doubles from Lincoln and Peter Nicholson. Keith Knott won twice for Church. Another match for Eathorpe D and this time a resounding 5-0 against Rugby F, Peter and Lincoln taking all the points. Rugby F suffered another 5-0 defeat at the hands of Andy Caine and Tracey Fletcher of St Georges F. It was a change of personnel for Saints against Free Church I, but the same 5-0 result. Alf Chapman and Gary Edwards the destroyers on this occasion.

Mark Hancock and Richard Freeman put in a solid performance to trounce Free Church K 5-0 in Division B. Free Church G managed to do the same against Free Church M, with Lindy Myers and Scott Delday pressing home their superiority. A final 5-0 win came at the expense of LCP Packers, who succumbed to Ryan Oldham and Dave Hawker of Eathorpe G.

A tight Division C match resulted in Free Church P winning 3-2 against Rugby H. Chris Beckett won twice for Church and James Payne once. Billy Kyle saved one for Rugby, then took the doubles with Nic O'Connor. Snitterfield B beat Harbury Lane B 4-1, with two from Richard Bennett, one from Kevin Bennett and the doubles from the pair. The impressive eight-year-old Leo Twigg saved the whitewash for Harbury. Eleven-year-olds Conor Thorpe and James Hobbs put in an excellent performance, both winning one plus the doubles for Eathorpe L in their 3-2 win over Free Church O. The exuberant Matthew Bain won both his singles for Church. Free Church R won 3-2 against Free Church S. Solomon Hayes and Jess Champion both won once and Jess took the doubles with Matthew Hayes. None, though, could beat Tom Boote, who won his two for the S side.

Results – Div1: Free Church B 1-9 Free Church A; Wellesbourne 2-8 WCC B; Rugby A 4-6 Free Church B. Div2: AP Sports A 8-2 Nomads A; Whitnash A 8-2 Rugby C; St Georges C 6-4 Rugby B; Free Church D 5-5 AP Sports A; Nomads A 9-1 Eathorpe A. Div3: Rugby E 4-6 Nomads C; WCC C 3-7 Rugby D. Div4: Free Church E 10-0 Free Church G; St Georges E 6-4 Free Church F. DivA: AP Sports B 4-1 Free Church H; Eathorpe E 5-0 LCP Dreamers; WCC E 4-1 AP Sports B; Free Church H 2-3 Eathorpe D; Free Church I 0-5 St Georges F; Rugby F 0-5 Eathorpe D; St Georges F 5-0 Rugby F. DivB: Free Church K 0-5 Eathorpe F; Free Church M 0-5 Free Church J; LCP Packers 0-5 Eathorpe G. DivC: Rugby H 2-3 Free ChurchP; Snitterfield B 4-1 Harbury Lane B; Free Church S 2-3 Free Church R; Eathorpe L 3-2 Free Church O.

There were some mixed results for the town teams this weekend. The Senior A side met Birmingham in the Midland League, with all players competing in Division 1 of the Leamington League. Birmingham, represented by Ian Ferguson, Sasha Grokhotov and Edward Lynn, faced Mark Jackson, Paul Savins and Earl Sweeney. The Leamington team was disappointed to only pick up three games and felt they might have done a bit better. Mark Jackson was the Leamington star, beating both Grokhotov and Lynn, with Earl Sweeney picking up the third by beating Grokhotov.

The Veterans B side continued their winning record with a second victory of the season at Rugby by six games to four. Ian Randle proved to be too strong for the Leamington team of Steve Proctor, Malc Macfarlane and Andy Davies as he won all his matches and steered Rugby to the doubles as well. His team-mates were unable to match his efforts as Proctor, Macfarlane and Davies all collected braces to take the match.

The Warwickshire Closed Championships are being held on Sunday 18th November at St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre, Warwick. Warwickshire's top players will be competing from 9.00am, with proceedings expected to last until about 7.00pm. Spectators are welcome.