

Week Commencing 15th October 2007

Last year's Division 1 runners-up, St Georges A, started their campaign against club mates St Georges B. Mike Bishop was in fine form for the A's, winning all three of his singles and combining with brace-winning Earl Sweeney for the doubles. Ian Packford picked up the A side's seventh and final point of the encounter, with Ron Vose taking two and Jimmy Pittaway one for the B's three. Saints A had a tougher encounter against BGN, emerging only with a draw. Earl Sweeney was the maximum man this time round; Mike Bishop was only able to take a single, but did combine with Sweeney again for the doubles. BGN's five points were scored by Barry Hook and Jason Adams, who both won twice, with John Camilleri notching a vital single. BGN found the going much tougher against Colebridge A - Bob Harman and Jason Adams both played well to pick up a point each, but that was all the change they got out of proceedings. Ian Ferguson and Sasha Grokhotov were unstoppable in singles and doubles, with Edward Lynn's single completing an 8-2 win. A third match involving BGN saw them just dip out at the hands of Wellesbourne, as 'Bourne's Gary Stewart collected a hat-trick which was added to by Pete Dunnett's brace and the doubles by the pair. Bob Harman won a solid brace, with Gary Jackson and John Camilleri both adding a single. Defending champions, Flavels A, had an uncomplicated start to the season as they rode over Free Church B 10-0; Paul Savins, Mark Jackson and Damon Fenton collecting maximum points. Free Church B put in a better performance against St Georges B though. In an encounter which saw three games won deuce in the fifth, it was St Georges B who were able to raise their game and take them all for a 6-4 win. Ron Vose won his three, plus the doubles with Jimmy Pittaway who himself won twice. Mike Bridgman replied with two for Church; Chris Mulligan and James Hodges one each. Warwickshire County Council A had a routine 9-1 win over Colebridge B as Pat McCabe and Phil Paine both won three, with Clive Irwin taking two plus the doubles with Paine. Pete Roddy won a five-setter to avoid the whitewash. WCC B also had a win, but not quite as comprehensively. Keith Fellows and Nilton Green both won twice and Derek Harwood once for County Council. Opponents Rugby A replied through Ian Randle's three and a single from Jack Randle. The crucial doubles was taken by Simon Griew and Keith Fellows to give WCC B the 6-4 win.

Rugby B crushed Free Church C 9-1 in Division 2, with Alan Chan and Aalam Durrani both winning three and Pete Morris taking two, plus the doubles with Alan. Church's lone point came courtesy of an excellent Cherry Matthews win. Rugby C found Free Church D a little too strong to handle as Tristan Gretton and Luke Hobbins both won hat-tricks, with Chris Blowey collecting one plus the doubles with Tristan. Rugby's salvation came from Matthew Outhwaite and Don Pritchard who both picked up a single. Matthew Outhwaite improved to take two against Copsewood, plus the doubles with Dave Cox. Don Pritchard won once, but three from Copsewood's Roy Joiner, two from Dennis Mockford and one from Gordon Tucker were enough to give the Coventry side the 6-4 edge. Free Church D also picked up a couple of draws, the first of which coming against St Georges C. Alf Chapman and Tracey Fletcher won two each for Saints and Andy Caine one. Chris Blowey and Tom Hunt won once each and Luke Hobbins took two, plus the doubles with Blowey for a very creditable draw. Against Nomads A, Tristan Gretton cruised to a maximum and won the doubles with Luke Hobbins. Tom Hunt added one for the draw. Tony Thomas and Dot Macfarlane collected braces for Nomads; Darryl Burgess one. Nomads also suffered an 8-2 defeat at the hands of Whitnash A. Dong Wei won his three for 'Nash and collected the doubles with Steve Proctor who took two singles, as did Malcolm Macfarlane. Ian Stevens found some form and won both of Nomads' points.

Nomads B earned the bragging rights over Nomads C with an efficient 8-2 win. Dick Smith and Steve Pool were invincible in singles and doubles, with Richard Miles completing the scoring with a single. For the C side, Steve Kurle and Robin Fox Strangways both registered. Nomads B repeated the trick, winning 8-2 against WCC C. This time, the hat-trick heroes were Dave Harding and Ian Stevens, with Steve Poole adding two. James Owen hung on to a point for WCC, then partnered Reg Warnes to take the doubles. County Council C improved on their score by earning a draw against Rugby E, thanks to a James Owen maximum, a Graham Roberts single and the doubles by the pair. For Rugby, Steve Patton and Jack Koumi both posted braces; Jesse Kendrick-Hill a single. Rugby E then slipped to a 6-4 defeat against St Georges D, for who Tony and Luke Bennett won two plus the doubles and Rob Bennett once. Joe Nistor won his three for Rugby, with Ryan Lines taking a single. A reversal of that score-line for Saints D as they were edged out 6-4 by FISSC A. Martin Bennett won three for Saints and Tony Bennett one, but FISSC hit back with two from John Hunt and Brian Marston, one from Gareth Conway and the doubles from Conway and Hunt. FISSC picked up another 6-4 win against two-man Rugby D. Rugby's Steven Maddison and Tristan Mobbs both won twice, but with the three conceded games adding to singles and doubles from George Mudie and John Hunt, they suffered defeat. Back to full strength for Rugby D and what a difference it made. This time Steven Maddison and Tristan Mobbs won hat-tricks plus the doubles, with a brace being added by Alex Phillips, to run out 9-1 winners over Nomads C, for who Robin Fox Strangways saved a point.

In Division 4, St Georges E outclassed Eathorpe C, with youngster Laurence Sweeney leading his older team mates to a 7-3 win with a fine three. Matthew Corcoran, making his return to the game after a lengthy lay off, took two with some trademark power-hitting from both wings and John Kirkwood also added a single. Charles Wragg held two for Eathorpe, Michael Rossington one, with the doubles going to Sweeney and Corcoran to complete the win for Saints. Ashorne took advantage of WCC D being a player short as Chris Bowles, Steve Bolton and Roger Kelley all won once to add to the three walkover games and win the match 6-4. Tony Ford held his three, plus the doubles with Pat Woolvin to keep the defeat to a minimum. Free Church G got a very well fought draw out of WCC D - Luke Spencer and Dan Ward both winning twice and Richard Pittaway once. Doug Lowe won his three, Pat Woolvin once, with the doubles being taken by Doug and Andy Woodfield. Much tougher for Free Church G against Free Church F though. Phil Blowey, Jake Harrison and Charlotte Spencer only really tested in one five-set game on the way to a 10-0 win.

Two-a-side Division C saw Snitterfield B defeat Free Church T 5-0. Paula Clayton and Ann Kilbee produced the goods, with two of the games being decided in the fifth set. Eathorpe K were also big winners as Richard and Jonathan Milton won singles and doubles to condemn Free Church R to a 5-0 loss. Church R did pick up a win though, beating Free Church O 3-2 thanks to a single for Jess Campion, who also won the doubles with Matthew Hayes, and a first ever league win for Solomon Hayes. Ed Williams held his two for the Os. Ed again won his two, as did Matthew Bain, and when the two took the doubles they completed a 5-0 win over Free Church Q. The O side found Free Church P in an unforgiving mood and were punished 4-1 by brace-winning James Payne and Chris Beckett. Matthew Bain and Matthew Flood did save some blushes with a good doubles win though. Another brace for Chris Beckett made it four singles wins out of four and, when he joined forces with Brian Payne for the doubles, added another point to steer his side to a 3-2 win over Free Church T. Lucy Marlow and Lauren Delday both took a very good single in response. Rugby H's Billy Kyle and Nic O'Connor raced away with a 5-0 win against Free Church S. Harbury Lane B took three points courtesy of Leo Twigg's single and Edward Curphey's brace and it gave them the win over Eathorpe K, who scored thanks to a single from Jonathan Milton, plus the doubles from Jonathan and Richard Milton.

Harbury Lane A were 5-0 winners against Division B opponents Eathorpe H - Alex Twigg and Edward Curphey taking the points. Eathorpe F were also 5-0 winners as Mark Hancock and Richard Freeman put paid to Rugby G. A third 5-0 result went the way of Rugby G's Peter Moffatt and Mark Wilson as they beat Free Church J. Free Church J also came unstuck the tune of 5-0 against Eathorpe G, with Ryan Oldham and Dave Hawker taking the points. Free Church L just about crept past Free Church K 3-2, with Sam Smith taking two and Tom Smith one. In reply, Jack Hobbins kept one, plus the doubles with Anita Whitehouse. David Herbert won singles and doubles to earn Free Church M a 3-2 win over Free Church N. Lewis Barge and Jakob Lane both won once in reply.

St Georges F coasted home 5-0 against Eathorpe D in Division A. Andy Caine and Tracey Fletcher proving far too strong for their opponents. Jesse Kendrick-Hill took an excellent maximum against FISSC B as Rugby F won 4-1. Jesse was supported by Marion Dixon who won once and joined Jesse for the doubles. Brian Marston saved a point for FISSC. Two for Brian against Free Church I though, as this time it was FISSC B who were the 4-1 winners. Mark Kingham added a single and partnered Brian to take the doubles, while Richard Pittaway held on to one for Church.

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

The Heart of England Cadet League held its first round of matches last Saturday with the Leamington Cadet side of Alastair Nicholson, Laurence Sweeney and Charlotte Spencer winning all three of their matches, dropping only five games along the way, to leave them sat at the top of the table, level on points with Rugby. Rugby's Jesse-Kendrick Hill leads the averages along with Ian Anson of Birmingham, with both players undefeated on 100%. Leamington players are hot on their heels, with Alastair winning 88% and Laurence and Charlotte both winning 77% of their games.

On the same weekend, the Sunday saw the first round of matches in the National Cadet League in which four local sides were taking part. Lillington Free Church entered two sides, with the A side of Laurence Sweeney (80%), Charlotte Spencer (80%) and Scott Delday finishing the day top of the top division of three. Rugby's A side of Jesse Kendrick-Hill (80%), Ben Meakin (80%) and Ryan Lines (20%) also performed well, winning two and drawing three of their matches to leave them in third place. The B sides from both clubs were in the middle division and found the going a little tough. Rugby B's Simon Pook and Anuj Satsangi finished fifth, while Lillington B's team of Luke Spencer, Jack Hobbins, Lauren Delday and Niall Herbert finished sixth. Both sides will be hoping to bounce back from the bottom division during the next round of matches in December.