

Week Commencing 22nd October 2007

In a tight encounter between Division 4 sides Eathorpe C and Free Church E, it was the enigmatic Ian Rourke's outstanding match-winning performance that swung the 6-4 score line in favour of the Free Church side. Ian was supported by one from Pete Rourke and two from Lleryn Brocklehurst, while Eathorpe's points were scored Michael Rossington, who bagged a brace, and Charles Wragg, who won one and combined with Michael to take the doubles. Another 6-4 match for Church E, but this time they dipped out to St Georges E as Laurence Sweeney and Paul Nason both won twice and Matthew Corcoran once. Lleryn Brocklehurst responded with a hat-trick and Pete Rourke added a single, but Laurence and Matthew just edged a five-set doubles to take the win. A third match for Free Church E and it was back to winning ways. Lleryn Brocklehurst again won three, and Adam Cooper and Pete Rourke both won two. Lleryn and Adam won a close doubles to complete the 8-2 victory, in which Vince Ford and Stuart Ayers replied for opponents Snitterfield A. A battle between Eathorpe C and Ashorne saw five games go the distance and the honours end even. Chris Bowles was unbeaten in singles and added the doubles with Roger Kelley, who collected one himself. Eathorpe's riposte came thanks to two from Charles Wragg and one each from Michael Rossington and Paul Deavall. Eathorpe C then proved that they are emerging from last season's doldrums and secured a good 9-1 win over Free Church G. Charles Wragg and Paul Deavall won singles and doubles; Michael Rossington a brace. Richard Pittaway consoled for Free Church. Free Church F registered an outstanding win against a strong WCC D side, with Phil Blowey taking an excellent maximum for Church. Charlotte Spencer and Scott Delday picked up a very good two and one respectively to complete the haul in the 6-4 win. For County Council, Doug Lowe won twice, Tony Ford once and then joined forces to take the doubles.

In Division 3, a strong performance from Alex Phillips, winning all three plus the doubles with Tristan Mobbs, provided the platform for Rugby D to pip St Georges D 6-4. Martin Bennett and Tony Bennett both won twice for Saints, with Tom Bradley completing Rugby's win. Saints D fared better against Nomads C and came away with a 7-3 victory. Martin Bennett won his three for Saints and brothers Tony and Rob two apiece. Steve Kurle notched up two fine wins in reply, and John Johnson and Robin Fox Strangways edged the doubles. Nomads recovered and made their experience count over Eathorpe B, coming away with a 6-4 win thanks to Steve Kurle, Pam Beedham and Robin Fox Strangways who all won two. Eathorpe's points were picked up by Allan Stockham, who won three, and Lincoln Liburd who joined Allan for the doubles. Eathorpe C then emerged with an 8-2 win over Rugby E, with youngsters Holly Savage and Jack Parry taking two singles each plus the doubles. Rugby's Jesse Kendrick-Hill produced an excellent display to keep two points for Rugby. Rugby also found Nomads B a little too strong and, although Jesse won another fine brace to add to a Jack Koumi single, two each from Dick Smith, Steve Poole and Dave Harding, plus a Poole/Smith doubles gave Nomads a 7-3 win. FISSC A and WCC C locked horns and it was FISSC's Gareth Conway who rose to the occasion and picked up a maximum. John Hunt added one, plus the doubles with Gareth. For County Council, Graham Roberts and Tony Ford won twice and stalwart Reg Warnes took their fifth point to achieve parity. FISSC A beat Eathorpe B 6-4, with George Mudie, Mark Kingham and Brian Marston all winning braces. Eathorpe's Allan Stockham collected singles plus the doubles with Jack Parry.

Rugby B continue to make the early running in Division 2 and racked up two solid wins. First they beat Nomads A 9-1; Pete Morris and Aalam Durrani won three each plus the doubles and Alan Chan one. An excellent, but solitary, reply came from Nomads' Dot Macfarlane. Rugby then went on to an 8-2 victory at the expense of Flavels B. Aalam Durrani and Jack Randle won singles and doubles for Rugby, with Trevor Bradley and Mick Bennett replying for Flavels. Former Leamington Champion, Mark Woolerton,

made a cameo appearance in the doubles for Whitnash B as they beat Copsewood 6-4. Whitnash's other points came from Paul Ryman's hat-trick, Ian Perry's brace and Dennis Woodhead's single. A tougher test for Whitnash against AP Sports A though and three from Samantha Apostol, plus two each from Ed Freeman and Terry Smith gave AP a 7-3 win. Ian Perry kept two back for Whitnash, plus the doubles with Paul Ryman. AP also cruised to a couple of 8-2 wins. Against Free Church C, Andrew Meredith and Terry Smith won three and Samantha Apostol two, plus the doubles with Andrew. Les Booth and Stuart Mills both won once in reply. Against Flavels B, Ed Freeman and Terry Smith both won hattricks and Samantha Apostol one. Mick Bennett kept a single for Flavels and partnered Roger Potts to doubles success. St Georges C overwhelmed Rugby C 8-2 as Alf Chapman and Brian Aston both remained unbeaten. Andy Caine won a single and Brian was joined by Gary Edwards for the doubles. Matthew Outhwaite and Dave Cox both scored one for Rugby. Eathorpe A found the going tough against Whitnash B, but played competitively - particularly young Alistair Nicholson who picked up two good points in their 8-2 defeat. Paul Ryman won his three for 'Nash, Suzi Lingard and Ian Perry two each, with Suzi and Paul also adding the doubles in five. Whitnash A also had an 8-2 win - their opponents', Free Church D, points coming from Tristan Gretton's brace. Deepak Chandrababu starred for Whitnash with a maximum, plus the doubles with Dong Wei. Dong added two, as did Steve Proctor, to complete the scoring.

A terrific top flight encounter between Flavels A and WCC A saw Flavels A emerge from a three-and-a half hour epic, which contained no less than seven five-set tussles, as 7-3 victors. Man of the match Paul Savins won his three and partnered the naturally gifted Damon Fenton to an 11-9 deciding set doubles. Fenton also showed his class in winning twice, with Mark Jackson contributing a further single. Pat McCabe, Phil Paine and Clive Irwin all fought hard for Council and picked up a single apiece. Reserve fielding Flavels A then beat Colebridge B 6-4. Paul Savins won three, Mark Jackson two and the doubles together for the win. Colebridge's John Chandler picked up a brace; Pete Roddy and John Taylor one each. WCC B were ruthlessly dispatched 10-0 by Birmingham Boys, Colebridge A. County Council's Simon Griew took Ian Ferguson to the wire and dipping out in five against Sasha Grokhtov perhaps deserved more than he got. Edward Lynn's power game, allied with some deft touches, made up the winning side. Another big win from Colebridge A as they roasted Free Church A 9-1. Ferguson and Lynn both claimed hat-tricks, with Sasha Grokhotov winning twice and taking the doubles with Ferguson. Gary Webb was a deserved single winner for Church, taking the spoils in a big-hitting encounter with Grokhotov. Free Church A made a better fight of it against St Georges A, but just slipped to a 6-4 defeat. Hugh Matthews won twice for Church and took the doubles with Alan Jones who also won once. Saints' new signing Matt Squires made an immaculate start with a straight-sets treble, Earl Sweeney won two and Mike Bishop one. Adrian Pilgrim and Ian Randle were Rugby A's star performers, winning singles and doubles in their 7-3 win over Wellesbourne. Pete Dunnett, Jim Betts and Gary Stewart all kept one for 'Bourne. St Georges B had an excellent 6-4 win over WCC A, with Ron Vose winning three, Rob Warnes two and Jimmy Pittaway one. Phil Paine won twice for WCC and took the doubles with Clive Irwin, while Pat McCabe added a single. WCC B hammered Colebridge B 9-1 with threes and doubles from Simon Griew and Martin Hunter, and two from Nilton Green. Pete Roddy saved for Colebridge.

The experienced WCC E duo proved a little too strong for Division A opponents Eathorpe E. Although Jack Parry played exceptionally well to take a single, two from Reg Warnes, one from Sue Clarke and the doubles gave WCC a 4-1 win. AP Sports A went down 4-1 at the hands of visiting Rugby F. Jack Koumi won his two, Marion Dixon one and the pair took the doubles. Tony Williams consoled for AP. FISSC B won a close match against Free Church H 3-2, thanks to one each plus the doubles from Brian

Marston and Mark Kingham. Neither could beat on-form Keith Knott though, who took his two. FISSC slipped to a 3-2 defeat against WCC E. Tony Scott and Brian Marston both won one, but Derek Harwood's brace and the doubles with Sue Clarke gave County Council the win. Free Church H beat Eathorpe E 3-2 as Keith Knott recorded another brace and took the doubles with Estyn Williams. Holly Savage and Jack Parry both won once for 'Thorpe.

Harbury Lane had a fairly comfortable win in Division B against Eathorpe F, although with some of the matches going close the 5-0 could well have been different. Alex Twigg and Edward Curphey held their nerve though and completed the whitewash. It was the doubles that decided a match played in excellent spirits between Eathorpe H and LCP Packers. Doug Smith won two for the Packers, but one each plus the deciding doubles from John Gymer and Pauline Parkes swung the match for Eathorpe. An excellent match involving three young players was shaded 3-2 by Free Church M. David Herbert won his two and diminutive son Niall one. The persistent Liz Hancock won once and partnered Joshua Osbourne for the doubles. Eathorpe G were 4-1 winners over Rugby G, with Ryan Oldham taking his two plus the doubles with Dave Hawker who also scored one. Mark Wilson kept the point for Rugby.

Harbury Lane B won their Division C match against Eathorpe L 4-1 thanks to a Jacob Burton maximum, a Leo Twigg single and a Burton/Twigg doubles. James Hobbs replied for Eathorpe. The Harbury Lane outfit won 4-1 again, this time against Eathorpe J. Once again, two, one and the doubles from Burton and Twigg. Jordan Cullaine-Liburd scored the single for Eathorpe J. Eathorpe K hammered a Free Church Q side which showed promise 5-0 thanks to Richard and Jonathan Miton. They also played Free Church O, but could only manage a 4-1 win. Richard won two and Jonathan one, to add to the doubles success. Matthew Bain held one in reply for Church. Snitterfield B fell 4-1 to Free Church P. Ann and Dennis Kilbee did well to take the doubles, but maximums from Chris Beckett and James Payne saw Free Church home. Eathorpe L won a close match against Free Church Q 3-2. Conor Thorpe and James Hobbs both won once and took the vital doubles, but neither could defeat Church's David Marguerie. Free Church R had a fine 5-0 win against Eathorpe J, with Jessica Champion and Matthew Hayes both winning braces. Matthew then took the doubles with son Solomon to complete the whitewash.

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

Entries are now being accepted for the Warwickshire Closed Championships. They are due to be held at St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre, Warwick on Sunday 18th November, commencing at 0900. The entry form and further details are available online at <http://leamingtont.tripod.com>