

Week Commencing 24th March 2008

In Division 2, third placed AP Sports A extended their lead over fourth placed St Georges C, led by a Samantha Meredith hat-trick, a feat which was equalled by her brother, Andy. Terry Smith completed the 8-2 victory with a brace, while Alf Chapman picked up a single, and Andy Caine and Brian Aston the doubles for Saints. The two sides faced off for the second time in quick succession, with Saints doing better this time and getting a 5-5 draw. Brian Aston and Andy Caine won two each, plus the doubles, for Saints. Edward Freeman's hat-trick for AP was added to by Andrew and Samantha Meredith, who took one each. Whitnash A also took on AP Sports and they managed to come out with a 6-4 win, maintaining their unbeaten record at the summit of the division. Andrew Davies won a comfortable three for 'Nash, Deepak Chandrababu a brace, with Deepak also taking the doubles with Rajan Balasundram. Samantha Meredith hit back with two for AP, with Andrew Meredith and Edward Freeman taking a single apiece. Whitnash A then went on and crushed Rugby C 10-0 through Deepak Chandrababu, Andrew Davies and Malcolm Macfarlane. Whitnash B were almost as dominant in their match against Nomads A. Tony Thomas salvaged a lone point for Nomads, but three from both Mark Woolerton and Paul Ryman, plus two from Dennis Woodhead and a Woodhead/Ryman doubles gave 'Nash B a 9-1 win. Flavels B blitzed Free Church C 10-0 through Mick Bennett, Simon Geddes and Trevor Bradley, while St Georges C enjoyed 10-0 success over Eathorpe A thanks to Brian Aston, Alf Chapman and Andy Caine. Saints also tasted success against Copsewood, beating them 7-3 through Alf Chapman, Brian Aston and Tracey Fletcher, who took three, three and one respectively. Copsewood's points were scored by Steve Smith and Roy Joiner, who took one each plus the doubles. Eathorpe suffered another maximum loss, with Deepak Chandrababu, Dong Wei and Malcolm Macfarlane racking up ten unanswered points for Whitnash A. Copsewood played Free Church D twice in close succession taking a win and a draw. For their 6-4 win, Richard Jardim, Gordon Tucker and Dennis Mockford all won two, with Tristan Gretton keeping his three, plus the doubles with Luke Hobbins for Church. In the 5-5 match, Tristan again won three for Church, with Tom Hunt picking up two. Richard Jardim won two for Copsewood, Gordon Tucker and Dennis Mockford one each plus the doubles. Rugby C beat Free Church C 7-3 thanks to a hat-trick from youngster, Matthew Outhwaite. Dave Daniels added two, Don Pritchard one and Matthew and Dave took the doubles. John Taylor, Cherry Matthews and Les Hoggins all won one in reply. Rugby C also beat Flavels B 7-3. Outhwaite won another three, Dave Daniels another two and Dave Cox a single, with Outhwaite and Daniels adding another doubles. Trevor Bradley won two for Flavels and Simon Geddes took a single.

At the end of an extremely long and hard fought match, Nomads C and WCC C could not be separated and their Division 3 match finished all square at 5-5. Graham Roberts was the star performer on the night, winning his three for County Council, with Sue Clarke adding a single and the doubles with Graham. Pam Beedham and Robin Fox-Strangways both won two for Nomads and Steve Kurlle made a crucial contribution with a single. FISSC A proved to be too canny for Rugby E and Gareth Conway, George Mudie and Brian Marston ran out 10-0 winners. Nomads B beat St Georges D 7-3, with Dick Smith posting a maximum and taking the doubles with Steve Poole. Steve added a single and Dave Harding a brace. Martin Bennett saved a couple for Saints and Tony Bennett one. Saints D reversed their fortunes against Rugby D and Martin Bennett's hat-trick, plus two from each of Tony and Luke Bennett gave them a 7-3 win. Tristan Mobbs won two for Rugby, then took the doubles with Alex Armitage.

Division 4 outfit, St Georges E extended their lead at the top to seven points, taking twenty-nine out of a possible thirty points from three matches. First they beat bottom side Free Church G 9-1. Paul Nason and Laurence Sweeney both took three, with Matt Corcoran adding two plus the doubles with Laurence.

Barry Hobbins consoled for Church. They then played Ashorne twice and the same trio won 10-0 on both occasions, although Ashorne were only able to field two players for one of the encounters. Free Church F are the side chasing Saints and kept the pressure on with a 10-0 win against Eathorpe C thanks to Phil Blowey, Jake Harrison and Charlotte Spencer. They also managed a 7-3 win against WCC D as Charlotte Spencer cruised to a hat-trick, with Phil Blowey and Jake Harrison picking up braces. Doug Lowe was the only player able to stop the trio in singles, taking two of his before adding the doubles with Tony Ford. Doug continued his good form when he picked up three during WCC D's 6-4 win against Snitterfield A. Tony Ford added two and the pair won another doubles. Stuart Ayers won twice for Snitterfield, and Richard Bennett and Vince Ford once each. Snitterfield won 6-4 against Ashorne, as Stuart Ayers posted a hat-trick, Vince Ford a brace and Richard Bennett a single. Chris Bowles, Roger Kelley and Janet Andrews all won once, with Chris and Roger adding the doubles. Ashorne also fell against Free Church E, losing the match 7-3. Roger Kelley won two and Steve Bolton one for Ashorne, but a maximum from Pete Rourke, two from Ian Rourke, the doubles from the father and son, and a single from Lleryn Brocklehurst gave Church a solid win. Church E slipped to the youngsters from Church G though – Barry Hobbins taking an excellent three for the Gs, supported by Luke Spencer's brace and the doubles from Spencer and Richard Pittaway. Ian Rourke won two for the Es, Pete Rourke and Adam Cooper one each.

WCC A were the latest victims of a vicious Colebridge A performance as the Birmingham triumvirate of Ian Ferguson, Edward Lynn and Sasha Grokhotov all but wrapped up the Division 1 title with a 10-0 win that leaves them needing six points from their remaining four matches to lift the trophy in their debut season. Second place Flavels A beat Free Church A 6-4 with a maximum from Mark Jackson two from Paul Savins and the doubles courtesy of the pair. Gary Webb won twice for Church; Hugh Matthews and Matthew Carter once each. St Georges A sit third and a couple of rare defeats may cost them a chance of taking second spot. Against Free Church A, the last minute withdrawal of their third player did them no favours and Mike Bishop and Earl Sweeney could only manage one each, plus the doubles. For Church, Gary Webb and Hugh Matthews both won two to add to the three forfeited points. WCC B also beat Saints A, with Simon Griew taking a superb treble. Keith Fellows added two, plus the doubles with Simon. Mike Bishop won twice for Saints; Earl Sweeney and Brian Aston one each. WCC B were held to a 5-5 by bottom side Free Church B. Mike Bridgman won a hat-trick for Church and James Hodges and Tom Brocklehurst one each. Simon Griew and Nilton Green won two and one respectively, also taking the doubles, with Derek Harwood's single completing the scoring. Church B fell to St Georges A, losing 7-3. Mike Bishop won two for Church and Chris Mulligan one, but Saints took the victory through an Earl Sweeney maximum, two from Mike Bishop, the doubles from the pair and a first top-flight victory for young reserve Laurence Sweeney. Rugby A beat Colebridge B 7-3 thanks to a maximum from Ian Randle, two from Jack Randle, one from Pete Morris and the doubles from Ian and Jack. John Chandler, John Taylor and Graham Hoskin all won once for 'Bridge in reply. John Camilleri's hat-trick steered BGN to 7-3 success over St Georges B. Jay Allen added two, plus the doubles with John, and Jason Adams won once. Ron Vose won two for Saints and Jimmy Pittaway one. Saints B lost to Free Church A, again being on the wrong end of a 7-3 result. Ron Vose won two and Jimmy Pittaway one, but due to the injury of one of their players after their first game, Saints had to concede two points. Gary Webb won two from two for Church, with Hugh Matthews taking two from three. Gary and Matt Carter completed the scoring by taking the doubles.

Lincoln Liburd starred for Eathorpe D in Division A, his two wins plus the doubles with Peter Nicholson, who also won one, instrumental in the 4-1 win over Rugby C, for who Peter Moffatt consoled. AP Sports B beat Eathorpe E 4-1. Tony Williams took two for AP, Guy Williams one plus the doubles with

Tony. Jack Parry picked up one for Eathorpe. FISSC B's George Mudie and Brian Marston rolled over Eathorpe C to take a 5-0 win. They found it tougher against Free Church H though – Brian took a single, as did Mark Kingham, but neither could stop the in-form Keith Knott from winning his two. The match deciding doubles went the way of the Farmers, giving FISSC a 3-2 win. An entertaining local derby ended with Eathorpe G defeating the higher rated Eathorpe F 4-1. Richard Freeman picked up one for F, but Ryan Oldham won two for G, Dave Hawker one and the pair took the doubles. 'Thorpe F were thrashed 5-0 by their D side club-mates Lincoln Liburd and Peter Nicholson. The D side picked up another win as the duo beat Rugby F 3-2. Lincoln won his two again, plus the doubles with Peter. Jack Koumi and Ryan Lines won one each for Rugby. WCC E beat Free Church H 4-1. Derek Harwood won his two, plus the doubles with Reg Warnes who also won one. Keith Knott won Free Church's lone point. WCC E also beat Eathorpe G 4-1, with Reg Warnes and Sue Clarke both winning two. They couldn't complete the whitewash though, as Ryan Oldham and Dave Hawker took a five-set doubles.

Division B side, Rugby H, beat Eathorpe I 4-1 through Daniel Roberts and David Willett who won two and one respectively, before combining for the doubles. Gary Osbourne hung on to a little pride for 'Thorpe by taking a single. Gary and son Joshua were too strong for Free Church P though. Gary won two, Joshua one and the pair took the doubles. Chris Beckett scored Church's single. Free Church M beat Free Church K 3-2 with one each plus the doubles from David Herbert and Roald Myers. Jack Hobbins and Anita Whitehouse won one each for the Ks. Snitterfield B beat Eathorpe H 4-1 through Richard and Kevin Bennett who won two and one respectively, plus the doubles. John Gymer kept Eathorpe's point. Free Church N coasted past free Church P 4-1, with Jakob Lane taking a maximum, plus the doubles with Lewis Barge, who also won one. The P side's only respite came from the plucky James Payne who fought his way to a five-set single.

The Division C pair from Potters Green were too strong for Eathorpe L's juniors. Although Jordan Cullaine-Liburd fought well in a deuce-strewn five-setter, ultimately it was the Potters players, Frazer McGuinness and Jack Pegler who won 5-0. Solomon Hayes took a maximum to lead Free Church R to a 4-1 win over Free Church T. Jess Champion added one plus the doubles with Matthew Hayes to complete the haul, while Lauren Delday salvaged a point for the Ts. Free Church Q beat Free Church S 4-1. David Marguerie won two, Jeremy Knott one, and the pair took the doubles. Jacob Clarke won one for S. LCP Packers beat Eathorpe J 4-1 thanks to a maximum from Steven Deeley, one from Doug Smith and the doubles. Keith Hobbs won one for 'Thorpe. Keith picked up a couple in Eathorpe J's 4-1 win over Free Church T, to which James Hobbs added one plus the doubles. Lauren Delday was again Free Church T's sole respondent.

In the Southwell Trophy, Snitterfield A advanced to the next round by beating Eathorpe F 3-1. Ryan Oldham got Eathorpe off to a good start, Beating Stuart Ayers 61/39, but Snitterfield hit back with two from Vince Ford and the doubles from Vince and Stuart to take the match. WCC D are also through, beating Eathorpe H 3-1. Jonathan and Richard Milton took the doubles 61/56 in the third game of the evening, having previously gone 2-0 down thanks to wins from Tony Ford and Andy Woodfield. County Council moved forward when Tony Ford beat Richard Milton by the tightest margin – 61/60.