

Week Commencing 24th December 2007

Two of Division 1's top sides played their previously postponed fixture and it was Colebridge A who continued to stamp their authority over the division with a 7-3 win over St Georges B, giving them eleven wins out of eleven at the half way point. It was Warwickshire and Leamington number one ranked Ian Ferguson who led the way for 'Bridge, with his latest hat-trick leaving him with an impressive thirty three wins out of thirty-three individual matches. Ferguson also added the doubles with Sasha Grokhotov to keep another one hundred per cent record alive, although they were taken the distance by Matt Squires and Earl Sweeney. Sasha contributed a single of his own and Edward Lynn a brace. Matt Squires kept two five-setters back for Saints and Earl Sweeney added a single. Colebridge had also added another 7-3 win to their haul when they saw off St Georges B. Ferguson took another maximum, Edward Lynn two, Sasha Grokhotov one and the doubles from Fergie and Sasha. Ron Vose capped an excellent performance with two in reply, with an equally excellent performance from Rob Warnes earning him a single. Flavels A continue to struggle with availability, but still managed to beat Wellesbourne 7-3 with their two remaining players. Mark Jackson and Paul Savins took singles and doubles for the win. Back to full strength against Rugby A and Paul Savins notched another hat-trick, with braces and the doubles being added by Mark Jackson and Damon Fenton for an 8-2 win. Ian Randle held both for Rugby. Another three from Savins, a maximum from Jackson and a single from Fenton gave Flavels seven of the nine singles against WCC B. Simon Griew and Nilton Green both won once in reply, but Savins and Jackson combined for a routine doubles to take the match 8-2. WCC B turned the tables on WCC A and left with a 7-3 win. Keith Fellows led the way with three, Simon Griew added two, Nilton Green one and the doubles were taken by Fellows and Griew. Phil Paine kept two and Pat McCabe one. WCC A fared better against Free Church B though, earning a 7-3 victory. Phil Paine had obviously resisted the temptation to hit the festive sherry too early as he completed a hat-trick with a stunning, near faultless performance. Pat McCabe added two, Clive Irwin one plus the doubles with Paine. Mike Bridgman won twice for Church and Chris Mulligan once.

Bragging rights were at stake in Division 2 when the two Free Church sides, C and D, clashed. The improving youngsters of D put in a good performance to defeat the experienced C side 8-2. Luke Hobbins and Tristan Gretton won hat-tricks plus the doubles together, and Chris Blowey added a single. Cherry Matthews and Stuart Mills consoled for the Cs. The two Whitnash sides also faced each other, but could not be separated and the match ended 5-5. Deepak Chandrababu continues to get sharper and sharper and took an excellent maximum for the As, to which Dong Wei added a single and then took the doubles with Deepak. The B side had Mark Woolerton and Paul Ryman picking up braces, with Dennis Woodhead taking a vital single. St Georges C beat Flavels B 7-3, led by an Alf Chapman maximum. Brian Aston won a brace and took the doubles with Gary Edwards, who chipped in with a single too. Trevor Bradley picked up two for Flavels, Simon Geddes one. Copsewood squeezed past Rugby B 6-4 thanks to braces from Richard Jardim and Dennis Mockford, plus a single from Gordon Tucker, who also took the doubles with Dennis. Peter Walden was unbeaten for Rugby and Alan Chan added a single. Nomads A were 6-4 winners against Rugby C – Tony Thomas winning his three, Dot Macfarlane one and a doubles winning combo of Tony and Andy Davies securing the win. Don Pritchard held on to two for Rugby, with Matthew Outhwaite and Dave Cox both collecting a single.

In Division 4's only match, it was the wily old skills of Ashorne's Steve Bolton, Roger Kelley and Chris Bowles that proved decisive. The trio each won a brace, with Chris and Roger adding the doubles in a 7-3 win over Free Church G. None, though, could find a way past Luke Spencer who fought hard to take a superb maximum.

Spencer continued his good form as he remained unbeaten for Free Church I in their Division A match against Rugby F. Phil Booth came in to add the doubles and secure a 3-2 win for Free Church. Jack Koumi and Grace Newman both won a single in reply. Free Church I found WCC E too strong and slipped to a 4-1 defeat as Reg Warnes won his two, Sue Clarke won one and the pair took the doubles. Church I's consolation came from Luke Spencer. Another 4-1 win for WCC E as Derek Harwood's brace, Reg Warnes' single and the doubles did for Rugby F, for whom Jesse Kendrick-Hill consoled. Rugby F fared better against Eathorpe E as Jesse Kendrick-Hill and Jack Koumi raced to a 5-0 win.

A keenly fought Division B match was taken 3-2 by Eathorpe H as they ousted Free Church K thanks to two from John Gymer and one from Pauline Parkes. Jack Hobbins won once for Church, then took the doubles with Anita Whitehouse. Eathorpe I put in their best performance to date against Harbury Lane A, with Joshua Osbourne deserving special praise for taking his first league win against very tough opposition. Joshua's success proved vital as, when added to Gary Osbourne's brace, it gave Eathorpe the 3-2 win. Edward Curphey held a single for Lane, plus the doubles with Alex Twigg. Rugby G managed to beat Eathorpe I though, as one each from Peter Moffatt and Mark Wilson plus the doubles gave Rugby a 3-2 win. Gary Osbourne won his two in reply for 'Thorpe. Rugby G were winners again, this time 4-1 against Free Church N. Jo Outhwaite won two, Mark Wilson one and the doubles with Jo for Rugby. Jakob Lane saved the whitewash for Church. Church N then got rolled over 5-0 by an impressive performance from Free Church L's Tom and Sam Smith. Free Church M did well to edge out Eathorpe H 3-2 thanks to one each from David Herbert and Chris Beckett, plus the vital doubles. Pauline Parks won her two in reply. Eathorpe G had no such trouble with Free Church M and steamrolled them 5-0 thanks to Ryan Oldham and Dave Hawker. Eathorpe could not repeat the feat against a strong Harbury Lane A side though. Alex Twigg and Edward Curphey swept the board for a 5-0 win.

Rugby H were 5-0 winners against Eathorpe J in Division C. Despite a brave effort from Jordan Cullaine-Liburd, Daniel Roberts and David Willett picked up all the points on offer. Jordan got some reward for his efforts against Free Church Q though and collected a single. However, Simon Thompson and David Marguerie hit back with two and one respectively, plus the doubles to take the match 4-1. Free Church T also tasted 4-1 success over Eathorpe J. Jordan again won a single, but two from Lauren Delday, one from Lucy Marlow and the doubles together gave the young ladies the win. Snitterfield B took out Free Church S 4-1 with a brace from Paula Clayton, a single from Ann Kilbee and the doubles from the pair. Tom Boote won Church S' only point. Harbury Lane B beat Free Church O 4-1. David Twigg won two plus the doubles with Leo Twigg, who won one himself. Church's consolation was won by Matthew Bain.