

Week Commencing 26th November 2007

FISSC A sit top of Division 3 this week, helped by a resounding 9-1 win over Nomads C. John Hunt and George Mudie both swept up with hat-tricks and Gareth Conway, who won the doubles with John, won two. Pam Beedham consoled with one for Nomads and was unlucky not to pick up another point, just missing out in five against George. Nomads B sit two points behind FISSC, but have a game in hand. They also faced Nomads C and won the match 8-2 with maximums plus the doubles from Ian Stevens and Dick Smith. Richard Miles added the eighth point, while Robin Fox Strangways and Pam Beedham, who staged an incredible comeback to pip Richard Miles in the fifth, picked up the points for the Cs. Eathorpe B had a good result as they managed to beat WCC C 6-4. The youngsters of the side, Holly Savage and the vociferous Jack Parry, both picked up a single and Holly added the doubles with Allan Stockham who won his three. Council's points came from Jim Owen's brace and one each from Sue Clarke and Graham Roberts. Rugby E beat St Georges D 6-4 with Jesse Kendrick-Hill and Jack Koumi both taking two plus the doubles and Marion Dixon a crucial single. Martin Bennett was unstoppable for Saints, winning his three and Tony Bennett picked up one. Rugby D fought out a 5-5 draw with FISSC A. For Rugby, Tristan Mobbs and Ben Meakin won two each plus the doubles. For FISSC, Gareth Conway and John Hunt both won two, with Tony Scott ensuring parity with a single.

The impressive St Georges E trio whitewashed Eathorpe C 10-0 in Division 4. Matt Corcoran, Paul Sweeney and Laurence Sweeney maintaining the form that sees them averaging almost eight points per match in their quest for the title. Free Church E were narrow victors over WCC D. Lleryn Brocklehurst, Ian Rourke and Adam Cooper all won two, but none could stop Tony Ford who won his three for County Council and also took the doubles with Andy Woodfield. Snitterfield A left Free Church G rooted to the bottom of the table with a 9-1 victory. Dave Starkie and Stuart Ayers both won hat tricks and Vince Ford won two plus the doubles with Stuart. Free Church's one bright light in the evening came courtesy of a single win from Luke Spencer.

St Georges A had a tough Division 1 match against WCC B, but a maximum from recent signing Matt Squires saw them through to a 6-4 win. Mike Bishop added two to the total; Earl Sweeney one. Keith Fellows took a creditable two for Council, Simon Griew a single and the pair combined for the doubles. A better result followed for WCC B, beating St Georges B 7-3. Keith and Simon again won the doubles, with Keith also collecting a hat trick and Simon a brace. Nilton Green added one to complete the haul. An in form Jimmy Pittaway replied with two; Rob Warnes one. Wellesbourne were only able to field two players against Free Church B, but the bottom side were unable to take full advantage and Wellesbourne managed a 6-4 win. Pete Dunnnett won his three for 'Bourne, superbly saving three match points in his first game of the evening, and Gary Stewart added two plus the doubles with Pete. Mike Bridgman was Free Church B's lone winner, adding to the three conceded points. Another fine performance from Colebridge A as they stretched their lead at the top of pile with a 9-1 win over WCC A. Edward Lynn and Ian Ferguson won their three, Sasha Grokhotov two plus the doubles with Ferguson. Phil Paine saved face for WCC. Rugby A beat Colebridge B 8-2 with maximums from Ian Randle and Adrian Pilgrim. Jack Randle added one and also took the doubles with Adrian.

Rugby C had a very short evening in Division 2 when opponents Rugby B were only able to field one player. Alan Chan did hold one point for the Bs, but Dave Daniels and Matthew Outhwaite both took their single to complete a quick-fire 9-1 win. St Georges C continued their solid season with a 10-0 hammering of Eathorpe C. Brian Aston, Andy Caine and Tracey Fletcher scoring the points. Leaders Whitnash A were limited to a 6-4 win against AP Sports A. Dong Wei won three for 'Nash, Deepak

Chandrababu two plus the doubles with Steve Proctor. Terry Smith won twice for AP, Andrew Meredith and Samantha Apostol once each. Whitnash B won 7-3 against Free Church C, Paul Ryman taking a hat trick in the process. Dennis Woodhead added two plus the doubles with Paul and Ian Perry one. Les Booth won two for Church; Cherry Matthews one.

A hectic derby match between Division A teams Eathorpe E and Eathorpe D resulted in a narrow win for the E side. Jack Parry took his two singles for E and Holly Savage one. Peter Nicholson kept one back for D, then took the doubles with Lincoln Liburd. WCC E won 3-2 against St Georges F. Derek Harwood won his two and took the doubles with Sue Clarke. Gary Edwards and Alf Chapman both won once in reply for Saints.

Rugby G were 4-1 winners in Division B, with Mark Wilson winning two, Bryan Benfield one and the pair taking the doubles. Opponents, Free Church M, earned their consolation through a hard fought single from David Herbert. Eathorpe G were also 4-1 winners as they overran Free Church K. Ryan Oldham won two, Dave Hawker one and also took the doubles. Anita Whitehouse saved the whitewash. Free Church K went on to record a 5-0 win over Free Church N. Anita took her two, as did Jack Hobbins. The Ns bounced back with a 4-1 win against LCP Packers. Lewis and Mark Barge both won twice, but dipped out in five in the doubles against Nicky Barrett and Doug Smith. In what has been a busy period, Church N also had another 5-0 mauling to contend with as they lost 5-0 to Scott Delday and Lindy Myers of Free Church J. Finally, the Js were edged out 3-2 by Eathorpe H. Jakob Lane and Lewis Barge one a single each, but John Gymer and Pauline Parkes also managed singles and crucially the doubles to secure the win. Eathorpe H also lost a match 3-2 – Pauline won one and took the doubles with John, but Sam Smith won his two and Tom Smith one to give Free Church L the win. Eathorpe F played a reserve against Eathorpe I but Richard Freeman and Richard Milton cleaned up with a 5-0 win for the Fs.

Lauren Delday and Lucy Marlow both took braces for Free Church T as they beat Free Church O 4-1. Ed Williams and Matt Flood consoling with the doubles for O. Eathorpe K were 5-0 winners against Free Church S – Richard and Jonathan Milton taking singles and doubles. Snitterfield B beat Free Church Q 3-2. Ann Kilbee and Paula Clayton won one each plus the doubles for Snitterfield. Simon Thompson won both his in reply for Church. Rugby H also beat Free Church Q 3-2. Billy Kyle won two for Rugby, Nic O'Connor one. David Marguerie held a single for Free Church, plus the doubles with Jeremy Knott. Eathorpe L beat Eathorpe J 4-1. Conor Thorpe won his two and took the doubles with James Hobbs, who also won a single. Jordan Cullaine-Liburd consoled for J.

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

The Warwickshire Closed championships were held on Sunday 18th November at St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre in Warwick, with Birmingham's Mick Browne collecting the Mens Singles title at the expense of fellow brummie, Steve Bertie. Birmingham also collected the Womens Singles as Helen Turner defeated Rachel Pilgrim. Leamington players weren't quite as prominent when it came to the titles as they may have hoped for, but did taste success when Phil Paine and Mike Bridgman both made the final of the Over 50s, with Phil Paine emerging with the winners trophy. Simon Thompson and Charlotte Spencer were the only other Leamington winners – Simon beating fellow Leamingtonian Leo Twigg for the Boys Under 11 crown and Charlotte defeating Jessica Burbeck in the Womens Restricted Singles. Brave performances, but unfortunate results for a few other of our players as Ian Packford and Earl Sweeney came second to Andy Lebutt and Dave Grundy in the Mens Doubles; Sam Apostol and Charlotte Spencer lost out to Sarah Riach and Helen Turner in the Womens Doubles; Sam Apostol and Paul Savins were beaten by Rachel Pilgrim and Ian Packford in the Mixed Doubles; Simon Griew and Nilton Green were beaten by Grundy/Lebutt in the Veteran Doubles; Charlotte Spencer lost to Rachel Pilgrim in the Junior Girls Singles.