

## Week Commencing 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008

In Division A, this week, the prodigious youngsters of Eathorpe E overpowered their senior counterparts of Eathorpe F and raced away with a 5-0 win. Jack Parry and Holly Savage put on a fine display to take their singles and the doubles. Eathorpe D were also 5-0 winners over a fellow club side, Eathorpe G. Peter Nicholson and Lincoln Liburd overcame some good battling by their opponents and held nerve to take a five-set doubles. WCC E had a fairly routine 4-1 victory against Rugby G as Derek Harwood took his two, Reg Warnes took a single and then the pair combined for the doubles. Daniel Roberts got on the scoreboard for Rugby.

Eathorpe H put paid to Free Church P in Division B, with two wins from Pauline Parks, a single from John Gymer and the doubles together giving 'Thorpe the 4-1 win over Church, for who Chris Beckett replied. Eathorpe I's Gary Osbourne proved too strong for his young Free Church M opponents and his maximum, plus the doubles with son Joshua gave Eathorpe the 3-2 win. Roald Myers and the diminutive Niall Herbert both won a single for Church.

Division C side, LCP Packers, beat Rugby I 3-2 thanks to two from Doug Smith and one from Nicky Barrett. Nic O'Connor picked up one for Rugby, then took the doubles with Billy Kyle. Rugby I's Billy Kyle and Nic O'Connor then took all the points on offer as they walked over Free Church T 5-0. New recruits to the League, Potters Green made short work of Rugby J as Ian and Jack Pegler cruised to a 5-0 whitewash. Free Church R beat Free Church Q 3-2 in a close encounter. Matthew Hayes won twice for R and Solomon Hayes picked up a vital one. Simon Thompson kept one for Q, then took the doubles with David Marguerie. Eathorpe J beat Free Church O 5-0 – James and Keith Hobbs picking up the points.

Free Church G remain at the foot of Division 4, but picked up a useful win over second-bottom Ashorne. Richard Pittaway, Barry Hobbins and Luke Spencer all won braces to earn a 6-4 result – their first win of the season. Roger Kelley held two for Ashorne, Steve Bolton one, with the doubles being taken by Kelley and Chris Bowles. At the other end of the table, St Georges E relinquished their long-held position as leaders when they could only manage a 6-4 defeat against WCC D. The dependable Paul Nason won two, with John Kirkwood and Laurence Sweeney adding one each, but a Doug Lowe hat trick, Tony Ford brace and a Lowe/Ford doubles gave County Council the win. Snitterfield A hammered Eathorpe C 8-2; Dave Starkie leading the way with a maximum which was backed up by two each from Stuart Ayers and Vince Ford. Ron Coats and Paul Deavall stemmed the tide, but a Starkie/Ayers doubles wrapped things up.

Rugby D kept their E side club-mates firmly in their place with an 8-2 victory. Ben Meakin won his three, with Steve Maddison and Tristan Mobbs collecting braces. Maddison and Meakin added the doubles, while the E side's only shining light was a good couple of wins for Jesse Kendrick-Hill. Ben and Tristan went on to win hat-tricks against WCC C and when Daniel Roberts partnered Tristan to take the doubles, Rugby D recorded a 7-3 win. Reg Warnes, Sue Clarke and Graham Roberts all held one for Council. WCC C drew 5-5 with St Georges D – Graham Roberts and James Owen taking braces and Reg Warnes a single. Martin Bennett won three for Saints, Rob Bennett one and the brothers combined for the doubles. Nomads B had too much for Eathorpe B and Dick Smith's maximum two (Jack Parry had to retire injured before his last match) led them to an 8-2 win. Steve Poole took the doubles with Dick and added two of his own, as did Richard Miles. Eathorpe's points were scored by Allan Stockham. FISSC A took their match against Nomads C 6-4 courtesy of a Gareth Conway hat-trick, which was added to by

two from Tony Scott before the pair joined forces for a crucial doubles success. Robin Fox-Strangways won two for Nomads and Pam Beedham and Christian McMurrin (returning to the game after a ten year absence) one each.

In Division 2, Rugby C beat Copsewood 6-4. Dave Daniels and Don Pritchard picked up braces and the doubles for Rugby, while Dave Cox collected an all-important single. Roy Joiner and Gordon Tucker hit back for Copsewood; both players winning twice. Rugby B eased past Free Church C 7-3. Pete Morris won his three and Alan Chan and Keith Dixon added two each. Cherry Matthews won once for Church, as did Stuart Mills, who also took the doubles with John Taylor. Table-topping Whitnash A could only manage a 6-4 win over Nomads A. Andrew Davies won a maximum for 'Nash, Steve Proctor added two and too the doubles with Andrew. Tony Thomas hit back with two for Nomads and Dot Macfarlane and Darryl Burgess picked up one each. Whitnash B also won 6-4 – their opponents AP Sports A. Mark Woolerton led the way with three for Whitnash and took the doubles with Paul Ryman, who won two himself. AP's points were scored by Terry Smith, who won two, and Sam Apostol and Edward Freeman who both won one.

In the top flight, Free Church A collected nerve-steadying points as they beat Wellesbourne 7-3 thanks to three from Gary Webb and two each from Hugh Matthews and Matt Carter. Pete Dunnnett won one for 'Bourne and took the doubles with Gary Stewart, while Alan Cotton also collected a single. St Georges B defeated Free Church B 6-4. Ron Vose and Jim Pittaway both won twice for Saints, then took the doubles together. Rob Warnes completed the win with a single. Chris Mulligan won once for Free Church B, with Mike Bridgman posting an excellent hat-trick which included an epic five-set win over Vose. Colebridge B and WCC B left with honours even after their match. John Chandler posted a fine maximum for Colebridge, to which Muhammad Khalid added a brace. Keith Fellows won twice for WCC, Simon Griew and Nilton Green once each, with Griew and Fellows taking the doubles to get the draw.

Leamington players were involved in the Veterans British League over the weekend, with the quartet of Phil Paine, Ron Vose, Earl Sweeney and Michael Wilkins representing Lillington. Over the six matches played, they managed to win one and draw three, but the four losses they suffered prevented them from climbing off the foot of the table by a single point. Over the weekend, all player fought hard to pick up points, with Earl Sweeney's seven wins out of ten and Ron Vose's seven wins out of twelve the strongest performances.