

Week Commencing 31st March 2008

Colebridge A are Division 1 Champions! The talented trio of Sasha Grokhotov, Edward Lynn and Ian Ferguson wrapped up the title with three games to spare following a 10-0 thrashing of their B side. Neither Flavels A or St Georges A can now catch them as 'Bridge took their tally to nineteen wins from nineteen matches. Ian Ferguson's perfect record has provided a solid platform to build on and with Sasha and Edward both currently sporting averages in excess of 80%, it has been an impressive season that has deservedly ended with the title. Rugby A defeated Free Church B 6-4 thanks to three from Ian Randle, two from Pete Morris and one from Jack Randle. Mike Bridgman kept two back for Church, Chris Mulligan one, and the pair also added the doubles. WCC B also beat Church B thanks to Simon Griew and Martin Hunter who both took maximums. Mike Bridgman and Chris Mulligan held one each before Derek Harwood added a single and the doubles went the way of Griew and Hunter to complete an 8-2 win.

Eathorpe L youngsters Jordan Cullaine-Liburd and Conor Thorpe put in a great performance to earn their side a narrow win over Division C opponents LCP Packers. Doug Smith of LCP was too strong and won his two, but Jordan and Conor fought back with a single each and the doubles together to take the match. Packers ended their match with Free Church T with a much better result, as Doug Smith and Steven Deeley romped to a 5-0 win. Eathorpe L, however, suffered a slightly worse result as they went down 3-2 to Free Church R. Jordan Cullaine-Liburd continued his fine form by winning his two, but Solomon and Matt Hayes took one each, plus the doubles, to win the match for Church. Potters Green continued their recent relentless form with two 5-0 wins. Frazer McGuinness and Aaron Riley beat Free Church O, while Jack Pegler joined Frazer in the whitewashing of Free Church S. Rugby I were also 5-0 winners, with Nic O'Connor and Billy Kyle pulling off a straight sets demolition of Rugby J.

Eathorpe H's regular players were unavailable for their Division B match against Free Church M, so Keith and James Hobbs stepped up from the division below. They both put in brave performances, especially with Keith losing a five-set single and the pair losing the doubles in five, but ultimately Roald Myers and Niall Herbert were just too strong and ran out 5-0 winners. Eathorpe H were back to full strength against Rugby H, but that wasn't enough to stop the Rugby duo of Daniel Roberts and David Willett powering to a 5-0 win. The pair did the same again, with Rugby this time taking maximum points against Free Church K. Barry Hobbins and Scott Delday pulled off another 5-0 win, with their efforts ensuring Free Church J hammered their P side colleagues.

In Division A, Eathorpe D were 5-0 winners over Free Church I, thanks to Peter Nicholson and Lincoln Liburd. Church I suffered the same defeat at the hands of the vastly experienced St Georges F pair of Gary Edwards and Alf Chapman. Church I did stem the flow a little as they picked up a hard-earned point against AP Sports B when Luke Spencer and Phil Booth won the doubles. Tony Williams and Guy Ferguson both took maximums for AP though, to leave them with a 4-1 win. Tony Scott and Brian Marston gave Eathorpe F a drubbing, the FISSC B players racking up a 5-0 win. Rugby G won a closely fought match against Eathorpe G 4-1. Peter Moffatt won his two for Rugby, plus the doubles with Mark Wilson, who also won once. Ryan Oldham consoled for 'Thorpe. Rugby F's Jack Koumi and Marion Dixon beat AP Sports B 5-0, having to fight hard in a couple of five-setters to take maximum points.

St Georges E had two matches in Division 4, winning one 7-3 and losing the other by the same score. Laurence Sweeney and Matthew Corcoran won three to set them up for the win against Warwickshire County Council D, with Paul Nason completing the scoring. Tony Ford and Doug Lowe took one each,

plus the doubles, in reply. Against title rivals Free Church F, Laurence Sweeney took a hat trick, but braces from Charlotte Spencer, Phil Blowey and Jake Harrison, and the doubles from Charlotte and Jake gave Free Church the win.

In Division 3, Nomads B beat FISSC A 8-2 thanks to three from Ian Stevens and two from Richard Miles and Dave Harding. Gareth Conway won two for FISSC, before Stevens and Miles took the doubles to complete Nomads' haul. Rugby D posted two big wins as they took on WCC C and Rugby E. Against County Council, Tom Bradley and Daniel Roberts won hat-tricks, with Tristan Mobbs adding two in their 8-2 win. Graham Roberts kept one for Council, plus the doubles with Sue Clarke. Against Rugby E, only one point was dropped – to Jesse Kendrick-Hill – leaving the D side 9-1 winners. Tristan Mobbs and David Willett both won three, Tom Bradley two and Tom and Tristan the doubles.

Nomads A gave Free Church C a 9-1 lesson as Tony Thomas and Andy Davies stormed to maximums and the doubles. Dick Smith completed the haul with a brace, while Free Church's sole point came from Stuart Mills. Whitnash B beat two-man St Georges C 8-2 when Mark Woolerton and Paul Ryman took braces and doubles to add to the three conceded points. Brian Aston and Tracey Fletcher both picked up one in reply.

The Leamington League were delighted to see that Kelly Sibley has followed up her recent international success by taking the English National Ladies title for the first time at the weekend. Kelly beat number two seed Joanna Parker in the final to lift the trophy and add it to the Under 21 Ladies and Ladies Doubles titles she had won earlier. The League sends its warmest congratulations.