



# Week commencing

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It was a good day for Warwickshire's Leamington League youngsters in the West Midlands Development Competition Finals, held on 29<sup>th</sup> November in Rugby. Niall Herbert, of Lillington Free Church, won a strong U11 intermediate group beating two other Leamington League players in the form of Billy Kyle (Rugby) and Simon Thompson (Eathorpe).



Niall Herbert - U11  
Champion

Liam Victoros (Rugby) won the U13 Intermediate section in a group which included the U15 intermediates who he also beat!

Frazer McGuinness of Potters Green was runner up.

Another Potters Green boy, Taron Dillon, won the U15 novices group. Rugby's Nick O'Connor added the U13 novices winners medal to last season's Leamington Division C winners medal!

Back to League action and in Division 2, Colebridge Braves continue to sweep aside all-comers beating, first, St Georges D 9-1 and then following up with an 8-2 win over WCC Crocs. John Chandler and Chris Burgess won maximums, plus the doubles together, against Saints, while Pete Roddy added a brace. Alf Chapman notched the Saints consolation. Against the Crocs, Burgess was again untouchable with John Chandler and John Taylor adding two each before Chandler and Burgess took another doubles victory. The eve-dependable Derek Harwood was the Crocs' saviour taking a very respectable double.

St Georges D also came unstuck against Whitnash B, although this was very much a closer affair. Paul Ryman won his three for Whitnash and took the doubles with Dennis Woodhead. Dennis added a single, as did Greg Swan, which clinched the match 6-4. Alf Chapman and Brian Aston both won twice in reply for Saints. Enigmas B had little trouble in disposing of Flavels, with Yixiang Zhang and Steve Proctor taking hat-tricks and Malcolm Macfarlane notching a brace, plus the doubles with Yixiang. Trevor Bradley consoled for Flavels.

Rugby's two sides both had big wins to celebrate. The B side had Thomas Jacko, Ladislav Grezdo and Alan Chan winning three, three and two respectively against Nomads A, for whom Tony Thomas picked up a single, before Jacko and Grezdo collected the doubles to complete a 9-1 win. The Rugby trio repeated the feat against Nomads B, with Thomas, Ladislav and Alan once again collecting three, three and two, with another doubles win for Thomas and Ladislav. Dick Smith prevented the whitewash for Nomads, beating Alan in a tough five-set battle. Rugby C rolled over Phoenix Okimo 10-0, thanks to Dave Daniels, David Kao and a quite brilliant Jesse Kendrick-Hill who was playing up as a reserve.

**A** sound performance from Chris Atkins, leading his side with a treble, was well supported by Eathorpe A's other two players, Peter Titmas and Alastair Nicholson who both won two. John Hunt and Gareth Conway both took a single for Division 3 opponents FISSC A, before Chris and Peter wrapped up the 8-2 win with a convincing doubles display.

WCC Doves beat Rugby F 6-4 through braces from Graham Roberts and Reg Warnes, a single from Sue Turkmen and the doubles from Graham and Reg. Jack Koumi was unbeaten for Rugby and Ryan Lines chipped in with a single. Free Church C hammered Snitterfield A 10-0 thanks to Les Booth, Cherry Matthews and Les Hoggins.

**A**n intense battle between Snitterfield B and Free Church F in Division 4 resulted in a 5-5 draw. Ron Shakesheff and Vince Ford won two each for Snitterfield; John Walker one. For Church, Luke Spencer continued his unbeaten start to the season with a convincing hat-trick and took the doubles with Barry Hobbins. Barry added a single of his own on a night where all of his singles matches went to five sets.

Charles Wragg and Paul Deavall won two each, plus the doubles in Eathorpe C's 6-4 win over Rugby G. Ryan Lines won two for Rugby and Baga Singh and Grace Newman one each. Michael Rossington sealed the win for Eathorpe with a single.

**I**n Division A, a close encounter between Eathorpe D's two Hollies, Savage and Thompson, and the experienced FISSC B duo of Mark Kingham and Brian Marston saw Brian leave undefeated and the two young ladies take a single each. The match culminated in a five-set doubles, which was taken by Savage and Allan Stockham, and Eathorpe took the win 3-2.

Rugby I got the better of club-mates Rugby H in a 4-1 win. Peter Moffatt won his two and took the doubles with Mark Wilson, who also won once. The H side's blushes were spared when Marion Dixon picked up a single. Free Church G pair, Keith Knott and Luke Spencer, picked up a 5-0 win against AP Sports, for whom Tony Williams was unlucky to lose a singles in five.

**F**ree Church J were a little steadier than opponents Eathorpe G in their Division B encounter. Roald Myers won his two for Church, David Herbert added one, and the pair took the doubles. Jordan Cullaine-Liburud did well to score against David Herbert for a consolation point.

Eathorpe H's Steven Ayers (12) shone against Free Church L, taking his two, but one each from Church's Jack Leggatt and David Marguerie, plus the doubles clinched a 3-2 win for Church.

**S**nitterfield C did well to defeat promotion aspirants Eathorpe I in Division C. Kevin Bennett won two, Paula Clayton one and the pair took the doubles to inflict the first loss on 'Thorpe this season. Richard Milton won once in reply, then took the doubles with Jonathan Milton to reduce the deficit to 3-2.

Snitterfield followed that win up with a 4-1 win against Free Church Q. Paula Clayton won two this time and took the doubles with Liz Corkhill, who won once herself. Ben King picked up the Church point.