



## Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009

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**A**n interesting match in Division C between two parent and child teams, so prevalent in the two-a-side leagues, resulted in a narrow victory for Free Church O, beating Eathorpe J 3-2. Keith Jenkins flew the flag high for Eathorpe, taking his two singles, but daughter Billie Jay who is gradually coming to terms with competitive table tennis just fell short in her quest to add to the tally. For Church, dad and lad Matthew and Solomon Hayes took a single each, before clinching the match with a four-set doubles win.

Thorpe J managed to sneak a win against Free Church S – Keith Jenkins again winning his two, which was countered by one each from Church's Kris and Paul Reiman. This time, however, Keith and Billie Jay were able to win the vital doubles and with it the match 3-2. Free Church O were less successful in their second match, as they fell to Snitterfield D 1-4. Len Flint won his two for Snitterfield, Kevin Bennett one, with the doubles going to Len and Kevin. Solomon Hayes consoled for Free Church.

LCP Packers posted two fine victories in quick succession as they trounced Free Church S and Free Church T 5-0. Against the S side, Steven Deeley and Simon Walmesley were the duo in firm control, while against the Ts, it was Gregory Cole and Douglas Smith who put their opponents to the sword.

Ben Haigh and Paul Watkins of Free Church P were too strong for club-mates Free Church Q, pummeling them 5-0. Eathorpe K were equally impressive against Church Q as Graham and Sam Rose wrapped up all five points.

St Georges G coasted past Free Church R 5-0 thanks to Tom and Sam Poland. The same pair found life slightly tougher against Eathorpe K, neither able to stop Graham Rose winning his two. However, they did pick up a single each and the five-set doubles to clinch the match 3-2.

**E**athorpe G's youngsters were a class above their plucky club-mates in Division B, as Jordan Cullaine-Liburud and Simon Thompson overcame some stubborn resistance to beat Eathorpe H 5-0. Jordan and Simon repeated the trick against Free Church L, to register another maximum win. It was left to Free Church K to stop the charge of Eathorpe G, in a very competitive match which was played at a very high standard for the division. Phil Booth's maximum was crucial to Church's cause, with Richard Pittaway adding a single. Simon Thompson defeated Pittaway in a five-set nail-biter, then joined Jordan Cullaine-Liburud to take the doubles and leave the final score 3-2 to Church.

Free Church M and N were locked at 2-2 after David Marguerie and Jack Leggatt had won one each for the Ms and Andy Kendall had posted an impressive brace for the Ns. The match was settled by the doubles, when David and Jack triumphed in five sets to

win the match 3-2 for Church M. Church N overcame their disappointment in losing with a convincing 4-1 win against Eathorpe I. James Payne and Andy Kendall won two each, with 'Thorpe's response coming in the doubles as Richard and Jonathan Milton combined with great success. For Eathorpe I, their match against Free Church M returned no reward for their efforts, with Jack Leggatt and David Marguerie condemning them to a 5-0 defeat.

Free Church J put Church M in their place as they inflicted a 5-0 defeat upon them. Brothers Jack and Barry Hobbins too strong for their opponents. AP continue to struggle with player availability as once again Tony Williams put in a valiant solitary performance to win his two against Eathorpe F, who took the match 3-2 through the defaulted points.

**I**n Division A, St Georges F tasted defeat for the first time in the two-a-side league when they slipped 2-3 against Free Church H. Brian Aston and Tracey Fletcher took a single each for Saints, but a brace from Luke Hobbins and the doubles from Luke and Claire Cram took the match for Church. Back to normal for Saints though against Nomads D as Brian Aston took his two, Tracey Fletcher one before pairing for the doubles for a 4-1 win. Dick Smith fought hard to take the consolation in five sets for Nomads. Alf Chapman joined Tracey for Saints against FISSC B; Saints winning 5-0.

Eathorpe E had a comfortable 4-1 win over Free Church I. Roald Myers did well to give Free Church the lead with a five-set win, but 'Thorpe never looked back after that and Dave Hawker and Ryan Oldham won two, one and the doubles. Far tougher for 'Thorpe E was the G side from Free Church who powered to a 5-0 win thanks to Keith Knott and Luke Spencer.

Rugby I defeated Free Church I 5-0 thanks to Mark Wilson and Peter Moffatt, while Free Church H dished out the same to FISSC B through Luke Hobbins and Claire Cram.

**P**otters Green A took five well earned points in their draw with Eathorpe B in Division 4. Mark Sandford was impressive as he took his three and the doubles with Frazer McGuinness, who added a single. Lincoln Liburd and William Hancock took braces for 'Thorpe and Peter Nicholson a single. Potters found the going considerably harder against Nomads C and Free Church E, going down 10-0 to both. Steve Kurle, Christian McMorran and Richard Miles dropped only one set in Nomads' victory; Ian Rourke, Pete Rourke and Russell Spencer dropping four en route to Church's.

A flurry of results for Church F began with a 7-3 win over Potters Green. Scott Delday, Barry Hobbins and Jack Hobbins all won two, with Scott and Barry taking the doubles. Mark Sandford won his three in reply for Potters. It was 7-3 again for Church F with Scott Delday and Luke Spencer posting maximums, which were added to by a single from Jack Hobbins. Opponents, Rugby G, scored their points through singles from Marion Dixon and Malcolm Heardman, plus the doubles from the pair. Against Eathorpe B, it was another 7-3 win for Church F led to victory by Luke Spencer who took his three and was supported Scott Delday and Barry Hobbins who won two and one respectively, plus the doubles. William Hancock won two for 'Thorpe; Lincoln Liburd one. Free

Church F wrapped up an impressive run with an 8-2 win against WCC Eagles. Barry Hobbins won a hat-trick, as did Luke Spencer, with Jack Hobbins picking up a brace and proving instrumental in a doubles win with Luke. Terry Babbage and Harry Mackinson both took a single for the Eagles.

Nomads C beat Ashorne 8-2 with hat-tricks from Steve Kurle and Christian McMorran and one from Robin Fox-Strangways. Steve Bolton and Roger Kelley took a single each, before Nomads completed the rout with a doubles from Christian and John Johnson. Free Church E blitzed Rugby G 10-0 thanks to Adam Cooper, Pete Rourke and Russell Spencer.

**F**ISSC A enjoyed a 7-3 victory over WCC Doves in Division 3. Gareth Conway won his three and the doubles with John Hunt. John added two, with the seventh point being taken by George Mudie. Sue Turkmen kept two back for the Doves; Graham Roberts one. The Doves had their wings well and truly clipped as they faced the St Georges E trio of Kevin Finn, Laurence Sweeney and Charlotte Spencer twice in quick succession, going down 10-0 both times.

Free Church D suffered the same fate against Saints E –Kevin, Laurence and Charlotte continuing which is surely set to be title winning form by some distance. Phil Blowey picked himself up to blast a hat-trick for Church D against WCC Doves, which helped his side secure a draw. Jake Harrison and Claire Cram adding the other two points. For WCC, Reg Warnes and Sue Turkmen took the points with braces and the doubles.

Free Church C played Free Church D and emerged with a 6-4 win. The ever-impressive Cherry Matthews won her three, and John Taylor and Les Hoggins grabbed a single each. Phil Blowey and reserve Luke Spencer both won two, but Church C took the match when Cherry and Les won a convincing doubles.

Rugby F did their promotion push no harm at all with a 10-0 win over Rugby D. Jack Koumi, Jesse Kendrick-Hill and Ryan Lines seeing off their club-mates with little trouble.

**F**lavels had Mick Bennett in superb form as he won his three against Phoenix Okimo in Division 2 and set his side up for the win. The win was completed by two from Trevor Bradley and a doubles win from Trevor and Mick. Jonathan Pilgrim won two for Okimo; Roy Joiner and Gordon Tucker one each. Okimo managed a 7-3 win against Whitnash B when Paul Calloway, Roy Joiner and Dennis Mockford took three, two and one respectively, before Gordon Tucker and Jonathan Pilgrim stepped up to take the doubles. Paul Ryman saved two for 'Nash and Dennis Woodhead one.

Whitnash B beat WCC Crocs 6-4 with impressive trebles from Paul Ryman and Dennis Woodhead. Derek Harwood, Doug Lowe and Tony Ford won one each, with Derek and Tony adding the doubles. Rugby B won 8-2 against Nomads A thanks to hat-tricks from Thomas Jacko and Ladislav Grezdo, a single from Alan Chan and the doubles from Chan and Jacko. Tony Thomas and Ian Beasley took one each for Nomads. Rugby B then drew 5-5 with Phoenix Okimo. Thomas Jacko and Dave Gillibrand won two each for Rugby and Alan Chan one. Paul Calloway took his three for Okimo, Jonathan Pilgrim one plus the doubles with Paul.

Colebridge Braves defeated Rugby B 8-2 with Muhammad Khalid remaining unbeaten. John Taylor added two and Graham Hoskin one plus the doubles with Muhammad. Thomas Jacko scored both Rugby points. The Braves went one better against Rugby C, winning 9-1 through Chris Burgess, John Taylor and John Chandler. David Kao did well to get a consolation for Rugby.

**S**teve Horton was in fine form for WCC Bats in Division 1, taking his hat-trick after a couple of close battles. Simon Griew added a single and the doubles with Steve as the Bats drew 5-5 with St Georges B. Mark Jackson and Tristan Gretton won two each for Saints and Matthew Jordan one.

St Georges C earned a first draw of the season against Free Church B. Barry Hook and Jimmy Pittaway took two each, with Rob Warnes joining Jimmy for the doubles. Church's points came from Alan Jones and Luke Hobbins, who won braces, and a Tom Brocklehurst single.

Rugby A had just enough to beat Wellesbourne 6-4. Adrian Pilgrim won his three for Rugby, Ian Randle two and the pair clinched the match with the doubles. Alan Cotton won two for Wellesbourne; Gary Stewart and Pete Dunnett one each.

St Georges B drew 5-5 with Free Church A thanks to Mark Jackson and Tristan Gretton who won two each plus the doubles. Ron Vose was unstoppable for Church A, taking three which were added to by Hugh Matthews and Gary Webb.

St Georges A were 10-0 winners over St Georges C thanks to Earl Sweeney, Jason Adams and Mike Bishop.

**T**he deadline for entries for the Leamington Closed Championships to be held later this month is March 9<sup>th</sup>. Full details are available on the website at [www.ldtta.co.uk](http://www.ldtta.co.uk).