



Week commencing

3rd November 2008

Dad and Lad Miltons were too strong for new Division C Eathorpe J, and although Keith Jenkins challenged well for the Js, Eathorpe I were the 5-0 winners. The Is were promoted as champions in Autumn 2007, but relegated back from B after the Spring competition. They look to be reaping some early reward for their practice efforts in the close season and should be in the promotion shake up at Christmas if they can sustain this form.

Free Church N were 5-0 winners over Free Church O as league newcomers Ben Haigh and the talented under-11 Timmy Cooper wrapped up the points. Callum Guest put up a brave fight, going down in five sets in both his matches as his opponents just showed that extra bravery and went for their shots at the tight finish. Church O bounced back from defeat and squeezed out a 3-2 win of their own. Jacob Clarke and Callum Guest won a single each, with Potters Green C player Cheryl White hitting back with a maximum. Charlie Snelson joined Jacob to take the match-winning doubles for Church.

Potters Green C found the going tough against table-topping Snitterfield C, who won 5-0 thanks to Kevin Bennett and Neil Macdonald. Potters Green did manage a win as they showed good form against Free Church P, beating them 4-1. Cheryl White won two for Potters, Chelsea Watson one, and the pair took the doubles. Kris Reiman consoled for Church.

Free Church M had a brace from Andy Kendall to thank for setting them up for a 3-2 win against Snitterfield C. Kevin Bennett won once and took the doubles with Neil Macdonald, but Nathan Seneviratne took a single to clinch the match for Church. Free Church P's Matthew Flood was in fine form as he powered his way to a maximum and took the doubles with Ellis Harrison in a 3-2 win over Free Church Q. Ben King and Keiren Enticott both won once in reply.

The Free Church H ladies licked the Free Church I lads 4-1 in Division B as Lindy Myers and Anita Whitehouse remained undefeated in singles. The only respite for I came in the doubles, with Richard Pittaway and Phil Booth taking it in five sets. Pittaway returned to singles action against Free Church L and took his two, as did Phil Booth. Chris Beckett partnered Booth to take the doubles and complete a 5-0 victory.

Free Church J beat Eathorpe E 3-2, with Roald Myers taking two and Niall Herbert one. Ryan Oldham won once for 'Thorpe, then took the doubles with Dave Hawker. Like so many matches, the score line did not reflect the closeness of so many individual matches, however, Mark Hancock and Richard Freeman of Eathorpe F came through their match against Free Church H 5-0. Eathorpe H beat LCP Packers 3-2 through Steven Ayers, who won two, and John Gymer, who joined Steven for the doubles. Simon Walmesley and Simon Deeley both battled for their singles, both taken in five sets.

Warwickshire County Council Falcons continued their strong start to Division A with dominant victories over Free Church G and Rugby J, thumping both sides 5-0. Derek Harwood and Sue Turkmen were the merciless duo on both occasions. FISSC B managed to avoid the whitewash against the Falcons with George Mudie picking up a single in response to Derek's two, Sue's one and the doubles.

Rugby J pair Grace Newman and Vernon Gaspard were unable to get the better of an in form Tony Williams, who took his two with ease for AP Sports. However, as Tony was the only player AP were able to field, three conceded points gave Rugby the 3-2 win.

In Division 1, Alan Cotton was in outstanding form as he rolled back the years to take an excellent two as his Wellesbourne side narrowly lost out to Whitnash A 4-6. Pete Dunnett was also in good form, also collecting a brace. Alan Hewitt was the main man for 'Nash, winning his three, plus the doubles with Jon Williams. Jon also notched a single, as did Mick Alsopp. Whitnash were simply devastating as they swept aside WCC Antelopes 10-0. Jon Williams, Mark Woolerton and Alan Hewitt rolling over their opponents with scant resistance. The Antelopes continued to struggle for points against St Georges A, but a couple of nail-biting five-set victories by Clive Irwin earned them a couple as the fell 2-8. Earl Sweeney starred for Saints, taking his three plus the doubles with Mike Bishop. Mike grabbed two himself, as did Jason Adams. Saints also racked up a win against Wellesbourne – this one a 7-3, as Ian Packford won a hat-trick, to add to two from Jason Adams and one from Mike Bishop, then partnered Earl Sweeney for the doubles. Gary Stewart won twice for Wellesbourne; Pete Dunnett once.

St Georges B also faced Wellesbourne and came through 7-3 too. Mark Jackson and Tristan Gretton were unbeatable in singles and doubles for Saints B; Alan Cotton, Gary Stewart and Pete Dunnett all winning one each for 'Bourne. Saints B racked up a couple of quick fire 9-1 victories against Free Church B and WCC Antelopes. Against Church, Tristan Gretton and Matt Jordan picked up maximums, Damon Fenton two and won the doubles thanks to Tristan and Damon. Luke Hobbins saved the whitewash. Against the Antelopes, Tristan posted another three, which was matched by Matt Jordan. Mark Jackson won the doubles with Tristan and picked up two singles as he lost out to bogey player, Pat McCabe in an excruciatingly close deuce-in-the-fifth match. Jackson was back to his best against Free Church A, racing to a straight-sets hat-trick and brushing aside the much vaunted challenge of Milton Keynes superstar, John Hall. Hall did collect a couple of singles and Matt Carter one, but two from Tristan Gretton and one from Damon Fenton secured the win for Saints before Jackson and Gretton added the doubles for a 7-3 win.

Rugby A spanked Free Church B 9-1 through hat-tricks from Adrian Pilgrim and Ian Randle, plus two from Jack Randle and a Jack/Adrian doubles. Tom Brocklehurst held one back for Church. Ian Randle won twice against WCC Antelopes, as did Matthew Outhwaite who was playing up from Division 2. That was all they could manage though as Pat McCabe and Clive Irwin won braces, Chris van Namen won a single and Clive Irwin and Phil Paine won the doubles to take the match 6-4. Rugby got themselves on the right side of a 6-4 contest when they beat Free Church A. Adrian Pilgrim won his three and took the doubles with Jack Randle. Jack and dad, Ian, added a single each for

the win. Church A's points came from braces by Steve Silk and Matt Carter. Adrian was again impressive on his way to a maximum, as was Ian Randle, which propelled Rugby to 9-1 success over Enigmas A. Jack added another doubles win with Adrian as well as two singles, while Andrew Davies saved the Enigmas blushes.

Colebridge Aces' latest victims to be on the wrong end of a 10-0 hiding were St Georges C. Despite the efforts of the Saints players, 'Bridge players Edward Lynn, Sasha Grokhotov and Ian Ferguson stormed past. More of the same for the Aces as Free Church B fell the same way. Sasha and Ian were joined by the not-too-shabby reserve Chris Burgess and kept all ten points at home. Against Enigmas A, Colebridge were limited to an 8-2 win. This was due to the superlative efforts of Engimas Andy Davies who won two. Against the lightning quick Grokhotov, it seemed like curtains at one game all, but 4-8 down with Grokhotov cruising, but when Sasha caught his bat on the corner of the table, Davies took full advantage of the break in momentum to win seven straight points and from that point on never looked like losing. Three for Andy proved a step too far as Ian Ferguson took another three plus the doubles with Sasha and Ed Lynn and Sasha added a couple each.

Enigmas A dealt out their own hiding, crushing St Georges B 9-1. Rajan Balsundaram, Andy Davies and Russell Duncan all took three – the only blip on the evening coming when Andy Hare and Len Coonan took the doubles. WCC Bats beat two-man Wellesbourne 6-4 with Martin Hunter taking two and Simon Griew one. Pete Dunnett won his two for 'Bourne, Gary Stewart one and the pair took the doubles.

The Warwickshire County Championships are fast approaching, as Sunday 16th November looms. St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre will host the event which will see the county's top players competing for some prestigious titles. Any late entries should be given to Malcolm Macfarlane immediately, although acceptance cannot be guaranteed if you miss the date. Further details are available from the entry form at <http://www.ldtta.co.uk>