



Week commencing

6th October 2008

Reigning Division 1 champions, Colebridge Aces, started their campaign as they will hope to go on with a 10-0 demolition of Rugby A. The Birmingham-based trio of Ian Ferguson, Eddie Lynn and Sasha Grokhotov proved too strong for stalwart Ian Randle and talented youngsters Jack Randle and Matthew Outhwaite.

Whitnash A were also 10-0 winners as former Leamington champions Alan Hewitt and Jon Williams were joined by debutant Mick Allsop in their whitewashing of a plucky Free Church B. Wellesbourne started their season in emphatic style too, with Gary Stewart, Alan Cotton and Pete Dunnett easing past St Georges C 10-0.

With Warwickshire County Council adopting a new naming structure for their sides, it was the WCC Antelopes who just got the better of the WCC Bats in a tight encounter. The Antelopes' narrow victory was secured by braces from Pat McCabe, Clive Irwin and new signing Chris van Namen, with Simon Griew starring for the Bats as he took a hard-fought three, having to come from two sets to one down against both Irwin and van Namen, plus the doubles with Nilton Green.

Free Church A came out of the blocks with a good win against St Georges A. Gary Webb remained unbeaten for Church, although he was taken all the way by Saints' man Jason Adams. Ron Vose added a couple to the Free Church tally, with Hugh Matthews taking a crucial one to gain the 6-4 win. Adams picked up a single for Saints, as did Mike Bishop and Earl Sweeney, with the latter two taking the doubles. St Georges B were led to a 7-3 win over Enigmas A by Mark Jackson, who added the doubles with Damon Fenton. Fenton picked up a single and Tristan Gretton completed the haul with a brace. Deepak Chandrababu scored twice for Enigmas and Andrew Davies once.

Colebridge Braves had a rude awakening to life in Division 2 as last year's top-flight outfit fell to a strengthened Rugby B side. Alan Chan and Ladislav Gredzo both won two for Rugby, with Thomas Jacko adding one plus the doubles with Gredzo for the 6-4 victory. Chris Burgess notched a maximum for the Braves, and John Taylor one.

Paul Ryman and Dennis Woodhead were in good form for Whitnash B, taking braces plus the doubles to share the points in their 5-5 draw with Rugby C. Dave Daniels and Matthew Outhwaite took two each for Rugby, with Dave Cox adding an important single. St Georges D were 7-3 winners over WCC Crocs with Alf Chapman leading the way to success with a hat-trick. Andy Caine added two and Tracy Fletcher a single, plus the doubles with Andy. Derek Harwood picked up two five-setters for the Crocs and Jim Owen a single.

Nomads B also picked up a 7-3 win as Nomads A couldn't quite find an answer to hard-hitting Dick Smith's treble plus singles from Ian Stevens and Steve Poole. Tony Thomas

picked up two for Nomads and Darryl Burgess one. The B side's remaining points came courtesy of a walk-over and a Smith/Poole doubles.

St Georges E beat Rugby D in the only reported match from Division 3, thanks to a hat-trick from Charlotte Spencer, two from Laurence Sweeney, one from Kevin Finn and a Spencer/Sweeney doubles. Ben Meakin picked up a brace for Rugby and Alex Phillips a single.

There was little to choose between Eathorpe B and Eathorpe C in their early-season Division 4 derby match. The defensive guile of B's Lincoln Liburd earned him a hat-trick, which was secured by a nail-biting 15-13 fifth-set win over C's Charlie Wragg. William Hancock and Peter Nicholson both added singles for the B side, with Paul Deavall performing best for the Cs as he took a brace. One each from Ron Coats and Charlie Wragg, plus a Wragg/Deavall doubles completed the scoring in this 5-5 draw.

Snitterfield B beat Ashorne 7-3 thanks to a Tony Remes maximum, a Vince Ford brace, a John Walker single and a Remes/Ford doubles. Roger Kelley held two for Ashorne and Steve Bolton one.