



# Week commencing

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**S**t Georges F dropped a rare point in Division A, but still recorded two emphatic victories. Bill Fletcher won his two for Saints against Rugby I, with Richard Grover adding one, plus the doubles with Bill in their 4-1 win. Peter Moffatt took only the second point off Saints this season with a convincing singles. Business as usual for Saints against Rugby J – Gary Edwards and Andy Caine cruising to a 5-0 win.

Peter Moffatt was once again the Saviour for Rugby I, winning another singles in convincing style against one of the Division's top sides, as his side crashed to a 4-1 defeat against WCC Falcons. Derek Harwood won his two for the Falcons, Sue Turkmen one, and the pair added the doubles. Rugby J suffered another 5-0 defeat, this time at the hands of Eathorpe D, for whom Holly Savage and Allan Stockham collected the points.

Nomads D won 3-2 at Free Church G thanks to one each from Andy Davies and Richard Miles plus the doubles. Neither could topple Luke Spencer who picked up both Church points. AP Sports were also 3-2 winners; Tony Williams and Guy Ferguson winning two and one respectively against FISSC B. Mark Kingham won once for FISSC and took the doubles with Aravindh Raj.

**A** good win in Division B was settled in favour of Free Church J when David Herbert and Roald Myers clinched the doubles against Hannah Saville and Steven Ayers of Eathorpe H. Hannah, now renewing her interest in the game, performed very well to take both her singles in five sets, but David and Roald both grabbed a single to add to the doubles which secured the win.

Eathorpe E pair Ryan Oldham and Dave Hawker were in a different class to LCP Packers and they won their five unanswered points without the loss of a set.

**A**nother close match, in Division C, was settled by another doubles win. Again the competing clubs were Eathorpe and Free Church, but this time it was the Is of Eathorpe who took the crucial doubles at the expense of the Ps of Free Church. Richard and Jonathan Milton both added a single to their doubles for 'Thorpe, but could not stop Matthew Flood who won a maximum for Free Church.

Eathorpe I followed up their win with another. This time Potters Green C tasted defeat and two each from Richard and Jonathan Milton gave 'Thorpe a 4-1 win. The whitewash was saved when Jack Green and Aaron Riley won the doubles for Potters. Callum Guest and Charlie Snelson took all four singles on offer, before Jacob Clarke joined Callum for the doubles to complete a 5-0 win against Eathorpe J.

In Division 3, Free Church D travelled to Rugby F and came away with a 7-3 win. Claire Cram, Phil Blowey and Jake Harrison all won two, with the latter two adding the doubles. Jesse Kendrick-Hill continued his excellent form of late with a hat-trick.

St Georges E had one of their less productive nights, but were still good enough to come away with a 7-3 win thanks to three, two, one from Kevin Finn, Loz Sweeney and Charlotte Spencer. Les Booth looked solid in taking a brace, with John Taylor holding his nerve to pick up a five-set single before Kevin and Loz capped the evening with the doubles.

William Hancock excelled in Division 4, taking a hat-trick for Eathorpe B in their 5-5 draw with Nomads C. Lincoln Liburd was only marginally less impressive as he notched a brace. Robin Fox-Strangways won twice for Nomads, Richard Miles and Christian McMorran once each. John Johnson stepped in to take the doubles with Christian to bring things back to parity. Eathorpe B swept clean through Rugby G, Peter Nicholson, Lincoln Liburd and William Hancock winning 10-0.

Nomads C's trio of Christian McMorran, Steve Kurle and Robin Fox-Strangways all emerged with braces against WCC Eagles and Christian and Robin added the doubles for a 7-3 win. Tony Ford won his three for the Eagles' response. Eathorpe C's continuing improvement saw all three players contribute in their 7-3 win over Ashorne. Charles Wragg took three, Michael Rossington two and Ron Coats one, with Charles and Michael adding the doubles. Roger Kelley took two in reply and a determined Steve Bolton one.

St Georges D won 8-2 against Flavels in Division 2 as Alf Chapman and Brian Aston proved unbeatable. Andy Caine took a single, plus the doubles with Brian. John Earles, playing well in his first league appearance of the season, took one for Flavels, as did Simon Geddes.

Two promotion hopefuls met, but it was Rugby B who emerged with the upper hand on Enigmas B. Ladislav Grezdo won three for Rugby, Thomas Jacko two and Alan Chan one. Yixiang Zhang won two for Enigmas and Dong Wei one, but Jacko and Grezdo won the doubles to complete what could turn out to be a crucial 7-3 victory for Rugby.

Division 1's Free Church A were 8-2 winners over St Georges C, Gary Webb and John Hall winning their three plus the doubles. Hugh Matthews added a single, but lost narrowly in five sets to both Jimmy Pittaway and Barry Hook. Free Church B fared far less well against WCC Antelopes and Chris Mulligan's two was all they could muster. The Antelopes wrapped up an 8-2 win thanks to an inspirational Phil Paine who registered his first league wins of the season with an impressive maximum. Clive Irwin added two, as did Chris van Namen, and Phil and Clive took the doubles.

Wellesbourne won 6-4 at Enigmas A through braces from both Pete Dunnnett and Gary Stewart. Deepak Chandrababu eased through the gears to take his three, which was added to by a Henry Wong single. Pete Dunnnett and Alan Cotton took the doubles, before Cotton caught the scent of victory and powered through to grab a match-winning

single. Cotton gained another single against Colebridge Aces when he hammered his way past Sasha Grokhotov in straight sets. That single point was all 'Bourne could muster as Sasha won his remaining two and took the doubles with Ian Ferguson. Fergie won his three, as did Edward Lynn, which left the Aces with a 9-1 win.

Colebridge Aces were back to their blistering best with a resounding 10-0 win over WCC Bats. Ferguson won his three, although was tested by Simon Griew in four close sets. Simon came even closer to avoiding the whitewash for the Bats when he led Edward Lynn 10-9 in the fifth, only for Lynn to pull out a quite remarkable forehand winner to level and then go on to win 12-10. Grokhotov was unstoppable, with his lightning forehand and much improved backhand firing on all cylinders as he put in the performance of the night.

WCC Bats didn't dwell on their loss and hit back immediately with an 8-2 win over Rugby A. Martin Hunter took his three, including a tremendous 3-0 win over Ian Randle. The quality of the win was demonstrated as Ian took both of Rugby's points 3-0, before Nilton Green and Simon Griew both picked up two and Simon and man-of-the-match Martin won a tight doubles.