



Week commencing

10th November 2008

Paul Ryman hammered his way past Division 2 opponents, Nomads B as he led Whitnash B to a 7-3 success. Dennis Woodhead added a brace for 'Nash and Greg Swan, continuing to adapt to this level with every passing game, notched his first league singles win before joining Paul to take the doubles. Dick Smith picked up two for Nomads, with Ian Stevens adding the third point. Whitnash came up against a tougher proposition when they played table-topping Enigmas B, who ran out with an efficient 8-2 victory. Dong Wei was undefeated in singles and doubles, taking a hat-trick and partnering Malc Macfarlane. Malc added a brace, as did Steve Proctor. Paul Ryman and Dennis Woodhead both picked up a point for 'Nash in reply. Enigmas didn't have it all their own way against a determined St Georges D and had to work hard for their 6-4 win. Steve Proctor won a very good treble for Enigmas and was supported by a couple from Malc Macfarlane and a single from Ann-Kristin Kolln. Bill Fletcher won twice for Saints and took the doubles with Gary Edwards, while Andy Caine completed Saints haul with a single.

Rugby C's Dave Daniels and Matthew Outhwaite remained unbeaten in singles and doubles as they beat WCC Crocs 7-3. Derek Harwood, Doug Lowe and Jim Owen all won once for Crocs. Matt Outhwaite was Rugby C's only winner in a 1-9 reverse at the hands of the ruthless Colebridge Braves. Chris Burgess and Muhammed Khalid took hat-tricks, John Chandler a brace and John and Muhammed added the doubles. Rugby B rolled over Phoenix Okimo with consummate ease thanks to Alan Chan, Thomas Jacko and Ladislav Grezdo. None of the trio could be beaten and they took all ten points. Flavels could only field two players against Nomads A, but three from Mick Bennett, two from Simon Geddes, plus the doubles, gave them a 6-4 win. Andy Davies won once for Nomads, before the forfeited points were applied.

St Georges E look to be opening up some daylight at the summit of Division 3, even at this early stage of the season. Two big wins in recent weeks have certainly helped in that regard, hammering Rugby F 10-0 thanks to Kevin Finn, Loz Sweeney and Charlotte Spencer. Against Eathorpe A, Allan Stockham clawed out a point for 'Thorpe, but three from Kevin Finn, three from Pete Dasher, two from Charlotte Spencer and a Kevin/Charlotte doubles gave Saints a 9-1 win.

WCC Doves were 7-3 winners over FISSC A, all three players contributing braces. Reg Warnes, Graham Roberts and Sue Turkmen were solid throughout, defeated only by Tony Scott who posted a hat-trick for FISSC. Another win for the Doves came against Rugby D. Reg Warnes and Sue Turkmen won two each, plus the doubles, with Graham Roberts adding a single. Peter Moffatt took three for Rugby and Alex Armitage one. Peter won another three for Rugby as they beat Rugby F 6-4. Alex Armitage added two and Mark Wilson one to secure the win. Jack Koumi won two for the Fs, Ryan Lines one and the pair also took the doubles. Free Church D beat FISSC A 7-3 thanks to

maximums plus the doubles from Phil Blowey and Jake Harrison. George Mudie, Tony Scott and Brian Marston all picked up a single in reply.

Division 4 saw an epic battle between Snitterfield B and Eathorpe B end in stalemate. William Hancock was the star of the night, winning his three and doing well to do so as two of them came in five close sets. Those three points for Eathorpe were added to by Lincoln Liburd and Peter Nicholson, both of whom won one. Vince Ford won two for Snitterfield, Ron Shakesheff one and Richard Bennett one as well. Facing defeat, Shakesheff and Ford stepped up for the doubles and secured the draw with a convincing display. If that draw was a struggle, Eathorpe's match against a plucky Potters Green A was anything but, as Peter, Lincoln and William cruised to a 10-0 win.

Free Church F overcame Free Church E 6-4 thanks to Luke Spencer, who won an excellent maximum without the loss of a set, and Scott Delday who picked up a very good brace and the doubles with Luke. Pete Rourke won two for E and Adam Cooper and Ian Rourke one each. Free Church E faced Rugby G and took advantage of Rugby being a player light to win 8-2. Pete Rourke and Adam Cooper won two each and Russell Spencer one. Grace Newman won one for Rugby, then took the doubles with Baga Singh. Church E suffered an 8-2 defeat themselves, as Steve Kurle took a hat-trick for Nomads C. Christian McMorran and Robin Fox-Strangways added two each, and Christian took the doubles with John Johnson. Ian and Pete Rourke both kept one for Church.

Nomads C racked up another 8-2 win, Steve Kurle and Robin Fox-Strangways taking maximums and Christian McMorran winning two. Paul Deavall did well to keep back a single, then took the doubles with Charles Wragg. Eathorpe recovered from that defeat and beat Potters Green A despite only having two players. Michael Rossington and Ron Coats won their two each, plus the doubles. WCC Eagles drew with Snitterfield B with two from Tony Ford, one each from Andy Woodfield and Don Rowe and the doubles from Tony and Pat Woolvin. John Walker won his three for Snitterfield and Richard Bennerr and Vince Ford took one each. The Eagles came crashing down to earth against Free Church F, who beat them 8-2 thanks to maximums from Scott Delday and Barry Hobbins. Jack Hobbins played well to take his single, then added the doubles with brother Barry. Pat Woolvin and Andy Woodfield picked up the two points for County Council.

Free Church A put up a spirited fight against Colebridge Aces, earning three excellent points in what proved to be the Aces toughest match so far this season. At one stage, the teams were locked at 5-5 following excellent wins for Ron Vose and Hugh Matthews in singles and an inspired doubles performance from Vose and Gary Webb who inflicted a first league doubles defeat on Sasha Grokhotov and Ian Ferguson. The Aces, though, showed their fighting spirit, as they won the next four games to take the match 7-3. Ferguson won his three for 'Bridge, as did Edward Lynn, with Grokhotov picking up a single. Colebridge soon were back on track with a comfortable 10-0 victory over WCC Antelopes. Ian, Sasha and Edward all in ruthlessly efficient form.

Free Church A secured a draw against Enigmas A, for whom the relentless attack of Acton Zhang earned two points, plus a doubles with Andy Davies. Andy added a single, as did Deepak Chandrababu. For Church, Hugh Matthews and Ron Vose won two each and John Hall one. Deepak and Andy were both in fine form against Free Church B, both picking up maximums, plus the doubles, on the way to 8-2 success. Gary Jackson added one, with Chris Mulligan and Luke Hobbins notching for Church. Free Church B got their first win of the season, helped by St Georges C only being able to field two players. Tom Brocklehurst won his two for Church, Luke Hobbins and James Hodges one each. Len Coonan played well for his two singles in reply, but three conceded points handed a 7-3 win to Church B.

Saints were again a player short, but on this occasion, so were opponents St Georges A! Saints A got a 6-3 win thanks to two from Earl Sweeney, one from Brian Aston and the doubles. The B side's Jimmy Pittaway picked up a single in reply, before the remaining points were divvied up. Saints C then collected two further points, through a Barry Hook single and a Hook/Pittaway doubles. Opponents WCC Bats dropped no further points though and three from both Simon Griew and Martin Hunter, plus two from Nilton Green gave them the 8-2 win.

St Georges B beat WCC Bats 8-2 through Mark Jackson, who won three, and Damon Fenton and Tristan Gretton who both won twice. Simon Griew and Nilton Green both kept a point for the Bats, but Jackson and Gretton took the doubles to finish the evening in style. Rugby A and Wellesbourne drew 5-5 in their match, with Ian Randle's maximum the stand-out performance. Jack Randle chipped in with a single, plus the doubles with Ian to complete Rugby's haul. Gary Stewart and Pete Dunnnett picked up braces for Wellesbourne; Alan Cotton one.

Eathorpe D took a 3-2 Division A win at the expense of Free Church G. Holly Savage and Holly Thompson picked up a point each for 'Thorpe, though neither could beat Church's Luke Spencer. Allan Stockham entered the fray for the doubles and he and Holly Thompson took the match with a very strong display. WCC Falcons beat Rugby H 4-1 through Derek Harwood and Sue Turkmen, who won two and one respectively. Marion Dixon held one back for Rugby, but Derek and Sue edged a tight doubles contest to complete the match.

Nomads D blitzed Rugby J 5-0 through Dick Smith and Steve Poole, then suffered the same ignominy when Alf Chapman and Len Coonan proved too strong for Andy Davies and Richard Miles, taking a 5-0 win for St Georges F.

Two from Lindy Myers, one from Lauren Delday and the doubles, gave Free Church H a fine win over Free Church L in Division B. David Marguerie showed some glimpses of his potential as he collected a good single in reply. Church H lost out to Free Church J 3-2. Niall Herbert and Roald Myers won one each, plus the doubles for J, but Lindy maintained some family pride by trouncing son Roald and Niall Herbert for a brace.

Eathorpe E looked impressive against Free Church I, with Dave Hawker winning once and taking the doubles with Ryan Oldham, who won his two. Richard Pittaway recovered

from losing his 100% record to pick up a consolation. Eathorpe G were equally impressive as they picked up a 4-1 win against Free Church L. Jordan Cullaine-Liburd won his two, plus the doubles with Simon Thompson. Simon, the nimble left hander, added one of his own, but just fell short against Jack Leggatt who picked up Church's sole reply.

Richard Freeman won his two and was supported by single-winning Mark Hancock in the doubles as Eathorpe F beat Eathorpe H 4-1. John Gymer took H's only point, but the result belies the closeness of the encounter. Free Church K beat LCP Packers through the attacking play of young Solomon Hayes who won his two and his dad, Matthew, who added a single. Doug Smith won one for the Packers and took the doubles with Simon Walmesley.

Division C had a week of convincing wins, starting with a 4-1 victory for Eathorpe J over Free Church N. Keith Jenkins won his two and daughter Billie-Jay one, before the pair combined for the doubles. Ben Haigh took Free Church's point. Ben won once again for Church N, but this time was backed by Timmy Cooper who played some outrageous forehands for one so young on his way to a brace plus the doubles. Matthew Flood, greatly improved since last season, collected a point for Church P, but the Ns took the match 4-1.

Free Church M remain unbeaten in the league and won 4-1 against Potters Green C. Cheryl White did well to take one for Potters, but James Payne's two, Nathan Seneviratne's one and the doubles from Payne and Andy Kendall sealed the convincing win. Andy and James both took maximums, and Nathan joined Andy for the doubles as Church M hammered Church O 5-0.

The Warwickshire Closed Championships will be held this Sunday, 16th November, at St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre in Warwick. Ian Ferguson will be seeking to add another County crown to his collection, defending his number one seed position from challengers such as Mark Jackson, Steve Bertie and Mike Browne. Helen Turner will hope to retain her title in the Ladies singles, with Samantha Meredith seeded to meet her in the final. In the Junior events, Alan Caffrey is seeded one in the Boys, with Jack Williamson two; Jessica Birbeck is one in the Girls, with Charlotte Spencer second.

A good standard of table tennis should be on offer and spectators are welcome. The events start at 9.00am, with the Under 11, Under 13, Cadet, Junior and Veteran singles events.