



## Week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009

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**D**ivision B brought together two sides from Eathorpe this week as G faced I. The young G team proved that they fully deserved their higher seeding over their club colleagues by taking all five points on offer. Jordan Cullaine-Liburd and Simon Thompson overcame the G side who have just been promoted from Division C, although Richard Milton battled well against Jordan for four tight sets before fading in the fifth.

Another in-house match was played out between Free Church K and Free Church J, which the Ks took 4-1 thanks to two from Richard Pittaway, one from Phil Booth and the doubles from Richard and Chris Beckett. Jack Hobbins got a deserved single for the Js and was unlucky not to pick up two, losing in five sets against Pittaway.

Rugby J duo Baga Singh and Majinder Dosanjh trounced Free Church N 5-0 in a largely one-sided match. Eathorpe F had a 4-1 win over Free Church M with two from Richard Freeman, one from Mark Hancock and the doubles. Both Free Church youngsters severely tested Hancock, with Jack Leggatt securing the Church consolation. Eathorpe H just about got the better of Snitterfield C as John Gymer and Steven Ayers won one each, with John being joined by Jason Adams for the deciding doubles. Kevin Bennett and Len Flint both scored one for Snitterfield.

**L**CP Packers were 4-1 winners in Division 4, easing past newcomers St Georges G 4-1. Steven Deeley won his two and took the doubles with Doug Smith who won one himself. Tom Poland saved the whitewash for Saints.

For Free Church P, it was another newcomer, Paul Watkins, who saved his team's blushes. Eathorpe K, though, completed the 4-1 win with two from Peter Rose, one from Sam Rose and the doubles. Snitterfield D beat Free Church T 5-0 through Paula Clayton and Liz Corkhill.

**R**ichard Grover and Andy Caine ruthlessly dispatched Division A opponents Rugby I as autumn winners St Georges F continued where they left off with a 5-0 win. Nomads D will be one of the sides hoping to knock St Georges off their perch and got off to a good start, winning 4-1 against Nomads E. Dick Smith won two for the Ds, Richard Miles one, plus the doubles. Dot Macfarlane kept one point back for the E side.

Nomads E may have one eye on the top spot themselves as they bounced back from defeat with a 5-0 win over promoted Free Church I. Dot Macfarlane and Roger Palmer swept up for Nomads. Nomads D were also involved in a second game and they improved on their previous score by beating Eathorpe E 5-0 thanks to Andy Davies and Richard Miles.

St Georges F were limited to a rare single point winning margin against Eathorpe D, only managing a 3-2 win. Thanks were due to Tracey Fletcher who destroyed her opponents to take both her singles. Allan Stockham took a single in reply for 'Thorpe, and won the doubles with Alastair Nicholson, but Richard Grover contained the talented young Nicholson to take a vital single for Saints.

Free Church G beat Rugby H 4-1 as Keith Knott took his two, Estyn Williams one and the doubles. Marion Dixon scored a notable consolation point for Rugby.

**D**ivision 4 outfit Free Church E were led by father and son Pete and Ian Rourke, both of whom took maximums in their 9-1 wing-clipping of WCC Eagles. The pair were ably supported by Adam Cooper who won two, plus the doubles with Pete. Terry Babbage saved the whitewash for County Council.

Rugby G beat Potters Green A 8-2 with a hat-trick from Baga Singh showing them the way. Taron Dillon hit back for Potters with two, but braces and doubles from Malcolm Heardman and Grace Newman wrapped things up nicely for Rugby.

Snitterfield B edged out Ashorne 6-4 in a close contest. Richard Bennett took his three for Snitterfield, Ron Shakesheff two and John Walker one. Roger Kelley replied with a single for Ashorne, Chris Bowles one and the pair also won the doubles.

**T**he three Ds of Division 3, Dave, Dave and Don gave Rugby E a 10-0 win over Snitterfield A. Cox, Gillibrand and Pritchard were stretched the distance in two games, but aside from that were rarely troubled. Snitterfield A performed far better against WCC Doves as they fought to get a 5-5 draw. Tim Fell won three for 'Field, with Stuart Ayers and Anthony Remes collecting one each. Graham Roberts and Sue Turkmen took the points for Council – both winning two, then combining for the doubles.

A second draw for Snitterfield came when they faced Rugby F as Tim Fell and Stuart Ayers both won two, and Tim took the doubles with Anthony Remes. Jesse Kendrick-Hill won three for Rugby; Jack Koumi and Ryan Lines one each. Rugby F then slipped to two defeats, one against St Georges E and one against Free Church C. Against Saints, Jesse Kendrick-Hill won one, plus the doubles with Jack Koumi, but three from Kevin Finn, three from Laurence Sweeney and two from Charlotte Spencer gave Saints an 8-2 win. Against Free Church, Jesse won his two but it was another 8-2 defeat for Rugby thanks to a hat-trick from the ever-dependable Cherry Matthews and braces plus doubles from Les's Booth and Hoggins.

Three again for Cherry, as it was for Les Hoggins as Church C crushed WCC Doves 9-1. Les Booth added a brace and took the doubles with Cherry. Sue Turkmen saved the whitewash for the Doves. St Georges E found Rugby D a player short and wrapped up a 10-0 win through Kevin Finn, Laurence Sweeney and Charlotte Spencer.

**A** hat-trick for Steve Proctor in Division 2 led Enigmas B towards a 7-3 win against Nomads A. Dong Wei and Malcolm Macfarlane added two each, while the Nomads pair of Andy Davies and Tony Thomas took one each, plus the doubles.

Nomads A then faced Nomads B and surrendered the bragging rights as they tasted a 6-4 defeat. Dick Smith won his three for the Bs, Steve Poole two and Ian Stevens one. Tony Thomas won two for the As, Andy Davies one and the pair took another doubles.

**I**n Division 1, a long awaited clash of the titans took place when Rugby A entertained leaders Colebridge A in a match which pitted two of the top players in the League, both of whom were unbeaten, against each other. For Rugby's Adrian Pilgrim, it was a great night as he inflicted the first defeat in Leamington on Ian Ferguson in the year and a half he has been competing here. Ferguson fought hard and was unlucky to go down in three straight sets 9, 9, 9. Rugby can count themselves unlucky to have lost that match 6-4, as Adrian (who won his three) also took an excellent five-set doubles with Ian Randle who lost two tight five-setters in his singles. However, Colebridge are reigning champions for a reason and Ferguson, Sasha Grokhotov and Edward Lynn all won two to keep their winning run going.

Enigmas A also played Rugby A and thanks to two outstanding performances from Deepak Chandrababu and Andy Davies romped to an 8-2 victory. Yixiang Zhang added a single, plus the doubles with Davies, while Rugby's two points were scored by Ian and Jack Randle.

Enigmas went from a big win to a bigger loss – Yixiang Zhang's single the only riposte they could find to a powerful display from St Georges B that saw them rise to the top of the table. Mark Jackson and Tristan Gretton won three each plus the doubles, with Matt Jordan taking a brace.

Free Church A are another side in good recent form and they showed this with an excellent victory against St Georges A. Ron Vose and Gary Webb were unbeaten over singles and doubles and Hugh Matthews added a single for an 8-2 win. Saints' points came from Earl Sweeney and Mike Bishop.

WCC Bats played WCC Antelopes and it was the Bats who emerged with a massive 8-2 win against their club-mates. Simon Griew was irrepressible as he took his three for the Bats, then added the doubles with Nilton Green. Nilton won twice himself, as did Martin Hunter. For the Antelopes, it was Phil Paine, who has emerged from a sticky start to the season, who salvaged some pride as he won a brace.

For Saint Georges C, it was Jimmy Pittaway on pride-salvation duty as his brace gave them a couple of consolation points in their 8-2 reverse at the hands of Wellesbourne. Gary Stewart won his three for 'Bourne, Pete Dunnett and Alan Cotton two apiece and the doubles went to the pairing of Cotton and Stewart.