



## Week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009

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**S**t Georges F have one game remaining in Division A, but their 5-0 destruction of Eathorpe E has left them firmly in the driving seat in their quest for another Division A title. Gary Edwards and Tracey Fletcher brushed aside the 'Thorpe efforts to put them seven points clear at the top, needing four points to be crowned champions.

Eathorpe E have had confirmation of another kind. They suffered another two defeats, one at the hands of Eathorpe D and one at the hands of Rugby I, during which they failed to amass enough points to avoid relegation in spite of their sterling efforts. Ryan Oldham and Dave Hawker took the doubles against 'Thorpe D for the lone point in a 4-1 defeat. Against Rugby I, Ryan took his two but they could add no more and lost 3-2.

Nomads D are now sat in third, only a point behind second placed Free Church H, with both sides having two matches remaining. Nomads beat one-man Rugby I 5-0, with Dick Smith and Andy Davies winning their singles. Free Church H couldn't match that and saw their lead hauled in as they beat Rugby H 3-2. Luke Hobbins won two and Claire Cram one for Church; Steve Patton one plus the doubles with Marion Dixon for Rugby.

Free Church I picked up a rare win as they beat club-mates Church G 3-2. A single each from the youngsters, Roald Myers and Niall Herbert, plus the doubles secured the win for the relegated side. Keith Knott impressed with two in reply.

**I**t is tight at the top of Division B with the top three all having one match left. Realistically, it is between the top two though, with leaders Rugby J only a point ahead of Free Church J. Rugby J beat third placed Eathorpe G 4-1 which, barring any great shocks, will ensure 'Thorpe finish third. Jack Koumi and Majinder Dosanjh won two and one respectively, plus the doubles, with an excellent Eathorpe reply coming from Jordan Cullaine-Liburud, who continues to impress.

Free Church J moved onto the shoulder of Rugby with three big wins. Jack Hobbins and Anita Whitehouse beat Eathorpe I and Free Church N 4-1, then followed up with a 5-0 win over Snitterfield C which should surely confirm their promotion. The only question now being whether it will be Church J or Rugby J who move up as champions.

In an entertaining derby match between Eathorpe F and I, the rock-bottom I side performed admirably against their top-half opponents. Richard Freeman and Mark Hancock took a single each plus the doubles for the win, but one each from Richard and Jonathan Milton secured to well earned and very respectable points for the I side.

The title race is all over in Division C. First placed St Georges G had played their matches, but second placed LCP Packers could draw level and force a playoff with two perfect performances. Unfortunately for the Packers they fell agonisingly short as they could only managed eight points of the required ten. Steven Deeley won one against Free Church O, with Simon Walmesley adding two plus the doubles. Solomon Hayes battled to a five-set consolation for Church. Doug Smith and Gregory Cole won two and one respectively for the Packers and added the doubles against Eathorpe J. Keith Jenkins held the 'Thorpe point.

Eathorpe K's two twelve year old boys performed well against Free Church T. Brandon Tedd, playing only his second match, took a single and combined with Sam Rose to take the doubles. Sam won a brace himself as 'Thorpe came through 4-1. Marco Xavier impressed for Free Church, taking his team's consolation.