



# Week commencing

## 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008

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Last year's Division A winners, St Georges F, got their campaign off to a flying start with a 5-0 demolition of the young girls of Eathorpe D. Richard Grover and Gary Edwards took singles and doubles, but were made to work for their maximum win by Holly Savage and Holly Thompson. Nomads D eased to a 4-1 victory against Rugby I with Steve Poole taking his singles and the doubles with Dick Smith, who added a single. Peter Moffatt scored Rugby's consolation. Nomads also enjoyed 4-1 success against Eathorpe D. Holly Savage took an excellent single for Eathorpe, but two from Richard Smith, one from Richard Miles and the doubles wrapped things up for Nomads.

Rugby H sailed past FISSC B 5-0, despite a plucky effort from FISSC's Brian Marston who just dipped out in five sets against Marion Dixon. Marion was joined by Don Pritchard in an otherwise comfortable win. Don and Marion continued their fine form against Free Church G, with Don winning twice, Marion once and the pair taking the doubles. Keith Knott hit back for Church to prevent the whitewash. Rugby H's fine form couldn't help them as they came off the rails against St Georges F. Richard Grover and Gary Edwards dropped only one set between them on their way to a 5-0 win. St Georges F dropped their first point of the season when they beat FISSC B 4-1. Brian Aston took two, plus the doubles with Richard Grover, who added a single. John Hunt was the man to make a name for himself for FISSC as he stopped Saints gaining maximum points for the first time this season.

It was local derby time when Rugby I faced Rugby J and the I side held onto the bragging rights thanks to a brace from Peter Moffatt, a single from Mark Wilson, and the doubles from the pair. Hiten Shah saved face for the Js to limit their loss to 4-1. Rugby I enjoyed the same score line in their match against Free Church G. Billy Kyle won his two and Mark Wilson won one before being joined by Peter Moffatt to take the doubles. Church G's point was scored by Luke Spencer. Church G triumphed 3-2 in a close encounter with FISSC B. Estyn Williams and Keith Knott won one each and took the doubles, but neither could outfox stalwart Brian Marston who took his two.

AP Sports have had a tough few weeks, which have included a couple of 5-0 defeats against St Georges F and Nomads D. Richard Grover and Tracey Fletcher did the damage for Saints; Steve Poole and Richard Miles for Nomads. AP got off the mark for the season against Eathorpe D with Carol Meredith taking a single, but two from Holly Savage, one from Holly Thompson and an Allan Stockham/Holly Savage doubles gave Eathorpe the 4-1 win.

Eathorpe E and G have both made impeccable starts to Division B, neither dropping a point in their two outings to date. The E side duo of Ryan Oldham and Dave Hawker roasted their H side, then did the same against Free Church K. Solomon Hayes impressed for Church with an aggressive display that suggests a bright future, but on this form the side from Eathorpe who were in Division A last season look set to

return. The G side also trounced Free Church K, as well as LCP Packers. Jordan Cullaine-Liburd and Simon Thompson are the young double act who have made a faultless start to their campaign.

Free Church J had a solid win over Free Church L. Roald Myers, starting to show signs of the talent he has long promised, took his two and steered partner Niall Herbert to doubles success. The gritty Niall took one for himself, but a maximum slipped away at the hands of league debutant Jack Leggatt, who could well be one to keep an eye on. The Js took their second win of the season in a highly competitive match against Eathorpe F. Roald and Niall took one each and a closely fought doubles for the win, but neither could overcome the steady Richard Freeman who tamed the enthusiasm of his young opponents to take a brace.

That defeat is Eathorpe F's only one to date as they found themselves on the right end of a 3-2 result this time, against Free Church I. Mark Hancock and Richard Freeman picked up one each, plus the crucial doubles, but couldn't find a way past Richard Pittaway. Mark and Richard also had a 4-1 win against Free Church L. Richard took his two, Mark one, plus the doubles. Free Church's point came courtesy of an excellent win from the fast-improving David Marguerie.

Free Church H defeated LCP Packers 4-1 thanks to a brace from Lindy Myers, one from Lauren Delday, plus the doubles. Doug Smith kept a point back for LCP. Steven Ayers and Pauline Parkes were in impressive form for Eathorpe H as they crushed Free Church K 5-0.

**S**till smarting from relegation last season, Eathorpe I's Miltons, Richard and Jonathan, proved too strong for the plucky lads from Free Church O in Division C. Church's Callum Guest looks a good prospect and came out of the traps quickly to take the first leg from Richard, who then sharpened up to run out a 3-1 winner. It was one-way traffic from thereon in as Eathorpe wrapped up a 5-0 win. Free Church O didn't have long to wait to get some points on the board themselves, winning 3-2 against stable mates Free Church Q in a hard fought battle for playground pride. Charlie Snelson and Jacob Clarke took a single each, with Callum Guest joining Charlie to take a crucial doubles. For Q, Ben King was in impressive form taking his two, which included a five-set victory against Jacob.

Free Church Q responded to defeat by turning in a good performance to beat Eathorpe J 3-2. Keith Jenkins proved too strong and won his two for Eathorpe, but Marco Xavier and Keiren Enticott both picked up their first league wins, before Marco was partnered by Ben King for the match-winning doubles. Eathorpe J slipped to a 3-2 defeat again, this time to Potters Green C. Erin Jolly and Cheryl White took one each and the doubles for Potters, but Keith Jenkins was again untouchable for 'Thorpe.

Snitterfield C look like they could be in the mix with a couple of impressive displays to kick off their season. They beat Eathorpe J 4-1 through Paula Clayton's two, Liz Corkhill's one and the doubles. Keith Jenkins picked up a single in reply. Snitterfield then hammered Free Church P 5-0 as Kevin Bennett and John Walker came into the side.

Free Church M played Free Church N, with the Ms edging the contest 3-2. James Payne and Nathan Seneviratne won a single each for M, with Robert Morris responding with a

maximum for N. The match was decided by a doubles, which James Payne and Andy Kendall took by three sets to nil.

Lillington Free Church Table Tennis Club will be holding their second Graded Tournament of the season on Saturday 1 November 2008 at Sydenham Sports Centre. The morning session starts at 9.30am, with the age group events; the afternoon commences at around 2.00pm with the graded events. Entries should be submitted to Hugh Matthews (01926 314539). Further information and a copy of the entry form is available online at <http://lillingtontt.tripod.com>

The Warwickshire Closed Championships is also being held in November, on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>, at St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre, Warwick. Entry forms are being sent out and are also available online at <http://www.ldtta.co.uk> .