



Week commencing 23rd February 2009

Paul Ryman starred, again, for Whitnash B as they squeezed past Division 2 opponents Nomads A 6-4. Paul posted a fine hat-trick and took the doubles with Dennis Woodhead, who added two of his own to clinch the match. Tony Thomas replied for Nomads with a brace, and Kim Wong and Darryl Burgess added one each. Tony Thomas improved on his two as he hit a maximum for Nomads A against St Georges D. Unfortunately for the Nomads, that was all they could manage as Brian Aston, Richard Grover and Tracey Fletcher all won two, with Brian and Richard adding the doubles to complete a 7-3 win.

Nomads B gained some revenge for the A side as they defeat St Georges D 7-3. Dick Smith took three for Nomads, Ian Stevens two, Dave Harding one and the doubles went to Dick and Ian. Alf Chapman kept two for Saints; Richard Grover one.

Colebridge Braves trounced Enigmas B 10-0 through John Chandler, John Taylor and Graham Hoskin. Rugby B beat WCC Crocs 7-3 with Alan Chan's hat-trick being added to by two from both Thomas Jacko and Dave Gillibrand. Derek Harwood and James Owen saved one each, plus the doubles for the Crocs.

In Division 1, a battling performance against WCC Antelopes from Mark Jackson swung the match in favour of St Georges B. Mark clinched his hat-trick, and with it the match for Saints, when he came from two legs and 8-10 down in the fifth to eclipse Phil Paine. Mark was partnered to a five set doubles success by Tristan Gretton, who added two singles. Damon Fenton added a single in the 7-3 win. Chris Brewer won twice for the Antelopes and Phil Paine once.

Enigmas A were relatively untroubled on their way to a 9-1 win over St Georges C. Although Barry Hook pulled off a tremendous win for Saints, three from Deepak Chandrababu and Gary Jackson, two from Andy Davies and a Jackson/Davies doubles condemned Saints to a heavy defeat.

Honours went to Alastair Nicholson in Division 3, with his maximum for Eathorpe A instrumental in their 6-4 success over Snitterfield A. Chris Atikins added a brace and Peter Titmas one. Tim Fell won two for Snitterfield, Anthony Remes one, and the pair took the doubles in a close five setter. Eathorpe A could only draw against Free Church C in a close encounter. Les Hoggins won two for Church, Cherry Matthews and John Taylor one each, with Les and Cherry adding the doubles. Allan Stockham took three for 'Thorpe; Chris Atkins and Peter Titmas one each.

Rugby F beat FISSC A 6-4 with a hat-trick from Jesse Kendrick-Hill the stand out performance of the evening. Ryan Lines and Jack Koumi added one each plus the doubles. Gareth Conway won twice for FISSC; John Hunt and George Mudie one each.

Snitterfield B went down 2-8 to Eathorpe C in Division 4, but with Eathorpe taking three games in five sets, the score line could have been a lot closer. As it was, John Walker's brace was all Snitterfield could manage as Ron Coats led 'Thorpe with his three and was backed up by Charles Wragg and Michael Rossington who won two each plus the doubles.

Ashorne pulled out a 6-4 victory against Rugby G thanks to braces from Steve Bolton and Roger Kelley, plus a single from Chris Bowles and the doubles from Chris and Roger. Grace Newman won a useful two in reply, with Robin Eddie and Malcolm Heardman adding one each.

LCP Packers beat Eathorpe K 3-2 in a tight Division C match. Graham Rose was undefeated for 'Thorpe, but Doug Smith and Steven Deeley won a single each plus the doubles to take the match. Packers followed up with a 4-1 win over Free Church R. Doug Smith won his two and the doubles with Simon Walmesley, who took a single. Jacob Clarke consoled for Church.

Free Church Q overpowered Church T with a 4-1 win. Timmy Cooper won his two and took the doubles with Ben King for Q, with Ellis Harrison taking a single. Simon Cooper saved the whitewash for the T side. The T side found Free Church O too strong as Matthew Hayes and Jessica Champion rolled them over 5-0.

St Georges G continued their impressive start to league table tennis with a 5-0 whitewash. Tom and Sam Poland took the points against a plucky Free Church S.

Free Church P beat Eathorpe J 4-1. Ben Haigh won two, Jeremy Knott one and the pair took the doubles. Keith Jenkins salvaged a point for 'Thorpe.

Eathorpe F beat stable mates Eathorpe H 3-2 in Division B. Richard Freeman was steady in his brace winning performance and added the doubles with Mark Freeman to clinch the match. Steven Ayers and John Gymer picked up one each in reply.

Baga Singh and Majinder Dosanjh were in impressive form as Rugby J stormed to 5-0 success over Free Church L. Free Church J could not stop AP's Tony Williams from winning his two, but ran out 3-2 winners as AP were unable to field a second player.

In Division A, three games between Eathorpe E and FISSC B were exceptionally tight up until the fifth leg at which point FISSC held nerve the better to take them all and set them up for a 5-0 whitewash. Mark Kingham and Brian Marston were the pair who held nerve for FISSC in a sporting encounter where 'Thorpe were unlucky not to score.

Rugby I beat Free Church G 3-2 thanks to singles from Mark Wilson and Peter Moffatt, with the pair adding the doubles. Neither could get the better of Luke Spencer, who won

his two for Church in reply. Another 3-2 win for Rugby I, this time against FISSC B. Peter Moffatt won his two for Rugby and Mark Wilson added a crucial one. Brian Marston kept a point back for FISSC, then took the doubles with Aravindh Narayanan.

Nomads D pair Andy Davies and Richard Miles were unstoppable as they brushed Rugby H aside 5-0 without dropping a set.

Entry forms for the Leamington Closed Championships have now been sent out to all team secretaries. The tournament will take place at Sydenham Sports Centre on the weekend of 21/22 March 2009, with the finals taking place on Saturday 4th April 2009 at Kenilworth Wardens Club, Kenilworth. Players are advised to enter early, with the closing date for entries being Monday 9th March 2009. Our younger members are also encouraged to enter as many events as they can, which will provide excellent experience as they get the chance to play against stronger players. With this in mind, there are some discounted prices for youngsters entering events in addition to their own age group.

Tickets are also now available for the annual Presentation Evening, which will be held on Friday 8th May 2009 at St Patricks Irish Social Club in Leamington. Following on from the successful format of last year, once again a quiz will be run with prizes for the winning team. A carvery buffet will be included in the cost of the ticket, which will be £12 for juniors and £14 for seniors, with a £1 discount per ticket if bought before April 5th. Full details are available on the Leamington League website at <http://www.ldtta.co.uk>