



Week commencing 26th January 2009

In a close Division 4 encounter, it was Free Church E's Adam Cooper's continuing fine form that gave his side the edge; his excellent treble securing the 6-4 win. Opponents, Snitterfield B, picked up four points thanks to two from Ron Shakesheff, one from John Walker and the doubles, which was won by Ron and Richard Bennett. Supporting Adam for Free Church were Pete and Ian Rourke, who won two and one respectively. Free Church E were without Adam for their match against Free Church F, but welcomed back Lleryn Brocklehurst who picked up a single, as did Ian Rourke. Ian was joined by dad, Pete, in taking the doubles, but three points was all they managed as Luke Spencer and Barry Hobbins both took hat-tricks and Jack Hobbins a single in a 7-3 win.

Another strong performance by Free Church E came as they beat Eathorpe C 7-3. Barry Hobbins led the side with a maximum, Scott Delday added a single and the doubles with Barry, while Luke Spencer tasted Division 4 defeat for the first time as Michael Rossington limited him to a brace. Eathorpe's remaining points came from Paul Deavall and Charles Wragg who both picked up a single.

Paul and Charles improved in Eathorpe C's next match as both scored two and combined for the doubles. Ron Coats added a single which gave them a 6-4 win over Eathorpe B. Lincoln Liburd was supreme for the Bs, remaining unbeaten on the night, with William Hancock adding the final point. Another treble for Lincoln was supported by three from Holly Savage and two from Lincoln's son, Jordan. When father and son stepped up to win the doubles in style, the 9-1 win over WCC Eagles was completed. Harry Mackinson consoled for Council.

Three big turning points swung a gripping contest in favour of St Georges A when they faced WCC Antelopes in Division 1. The first of these was when Council let slip a 7-1 lead in the final game of the doubles to trail 1-4 instead of 2-3. This was compounded when Jason Adams eclipsed Clive Irwin in the fifth by stringing together six successive winning points from 5-6 down, which gave Saints a 5-3 lead rather than a deadlocked 4-4. Finally, Earl Sweeney came back from two sets down in the final match of the evening against Chris Brewer to win 11-9 in the fifth to seal a terrific hat-trick and with it the 6-4 win for St Georges. Jason Adams and Mike Bishop both added a point to Earl's three, with the latter joining Earl for the doubles. For Council, Phil Paine and Chris Brewer both won two.

WCC Bats found themselves on the wrong end of a 9-1 drubbing at the hands of Wellesbourne. Gary Stewart and Pete Dunnett took three each, with Alan Cotton adding two plus the doubles with Gary. Simon Griew consoled for the Bats.

Colebridge A won 6-4 against Enigmas A, with Ian Ferguson, struggling with fitness for the second successive game, suffering defeat for the second time in quick succession. Ferguson took a single, but was then beaten in five sets by the all-out attacking play of

Acton Zhang, before pulling out of his final game. It was the young Sasha Grokhotov who stepped up to the plate to rescue 'Bridge as the dynamic attacker hit a convincing hat-trick and took the doubles with Edward Lynn, who won a single himself. Acton Zhang took two for Enigmas; Deepak Chandrababu one.

Three matches for Free Church B and three defeats, although they did manage to grab enough points to drag themselves off the foot of the table. St Georges B beat them 8-2 through Mark Jackson and Damon Fenton hat-tricks, a Jackson/Fenton doubles and a Matthew Jordan single. Chris Mulligan and Luke Hobbins grabbed one each for Church. Same again against Rugby A – Adrian Pilgrim taking three for Rugby, as did Matt Outhwaite, with Jack Randle adding a brace. Luke Hobbins saved a single for Church, then took the doubles with Chris Mulligan. Finally, it was Whitnash A who put Church B to the sword. Mark Woolerton and Mick Alsopp took three each, plus the doubles, with Jon Williams adding two. Tom Brocklehurst consoled for Church.

Dick Smith was outstanding for Nomads B against Enigmas B in Division 2. He was 2-1 down against Steve Proctor and 2-0 down against both Malc Macfarlane and Charlotte Spencer, but recovered to win all three in five sets. Ian Stevens added two for Nomads to take a share of the spoils in this 5-5 draw. For Enigmas, it was reserve Charlotte Spencer in her first division 2 outing who starred as she won two plus the doubles with Steve Proctor. Steve added a single, as did Malcolm.

Those five points will look very nice indeed for Nomads, given that their next match saw them face Colebridge B. A typically ruthless performance from Chris Burgess, John Taylor and John Chandler gave 'Bridge another 10-0 win.

Rugby C could field only two players, but Dave Daniels and David Kao won two each, plus the doubles against Flavels, giving them a 7-3 win overall. WCC Crocs beat Flavels 6-4. Jim Owen won three for the Crocs, with Derek Harwood and Doug Lowe adding one each. For Flavels, another division two debutant reserve, Laurence Sweeney, looked impressive on his way to a brace, which was matched by Mick Bennett.

An 8-2 win for Division 3 side Rugby E did not reflect the closeness of the match with Rugby winning three of the four five-set encounters on the evening. Dave Gillibrand won his three for Rugby, plus the doubles with Dave Cox. Cox won two, as did Pete Morris, to complete the Rugby haul. Chris Atkins and Alastair Nicholson won once each for 'Thorpe.

Free Church C trounced Rugby D 9-1 thanks to maximums from Les Hoggins and Cherry Matthews. Les Booth contributed two, plus the doubles with Hoggins. Peter Moffatt scored Rugby's lone point.

With one match unable to be completed, the match score between Snitterfield A and Free Church D was left at 5-4 in favour of Snitterfield. Stuart Ayers had won three for Snitterfield and Tim Fell and Anthony Remes one each. Jake Harrison won two for Church, Phil Blowey one and the doubles went to Church courtesy of Claire Cram and Phil.

Chris Blowey looked strong in the Division A company of Eathorpe E as his brace gave his Free Church H side a 4-1 win. Scott Delday added one for Church, with Holly Savage taking a very good consolation against the talented Delday. Eathorpe D won at a canter against FISSC B – Lincoln Liburd and Allan Stockham winning 5-0.

Thorpe D followed up with a 4-1 win over Free Church G. Stockham won his two, as did Alastair Nicholson, but the pair couldn't get the better of Keith Knott and Luke Spencer in the doubles.

Nomads E won 4-1 against Rugby H in a match that was a great advert for table tennis in the competitive, yet hugely friendly spirit in which it was played. Roger Palmer and Dot Macfarlane won two, one and the doubles for Nomads. Marion Dixon won a five-setter to console for Rugby.

Unfortunately for AP, in two Division B matches one player failed to turn up condemning them to two defeats. Lone star, Tony Williams was the sufferer-in-chief as he took both his singles on both occasions – his efforts reaping scant reward as AP ultimately lost 2-3 to both Eathorpe H and Snitterfield C.

In a contest between two families, the Bennetts of Snitterfield C were stronger than the Miltons of Eathorpe I and Kevin and Richard ran out 5-0 winners. Eathorpe G beat Free Church M 5-0 through Jordan Cullaine-Liburd and Paul Deavall.

Thorpe F edged out Free Church L 3-2 thanks to two from Richard Freeman and one from Mark Hancock. Lindy Myers won one for Church, plus the doubles with the fleet-footed Lauren Delday. Eathorpe F were also 3-2 winners against Free Church K. Richard Freeman again took two and Mark Hancock one. Phil Booth held a single for Church and took the doubles with Richard Pittaway.

Free Church J picked up ten quick-fire points as Jack Hobbins and Anita Whitehouse beat Eathorpe H and Free Church L 5-0. Rugby J were 5-0 winners too – Free Church M the victims of Majinder Dosanjh and Baga Singh.

The irrepressible talent of Timmy Cooper was instrumental in giving his Free Church Q side the 3-2 edge against Free Church R. Timmy's two was added to by Ben King's single. Jacob Clarke clawed one back for the Rs with an impressive display against friend and rival Ben, with Callum Guest and Charlie Snelson adding the doubles. Church R lost out again against club-mates. This time it was Solomon and Matthew Hayes who won two and one respectively which gave Church O the win. Charlie Snelson won one for R; Callum Guest and Jacob Clarke the doubles.

Eathorpe K beat Church O 3-2 thanks to a maximum from Graham Rose and the doubles from Graham and Sam Rose. Solomon Hayes and Jessica Champion both got one for Church. Church P won 4-1 against Church T with Paul Watkins and Jeremy Knott winning two, one and the doubles. Marco Xavier, beginning to add a little belief to his ability, took an excellent one for the T side.

Free Church S beat Free Church Q 4-1 thanks to two from Matthew Flood, one from Kris Reiman and the doubles. Ben King showed good determination to take a consolation in five sets. St Georges G rolled past Eathorpe J 5-0 as Tom and Sam Poland won without the loss of a set.