



Week commencing

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Over the last few weeks, Division 3's Cherry Matthews has been in scintillating form losing only one of twelve singles played for Free Church C, which has seen them rise to the top of the table. Against Free Church D, Cherry's hat-trick was added to by a John Taylor single, but two each and the doubles from Claire Cram and Phil Blowey and a single from Jake Harrison gave the D side a 6-4 win. Church C also slipped to a 6-4 defeat against Eathorpe A. The Eathorpe trio of continuingly impressive youngster Alastair Nicholson, solid newcomer Peter Titman and county umpire Alan Stockham all took braces in a solid team performance. Cherry Matthews, Les Booth and Les Hoggins all took one, with Booth and Hoggins adding the doubles.

It was back to normal service for Cherry in Church C's next two games. A maximum against Rugby E was supported by a brace from a Les Hoggins starting to find some good form, which secured the 5-5 draw. David Kao looked good for Rugby with two, with Michalis Loizou adding a single and the doubles with David. WCC Doves will not have found much inner peace after suffering a crushing 9-1 defeat to Church C. Cherry again won her three, as did Les Booth, while John Taylor picked up two and the doubles with Les. Reg Warnes denied his opponents a clean sweep with an excellent single for the Doves.

Reg was again the saviour for County Council Doves as they fell to another 9-1 defeat, this time away at the hands of Snitterfield. Stuart Ayers and Tony Remes took their three and the doubles, while Dave Starkie collected a brace. Snitterfield then had a reversal of fortunes. When the lights turned from red, Free Church D didn't dwell on orange and it was all systems green for go! The Snitterfield trio who had excelled at home couldn't quite find the away form and maximums from Phil Blowey and Jake Harrison, two from Claire Cram and the doubles from Phil and Jake condemned Snitterfield to a 9-1 mauling. Church D did suffer themselves though, going down to two heavy defeats. St Georges E had Kevin Finn and Laurence Sweeney in hat-trick winning form, with Charlotte Spencer adding two for an 8-2 win. Church D's points came from Phil Blowey's single and the doubles from Phil and Jake Harrison. It was the same score line against Rugby E as David Kao and Don Pritchard took hat-tricks, to add to a single from Michalis Loizou and the doubles from Michalis and David. Phil Blowey collected a single, as did Jake Harrison for the Free Church reply.

FISSC A had Tony Scott to thank for earning them a draw against Rugby D. His hat-trick allied with a George Mudie single and a Tony Scott/Mark Kingham doubles gave them the five points they needed to avoid defeat. Tom Bradley and Alex Phillips both won twice for Rugby; Billy Kyle once. Rugby F proved to be tougher opposition and three from Jesse Kendrick-Hill, two from Jack Koumi, the doubles from the pair and a Ryan Lines single eased them to 7-3 success over FISSC A. John Hunt kept two and Gareth Conway one for FISSC. Rugby F couldn't repeat the performance against Snitterfield A, who had Dave Starkie and Stuart Ayers in brace-winning form. The duo also took the

doubles, while Tim Fell's single gave them the 6-4 win. Daniel Roberts did well to take two in response and Jesse Kendrick-Hill and David Willett both won once.

Tim Fell notched an excellent hat-trick against Eathorpe A as the two sides battled out a 5-5 draw. His maximum was added to by fellow FISSC man, Dave Starkie, who won two. Alan Stockham won two for 'Thorpe and took the doubles with Chris Atkins. Chris won a single, as did Alastair Nicholson. Eathorpe A cruised past Rugby E 8-2. Chris Atkins took his three, as did Alan Stockham, with Peter Titmas adding two. Rugby's points were scored by Dave Cox, who won a single, and a Don Pritchard/Dave Cox doubles.

A much improved Eathorpe C came from 1-3 down to win their Division 4 match against Snitterfield B 7-3. Michael Rossington, Paul Deavall and Ron Coats took three, two, one respectively with Michael and Paul also securing the doubles. It was an interesting battle between the two sides, with Ron Shakesheff looking good for Snitterfield with two singles, which was added to by Vince Ford who took one. Eathorpe C's Paul Deavall and Michael Rossington were then joined by Charlie Wragg in a 6-4 win over WCC Eagles. For the Eagles, Tony Ford's treble was simply not enough and although Terry Babbage added a single, Paul and Charlie won two each plus the doubles and Michael Rossington a vital single to see 'Thorpe home.

Free Church F put paid to Eathorpe C's winning run with an efficient 8-2 winning performance. Luke Spencer looked sharp on his way to his three, with Barry Hobbins and Scott Delday not showing too much bluntness themselves on their way to a couple of braces. Michael Rossington and Paul Deavall stemmed the tide with singles before Delday and Spencer wrapped it up by taking a five-set doubles.

Ashorne mercilessly crushed Rugby G 10-0. A couple of five-setters was as close as Rugby could push them, as Ashorne's Steve Bolton, Chris Bowles and Roger Kelley took the points. Another match for Ashorne. Another 10-0 win. This time, the victims were Potters Green A who had little answer to the tough questions posed. All good things must come to an end though, and so it was for Ashorne against Nomads C. Roger Kelley won a superb three and Chris Bowles an equally excellent one, but two from both Robin Fox Strangways and Steve Kurle, added to a single from Duncan Hall and the doubles from Robin and John Johnson gave Nomads the 6-4 win. Another 6-4 win for the Nomads came against Rugby G. Three from Robin Fox Strangways, two from Christian McMorran and one from Steve Kurle earned them the victory. Jo Outhwaite won two for Rugby, Ryan Lines one, and the pair combined to take the doubles. Jo went one better against Potters Green A, taking all three, as did Grace Newman, in Rugby's 8-2 win. Grace and Jo added the doubles, with Madiner Dosanjh contributing a single. Jack Pegler and Margaret McGuinness fought hard to win five-set matches and take a well deserved two points from the match.

WCC Eagles faced two-man Free Church E and emerged with a 6-4 win. Tony Ford won two and Terry Babbage one, to add to the three conceded points. Ian Rourke won twice for Church, Pete Rourke once, and the pair joined forces to take the doubles. There must have been an eyrie silence at County Council's home nest as Eathorpe B soared past the Eagles 8-2. Lincoln Liburd and William Hancock were superb as they took three

each, plus the doubles. Peter Nicholson added a single, with Don Rowe and Andy Woodfield taking one each for Council in reply.

Colebridge Braves are certainly determined to make an immediate return to the top flight as they battered Division 2 opponents Nomads B 10-0. John Chandler, John Taylor and Chris Burgess were emphatic as they took the match without the loss of a single set. They didn't find it quite as comfortable against Enigmas B though, although they still ran out 7-3 winners. Chris Burgess was a class apart as he took all three, plus the doubles with John Chandler, who won a single, and John Taylor completed the haul with a brace. Steve Proctor, mega blocker, starred for Enigmas with two and Henry Wong picked up a single. Another brace for Steve, allied with hat-tricks from Dong Wei and Henry Wong gave Enigmas B a 9-1 win over Nomads B. Ian Stevens consoled for Nomads. Enigmas went one better against Phoenix Okimo and won 10-0 thanks to Acton Xialang, Steve Proctor and Malcolm Macfarlane.

Okimo bounced back against Flavels and took the match 7-3. Newcomer Carl Joseph won his three and Dennis Mockford and Gordon Tucker added two each. Trevor Bradley won twice for Flavels and added the doubles with Keith Dixon. Paul Calloway joined the Okimo side against St Georges D and his three set them up for another 7-3 win. Roy Joiner won two for Okimo and Gordon Tucker took one plus the doubles with Calloway. Bill Fletcher and Gary Edwards took two and one respectively for Saints. Better for Saints against Nomads A as they won 8-2 thanks to three from Alf Chapman and Brian Aston, one from Andy Caine and the doubles from Andy and Brian. Dot Macfarlane emerged from a titanic five set struggle to take one, with Tony Thomas adding the other point. Another defeat for Nomads A, against Whitnash B, but this hugely entertaining match could easily have gone the other way as Tony Thomas's single for Nomads could have been more as the elegant top-spinner lost his other two in five sets. Tony combined with Andy Davies to take the doubles and Andy and Dot Macfarlane both contributed with a single. Paul Ryman and Dennis Woodhead were made to work, but both emerged undefeated to give Whitnash a 6-4 win. Whitnash did fall against Phoenix Okimo though. Paul Calloway won three for Okimo, Roy Joiner two and Dennis Mockford one in their 6-4 win. Paul Ryman won two for Nash, Dennis Woodhead one and the doubles with Paul.

WCC Crocs beat two-man Flavels 6-4. Derek Harwood won two for Crocs and Doug Lowe one. Mick Bennet and Simon Geddes left Flavels 4-3 up with two, one and the doubles, before the three defaulted points were added to the WCC tally. Tony Ford made a reserve appearance for the Crocs against Rugby B, but his brace-winning efforts were added to only by a Derek Harwood single and the match fell away. Alan Chan and Thomas Jacko won three each, plus the doubles, while Don Pritchard completed the 7-3 win with a single. St Georges D inflicted another 7-3 defeat on the Crocs with Alf Chapman winning three, Andy Caine two and Tracey Fletcher one. Tracey and Andy added the doubles, while Derek Harwood replied with two and Jim Owen one for WCC. Saints were 10-0 winners over Nomads B thanks to Bill Fletcher, Alf Chapman and Richard Grover.

Rugby B and C faced each other and it was honours even at the end. Youngster Matt Outhwaite won his three for the Cs and was supported by single winners Dave Daniels

and Gabriel Guiard. Ladislav Grezdo won twice for the Bs and took the doubles with Thomas Jacko. Thomas won one as did Alan Chan in this 5-5 draw.

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