



# Week commencing 08 February 2010

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**C**ongratulations are due to four Leamington players who enjoyed a superb weekend in Swindon. Ron Vose, Earl Sweeney, Phil Paine and Pat McCabe made up a Lillington side that dominated Division 2b of the Veterans National League. The quartet amassed an impressive ten wins out of ten, taking a maximum twenty point haul and only dropping seven individual games as they topped the table four points clear of second placed OLOP Merrow.

As you might expect from such a performance, the individual averages table made good reading too, with Ron Vose ending the weekend at the top with an excellent records of thirteen wins from fourteen matches. Earl Sweeney and Phil Paine were second and third in the averages, both losing only twice, and Pat McCabe ensured the squad occupied four of the top five averages with his five wins from six putting him in fifth.

**B**ack to league action and in the two-a-side competition, Free Church H will be hoping to get promoted from Division B having been relegated from A at Christmas and they have made a strong start. Following on from a 5-0 win last week, they defeated Free Church K 3-2. Tony Williams put in a good performance for the H side, taking his two plus the doubles with Estyn Williams. Chris Beckett and David Marguerie did well to take a point each in reply as their youth triumphed over experience.

Another youth versus experience contest ensued when Eathorpe E hosted Rugby I. Eathorpe's Ryan Oldham fought out two tough games to collect a maximum, but Rugby's Grace Newman and Mark Wilson grabbed a point each, plus the doubles together to snatch a 3-2 win.

Thorpe E performed creditably in another 3-2 defeat, this time at the hands of Free Church I. Ryan took a single this time, with eleven year old prospect George McGowan grabbing one for himself. Stuart Dalrymple excelled for Church, taking his two singles and joining forces with Anita Whitehouse to take a close doubles in five.

**I**n Division C, a very close match between two contrasting styles of play was won by the stern defensive abilities of Eathorpe G's mature males who got the better of Free Church M's aggressive ladies. The result of this match was always in doubt, but Keith Jenkins and Graham Rose won two and one respectively, plus the doubles to finish 4-1 winners. Jess Campion took a well deserved single for Church.

Keith and Graham won two and one again, but this time with Graham taking the two as Eathorpe G won again – this time 3-2. Richard Houghton grabbed a single for Potters Green B and then added the doubles with Aaron Riley.

Eathorpe F were 5-0 winners over Free Church M in a match where the end result belies the closeness of the contest. Dave Hawker won his two, plus the doubles with Mark Hancock. Mark showed superb character in two never-say-die matches, both of which he won in five sets, to secure the whitewash.

**T**he Division D derby match between Eathorpe H and Eathorpe I went in favour of the I side's younger players. Will Bourner continues to impress on every outing and took his two, with Sam Rose adding a single to round off the 3-2 win. Richard Milton took a single for I, with Jonathan Milton stepping up to help take the doubles.

An excellent brace from Elizabeth Corkhill set up Snitterfield D for a 3-2 win against Free Church O. Ben Simpson grabbed a single for Church and added the doubles with Simon Cooper, but Jason Grey's single secured the win for Snitterfield. Snitterfield D couldn't manage to get the win against Free Church O, though, as singles from Jason and Elizabeth were eclipsed by a Ben King brace and a doubles won by Ben and Charlie Snelson.

Free Church O beat Free Church R 4-1 thanks to two from Simon Cooper, one from Jacob Clarke, plus the doubles. The R side consolation came from Tom Sharpe, who continues to impress in his first season and made a mockery of his comparative lack of experience to win a convincing single.

**F**ree Church V emerged victorious against Eathorpe J in Division E, in a match with four newcomers to league table tennis on show. Jay Viridi produced two straight-sets wins for Church, whilst his partner, Matthew Scott, found the going a little tougher, but took a five-set single to take the match 3-2. For Eathorpe, ten year old Millie Bradshaw adopted a hard-hitting approach to beat Matthew in five close sets. Millie was joined by Annie McGowan for the doubles, which they won 3-2 having been two sets down!

Eathorpe K had made a good start to the Spring competition, but found themselves outplayed by newcomers Free Church U. Theo Rutter was particularly impressive for Church, with partner Sam Wiggins also showing good promise as the duo ran out 5-0 winners.

**Y**oungsters Holly and Simon Thompson showed their rapid improvement for Eathorpe D, Holly taking all three plus the doubles and Simon taking one - a recovery from 2-0 down with a tremendous attacking display. Allan Stockham added a maximum, condemning their Division 4 opponents, Eathorpe B, to an 8-2 defeat. Ron Coats and Michael Rossington both won once for the Bs. 'Thorpe B followed up with a 9-1 win over WCC Eagles, this time Allan and Simon took the hat-tricks, with Holly adding a brace. Pat Woolvin consoled for the Eagles.

The Eagles had their wings clipped for a second successive match, as Adam Cooper and Russell Spencer posted hat-tricks plus the doubles in Free Church F's 9-1 win. Lleryn Brocklehurst added a brace, with the Eagles point being taken by Harry Mackinson. Church F could only field two players

against Rugby G, but managed a 6-4 win through Adam and Russell who took three and two respectively, plus the doubles. Liam Victoros grabbed a single for Rugby.

Ashorne beat WCC Flounders 8-2 thanks to a hat-trick from Robert Poole and braces from Chris Bowles and Roger Kelley. Cliff Jackson and Mark Bridgeman won a single each, before Ashorne rounded off a good evening's work with the doubles from Robert and Chris.

**F**ree Church E are playing catch-up in Division 3's promotion race and will have been disappointed that they were left a player short against Nomads C. Tom Hunt and Michael Ho swept aside the opposition, but the three conceded points in their 7-3 win may come back to haunt them.

Free Church C beat FISSC 6-4 – Cherry Matthews in her usual stunning form to take three, with John Taylor and Mandy Thomas adding one each. Gareth Conway and Dave Milton grabbed two each and the doubles was taken, and with it the match, by Cherry and John.

Eathorpe A and Free Church D fought out a 5-5 draw, with the persistent Luke Spencer the star performer, notching a treble for Church. Phil Blowey added a brace to the Free Church account. Peter Titmas won twice for Eathorpe, Alastair Nicholson and Chris Atkins one each, with Peter and Alastair sealing parity with the doubles.

**R**ugby C crushed Flavels 8-2 in Division 2 as recent double Coventry Closed Champion, Dave Daniels led the way with his three. David Kao added three of his own, plus the doubles with Dave, while Dave Cox won once. Mick Bennett and Roger Potts took the Flavels points.

Brian Aston was unstoppable for St Georges E, taking a hat-trick which was added to by one from Tracey Fletcher and Andy Caine. Tony Thomas and Ian Beasley hit back for Nomads A with two each and the doubles, to earn a draw.

**F**ree Church A trounced WCC Antelopes 10-0 in Division 1, thanks to Ryan Stockham, Ron Vose and Matt Carter. Free Church B enjoyed an identical score line as Chris Mulligan, Luke Hobbins and Deepak Chandrababu put paid to Rugby B.

Rugby B were treated to another heavy defeat, this time at the hands of Colebridge Aces. Ian Ferguson and Edward Lynn took their three plus the doubles and Sara Wang two. Jesse Kendrick-Hill put in a terrific performance to take a consolation point in the 9-1 defeat. No mercy was shown by the Aces when they faced Colebridge Braves and Ian Ferguson, Ed Lynn and Mike Browne sent them packing 10-0.

Mark Jackson and Matt Jordan were in good form for St Georges B against Whitnash A, leading his side to a 7-3 win with a couple of hat-tricks that were added to by a Damon Fenton single. Andy Lebutt and Mick Alsopp took a single each, plus the doubles for Whitnash.