



Week commencing 12th October 2009

Derby joy for Nomads D in Division A this week when they faced their club cohorts, Nomads E! Dick Smith and Richard Miles picked up a single each for D, but neither could stop Ian Beasley, who won his two. The match was decided by a five-set doubles – the Ds finishing the match as 3-2 victors.

Nomads D followed this up with another 3-2 victory. On this occasion, Dick Smith was joined by Steve Poole as they beat Rugby H. Once again the Nomads pair took one each; this time it was Martyn Lilley who remained unbeaten for their opposition. Yet again the match was decided by the doubles, with Dick and Steve sealing it in straight sets.

Rugby H fell to a second 3-2 loss, this time against Rugby I. Grace Newman and Peter Moffatt took one each, plus the doubles for the I side. Martyn Lilley again won two for the H squad.

The local derby in Division B between Eathorpes E and F was closer than the score suggests, but the E side finished with all five points. Ryan Oldham and Dave Hawker took the points, but eleven year old George McCowan impressed for the Fs as he pushed Hawker all the way, only succumbing 12-10 in the fifth.

The Free Church J combination of Roald Myers and Niall Herbert was too strong for Rugby J. Although Majinder Dosanjh offered stubborn resistance against Myers, losing in five, Free Church romped to an otherwise comfortable 5-0 win.

In Division C, it was another 5-0 win for a Free Church side. This time it was Jack Leggatt and Chris Beckett of Church K who took victory; their hard working opponents being Free Church M.

The Rose family team, Eathorpe H, edged the encounter with Free Church S in Division D 3-2. Dad and Lad Graham and Samuel won one each and the doubles. Paul Watkins took both Church points, including a remarkable game against Graham with all five legs ending with a score of 11-9.

Potters Green B beat Free Church Q 4-1 with braces from Harry Ellis and Aaron Riley. Matthew Flood and Troy Pierce saved some pride by taking the doubles.

Lots of new players on show in the Division E match between Eathorpe I and Free Church T, which Eathorpe won 4-1 thanks to the one experienced player on show, Keith Jenkins, who took his two plus the doubles with Ben Henderson. Nathan

Biddle notched a debut win, taking a single. Most impressive was Free Church's young Andrew McIlvaney who, on his debut, took one single and stretched Keith to a couple of deuce legs, falling short only on experience.

Keith Jenkins was joined by regular team-mate and daughter Billie-Jay against Free Church P. Billie-Jay impressed as she beat Charlie Snelson 3-0, but Charlie then bounced back in devastating style to take the prized scalp of Keith in five legs. Keith did take one for `Thorpe, as did Ben King for Church, before Keith and Billie-Jay combined to take the doubles and with it the match 3-2.

Better luck for Church P against Snitterfield D – this time they were the side that clinched a 3-2 win. Charlie Snelson won his two, with Callum Guest adding a vital single. Jason Grey grabbed a single for Snitterfield and added the doubles with Peter Vale-Humphries. Church P were at it again and this time beat Eathorpe J 3-2. Callum Guest and Ben King won one each with Callum being joined by Charlie Snelson for the doubles. Will Bourner looked strong for `Thorpe as he took his two.

Free Church R celebrated two good wins. First they trounced Church T 5-0 thanks to Jeremy Knott and Tom Sharpe who took their singles and Marco Xavier who joined Jeremy for the doubles. Against Eathorpe J, Marco put in one of the performances of the night, as he demonstrated excellent fighting spirit in coming from 2-0 down to beat Millie Bradshaw in five. Marco added another to his evening's haul, with Tom Sharpe looking no less impressive on his way to a brace of his own. Eathorpe's only riposte was the doubles, which Millie Bradshaw and Will Bourner won, leaving the final score as 4-1 to Church.

The Leamington Veteran B side, competing in Division 3 of the Veteran Midland League, faced a very strong Oxford B side. The Oxford side had won Division 2 last year, but due to an even stronger Oxford side entering this year had become the B side.

An excellent match, played in very good spirit, was started with a straight sets victory for Nigel Taylor over Dot Macfarlane. Dong Wei was next up for Leamington and at two sets and 8-4 down it looked like he was in for an early bath. However, Dong scrambled back to deuce and saved no less than seven match points before taking the third leg 19-17. Dong completed a remarkable comeback by taking the remaining two legs and levelling the match.

Dong played well throughout the match, taking two of his three, as did Steve Proctor who has added a new, aggressive dimension to his game to compliment his renowned blocking skills. Dot Macfarlane battled throughout, but couldn't quite contain the out and out hitting of the Oxford side. Neil Hurford was Oxford's ace in the pack, taking his three and the doubles with Glen Freeman to secure the 6-4 win. For Leamington, an encouraging start against a strong side and they will hope to build on this next time out.