



## Week commencing 15 February 2010

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A flurry of four matches yielded thirty-three of a possible forty points for Free Church E, which has put them right back in the Division 3 mix, moving up into second place with a game in hand. Barry Hobbins, Tom Hunt and Anthony Smith saw off St Georges F 10-0, and Michael Ho came in for Anthony in the 10-0 win over Snitterfield A.

Free Church C put up more of a fight against their club-mates and one from each of Les Hoggins, John Taylor and Cherry Matthews, plus a doubles win from John and Cherry gave the Cs four good points. Michael Ho and Tom Hunt both took hat-tricks for the E side to give them the 6-4 win.

The match between Church E and Nomads B could prove to be key, with Nomads one of the three sides competing for the top two spots. Barry Hobbins and Michael Ho were in outstanding form as they snapped up three each. Dick Smith, Steve Poole and Dave Harding all managed one for Nomads, before Tom Hunt and Michael Ho capped the night with the doubles for a 7-3 win.

Eathorpe A remain top and their 9-1 win against FISSC maintains a little breathing space for them. Peter Titmas and Murray Stevenson grabbed three each plus the doubles, and Chris Atkins a brace. Gareth Conway consoled for FISSC.

Free Church D beat Free Church C 6-4 with braces from Claire Cram and Luke Spencer. Scott Delday added single and, crucially, the doubles with Luke. John Taylor picked up a single for C, with Cherry Matthews adding another hat-trick to her collection. Church C then beat WCC Doves 7-3 with three from Cherry, two from John and one from Mandy Thomas. Kim Wong took two for the Doves and Reg Warnes one, with the doubles going the way of Free Church courtesy of Cherry and John.

Snitterfield B overwhelmed Division 4 opponents Potters Green A 9-1. Ron Shakesheff and Vince Ford took three each plus the doubles, and John Walker took two. Taron Dhillon salvaged a point for Potters.

Potters Green were strengthened by the return of Mark Sandford against Eathorpe B and Mark's treble paved the way for a 6-4 win. Michael Rossington won twice for 'Thorpe, Paul Deavall once and the pair joined forces to take the doubles. Potters' victory was assured with a brace from Duncan Hall and a vital single from Taron Dhillon.

Ashorne and Snitterfield B could not be separated with the final score ending as 5-5. Robert Poole won three for Ashorne and added the doubles with Roger Kelley, who also took a single. Ron Shakesheff and Vince Ford both won twice for Snitterfield, with Richard Bennett taking their fifth and final point.

**P**at McCabe was at his defensive best for WCC Antelopes, in their Division 1 match against Wellesbourne. Pat's tenacity and ability to return the ball saw him come through three five-setters to take his hat-trick. Clive Irwin added two and Chris van Namen a single to give WCC a 6-4 win. Gary Stewart won twice for Wellesbourne, Alan Cotton once and Gary combined with Pete Dunnett to take the doubles.

In a match with only four players present – two from each side – Rugby A beat Whitnash A 7-2. Ian Randle and Matthew Outhwaite won two each plus the doubles, before both sides gained two forfeited points and one match was void.

Free Church B beat Colebridge B 9-1 with hat-tricks from Hugh Matthews and Deepak Chandrababu. John Taylor produced a display of great quality to take a single for 'Bridge, but a brace from Luke Hobbins, who also took the doubles with Deepak, completed a big win for Church.

**I**n Division 2, Paul Calloway won three for Phoenix Okimo in their 6-4 win over Flavels. Roy Joiner added two and Gordon Tucker one. Trevor Bradley won two for Flavels, Mick Bennett one and the doubles was added by Trevor and Roger Potts.

Enigmas beat St Georges E 6-4 with two from Malcolm Macfarlane, Steve Proctor and reserve Luke Spencer. Brian Aston grabbed a couple for Saints, Bill Fletcher one and the pair added the doubles too.

St Georges C won 7-3 against Phoenix Okimo thanks to a hat-trick from Jimmy Pittaway and braces from Rob Warnes and Len Coonan. Richard Jardim saved a couple for Okimo, plus the doubles with Roy Joiner.

Dick Smith and Steve Poole took a single each plus the doubles to give Nomads D a 3-2 win over Rugby H in Division A, though neither could stop Martyn Lilley who won his two. Nomads D shuffled their pack against Free Church J and Andy Davies and Richard Miles completed a comfortable 5-0 win.

Whitnash C also triumphed over Church J as Wilf Chan won two, Mark Bradley one and the doubles. Church J avoided the whitewash thanks to an excellent single from Roald Myers.

**T**roy Pierce was in good Division C form for Free Church Q, winning his two plus the doubles with Matthew Flood. James Payne and Paul Watkins both took a single for Church L leaving the match score as 3-2 to the Qs.

Free Church L lost another game 3-2, but Ben Haigh and James Payne pulled out their best performances of the season to put the seasoned campaigners of Eathorpe F under pressure. Ben and James won a single each, but the match was decided by Richard Freeman who took his two, plus the doubles with Mark Hancock.

**D**ivision D side, Free Church P, won a hard fought match against Free Church R 4-1, with the R side unlucky not to get more out of the match. Charlie Snelson won his two, plus the doubles with Callum Guest, who added a single. Marco Xavier demonstrated good grit to go alongside his ability to take the consolation for R in five sets.

Richard Milton dominated the match between his Eathorpe H side and Free Church O, winning his two plus the doubles. Ben Simpson and Jacob Clarke picked up two points in reply for Church.

**A**n excellent whitewashing performance from Luke Watkins and Harry Keen against Eathorpe K allowed the Division E Free Church S duo to reap the rewards of the hard work they have been putting in on the practice table.

Luke and Harry were in decent form once again against Free Church U, but they could only manage one each as the impressive Theo Rutter won his two plus the doubles with Sam Wiggins.

Theo continued to show his undoubted potential as Free Church U beat Free Church T 3-2. Theo won his two, with Sam Wiggins adding a match-winning single. For the T side, Andrew McIlvaney won one, plus the doubles with Olivia Fletcher.