



Week commencing 23rd November 2009

Colebridge Aces gained a precious 6-4 victory over title challengers, Free Church A, in an epic Division 1 encounter at the Shirley based club. Jon Hall stole the show for Free Church, with an impressive hat-trick, including a first ever win over Ian Ferguson. Church's other point came from Ryan Stockham, who beat Ed Lynn in five sets. Ed did pick up a single, plus the doubles with Ian, while Sarra Wang's brace completed the 'Bridge tally.

The Aces followed up with a 9-1 demolition of WCC Bats. Ian and Ed both took three, with Mike Browne picking up two plus the doubles with Ian on Aces debut. Nilton Green's stunning single was the Bats' only riposte. The Bats were 6-4 winners against Free Church B, Simon Griew leading the side with a hat-trick. Nilton added two and the pair combined for the doubles. Hugh Matthews won two for Church, Tom Brocklehurst and Luke Hobbins one each.

St Georges A ran out 7-3 winners over St Georges B – Mike Bishop a maximum man for the As! Earl Sweeney added two, plus the doubles with Mike, and Jason Adams a single. Mark Jackson won two for the Bs and Matthew Jordan one. Saints B beat Rugby A 6-4 thanks to braces plus doubles from Jackson and Jordan and one from Damon Fenton. Cadet, Matt Outhwaite was Rugby's leading light with a quite superb hat-trick, to which Ian Randle added a single.

In Division 2, Enigmas and St Georges E were locked in battle, with the two sides unable to be separated after ten matches. Steve Proctor won two for Enigmas; a feat matched by Richard Grover and Tracey Fletcher of Saints. Ian Ambrose and Malc Macfarlane both scored a single for Enigmas and Steve and Malc added the doubles. Andy Caine grabbed Saints' vital fifth point.

St Georges D put down an ominous marker of their title ambitions against St Georges C, coming out of the match with an excellent 7-3 win. Laurence Sweeney was unstoppable on the night, winning a hat-trick plus the doubles with Pete Dasher. Dasher and Charlotte Spencer both contribute a brace. Rob Warnes, Jimmy Pittaway and Len Coonan all won one for the C side.

Another young cadet, Jesse Kendrick-Hill, took a fine maximum. Jesse's three led Rugby D to 7-3 success over Phoenix Okimo. Don Pritchard added a couple, as did Pete Morris. Roy Joiner and Gordon Tucker won one each, plus the doubles for Okimo.

WCC Crocs fought their way to a 6-4 win over Flavels. Derek Harwood, Doug Lowe and Tony Ford all won two to snatch victory. John Earles and Mick Bennett both showed nerves of steel to take singles in five sets, with Mick partnering Roger Potts in the doubles – another five set win for Flavels!

Paul Ryman and Dennis Woodhead remained unbeaten over the evening as Whitnash B beat WCC Crocs, the pair taking three each plus the doubles. Derek Harwood, Doug Lowe and Tony Ford all grabbed one in reply.

Eathorpe A continued their winning ways in Division 3 with a convincing 8-2 win over FISSC. Peter Titmas and Murray Stevenson both won their three and combined well to add the doubles. The Eathorpe scoring was completed by Alastair Nicholson, with George Mudie and the gritty Dave Milton fighting hard to ensure FISSC left with some points.

Free Church C beat WCC Doves 7-3, led once again by Cherry Matthews with a maximum. Les Hoggins and John Taylor proved to be a more than capable support act with both winning two. Sue Turkmen and Reg Warnes won one each, plus the doubles for the Doves.

Nomads B continue to keep pace at the top of the table with an 8-2 win at Rugby E. Ian Stevens and Dave Harding took hat-tricks and Ian Stevens a brace. Peter Moffatt picked up a single in reply, plus the doubles with Jack Koumi.

Free Church E look to be improving after a steady start to the campaign and racked up an 8-2 win over Snitterfield A. Barry Hobbins won two for Church, Michael Ho and Anthony Smith two each, and Michael and Barry won the doubles. Tim Fell and Stuart Ayers were the FISSC scorers.

Eathorpe C beat WCC Eagles in Division 4 – Lincoln Liburd leading `Thorpe to victory with a fine treble. Holly Savage won two to add to the total and Jordan Cullaine-Liburd one. Harry Mackinson won two for the Eagles, Terry Babbage one and the pair took the doubles.

Mark Sandford was dominant for Potters Green A, figuring in four of his side's five successes against Eathorpe B, winning three singles and the doubles with Taron Dhillon, who also added a single. Eathorpe fought back well, with two from Paul Deavall and Michael Rossington, and a first win at this level for Lucinda Stevenson.

A great win for Eathorpe D in a very friendly match against Free Church F. Two for Holly Thompson and a tremendous straight sets win for Simon, were added to by Allan Stockham's three, plus the doubles. Pete Rourke won one for Church and son, Ian, took two to make this a hard fought match.

The Rugby half of Leamington Division 2 had the edge on the Leamington half as Rugby hosted Leamington B in the Midland League last weekend. A treble from Dave Daniels, who recovered from two games down to beat Steve Proctor, and a brace from Don Pritchard, who had a first ever win over Malcolm Macfarlane, added to one from Alan Chan over Andy Davies, gave Rugby a 6-4 victory. For Leamington there were two wins for Steve Proctor, over Alan Chan and Don Pritchard, one for Malcolm Macfarlane, over Alan Chan, and a good doubles performance from Steve and Malc beating Dave and Don in the doubles from one game down.

Over the same weekend, Lillington, Phil Paine, Ron Vose and Earl Sweeney, were busy in the Veterans National League. After demotion last year to Division 2 the Lillington team look set for promotion back to Division 1 after five victories, only dropping four individual matches in the process. Surprisingly the Lillington trio do not lead the individual averages; that honour goes to the other team with Leamington associations - Jeff Craighill, playing as number one with Roy Prosser and Peter Roddy for Colebridge, took ten wins from ten matches. The Lillington trio lost one match each and are in second to fourth in the averages.