



# Week commencing 25 January 2010

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**N**ot a huge amount of games to report on from the two-a-side divisions this week as teams are still to catch up following some disruption to their league programmes as a result of the recent weather. Nomads A were in action in Division A though, and Richard Smith and Andy Davies wasted little time thawing out with a resounding 5-0 win over Rugby J.

Rugby J put up more of a fight against Free Church J, with Hiten Shah and Brian Hudson winning one each. However, an exceptional performance from Roald Myers secured a 3-2 win for Church as he cruised to his two and partnered David Herbert for the doubles.

In Division B, Rugby I ran out 4-1 winners over Free Church K. Jo Outhwaite won her two and was ably supported by Grace Newman who won one and the doubles with Jo. Church K's only respite came from Chris Beckett who showed good battling qualities to take his single in five sets.

Potter Green B beat Free Church L 4-1 in Division C. Aaron Riley won two, plus the doubles with Harry Ellis, who also took a single. Ben Haigh pushed Aaron all the way but could only come away with a single in reply for Church. Troy Pierce was dominant in Free Church Q's 4-1 win over Eathorpe F. Troy won his two and the doubles, with partner Kris Reiman adding a single. Richard Freeman scored a single for the lone 'Thorpe point.

Will Bourner continues to impress and, playing in Division D (one higher than he was before Christmas), he picked up a maximum for Eathorpe I in their 3-2 win over Free Church P. Sam Rose won a single to add to Will's two, which proved to be crucial as Ben King grabbed a single for Church, and Charlie Snelson and Callum Guest took the doubles. Richard and Jonathan Milton were a class above Free Church R as they propelled Eathorpe H to a 5-0 win.

Free Church S showed that match-experience can count for a lot in Division E. Luke Watkins and Harry Keen have only been playing competitively since September, but that gave them a four month start over January recruits, Free Church V. The V side's time will doubtlessly come – perhaps sooner rather than later for Jay Viridi who stretched Harry to five sets – but this time it was the S side that ran out 5-0 winners.

**A**shorne A were resounding 10-0 winners against Division 4 opponents, Rugby F. Steve Bolton, Chris Bowles and Robert Poole left with maximum points, but the match was far closer than the score suggests and Rugby probably deserved to get more out of it than they did.

Potters Green A were led by Mark Sandford's hat-trick as they fought out a 5-5 draw with WCC Flounders. Aaron Riley won a single, plus the doubles with Mark to add to that maximum. The Flounders notched their five through two braces, from Cliff Jackson and Mark Freeman, and a single from Mark Bridgeman.

Some exceptionally tight games were played in the Division 3 match between FISSC and WCC Doves and it was FISSC who just managed to get the better of their opponents on the night, winning the match 6-4. Gareth Conway and Dave Milton both won twice for FISSC and added the doubles, with George Mudie adding a crucial single. Kim Wong had to win two five-setters to complete his hat-trick for the Doves, to which Sue Turkmen added a single.

Another tight match, although in this encounter between Rugby E and Eathorpe A the match was littered with 3-0 wins. Eathorpe A, with title aspirations, will have been disappointed to only emerge with a draw from this match; a draw gained thanks to Chris Atkins and Murray Stevenson who won two each plus the doubles. Peter Moffatt cruised to a hat-trick for Rugby, with Jo Outhwaite and Liam Victoros more than playing their part to take one each.

St Georges C piled on the points as they look to secure a top-two finish in Division 2. They beat Nomads A 7-3, then crushed Enigmas 8-2.

Jimmy Pittaway won his three against Nomads and added the doubles with Rob Warnes. Rob Warnes won two of his three singles and Gary Edwards grabbed one to complete the scoring. For Nomads, Tony Thomas, Ian Beasley and Andy Davies all won one.

Another three for Jimmy against Enigmas and another doubles success, this time with Len Coonan. Len won a brace himself, as did Rob Warnes. Dong Wei scored both Enigmas points.

WCC Bats star, Simon Griew, was in excellent form against St Georges A, winning yet another Division 1 hat-trick. Nothing more for the Bats than that though, with Saints trio Earl Sweeney, Mike Bishop and Jason Adams all winning twice and Earl and Mike adding the doubles for a 7-3 win.

Rugby A could only field two players for their mammoth trek across to Colebridge Braves, but still ran out 7-3 winners. Ian Randle and Matthew Outhwaite both won their three, plus the doubles, without the loss of a set in a match where they probably spent more time in the car than on the table!

WCC Antelopes beat Free Church B 7-3. Chris Brewer, Phil Paine and Pat McCabe all won two, with Chris and Phil capping off the night by winning a five-set doubles. For Church, Deepak Chandrababu grabbed a single and Chris Mulligan took two, including a superb win against Chris Brewer in a five set match that included some tremendous rallies.

Free Church A overwhelmed Wellesbourne 10-0 thanks to Ryan Stockham, Ron Vose and Matthew Carter.

**A** number of Leamington league players enjoyed success at the latest Lillington Free Church Graded Tournament, held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Matt Carter defeated Gary Webb in the final of the Seniors while Scott Delday and Troy Pierce were runners up in the Juniors main and consolation events respectively.

Solomon Hayes secured the Cadet title at the expense of club colleague, Kris Reiman, with Ben Haigh winning the Cadet Consolation. In the Under 13s it was another battle between two club mates and Charlie Snelson emerged victorious in the Consolation final having despatched Tom Sharpe, who had performed well to reach that stage.

In the afternoon graded events, home-grown Leamington star, Mark Jackson, was able to contain the power and flair of another home-grown player, Chris Mulligan and capture the Grade A trophy. Tom Poland was runner-up in the Grade B/C Consolation final. Charlie Snelson picked up his second trophy of the day by winning the Beginners, and Andrew McIlvaney won the Consolation.