



## Week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009

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**C**ongratulations are due to Paul Lilley who, representing Rugby H in Division A, picked up his first win in Leamington, then teamed up with Martyn Lilley to take the doubles as well. Martyn had earlier won his two against Free Church H, which gave Rugby a 4-1 win. Tony Williams consoled for Church.

Martyn was again in unbeatable form, winning his two against Nomads D, but one each from the Nomads pair of Andy Davies and Richard Miles, plus the doubles gave Nomads a narrow 3-2 win. Another win and another 3-2 for Nomads D; against Free Church G it was Steve Poole who joined Richard Miles to take one each plus the doubles. For Church, Luke Spencer took his two.

Free Church G took on another Nomads side, Nomads E, and lost 4-1. Luke Spencer took a consolation single, but Ian Beasley won his two, Dot Macfarlane one plus the doubles with Ian. The Es went one better against Rugby I; Dot was joined by Roger Palmer and the pair trounced the plucky Rugby side 5-0.

**R**ichard Freeman was at his best for Eathorpe F as he led his side to a 3-2 win over Whitnash C in Division B. Richard took his two without the loss of a set and added the doubles with Mark Hancock. Mark Bradley and Jayne Fitton grabbed one each in reply. 'Nash added a 5-0 win at the expense of Free Church I thanks to Wilf Chann and Mark Bradley, although Jack Hobbins will feel unlucky not to have taken something, only succumbing to both in five.

Rugby J beat both Eathorpe E and F 4-1. Against the Es, Robin Eddie took two and Hiten Shah one, plus the doubles. Ryan Oldham replied. Against the F side, it was another two for Robin, one for Hiten and the doubles, whilst George McGowan was the Eathorpe saviour.

Free Church J have looked a dominant force in the division and with three big wins will surely secure promotion at Christmas and probably the title too. Niall Herbert and Roald Myers beat Eathorpe F 5-0, although the closeness of the sets does not accurately reflected in the final score of a competitive match. The pair dished out more of the same to club-mates Free Church I, coming through a stern test in the doubles to secure the whitewash.

Against Eathorpe E, Myers was unable to find an answer to Ryan Oldham and the point slipped away, but young Herbert took an exceptionally hard fought two, notably against Dave Hawker, plus the doubles for a 4-1 win.

**F**ree Church derbies galore in Division C! N beat M 4-1 with Solomon Hayes using his serve and forehand to good effect to take a good brace and Timmy Cooper adding a single. David Herbert stemmed the tide with a single, but the two N lads capped off the night with the doubles.

It was N versus M again with a previously postponed match being played soon after and this time David Herbert gained some revenge, upping his game to take his two, plus the doubles with Jess Campion. Solomon and Timmy both won a single to leave the final score as 3-2 to M.

Solomon and Timmy were in action yet again! The pair were on top form this time and beat Church L 5-0, although they had to come through a couple of deciding sets to take all the points. Church N ended a hectic period with a 4-1 defeat at the hands of Church L. Timmy Cooper saved the whitewash, but Jack Leggatt and David Marguerie won two, one and the doubles.

**I**n Division D, Potters Green B beat Eathorpe H 5-0, but it was oh so close to avoiding the whitewash for 'Thorpe's Graham Rose who lost a marathon match against Harry Ellis 19-21 in the fourth set and failed in five against Aaron Riley.

Potters beat Free Church O 3-2 with Aaron Riley winning two and Ashley Riley winning one. Jacob Clarke saved a single for Church and took the doubles with Ben Simpson. Church O also lost 3-2 to Eathorpe H. Graham Rose won his two for 'Thorpe and Sam Rose one. Simon Cooper won one in reply, plus the doubles with Jacob Clarke.

Free Church Q won 3-2 against Free Church S with Matthew Flood and Kris Reiman winning one each plus the doubles. Both Church S points came from Harry Keen, who in doing so won his first league matches.

Church S fell to Potters Green B with Aaron Riley winning his two plus the doubles with Ashley for Green. Dad and Lad, Paul and Luke Watkins, both took one for Church.

**E**athorpe J beat Division E opponents Free Church T 3-2, with Will Bourner looking strong in taking his two and leading his younger colleague, Millie Bradshaw, to the doubles. Millie was seeking her first singles win in the league when she faced Tom Fletcher, who was also in search of the same. Tom succeeded in a stern contest, but surely Millie's first win will not be long in coming. Church's second point was scored by Andrew McIlvaney.

Church T were felled by Church P – Charlie Snelson firing them to a 4-1 win with a brace plus the doubles with Callum Guest, who added a single. Olivia Fletcher notched a superb single in reply for T. Church P scored another four points against Church R, with Ben King unbeaten. Charlie Snelson added one and the doubles were won Ben and Callum Guest. Tom Sharpe won an outstanding five set single against the more experienced Charlie for the consolation point.

The adults of Snitterfield D were too strong for the young girls of Eathorpe J. Elizabeth Corkhill and Jason Grey rolled to 5-0 success, although Eathorpe girls showed glimpses of what could be to come and will surely improve as the season progresses.

Eathorpe's two lowest ranked teams, I and J, provided an exciting match played at a high standard for this division. Probably nerves were less evident amongst the juniors who all knew each other and were anxious to outdo their club colleagues. For J, Will Bourner continued to impress with a

brace and Annie McGowan did well to defeat the slightly more experienced, though young, Billie-Jay Jenkins. For I, Keith Jenkins won one, plus the doubles with Billie-Jay. Final score: 3-2 to the Js!

Free Church R beat Snitterfield D 3-2 with Tom Sharpe winning his two. Jason Grey saved a single for Snitterfield and added the doubles with Peter Vale-Humphries. Church grabbed the win with a nerveless performance from Jeremy Knott who took his single in straight sets.

**T**his Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, Lillington Free Church will be running their last Graded Tournament of 2009 at Sydenham Sports Centre. Entries are still being accepted by Hugh Matthews and full details plus on-line entry are available at <http://www.lillingtontt.co.uk>

The tournament should provide a good opportunity to sharpen up as the very next day, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>, the Warwickshire Closed Championships are being held at St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre, Warwick. The best players from across the county will be competing for a variety of titles from the Under 11s to the Over 70s!

Spectators are welcome and refreshments are available on both days.