

Impressive Rankin Shows The Way

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John Rankin of Red Triangle A turned back the years this week in Division One of the Clacton and District Table Tennis League.

Rankin, the oldest player currently in the top-flight this season, completed an impressive hat-trick in his side's drawn match with Brotherhood B, beating John Owen 11-7 in the fifth, Martin Edwards 11-8 in the fifth and Ian Graham 11-9 in the fifth.

It was a notable performance of determination and stamina from the unassuming Rankin who returned many shots that should've been winners – all of which left his comparatively-younger opponents exhausted at the end.

Elsewhere, Brotherhood A and Windsor Roosters shared the spoils in a match in which no-one stayed unbeaten, everyone got a point, five matches went to five and Gary Cattermole played his first Clacton League match since 2006.

The closest encounter saw James Denyer defeat Greg Green 13-11 in the fifth whilst David Binns, returning from injury, had the satisfaction of beating Denyer 11-13, 11-6, 12-10, 11-13, 11-7.

Denyer took all three as the Roosters beat Nomads Jaguars 6-4 in their second match, whilst Green took all three as Brotherhood A went on to defeat Windsor Eagles 7-3, a result that puts the champions top of the League for the first time this season.

Windsor Condors beat Windsor Hawks 7-3, Jim Pallett playing well to stay unbeaten, whilst Red Triangle B won twice, edging out a depleted Walton A 6-4 despite a Colin Dearman hat-trick for the losers, and then whitewashing relegation-haunted Windsor Falcons.

It was a bad week for the Falcons who also lost 8-2 to Nomads Panthers, on-song George Kalli taking a maximum that included a nail-biting 11-7, 6-11, 12-10, 8-11, 18-16 win over Felipe Rodriguez, this after breaking his bat at 10-11 down in the fifth!

In Division Two Terry Kirby was unbeaten as Nomads Cougars kept up their promotion push with a 7-3 win over Windsor Harriers, Windsor's Jenny Higgins enjoying a good win over Tony Beezer.

John Wacker and John Fenton each won twice for lowly Nomads Lions against leaders Windsor Kestrels and only Frank Burbidge's 11-8 in the fifth win over Mike Hillier salvaged the Kestrels' 6-4 win.

Nomads Tigers took five of the six matches that went the distance in a tight relegation battle with Brotherhood E, eventually winning 7-3, Sandie Isaac taking a first-ever maximum at this level.

Brotherhood C defeated Windsor Owls 7-3 and Walton B 6-4, Lawrence Torr and Kevin Pryor taking a couple in both matches.

It was also 6-4 for Brotherhood D against Brotherhood F, the consistent Paul Alden taking three for the winners, Shaun Beckham and Cris Edwards two each for the losers.

In Division Three Nomads Lynx were 9-1 winners over Windsor Penguins whose point came from an 11-9 in the fifth victory for Ray Chillingworth over Mike Vilka.

It was also 9-1 as Brotherhood K beat Brotherhood H, Dan Malinowski and Barry Allen both taking trebles, Malinowski having to struggle before beating Gerald Batt 13-11 in the decider.

Malcolm Caley remained undefeated for the third week running as Windsor Swallows drew with Nomads

Leopards and although Kelvin Olano also took a treble, Brotherhood J lost 7-3 to Brotherhood G.

Brotherhood I defeated Brotherhood L 8-2, Lisa Baird's two points for the winners including a 9-11, 16-18, 14-12, 11-9, 11-9 success against Phil Plant whilst Jordan Blanche-Price's pair for the "L" team included an 11-9 in the decider win over Alan Fryer.

* In Division One of the Super-Veterans Section of the Essex Inter-League, Clacton A went down 8-1 to Colchester A, the town's sole point coming from a Colin Dearman/John Hobson doubles victory.

* For details of the Junior Combination Tournament on Friday 25th February, contact Felipe or Annabelle Rodriguez on 01255 221259.

RESULTS

Division 1

Brotherhood A 7 Windsor Eagles 3;
Red Triangle B 6 Walton A 4;
Windsor Falcons 0 Red Triangle B 10;
Nomads Panthers 8 Windsor Falcons 2;
Windsor Roosters 5 Brotherhood A 5;
Windsor Hawks 3 Windsor Condors 7;
Brotherhood B 5 Red Triangle A 5;
Nomads Jaguars 4 Windsor Roosters 6;
Lawford 0 Brotherhood A 10.

Division 2

Windsor Owls 3 Brotherhood C 7;
Walton B 4 Brotherhood C 6;
Windsor Kestrels 6 Nomads Lions 4;
Brotherhood F 4 Brotherhood D 6;
Nomads Cougars 7 Windsor Harriers 3;
Brotherhood E 3 Nomads Tigers 7.

Division 3

Brotherhood K 9 Brotherhood H 1;
Windsor Swallows 5 Nomads Leopards 5;
Brotherhood J 3 Brotherhood G 7;
Nomads Pumas 10 Windsor Kites 0;
Nomads Lynx 9 Windsor Penguins 1;
Brotherhood I 8 Brotherhood L 2.

ESSEX INTER-LEAGUE

Super-Veterans' Division 1

Colchester A 8 Clacton A (Dearman, Hobson, Kalli) 1.

2010/11 SEASON

(as at 6th February 2011)

DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	PTS
Brotherhood A	16	14	1	1	130
Condors	16	12	0	4	115
Walton A	16	12	1	3	114
Roosters	16	11	3	2	98
Red Triangle B	15	8	1	6	86
Eagles (1)	15	10	0	5	84

Red Triangle A	16	6	3	7	76
Panthers	14	5	3	6	72
Brotherhood B	16	4	3	9	65
Jaguars	15	4	2	9	62
Falcons	16	4	1	11	48
Hawks	15	1	2	12	42
Lawford	16	0	0	16	17

DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	PTS
Kestrels	15	13	1	1	121
Brotherhood C * (2)	16	13	1	1	103
Cougars	14	10	2	2	99
Walton B	15	9	1	5	85
Brotherhood D	14	7	3	4	77
Ravens	13	7	3	3	70
Harriers *	15	5	1	8	63
Owls	15	3	4	8	58
Brotherhood F (2)	15	3	3	9	53
Tigers	15	2	2	11	48
Lions	14	1	1	12	40
Brotherhood E	13	1	2	9	39

DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	PTS
Magpies	15	15	0	0	144
Lynx	16	14	1	1	121
Brotherhood G (2)	16	13	2	1	111
Brotherhood K	16	10	1	5	107
Swallows	16	9	2	5	98
Pumas	15	8	3	4	87
Brotherhood H	15	7	1	7	74
Brotherhood J	14	6	1	7	70
Leopards (2)	16	4	2	10	63
Brotherhood I	16	3	2	11	61
Brotherhood L	15	3	0	12	37
Penguins	16	1	1	14	26
Kites	16	0	0	16	7

Points deducted in
brackets

* Record includes one void
match

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