

Fenton Gives Lions Hope

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Where there's life there's hope and this week John Fenton gave Nomads Lions a crumb of comfort in their battle to avoid relegation from Division Two of the Clacton and District Table Tennis League.

The much-improved Fenton took an excellent hat-trick in the Lions' penultimate match of the season against Brotherhood D, his three including a hard-fought 8-11, 14-12, 11-8, 9-11, 11-8 win over Mark Beckham.

With John Wacker contributing a couple, the Lions were able to grab a share of the spoils – which means they must win their final match against Walton B in order to overtake club-mates, Nomads Tigers, and thus avoid finishing in the bottom two.

Brotherhood E lost 10-0 to second-placed Nomads Cougars, Tony Edmonds and Duncan Dunne's losing the doubles 11-7 in the fifth to Tony Beezer and Colin Beaumont in the closest encounter of the evening.

So Brotherhood E go into their last match with Windsor Ravens knowing that even a 10-0 victory is unlikely to prevent them finishing bottom.

In Division Three Nomads Lynx confirmed their position as runners-up following a 6-4 victory against Brotherhood K, Barry Jones taking three and Mike Vilka two, with Vic Little unlucky not to get on the score-sheet, going down 12-10 in the fifth to Barry Allen.

And all credit to the Brotherhood K team who will almost certainly finish in third place in their debut League season.

In Division One Walton A beat Lawford 9-1, Richard Spence's unexpected win over Matthew Watson the losers' sole point.

The result that means Walton A finish third ahead of Windsor Roosters and a bloodied – but unbowed – Lawford end their first season in the top flight without a sniff of a win.

Red Triangle A chalked up an excellent 6-4 victory over Windsor Roosters, David Hall finding his form at the end of the season to stay unbeaten whilst Jason Gale's pair included a fine 11-6, 10-12, 12-10, 5-11, 11-9 win over Gary Cattermole.

But Red Triangle B, despite losing 8-2 to Nomads Panthers, take the bragging rights and will finish ahead of their "A" team, Colin Webber and the under-rated George Kalli taking two in the Panthers' success.

Finally, Nomads Jaguars beat Brotherhood B 7-3, Kevin James winning three, Paul Woolnough two and Gary Stallwood one for the victors, although Stallwood nearly had another, just losing out 12-10 in the fifth to Martin Edwards.

* In Division Three of the Super-Veterans Section of the Essex Inter-League, Clacton recovered from 4-2 down against Basildon B to edge it 5-4, John Stubbings, John Wrigley and Terry Kirby all winning a singles, with Stubbings sharing two doubles wins.

It was a something of an adventure for the town team who arrived at the Benfleet venue to find it had not been booked – so the match went ahead without electricity and lights.

* Congratulations to Mark Smith and James Denyer who were selected again last month to represent the Essex Junior second and third teams respectively at Cippenham.

* The Windsor Club Quiz Evening will be held on Friday 29th April at St James Hall, 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start.

Tickets are £5 each which includes a ploughman's supper. For more details and to enter a team contact Jenny Higgins on 01255 432397.

* The 2011 Cup Final between Red Triangle B and Windsor Condors takes place on Tuesday 3rd May (not Thursday 5th May as printed in the League Handbook) at the Brotherhood Hall at 7.30 pm. All spectators are welcome.

* Team Secretaries are asked to ensure all result cards are with the Press and Records Secretary by Friday 29th April at the latest.

RESULTS

Division 1

Red Triangle B 2 Nomads Panthers 8;
 Red Triangle A 6 Windsor Roosters 4;
 Walton A 9 Lawford 1;
 Brotherhood B 3 Nomads Jaguars 7.

Division 2

Brotherhood E 0 Nomads Cougars 10;
 Nomads Lions 5 Brotherhood D 5.

Division 3

Brotherhood K 4 Nomads Lynx 6;
 Brotherhood I 10 (w/o v Nomads Pumas).

ESSEX INTER-LEAGUE

Super-Veterans : Division 3

Basildon B 4 Clacton B (Stubbings, Wrigley, Kirby) 5.

2010/11 SEASON

(as at 24th April 2011)

DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	PTS
Brotherhood A	23	20	2	1	185
Condors	23	18	0	5	167
Walton A	23	16	1	6	151
Roosters	24	16	4	4	144
Eagles (1)	23	15	0	8	130
Panthers	23	10	5	8	127
Red Triangle B	23	10	3	10	121
Red Triangle A	24	11	4	9	119
Jaguars	23	7	3	13	101
Brotherhood B	23	5	5	13	94
Hawks	23	2	4	17	73
Falcons	23	5	1	17	70
Lawford	24	0	0	24	27

DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	PTS
Kestrels	22	19	2	1	173
Cougars	22	16	4	2	156
Brotherhood C * (2)	22	16	3	2	135
Walton B	21	11	2	8	113
Brotherhood D	21	9	6	6	109
Ravens	21	10	5	6	108
Harriers *	21	10	1	9	100

Owls	21	6	4	11	87
Brotherhood F (2)	21	6	3	12	85
Tigers	22	2	2	18	74
Lions	21	2	3	16	68
Brotherhood E	21	1	3	17	58

DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	PTS
Magpies	23	23	0	0	210
Lynx	23	19	2	2	167
Brotherhood G (2)	24	19	2	3	162
Brotherhood K	23	15	1	7	155
Swallows	23	12	2	9	132
Brotherhood H	23	12	2	9	120
Pumas (6)	23	11	3	9	113
Brotherhood J	23	8	1	14	105
Leopards (2)	23	7	3	13	99
Brotherhood I	23	5	3	15	98
Brotherhood L	23	5	0	18	63
Penguins	23	3	3	17	59
Kites	23	0	0	23	7

Points deducted in brackets

* Record includes one void match

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