

2 Great Escapes

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Steve McQueen was involved in only one – but this week there were two great escapes in the final matches of the 2010/2011 season of the Clacton and District Table Tennis League.

In Division One Windsor Falcons sweated blood to overcome Brotherhood B 6-4, an unbeaten Felipe Rodriguez excelling with close victories in five over Martin Edwards and John Owen, and Mark Salter crucially beating Ian Graham 12-10 in the decider.

This left Windsor Hawks needing four points against Red Triangle B to avoid finishing in the relegation places.

But although three of the matches went to five, the Hawks failed to trouble the scorer and the 10-0 defeat means that they finish forty-six points ahead of bottom side Lawford – but a crucial three points behind the Falcons in the second relegation spot.

There was an equally tense situation in Division Two where Nomads Lions needed a win against Walton B to avoid the possibility of relegation – and they were given a boost when Walton had to concede three points when they were forced to field a guest.

David North stayed unbeaten for Walton but the Lions edged the match 6-4, Mike Hillier getting a priceless victory over Andy North to secure the win.

So the Lions and the Tigers both end the season on seventy-four points, but the Lions stay above their club-mates by virtue of having won more matches.

All of which means that Brotherhood E, who lost 7-3 to Windsor Ravens, and Nomads Tigers finish in the relegation places.

Elsewhere in Division One Phil Smith of Windsor Eagles had a tough battle with Gary Stallwood of Nomads Jaguars, winning 11-8 in the fifth, but it proved the crucial point, Smith unbeaten in his side's 6-4 win.

In Division Two Windsor Harriers beat Brotherhood F 6-4 for a second time this season, Terry May unbeaten, the closest match seeing Brotherhood's Jack Bruce narrowly defeat Jenny Higgins 18-16 in the decider.

In Division Three Windsor Magpies ended the season as the only unbeaten side in the League, finishing their programme with an 8-2 win over Brotherhood I, Graham Bunce and Ron Dacey taking trebles.

Tony Rayner ended Nomads Leopards' campaign as he started – with a hat-trick – in his team's 6-4 win over Brotherhood J, although the vital victory proved to be Hazel Blanche's 11-9, 10-12, 11-7, 10-12, 16-14 win over Lucy Burton.

There were hat-tricks for Wally Ingram and Andrew Cousins as Nomads Pumas beat Brotherhood L 9-1, Jordan Blanche-Price taking the sole Brotherhood point by beating John Houghton and just going down 11-9 in the fifth to Andrew Cousins.

Finally, Brotherhood H beat Windsor Penguins 9-1, three each here for Gerald Batt and David Wilkin, Darren Bunce's win over Michael Gallone the Penguins' only point, whilst it was a clean sweep for Nomads Lynx in their 10-0 victory over Windsor Swallows.

RESULTS

Division 1

Windsor Hawks 0 Red Triangle B 10;
 Nomads Panthers 8 Walton A 2;
 Windsor Falcons 6 Brotherhood B 4;
 Nomads Jaguars 4 Windsor Eagles 6.

Division 2

Walton B 4 Nomads Lions 6;
 Windsor Ravens 7 Brotherhood E 3;
 Windsor Harriers 6 Brotherhood F 4.

Division 3

Brotherhood H 9 Windsor Penguins 1;
 Brotherhood J 4 Nomads Leopards 6;
 Nomads Pumas 9 Brotherhood L 1;
 Windsor Magpies 8 Brotherhood J 2;
 Nomads Lynx 10 Windsor Swallows 0.

2010/11 SEASON (as at 1st May 2011)

DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	PTS
Brotherhood A	23	20	2	1	185
Condors	23	18	0	5	167
Walton A	24	16	1	7	153
Roosters	24	16	4	4	144
Eagles (1)	24	16	0	8	136
Panthers	24	11	5	8	135
Red Triangle B	24	11	3	10	131
Red Triangle A	24	11	4	9	119
Jaguars	24	7	3	14	105
Brotherhood B	24	5	5	14	98
Falcons	24	6	1	17	76
Hawks	24	2	4	18	73
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	22	11	2	9	117
Ravens	22	11	5	6	115
Brotherhood D	21	9	6	6	109
Harriers *	22	11	1	9	106
Brotherhood F (2)	22	6	3	13	89
Owls	21	6	4	11	87
Lions	22	3	3	16	74
Tigers	22	2	2	18	74
Brotherhood E	22	1	3	18	61

DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	PTS
Magpies	24	24	0	0	218
Lynx	24	20	2	2	177
Brotherhood G (2)	24	19	2	3	162
Brotherhood K	23	15	1	7	155
Swallows	24	12	2	10	132
Brotherhood H	24	13	2	9	129
Pumas (6)	24	12	3	9	122
Brotherhood J	24	8	1	15	109
Leopards (2)	24	8	3	13	105
Brotherhood I	24	5	3	16	100

Brotherhood L	24	5	0	19	64
Penguins	24	3	3	18	60
Kites	23	0	0	23	7

Points deducted in
brackets

* Record includes one void
match

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