

Clacton & District TTL Report (24th Dec)

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Happy Christmas Kites



Windsor Kites have done it!

This week in Round One of the Clacton and District Table Tennis League's **Handicap Knock-Out Cup**, Carl Hubbard, Chris Simson and Rachel Simson made full use of their handicap advantage to beat Nomads Leopards 5-1 – and record their first-ever win.

The opening doubles was the only match that went the distance, the two Simsons (+1) beating Norman Jacobs and Hazel Blanche (-5) 16-14, 3-11, 11-2, 9-11, 11-6.

So, after thirty-eight matches in League and Cup, the Kites have broken their duck – and they head into the New Year in good cheer, ready to face Division Two side Brotherhood F in Round Two.

Elsewhere, the Windsor Penguins v Brotherhood K tie went all the way before the Penguins emerged narrow 5-4 winners, the opening doubles ultimately proving pivotal, Ray and Sue Chillingworth (+1) beating Elliott Attrill and Rob Bright (-3) 11-8 in the fifth.

The all-Brotherhood clash between the "H" and "J" sides also went the distance, the "J" team eventually edging it 5-4, Lucy Burton (+1) crucially defeating David Wilkin (-5) 13-11, 8-11, 11-1, 4-11, 11-8.

Alan Dockerill and John Houghton stayed unbeaten as Nomads Pumas beat Windsor Swallows 5-2, although Windsor's Janet Beech (+1) played well to defeat Lionel Goddard (-6) 12-14, 7-11, 11-5, 11-6, 12-10.

Finally, Nomads Cougars had a straightforward 5-1 victory over Nomads Bobcats, none of the matches extended to a fifth set.

The revised **Round Two draw** is : Brotherhood E v Windsor Eagles; Brotherhood F v Windsor Kites; Brotherhood A v Nomads Panthers; Brotherhood B v Walton B; Windsor Falcons v Nomads Lynx; Brotherhood L v Nomads Cougars; Windsor Roosters v Windsor Kestrels; Brotherhood J v Windsor Magpies; Walton A v Nomads Lions; Nomads Tigers v Walton D; Windsor Owls v Windsor Harriers; Windsor Condors v Brotherhood D; Windsor Ravens v Windsor Hawks; Lawford v Walton C; Nomads Pumas v Windsor Penguins; Nomads Jaguars v Brotherhood C.

In a **Round Two** match played early, the leaders of Division Two defeated the leaders of Division Three, Walton D beating Nomads Tigers 5-2, the Tigers taking both the doubles but losing all five singles.

* In a top-of-the-table clash in **Division One** of the League,

Brotherhood A beat Walton A 7-3, two each here for Brotherhood's Greg Green, Alan Burgess and Anthony Greenwood, and for Walton's Kevin Gowlett.

It means only eight points separate five teams – Windsor Condors, Walton A, Windsor Roosters, Brotherhood A and Nomads Panthers – at the top of the table, the closest title race for many seasons.

In **Division Three**, hat-tricks from Kelvin Olano and Tom Burton, and an 11-9 in the fifth success for Lucy Burton over Dave Hutchinson, saw Brotherhood J to an 8-2 win against Nomads Bobcats.

* In Division Two of the **Super-Veterans Section** of the Essex Inter-League, both Clacton teams lost to their Southend counterparts.

Clacton A went down 5-4 to Southend B, John Weller and John Hobson each taking a singles, with Hobson sharing two doubles wins, but the decisive match was John Wrigley's 12-10 in the fifth defeat by Southend's David Barnes.

Terry May and Brian Parish each picked up a point as Clacton B lost 7-2 to Southend C, but the match was far closer than the scoreline suggests with four of the Southend wins going to a deciding set.

RESULTS

HANDICAP KNOCK-OUT CUP

Round 1

Nomads Pumas 5 Windsor Swallows 2

Brotherhood H 4 Brotherhood J 5

Nomads Leopards 1 Windsor Kites 5

Nomads Bobcats 1 Nomads Cougars 5

Brotherhood K 4 Windsor Penguins 5;

Brotherhood L walk-over (v Brotherhood G).

Round 2

Nomads Tigers 2 Walton D 5.

LEAGUE

Division 1

Brotherhood A 7 Walton A 3.

Division 3

Brotherhood J 8 Nomads Bobcats 2.

ESSEX INTER-LEAGUE

Super-Veterans : Division 2

Clacton A (Weller, Hobson, Wrigley) 4 Southend B 5;

Clacton B (Beaumont, May, Parish) 2 Southend C 7.

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