

Clacton & District TTL Handicap Cup Report

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Condors Crash Out Of Cup

Holders Windsor Condors fell at the first fence in this season's Handicap Knock-Out Cup, beaten 5-3 by Division Two side Brotherhood F.

The Brotherhood trio of Paul Alden, Lee Harvey and Russell Hillier proved too good on the night and converted a 4-1 interval lead into a deserved 5-3 final score to produce the shock result of the second round.

Two other sides from Division Two also beat teams from the top flight, pride of place going to Nomads Lions, 5-3 winners over high-flying Walton A, John Hatley (+1) administering the *coup de grace* against Matthew Watson (-8) in a five-setter in match eight.

Nomads Lynx also upset the form-book when they defeated Windsor Falcons in a 5-4 nail-biter, Paul Weston, Mike Vilka and Vic Little combining well in an excellent team effort for the Lynx.

Elsewhere, three teams from Division One made it through to the next round at the expense of Division Two sides – although Windsor Eagles were indebted to an undefeated performance from Phil Smith to guide them to a tight 5-4 victory over Brotherhood E.

Four of the matches went the distance including the final doubles in which Fred Button and Sue Welham (-10) edged out Mark Beckham and Tony Edmonds (+2) 11-7, 8-11, 11-4, 10-12, 11-9.

Meanwhile, David Hall was unbeaten as Walton C defeated Lawford 5-3, as was Brian Parish as Nomads Jaguars overcame

Brotherhood C by the same score.

Last season's losing finalists Red Triangle B, this year playing as Walton B, went down 5-2 to Brotherhood B, but the match was closer than the scoreline suggests, Brotherhood winning two of the matches 12-10 in the fifth and another 11-7 in the fifth.

In two other all-Division One matches, Brotherhood A beat Nomads Panthers 5-1, whilst Gary Cattermole stayed unbeaten as Windsor Roosters ran out 5-2 winners against Windsor Kestrels, Bob Sawyer making a welcome, though unsuccessful, return for the Kestrels.

In the first of two all-Windsor, all-Second Division clashes,

Ravens' captain Isabel Barton (+1) had the satisfaction of defeating husband John (-5) in their individual match but the Hawks ultimately triumphed 5-2.

The Harriers led the Owls 3-0 at one stage but, after a tremendous scrap, the match went to the final doubles, Terry May and Ian Fielder (0) clinching it 5-4 for the Harriers with a 7-11, 5-11, 11-8, 12-10, 11-5 win over Gary Stallwood and Tricia Salter (0).

The youngsters of Division Three side Brotherhood J proved too energetic for the second division 'oldies' of Windsor Magpies and took the tie 5-1 but Division Two Brotherhood F were too good for the Windsor Kites, also winning 5-1.

Finally, in two ties between teams from Division Three,

Brotherhood L's Jordan Blanche-Price, Lisa Baird and Debra Found unexpectedly beat Nomads Cougars 5-3 whilst Windsor Penguins had a surprise 5-0 success against Nomads Pumas.

* In the only League match played, Nomads Tigers extended their lead in Division Three with a 9-1 victory over Nomads Bobcats.

* The League's Handicapped Singles Tournament takes place on Saturday 28th January at the Coastal Academy Sports Hall. Entries can be sent by post to either Tony Oswick or Pete White, or e-mailed to Pete White. The closing date is Monday 23rd January.

Details are with Team Secretaries and also on the League's website. For more information, ring Pete White (Tel : 01255 425292).

* The Nomads Club, in association with Clacton's Lions Club, is holding a Fun Pig Race Night at St Osyth Village Hall on Saturday 21st January. Doors open at 7.00 pm with the first race at 7.45 pm.

Tickets are £5 each which includes a light supper. Bring your own drinks. For details or tickets contact Mike Hillier on 01255 424979, Gill Locke on 01255 821866 or Brian Parish on 01255 815471.

RESULTS

HANDICAP KNOCK-OUT CUP

Round 2

Brotherhood A 5 Nomads Panthers 1;

Windsor Roosters 5 Windsor Kestrels 2;

Nomads Jaguars 5 Brotherhood C 3;

Lawford 3 Walton C 5;

Brotherhood B 5 Walton B 2;

Brotherhood E 4 Windsor Eagles 5;

Brotherhood F 5 Windsor Kites 1;

Brotherhood L 5 Nomads Cougars 3;

Windsor Condors 3 Brotherhood D 5;

Windsor Falcons 4 Nomads Lynx 5;

Windsor Owls 4 Windsor Harriers 5;

Walton A 3 Nomads Lions 5;

Windsor Hawks 5 Windsor Ravens 2;

Nomads Pumas 0 Windsor Penguins 5;

Brotherhood J 5 Windsor Magpies 1.

LEAGUE

Division 3

Nomads Bobcats 1 Nomads Tigers 9.

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