Clacton & District TTL Report

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Lions on the prowl

Nomads Lions have been the surprise team in **Division Two** of the Clacton and District Table Tennis League and they cemented their third place in the table with a merited 7-3 victory over

Brotherhood C.

John Weller and the much-improved John Fenton both took hat-tricks against the more-than-useful trio of Kevin Pryor, Chris Smith and Lawrence Torr, the two players combining to take the doubles 11-6 in the fifth against Smith and Torr.

But the Lions may have too much to do to catch second-placed Windsor Hawks, 8-2 winners this week against Windsor Owls, Dave Austin starring as their only undefeated player.

At the bottom, John Stubbings' presence galvanised Brotherhood F who unexpectedly beat Windsor Ravens 7-3, Stubbings taking three, John Wrigley two and Ian Porter one.

Brotherhood E battled hard to force a draw with Lawford, Tony Edmonds and Mark Beckham taking two each whilst Duncan Dunne took one and narrowly lost 9-11 in the fifth to Lawford's Peter Sear.

The all-Windsor clash between the Harriers and Magpies also ended all-square with Dave Martin unbeaten for the Magpies, but it was the doubles' win that ultimately proved crucial, Martin and Graham Bunce beating Ian Fielder and Terry May 16-14 in the decider.

In **Division Three** leaders Nomads Tigers rested their top two players which gave lowly Brotherhood L the opportunity to share the spoils, Jordan-Blanche Price unbeaten for Brotherhood.

Brotherhood K consolidated second place following their 8-2 success over Nomads Pumas, Elliott Attrill's maximum including a close 11-8 in the fifth win over Alan Dockerill.

Rowan Cottee was unbeaten as Brotherhood G beat Windsor Penguins 8-2 whilst Tom Burton took his three as Brotherhood J drew with Nomads Cougars, Kelvin Olano's couple for Brotherhood including a nerve-jangling 13-11 in the fifth victory over Mike Hillier.

Tony Rayner with three and Hazel Blanche with two helped Nomads Leopards to a 6-4 win over Nomads Bobcats, whilst Windsor Swallows beat Windsor Kites 9-1, Carl Hubbard getting the Kites' solitary point with a victory over Janet Beech.

In **Division One** no-one stayed unbeaten as Nomads Panthers drew with Brotherhood A, the Panthers taking the four matches that went the distance.

Colin Webber's two for the Panthers included a close win in five over Greg Green whilst Gill Locke beat Antony Greenwood 12-10 in the fifth and Alan Burgess 15-13 in the fifth, Burgess failing to record a point in a match for the first time in three years.

Trebles from James Denyer and Gary Cattermole saw Windsor Roosters to a 9-1 win over Windsor Eagles and although Walton A beat Walton C 7-3 it could have been more, 'A' team reserve Paul Woolnough unfortunate to lose his three singles close in five.

Stewart Murray and Ian Graham took trebles as Brotherhood B beat Nomads Jaguars 8-2, five of the matches going the distance, the closest being Murray's 11-9 in the fifth win over Terry Kirby.

Finally, Walton B beat a weakened Windsor Kestrels 10-0, Paul Newbould pipping Frank Burbidge 11-9 in the fifth and Graham Buxton edging out reserve Terry May 18-16, 15-13, 9-11, 17-15.

* In Division Three of the Veterans' Section of the **Essex Inter-League**, Clacton's trio of Colin Webber, Phil Smith and Martin Edwards were worthy 8-1 winners over Chelmsford B.

* The Handicapped Singles Tournament takes place this Saturday at the Coastal Academy Sports Hall. Players should be in attendance by 9.45 am.

* Congratulations to Gracie Firkins, a member of the Monday Night Coaching, who won the under-11 event at the recent Essex Inter-Schools Competition, and to Lucy Burton, a player with Division Three Brotherhood J, who came second in the under-16 section.

RESULTS

Division 1

Brotherhood A 5 Nomads Panthers 5;

Windsor Roosters 9 Windsor Eagles 1;

Walton C 3 Walton A 7;

Nomads Jaguars 2 Brotherhood B 8;

Walton B 10 Windsor Kestrels 0.

Division 2

Windsor Owls 2 Windsor Hawks 8;

Brotherhood F 7 Windsor Ravens 3;

Brotherhood E 5 Lawford 5;

Windsor Harriers 5 Windsor Magpies 5;

Nomads Lions 7 Brotherhood C 3.

Division 3

Nomads Tigers 5 Brotherhood L 5;

Nomads Cougars 5 Brotherhood J 5;

Nomads Bobcats 4 Nomads Leopards 6;

Windsor Penguins 2 Brotherhood G 8;

Windsor Kites 1 Windsor Swallows 9;

Brotherhood K 8 Nomads Pumas 2.

ESSEX INTER-LEAGUE

Veterans'' Division 3

Chelmsford B 1 Clacton (Webber, Smith, Edwards) 8.

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