Clacton & District TTL Report

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Kestrels beat Lions in basement clash

Windsor Kestrels moved off the bottom of Division One of the Clacton and District League this week with a hard-fought 6-4 win over fellow-strugglers Nomads Lions.

Terry May stayed unbeaten, Frank Burbidge took two and Chris Petrou one for the Kestrels – although the result might easily have been reversed, May defeating John Weller 11-9 in the fifth, whilst Burbidge overcame John Hatley by the same narrow score.

John Fenton was the Lions' most successful player with two wins and, with Hatley, taking a close 3-2 (8-11, 12-10, 8-11, 12-10, 11-7) doubles victory against May and Burbidge.

Nomads Jaguars, the third team in the relegation dog-fight, now prop up the table, this week losing 10-0 to Walton A, the closest match seeing John Rice edge out Colin Beaumont 3-2 (11-13, 11-5,

11-8, 9-11, 11-7).

Walton A are the new Divisional leaders but only by a single point and having played a game more than second-placed Nomads Panthers, 10-0 winners against a weakened Windsor Eagles.

The Brotherhood A and B teams enjoyed a good scrap, with every player taking at least a point before the 'A' side emerged 6-4 winners. Greg Green was unbeaten and Adam Douch took two for the victors whilst, for the losers, Stewart Murray enjoyed an 11-9 in the fifth win over Douch and Ian Graham beat Alan Burgess 11-5 in the decider.

Walton B were forced to field a guest against Walton C but regulars Paul Newbould and Graham Buxton turned up trumps, both staying unbeaten in their side's 6-4 win, Buxton recording an important point with an 3-2 (11-5, 7-11, 6-11, 13-11, 11-9) success over Paul Meikle.

It was also 6-4 for Windsor Hawks against Walton D, Felipe Rodriguez, John Barton and Andy Vincent each taking two, Kevin James' three for Walton including an 3-2 (11-1, 11-5, 9-11, 13-15, 11-9) win over Vincent.

There was no change at the top of Division Two with the top three sides all winning 6-4.

Every player took at least a point as Brotherhood D defeated Nomads Cougars 6-4, with Paul Alden staying unbeaten for the victors. Adam Cuthbert won twice for the Cougars with their other two points coming from Sam

Hume's 11-9 in the fifth victory over Lee Harvey and Paul Hume's 11-7 in the decider win against Shaun Beckham.

Every player also got on the score-sheet as Brotherhood C edged past Brotherhood F 6-4 but no-one remained undefeated, Kevin Pryor and Lawrence Torr winning two each for the 'C' team, as did David North for the 'F' side. Barry Allen had a good win over Pryor whilst the closest match of the evening saw Sandie Isaac beat the 'C' team's Fred Gallone 11-9 in the decider.

Gary Stallwood stayed undefeated for Windsor Owls but two each from Richard Spence and Peter Sear, and one from Ian Sherwood gave Lawford the 6-4 victory.

Three for John Harvey, two for John Long and one for Justin Reichert saw Windsor Ravens home 7-3 against Brotherhood G, Jordan Blanche-Price playing well to take two for Brotherhood including a 3-2 (13-11, 11-9, 6-11, 8-11, 11-9) success against Long.

Nomads Ocelots had a welcome 6-4 win over Windsor Magpies, Dave Martin unbeaten for Windsor, Doug Green, Daryl Lott and reserve Harry Hawkes all winning twice for Nomads, Green's 3-2 (5-11, 11-5, 2-11, 12-10, 11-9) victory over Ron Dacey ultimately proving crucial.

Windsor Harriers defeated Nomads Tigers 8-2, Ian Fielder keeping up his good form with his third maximum of the season.

Just five points separate the top three teams in Division Three but Brotherhood J head the table following an 8-2 win over Nomads Leopards, Tom Burton and Kelvin Olano undefeated. Lucy Burton lost in four to Roger Baalham, went down 11-9 in the fifth to Tony Rayner but took a point with a win over Norman Jacobs in four.

Brotherhood I beat Windsor Penguins 7-3, two each here for Rowan Cottee, Allen Denyer and James Smith-Daye, Cottee playing well to defeat Windsor's Ray Chillingworth in four but struggling to beat Sue Chillingworth 11-8 in the fifth.

It was also 7-3 for Nomads Pumas against Brotherhood H, Alan Dockerill unbeaten, John Bowers taking two and Lionel Goddard one, Tom Wilkin winning twice for Brotherhood but going down 11-7 in the decider to Dockerill.

There were three for Harry Hawkes and two each for Andrew Cousins and Vic little as Nomads Bobcats beat Brotherhood K 8-2, Pete Bloomfield taking both points for the losers.

Nomads Lynx were 8-2 winners against Brotherhood L, Mike Vilka unbeaten and Tom Collins and Kevin Hume taking a pair apiece. Brotherhood's Debra Found had a good 11-6 in the decider win over Hume whilst Jonathan Found took Brotherhood's second point with a victory over Collins.

Brian Friday was unbeaten for Nomads Wildcats but Windsor Swallows took the remaining points to win 7-3, the closest match of the evening seeing Angela Barratt and Malcolm Caley take the doubles 3-2 (9-11, 15-13, 12-10, 4-11, 11-9) against Friday and Paul Dale.

Finally, Vicki Edwards chalked up her first treble of the season as Brotherhood M defeated Windsor Kites 10-0.

* In Division One of the Super-Veterans Section of the Essex Inter-League, Clacton A's team of Dave Binns, Paul Meikle and Colin Dearman beat Becontree 6-3, Binns winning two singles and Meikle one, the town team crucially winning all three doubles.

<u>RESULTS</u> <u>Division 1</u> Walton C 4 Walton B 6; Nomads Lions 4 Windsor Kestrels 6; Walton A 10 Nomads Jaguars 0; Brotherhood B 4 Brotherhood A 6; Windsor Eagles 0 Nomads Panthers 10; Windsor Hawks 6 Walton D 4.

Division 2

Nomads Tigers 2 Windsor Harriers 8; Nomads Ocelots 6 Windsor Magpies 4; Brotherhood C 6 Brotherhood F 4; Windsor Ravens 7 Brotherhood G 3; Windsor Owls 4 Lawford 6; Brotherhood D 6 Nomads Cougars 4.

Division 3

Brotherhood I 7 Windsor Penguins 3; Brotherhood M 10 Windsor Kites 0; Nomads Bobcats 8 Brotherhood K 2; Nomads Pumas 7 Brotherhood H 3; Windsor Swallows 7 Nomads Wildcats 3; Brotherhood L 2 Nomads Lynx 8; Brotherhood J 8 Nomads Leopards 2.

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