Clacton & District TTL Report (22 Dec)

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Kevin James was the star of the show in **Division One** of the Clacton and District League with a high-class hattrick for Walton D in their match against reigning champions Windsor Condors.

James' treble included an 11-5 in the fifth victory over Gary Cattermole and an 11-8 in the decider win against Colin Stallwood and, with Kevin Gowlett also staying unbeaten, Walton chalked up an impressive 7-3 victory.

There was another Walton success against a Windsor side, Walton A comfortably defeating the Kestrels 10-0, only one match being extended to a fourth set.

Nomads Panthers maintained their unbeaten record with a straightforward 10-0 win against a Walton B team forced to field two guest players. The Panthers are now twelve points clear at the top of the table and they will start the second-half season as favourites to take a first-ever Division One title for the Nomads Club.

In **Division Two** Lawford continued their title challenge with a 7-3 win over Windsor Harriers, Paul Hewitt taking three, and Ian Sherwood and Richard Spence two each. Ian Fielder won two points for the Harriers, defeating Spence in three-straight but struggling before edging out an inspired Sherwood 11-5, 9-11, 11-4, 10-12, 16-14.

The much-improved Darren Bunce took a maximum as Nomads Tigers beat Brotherhood E 7-3, his three including an 11-5 in the decider win over Rodney Betts. Simon Smith-Daye also took three although he had to be at his best to overcome Tony Edmonds 11-7 in the fifth.

Smith-Daye also stayed unbeaten in the Tigers' second match, this against Nomads Cougars, but two each from Paul Hume, Sam Hume and Adam Cuthbert saw the Cougars home 7-3.

* In Round One of the **Handicap Knock-Out Cup** Nomads Pumas were given a run for their money before beating Windsor Kites 5-3, Alan Dockerill staying unbeaten. The closest match of the tie saw Dockerill (-8) beat Carl Hubbard (+2) 0-11, 14-12, 12-10, 7-11,

13-11.

With the scores level at 3-all, Nomads Leopards looked as though they might cause an upset against Brotherhood I, but Brotherhood took the next two singles to go through 5-3.

However Brotherhood L did cause a minor shock, 5-1 winners against Windsor Swallows, Jonathan Found and Morgan Harvey unbeaten.

Windsor Penguins were ahead 2-0 against Brotherhood H but Brotherhood fought back to win 5-3, Tom Wilkin's

(-5) 8-11, 11-7, 9-11, 11-6, 11-9 win over Sue Chillingworth (+1) proving crucial.

In the all-Nomads clash, Division Two Ocelots defeated Division Three Bobcats 5-2, Andy North playing well to stay undefeated in his two doubles and one singles.

The revised draw for Round Two of the Cup is :

Walton B v Brotherhood B; Nomads Ocelots v Brotherhood I;

Nomads Pumas v Brotherhood E; Windsor Eagles v Windsor Hawks;

Walton C v Nomads Jaguars; Brotherhood G v Nomads Lions;

Brotherhood L v Windsor Harriers; Brotherhood D v Windsor Owls;

Nomads Panthers v Windsor Kestrels; Brotherhood H v

Brotherhood K; Nomads Cougars v Brotherhood J;

Windsor Condors v Windsor Ravens; Brotherhood A v Walton A;

Windsor Magpies v Brotherhood F; Brotherhood C v Walton D; Lawford v Nomads Tigers.

* In Division Two of the **Veterans' Section** of the **Essex Inter-League** Clacton scraped home 5-4 against West Essex, Colin Webber and Gill Locke winning their two singles and sharing a doubles victory in a competitive, friendly encounter.

In Division One of the **Super-Veterans Section**, Clacton A lost 7-2 to a strong Southend A side, Colin Dearman and Paul Meikle the town side's point-scorers.

It was a similar story in Division Two where Southend B came out on top 5-4 against Clacton B, Terry May winning two singles, Brian Parish one, with Parish and Colin Beaumont combining successfully in their doubles.

RESULTS

Division 1 Walton D 7 Windsor Condors 3; Walton B 0 Nomads Panthers 10; Windsor Kestrels 0 Walton A 10.

<u>Division 2</u> Lawford 7 Windsor Harriers 3; Nomads Cougars 7 Nomads Tigers 3; Brotherhood E 3 Nomads Tigers 7.

Handicap Knock-Out Cup : Round 1 Windsor Swallows 1 Brotherhood L 5; Windsor Kites 3 Nomads Pumas 5; Brotherhood I 5 Nomads Leopards 3; Brotherhood H 5 Windsor Penguins 3; Nomads Ocelots 5 Nomads Bobcats 2; Brotherhood J w/o v Nomads Wildcats; Brotherhood K w/o v Nomads Lynx; Brotherhood E w/o v Brotherhood M.

ESSEX INTER-LEAGUE

Brentwood A 8 Clacton (Webber, Locke, Edwards) 1 Clacton (Webber, Smith, Edwards) 5 Burnham B 4 West Essex 4 Clacton (Webber, Locke, Smith) 5.

<u>Super-Veterans Division 1</u> Southend A 7 Clacton A (Dearman, Stubbings, Meikle) 2

<u>Super-Veterans Division 2</u> Southend B 5 Clacton B (May, Beaumont, Parish) 4.

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