

Clacton & District TTL Report (3rd Feb)

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Brotherhood break their duck

It's been a torrid time for Brotherhood G in their first season in **Division Two** of the Clacton and District League but they broke a run of fourteen consecutive defeats this week and celebrated with a 6-4 victory over Brotherhood F.

Elliott Attrill stayed unbeaten and Dan Malinowski won two but it was a close-run affair, Attrill's hat-trick including an 11-7 in the fifth win over Sandie Isaac and an even closer 3-2 (11-9, 11-8, 3-11, 11-13, 13-11) victory over Barry Allen.

Allen took two, and Sandie Isaac and Mark Beckham one each, for the 'F' team,

Despite this result, Brotherhood G still look odds-on for relegation, as do Brotherhood E who lost 8-2 to third-placed Nomads Cougars. Paul Hume was unbeaten for the Cougars whilst Sam Hume was denied his hat-trick by Rodney Betts, 11-9 in the fifth.

It was a mixed week for Lawford but they stay second and in the promotion-mix after beating Brotherhood F 8-2 and losing 6-4 to Windsor Magpies.

Richard Spence won three, Ian Sherwood two and Paul Hewitt two against Brotherhood F although Spence struggled against Sandie Isaac, just winning 11-7 in the decider, whilst Hewitt was a narrow 11-9 in the fifth victor over Mark Beckham.

Spence also stayed unbeaten against the Magpies but the Windsor trio edged it, Dave Martin and Graham Bunce taking a couple each for Windsor, Bunce's 3-2 (11-8, 3-11, 4-11, 12-10, 15-13) victory over Ian Sherwood proving critical.

Brotherhood D stay top following their 6-4 success over Nomads Tigers in a match where no-one stayed unbeaten. Brotherhood's Lee Harvey played well to beat Simon Smith-Daye 3-2 (13-15, 11-8, 11-7, 7-11, 11-6) but Nomads' Darren Bunce had surprise wins over both Harvey and Russell Hillier. Shaun Beckham won two for Brotherhood.

Three each for Laurence Torr and Kevin Pryor saw Brotherhood C to a 9-1 victory against Nomads Ocelots and they stay handily-placed in the promotion race.

Windsor Harriers, fielding a guest player, defeated Windsor Ravens 6-4, Ian Fielder completing his hat-trick with a tight 11-8 in the decider victory over John Long in the final match of the evening.

In **Division Three** leaders Brotherhood J were 6-4 victors against Brotherhood H, Tom Burton again unbeaten and Kelvin Olano winning twice. Gerald Batt took a pair for the losers including an unexpected win over Olano whilst Michael Gallone narrowly lost

11-5 in the fifth to Olano but beat Lucy Burton by the same score.

Alan Dockerill and John Bowers took hat-tricks as Nomads Pumas defeated Brotherhood L 8-2, Debra Found and Morgan Harvey taking a point apiece for the losers.

Brotherhood I were 7-3 winners against a Brotherhood M side forced to field a guest player but none of the 'I' team players could get the better of Gracie Edwards who recorded an impressive hat-trick.

Windsor Penguins and Nomads Wildcats fought out a mid-table draw, Ray Chillingworth winning three for Windsor, Peter Miller and Harry Beezer taking two each for Nomads. The pivotal match of the evening was Miller's 3-2 (11-6, 13-15, 11-8, 8-11, 13-11) victory over Sue Chillingworth.

Three for Mike Vilka and two for Kevin Hume saw Nomads Lynx to a 6-4 win against Brotherhood K but the match could easily have gone the other way, the Lynx winning all three matches that went close in five. Hume beat Mark Trayhorn 13-11 in the fifth and Rob Bright 12-10 in the fifth, whilst Vilka and Hume took the doubles 11-8 in the decider against Trayhorn and Peter Bloomfield.

Tony Rayner and Roger McNaughton were undefeated as Nomads Leopards beat Windsor Kites 9-1. Carl Hubbard beat Norman Jacobs 12-10 in the decider to take the Kites' sole point whilst McNaughton left it late before overcoming Rachel Simson 11-8 in the fifth.

In **Division One**, Kevin Gowlett's hat-trick was the key factor in Walton D's 6-4 success over second-placed Brotherhood A. Kevin James contributed a couple for the winners as did Alan Burgess for the losers, Burgess denying James his treble 11-9 in the decider.

A Gowlett-less Walton D then went down 6-4 to Brotherhood B, Stewart Murray taking three and Ian Graham two for Brotherhood. Three of the matches ended 11-6 in the decider, Graham beating George Kalli, as did Kalli against John Owen, as did Owen against Paul Woolnough.

Brotherhood B were on the wrong end of a 6-4 score-line against Walton C, Paul Meikle unbeaten. In a close-fought contest, Walton's David Hall defeated John Owen 11-8 in the fifth whilst Mark Gale beat the same player 11-9 in the fifth.

At the top, Nomads Panthers made short shrift of Windsor Kestrels, winning 10-0, all the matches settled in three-straight.

But the 10-0 victory Windsor Condors recorded against Windsor Hawks belied a far closer match, the Condors winning all five matches that went the distance. The closest of the five was the doubles where Gary Cattermole and John Patrick edged past John Barton and Andy Vincent 3-2 (9-11, 11-7, 11-5, 11-13, 11-9).

* In **Division Two** of the Veterans' Section of the **Essex Inter-League** Clacton came from 4-2 down to edge past Braintree B 5-4, Phil Smith winning two singles and Colin Webber and Gill Locke one each, Webber and Locke clinching the match with a last-gasp doubles' victory.

RESULTS

Division 1

Brotherhood A 4 Walton D 6;
Windsor Kestrels 0 Nomads Panthers 10;
Walton C 6 Brotherhood B 4;
Walton D 4 Brotherhood B 6;
Windsor Condors 10 Windsor Hawks 0.

Division 2

Nomads Ocelots 1 Brotherhood C 9;
Nomads Tigers 4 Brotherhood D 6;
Windsor Magpies 6 Lawford 4;
Brotherhood F 4 Brotherhood G 6;
Lawford 8 Brotherhood F 2;
Windsor Harriers 6 Windsor Ravens 4;
Brotherhood E 2 Nomads Cougars 8.

Division 3

Brotherhood H 4 Brotherhood J 6;
Nomads Pumas 8 Brotherhood L 2;
Windsor Kites 1 Nomads Leopards 9;
Brotherhood I 7 Brotherhood M 3;
Windsor Penguins 5 Nomads Wildcats 5;
Brotherhood K 4 Nomads Lynx 6.

Inter-League : Veterans' Division Two

Clacton (Webber, Locke, Smith) 5 Braintree B 4

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