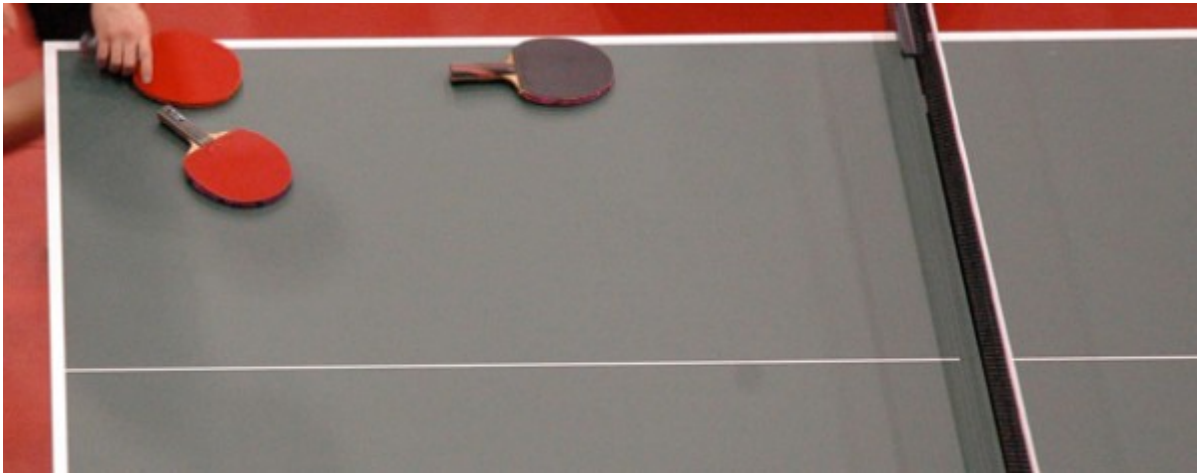


Clacton & District TTL Report

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BUNCE IS BEST

If there was a Clacton and District League award for the most improved player of the season, Graham Bunce of **Division Two Windsor Kestrels** would certainly be one of the leading contenders.

Bunce has had an outstanding season, losing only twice in fifty-four matches, and he continued his good run this week with a sixteenth maximum. He defeated Richard Spence, Paul Hewitt and Ian Sherwood as the Kestrels' enjoyed a 7-3 success over fourth-placed Lawford. Dave Martin contributed two wins and Bob Sawyer one.

Bunce's form has been a crucial factor in the Kestrels' push for honours and their victory this week confirms them as Division Two champions.

Windsor Ravens are the Divisional runners-up and they signed off their season on a winning note, 6-4 against Windsor Owls, in a match where every player picked up a point. The Owls' Adam Jackson beat John Harvey 11-5 in the decider but lost to Brian Thiel by the same score, whilst Harvey defeated Tricia Salter 11-6 in the fifth. Frank Burbidge won two for the Owls including an 11-5 in the fifth win against Thiel.

There was a tight tussle between the Brotherhood 'C' and 'F' sides before the 'C' team emerged narrow 6-4 winners, every player winning at least one point. Lawrence Torr took all three for the winners although it was a close 11-9 in the decider against Elliott Attrill, the same score by which 'F' team skipper Mark Beckham defeated Fred Gallone.

In another close match, Nomads Jaguars scraped a draw against Brotherhood J. Harry Hawkes took a hat-trick for the Jaguars and, with Mike Hillier, took the doubles 9-11, 11-9, 12-14, 14-12, 11-9 against Kelvin Olano and Tom Wilkin. Hillier picked up a crucial fifth point with an 11-9, 10-12, 5-11, 11-9, 12-10 win against Olano. Wilkin and Tom Burton won two each for Brotherhood.

The all-Nomads clash between the Ocelots and Tigers ended 9-1 in favour of the Ocelots. Peter Giles and John Hockley were unbeaten, with Darren Bunce preventing the whitewash by the narrowest of margins, defeating Daryl Lott 11-7, 8-11, 12-10, 5-11, 12-10.

In the battle of the bottom two teams, Brotherhood I beat Windsor Magpies 8-2, a result that – mathematically – keeps their survival hopes alive. John Wrigley took a maximum with Rowan Cottee and Allen Denyer taking two each, although it was 11-6 in the fifth for Cottee against Dan Wright and 11-9 in the fifth for Denyer against Magpies' reserve Mike Monschau. Dave Sweetland won the points for the losers. Alas for the Magpies, the result means they are definitely relegated.

In **Division Three** Brotherhood G stay in second place despite losing 6-4 to leaders Brotherhood E. Duncan Dunne took a maximum for the winners with Rodney Betts winning two and Tony Edmonds one. Lee Allen took a couple for the 'G' team including an intriguing 20-18, 1-11, 11-9, 11-8 victory over Edmonds. The win confirms what has long been apparent – Brotherhood E, unbeaten in the League this season, are the 2014 Division Three champions.

Nomads Lynx were also on the wrong end of a 6-4 scoreline, Ray Chillingworth unbeaten in Windsor Penguins' success. But it wasn't just a one-player show, with Jackie Bunce picking up a win in four against Tom Collins and Sue Chillingworth surprising Pete Miller with a 10-12, 6-11, 11-9, 12-10, 11-6 victory. In a match where no player left empty-handed, Brian Friday won two for the Lynx, and Collins and Miller one each.

Brotherhood H will feel the happiest of the promotion-hopefuls after their 8-2 victory over Walton E. Graham Parkes and Brian Baines were undefeated, Baines' hat-trick including a win in five against Lynette Sparks. Walton's points came from Sparks with an 11-5 in the decider victory against David Wilkin and Rhivu Khan who defeated the same player 12-10 in the decider.

Andrew Cousins took a treble, and John Houghton and Lionel Goddard a pair apiece, as Nomads Pumas beat Windsor Swallows 8-2. Houghton defeated Iris Howlett 11-8, 6-11, 6-11, 15-13, 11-9 in the closest match of the evening. Malcolm Caley won the Swallows' two points.

There were hat-tricks for Andrew Cawley and Alan Charman as Nomads Wildcats recorded a fine 7-3 win over Nomads Leopards. The closest match saw Charman defeat Roger McNaughton 7-11, 8-11, 13-11, 13-11, 11-6. There was a point each for McNaughton, Norman Jacobs and Laurie Farrugia for the Leopards.

Brotherhood L were 9-1 victors over Windsor Ospreys, Debra Found and Morgan Harvey unbeaten. Vicki Edwards won two for the winners with Lucy Burton's success against Edwards the Ospreys' only point.

In **Division One** Nomads Panthers are already confirmed as champions and they found little difficulty in beating a Walton D side without Kevin Gowlett 10-0.

The runners-up spot is still to be decided but Walton A did themselves a power of good with a 9-1 success over club-mates Walton C, Peter Burrows and John Rice taking maximum points. Paul Meikle of Walton C will feel unfortunate to have lost all his matches close in five – 11-5 in the fifth to Burrows and 11-9 in the decider to both Rice and Colin Dearman. Derek Willis took the 'C' team's point with a 12-10, 12-14, 11-6, 16-14 victory over Dearman in the final match of the evening.

The win puts Walton A into second place, three points ahead of Brotherhood A with both teams having three matches to play.

At the bottom, Nomads Cougars lost 8-2 to Walton B for a second time this season but they may still consider they were two valuable points gained. Adam Cuthbert defeated Graham Buxton whilst Colin Beaumont beat Paul Newbould 5-11, 11-8, 8-11, 13-11, 13-11. Gavin Price took a hat-trick for the winners.

Finally, already-relegated Brotherhood D are still fighting hard, Shaun Beckham, Lee Harvey and Russell Hillier all winning one in their side's 7-3 defeat at the hands of Windsor Condors. And Harvey might easily have sneaked another win, John Pattrick having to launch a come-back before winning 9-11, 8-11, 12-10, 11-5, 11-6.

* The **Closed Championships**, sponsored by Paul Newbould Planning and Building Design Services, are being held at the Coastal Academy Sports Hall on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th April. Confirmation of check-in times are being sent to all those who have entered. Any player who has not received this confirmation by Friday 18th April should contact either Tony Oswick (Tel : 01255 429869) or Peter White (Tel : 01255 425292).

* The **Knock-Out Cup Final** between Walton B and Windsor Hawks takes place at the Brotherhood Hall on Thursday 8th May at 7.30 pm. All spectators are welcome.

* The Windsor Club is holding a **Quiz Evening** on Saturday 10th May at St James Church Hall, 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start. A ploughman's supper with tea and coffee will be provided but other drinks should be provided by those attending. Teams of up to six can take part and the cost is £6.00 per person. For more details or to book a

table contact Jenny Higgins on 01255 432397 or 07790 240566.

RESULTS

Division 1

Nomads Panthers 10 Walton D 0;
Windsor Condors 7 Brotherhood D 3;
Walton B 8 Nomads Cougars 2;
Walton C 1 Walton A 9.
Nomads Lions v Windsor Hawks (match card not yet received)
Brotherhood B v Windsor Eagles (match card not yet received)

Division 2

Windsor Owls 4 Windsor Ravens 6;
Nomads Tigers 1 Nomads Ocelots 9;
Brotherhood F 4 Brotherhood C 6;
Windsor Magpies 2 Brotherhood I 8;
Windsor Kestrels 7 Lawford 3;
Brotherhood J 5 Nomads Jaguars 5.

Division 3

Nomads Pumas 8 Windsor Swallows 2;
Brotherhood H 8 Walton E 2;
Windsor Penguins 6 Nomads Lynx 4;
Brotherhood G 4 Brotherhood E 6;
Windsor Ospreys 1 Brotherhood L 9;
Nomads Leopards 3 Nomads Wildcats 7.

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