Clacton & District League: Elementary for Watson

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Windsor Owls enjoyed the most convincing result of the week in **Division Two** of the Clacton and District League when they recorded a 10-0 victory over the youngsters of Brotherhood I.

The match included a first-ever hat-trick at this level for the unassuming Sue Watson who notched up excellent wins over Jonathan Found, Kelvin Olano and Tom Wilkin.

Nomads Ocelots opened their season with a 9-1 victory against Brotherhood E, Peter Giles and Brian Parish unbeaten.

Brotherhood's Rodney Betts played well before losing to Giles in the fifth and prevented the whitewash by defeating John Hockley 3-2 (11-8, 10-12, 11-6, 5-11, 13-11).

Brotherhood C enjoyed an 8-2 success against Windsor Harriers. Gary Stallwood and Lawrence Torr took trebles but the tightest match of the evening was Ferdy Rodriguez's 12-10 in the decider win for Windsor against Fred Gallone.

An unbeaten Lee Harvey starred for Brotherhood D in their 8-2 success against Nomads Tigers. Morgan Harvey took two debut Division Two wins and nearly made it three, just losing 11-8 in the fifth to John Marshall.

Brotherhood's Paul Alden also won two but surprisingly went down 12-10 in the fifth to Eric Lemke.

In a third 8-2 scoreline, Lawford beat Brotherhood F, Richard Spence getting his first maximum of the season and Paul Hewitt his second.

Lee Allen was the losers' best player, defeating Ian Sherwood, and narrowly going down 11-6 in the fifth to Hewitt and 11-8 in the fifth to Spence.

It may be premature to talk about relegation matches in only the second week of the season but there was a bottom-of-the-table feel about the Brotherhood H v Windsor Magpies encounter.

It ended 6-4 in Brotherhood's favour, Grant Sharpe winning three for the winners, with Rowan Cottee and James Smith-Daye taking one each.

Dave Sweetland's two for Windsor included a 26-24, 11-7, 11-4 win over Smith-Daye, while John Plummer's pair included a narrow 3-2 (7-11, 11-6, 11-6, 12-14, 12-10) victory against Cottee.

Plummer played well against Sharpe before losing 11-8 in the decider.

In **Division Three**, Windsor Buzzards were comfortable 10–0 victors against Nomads Wildcats, all the matches settled in three except an unusual-looking 3–2 (0–11, 7–11, 11–5, 11–8, 11–8) scoreline for Dan Malinowski against Andrew Cawley.

Nomads Lynx were also 10-0 winners, their victims being the Windsor Kites. But the Kites nearly prevented the whitewash, Chris Simson taking Peter Miller all the way before going down 11-9 in the fifth.

Brotherhood G were forced to field a guest against Nomads Leopards so it was no surprise the Leopards ran out 7-3 winners. Nomads' John Bonner showed his class by defeating Graham Parkes.

Nomads Pumas beat Windsor Penguins 8-2, Lionel Goddard undefeated. John Bowers and John Houghton each

won twice for the Pumas whilst Mike Monschau took the two Windsor points and only just went down 11-9 in the decider to Goddard. Penguins' captain Jackie Bunce nearly got on the scoresheet, losing 11-8 in the fifth to Houghton.

The closest match in **Division One** saw Windsor Condors draw with Walton C. The Condors were grateful to a hat-trick from Colin Stallwood whilst there were two each for Walton's Derek Willis and Paul Meikle – although it was a tight 3-2 (11-4, 7-11, 6-11, 13-11, 11-7) for Meikle against Paul Woolnough.

Walton B, with Gavin Price unbeaten, defeated Windsor Kestrels 8-2 but the score-line concealed a closer encounter.

Graham Buxton and Paul Newbould both contributed a couple but it was a narrow 11-9 in the decider for Newbould against Graham Bunce, the same score by which Price and Buxton took the doubles against Bunce and Bob Sawyer.

For the Kestrels, Bunce had a close 3-2 (11-9, 8-11, 15-13, 7-11, 11-9) victory over Buxton whilst Colin Beaumont defeated Newbould.

Nomads Lions won all three matches that went the distance against Brotherhood B and emerged 9-1 winners to head the embryonic Division One table.

John Hatley and Sam Hume were unbeaten, Hatley having close wins in five against both Martin Edwards and John Owen. Edwards, who also took Hume close in five, earned the consolation Brotherhood point by defeating John Fenton.

It was also 9-1 as an unfamiliar Nomads Panthers' trio of Joe Andrews, John Monk and John Poysden defeated Windsor Hawks, who only had Andy Vincent's win against Andrews to show for their efforts.

Finally, there was yet another 9-1 result as Brotherhood A swept past Windsor Eagles, Greg Green and Alan Burgess unbeaten. John Andrews won twice but went down to Windsor's Gary Cattermole.

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Results

Division One

Brotherhood B 3 Windsor Eagles 7 Nomads Lions 9 Brotherhood B 1 Windsor Eagles 1 Brotherhood A 9 Windsor Condors 5 Walton C 5 Nomads Panthers 9 Windsor Hawks 1 Walton B 8 Windsor Kestrels 2

Division Two

Brotherhood C 8 Windsor Harriers 2 Brotherhood D 8 Nomads Tigers 2 Brotherhood H 6 Windsor Magpies 4 Brotherhood F 2 Lawford 8 Windsor Owls 10 Brotherhood I 0 Nomads Ocelots 9 Brotherhood E 1

Division Three

Nomads Leopards 7 Brotherhood G 3 Windsor Penguins 2 Nomads Pumas 8 Windsor Kites 0 Nomads Lynx 10 Windsor Buzzards 10 Nomads Wildcats 0

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