

Clacton & District League: Iris still a blooming marvel!

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Iris Howlett of Windsor Swallows is one of the longest-serving players in the league but, season after season, she continues to produce the goods.

This week in **Division Three** the Swallows faced Windsor Kites and Iris showed she has lost none of her cunning or ability, staying unbeaten to help her side grab a share of the spoils.

Kayley Lamb contributed a couple for the Swallows, as did Carl Hubbard for the Kites, whilst there were first wins of the season for Kites' regulars Mick Simson and Rachel Simson.

The match between Nomads Wildcats and Windsor Penguins also ended as an honourable draw. Andrew Cawley won three for the Wildcats and Harry Barlow one, with the pair sharing a vital 11-8 in the fifth doubles win against Jackie Bunce and Alan Charman. Bunce and Charman each won two for the Penguins, with Bunce taking Cawley close before losing 11-8 in the decider.

The scoreline showed 10-0 for Nomads Lynx against Windsor Ospreys but the Ospreys will feel unfortunate to have lost the three matches which went the distance – Brian Friday beat Debra Found 3-2 (11-9, 10-12, 5-11, 12-10, 11-5), Peter Miller defeated Woody Fitzpatrick in five (6-11, 11-7, 7-11, 14-12, 11-6), with Friday and Miller edging the doubles 12-10 in the fifth against Fitzpatrick and Millie Easton.

Both Brotherhood G and Nomads Pumas fielded guests, which accounts for the unusual 6-3 scoreline in favour of the Brotherhood side. The closest match of the evening was the battle of the Johns, Bowers of the Pumas beating Wrigley of Brotherhood 3-2 (9-11, 11-4, 11-9, 9-11, 12-10).

In **Division One**, Alan Burgess and John Andrews recorded trebles as Brotherhood A defeated Windsor Kestrels 8-2. Elliott Attrill contributed a point with a close 3-2 (4-11, 12-10, 11-5, 9-11, 11-8) win over Colin Beaumont. Graham Bunce and Dave Martin picked up a point each for the Kestrels.

Derek Willis and Gary Young were also hat-trick men as Walton C beat Windsor Eagles 7-3 but their pairing as a doubles failed to overcome Gary Cattermole and Sue Welham, the Windsor partnership edging it 11-9 in the decider.

It was also 7-3 in the all-Walton clash between the A and B sides, an unbeaten Kevin Gowlett leading the A team to victory in his first outing of the season. Gavin Price's two for the losers included an 11-8 in the fifth win over Peter Burrows, whilst the B team's third point came from an excellent 3-2 (5-11, 11-9, 11-9, 8-11, 13-11) win for John Rankin against Colin Dearman.

John Harvey of Windsor Ravens kept up his record of winning at least one point in every match when he inflicted a narrow but notable 3-2 (11-9, 9-11, 7-11, 11-9, 13-11) victory over Brotherhood B's Martin Edwards – but that was his side's only success, Brotherhood running out 9-1 winners.

John Owen took three for the winners as did Gracie Edwards, a noteworthy debut top-flight maximum which included an 11-7 in the decider win over Harvey.

Two of the likely promotion contenders in **Division Two** recorded whitewash victories.

Gary Stallwood, Kevin Pryor and Lawrence Torr of Brotherhood C were 10-0 winners against Brotherhood F, although it was 11-9 in the fifth for Pryor against Sandie Isaac, as it was for Torr against Lee Allen.

Nomads Ocelots, led by Brian Parish, also notched up 10 points, this at the expense of Windsor Harriers. Harry Hawkes' three included a win in five against Ferdy Rodriguez, whilst John Hockley had to battle hard before beating Isabel Barton 3-2 (7-11, 12-10, 8-11, 12-10, 11-8).

Brotherhood D are another side with promotion ambitions and they enjoyed a 7-3 victory over Brotherhood H, Lee Harvey and Paul Alden undefeated.

Brotherhood E were forced to field a guest against Windsor Magpies but a Duncan Dunne hat-trick – his first wins of the season – helped Brotherhood to a 6-4 success. John Plummer was the Magpies' best player, beating Rodney Betts and only just going down 11-9 in the fifth to Dunne.

John Marshall was unbeaten for Nomads Tigers but these were his side's only points against Nomads Jaguars who ran out 7-3 winners. It was a close 3-2 (13-11, 3-11, 12-14, 11-8, 11-6) for Marshall against Jaguars' reserve player John Bonner who, along with Andy North and Kevin Hume, all won twice.

Results

Division 1

Windsor Ravens 1 Brotherhood B 9
Windsor Kestrels 2 Brotherhood A 8
Walton C 7 Windsor Eagles 3
Walton A 7 Walton B 3

Division 2

Brotherhood E 6 Windsor Magpies 4
Nomads Tigers 3 Nomads Jaguars 7
Brotherhood H 3 Brotherhood D 7
Windsor Harriers 0 Nomads Ocelots 10
Brotherhood C 10 Brotherhood F 0

Division 3

Windsor Ospreys 0 Nomads Lynx 10
Windsor Kites 5 Windsor Swallows 5
Nomads Wildcats 5 Windsor Penguins 5
Brotherhood G 6 Nomads Pumas 3

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