

WESSEX TOMBOY LEAGUE 2012

Scores after Round 1 held at Cashmoor on Sunday 1 April 2012 by Chris Hague

The first round of the 2012 Wessex Tomboy League was held by kind invitation of the Wimborne MAC. The weather forecast was good and the flying conditions turned out to be just about perfect. Fourteen pilots turned up, ten of them flying Tomboy 36" models, and all ten qualified for the fly-off with flights of over four minutes during the morning. The blue sky had patches of cloud indicating areas of lift with only a gentle easterly breeze. The air was buoyant and soon the Tomboys, using only 2cc of fuel, were reaching a good height, and 20 second delay was decided upon for the fly-off. Models were checked for legality and four models needed some (slightly) bigger wheels to come up to specification. Nearly all pilots used the increasingly popular MP Jet 040 Classic motor with its standard 2cc ali tank. This motor proved both powerful and easy to start. In the fly-off three pilots, Rick Farrer, John "the Buzzard" Myers and Dave Ashenden recorded short flights, having previously qualified comfortably. Why John the Buzzard? Whilst flying later in the day, at great height and being closely followed by a rampant bird, John's Tomboy was attacked and now bears the scars of long claw marks raking and tearing the underside of his Tomboy fuselage!

Next to land after 3 mins 28 sec was our youngest competitor James Collis, followed by last years Round 1 winner Peter Rose. CD James Parry excelled with a flight of 4 min 24 sec just one second before joint Wessex League organiser Chris Hague in 4th place, both finishing in the same positions as this round last year. The remaining three contestants were still way up in the sky, Tom Airey landing after 6 min 49 sec. Congratulations to Paul Netton who managed an excellent 8 min 28 sec flight, only to be beaten by Jeff Fellows whose flight was only 3 seconds short of 9 minutes. Well done Jeff, an excellent flight, flown under duress having inadvertently stopped the prop with his hand during the 90 second start up period.

Wessex Tomboy 36" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Jeff Fellows	10					10
2	Paul Netton	9					9
3	Tom Airey	8					8
4	Chris Hague	7					7
5	James Parry	6					6
6	Peter Rose	5					5
7	James Collis	4					4
8	Dave Ashenden	3					3
9	John Myers	2					2
10	Rick Farrer	2					2

1st Jeff Fellows 8 min 57 sec; 2nd Paul Netton 8 min 28 sec; 3rd Tom Airey 6 min 49 sec;
4th Chris Hague 4 min 25 sec; 5th James Parry 4 min 24 sec;
6th Peter Rose 4 min 15 sec; 7th James Collis 3 min 28 sec;
8th Dave Ashenden 1 min 50 sec; 9th John Myers 1 min 45 sec;
10th Rick Farrer not very many seconds.

Wessex Tomboy Senior 48" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Tom Airey	10					10
2	Andrew Fellows	9					9
3	Peter Rose	8					8
4	Chris Hague	7					7
5	Barrie Collis	6					6
6	Bill Longley	5					5

1st Tom Airey 11 min 26 sec; 2nd Andrew Fellows 10 min 56 sec;
 3rd Peter Rose 10 min 21 sec; 4th Chris Hague 10 min 19 sec;
 5th Barrie Collis 5 min 32 sec; 6th Bill Longley 3 min 24 sec.

There were six entrants in the Tomboy Senior competition with everyone qualifying for the fly-off. Last year's winner Tom Airey had to put in a flight of over 11 minutes to beat the time of 10 minutes 56 seconds from Andrew Fellows finishing a close second. In third place, with an excellent flight of 10 minutes 21 seconds was Peter Rose. After an abysmal start with an incorrectly tuned engine and subsequently short of fuel, Chris Hague made the best of a slow start by finding some early lift and landed in fourth place, just two seconds behind Peter. Bill Longley had a brilliant qualifying flight, but couldn't repeat this form in the fly-off and landed after 3 minutes 24 seconds.

Our thanks go to our starter for the day, WMAC chairman Ian Pratt. Also to the host club the Wimborne MAC for allowing the use of their flying field.

Remember it is the best four scores, shown in **bold** type, to count. The next round will be on Sunday 29 April at Templecombe, the site of the Wincanton Falcons. Full details available on our website: www.wessexaml.co.uk



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