

WESSEX TOMBOY LEAGUE 2011

Scores after Round 2 held at Wincanton Falcons on Sunday 1 May 2011 by Chris Hague

The second round of the 2011 Wessex Tomboy League was held by kind invitation of the Wincanton Falcons at their Templecombe flying site. The weather was windy with strong gusts regularly blowing all day long. But that did not deter either the pilots or their vintage Tomboys. Everyone coped manfully with the wind and produced at least the minimum four minute flight in order to qualify for the fly-off.

The first fly-off was for the Tomboy 36, all being fitted with the MP Jet 040 Classic diesel and using only 2cc of fuel in the standard ali fuel tank. 90 seconds are allowed to start the motor and fuel up after which a hold sign is held to signal that no more fuel is to be added. This is a strict cut-off point that must be observed by all pilots, or else! Models are then readied for the launch, released when the "GO" sign is displayed, they were then soon fighting their way upwind through the low level turbulence. The air must have consisted of more down than up as models were soon back over the patch at low level. Derek Collin, Rick Farrer, Chris Hague, Peter Rose and James Parry all landed within 42 seconds of each other. 30 seconds later Paul Netton landed having narrowly avoided a low level mid-air collision with 11 year old James Collis, who claimed a well deserved second place by just two seconds. This left Tom Airey still flying, but only just, to earn a well deserved victory in one of the most closely contested and shortest fly-offs for a long time.

T36 RESULTS: 1st Tom Airey 2nd James Collis 3rd Paul Netton 4th James Parry 5th Peter Rose
6th Chris Hague 7th Rick Farrer 8th Derek Collin

Wessex Tomboy 36" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Tom Airey	9	10				19
2	Peter Rose	10	6				16
3	James Parry	6	7				13
4	James Collis	3	9				12
5	Rick Farrer	8	4				12
6	Chris Hague	7	5				12
7	Paul Netton	2	8				10
8	Derek Collin	4	3				7
9	John Taylor	5	-				5
10	Dave Ashenden	2	-				2
=10	John Myers	2	-				2
=10	Roly Nix	2	-				2
13	Bill Longley	1	-				1

There were five entrants in the Tomboy Senior competition with everyone qualifying for the fly-off, but not without drama. Rick Farrer lost the cylinder head in flight from his Boddo CS 1.3 and Derek Collin needed some trim changes to take advantage of his long engine run time. Derek Collin came to the rescue and lent Rick a motor for the remainder of the day and Rick using it to good effect, finished in second place. The conditions were a little kinder for the Tomboy 48 fly-off. After a good clean launch everyone climbed through the turbulence and into the stiff breeze to a reasonable height. First down was Peter Rose followed by Derek Collin, whose motor refused to repeat the long run time from qualifying. (After the fly-off Derek was able to demonstrate the long motor run once again, on the ground, but by then it was too late!) Tom Airey was next to land with fuel remaining unused in his tank, the result of a small speck of foreign matter causing a partial blockage in the needle valve assembly. Having found a better patch of sky to fly in, hence avoiding the high sink rate everywhere else, Chris Hague emerged as a comfortable winner.

T48 RESULTS: 1st Chris Hague 2nd Rick Farrer 3rd Tom Airey 4th Derek Collin 5th Peter Rose

Wessex Tomboy Senior 48" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Chris Hague	9	10				19
2	Tom Airey	10	8				18
3	Rick Farrer	8	9				17
4	Derek Collin	7	7				14
5	Peter Rose	5	6				11
6	Clive Carpenter	6	-				6
7	Bill Longley	4	-				4
8	Roly Nix	1	-				1

Our thanks go to our starter, time keeper and host for the day, Simon Olyott. Simon is chairman of the Wincanton Falcons and we would all like to thank the host club for allowing the use of their excellent flying field and facilities. (Even if I was barricaded in the afore mentioned facility just before the Tomboy 48 fly-off – It didn't seem to affect my flight time in the final!)

Remember it is the best four scores to count. The next round will be on Sunday 5 June at a new venue at Collingbourne Kingston, the site of the Marlborough MFC. This is another superb flying field and we are fortunate to be given the opportunity to fly on their site for round 3 of our Wessex Tomboy League. Full details will be available on our website: www.wessexaml.co.uk



Wessex Tomboy 36 finalists