

WESSEX TOMBOY LEAGUE 2012

Scores after Round 3 held at West Winterslow on Sunday 3 June 2012 by Chris Hague

As I write up the results of today's third round of the 2012 Wessex Tomboy League, held for the first time at West Winterslow, I reflect on what a superb day it has been. The weather may not have been all we would have asked for - it was windy with showers at inconvenient moments - but it was a superb site, ideally suited for a Tomboy competition. Then there were the competitors, not the greatest number we have had, but full of relaxed good humour with the expectation of a close competition to follow. We were not to be disappointed. What may have been lacking in quantity was more than made up in quality.

With the thread of showers throughout the day all pilots quickly flew their four minute qualifying flights and prepared for the fly-off as soon as the darker clouds drifted away. Our host Peter Rose volunteered to start the Tomboy 36 class, and after a 20 second hold period everyone climbed away towards the clouds, some to disappear for brief moments. First to find the sink were James Parry and Chris Hague who were back on the patch in just over 3 minutes. James Collis felt he should have managed more than a very creditable 5 minutes 35 seconds to finish in third place. Flying close, very close, to the clouds Paul Netton was down in 7 minutes 8 seconds, leaving Tom Airey the winner landing 40 seconds later.

Paul Netton kindly volunteered to start the Tomboy 48 class and everyone got away cleanly with planes exhibiting vastly differing rates of climb. First down was Barrie Collis in 5 minutes 25 seconds. This left Chris Hague, Tom Airey and Peter Rose at, or even in, the clouds. The three planes were widely spaced with Chris a long way up wind and looking to have the advantage over Tom and a downwind Peter (his plane that is!). However, when the sink came in Chris's plane met it first and was down with a respectable time of 10 minutes 9 seconds. Tom's plane was next to meet the sink which left Peter to win by a mere 9 seconds. It was a good close contest enjoyed by both pilots and spectators alike.

Wessex Tomboy 36" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Tom Airey	8	9	10			27
2	Chris Hague	7	8	7			22
3	Jeff Fellows	10	10	-			20
4	James Parry	6	7	6			19
5	James Collis	4	6	8			18
6	Paul Netton	9	-	9			18
7	Rick Farrer	2	5	-			7
8	Peter Rose	5	-	-			5
9	Dave Ashenden	3	-	-			3
10	John Myers	2	-	-			2
11	Derek Collin	-	1	-			1

1st Tom Airey 7 min 51 sec; 2nd Paul Netton 7 min 08 sec;
 3rd James Collis 5 min 35 sec; 4th Chris Hague 3 min 20 sec;
 5th James Parry 3 min 10 sec.

Wessex Tomboy Senior 48" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Tom Airey	10	9	9			28
2	Peter Rose	8	8	10			26
3	Chris Hague	7	6	8			21
4	Barrie Collis	6	5	7			18
5	Andrew Fellows	9	7	-			16
6	Rick Farrer	-	10	-			10
7	Bill Longley	5	-	-			5
8	Derek Collin	-	1	-			1

1st Peter Rose 11 min 29 sec; 2nd Tom Airey 11 min 20 sec;
 3rd Chris Hague 10 min 09 sec; 4th Barrie Collis 5 min 25 sec.

What a super relaxing way to spend a day. Our thanks go to Peter Rose who organises the excellent West Winterslow flying site. Remember it is the best four scores, shown in **bold** type, to count. The next round will be on Sunday 15 July at the Salisbury MFC. Full details available on our website: www.wessexaml.co.uk



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