

WESSEX TOMBOY LEAGUE 2011

Round 4 MMFC Collingbourne Kingston on Saturday 20 August by Chris Hague

The fourth round of the 2011 Wessex Tomboy League was held by kind invitation of the Marlborough MFC at their Collingbourne Kingston flying site. This was a re-arranged fixture and was flown as a double header event with the fourth round of the Wessex 600RES League.

The weather forecast turned out to be impressively accurate (believe me!). Predicted to be flyable in the morning, heavy rain at midday and clearing throughout the afternoon. And it was and it did.

By mid morning all 12 Tomboys had flown their required qualifying flight of at least four minutes and landed back on the patch. Seven Tomboy 36's lined up for the fly-off and six took off, Chris Hague failing to have his motor running at launch time due to leaning out the engine too much. First to land was James Parry, followed a minute later by an ever-improving Derek Collin. Sometime later Peter Rose drifted down followed by a young, but now very competitive, James Collis. Tomboy expert, but a newcomer to our series, Jeff Fellows, narrowly failed to out-fly series leader Tom Airey, who now has an unassailable score, leads the league table with just one point below a maximum score. Peter Rose, James Collis and James Parry maintain the next three league placings with just one round to go.

T36 RESULTS: 1st Tom Airey; 2nd Jeff Fellows; 3rd James Collis; 4th Peter Rose; 5th Derek Collin; 6th James Parry 7th Chris Hague.

Wessex Tomboy 36" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Tom Airey	9	10	10	10		39
2	Peter Rose	10	6	9	7		32
3	James Collis	3	9	8	8		28
4	James Parry	6	7	6	5		24
5	Chris Hague	7	5	5	4		21
6	Paul Netton	2	8	7	-		17
7	Derek Collin	4	3	2	6		15
8	Rick Farrer	8	4	-	-		12
9	Jeff Fellows	-	-	-	9		9
10	John Taylor	5	-	-	-		5
11	Dave Ashenden	2	-	-	-		2
=11	John Myers	2	-	-	-		2
=11	Roly Nix	2	-	-	-		2
14	Bill Longley	1	-	-	-		1

All five entrants in the Tomboy Senior 48 competition comfortably made the fly-off, but series leader Tom Airey, suffered a rare attack of turbulence immediately after launching and landed (crashed!) on the other side of the patch. Derek Collin was the next to land, followed some time later by Peter Rose. This left an epic battle being fought out between Andrew Fellows and Chris Hague, who had gained superior height but due to an unnoticed change of wind direction had drifted downwind. It is necessary to land back on the patch to score points and with series leader Tom having already landed, Chris needed to make sure of a good points score, even if it meant sacrificing a win for second place as this was Andrew's first entry into the Wessex Tomboy League and his score would not affect the overall league positions. Sacrificing height in a dive for safety, Chris fought back against the wind and managed to land on the patch with a Tomboy 48 wing span to spare and secured second place. Andrew landed only a few seconds later for a well-deserved win.

T48 RESULTS: 1st Andrew Fellows; 2nd Chris Hague; 3rd Peter Rose; 4th Derek Collin;
5th Tom Airey.

Wessex Tomboy Senior 48" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Chris Hague	9	10	9	9		37
2	Tom Airey	10	8	10	6		34
3	Derek Collin	7	7	8	7		29
4	Peter Rose	5	6	-	8		19
5	Rick Farrer	8	9	-	-		17
6	Andrew Fellows	-	-	-	10		10
7	Clive Carpenter	6	-	-	-		6
8	Bill Longley	4	-	1	-		5
9	Roly Nix	1	-	-	-		1

Our thanks go to our starter and timekeeper for the day, Ian Pratt and to George Barnard (it's always good to find a couple of volunteers!) for keeping track of all the scores. Also our thanks go to Andy Head from the host club for allowing the use of their excellent flying field and facilities. Remember it is the best four scores to count. The final round will be on Sunday 2 October at Cashmoor. Full details will be available on our website: www.wessexaml.co.uk



Derek Collin's Tomboys



Wessex Tomboy 48 finalists



Starter Ian Pratt gets the fly-off underway.



Jeff and Andrew Fellows concentrate on tactics.