

WESSEX TOMBOY LEAGUE 2010

Scores after Round 3 held at Wincanton on Sunday 4 July 2010

The third round of the 2010 Wessex Tomboy League was held by kind invitation of the Wincanton Falcons. After a week of glorious weather the forecast was wet and windy. Well that was wrong, it wasn't wet, only windy, very windy! However, as I have commented previously, these 36" span Tomboys cope well with the wind, probably better than their pilots! Six pilots turned up and braved the winds.

Only three remained able to fly in the Tomboy 36 fly-off, and it turned out to be a close contest. Richard Farrer using a Mills .75 (with 3cc fuel tank) was first down after a creditable 6 minutes 49 seconds. Avoiding drifting downwind was not easy, height being traded for forward motion and Chris Hague (MP Jet with 2cc fuel tank) was next down at 7 minutes 51 seconds, just 10 seconds before the well-deserved winner Paul Netton (Mills .75 with 3cc fuel tank). The longer engine run of Paul's Mills with the 33% extra fuel allowance was just too much for the MP Jet to overcome. Barrie Collis is still learning the ropes and sensibly declined to fly in the unfavourable conditions. Richard Farrer still leads the league table with 27 points, but Paul Netton has moved up to a challenging second place.

1st Paul Netton, 8 min 01 sec; 2nd Chris Hague, 7 min 51 sec;
3rd Richard Farrer, 6 min 49 sec. DNS: James Parry, Barrie Collis.

Wessex Tomboy 36" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5		Total
1	Richard Farrer	9	10	8				27
2	Paul Netton	10	2	10				22
3	John Taylor	7	9	-				16
4	James Parry	6	8	1				15
5	Chris Hague	2	2	9				13
6	Tom Airey	8	2	-				10
7	Barrie Collis	-	2	1				3
8	Derek Collin	-	1	-				1

The Tomboy Senior fly-off was a straight contest between Peter Rose and Chris Hague. The event was won by Chris, his 48" span Tomboy achieving the best launch, while just managing to stay aloft long enough to beat Peter Rose, both planes and pilots coping well in the strong winds.

1st Chris Hague 9 min 30 sec; 2nd Peter Rose 7 min 20 sec.

Wessex Tomboy Senior 48" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5		Total
1	Chris Hague	8	9	10				27
2	Peter Rose	9	8	9				26
3	Tom Airey	10	10	-				20
4	Clive Carpenter	-	1	-				1

Remember, it is the best four scores, shown in **bold** type, to count. Our thanks go to our starter for the day, James Parry (did I mention why James didn't make the fly-off.... it was the turbulence encountered on take-off that flipped his Tomboy 36 – the spotty one - over onto its back and a crash landing, breaking the crank as well as the wings and the fuselage. James doesn't do things by halves! James feels strongly that some of the replica Mills cranks break rather too easily, and the motors require constant fettling. Fortunately a full range of spares can be speedily obtained

from Peter Rose for the Indian Mills and it looks as though spares can be obtained for the Boddo as well. Canvassing opinion amongst the Wessex Tomboy entrants has shown unanimous support for using the MP Jet 040 classic, in unmodified form, as the only engine to use in 2011. If you have an opinion I'm sure he'd appreciate the feedback either way.
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Our thanks to the host club, the Wincanton Falcons, to Simon Olyott for all his help throughout the day and for allowing us to share the use of the field with their club members.



From left to right: 1st Paul Netton 2nd Chris Hague 3rd Richard Farrer, James Collis
Background: Peter Rose

The next round will be on Sunday 18 July, hosted by the Salisbury MFC at their Flamstone Farm flying site.

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James Parry/Chris Hague