

RAF Football Association

E-Bulletin (Wg Cdr N Hope and Sqn Ldr G Parker) – Photos by Mr Steve Lympany

**RAF FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL 2017 – PLAYED AT THE POWER LEAGUE TRAFFORD CENTRE**



The RAF FA Festival of Football in Manchester on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October was a huge success with 32 teams from units across the country entering the competition to fight it out for the trophies. As is usual with such events, 3 teams had to withdraw which saw 29 teams on the day.

The event organisation was exemplary and was down to the fabulous efforts of John Duff, the RAF FA Football Development Officer. On the day John was ably assisted by Sqn Ldr Maddie Smith and Flt Lt Phil Wilmot of the RAF FA Sponsorship team and Wg Cdr Neil Hope, the FA Council member for the RAF FA.

Photographs were taken by Mr Steve Lympany who kindly gave up a day off to assist the team. As always there was fantastic support from the RAF Referees who officiated superbly. It was pleasing to see some of the RAF FA Sponsors at the event. The RAF Benevolent Fund are the main sponsors of the Tournament and were present throughout the day fundraising in the form of Jennifer Price.

The RAF BF regional Director, Mark Quinn, also visited and watched some group games in the morning. Additionally, the sponsor of the RAF FA car, Alan Fish, also visited and watched the tournament. Alan represents his Coolwater Direct and Tiger Moth Experience companies and it was great to see him supporting the servicemen at the event.



# Foundation

Finally on the sponsorship side of things, the RAF FA and RAF BF would like to place a huge thank you to Janet Quinn and the Manchester United Foundation for the kind donation of a signed and authenticated Manchester United 2016-17 first team shirt.

The shirt was auctioned at the event and was won by a member of the TSW Stafford team who paid £290 with the funds going to the RAF BF.

Overall, a fabulous day and huge congratulations to the winning teams; Leonardo in the main competition and RAF Boulmer in the plate competition. Full details on the playing side below.

GROUP A				P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
WITTERING A				4	4	0	0	17	3	14	12
LINTON				4	2	1	1	10	7	3	7
CONINGSBY B				4	1	2	1	7	6	1	5
ALDERGROVE				4	1	1	2	4	11	-7	4
STAFFORD				4	0	0	4	1	12	-11	0

  

ALDERGROVE	1	1	CONINGSBY B	2	0	STAFFORD
LINTON	1	0	STAFFORD	3	3	LINTON
ALDERGROVE	1	4	WITTERING A	1	7	WITTERING A
CONINGSBY B	2	0	STAFFORD	0	6	LINTON
LINTON	0	4	WITTERING A	1	2	WITTERING A

GROUP B				P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
JSSU				4	3	0	1	6	4	2	9
WADDO A				4	2	1	1	8	4	4	7
DIGBY B				4	1	1	2	2	3	-1	4
BENSON				4	1	1	2	4	6	-2	4
WITTERING B				4	1	1	2	4	7	-3	4

  

BENSON	0	2	JSSU	3	1	WITTERING B
DIGBY B	0	1	WITTERING B	1	0	DIGBY B
BENSON	0	2	WADDO A	2	2	WADDO A
JSSU	2	0	WITTERING B	1	1	DIGBY B
DIGBY B	1	0	WADDO A	1	4	WADDO A

GROUP C				P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
SHAWBURY				3	3	0	0	13	3	10	9
CONINGSBY A				3	1	1	1	13	3	10	4
BOULMER				3	1	1	1	10	12	-2	4
ISS				3	0	0	3	4	22	-18	0

  

BOULMER	1	1	CONINGSBY A	12	1	ISS
SHAWBURY	4	0	ISS	6	3	ISS
BOULMER	3	8	SHAWBURY	0	1	SHAWBURY

GROUP D									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
SCAMPTON A	4	3	1	0	17	7	10	10	
BZN A	4	2	1	1	9	4	5	7	
WADDO CAT	4	0	4	0	6	6	0	4	
FYLINGDALES	4	1	1	2	6	11	-5	4	
COSFORD B	4	0	1	3	7	17	-10	1	

  

BZN A	6	1	COSFORD B	1	2	SCAMPTON A	1	2
FYLINGDALES	1	6	SCAMPTON A	2	3	FYLINGDALES	3	3
BZN A	0	0	WADDO CAT	3	3	WADDO CAT	2	1
COSFORD B	2	6	SCAMPTON A	2	1	FYLINGDALES	1	1
FYLINGDALES	1	1	WADDO CAT	2	2	WADDO CAT	2	2

GROUP E									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
SCAMPTON B	4	3	1	0	9	1	8	10	
SWANWICK	4	2	1	1	3	1	2	7	
LOSSIE	4	2	1	1	6	5	1	7	
DIGBY A	4	1	1	2	8	8	0	4	
BZN B	4	0	0	4	1	12	-11	0	

  

BZN B	0	6	DIGBY A	0	3	SCAMPTON B	0	3
LOSSIE	1	2	SCAMPTON B	2	2	LOSSIE	2	2
BZN B	0	1	SWANWICK	0	0	SWANWICK	1	2
DIGBY A	0	4	SCAMPTON B	1	2	LOSSIE	0	2
LOSSIE	1	0	SWANWICK	0	2	SWANWICK	2	2

GROUP F									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
LEONARDO	4	3	1	0	7	3	4	10	
WADDO B	4	3	0	1	11	4	7	9	
MARHAM	4	2	1	1	14	6	8	7	
COSFORD A	4	1	0	3	4	14	-10	3	
SPADEADHAM	4	0	0	4	1	10	-9	0	

  

COSFORD A	1	2	LEONARDO	2	1	SPADEADHAM	2	1
MARHAM	3	0	SPADEADHAM	2	2	MARHAM	0	4
COSFORD A	0	4	WADDO B	1	7	WADDO B	1	7
LEONARDO	1	0	SPADEADHAM	2	0	MARHAM	2	0
MARHAM	2	3	WADDO B	2	0	WADDO B	2	0

## The Cup

The top 16 teams (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places from the leagues and the 4 best other teams) moved into the cup knock out stages, with the remaining 13 teams left to fight for the plate. This meant that there was still plenty of football to be played. Coningsby 'A' dispatched Brize Norton 'A' with a 6-0 victory and then beat their own 'B' Team 2-1 to move to the Cup semi-final. Leonardo would be their opposition after beating Linton-on-Ouse 5-0 and then Waddington Cat 3-1. In the other half of the draw things were far tighter with Wittering 'A' progressing to the semi-final following a 1-0 win over Marham and then a penalties victory over Waddington 'B' after drawing 1-1. They would play Waddington 'A' who eased past Swanwick 2-0 then then beat Lossiemouth 3-0.

In the semi-finals, Wittering beat Waddington 'A' and Leonardo beat Coningsby to secure the chance of glory. After a close final, the sponsor's team – Leonardo came out victors with a 2-1 victory.



## The Plate

The Plate final was contested by Cosford 'B' and Boulmer. Cosford progressed to the final after a penalties victory over their 'A' team, another penalties victory against Spadeadam and then beating Digby.

Boulmer showed their potency in front of goal, after getting a bye in the first match, they won 3-0 against Benson 'A' then beat Brize Norton 3-0.

This free-scoring ability saw them come out clear victors after a 6-0 demolition of Cosford 'B' in the final.



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