

## RAF Football Association - E-Bulletin

### RAF Medical Service – 5-a-Side Football Tournament

The RAF Medical Services runs an annual 5-a-side football tournament to give an opportunity for colleagues to once again see each other, meet personnel from other medical branches and a day for Units to show their competitive side. The opportunity to compete is offered to all Trade Group 15 personnel which include; Medical Officers, RAF Medics, Nurses, Dental, Environment Health, Mental Health, Medical Support Officers, Medical Logistic and included Phase 2 student nurses from DHE.

This year's tournament was hosted by HQ Tactical Medical Wing, RAF Brize Norton and sponsored by Castlerock Recruitment Group Ltd (CRG), which saw 14 teams from all over the UK including a team from RAF Akrotiri whom were all very competitive. The teams were all competing to win the 'Kyle Hope-Parry Trophy' which was purchased by Mrs Hope-Parry in memorial of her late son, SAC Kyle Hope-Parry, RAF Medic who unfortunately passed away in 2017.

WO Sullivan and Flt Lt Wells provided breakfast baps which were well needed following the meet and greet social event the evening before, whilst WO Meikle conducted the group draw. Four groups played simultaneously for a place in the Final or the Plate and despite the sun, spirits were high.

After a long morning, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place saw the teams enter the Plate which was won this year by Defence Medical Group South West, DMG(SW). They had stiff competition from the off, having been grouped with RAF Akrotiri and RAF Coningsby but despite the tough group the teams grit and determination got them through to the final and lift the Plate presented by A/OC TMW, Sqn Ldr Miles.

The semi-finals for the trophy were very close and competitive with RAF Brize Norton playing 127 Sqn and Medical Logistics vs RAF Akrotiri. RAF Brize Norton and RAF Akrotiri made it through to the final which did not disappoint. RAF Akrotiri scored the first goal and the game was looking all but lost for RAF Brize Norton but they managed to make the equalizer resulting in penalties. With a nail-biting penalty shootout, RAF Akrotiri won 5 - 3 and lifted the winning trophy. An emotional win for RAF Akrotiri as SAC Kyle Hope-Parry played with the team in 2015 when they won the Plate.

The event concluded with an RAF 100 themed function at HQ TMW with music from the local band 'Emergency Banter' and Cpl Laila Wallace from DMG(SW) impressing with her DJ skills late into the night.

A special thanks to the tournaments sponsor CRG who continue to support the football every year, and without their continual support the tournament would not be a success and enjoyed by all. A very big thank you to all those involved and for the tremendous support from across RAF Brize Norton for enabling this event to take place.

Report by Cpl Joshua Chambers, TMW  
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2018 RAFMS 5-A-Side Football Tournament Plate Winners; DMG(SW)  
Presented by A/OC TMW, Sqn Ldr Vanessa Miles



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SAC Kyle Hope-Parry Trophy Winners; RAF Akrotiri  
Presented by Mrs Penny Hope-Parry  
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