

2018 – RAF FA Masters Tournament

The RAF FA annual Veterans Tournament was renamed for 2018 to the RAF FA Masters Tournament to capture the fact that the teams who normally compete for this event are from RAF Stations and thus most of the players are still serving, just all having a few years' experience to fall back on! The Tournament was played at RAF Brize Norton and was run again by Mr John Duff (RAF FA Football Development Officer), ably assisted by Phil Wilmot. With 10 teams contesting the Tournament the draw was straightforward and 2 leagues were formed. With the draw made the captains were briefed on the rules of the event and the competition started.

In league A the competition Digby finished unbeaten having scored 9 and only conceding 1. They were joined in the Cup knock-out stages by Odiham. Qualification for the Plate saw Honington join Brize Norton (Stn) St Athan destined for an earlier departure.

League 'A' – Final Standings

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Digby	4	4	0	0	9	1	8	12
2	Odiham	4	2	1	1	5	4	1	7
3	Brize Norton (Stn)	4	1	1	2	3	6	-3	4
4	Honington	4	0	3	1	1	4	-3	3
5	St Athan	4	0	1	3	4	7	-3	1

Team	Result		Team
St Athan	1	2	Digby
Odiham	0	0	Honington
Odiham	3	1	Brize Norton (Stn)
Honington	0	3	Digby
Honington	1	1	St Athan
Digby	2	0	Brize Norton (Stn)
Digby	2	0	Odiham
Brize Norton (Stn)	2	1	St Athan
Brize Norton (Stn)	0	0	Honington
St Athan	1	2	Odiham

League 'B' - Final League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Brize Norton (ADW)	4	4	0	0	10	3	7	12
2	Coningsby	4	2	1	1	7	4	3	7
3	ICARUS	4	2	1	1	5	4	1	7
4	Leeming	4	1	0	3	4	4	0	3
5	Wittering	4	0	0	4	1	12	-11	0

Team	Result		Team
Wittering	0	3	Leeming
ICARUS	1	3	Brize Norton (ADW)
ICARUS	1	1	Coningsby
Brize Norton (ADW)	2	1	Leeming
Brize Norton (ADW)	3	0	Wittering
Leeming	0	1	Coningsby
Leeming	0	1	ICARUS
Coningsby	4	1	Wittering
Coningsby	1	2	Brize Norton (ADW)
Wittering	0	2	ICARUS

League B saw Brize Norton ADW look to repeat their strong performance from 2017 and they certainly didn't disappoint, winning all of their matches. Second place was a decided by goal difference with Coningsby just coming out on top above Icarus with Leeming finishing fourth, having secured 3 points against Wittering in the first match of the group. So into the Cup knock-out stages went Brize Norton (ADW) and Coningsby with Icarus and Leeming progressing into the Plate knock-out stages.

Knock Out Stages

Plate Semi Finals

Brize Norton (Stn) 0 – Leeming 0
Leeming won 2-0 on penalties

Icarus 1 – Honington 3

Plate Final

Leeming 3 – Honington 2



Leeming progressed to the final after a penalties victory against Brize Norton (Stn) and Honington managed to overcome last season's finalist, Icarus.

In a high scoring Plate Final, Leeming pipped Honington for the trophy. Having started slowly in the group, losing 3 out of 4 games, they saved their best stuff for the final. Honington having won the RAF FA Plate Final at 11-a-side were disappointed to not add to their seasons successes but it was not to be.

Mr John Duff presented the trophy to the victorious captain



Semi Finals

Digby 1 – Coningsby 2

Brize Norton (ADW) 1 – Odiham 2

Cup Final

Coningsby 2 – Odiham 1



The semi-finals saw Coningsby edge past a competitive Digby side in a close game and Odiham prove too strong for Brize Norton (ADW)

The Cup Final itself was another closely contested affair with both sides contesting every ball. However, Coningsby eventually came out on top, winning the match 2-1.

After the match, the Cup trophy was presented to the Coningsby skipper by Mr John Duff, Football Development Officer of the RAF FA.



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