

ROYAL AIR FORCE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL 3 OCTOBER 2018

The annual Festival of Football event took place this year at its now established location in Trafford Park, Manchester.

Well attended by over 200 personnel, a total of 22 teams from 17 units around the UK participated in this year's event.



Although the event is hosted by the Royal Air Force, the introduction of 617 Squadron at RAF Marham has Royal Navy personnel as part of its staff and there was a strong Naval representation. Not only representing Marham but amongst our officials for the day.

The officials were briefed, the draw was made and the players were ready, with new RAF FA Football Development Manager, Mr Scott Burry announced the first match up's and the tournament began.

Early favourites in the tournament were Boulmer B, Scampton and Waddington A. Boulmer B came out of a tough group (Pic. Right) winning all 4 group games and only conceding 3. Scampton came out of their group (Pic.

PITCH 12
10 min games

GROUP D	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
SCAMPTON	4	3	1	0	14	5	9	9
DIGBY	4	2	0	2	7	11	-4	6
SHARSBURY	4	1	1	2	6	9	-3	4
CONINGSBY A	4	0	0	4	0	12	-12	0

Left) winning 3 and drawing 1 with one player 'Peelo' scoring 8 goals in the first of their 2 games.

Waddington A progressed in the most impressive way from their group with a record of played 4 won 4 scoring 9 and conceding 0 (Pic. Below Right). In the same group was

PITCH 11
10 min games

GROUP C	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
BOULMER B	4	4	0	0	3	6	12	12
MARNHAM	4	3	0	1	12	9	3	9
FIRE SERVICES	4	1	1	2	4	10	-6	4
COSFORD	4	1	0	3	5	2	3	3
SPADESLAM	4	0	1	3	15	2	-13	1

tournament sponsors Secure Cloud, finishing bottom of the group the lads went into the plate draw fearing the worst.

PITCH 13
10 min games

GROUP E	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
WADDINGTON A	4	4	0	0	9	0	9	12
HALTON	4	3	0	1	14	1	13	9
MARNHAM B	4	2	0	2	4	4	0	6
RENSCOE B	4	1	0	3	6	14	-8	3
SECURE CLOUD	4	0	0	4	10	14	-4	0

PITCH 10 15 min games						
GROUP B						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
WADDINGTON B	3	2	1	0	10	5
COMINGSBY B	3	2	0	1	15	3
SENORA A	3	1	0	2	8	10
LOSSIEMOUTH	3	0	1	2	7	13

Unfortunately, RAF Lossiemouth showed early signs of fatigue possibly due to the extensive travel from Elgin or potentially from the night out in Manchester. They finished bottom of their group having only drawn 1 game from the 3 played (Pic. Left).

After the groups concluded there was a small break for tournament organisers and players. Some teams took advantage of the small break eating pasta and staying loose others went to the fast food stores for some much needed salts. RAF Lossiemouth team decided this would be a great opportunity for some R&R.

The festival continued after lunch with the teams now split into Cup and Plate competitions.

Plate Competition

7 teams competed including Festival Sponsor SecureCloud+. The only team to secure a free pass was RAF Lossiemouth giving them an extra 15 minutes' rest before their first game. Tightly contested throughout, the finalists were RAF Boulmer A and RAF Lossiemouth (Pic Below Left). The game was tightly contested and played in great spirits. RAF Lossiemouth prevailing as winners (Pic Below Right) of the 2018 Festival of Football Plate winning 2-1. The MOM award was given to RAF Lossiemouth goalkeeper, presented by Power Leagues assistant manager Callum (Pic Below Mid).



Cup Competition

Many more teams competed for the bragging rights of the winning the Cup competition. 15 teams in total went in to battle. After 13 matches we had the finalists, Surprise minnows in the competition RAF Scampton and RAF Waddington (Pic Below Left) who have a great history in this tournament winning it 3 times in 4 years. After a pulsating match RAF Waddington was celebrating a 4th win in 5 years with a 2-1 victory. Credit to RAF Scampton they fought hard in the final and are worthy festival runners up.



A huge thank you goes to the staff (Pic Below Right) from Power Leagues Trafford Park for the hospitality on the day also to our festival sponsor Secure Cloud and Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund for their continued support for RAF Football. Congratulations to the SecureCloud+ team (Pic Below Left) only being narrowly defeated in the Semi-Final of the plate competition.

