

The 2012 Shed Cup

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Saturday 7th July, 1.30pm, Bude House, Lincoln

About The Lincoln Flickers

The Lincoln Flickers subbuteo club held its inaugural meeting in March 2010 at The Morning Star pub, which has been our home ever since. Five players attended that first ever meeting, of whom three - Andy Berry, Mick Brien and John Devaney - went on to become stalwart members of the club, which has just completed its second full season. Now involving close to twenty individuals, the club is beginning to make its mark on the national scene. Last October Andy Boyer won the division three title at the national championships, earning promotion to division two in the process. Joining Andy in division two next season will be Jez Boothman, who was third division runner-up. At time of writing, Jez is ranked number 29 in the country in the Open Category, with Andy one place behind him. Meanwhile John Devaney is ranked 19th among the "old fogies" (aka veterans). Despite not taking part in many team events, the club as a whole presently sits in 7th place on The English Subbuteo Table Football Association's ladder. At The Northern Championships earlier this year our 'A' team beat our 'B' team 2-0 in the plate final, thereby earning the club its first silverware. Hopes are high that further improvement will be shown in 2012/13, both by our individual players, and the team as a whole.

Weston Wanderers



Playing as Weston Warriors, Graham French captured the first ever Shed Cup in style a year ago. He reached the final without conceding a goal after beating FC Family Elephant 2-0, drawing 0-0 against Allwrighty Hotspurs, and overcoming Unreal United on shots in the semi final after another goalless draw. In the final he led 1-0 against John Devaney's Moston Torpedo for most of the match before John grabbed an equaliser in the dying seconds. Extra time brought no addition to the scoring and so it was left to Graham to prove beyond doubt that he was a master of the sudden-death scenario with another shoot-out triumph.

Although Graham lives too far from Lincoln to be able to participate in The Flickers League he remains a valued member of the club, and has participated in numerous other competitions. For example, he finished 3rd last year in both The Morning Star Trophy and The Non-League Challenge, while in 2012 he has taken part in both The Copa Libertadores and The Lincoln Flickers Challenge Cup. In May, Graham was a member of The Lincoln Flickers 'B' team which was runner-up in The Northern Championships plate category. Crucially, however, none of these competitions took place in sheds, which is where one suspects Weston Wanderers are wont to play their best table soccer.

Schmohawk Wanderers



The league's most unpronounceable team, Schmohawk Wanderers, is the brainchild of Richard Meddings, who only began playing subbuteo competitively about 18 months ago. Since then his progress has been remarkable. This season he was a runaway winner of The Lincoln Flickers division two title, losing just 1 of his 14 matches in the process. He also performed consistently well in other competitions, notably The Copa Libertadores and the club's Euro 2012 tournament, from both of which he emerged as plate winner. Rich was a member of The Flickers' plate winning 'A' team at The Northern Championships in May, and also made his debut in an individual FISTF open competition earlier in the year.

Given their consistently solid form all year Schmohawk Wanderers would have to be considered one of the favourites to finish in pole position in today's Shed Cup.

Owing to their somewhat distinctive name, Peter Warner's FC Family Elephant have proved a popular team among many members of the online Subbuteo Players Forum, who actively seek out and comment on their results after each club meeting. The 2011/12 season has brought both highs and lows for the boys in old gold and black, with the undoubted highlight being their achievement in lifting the CP Warner 60th Birthday Celebration Trophy back in April, the team's first competition triumph. Peter's league form was somewhat inconsistent, however, and although there were no massacres, there were considerably more losses than wins, and only Eddie Gleave's Keddington Park Rangers finished below FC Family Elephant in the division two rankings.

Peter and Shirley Warner played host to last season's inaugural Shed Cup, which may have been a source of distraction for The Elephant boys who performed disappointingly. Their coterie of online fans will no doubt be hoping to witness some improvement this time 'round.

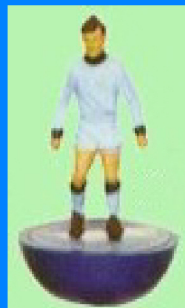


FC Family Elephant

Andy Berry's Unreal United were founder members of The Lincoln Flickers League in 2010 when they proved themselves a difficult team to break down, but seemed to lack the firepower necessary to challenge the top sides. They ultimately finished 7th (of 9), a creditable enough debut achievement given Andy's lack of previous experience.

In 2011/12 the league was split into 2 divisions, and Unreal United obviously found the more forgiving atmosphere of the 2nd tier to their liking, as for much of the season they waged a two way battle with Schmohawk Wanderers for the title. In the end, Rich's team pulled away to secure the championship with some comfort, but Andy had good reason to feel pleased with a season that brought just 2 defeats and a well-deserved runners-up trophy.

Unreal United took part in last season's Shed Cup, reaching the semi finals before bowing out to eventual winners Weston Warriors in a post-match shoot-out following a goalless draw. Their strengths and weaknesses were glaringly evident in that they managed to keep a clean sheet in all 3 of their matches, but only scored a single goal.



Unreal United

On a good day, John Devaney's Moston Torpedo have the ability to be startlingly mediocre. More often, though, they are simply dire. One of nine founder members of The Lincoln Flickers League in 2010, Torpedo finished 4th in their inaugural season, besides picking up a handful of minor trophies. This season their form on home soil (i.e. at The Morning Star) has been consistently woeful, and they finished a very distant 5th in the club's 6 team top division. Away from The Star, however, John has enjoyed a modicum of success, winning The Sheffield TFC's New Year Open competition in January, and more recently finishing runner-up to Cypriot no. 1 and world cup player Paul Andreas at The ESTFA's East Anglian Championships. He has also risen some 150 places in FISTF's world veterans' rankings.

In last season's Shed Cup Moston Torpedo played reasonably well to qualify for the final but were then outfought, outthought and, most especially, outshot by Graham French's Weston Warriors.



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