

## **EuroCopa Walking Football Tournament – Algarve 2019**

To be read in the style of Eddie Butler.

Under blue skies and a hot Portuguese sun, battle was joined. Skill, stamina and experience of years from across Europe pitted against each other. The competition fierce which time has not yet dimmed; referees' decision argued over as enthusiasm of old runs high. Thighs strapped and knees supported, no quarter given or asked.

Day 1 Round 1 eight hard skirmishes to be fought. There are goals well struck and those that are just lucky, defenders' firm and passes that go astray. But whatever the outcome the best five will reset and do battle again.

Day 2 Round 2. Now it's serious. Wounds from yesterday are licked and strains rub with ointment. Just four more clashes for those five aching teams to face. Now it's time for Shakespeare and Henry IV, for each player to summon up the blood and stiffen the sinews.

Tournament titans Brackley Saints and Brackley Sinners meet head on; the ground shakes. Saints unbeaten Round 1 winners are favourites boosted by a victory over Sinners. But yesterday counts for nought as the Sinners sweep past them. At the final whistle Saints faces show that the championship may be slipping away from them.

The other teams fight on, but the Sinners are confident and irresistible. While Saints ever hopeful of a Sinners mistake keep close quarter with big wins but stumble to a draw. Sinners will not to be denied switching tactics to suit the opposition they carry all before them. With a 100% record Sinners are crowned champions with Saints as the runner-up.

A fantastic Brackley Town Walking Football club achievement. A playing record to be proud of; 1st and 2nd in the cup, the two best attacks, joint best defences and the competition Golden Boot (Peter Cross).

### **EUROCOPA WALKING FOOTBALL 60+ CUP CHAMPIONS**

#### **ROUND 1 RESULTS**

Brackley Sinners 0 Brackley Saints 1  
Brackley Saints 1 East Algarve Ohalo (Portugal) 1  
Aulney FC (France) 0 Brackley Sinners 2  
East Algarve Sao Bras (Portugal) 0 Brackley Saints 3  
Brackley Sinners 1 N. Lanarkshire Auld Gits (Scotland) 0  
East Algarve Tavira (Portugal) 0 Brackley Sinners 4  
Brackley Saints 1 Aulney FC (France) 0  
Brackley Sinners 1 - Fulham FC (England) 0  
Lagos Strollers (Portugal) 2 Brackley Sinners 4  
N. Lanarkshire Auld Gits (Scotland) 0 Brackley Saints 2  
Brackley Saints 0 East Algarve Tavira (Portugal) 0  
Brackley Sinners 1 East Algarve Ohalo (Portugal) 1

Fulham FC (England) 0 Brackley Saints 1  
East Algarve Sao Bras (Portugal) 0 Brackley Sinners 2  
Brackley Saints 1 Lagos Strollers (Portugal) 0

### **ROUND 2 RESULTS**

Brackley Saints 1 Brackley Sinners 3  
Brackley Saints 1 N. Lanarkshire Auld Gits (Scotland) 0  
Brackley Sinners 2 East Algarve Ohalo (Portugal) 0  
Brackley Saints 4 Aulney FC (France) 0  
Brackley Sinners 2 N. Lanarkshire Auld Gits (Scotland) 0  
Brackley Saints 1 East Algarve Ohalo (Portugal) 1  
Brackley Sinners 2 - Aulney FC (France) 0

### **Brackley Sinners**

Round 1

P8 W6 D1 L1 F15 A4 GD +11 Pts 19

Round 2

P4 W4 D0 L0 F9 A1 GD +8 Pts 12

### **Brackley Saints**

Round 1

P8 W6 D2 L0 F10 A1 GD+9 Pts 20

Round 2

P4 W2 D1 L1 F7 A4 GD+3 Pts 7

In total Brackley sides played 24 games, won 18, drew 4 & lost 2 (to each other)

Report by Peter Miles

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