

With ten eager men's football teams ready to fight it out to lift the cup, the day started grey and overcast and accompanied by a brief spell of rain. However it wasn't long before the sun decided to come out, making great conditions for both spectators and players.

Champions Edwin Coe were clear favourites with three titles from the past four years. They dominated Group A and going through to the semi-finals undefeated. They looked on perilous form, conceding just three goals over their four games and notching up a 9-0 win against Colman Coyle (sorry CC, it had to get a mention!) IM Galacticos also showed some promising form in the group stages by claiming second place with three wins from four. The final Cup qualifying spot in Group A went to AC Pinsent Masons who pipped Kroll OnTrack courtesy of a 2-1 win over their rivals midway through the group matches. After claiming a point in their opening game, Colman Coyle's form dropped away to finish 5th in the group.

Group B was a closer affair with Inter Pinsent Masons and Slaughter and May both winning three games from a possible four and qualifying comfortably for the Cup. Inter Pinsent Masons topped the group with their superior goal difference, largely thanks to a 6-0 win over Capsticks in their opening game, with their reward being a bye to the semi finals. Practical Law Company also showed some good form with 2 wins and a draw giving them 7 points and the final Cup qualifying spot. Capsticks and OH Parsons finished 4th and 5th respectively, putting them through to the plate competition.

After 3 hours of hard fought hours contesting the group stages, the teams made their way over to the gourmet BBQ catered by the wonderful Smith's to re-fuel and talk tactics (!) At 2.45pm the teams launched into the knockout phase, with the cup quarter finals being the first games to take to the pitches.

The Cup

Cup Quarter Final 1 - Slaughter & May Vs AC Pinsent Masons After a goalless first half this quarter final was destined to be close. However AC Pinsent Mason just managed to nick the goal needed to take them through, setting up an exciting semi-final with Edwin Coe.

Cup Quarter Final 2 - IM Galacticos Vs Practical Law IM Galacticos were leading 1-0 at half time and managed to maintain their lead to finish 2-1 and secure a place in the cup semi final.

Cup Semi Final 1 - Edwin Coe Vs AC Pinsent Mason These teams had already met in the group stages with Edwin Coe winning 4-2. AC Pinsent Masons were looking for revenge, but the game was largely dominated by their opposition with Edwin Coe building on a 2-0 lead at half time to win 4-0 and book a place in the Cup Final.

Cup Semi Final 2 – Inter Pinsent Mason Vs IM Galacticos After a close quarter final the Irwin Mitchell Galacticos were preparing for another tough game but got off to flying start and led the game 3-0 at half time. Group B winners Inter Pinsent Masons couldn't mount a challenge and the game finished with that scoreline.

Cup Final - Edwin Coe Vs IM Galacticos These teams met in the opening game of the group stages with Edwin Coe narrowly coming out on top. The first team to make an impact were IM Galacticos with a goal in the first few minutes, but Edwin Coe quickly hit back with a goal from Edwin Coe that put the game on the Cup Final and Edwin

back with an equaliser. Edwin Coe then went on the score another 2 goals and did not make it easy for IM Galacticos to re-gain possession. With about 3 minutes to go IM Galacticos got their second wind and fought back with a great goal leaving the score 3-2. Were we going to endure a nail biting penalty shoot out to decide the champions? In a word, no: Edwin Coe were relentless and showed why they have dominated this event over the past five years: with just 30 seconds to go they set up a great goal to finish the game 4-2.

Edwin Coe's fourth Legalives title makes them unquestionably the top team in the history of the men's event. In terms of total trophies, they draw equal with Ashursts who have one title in the men's event, two in women's football and one in netball.

The Plate

Plate Semi Final 1 - Kroll on Track Vs OH Parsons This was a great game to watch and was very close. Kroll were leading 2-1 at half time but OH Parsons rallied with an equaliser. A further goal each left the score at 3-3 and consequently, the first penalty shoot-out of the day commenced with Kroll OnTrack coming out on top.

Plate Semi Final 2 - Capsticks Vs Colman and Coyle Capsticks advanced to the final with a 5-3 victory.

Plate Final - Kroll OnTrack Vs Capsticks Capsticks were up 1-0 at half time and playing really well until one of their players was sin binned for two minutes. Even with four players, Capsticks somehow kept Kroll at bay, with the game finishing 1-0.

Individual Awards

The individual awards were presented to **Anthony Adoo**, Player of the Tournament for the second year running, and to **James Dewar** who was prolific all day and won the Golden Boot - both from Edwin Coe.

Top Corner would like to thank all teams for making Saturday such a great day with some competitive football but played in good spirit.



Group A

Edwin Coe	2	-	1	IM Galacticos
Colman Coyle	1	-	1	AC Pinsent Masons
Edwin Coe	3	-	0	Kroll OnTrack
IM Galacticos	5	-	1	Colman Coyle
AC Pinsent Masons	2	-	1	Kroll OnTrack
Edwin Coe	9	-	0	Colman Coyle
IM Galacticos	4	-	0	AC Pinsent Masons
Kroll OnTrack	3	-	0	Colman Coyle
Edwin Coe	4	-	2	AC Pinsent Masons
Kroll OnTrack	0	-	5	IM Galacticos

Group B

Slaughter and May	1	-	0	Practical Law Company
Inter Pinsent Masons	6	-	0	Capsticks
Slaughter and May	3	-	0	OH Parsons
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Capsticks	1	-	1	OH Parsons
Slaughter and May	0	-	1	Inter Pinsent Masons
Practical Law Company	1	-	1	Capsticks
OH Parsons	0	-	3	Inter Pinsent Masons
Slaughter and May	4	-	1	Capsticks
OH Parsons	2	-	5	Practical Law Company

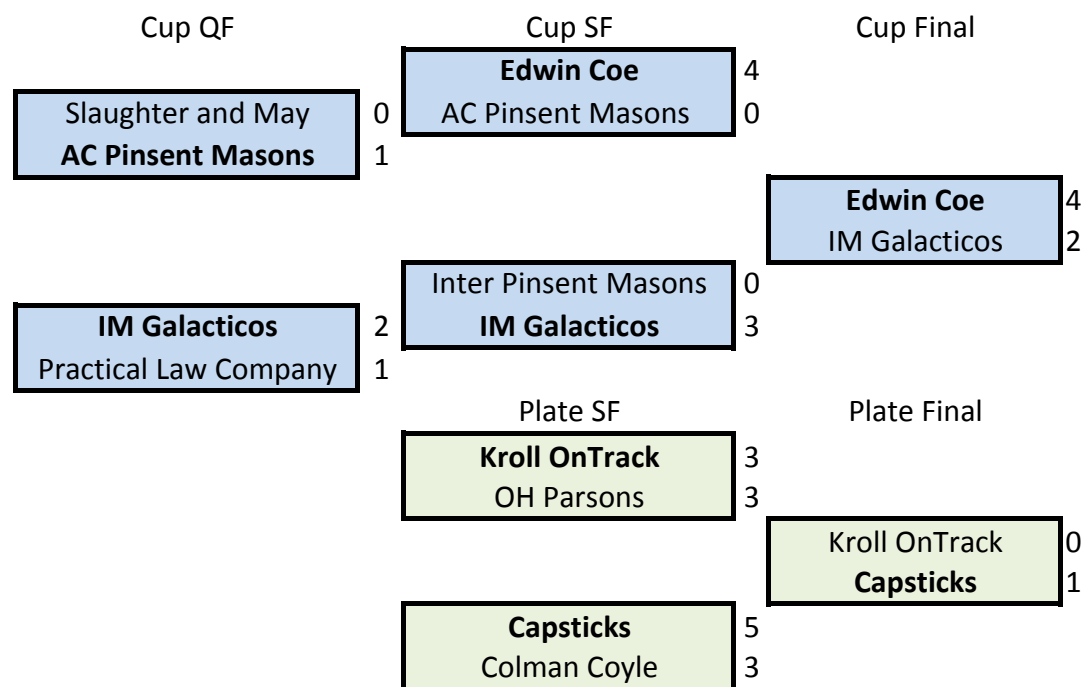
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Colman Coyle	4	0	1	3	2	18	-16	1

Group B	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Inter Pinsent Masons	4	3	0	1	10	2	8	9
Slaughter and May	4	3	0	1	8	2	6	9
Practical Law Company	4	2	1	1	8	4	4	7
Capsticks	4	0	2	2	3	12	-9	2
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A new look for 2012 ...

After 13 years of LegalFives, supported unstintingly by The Lawyer, it seems that now is the time to consider a revamp. The numbers were down a little in all three competitions, which meant that unfortunately the women's football and netball became too small and had to be cancelled. There are a number of factors, including the economy, that we can't control; but we can listen to your views about how to improve the event and bring it back to its great days when we had over 50 teams taking part. The Lawyer are fully behind us in this and we will be discussing with them a new approach over the coming weeks.

If you have any opinions you would like to share with us as to how LegalFives could be made more sociable, more enjoyable and more inclusive, we would love to hear from you.

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