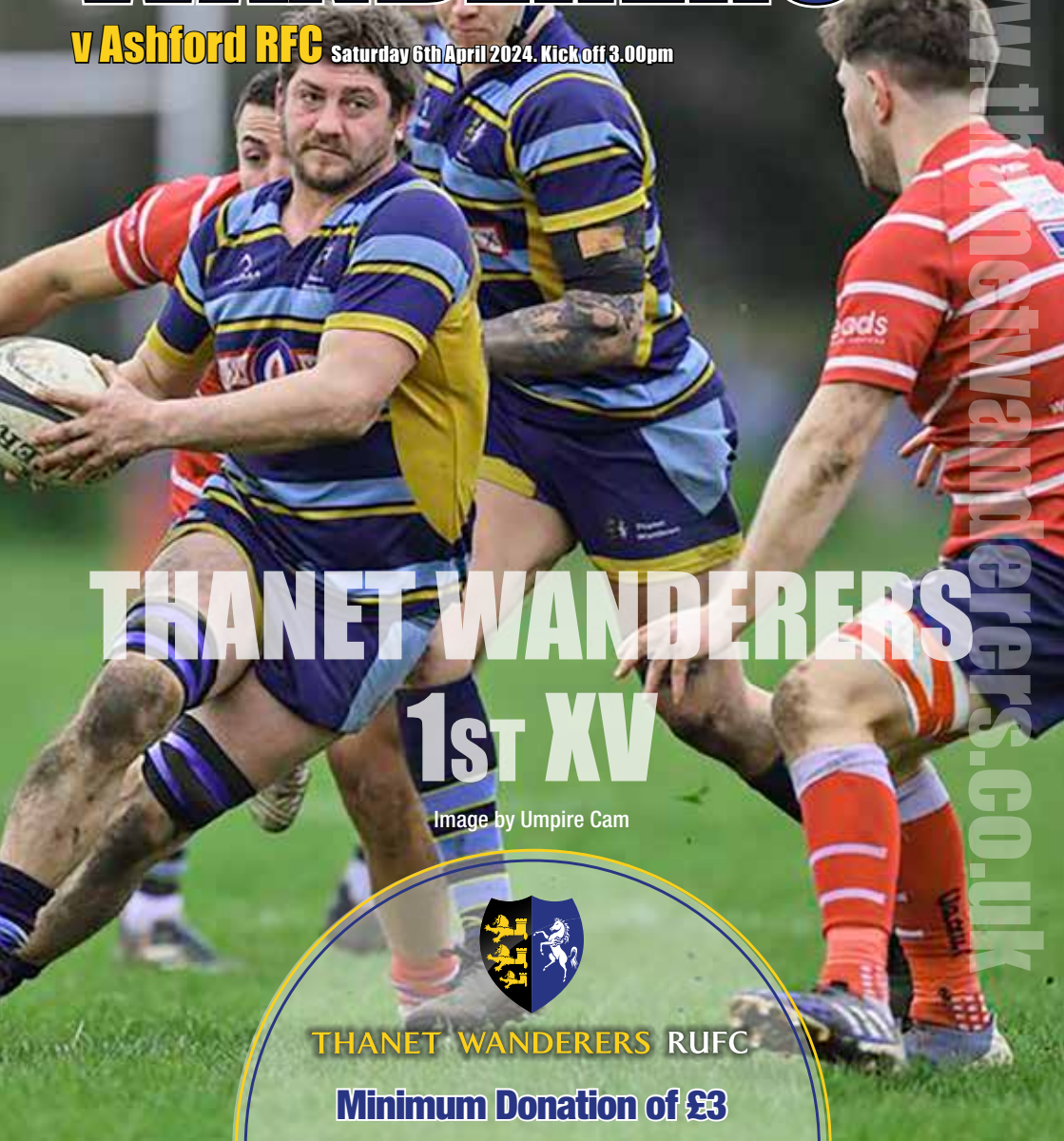


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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Today we welcome Ashford Rugby Club to St Peters along with all those taking hospitality with the lunch in aid of the Schools and Community Programme and Special Education Needs initiative.

We also welcome today's referee Katy Gent and her advisor / mentor Clive Evans who has been coming to St Peters for many years

Two weeks ago Thanet played away at Crowborough. After 16 minutes we were 12-5 up against a team that the previous week had beaten the league's top placed team, Canterbury 2's who were up until that point unbeaten. Crowborough won that game 27-7 and this was the most points conceded by Canterbury this season since Thanet had scored 25 points and 24 points respectively in two games against them earlier in the season. Crowborough's game against Thanet finished 44-17 in favour of the home side and I witnessed it myself. The score did not reflect the close competitiveness of the game and Crowborough were very complimentary about the game (and concerned earlier on). Their conclusion was that if we were at the bottom of the league and they were towards the top, the league must be balanced and one of the most competitive around.

There were seven changes to Wanderers starting XV against Crowborough with Danny Clement and Joe Carlier joining Luke Browning in the front row and Ed Plori moved from the 2s to the first XV back row. Tom Walton switched from Scrum Half to Outside Half with Callum Doody at scrum half. Second team Captain and winger, Tom Stevens, also stepped in with Cam Beck, back from nearly two years travelling, in the centre. There was a start for Ellis Taylor on the wing and Henry Mirams was at full back. The other two Doody brothers, Regan and Leon were on the bench along with a Colt, Finley Hickmott, who was hoping to make his debut as a back five forward.

There was however to be no gentle introduction to the first team ranks for Finley who found himself at outside centre where he gave a mature and competent display in the unfamiliar position after Lewis Downer had to withdraw with injury in the opening minutes of the game, 5 hours travelling for 3 minutes of game time.

Congratulations to the selection committee and all the players who in the face of so many injuries and non-

availabilities, spent many hours to produce three Thanet sides on the day.

It was interesting to listen to Crowborough's Chairman over lunch declare that they struggle to put two senior teams out on a Saturday despite having an ex Harlequin as coach and the largest secondary school in Sussex 100m from their ground, which they don't have a single player from or even a presence in the school! It goes to show that TWRUFC are doing the right things in the Community and 1st team results aren't a reflection of what goes on in the whole Club.

The previous week that Canterbury 2's lost to Crowborough they also tried to call off a fixture against our 2nd team, but at the same time field a team against our 3rd team. The League stepped in and said they must honour the 2nd team fixture and forfeit the 3rd team fixture. Canterbury refused and forfeited both games before kicking off. They managed to play under the Leagues "Play On" rules, as they only had 10 players and the match was stopped at 60-0 to Thanet

This reinforces that 1st team results are not a reflection of the whole Club.

Today's 1st team match official is Katy Gent, ably accompanied by Clive Evans and we wish them both a warm welcome to St. Peters and hope for open, injury free games played in the spirit of Rugby.

I have publicised this before but I believe it to be a worthy cause promoted by an exceptional gentleman. You may have seen John Corrigan rattling his charity bucket along our touchline over the last 10 years, a truly remarkable person (Deeds Not Words!)

John and his bucket have raised over £ 31,205 for the RFU Injured Players Foundation £3,410 from the touchline at St Peters, even more remarkable because John never played rugby. He is a cyclist and has used this sport to raise sponsorship for the RFU Injured Players Foundation. John has ridden with Sir Chris Hoy, Sean Kelly, Chris Boardman & Mark Cavendish

Competing in the Paris Roubaix (257 km) and the Liege-Bastogne- Liege (260km) and many other races, John has raised an outstanding amount on his own, for a well worth cause, read the personal stories at <https://www.rfuipf.org.uk> it's quite humbling and could have, or can happen to any of us. Please give generously.

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John was winner of the Paris- Roubaix (257 km) in his age Group a particularly difficult race as half of it is over cobbles, here he is presented with his winners medal and a cobble! (Johns in the middle)

Credit to Sam Taylor who is Co-Captain of the 1st XV and all the loyalists who have turned out home and away this

season. Sometimes with the odds against him and things beyond his control, Sam has captained with leadership and dignity. As the youngsters in the team start to gain experience and confidence his input will show dividends with future results. Thank You

Good Luck to all players taking the field this weekend at St. Peters.

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Clive Lewis
Club President

Keep the Faith!

FROM THE HEAD COACH

Here we are with our last game of the league season. This year has been full of ups and downs and I wanted to stress the importance of your support, we are a transitioning team with a high number of our players under 30. I believe that great things are to come. That being said, the results haven't gone our way. On the 12th February 2022 we played Ashford and won, 24-27. The reason this historical game is important is that since that date we have lost 11 of the 15 players that played that day. We are growing as a team and as a club and the future looks bright, but it might be time for our young guns to cut their teeth in a different league.

Today, we welcome Ashford to our ground. The previous time we played them at St. Peter's was the last game of the 2022-23 season, when Ashford brought their own band, that didn't help them. We welcome Ashford today, hopefully minus the air horn and the band.

The game today for the players is all about getting out there, playing as a team and enjoying themselves. We have a Papa Johns Cup run to focus on after this game, however this is our last league game.

Give us your everything today from the balcony,

Just like the boys do week in, week out. Your support is always one of our biggest strengths at home.

I will finish with a little quote:

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Elliot Blackmore
Head Coach

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MATCH REPORT

Thanet Wanderers RUFC 12-27 Charlton Park RFC

An improved second-half performance cannot save Wanderers from a costly defeat.

Gabe Hayden returned as Wanderers hooker but regular tighthead, Gully Goodall, was a late withdrawal from the side after sustaining an injury whilst training. Jack Brewer made his first team debut at tighthead and Luke Browning completed a youthful front row. Adam Harrison started, for the first time since October, at inside centre, Louis Marshall was on the wing and Callum Doody started at full-back in the absence of Henry Mirams who was working.

Wanderers kicked off down the slope and co-captain, Sam Taylor was prominent in an early attack that was ended due to crossing. Park's 10 was shown an early yellow for a high tackle. On ten minutes, Wanderers' Blindsided, Warren Riddell-Bloomfield had to be withdrawn with a badly cut knee. Connor Brown replaced him, playing in the second row, with Dennis Davies moving to the back row. A free kick to the visitors gave them a useful attacking position and a try soon followed around five metres in from the touchline. A good conversion opened up a 7-0 lead for Park. Four minutes later a speculative punt from the visitors was allowed to bounce and a bit of nifty footwork from an attacker saw Park grab a second try and take a 14-0 lead after just sixteen minutes. Ten minutes later, Park slotted a penalty to further extend their lead. Hayden now suffered a leg injury and was forced off. Thanks to the Park players who helped with the injury assessment and Gabe's safe removal from the pitch. Kurt Pearson replaced him and put in a lively shift in open play. Callum Doody had moved to his favoured scrum half position with Tom Walton moving into a reshuffled backline. Wanderers Co-Captains now shone with good work from Taylor earning a penalty and Nick Herbert's tackle snuffing out a threatening attack. Wanderers will count themselves unlucky with a couple of decisions that did not go their way but in the final minutes of the first half

Wanderers were settling. Number Eight, Brett Scott was at his best today and his experience with that of Andy Letts had helped to even up the contest with an experienced Park pack.

Thanet withstood an early onslaught from Park as the second half began and after ten minutes a nicely judged kick from Charlie Panteli was grabbed by Louis Marshall with the winger making useful metres before handing on to Adam Harrison to finish off wide right. No conversion but the Wanderers were on the board 17-5. Good work from Connor Brown earned a penalty that Walton despatched high and long to get field position. Wanderers were pressing hard but were judged to have offended and the visitors were able to clear and set their own attack. A misjudged Thanet line-out opened the door for Park to touch down for their third try which was not converted. Wanderers responded minutes later through Nick Herbert who showed great perseverance to chase a loose ball and touch down under the posts. Panteli added the extras to make the score 22-12. Lewis Downer now had to limp off with the final replacement, Ellis Taylor, on in his stead. Both sides had their eyes on bonus points and it was the visitors who claimed their try bonus point after a dash down the touchline ended with a touchdown in the corner. It was a close call but referee Isaac Fortnall decided there was no foot in touch, Park had their bonus point and minutes later were the winners by 27-12.

Wanderers debutant tighthead prop, Jack Brewer, and loosehead Luke Browning played the full eighty minutes in the most testing of positions against seasoned opposition. Congratulations to them both. Following this result and Cranbrook's win at home against Dover, Wanderers now find themselves in bottom place in the league.

Colin Whiteley



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MATCH REPORT

Crowborough RFC 44 – 17 Thanet Wanderers RUFC

Relegation now looks certain for the Wanderers.

There were seven changes to Wanderers starting XV with Danny Clement and Joe Carlier joining Luke Browning in the front row and Ed Plori also moved from the 2s to the first XV back row. Tom Walton switched from Scrum Half to Outside Half with Callum Doody at scrum half. Second team Captain and winger, Tom Stevens, also stepped in with Cam Beck, back from nearly two years travelling, in the centre. There was a start for Ellis Taylor on the wing and Henry Mirams was at full back. The other two Doody brothers, Regan and Leon were on the bench with a Colt, Finley Hickmott, who was hoping to make his debut as a back five forward.

There was however to be no gentle introduction to the first team ranks for Finley who found himself at outside centre where he gave a mature and competent display in the unfamiliar position after Lewis Downer had to withdraw with injury in the opening minutes of the game. Wanderers had begun with a good attack and came away with some points when Andy Letts led a forwards drive and set good field position. A dropped ball in the home defence was well exploited and Callum Doody emerged from the pile of bodies to claim the try. Walton's conversion attempt was wide but Thanet had a rare early lead at 5-0. Two penalties to the Crows saw them testing Thanet's resilient defence and with fourteen minutes played, some good handling led to a try that was well converted. Thanet's defence had hardly regrouped when the catcher of the restart set his sights for the Thanet line and out-sprinted defenders to touch down try number two that was not converted but the Crows were 12-5 ahead. Wanderers were playing some lively rugby with Brett Scott and Danny Clement prominent in the pack which was competing strongly. A goal line drop out from the Crows gave Wanderers a line-out and they were able to build a surging drive to the line for Dennis Davies to claim his debut try in first team colours. Tom Walton made an excellent conversion and after twenty minutes Wanderers were level at 12 points each. The home side's Captain and number eight now had to withdraw with injury but there was no let up

in the hosts' pressure and a good running try from their forwards, that went unconverted, made the score 17-12. Two Thanet's line outs were stolen by the host team and territory lost but Mirams' clearance, under pressure, gave welcome relief. In first half added time, the Crows added two unconverted tries; the second from a show and go that was followed by a dash to the line from his own half by the Crows' outside half to give them a 27-12 lead at the break.

A converted try after three second-half minutes further extended the home lead but Ellis Taylor, on Wanderers left wing, showed some nifty footwork as he dodged his way out of defence. Crowborough's right winger was shown yellow for a high tackle and Andy Letts big tackle snuffed out a threatening Crowborough attack. With an hour played the Crows added another unconverted try and minutes later Callum Doody was shown yellow. A well worked try from a simple overlap movement brought the home side their eighth and final try but again there was no conversion Captain Sam Taylor continued to urge his side to earn a try bonus point and he caught the restart to mount an attack. A penalty put them within range of the try line and a fine forwards' drive was crowned by a touchdown by the captain to make the score 44-17. A few minutes remained and the Doody brothers were all united on the field again. However there was no further score and the Crows had five victories from the five encounters between the sides in the last two seasons. Congratulations to them. The Wanderers front row of Luke Browning, Danny Clement and tighthead Joe Carlier, who also reprised his pantomime villain role, ensured that Wanderers could honour this fixture and remain competitive. Congratulations to the selection committee who in the face of so many injuries and non availabilities, spent many hours to produce three sides on the day. With many on first team duty, it was little wonder that the depleted twos lost heavily but amazingly the threes won a close game.

Colin Whiteley



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2023 – 2024

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| Sep | 16 | ASHFORD | AWAY |
| | 23 | CANTERBURY 2nds | HOME |
| | 30 | BECCEHAMIAN | AWAY |
| Oct | 7 | BROMLEY | AWAY |
| | 14 | CRANBROOK | HOME |
| | 21 | HEATHFIELD & WALDRON | AWAY |
| Nov | 4 | DARTFORDIANS | HOME |
| | 11 | DEAL & BETTES | AWAY |
| | 18 | DOVER | HOME |
| Dec | 2 | CHARLTON PARK | AWAY |
| | 9 | CROWBOROUGH | HOME |
| | Fri 15 | CANTERBURY 2nds | AWAY (7.45pm K.O.) |

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| | 20 | CRANBROOK | AWAY |
| | 27 | HEATHFIELD & WALDRON | HOME |
| Feb | 3 | DARTFORDIANS | AWAY |
| | 17 | DEAL & BETTES | HOME |
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8 Brett Scott

Postition sponsored by: Dave Brown

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Elliot Blackmore

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Kieran Hopper

Postition sponsored by: Andy Buli

Team Manager

Michelle McClean

Postition sponsored by: Carmen Glover

9 Tom Walton

Postition sponsored by: Jeremy Ward

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18 Callum Doody

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ANALYSIS: HOW THE 2003 RUGBY WORLD CUP FINAL ACTED AS A PRECURSOR TO MODERN RUGBY

It may have been professional since the 95/96 season, but by the time the 1999 World Cup came around rugby was still mainly an amateur sport in all but name. That's not to criticise the players and teams of the time, they were changing the game at a rapid rate, but 2003 completely changed that, taking it forward in such a leap it was almost a new sport at times.

We saw a real separation between the Tier 1 and Tier 2 nations and whilst some of the latter gave the big guys a scare, they were never really in it for anything other than making it an actual tournament.

Ultimately England at the time were the obvious benchmark on professionalism with Australia, New Zealand and South Africa close on their heels. France and Wales turned up to the party and the end result was a fantastically intense and atmospheric World Cup culminating in a final that was one of the best games of rugby many had ever seen.

It's easy to assume that such a tight affair would be a dire arm-wrestle of a game. After all there were only two tries, there were a multitude of penalty kicks and the game was finally settled by a drop kick. England adapted and changed throughout the match and were far from the 10-man stereotype the press made them out to be. Sure, they were pragmatic at times but that's just because their game management was way out ahead of everyone except the Australians - who, under Eddie Jones, brought some shrewd tactical awareness to the tournament that very nearly got them back-to-back titles.

In reality, both teams played with plenty of pace, moving the ball quickly through phases, opting for a high tempo game that in difficult conditions wasn't the easiest to execute but made the match highly entertaining.

Handling errors had a big impact on that ambition, England recording 15 errors in the full game. Clive Woodward's English outfit, for example, averaged 3.5 passes off the set-piece and 1.5 passes per phase. In total, they made 167 passes and ran through 99 rucks during the entire game (including extra time).

We must also remember this was back when ball-in-play time was a lot lower than the current standard and defences were only just getting to grip with the league-style blitz defences. The speed of this game and the physicality showed on the fitness levels of the teams, the players were almost out on their feet towards the end of the second half.

Australia played similarly, moving the ball to the outer channels when they could, resulting in England making around 93 tackles and defending 79 rucks.

Neither side played edge-to-edge rugby, nor did they play not one-out stuff. Both England and Australia's back three saw plenty of action in attack.

Tactically, England kicked from hand 30 times (25 times for territory) and while most will (perhaps unfairly) remember Wilkinson as a kicking fly-half, in this final he generally kicked only to relieve pressure and a large chunk of the tactical kicking was done by way of Mike Tindall's booming right boot.

Dave Alred brought a level of consistency and skill to England's kicking game, well beyond Wilkinsons brilliant form off the tee, developing Mike Tindall and Jason Robinson into key kicking weapons in England's arsenal.

In fact, both teams opted to use sweeper kicks to clear the lines rather than box kicks from nine (which hadn't really even entered rugby's fledgling tactical play book) Australia using Matt Rogers huge cannon of a right boot to both clear their lines and play tactically.

Again, this is before the pendulum system or twin fullback systems of today's game had really bedded in. As a result, we see that statistically England had:

- 47% of the territory
- 55% of the possession
- /14 Penalties (36% of penalties)

Attacking-wise we saw the use of wingers hunting for work, the kick pass from both sides (more on that in a second), Australia using league style block and slide plays (as part of a set move not in general play) and two absolutely super tries, which I really want to break down in more detail.

The first try of the game from Australia was, for me, a brilliant example of identifying and playing what's in front of you.

FIRST BLOOD, AUSTRALIA

5 minutes into the game Australia won a penalty due to a Trevor Woodman short arm to Nathan Sharp and kicked for the corner, where after a poor lineout in which England conceded a freekick they set up to launch what looked like a standard backs move, attacking from just outside the English 22.

Leading into the game England had named Josh Lewsey at 15 with Jason Robinson at 14. Throughout Woodward's tenure these two players had often interchanged. However, despite the fact Robinson wore

the 14 jersey, he often settled into the fullback position because of his ability to launch counterattacks and Lewsey's destructive defence on the flank.

As such, when the two teams engage we see England set up to defend this Australian attack with Lewsey defending at 14, and Robinson at 15.

Importantly though, as there was no 5m law on the scrum at that point, Cohen is defending right up to close on the blindside from a pick and go.

Spotting this, and knowing England shoot up with Lewsey in a third centre position, Australia sent Lyons into Cohen's channel, making him bite in (if not commit).

It's not a mistake by Cohen, it's just Australia exploiting the system. But with Cohen unable to cover back, and without a sweeper while Dawson was close up by the ruck, Robinson is unable to go early, meaning he is now defending the entire backfield on his own:

It's enough, and with Larkham taking the ball on the move he pulls the English defence up onto him:

Then he fires the high crossfield bomb, pitting the superb athleticism of Lote Tiquiri against Robinson in the air.

The result is a perfect catch and place from Tiquiri and Australia take a shock 5-0 lead.

It's a wonderful strike play directly from Australia's observation of England's set up, using their ability to recognise the fact that Robinson, as good as he is, can't cover an entire backfield on his own.

It's also a try born of English ill-discipline, a trait that would cost them dearly in the game with England conceding 14 penalties compared to Australia's 8. Worse, 9 of England's penalties were in their own half, allowing Australia to work their way back into the game, continually remaining within touching distance of England when they should perhaps have been out of it.

ENGLAND STRIKE BACK

It takes just over 30 minutes for England to strike back. They've built a lead through penalties but at 38 minutes, and not to be outdone, they strike with a fantastic set play off a lineout.

It's a relatively simple strike move by today's standards, but it's executed so well that it's something many modern teams can learn from.

England first punch into the gain line with Will Greenwood carrying off Wilkinson.

It's a good carry and Greenwood almost gets back to the gain line, but importantly it places the Australian pack and the bulk of the defence on the wrong side of the ruck to fold around and set.

Seeing this, Mortlock calls frantically for support:

When Dallaglio comes around the corner this leaves Mortlock and Sailor as the final two defenders against Dallaglio, Wilkinson, Robinson and Cohen coming onto the ball with momentum:

Sailor bites in and meets Dallaglio, which importantly allows Wilkinson and Cohen to cut inside and take the pop pass from Dallaglio:

This means Australia realistically only have Rogers defending a left and right option:

There is perhaps a better inside option for Wilkinson, with Cohen unmarked and likely to go in under the posts:

But, Wilkinson connects with Robinson and the rest is history as the latter going over in the corner for a sensational try.

It may not be the moment that won England the game but it was certainly the moment that sat an Australian team renowned for it's attacking ability down and made them realise they needed a bit more than they had shown.

There was obviously more to the final than those two tries, but it would take far more time and space to fit everything in. The obvious drop goal, Elton Flatley's ice-cool kicking and play to keep England in the crosshairs, for example.

Dawson's eye for the gap, Robinson's capacity to return the ball a good 10-20m before anyone even put a hand on him and, importantly, England's ability to recognise where they were failing and change their tactics. The lineout was a perfect example of proving their ability to perform and turn things around when under pressure.

Hopefully, this little piece of analysis gives you a taste of why, for me, this stands out as one of the best finals in Rugby World Cup history.

WALKING RUGBY

Our walking rugby joined in matches against Dover and Whitstable recently. Lots of progress has been made with the team and these are the first matches played.

A massive thanks to Dover for their excellent hospitality



WOMEN'S NC2 SOUTH EAST (EAST) LEAGUE 2023-24

| Team | P | W | D | L | P/F | P/A | P/D | T/B | L/B | PTS | ADJ |
|-------------------------------|----|----|---|---|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Thurrock Ladies 2nd XV | 11 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 606 | 78 | 528 | 0 | 0 | 53 | |
| Westcliff Ladies | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 339 | 130 | 209 | 0 | 0 | 42 | |
| Thanet Wanderers Women | 10 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 317 | 172 | 145 | 0 | 0 | 39 | |
| Southend Saints Ladies | 11 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 206 | 204 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 39 | |
| Gravesend Ladies | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 101 | 391 | -290 | 0 | 0 | 24 | |
| Lordswood Valkyries Ladies | 10 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 123 | 390 | -267 | 0 | 0 | 21 | |
| Ashford Ladies | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 69 | 396 | -327 | 0 | 0 | 19 | |

WOMEN'S NC2 SOUTH EAST (EAST) LEAGUE RESULTS

Sunday 17th March 2024

Southend Saints Ladies HWO Ashford Ladies

Thanet Wanderers Women 5-5 Westcliff Ladies

Thurrock Ladies 2nd XV 89-0 Lordswood
Valkyries Ladies

Sunday 24th March 2024

Lordswood Valkyries Ladies 12-15 Southend
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The U14s went that extra mile at Baypoint recently to raise money to help fund their Easter rugby tour.

The squad ran 44 miles, rowed 41 miles and cycled 437 miles to reach their target of £2500. Well done lads!!



COUNTIES 1 KENT LEAGUE 2023-24

| Team | P | W | D | L | P/F | P/A | P/D | T/B | L/B | PTS | ADJ |
|-------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Canterbury 2nds | 21 | 20 | 0 | 1 | 846 | 376 | .470. | 18 | 0 | 98 | |
| Dartfordians | 21 | 16 | 1 | 4 | 668 | 437 | 231 | 18 | 1 | 85 | |
| Beccehamian | 21 | 17 | 1 | 3 | 776 | 299 | 477 | 15 | 1 | 81 | -5 |
| Bromley | 21 | 14 | 1 | 6 | 590 | 392 | 198 | 12 | 3 | 73 | |
| Crowborough | 21 | 14 | 2 | 5 | 530 | 436 | 94 | 9 | 1 | 70 | |
| Dover | 21 | 9 | 1 | 11 | 459 | 524 | -65 | 9 | 3 | 50 | |
| Heathfield & Waldron | 21 | 7 | 2 | 12 | 430 | 469 | -39 | 6 | 6 | 44 | |
| Deal & Betteshanger | 21 | 8 | 0 | 13 | 379 | 551 | -172 | 6 | 3 | 41 | |
| Ashford | 21 | 6 | 0 | 15 | 323 | 490 | -167 | 3 | 2 | 29 | |
| Charlton Park | 21 | 5 | 0 | 16 | 371 | 655 | -284 | 5 | 3 | 23 | |
| Cranbrook | 21 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 361 | 756 | -395 | 4 | 4 | 22 | |
| Thanet Wanderers | 21 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 350 | 698 | -348 | 4 | 3 | 17 | -5 |

COUNTIES 1 KENT FIXTURES

Beccehamian v Canterbury 2nds

Dartfordians v Dover

Bromley v Deal & Betteshanger

Heathfield & Waldron v Charlton Park

Cranbrook v Crowborough

Thanet Wanderers v Ashford



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KENT RURAL A LEAGUE 2023-24

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|-----------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Rye | 17 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 657 | 200 | 457 | 0 | 1 | 66 |
| Dover 2nd XV | 16 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 571 | 204 | 367 | 0 | 0 | 55 |
| East Peckham & Paddock Wood | 16 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 492 | 255 | 237 | 0 | 0 | 49 |
| Snowdown CW | 17 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 373 | 405 | -32 | 0 | 0 | 43 |
| Thanet Wanderers 2nd XV | 17 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 306 | 442 | -136 | 0 | 1 | 42 |
| Folkestone 2nd XV | 17 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 416 | 386 | 30 | 0 | 2 | 41 |
| Medway 4th XV | 17 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 375 | 591 | -216 | 0 | 2 | 35 |
| Ash | 16 | 5 | 0 | 11 | 304 | 432 | -128 | 0 | 3 | 34 |
| Aylesford Bulls 2nd XV | 17 | 5 | 0 | 12 | 359 | 553 | -194 | 0 | 1 | 32 |
| Canterbury 4th XV Deacons | 16 | 3 | 0 | 13 | 165 | 550 | -385 | 0 | 1 | 22 |

RESULTS FROM KENT RURAL A LEAGUE

Saturday 16th March 2024

Dover 2nd XV 20-31 Rye

East Peckham & Paddock Wood 40-0 Aylesford Bulls 2nd XV

Medway 4th XV 30-23 Ash

Snowdown CW HWO Folkestone 2nd XV

Thanet Wanderers 2nd XV HWO Canterbury 4th XV Deacons

Saturday 23rd March 2024

Aylesford Bulls 2nd XV 10-43 Snowdown CW

Canterbury 4th XV Deacons AWO Rye

Medway 4th XV 45-27 Dover 2nd XV

Thanet Wanderers 2nd XV 12-52 East Peckham & Paddock Wood

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KENT RURAL B LEAGUE 2023-24

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|--------------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV | 18 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 644 | 308 | 336 | 0 | 2 | 63 |
| Edenbridge | 19 | 13 | 1 | 5 | 562 | 228 | 334 | 0 | 1 | 61 |
| Sittingbourne 2nd XV | 20 | 11 | 0 | 9 | 481 | 489 | -8 | 0 | 1 | 51 |
| Weaving Warriors | 18 | 11 | 0 | 7 | 508 | 354 | 154 | 0 | 1 | 50 |
| Vigo 2nd XV | 19 | 10 | 0 | 9 | 417 | 403 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 46 |
| Deal & Betteshanger 2nd XV | 17 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 429 | 404 | 25 | 0 | 1 | 46 |
| Canterbury 5th XV Zingari | 20 | 8 | 1 | 11 | 372 | 613 | -241 | 0 | 1 | 44 |
| Ashford Barbarians | 18 | 7 | 0 | 11 | 322 | 450 | -128 | 0 | 1 | 37 |
| Thanet Wanderers 3rd XV | 17 | 7 | 0 | 10 | 331 | 483 | -152 | 0 | 0 | 34 |
| Maidstone Mustangs 2nd XV | 16 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 265 | 399 | -134 | 0 | 2 | 32 |
| Leigh (Kent) | 18 | 4 | 0 | 14 | 241 | 441 | -200 | 0 | 1 | 28 |

RESULTS FROM KENT RURAL B LEAGUE

Saturday 16th March 2024

Ashford Barbarians 31-12 Vigo 2nd XV

Deal & Betteshanger 2nd XV 55-19 Sittingbourne 2nd XV

Edenbridge 17-13 Leigh

Thanet Wanderers 3rd XV 40-0 Canterbury 5th XV Zingari

Weaving Warriors 10-50 Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV

Saturday 23rd March 2024

Canterbury 5th XV Zingari HWO Vigo 2nd XV

Leigh 40-0 Maidstone Mustangs 2nd XV

Sittingbourne 2nd XV 26-7 Ashford Barbarians

Thanet Wanderers 3rd XV 27-21 Edenbridge

Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV 0-0 Deal & Betteshanger 2nd XV

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RESULTS GRID COUNTIES 1 KENT LEAGUE

| Away Team ▶ | Ashford | Beccehamian | Bromley | Canterbury 2nds | Charlton Park | Cranbrook | Crowborough | Dartfordians | Deal & Bettes | Dover | Heathfield & Waldron | TWRUFC |
|----------------------|---------|-------------|---------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------|----------------------|--------|
| Home Team ▼ | Ashford | Beccehamian | Bromley | Canterbury 2nds | Charlton Park | Cranbrook | Crowborough | Dartfordians | Deal & Bettes | Dover | Heathfield & Waldron | TWRUFC |
| Ashford | | 14-21 | 19-32 | 0-19 | 20-3 | 21-7 | 11-17 | 7-31 | 14-26 | 10-22 | 21-17 | 28-10 |
| Beccehamian | 33-12 | | 46-0 | | 32-14 | 65-20 | 27-21 | 46-12 | 58-3 | 60-10 | 36-31 | 57-7 |
| Bromley | 24-16 | 10-20 | | 26-28 | 69-14 | 33-28 | 38-12 | 22-26 | | 39-17 | 45-5 | 47-18 |
| Canterbury 2nds | 28-18 | 30-23 | 36-10 | | 60-12 | 76-0 | 43-10 | 52-7 | 38-17 | 43-14 | 45-22 | 60-24 |
| Charlton Park | 19-22 | 22-57 | AW0 | 16-50 | | 38-26 | 16-31 | 21-22 | 29-25 | 10-25 | 25-11 | 41-17 |
| Cranbrook | 20-27 | 5-26 | 15-46 | 19-43 | 19-24 | | | 15-36 | 17-10 | 29-10 | 15-15 | 28-15 |
| Crowborough | 28-8 | 20-20 | 14-10 | 27-7 | 49-17 | 41-19 | | 21-19 | 17-5 | 34-15 | 31-27 | 44-17 |
| Dartfordians | 37-26 | 33-13 | 27-27 | 36-51 | 96-10 | 74-14 | 38-17 | | 29-7 | | 40-17 | 42-17 |
| Deal & Bettes | 22-8 | 6-57 | 16-19 | 21-32 | 16-0 | 31-12 | 35-53 | 17-26 | | 27-20 | 32-25 | 25-7 |
| Dover | 28-14 | 24-26 | 18-33 | 31-43 | 34-17 | 22-17 | 48-21 | 17-32 | 34-5 | | 27-25 | 14-5 |
| Heathfield & Waldron | 46-7 | HWO | 10-27 | 18-34 | | 64-5 | 3-3 | 15-20 | 15-10 | 12-7 | | 31-19 |
| TWRUFC | | 5-53 | 7-33 | 25-28 | 12-27 | 39-31 | 13-19 | 10-33 | 41-13 | 22-22 | 20-21 | |

RESULTS FROM COUNTIES 1 KENT LEAGUE

Saturday 16th March 2024

Beccehamian 27-21 Crowborough

Canterbury 2nds 28-18 Ashford

Cranbrook 29-10 Dover

Dartfordians 27-27 Bromley

Heathfield & Waldron 15-10 Deal & Betteshanger

Thanet Wanderers 12-27 Charlton Park

Saturday 23rd March 2024

Ashford 14-21 Beccehamian

Bromley 26-28 Canterbury 2nds

Charlton Park 38-26 Cranbrook

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