

Official match day programme of **Thanet Wanderers Rugby Union Football Club**

THANET

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v Charlton Park RFC Saturday 16th March 2024. Kick off 3.00pm



THANET WANDERERS

1st XV

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We extend a warm East Kent welcome to Charlton Park RFC who have travelled down from SE3 8NB and we hope they enjoy the afternoon and our hospitality and then experience some attractive Rugby. At the time of writing this article it looks like the pitches will have drained enough to provide a suitable surface for a good game

This Counties 1 Kent League game sees Charlton Park currently in 12th position, two places below Thanet. Our last encounter away to them in December saw a 41-17 defeat and Thanet had a torrid time, which has since seen a bit of a reversal with Thanet playing some of their best rugby of their season in their last 6 games, including a fantastic 43-13 win against Deal and Betteshanger, when total Rugby was played in all quarters with the young backs coming into their element. It was good to see a very young backline looking very dangerous with the ball in hand.

Charlton Park have much in common with Thanet. They were formed in 1893 just 5 years after Thanet Wanderers and like Wanderers have made it to the final of the Intermediate Cup at Twickenham and we have both played in similar Leagues over the years.

Their Club motto "Deeds Not Words" is a fantastic narrative, and one we could adopt and live our lives by, I believe Peter Hawkins has this tattooed on his chest in Latin.

Today's 1st Team match official is Isaac Fortnall, while Graeme Ludley officiates the 2nd XV against Canterbury and Freya Simpson takes control of the 3rd XV also against Canterbury. We wish them all a warm welcome to St. Peters and hope for open, injury free games played in the spirit of Rugby.

Tomorrow morning's games see the U12s and U13s at home and in their league the U16s entertain Canterbury in what is always a lively affair. In the afternoon the Ladies 1st XV play Westcliff in a NC2 South East (East) fixture.

You may have seen a gentleman rattling his charity bucket along our touchline over the last 10 years. Well may I introduce you to John Corrigan, 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. This is even more remarkable when you consider that 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

He has competed in the Paris-Roubaix (257 km) and the Liege-Bastogne-Liege (260km) and many other races and has raised an outstanding amount of money on his own, for a well worth cause. You can read his personal stories at <https://www.rfuipf.org.uk/get-support/who-we-support/real-storie>. It's really quite humbling and could or can happen to any of us. Please give generously.

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 being presented with his winners medal and a cobbler!



A Date for the diary is the 6th April which is Thanet Wanderers last league game of the season against Ashford and this could be a critical game. We still don't know if 2 or 3 sides will be relegated from our league, but if we are to stay up this will be a huge game. Before the match there is a Charity Lunch, (bar open at 11.30am) for TWRUFC Community Fund and all monies raised directly will go directly to the club's Schools and Community Programme and the Special Educational Needs programme. These provide an opportunity for less fortunate youngsters to access rugby and all the benefits that come with it, again dig deep.

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

Please respect today's referees; I hope for competitive and injury-free matches.

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FROM THE HEAD COACH

Today we welcome Charlton Park RFC to our home in Broadstairs at a time when both clubs find ourselves in a dog fight at the bottom of the league table. The last time we met was at Kidbrooke in south east London way back in December when Wanderers suffered a 41-17 defeat on what was a hard day. Fast forward to today and we are only three games away from the end of the rugby Counties 1 Kent League season.

Today is a must win game for Thanet as we strive to avoid relegation and we are going out today to do our best to win. It will be a hard game, but I believe the boys are prepared and ready for the game.

Your support for us against Deal and Betteshanger was unbelievable and hearing the crowd cheer us on gives us an extra edge. We are always thankful for your support.

Our boys have been working hard to improve week on week and more recent performances have been fruitful.

So today, let's get behind the boys, let's get the win!

Elliot Blackmore
Head Coach



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MATCH REPORT

Thanet Wanderers RFC 41 – 13 Deal & Betteshanger RFC

Best display of the season so far lifts Wanderers out of the relegation zone.

Wanderers were pleased to have Gabe Haydon available again at hooker and joint skipper Nick Herbert made his first appearance in 2024 at inside centre with Marius Thompson returning at full-back. Sadly Marius was injured in the opening minutes of the game and could not return to the field. He was replaced by Louis Marshall in a reshuffled backline. Connor Brown was back on the bench for only his second outing of the season. Before this game, Deal and Betteshanger Lions were in a comfortable eighth position in Counties One Kent League with Wanderers in an uncomfortable eleventh of twelve.

In his programme notes, Head Coach Elliot Blackmore had recorded that the squad intended to win this match and that determination was evident as his side kicked off down the slope into a stiff breeze. Sharp handling took the ball first right and then back left before a big scrum was won and Tom Walton took the short side and made metres before handing on to Lewis Downer to confidently finish off wide left. Walton's excellent conversion established a 7-0 lead. Deal used the strong breeze to set a platform in Thanet's half and converted a penalty to narrow the gap to 7-3 after fifteen minutes. Five minutes later, Connor Brown was introduced from the bench as Dennis Davies took a break. Great work from Thanet's pack, aided Brown and he was unstoppable on his way to the line for Thanet's second try. Walton's conversion attempt was just wide but Wanderers led 12-3. The Lions fought hard to stop the game from getting away from them and after a patient build up were rewarded with a converted try under the posts with 30 minutes played. Wanderers were quickly back on the attack when Walton's penalty set a good attacking position for the textbook try that followed. Quick ball from a good line-out went directly to Henry Mirams at outside centre who ran an excellent line to touch down. Walton's conversion flew high over the posts and Thanet's lead was restored to 19-10. Both sides pushed hard in the 12 minutes remaining of the half but neither could find a further score before the break.

Wanderers had the wind behind them in the second half and immediately set an attack. Walton's penalty gave them a line-out 25 metres out but a too-strong final pass scuppered the flowing movement. A straightforward penalty two minutes later was converted by Walton to

extend the lead but Deal soon also converted a penalty to maintain the nine-point difference. With twenty minutes remaining, Thanet's try bonus point was claimed by Haydon who took a tap and go and tore in low to the ground to touch down for his first Wanderers' senior try. Another excellent conversion from Walton made the score 29-13 to Thanet. Four minutes later there was another memorable try from the Wanderers. Brown broke strongly attacking on Deal's right before more top-quality handling sped the ball along the line to Harrison Quittenden on Thanet's right who used his speed to finish a quality try that could not be converted. There was no giving up from the visitors and they now camped in the Wanderers' half causing the home defence to again draw on its deepest well of resistance to keep their line intact. With the clock into injury time, Wanderers broke clear and Walton's long penalty set a line-out in a good attacking position. Haydon's throw was spot on and fittingly, it was joint captain Sam Taylor who emerged with the ball and the utter determination he had displayed throughout the game helped carry him over for Wanderers closing try. Another top-drawer conversion from Walton made the score 41-13. Today's referee, Simon Bingham, had handled this local derby with his customary aplomb and with a Deal player down injured he wisely soon decided enough was enough and blew for full time.

This was a fine performance from Wanderers based on some tigerish defending and some exhilarating attacks. Much of the handling was superb with great distribution from half-backs Walton and Charlie Panteli that regularly sent the backline away. It was good to see Joint Captain Nick Herbert back, his leadership of the backline and resolute defence have been missed. The pack again had a good afternoon, their defence made a major difference to the result. Connor Brown played a major part on his return and his second-row partner, Andy Letts with number eight Brett Scott and blindside forward Warren Riddell-Bloomfield tackled themselves to a standstill. Prop Forwards, Luke Browning, and Mike Whitehead with Danny Clement on from the bench were influential both in the set scrums and open play. Hooker and try scorer, Gabe Haydon was deservedly named as the Wanderers' man of the match award by the opposition players.

Colin Whiteley



Images by: Umpire Cam

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	19	18	0	1	790	332	458	17	0	89	
Dartfordians	19	15	0	4	615	393	222	16	1	77	
Beccehamian	19	15	1	3	728	264	464	14	1	72	-5
Bromley	19	14	0	5	537	337	200	11	2	70	
Crowborough	19	13	2	4	465	392	73	8	0	64	
Dover	19	8	1	10	422	470	-48	8	3	45	
Deal & Betteshanger	19	8	0	11	352	510	-158	6	2	40	
Heathfield & Waldron	19	6	2	11	390	432	-42	5	5	39	
Ashford	19	6	0	13	291	441	-150	3	1	28	
Thanet Wanderers	19	2	1	16	321	627	-306	4	3	17	
Cranbrook	19	2	1	16	306	708	-402	2	4	16	
Charlton Park	19	3	0	16	306	617	-311	3	3	13	-5

COUNTIES 1 KENT FIXTURES

16th March 2024

Beccehamian v Crowborough

Dartfordians v Bromley

Canterbury 2nds v Ashford

Heathfield & Waldron v Deal & Betteshanger

Cranbrook v Dover

Thanet Wanderers v Charlton Park



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Never force a child to play rugby especially if he/she feels unwell
Always remember children play rugby for their enjoyment not yours
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Applaud good play by either team Stay off the pitch!

DO NOT ABUSE ANYONE (ESPECIALLY THE REFEREE)

Thanet Wanderers does not tolerate bad behaviour by any player or spectator and asks everyone to abide by the above codes

MATCH REPORT

Thanet Wanderers Ladies 19 Thurrock 47

Buoyed by their recent victory at Hammersmith & Fulham two weeks ago, Thanet Wanderers were looking to revenge their heavy defeat by Thurrock in November at St Peter's in a top of the table shoot out for the NC2 league.

Nursing some notable injury absences in the guise of try scorer Rachael Austerberry and Thahseen Ali, a reshuffle of the backs saw full back Jess Anderson step into the 13 shirt and the vacancies filled by the accomplished Léonie and Megan Bish.

Once skipper Gee Cordell had elected to work with the elements, it was not long until fly half, Alex White had pumped the ball into the Thurrock 22 and forwards started to apply the pressure. Pick and go phase play from the Thurman-Newell trio of Milly, Ella and Holly ended up with the simple task of scrum half, Maria Castellina dotting down. White converted for 7-0.

Cordell herself then added to the score after scooping the ball up on the half way line and outpacing the cover defence for another converted score and Thanet had raced to a 14-0 lead in as many minutes.

Thurrock - a bigger, longer developed, more experienced side - changed their approach to the game. Their big forwards picking and going from the base and hitting the first channel which was a strategy that

Thanet, as a young side were not equipped to deal with. Thurrock came back with 2 quick tries and all of a sudden it was 14-12 to the hosts.

Some injuries in key areas followed, most notably Ella Thurman-Newell whose damaged knee will see her miss the rest of the season and Thurrock capitalised whilst Thant tried to recover. Three more tries before the half time break saw Thurrock lead 33-14.

The second half saw some shuffling of players, Fleur Moat and Vicky Flower went into the forwards, Megan Bish and Ellie Hunt filled the wings and Chloe Siddall, recent signing from Aylesford made her debut.

A much tighter affair in the second half saw Thurrock add two tries to their tally whilst a training field move saw Izzy Lodge feed Anderson to leave the final score at 47-19.

In the end, despite the scoreline there was not an enormous huge difference between the sides but the experience from the Thurrock line-up saw them run out convincing winners leaving Thanet ladies licking their wounds. But Thanet don't have long as they travel back to Thurrock in the quarter finals of the RFU Junior Cup on Sunday 3rd March 2024.

Ian Lodge



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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	10	10	0	2	517	78	439	0	0	47	
Westcliff Ladies	9	7	0	2	334	125	209	0	0	39	
Thanet Wanderers Women	9	6	0	3	312	167	145	0	0	36	
Southend Saints Ladies	9	4	0	5	191	192	-1	0	0	29	
Gravesend Ladies	10	2	0	8	101	391	-290	0	0	24	
Ashford Ladies	9	2	0	7	69	396	-327	0	0	24	
Lordswood Valkyries Ladies	8	1	0	7	111	286	-175	0	0	18	

WOMEN'S NC2 SOUTH EAST (EAST) LEAGUE RESULTS

Sunday 11th February 2024

Thurrock Ladies 2nd XV 44-7 Southend Saints Ladies

Westcliff Ladies 77-7 Ashford Ladies

Sunday 18th February 2024

Thanet Wanderers Women 19-47 Thurrock Ladies 2nd XV

Westcliff Ladies 67-7 Gravesend Ladies

Sunday 25th February 2024

Lordswood Valkyries Ladies v Westcliff Ladies

Thurrock Ladies 2nd XV HWO Gravesend Ladies



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MATCH REPORT

Cranbrook 28 Thanet 15

The weather conditions for this match were not conducive to the good running rugby that had been on display by Thanet the previous week. Cranbrook took the lead with a converted try after seven minutes by taking advantage of some loose play by Thanet. The response from Thanet was immediately from the kick off with Danny Clement scoring an unconverted try. An interception by Thanet's Lewis Downer in their own half gave Wanderers the lead as he ran in a try under the posts for Tom Walton to kick the two extra points.. A definite lack of consistency and ball retention allowed Cranbrook back into the game to retake the lead with a second converted try just before half time and a 14-12 advantage. Fortunately, despite the number of penalties given away by Thanet in the closing minutes of the half their defence held on and Cranbrook were unable to take further advantage of their field position.

The start of the second half boded well for Thanet

taking a one point lead with an early penalty. After this Cranbrook took control of the game with some positive play and impetus. Wanderers were not helped by a continued lack of discipline allowing the home side to retain possession and the upper hand. Just after the hour Cranbrook scored with a converted try taking them out to a 21-15 lead. Wanderers cause was then not helped by Riddell- Broomfield receiving a yellow card. Taking advantage of the extra man Cranbrook scored the bonus point winning try. Although also receiving a yellow card, close to the final whistle, the hosts were able to hold out for the win.

Although Wanderers were off form for this game after the display from last week's game, they certainly played with the passion expected of them, but were unable to convert this into points on the board.

Garmen Glover



Thanet Wanderers

Home team colours: blue, black and gold hoops

1 Luke Browning

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3 Gulliver Goodall

Postition sponsored by: Ernie Blakemore

4 Andrew Letts

Postition sponsored by: Mark O' Riordan

5 Dennis Davies

Postition sponsored by: The Four Candles

6 Warren Riddell-Broomfield

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7 Sam Taylor (Co-Capt)

Postition sponsored by: Chris Marson

8 Brett Scott

Postition sponsored by: Dave Brown

Head Coach

Elliot Blackmore

Postition sponsored by: Colin Whiteley

Assistant Coach

Kieran Hopper

Postition sponsored by: Andy Buli

Team Manager

Michelle McClean

Postition sponsored by: Carmen Glover

9 Tom Walton

Postition sponsored by: Jeremy Ward

10 Charlie Panteli

Postition sponsored by: Ray Roby/Peter Tierney

11 Lewis Downer

Postition sponsored by: Pegasus Storage Solutions

12 Adam Harrison

Postition sponsored by: John Keohane

13 Nick Herbert (Co-Capt)

Postition sponsored by: Paul Glover

14 Louis Marshall

Postition sponsored by: Terry Tutte

15 Henry Mirams

Postition sponsored by: Geoff Redmond

Replacements:

16 Kurt Pearson

17 Connor Brown

18 Callum Doody

Referee

Isaac Fortnall

Touch Judge

Clive Lewis

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Away team colours:

1 Darren Jalink

2 Jordan Guy

3 Terry Read

4 Ross McManus

5 James Hamilton

6 Bruce Tuikova

7 Ben Monsey

8 Luke Boyns

9 Alan Knuckey

10 Alex Miller

11 Ross Sidebottom

12 Jake Conway

13 Mesake Kini

14 James Clifford

15 1Jerry Nacagilevu

Replacements:

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	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.)

2024

Jan	6	BECCEHAMIAN	HOME
	13	BROMLEY	HOME
	20	CRANBROOK	AWAY
	27	HEATHFIELD & WALDRON	HOME
Feb	3	DARTFORDIANS	AWAY
	17	DEAL & BETTES	HOME
Mar	2	DOVER	AWAY
	16	CHARLTON PARK	HOME
	23	CROWBOROUGH	AWAY
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KENT RURAL A LEAGUE 2023-24

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Rye	15	14	0	1	586	180	406	0	1	58
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East Peckham & Paddock Wood	14	9	0	5	400	243	157	0	0	41
Folkestone 2nd XV	16	8	0	8	416	346	70	0	2	41
Thanet Wanderers 2nd XV	15	7	0	8	254	390	-136	0	1	37
Snowdown CW	15	6	1	8	290	395	-105	0	0	35
Ash	15	5	0	10	281	402	-121	0	2	32
Aylesford Bulls 2nd XV	15	5	0	10	349	470	-121	0	1	30
Medway 4th XV	15	3	1	11	300	541	-241	0	2	27
Canterbury 4th XV Deacons	14	3	0	11	165	470	-305	0	1	22

RESULTS FROM KENT RURAL A LEAGUE

Saturday 17th February 2024

Ash 19-39 **Thanet Wanderers** 2nd XV

Dover 2nd XV 33-19 Aylesford Bulls 2nd XV

East Peckham & Paddock Wood 50-10 Snowdown CW

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MATCH REPORT

It was a close contest in the mud but Dover take the league points.

The reverse fixture ended in a 22-22 draw after an exciting encounter in November. However, Dover have enjoyed a good series of results and are currently sixth in Counties League One Kent: Wanderers remain in tenth place. For Wanderers, Luke Browning and Kurt Pearson started in the front row with Dennis Davies replacing Connor Brown in the second row. Louis Marshal and Harrison Quittenden were also unavailable and were replaced by Callum Doody at outside centre and Ellis Taylor on the wing. Wanderers played with their shirts inside out to avoid a clash with Dover's shirts which are also blue.

Heavy rain during the hour before kick-off, followed by heavy showers throughout the game, made conditions very difficult but just playable. An early attack by Dover down their left wing was not dealt with by Thanet's defence and a quality conversion from wide out gave the hosts a valuable 7-0 lead after three minutes. Wanderers responded well but a lengthy attack was ended when a penalty allowed Dover to clear to halfway and enjoy a spell of dominance of possession that was well contained by the Wanderers. Two quick penalties and a good nudge from Henry Mirams, at full-back today, set Wanderers on the attack. Winger, Lewis Downer appeared to have touched down after a good chase but was judged to have been just outside the narrow in goal area. Both teams showed great defence and for Wanderers, Mirams was superb as he was peppered by high balls from the hosts. Dover's outside centre had to withdraw through injury and a tap penalty from Nick Herbert took Wanderers close but there was no change to the 7-0 score before halftime.

Dover went down to 14 players after seven minutes of the second period following a yellow card. Wanderers battled hard to get over the line but Dover stood firm and then extended their lead with a try in the right corner and the extras were added with another fine kick to give them a 14-0 lead. Wanderers tight-head, Gully Goodall, was having another good game but had to withdraw following a knock to the head from a stray knee. Wanderers spent long spells camped near to the home line but could not cross it. Eventually, playing with an advantage, fly-half Charlie Panteli's cross-kick was well collected by Downer for him to touch down wide right. Tom Walton's attempted conversion fell agonisingly just short but with around twenty minutes remaining, Thanet were in the match. Dover responded strongly and Callum Doody was shown yellow for a deliberate knock-on. Despite being a man down, Wanderers' defence was not to be breached again. The nearest they came to adding to their score came following a charge down from Mirams but there was no addition to the score before the young referee, Oliver Smith, who had a good afternoon, blew for full time.

The early try that was conceded was an anomaly in an otherwise determined and effective defensive display from the Wanderers. The challenge that difficult conditions presented for both sides and the referee did not prevent them all from producing a watchable game, even when it was nearly impossible to distinguish between the players.

Colin Whiteley



MATCH REPORT

Thurrock RFC 57 Thanet Wanderers Ladies 0

It was a case of a step too far in Thanet Wanderers Ladies Junior Cup quarter final at Thurrock on Sunday as they succumbed to their biggest defeat of the season, 57-0.

Thurrock are usually unable to raise a full XV but with their 1st XV not playing managed to field a full 22 with some unfamiliar faces. Adding in the extra trick of telling their visitors one hour before kick-off that the game was to be played on a 4G pitch, Thanet were up against it.

But all of that was unnecessary as any Thurrock side is experienced and well drilled and they put the Thanet ladies to the sword from the first whistle. They had raced out to a 26-0 lead after 25 minutes and Thanet never recovered.

The score doesn't fully reflect the game as most of it was played in the middle third of the park. But when Thurrock attacked they showed composure and poise, wore the Thanet defence down and scored.

In contrast when Thanet attacked, players panicked and turned the ball over. But this squad are only 2 years old from their first ever match on 27th March 2022 and they will learn and grow with the games as they come.

The standout players on the park were fly half, Alex White whose composure and game management grows every week and Louise Rubens at hooker who celebrated her call-up to the Kent Women's squad with a typical hardworking display. She joins Milly Thurman-Newell in the Kent Women's squad who has been called up for a second season.

Thanet Ladies now finish the season with three home games against Westcliff on March 17th, Ashford on April 14th and Gravesend on April 28th. Three victories, which are entirely possible will see them finish second behind Thurrock in NC2 in their first season at that level.

Ian Lodge

Head Coach Ladies Section



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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			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		46-12	58-3	60-10	36-31	57-7
Bromley	24-16	10-20			69-14	33-28	38-12	22-26		39-17	45-5	47-18
Canterbury 2nds		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			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		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	
Dartfordians	37-26	33-13		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			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			14-5
Heathfield & Waldron	46-7	HWO	10-27	18-34		64-5	3-3	15-20		12-7		31-19
TWRUFC		5-53	7-33	25-28		39-31	13-19	10-33	41-13	22-22	20-21	

RESULTS FROM COUNTIES 1 KENT LEAGUE

Saturday 17th February 2024

Ashford 11-17 Crowborough

Beccehamian 60-10 Dover

Canterbury 2nds 60-12 Charlton Park

Cranbrook 15-36 Dartfordians

Heathfield & Waldron 10-27 Bromley

Thanet Wanderers 41-13 Deal & Betteshanger

Saturday 24th February 2024

Cranbrook 28-15 Thanet Wanderers

Deal & Betteshanger 16-0 Charlton Park

Saturday 2nd March 2024

Bromley 24-16 Ashford

Charlton Park 22-57 Beccehamian

Crowborough P-P Canterbury 2nds

Dartfordians 40-17 Heathfield & Waldron

Deal & Betteshanger 31-12 Cranbrook

Dover 14-5 Thanet Wanderers

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Crowborough 27-7 Canterbury 2nds

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KENT RURAL B LEAGUE 2023-24

Team	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS
Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV	16	12	1	3	594	298	296	0	2	56
Edenbridge	17	12	1	4	524	188	336	0	0	55
Weaving Warriors	17	11	0	6	498	304	194	0	1	49
Sittingbourne 2nd XV	18	10	0	8	436	427	9	0	1	46
Vigo 2nd XV	17	10	0	7	405	332	73	0	1	45
Deal & Betteshanger 2nd XV	15	8	0	7	374	385	-11	0	1	39
Canterbury 5th XV Zingari	18	7	1	10	332	573	-241	0	1	39
Ashford Barbarians	16	6	0	10	284	412	-128	0	1	32
Maidstone Mustangs 2nd XV	15	4	1	10	265	359	-94	0	2	31
Thanet Wanderers 3rd XV	15	5	0	10	264	462	-198	0	0	26
Leigh (Kent)	16	3	0	13	188	424	-236	0	0	22

RESULTS FROM KENT RURAL B LEAGUE

Saturday 17th February 2024

Deal & Betteshanger 2nd XV ABD **Thanet Wanderers** 3rd XV

Edenbridge 40-0 Maidstone Mustangs 2nd XV

Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV 45-19 Vigo 2nd XV

Weaving Warriors HWO Sittingbourne 2nd XV

Saturday 24th February 2024

Canterbury 5th XV Deacons 0-40 Maidstone Mustangs 2nd XV

Saturday 2nd March 2024

Leigh HWO Canterbury 5th XV Deacons

Sittingbourne 2nd XV 5-45 Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV

Thanet Wanderers 3rd XV 36-12 Ashford Barbarians

Vigo 2nd XV 29-22 Deal & Betteshanger 2nd XV

Saturday 9th March 2024

Leigh 7-29 Sittingbourne 2nd XV



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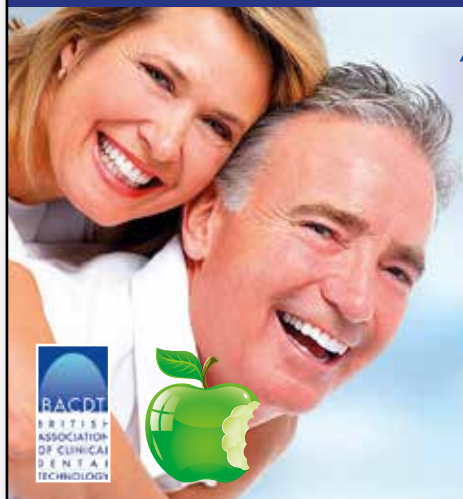
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As a club Thanet Wanderers is committed to improving all aspects of equality, inclusion and diversity within the club. I'm sure most of you will have seen the re-emergence of our ladies team after an absence of nearly 20 years. The girls section is growing steadily with the help of a strong team of volunteers, coaches and sponsors. During lockdown we were one of a handful of clubs to receive large grants for a capital project to renovate our back changing rooms and showers primarily for female use. We have also been one of the first clubs in the South East to introduce a SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) group and this has been amazingly well received. Our Schools and Community Programme has been marching forward with coaches going into local schools to introduce children to rugby that might not normally get the chance to play the game and experience the TREDs ethos (Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship) that lies at the heart of rugby. We have a mental health first aider who is available to listen and support anyone if they feel they need help.

This is only the beginning of the club's journey and we hope that everyone at the club, whether as a player, coach, parent or spectator will get behind us and help make Thanet Wanderers a welcoming place for ALL.

With this in mind we are introducing some new codes of conduct that you will see highlighted around the club and the grounds. These will explain what is considered good practice and what will not be tolerated. They will also give details of who you can contact if you have any concerns, issues or need help or support.

We live in a constantly changing society and if we want to play a positive, relevant and meaningful part in our community, both local and our rugby community, we need to adapt and be more accepting of the diverse society that we are all a part of.

Please work with us to make Thanet Wanderers a club where everyone is welcomed and made to feel part of something special.

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MATCH REPORT

Thanet Wanderers Ladies 2nd XV 84 Faversham RFC Ladies 0

The Thanet ladies 2nd XV took to the field for the first time in three weeks against Faversham Ladies, a repeat of their match at Faversham Rec in November. That game was a tightly contested battle ending in a narrow win for the visitors.

Thanet fielded 9 players and Tilia Elliston agreed to play for Faversham so that the game could start at 10-a-side. Thanet had rested the top 20 players on the squad which is a requirement of Inner Warrior rugby and those players were all present and vocal on the sidelines.

Although the match was fiercely contested in midfield, it was ultimately the hands and awareness of the Thanet players who moved the ball to the edges to score a number of tries.

Captained by Brioni Reah, Kirsty Burns marshalled the side from fly half and added 2 tries and 4 conversions in the first half. Wings Ellie Hunt and Lia Armstrong got first half hat-tricks and Fleur Moat making her debut in the front row added a long range effort for a 53-0 half time lead.

The only blip in the first half was an injury to second row Sian Boyce who had to leave the field with a rib injury. This was later confirmed as three broken ribs and she will miss the rest of the season. We wish her all the best for a swift recovery.

Whatever team talk coach Ciaran gave his team, it clearly worked as the Faversham ladies came out fighting after the break and gave the home ladies some real problems.

Camping in the Thanet 22 for long periods of time it gave the home side a good opportunity to test the defence that they had been working on. The defence held firm.

Later in the half, after some substitutions Thanet completed the scoring as Burns got her hat-trick, sub Léonie Bish grabbed a try and 2 conversions and Armstrong added her 4th.

Then Sorcha Maddison was rewarded for her hard work in the support lines by first getting on the end of a sweeping move and then going half the length of the pitch for her brace.

Thanet Ladies 2nd XV have their final game away at Rochford on Sunday 24th March. But before then you can see the 1st XV return to action this Sunday 17th March at home to Westcliff, a game that will decide second place in the NC2 league.

Ian Lodge

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