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This is a big one.

Fixtures like this are why we play the game. Aylesford Bulls are a strong, well-organised side who tested us at their place earlier in the season—and deservedly came out on top. That result has stayed with us, not as something negative, but as a clear reminder of the level required and the standards we must meet.

Today is our opportunity to respond.

In recent weeks, we've worked hard to build clarity in how we play and consistency in our performance. When we are at our best, we are direct, connected, and relentless in both attack and defence. Just as importantly, we've seen a real growth in togetherness - players taking ownership, supporting each other, and driving standards across the group.

Games like today are won by teams that stay connected, trust each other, and are willing to do the hard things for the full 80 minutes.

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to Aylesford Bulls. We know the quality and physicality they bring, and we're looking forward to a competitive and hard-fought contest played in the right spirit.

This is what it comes down to now—home pitch, big game, and a chance to put things right.

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ELLIOT BLACKMORE
Director of Rugby



SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE SUPERIORITY?

The gap between the three Southern Hemisphere sides known most popularly by their nicknames; the All Blacks, the Springboks and the Wallabies and the rest of the world has shrunk, but the south continues to prove their superiority through the quality of their coaches.

If the success of recent England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales and the British and Irish Lions tours has proved anything, it is that the once untouchable aura surrounding the All Blacks, Springboks and Wallabies has been damaged beyond repair. No longer must the Six Nations teams hope to consolidate their resources once every four years in the hope of grasping one of those rare victories against the big three.

Victorious tours of Australia and South Africa are no longer a surprise with the statistics of years gone by slowly ebbing into further obscurity, out of touch with the reality of the modern game. The land of the long white cloud still remains an almost impenetrable brick wall, despite its name, throughout a three match series, the British and Lions series that ended in a draw reminded us of that much. The Lions challenge was once widely believed to be the matchup in quality man-to-man and the intangible barrier of the big three nations' winning mentality. Now it is the lack of preparation and unfamiliarity with teammates so often seen as fierce rivals that pose the challenge of note on these quadrennial tours.

The gaps found within Tier One rugby have been all but sewn shut; and the longer the Six Nations teams continue to register wins over the former big three, the more the stigma lingering in the back of players' minds decays. The eradication of this stigma is something the Japanese performances demonstrated at a not so long ago Rugby World Cup, compounding one of the oldest sporting tropes- mentality is the ultimate deciding factor at the highest level of professional sport.

However, that is not to say that the Southern Hemisphere nations are no longer the leaders

of our game, far from it. These days it is the coaches that we revere more than the players themselves. New Zealand coaches in particular, and to a lesser extent South Africans, there is an almost palpable gravitas surrounding their appointments at club and international level.

There is rarely vocalised agreement that the hiring a coach that pronounces their vowels with a Kiwi twang is one of the sure-fire ways to raise a club from the doldrums – South African and Australian accents follow shortly after. Indeed it is easier to name the clubs in the Premiership, the most fiercely contested domestic league, that haven't opted to fly a Super Rugby coach over to help staunch the haemorrhaging of league positions. Harlequins are one of the few teams to have recruited a native coach and found success following huge failures. It would be worth noting the success Irish province Leinster have enjoyed under the guidance of former Irish lock Leo Cullen and once English boss Stuart Lancaster.

Of those clubs that trod the familiar path of summer window shopping former Southern Hemisphere talent, Bristol Bears, Northampton Saints and Gloucester have found the greatest success. Of course there are plenty of reasons to prove that instant success is not always guaranteed in these situations, Leicester Tigers time with Matt O' Connor, Worcester Warriors' spell under Gary Gold and London Irish's year with Tom Coventry shows us that much.

International rugby continues to follow the same trend. Scotland underwent significant improvement between 2014 and 2017 under New Zealander Vern Cotter, only to see a notable drop in fortunes following a departure that Cotter himself would have felt was premature, to say the least.

Ireland beat the All Blacks twice in two years under Cotter's fellow countryman Joe Schmidt and became the number one team in the world for the first time in history during the lead up to a World Cup. England reached heights they had failed to hit since the famous 2003 team under the stern grip of Australian Eddie Jones, while New Zealander Warren Gatland became the greatest Wales – and Lions – coach in history over recent years.

The Six Nations teams may be able to compete at the breakdown and attack (when the mood strikes them) as well as their Rugby Championship counterparts these days, but they still cannot do without a trendy southern coach.

Take a look at the Premiership, for example, Gloucester found supreme improvement under former Springbok John Ackermann while Northampton Saints were only a year behind with former Hurricanes boss and New Zealander Chris Boyd who created an environment that allowed the criminally underutilised, highly skilful at Franklin's Gardens to prosper.

The sounds coming out of Pat Lam's Bristol Bears show similar promise; having to build from a less established platform than Ackermann or Boyd found upon their English arrival. Piers O' Connor is just one example of the gems the New Zealand born former Samoan international is polishing after arriving at a club caught in purgatory at the top of the Championship while holding Premiership status.

It is a similar story elsewhere in the French Top 14 and (mostly) Celtic Pro14, with the Rugby Championship's native coaches heading north in search of the numerous coaching opportunities and the much improved salaries.

It doesn't take an expert to see that the influence of these southern coaches has played a pivotal role in finding this parity at international level, imparting the smarts learned back home upon the northern hemisphere. The only question is whether or not the influence will continue its fertiliser type growth to the standard of coaches in their adopted countries.

Will the assistant coaches hailing from the Six Nations countries who worked under the likes of Boyd, Ackermann, Lam and Glasgow Warriors' Dave Rennie (another one of those exceptional New Zealanders) go on to see a sudden shift away from Southern Hemisphere coaches over the next decade? Will we see over the next World Cup cycle, more aspiring head coaches following the path laid out by former Ireland fly-half Ronan O' Gara who moved to France and New Zealand to hone his coaching craft?

It seems that New Zealand and South Africa and to a lesser extent Australia, are destined to perpetually drive the standards within rugby. If not through results it's through their coaching. In the future, perhaps the board-level roles will be flooded by foreign accents instead.

The results printed in black and white may signal a levelling of the playing field, but the nations known best for their insignias look set to continue their perpetual propping up of rugby union.

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MATCH REPORT

THANET WANDERERS 53 MAIDSTONE 5

This was an emphatic victory for the Wanderers against Maidstone in front of a large home crowd. Although the game started with an early try for the visitors within 2 minutes of the kick off, this became their only score during the game.

A period of play in the midfield saw Thanet advance and gain a penalty deep into Maidstone's half. This was taken quickly by Tom Walton who released Henry Mirams who levelled the score at 5 all. The conversion by Walton gave Thanet the lead 7-5. The lead was then extended by Walton with a penalty after 20 minutes. Maidstone had an opportunity to draw nearer Thanet's score when they were awarded a penalty straight from the kick off, but the kick was unsuccessful.

Wanderers' second try came after a period of possession and phases resulting in Finley Hickmott scoring and the conversion by Walton took the score out to 17-5. Another converted try saw Thanet draw further ahead. This time the ball was passed across the field and Thompson shipped the ball to Ben Cannon for him to score.

Mirams was heavily involved in Thanet's next try when once again Wanderers used the full width of the pitch for Marius Thompson to run in the fourth and bonus point try for Thanet. This gave the home side a substantial lead at 29-5 after 35 minutes. As the half came to a close Ben Cannon was shown a yellow card.

Maidstone started the second half well, but despite being a man down good defence by Thanet ensured that the visitors were unable to score. In response Gil Smith made a smart break 10 minutes into the half freeing Thompson to score his second try of the game with another conversion leaving Maidstone trailing by 36-5.

With Thanet back up to a full complement a Mirams charge down saw the home side work the ball from midfield and Cannon reacted to the ball fastest and scored his second try of the game. Walton was on target with the conversion giving Thanet a 43-5 lead.

As the game reached the hour mark Thanet moved the ball well and Tom Walton benefited from the move to score a try. Although the conversion was missed it was now 48-5 to the home side. As the game entered the last 6 minutes Thanet once again used a cross field move for Harrison Quittenden to score Wanderers eighth try of the afternoon to make the final score 53-5.

This was a well balanced performance by Thanet that saw them dominate the game. Retention of the ball and good defence when required stopped Maidstone gaining a foothold in the match. Wanderers are currently sitting second in the league table; and this result will give them confidence for their next game away to Old Alleynians 2nd XV.

CARMEN GLOVER



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KENT COUNTIES LEAGUE 2 2025-26

TEAM	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS	ADJ
TONBRIDGE JUDDIANS 2ND XV	16	14	0	2	629	235	394	14	2	72	
THANET WANDERERS	17	12	0	5	565	291	274	15	4	67	
AYLESFORD BULLS	16	12	0	4	570	362	208	13	1	62	
FOLKESTONE	17	11	0	6	518	320	198	10	3	58	
WESTCOMBE PARK 2ND XV	16	11	0	5	506	385	121	11	1	56	
OLD ALLEYNANS 2ND XV	16	9	0	7	496	433	63	11	1	49	
MAIDSTONE	16	7	0	9	426	491	-65	10	4	42	
SIDCUP 2ND XV	16	6	0	10	409	512	-103	6	2	32	
BECKENHAM 2ND XV	16	4	0	12	315	631	-316	4	2	22	
MEDWAY 2ND XV	17	3	0	14	280	635	-355	4	2	18	
VIGO	17	1	0	16	192	611	-419	3	3	5	-5

KENT COUNTIES LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES

28th March 2026

Beckenham 2nd XV v Westcombe Park 2nd XV

Folkestone v Maidstone

Old Alleynians 2nd XV v Vigo

Sidcup 2nd XV v Tonbridge Juddians 2nd XV

THANET WANDERERS v Aylesford Bulls

KENT COUNTIES LEAGUE 2 RESULTS

Saturday 7th March 2026

Folkestone 10-15 Tonbridge Juddians 2nd XV

Medway 2nd XV 19-43 Old Alleynians 2nd XV

Sidcup 2nd XV 45-42 Beckenham 2nd XV

THANET WANDERERS 53-5 Maidstone

Vigo 17-45 Westcombe Park 2nd XV

Saturday 21st March 2026

Aylesford Bulls 60-7 Medway 2nd XV

Maidstone 51-24 Vigo

Old Alleynians 2nd XV 10-47 THANET WANDERERS

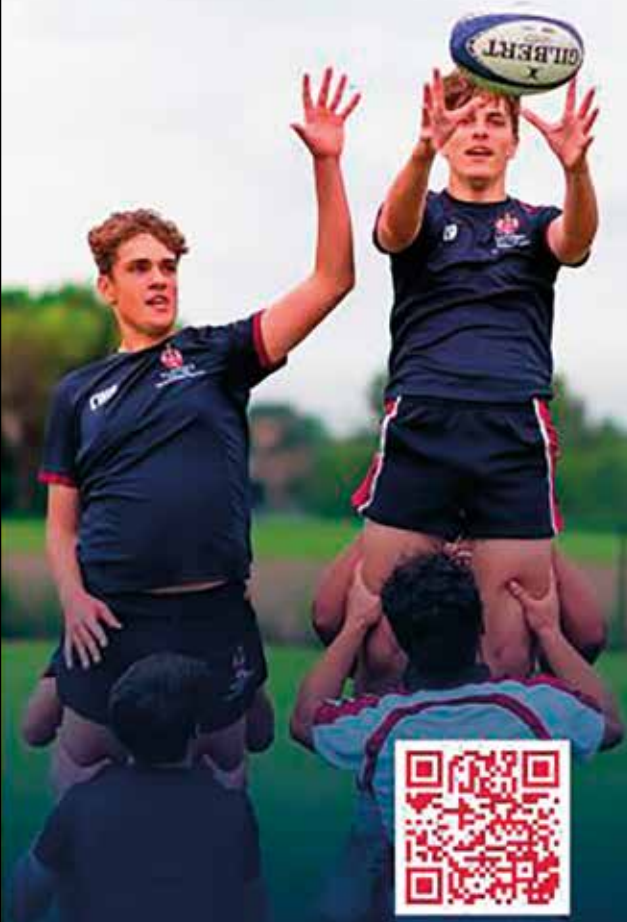
Tonbridge Juddians 2nd XV 36-19

Beckenham 2nd XV

Westcombe Park 2nd XV 45-24 Folkestone

RESULTS GRID COUNTIES 2 KENT LEAGUE

AWAY TEAM ▶	AYLESFORD BULLS	BECKENHAM 2NDS	FOLKESTONE	MAIDSTONE	MEDWAY 2NDS	OLD ALLEYNANS 2NDS	SIDCUP 2NDS	TWRUFC	TONBRIDGE JUDDS 2NDS	BECKENHAM	WESTCOMBE PARK 2NDS
HOME TEAM ▼	AYLESFORD BULLS	BECKENHAM 2NDS	FOLKESTONE	MAIDSTONE	MEDWAY 2NDS	OLD ALLEYNANS 2NDS	SIDCUP 2NDS	TWRUFC	TONBRIDGE JUDDS 2NDS	BECKENHAM	WESTCOMBE PARK 2NDS
AYLESFORD BULLS			20-17	36-31	60-7	32-26	38-10	29-27	13-50		38-14
BECKENHAM 2NDS	24-15		21-52	29-24	12-17		17-51	28-22	19-46	24-33	
FOLKESTONE		99-10			24-17	40-21	58-19	12-20	10-15	HWO	10-12
MAIDSTONE	8-42		22-29		26-19	38-20	34-19	28-36	0-52	51-24	
MEDWAY 2NDS	8-48	31-10		12-30		19-43		3-38	21-43		26-34
OLD ALLEYNANS 2NDS	50-29	60-19	24-63	45-23	54-19		31-7	10-47		HWO	26-38
SIDCUP 2NDS	19-41	45-42	26-29	40-42	32-21	19-38				19-17	
TWRUFC		31-10	12-17	53-5		29-12	34-18		26-21	76-0	28-33
TONBRIDGE JUDDS 2NDS	28-31	36-19	29-10		59-7	36-19	43-17	43-22		62-0	44-14
BECKENHAM	5-66	26-25	7-24	5-38	24-26		15-43	10-27	7-22		17-45
WESTCOMBE PARK 2NDS	38-32	44-5	45-24	30-26	35-3	38-41	12-25	12-32		62-3	



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MATCH REPORT

THANET WANDERERS LADIES 33 – 5 BECCEHAMIAN LADIES

Sunday 8th March – 2pm KO

Thanet Wanderers Ladies hosted Beccehamians Ladies on Sunday in a very special fixture marking an early Mother's Day celebration while raising funds for the charity Tommy's.

Before kick-off, the Thanet players were welcomed onto the pitch through a touching guard of honour formed by their children, celebrating the many mums within the squad and creating a memorable start to the afternoon.

The match kicked off with immediate intensity. Thanet quickly settled into their rhythm, with strong early carries and pressure at the breakdown. After a series of attacking phases and determined running through the middle, Maria Castellina broke through the defence to score the opening try. Tabs Raymonde added the conversion to give Thanet a confident start.

Thanet continued to apply pressure through strong defensive work and powerful carries from the forwards. Excellent tackling from Emily Williams and Shannon Cook helped keep Beccehamians pinned back, while the forwards worked tirelessly at the breakdown.

Thanet's second try came following a sustained attacking move, with Fleur Moat finishing strongly after good support play through the backs. Tabs Raymonde again added the conversion to extend the lead to 14-0 at half time.

The second half resumed after a short delay while two players received medical attention, highlighting the physical nature of the contest.

Thanet continued to dominate territory and possession. A sharp break from Tabs Raymonde, showing excellent pace and footwork, saw her dive under the posts to score. She converted her own try to push the score to 21-0.

Beccehamians responded with determination and eventually found space out wide to score in the corner, narrowing the scoreline to 21-5.

Thanet responded immediately with renewed energy. Strong forward support and excellent

recycling of the ball allowed Ella Thurman-Newell to power over the line, with Tabs Raymonde again adding the conversion.

As the match moved into the final stages, Thanet continued to press. After a strong run down the wing, Neave Evans crossed in the corner to seal the victory and complete a convincing 33-5 win.

While the scoreline reflected a strong Thanet performance, Beccehamians showed great determination and fight throughout the game. Following the final whistle, the children returned to the pitch to present flowers to the players in a lovely moment marking the early Mother's Day celebrations.

After the match, the club held a raffle and auction in support of Tommy's, supporting coach Patrick Liddle and player Rebecca Hewitt, who are taking part in Tommy's Walk for Hope this April after the heartbreaking loss of their baby to miscarriage at 10 weeks. Thanks to the generosity of everyone involved, just under £400 was raised for the charity.

On International Women's Day, the afternoon perfectly captured the spirit of women's rugby, resilience, support, and a powerful sense of sisterhood both on and off the pitch.

Final Score: Thanet Wanderers Ladies 33 – 5 Beccehamians Ladies

Captain Gee Cordell praised the entire squad after the match, saying she was incredibly proud of the team's effort and commitment throughout the game.

"If I could give everyone an award today, I would," she said, highlighting the determination and work rate shown across the pitch.

There were also special mentions for Rachel Austerberry, who returned to the field just two months after giving birth, and Rebecca Hewitt, who showed incredible strength returning to play only weeks after the heartbreaking loss

of her baby. Both players put in outstanding performances and were praised for their resilience and commitment to the team.

Forward of the Match went to Hollie Callaghan for her relentless work rate, consistently giving 110% with excellent rucking and strong line speed throughout the game.

Back of the Match was awarded to Fleur Moat, whose handling, carries, tackles and overall impact made a huge difference for Thanet.

Player of the Match went to Kate Johnson, who impressed by covering multiple positions despite being relatively new to the game. Her confidence continues to grow each week, and she delivered some fantastic tackles and carries in a standout performance.

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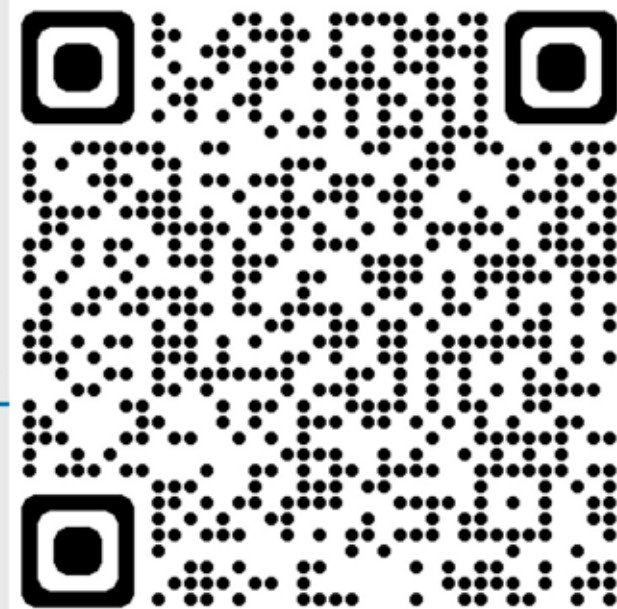
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2025

September

1. 6	SIDCUP 2nds	HOME
13	Beckenham	HOME

October

4	FOLKESTONE	AWAY
11	BECKENHAM 2nds	HOME
18	Aylesford Bulls RFCs	AWAY

November

8	WESTCOMBE PARK 2nds	HOME
22	MAIDSTONE	AWAY
29	OLD ALLEYIANS 2nds	HOME

December

6	AYLESFORD BULLS	AWAY
20	MEDWAY 2nds	AWAY

2026

January

10	Beckenham	AWAY
17	FOLKESTONE	HOME
24	BECKENHAM 2nds	AWAY

February

14	Aylesford Bulls RFCs	HOME
28	WESTCOMBE PARK 2nds	AWAY

March

7	MAIDSTONE	HOME
21	OLD ALLEYNIANS 2nds	AWAY
28	AYLESFORD BULLS	HOME

April

18	MEDWAY 2nds	HOME
25	SIDCUP 2nds	AWAY

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 - 18 TOM O' CALLAGHAN**
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Touch Judge:

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AYLESFORD BULLS RFC

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 - 3 LEE GILCHRIST**
 - 4 GEORGE HEPPER**
 - 5 CAMERON PARKER**
 - 6 JOE BERRY**
 - 7 KIERAN GRAY**
 - 8 PHIL WILKINS**
 - 9 FINLEY ASHDOWN-DENNEY**
 - 10 SIMON RUMSEY**
 - 11 CHRISTIAN DOLLEY**
 - 12 MATT HILL**
 - 13 ICHESTER CLOUGH**
 - 14 SAM TRIPP**
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- Replacements:
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MATCH REPORT

OLD ALLEYNIAN'S 10 THANET WANDERERS 47

A seven try haul for Thanet at Old Alleynians kept the team second in the league table. Wanderers took the lead straight from the kick off when Tom Walton made a break and a timely pass to Marius Thompson who scored out wide. The conversion attempt failed, but Thanet were on the board 5-0. The hosts tried to respond, but were penalised for an accidental offside which allowed Thanet to clear their line. Thompson scored his second try of the game when he made an interception and sprinted down the touchline to score. The successful conversion by Walton gave Thanet a 12- 0 lead.

The hosts then caught Thanet on the back foot and scored their first try of the match, easily cutting through Thanet's defence to reduce the scoreline to 12-5. Thanet then made a number of attacking moves but were judged to be held up over the line. As the half enters its last five-minute Ben Cannon gathered the ball from the base of the scrum to score Thanet's third try. Walton was again successful with his conversion attempt and the teams turned around with Thanet leading 19-5.

Wanderers started the second half positively, but it was Old Alleynians who created the space to score against the run of play, cutting the lead to 19-10. From that moment on Wanderers took

control of the game. Firstly, a well worked move between Henry Mirams and Tom Walton saw Walton score the bonus point try followed by the conversion which restored the points gap to 26-10.

Adam Harrison took his opportunity to score the next try after good support work in the build-up and the conversion by Walton extended the lead to 33-10. Thanet's next score followed when Walton received the ball as a result of an overthrow at an Old Alleynians line out to touchdown under the posts. He duly converted his own score to extend Wanderers lead to 40-10. Deep into added time at the end of the match, Gil Smith scored the last try of the game after Thanet had worked their way up the field from deep in their own half. The final conversion meant that the final score was 47-10.

This was an all-round good display by Wanderers in great playing conditions that allowed the game to flow. The only downside for the team was a yellow card for Cannon halfway through the second half, but Thanet weathered the man disadvantage to deny their hosts a scoring opportunity during that ten minute period.

CARMEN GLOVER



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LADIES NC2 SOUTH EAST (EAST) LEAGUE 2025-26

TEAM	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS	ADJ
SEVENOAKS WOMEN	11	8	0	3	338	132	206	0	0	45	
FOLKESTONE LADIES	10	8	0	2	351	100	251	0	0	43	
LORDSWOOD VALKYRIES LADIES	9	7	0	2	222	117	105	0	0	37	
THANET WANDERERS WOMEN	9	5	0	4	199	165	34	0	0	33	
ASHFORD LADIES	10	4	0	6	143	386	-243	0	0	30	
BECKENHAM LADIES 2ND XV	11	2	0	9	207	312	-105	0	0	27	
BECCHEMIAN LADIES	10	1	0	9	93	341	-248	0	0	22	

WOMEN'S NC2 SOUTH EAST (EAST) LEAGUE RESULTS

Sunday 8th March 2026

Ashford Ladies 24-15 Beckenham Ladies 2nd XV

Sevenoaks Women 25-24 Folkestone Ladies

THANET WANDERERS Women 33-5 Beccehamian Ladies

Sunday 15th March 2026

Sevenoaks Women 17-7 Lordswood Valkyries Ladies

Sunday 22nd March 2026

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KENT RURAL A LEAGUE 2025-26

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ASH	16	14	0	2	502	185	317	0	1	59	
DOVER 2ND XV	15	13	0	2	454	304	150	0	0	54	
THANET WANDERERS 2ND XV	16	10	1	5	402	228	174	0	3	50	
SNOWDOWN C W	16	11	0	5	547	301	246	0	3	45	
WEAVING WARRIORS	17	9	0	8	420	403	17	0	2	44	
AYLESFORD BULLS 2ND XV	15	7	0	8	408	285	123	0	4	40	
TUNBRIDGE WELLS 3RD XV	15	6	1	8	375	385	-10	0	3	38	
SWANLEY	17	7	0	10	368	458	-90	0	1	36	
CRANBROOK 2ND XV	17	4	0	13	263	514	-251	0	2	28	
ASHFORD 2ND XV	16	4	0	12	163	527	-364	0	0	24	
ASHFORD BARBARIANS	16	2	0	14	160	472	-312	0	2	21	

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KENT RURAL A LEAGUE RESULTS

Saturday 7th March 2026

Ash 45-5 Dover 2nd XV

Aylesford Bulls 2nd XV HWO Ashford 2nd XV

Cranbrook 2nd XV 26-0 Ashford Barbarians

Snowdown CW 38-31 Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV

Weaving Warriors HWO Swanley

Saturday 14th March 2026

THANET WANDERERS 2nd XV HWO Snowdown CW

Saturday 21st March 2026


Dover 2nd XV 30-29 Aylesford Bulls 2nd XV

Snowdown CW 45-5 Weaving Warriors

Swanley 12-36 Cranbrook 2nd XV

THANET WANDERERS 2nd XV 19-23 Ash

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2025

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20 TUNBRIDGE WELLS 3rd XV AWAY

October

4 SWANLEY HOME
11 SNOWDOWN CW AWAY
18 WEAVERING HOME

November

8 CRANBROOK 2nds AWAY
29 ASH AWAY

December

6 AYLESFORD BULLS 2nds HOME
13 ASHFORD 2nds AWAY
20 DOVER 2nds HOME

2026

January

10 ASHFORD BARBARIANS HOME
17 SWANLEY AWAY
24 SNOWDOWN CW HOME

February

14 WEAVERING AWAY
28 CRANBROOK 2nds HOME

March

21 ASH HOME
28 AYLESFORD BULLS 2nds AWAY

April

11 ASHFORD 2nds HOME
18 DOVER 2nds AWAY
25 TUNBRIDGE WELLS 3rds HOME




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INCLUSION @ THE WANDERERS

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.

Safeguarding Officer

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KENT RURAL C LEAGUE 2025-26

TEAM	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS	ADJ
DARTFORD VALLEY 2ND XV	13	11	0	2	477	129	348	0	1	46	
CANTERBURY 5TH XV ZINGARI	12	10	0	2	483	131	352	0	1	43	
THANET WANDERERS 3RD XV	14	7	2	5	362	296	66	0	0	38	
GRAVESEND 4TH XV	13	8	0	5	373	250	123	0	1	35	
VIGO 2ND XV	13	6	1	6	309	335	-26	0	0	28	
OLD GRAVESENDIANS 2ND XV	13	4	2	7	220	343	-123	0	1	27	
SHEPPEY 2ND XV	12	4	1	7	239	384	-145	0	0	24	
LORDSWOOD 2ND XV	13	3	1	9	206	421	-215	0	0	21	
NEW ASH GREEN 2ND XV	13	1	1	11	116	496	-380	0	1	15	

KENT RURAL C LEAGUE RESULTS

Saturday 7th March 2026

Canterbury 5th XV Zingari HWO New Ash Green 2nd XV

Dartford Valley 2nd XV HWO Vigo 2nd XV

Gravesend 4th XV HWO Lordswood 2nd XV

Sheppey 2nd XV HWO Old Gravesendians 2nd XV

Saturday 14th March 2026

Lordswood 2nd XV 7-47 Dartford Valley 2nd XV

Old Gravesendians 2nd XV 12-52 THANET WANDERERS 3rd XV

Sheppey 2nd XV 5-45 Vigo 2nd XV

Saturday 21st March 2026

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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**
- Encourage** your child to play by the Rules and Laws of the Game
- Teach** your child that victory isn't everything • **Never** yell at a player for making a mistake
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