

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

I am pleased to report that all the Senior Teams remain unbeaten this season, and the 1st Team and 3rd Team top their respective Leagues and the 2nd XV are second in their League.

This is my first opportunity to congratulate the England Red Roses on their World Cup title.

This week we welcome Beckenham 2nd XV who won promotion last year from Kent Counties 3, so Beckenham will be a bit of an unknown quantity this afternoon at St Peters. They have only played two games so far losing one and winning the other. I can't remember when we last hosted Beckenham at St Peters, so we welcome them to the East of the County.

In September Beckenham RFC recently lost their Club President, David Plews. David initially played for Westcombe Park RFC but was subsequently dedicated to Beckenham RFC for many years. He took his coaching and refereeing duties seriously, as well as his involvement with the Wooden Spoon Charity, as a community we sympathise with your loss.

Both Teams play in Counties 2 Kent (formerly London 3 South East) which is an English level 8 Rugby Union League involving club sides from Kent, East Sussex, West Sussex and south-east London. The twelve teams play home and away matches. Following the RFU's Adult Competition Review, from season 2022–23 it adopted its current name Counties 2 Kent.

Points in this competition are awarded for the following results which contribute points to the league as follows:

- 4 points are awarded for a win
- · 2 points are awarded for a draw
- 0 points are awarded for a loss

In addition:

- 1 losing (bonus) point is awarded to a team that loses a match by 7 points or fewer
- 1 additional (bonus) point is awarded to a team scoring 4 tries or more in a match

I, rather like this format because it rewards tries as opposed to penalties and maintains

an interest in the game for the losing team to reduce the margin or even gain from scoring 4 tries but still losing, a single point at the end of a season can mean the difference between either promotion or relegation

At the time of going to press the Thanet Wanderers 3rds are playing at home to Old Gravesendians 2's with Izzy Cole officiating. This is a league game in Kent Rural C and we look forward to welcoming Old Gravesendians to St Peters.

Lots going on at the moment! Congratulations to Charlie Pantelli on winning his international cap for Cyprus. He will play on the 7th of November against that other Mediterranean powerhouse of rugby, Malta.

Our Very Own Mario Garcia has been nominated for a national community award.

LooseHeadz, is a charity with a singular mission of saving lives by placing a mental health lead at every rugby club around the world.

The awards ceremony is on Thursday 9th October at the Grand Connaught Rooms, London and we thank Mario for all his effort and work that he does with others less fortunate than you and I and wish Mario all the best for the night.

Huge congratulations to our SEND section, honoured at the Broadstairs & St Peter's Annual Council Meeting with a community award from the Town Mayor.

Celebrated for promoting inclusion, teamwork, and confidence through rugby, this recognition shines a light on the amazing impact of inclusive sport. Our values guide everything we do:

Family – supporting one another on and off the field, as players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters.

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As the season builds, these values will continue to shape our identity and drive us forward. Thank you to all our players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters for living them every day

We look forward to a good, flowing, injury free game this afternoon, a game that reflects the competitive nature of the sport and upholds the true values of the game. At the time of going to press, Kevin Hurdwell is todays official, and we welcome him to the Isle of Thanet

In the words of Colin Whitely our former President

C'mon Wanders

CLIVE LEWIS

Club President

FROM ONE OF OUR DEFENCE COACHES

As one of the backs coaches at Thanet Wanderers RFC, working alongside Adam Mirams and defensive coach Kieran Hopper, I feel extremely fortunate to be part of such a talented and dedicated coaching team. Having been involved with the club since 2003, progressing from the junior ranks through to the first team, it's a real privilege to now contribute in an official capacity to the ongoing development of our senior squad.

Our collective focus this season has been to create a competitive, welcoming, and inclusive environment that enables every player to experience success. As a coaching group, we have placed strong emphasis on developing the abilities of our existing players, while also providing a clear pathway for our Colts to transition confidently into senior rugby. A special mention must go to William Wallace and Craig Smith, whose continued efforts and positive relationships with our younger players have been vital in encouraging them to take that next step.

From a playing perspective, our priorities have centred on maintaining high levels of fitness, refining core skills, and sharpening team structure and decision-making. We have dedicated significant time to improving play on the edges, refining blind-side movements, and enhancing our kick return organisation, all key components of our attacking and defensive strategy.

The progress made by the squad so far is a testament to the hard work, commitment, and unity of everyone involved, coaches, support staff, and players alike. The results speak for themselves, with all senior teams winning their opening fixtures. This success reflects the growing strength and depth within the club and the positive direction we're collectively heading.

As we look ahead to our upcoming fixtures against Beckenham 2s and Old Gravesendians 2s, I have every confidence that the same level of effort, pride, and togetherness will continue to shine through. It's an honour to coach such an outstanding group of players and to be part of a club that means so much to me personally.

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

OLIVER CACKETT





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We all wish Thanet Wanderers a great season and look forwards to a long and successful future.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RUGBY

The 2025/26 season is well underway, and there's a real sense of momentum building across every area of Thanet Wanderers RUFC. From the 1st XV and Women's squads to our transitioning Colts and community programmes, the club continues to grow stronger through our shared values of Family, Discipline, Skillset, and Potential.

First XV - Strong Start Built on Discipline

The Men's 1st XV have made an outstanding start to the campaign, extending their unbeaten run with recent victories over Vigo (78-0) and Folkestone (20-12).

The Vigo fixture showcased attacking flair and composure despite driving rain, while the hard-fought win at Folkestone was all about defensive resilience and structure. Tom Walton's two tries, alongside a collective defensive effort, underlined the side's growing maturity.

Every First Team player now has an individual assessment and development plan, allowing us to track progress, refine skillsets, and ensure each player reaches their full potential. This level of structure and accountability is helping to raise standards across the senior set-up.

Women's Rugby - Family and Growth

The Women's squad continues to demonstrate the best of the Wanderers' Family ethos. Training numbers are strong, performances are improving week by week, and there's a real sense of togetherness throughout the group. New players have settled quickly into the squad, supported by a culture of encouragement and continuous learning. Their progress embodies both the Skillset and Potential pillars that drive everything we do at Thanet.

Colts Transition - Unlocking Potential

One of the most rewarding aspects of the season has been watching our Colts successfully transition into senior rugby. Their energy, attitude, and application have been first class - showing Discipline on and off the pitch and proving that the pathway from youth to senior rugby is alive and thriving at Thanet Wanderers.

These young players represent the next generation of the club, and they're already

making a significant impact in matches and around the squad environment.

Mental Health and Wellbeing - Supporting Our Family

We're proud to announce the appointment of our new Mental Health and Wellbeing Family Officer, who will lead the club's wellbeing strategy for the year ahead.

This includes the launch of Man's Talk Margate, a Food & Kit Bank, and the introduction of trained Mental Health First Aiders across every team. Posters and resources will soon appear around the clubhouse to promote open conversations and signpost support.

This initiative reflects our commitment to the Family pillar — making sure every member of the Wanderers community feels supported, valued, and connected.

Celebrating 'Rugbyness'

We're thrilled to share that Mario Garcia has been nominated for the LooseHeadz "Rugbyness" Award, recognising his outstanding contribution to the spirit and values of rugby. Mario's leadership, humility, and positivity perfectly represent what it means to wear the Wanderers badge.

Looking Ahead

As we move deeper into the season, Thanet Wanderers stands united — one club built on Family, Discipline, Skillset, and Potential.

With growing participation, stronger pathways, and a renewed focus on player wellbeing, we're not just building rugby teams — we're building a community.

ELLIOT BLACKMORE

Director of Rugby







THANET WANDERERS LADIES READY FOR THE NEW SEASON

The Thanet Wanderers Ladies have been working hard over the summer with some excellent training and fitness sessions. The commitment and enthusiasm shown throughout pre-season has been fantastic, with the squad continuing to grow in confidence, skill, and team spirit.

Match opportunities before the season were limited, but the team managed to secure two tough friendlies. The 1st XV travelled to Canterbury to face strong opposition from a side playing in the league above. Although the scoreline ended 61–0 in Canterbury's favour, the Wanderers showed tremendous determination and resilience, producing some excellent passages of play and refusing to let their heads drop.

Back at St Peter's, the Ladies' 2nd XV hosted Vigo in their opening fixture. In front of a great crowd, with minis and juniors forming a guard of honour,

the squad produced a strong performance and ran out 34–14 winners. With tries shared around the team and some outstanding defensive work, it was a brilliant showcase of depth and spirit across the wider squad.

The whole group is now brimming with excitement and raring to go as they prepare to kick off their NC2 League campaign on Sunday 21st September, away against Ashford.

With the incredible Women's Rugby World Cup inspiring so many new fans, there has never been a better time to come and support the Thanet Wanderers Ladies. Whether you're an experienced player, completely new to the game, or just want to cheer the team on from the sidelines, you'll be sure of a warm welcome and a whole lot of fun.

Come on Wanderers - bring it on! RUGBYYYYYY!



THANET WANDERERS V VIGO 13-9-2025

This game started in driving rain which didn't bode well for an expansive game of rugby or the result. Immediately after the kickoff, Thanet carried the ball up the field but were halted just five metres from Vigo's tryline. With only seven minutes on the clock Finn White scored the first of Wanderers tries of the afternoon. The attempted conversion just shaved past the post leaving Thanet with an early 5-0 lead. It took only a further three minutes of play before that lead was extended as good handling by Wanderers allowed Tom Walton to dash across the line to score. He converted his own try to put the home side 12-0 up.

A nicely worked lineout move enabled Gil Smith to score Thanet's third try with the successful conversion from Walton leaving the score standing at 19-0. With less than a quarter of the game played Thanet had their bonus point as Tom O'Callaghan sprinted through the visitors defence to touch down in the corner. With the conversion going between the posts Vigo were now left trailing 26-0.

Ben Cannon was the next to take advantage of some lacklustre defence to score the first of his tries of the afternoon. Wanderers were now completely in control of the game, but despite coming close to scoring again they were held up shortly before the end of the first half. Then right on half time, Cannon extended the home sides' lead with another try. Following the successful conversion the score at half time was 38-0 to Thanet.

There was no thought of the home side sitting back with that score on the board and right from the kick off Wanderers again breached the visitors' line with Cannon's third try of the game. With Walton off the field, Louis Marshall took over the kicking duties and slotted the conversion to extend the score to 45-0. Shortly after a Vigo player strayed offside giving the home side a penalty which was kicked to touch. From the resulting lineout Lenny Brown was the next to get his name on the score-sheet as he charged over the tryline. Another successful Marshall conversion made the score 52-0.

Just after the hour mark Thanet stole the ball in midfield and Ellis Rees-Plumridge took his opportunity to score a try to increase the score to 57-0. With Thanet still playing attacking rugby Owen Long joined the scoring spree with the next try for Wanderers. Marshall's successful conversion brought the score to 64-0. Thanet maintained relentless pressure in the final ten minutes, which allowed Cannon to score his fourth try of the game with a clever feint and burst forward. As the game came to a close Cannon scored his fifth try of the match which Walton, who had returned to the game, converted to make the final score 76-0.

This was a very good display by Thanet despite the weather conditions for the first 20 minutes of the game. The team pounced on any small mistake by the opposition and were relentless with their finishing.

CARMEN GLOVER



















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FIRST XV. COUNTIES 2 KENT LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR THE 2025 -26

20)25		2026	
Sep	otember		January	
6	SIDCUP 2nds	номе	10 VIGO	AWAY
13	VIGO	номе	17 FOLKESTONE	НОМЕ
Oct	tober		24 BECKENHAM 2nds	AWAY
4	FOLKESTONE	AWAY	February	
11	BECKENHAM 2nds	номе	14 TONBRIDGE JUDDIANS 2nds	НОМЕ
18	TONBRIDGE JUDDIANS 2nds	AWAY	28 WESTCOMBE PARK 2nds	AWAY
No	vember		March	
8	WESTCOMBE PARK 2nds	НОМЕ	7 MAIDSTONE	НОМЕ
22	MAIDSTONE	AWAY	21 OLD ALLEYNIANS 2nds	AWAY
29	OLD ALLEYIANS 2nds	НОМЕ	28 AYLESFORD BULLS	НОМЕ
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Fixtures in BLOCK TYPE are COUNTIES 2 KENT LEAGUE matches



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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
THANET WANDERERS	3	3	0	0	130	30	100	3	0	15	
WESTCOMBE PARK 2ND XV	3	3	0	0	106	84	22	3	0	15	
MAIDSTONE	3	2	0	1	106	90	16	2	1	11	
TONBRIDGE JUDDIANS 2nd XV	2	2	0	0	86	32	54	2	0	10	
MEDWAY 2ND XV	3	2	0	1	67	99	-32	2	0	10	
SIDCUP 2ND XV	3	1	0	2	101	91	10	2	1	7	
FOLKESTONE	2	1	0	1	75	44	31	1	0	5	
BECKENHAM 2ND XV	2	1	0	1	36	32	4	0	1	5	
OLD ALLEYNIANS 2ND XV	3	0	0	3	65	112	-47	2	0	2	
AYLESFORD BULLS	3	0	0	3	60	112	-52	1	1	2	
VIGO	3	0	0	3	39	145	-106	0	1	1	

KENT COUNTIES LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES

11th October 2025

Aylesford Bulls v Maidstone

 $Medway\ 2nd\ XV\ v\ Tonbridge\ Juddians\ 2nd\ XV$

Sidcup 2nd XV v Old Alleynians 2nd XV

THANET WANDERERS v Beckenham 2nd XV

Vigo v Folkestone

KENT COUNTIES LEAGUE 2 RESULTS

Saturday 13th September 2025

Aylesford Bulls 13-50 Tonbridge Juddians 2nd XV

Medway 2nd XV 24-63 Folkestone

Old Alleynians 2nd XV 26-38 Westcombe Park 2nd XV

Saturday 4th October 2025

Beckenham 2nd XV 12-17 Medway 2nd XV

Folkestone 12-20 THANET WANDERERS

Maidstone 38-20 Old Alleynians 2nd XV

Sidcup 2nd XV 40-42 Maidstone

THANET WANDERERS 76-0 Vigo

Vigo 15-43 Sidcup 2nd XV

Westcombe Park 2nd XV 38-32 Aylesford Bulls

RESULTS GRID COUNTIES 2 KENT LEAGUE

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AYLESFORD BULLS									13-50		
BECKENHAM 2NDS	24-15				12-17						
FOLKESTONE					24-63			12-20			
MAIDSTONE						38-20					
MEDWAY 2NDS											
OLD ALLEYNIANS 2NDS											26-38
SIDCUP 2NDS				40-42							
TWRUFC							34-18			76-0	
TONBRIDGE JUDDS 2NDS						36-19					
BECKENHAM					24-26		15-43				
WESTCOMBE PARK 2NDS	38-32			30-24							

LADIES 1ST XV NC2 LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR THE 2025 -26

202	25	
Sep	otember	
21	ASHFORD	AWAY
Oct	tober	
5	LORDSWOOD	HOME
19	BECKENHAM 2ND XV	AWAY
No	vember	
9	FOLKESTONE	НОМЕ
23	BECCEHAMIANS	AWAY

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January 11 SEVENOAKS 18 LORDSWOOD February 8 BECKENHAM 2ND XV 22 FOLKESTONE March 8 BECCEHAMIANS 29 SEVENOAKS April 26 ASHFORD		
11	SEVENOAKS	НОМЕ
18	LORDSWOOD	AWAY
Feb	ruary	
8	BECKENHAM 2ND XV	НОМЕ
22	FOLKESTONE	AWAY
Ma	rch	
8	BECCEHAMIANS	номе
29	SEVENOAKS	AWAY
Apı	ril	
26	ASHFORD	HOME







THANET WANDERERS WOMEN 1ST XV VS ASHFORD AWAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER

A cloudy but bright afternoon with a slight breeze set the stage as Thanet travelled to Ashford for an exciting encounter.

First Half

Thanet kicked off strongly, pinning Ashford back with fierce defence. Early attacking phases saw Georgia Elks make a powerful run, only to be held up over the line. Pressure continued and the ball was worked wide, allowing Shannon Cook to crash over for the opening try.

The visitors kept their momentum, with Georgia Elks breaking through to score in the corner, followed by Neave Evans darting under the posts after a slick team move. Alexandra White added the extras, giving Thanet a healthy lead.

Ashford fought back with a determined spell and were rewarded with a try out wide, but Thanet responded quickly. A fantastic passage of play ended with Tabs Raymonde diving over in the corner to secure Thanet's fourth try of the half.

Half-time score: Ashford 5 - Thanet 22

Second Half

Thanet started brightly after the restart, combining well across the park. Tabs Raymonde struck again in the corner after sustained pressure, followed shortly by Maria Castellina who spotted a gap and powered through to extend the lead.

Ashford weren't finished, though. Their pack drove over from close range, and a successful conversion narrowed the margin. Thanet responded with determination, Maria Castellina crossing for her second try of the afternoon after a quick tap penalty.

In the closing stages Ashford piled on the pressure, but Thanet's defensive line held firm. Tackle after tackle kept the home side at bay, and despite sustained possession, Ashford couldn't find a way through.

Final score: Ashford 12 - Thanet 37

It was a fantastic all-round performance from Thanet, full of attacking energy and resilient defence. Every player dug deep, supported one another, and left everything out on the pitch. A true team effort under the autumn sun.

Forward of the match – Rebecca Hewitt, relentless work rate and huge impact up front.

Back of the match – Shannon Cook, electric on the wing with brilliant pace.

CLAIRE TURNER



















THANET WANDERERS

HOME TEAM COLOURS: Royal blue, gold and black

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Postition sponsored by: Dave Brown

6 WARREN RIDDELL-BROOMFIELD (C)

Postition sponsored by: Michelle McCled

- 7 OWEN LONG
 Postition sponsored by: Chris Marson
- 8 BEN CANNON
- Postition sponsored by: Terry Tutte

 TOM WALTON

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Postition sponsored by: Jeremy Ward

10 ADAM HARRISON

Postition sponsored by: Ray Roby/Peter Tierney

- MARIUS THOMPSON
 Postition sponsored by: Sue Holges (Holges Holiday Homes)
- 12 NICK HERBERT

 Postition sponsored by: Bill Hurley
- BEN MILLS

 Postition sponsored by: Andy Bull
- 14 ANDREW DOLAN

 Postition sponsored by: Paul Glover/Marc Harris
- 15 HENRY MIRAMS

 Postition sponsored by: Geoff Redmond//Marc Harris

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- 16 LUKE BROWNING
- 17 ELLIS REES-PLUMRIDGE
- **18 CALLUM DOODY**
- TR FRAN GILLESPIE

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ELLIOT BLACKMORE

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KIERAN HOPPER

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OLLIE CACKET ADAM MIRAMS

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Postition sponsored by: Carmen Glover

Team Physio:

KEVIN HURDWELL

Referee

KEVIN HURDWELL

Touch Judge:

CLIVE LEWIS

BECKENHAM 2ND XV

AWAY TEAM COLOURS:

- LOGAN BADGER
- 2 DEJ HOGAN
- **3** VINNIE HOOPER
- 4 CIAN TOOKEY (CAPT).
- 5 JAMAL COKER
- 6 TOM PURCELL
- 7 CASS LINDO
- **8** CAM PRINCE
- **9** ADAM SHELLEY
- 10 STUART WIEHAHN
- 11 CILLIAN TOOKEY
- 12 JOSH BURKE
- **13** LUKE JEBB
- **14** JUAI CHARLES
- 15 ELLIOT LONG

Replacements:

- 16 ADRIAN MATASENI
- 17 ANTHONY LINSCOMB

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Head Coach
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FOLKESTONE V THANET WANDERERS

Despite the tail end of a storm creating difficult weather conditions with a swirling wind making it hard to judge the movement of the ball through out the game, Thanet Wanderers managed to extend their unbeaten run at Folkestone on Saturday.

It wasn't the most positive start to the game for the visitors as they gave away a number of penalties giving the home side both possession and an advantageous position deep in Wanderers half. However, solid defence from Thanet kept a clean sheet with Folkestone being held up. Thanet gained a scrum just past half way and Ben Cannon picked up from the base and released Tom Walton who opened the scoring with a try after just nine minutes.

Folkestone gave away a number of penalties over the next few passages of play but Thanet were unable to score from these opportunities. Following a Folkestone line-out on 17 minutes, which was overthrown into Walton's hands, Wanderers scrum half dashed thirty metres through the home defence to score his second try of the game, giving Thanet a 10-0 lead.

The next passages of play saw neither side able to take control of the game and most of the action took place in the midfield. A number of penalties against Thanet saw a penalty scrum awarded to the hosts who took full advantage of the field position to score a converted try. Thanet were issued with a team warning from the referee due to the number of infringements they had committed so far in the game.

Late on in the first half Folkestone threatened Thanet's line again after a number of missed tackles by the visitors, but following some good defence Wanderers were able to clear their lines and move away from the danger area. Thanet ended the half on a high as they disrupted a Folkestone scrum on the home sides' five metre line allowing Callum Doody to score, leaving Thanet 15-7 ahead at the break.

Thanet's resolve was tested immediately the second half began as Danny Clement was shown a yellow card for killing the ball within a minute of the restart. This was a result of the warning given to the team in the first half. Folkestone used the man advantage to keep Wanderers pinned deep in their own half, but it still took most of the ten minutes of Clements' yellow card before they scored their second try of the game. The hosts, Having closed the points gap to three points, were looking to keep on the front foot. This was soon quashed as Cannon took advantage of a knock on to crash over the line to score his second and Thanet's bonus point try with just under an hour of the game played.

Thanet continued to pressurise the home side but were unfortunate not to score out on the wing as the last pass went astray. Thanet were reduced to fourteen men again when Lenny brown was shown a yellow card for coming in at the side. Hoping to finish the game on a high Folkestone piled on the pressure but were thwarted by Thanet's defence.

A good 20-12 win on the road for Thanet despite the conditions. Both kicking and line out duties were challenging due to the blustery weather. Although Thanet did take advantage of scoring opportunities when they arose and continued to maintain their shape throughout the game.

CARMEN GLOVER

















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A XV (SECOND XV)KENT RURAL DIVISION A LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR THE 2025 -26

20	25		2026	
Sej	otember		January	
13	ASHFORD BARBARIANS	AWAY	10 ASHFORD BARBARIANS	HOME
20	TUNBRIDGE WELLS 3rd XV	AWAY	17 SWANLEY	AWAY
0c	tober		24 SNOWDOWN CW	HOME
4	SWANLEY	HOME	February	
11	SNOWDOWN CW	AWAY	14 WEAVERING	AWAY
18	WEAVERING	HOME	28 CRANBROOK 2nds	HOME
No	vember		March	
8	CRANBROOK 2nds	AWAY	21 ASH	HOME
29	ASH	AWAY	28 AYLESFORD BULLS 2nds	AWAY
De	cember		April	
6	AYLESFORD BULLS 2nds	HOME	11 ASHFORD 2nds	HOME
13	ASHFORD 2nds	AWAY	18 DOVER 2nds	AWAY
20	DOVER 2nds	HOME	25 TUNBRIDGE WELLS 3rds	HOME

KENT RURAL A LEAGUE RESULTS

Saturday 13th September 2025

Ashford Barbarians 8-22 THANET WANDERERS 2nd XV

Aylesford Bulls 2nd XV 18-20 Weavering Warriors

Cranbrook 2nd XV 0-40 Ash

Dover 2nd XV 41-20 Swanley

Snowdown CW 45-5 Ashford 2nd XV

Saturday 20th September 2025

Ash 24-14 Weavering Warriors

Ashford 2nd XV 31-47 Swanley

Dover 2nd XV 60-21 Ashford Barbarians

Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV 26-26 THANET WANDERERS 2nd XV

Saturday 4th October 2025

Ashford Barbarians 5-22 Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV

Ashford 2nd XV 31-47 Weavering Warriors

Aylesford Bulls 2nd XV 44-12 Cranbrook 2nd XV

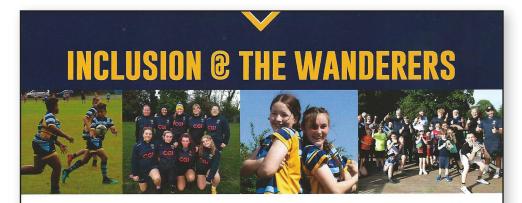
THANET WANDERERS 2nd XV 8-7 Swanley

Westcombe Park 2nd XV 38-32 Aylesford Bulls

KENT RURAL A LEAGUE 2024-25

TEAM	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS	ADJ
THANET WANDERERS 2ND XV	3	2	1	0	56	41	15	0	0	11	
WEAVERING WARRIORS	3	2	0	1	81	73	8	0	0	9	
DOVER 2ND XV	2	2	0	0	101	41	60	0	0	8	
ASH	2	2	0	0	64	14	50	0	0	8	
TUNBRIDGE WELLS 3rd XV	2	1	1	0	48	31	17	0	0	7	
SWANLEY	3	1	0	2	74	80	-6	0	1	7	
AYLESFORD BULLS 2ND XV	2	1	0	1	62	32	30	0	1	6	
SNOWDOWN CW	1	1	0	0	45	5	40	0	0	4	
ASHFORD BARBARIANS	3	0	0	3	34	104	-70	0	0	3	
ASHFORD 2ND XV	3	0	0	3	67	139	-72	0	0	3	
CRANBROOK 2ND XV	2	0	0	2	12	84	-72	0	0	2	





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 pratice 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

Thanet Wanderers RUFC





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	1	1	0	0	64	0	64	0	0	5	
THANET WANDERERS WOMEN	1	1	0	0	37	12	25	0	0	5	
BECKENHAM LADIES 2ND XV	1	1	0	0	30	15	15	0	0	5	
ASHFORD LADIES	2	0	0	2	12	101	-89	0	0	4	
BECCEHAMIAN LADIES	1	0	0	1	15	30	-15	0	0	2	
FOLKESTONE LADIES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
LORDSWOOD Valkyries Ladies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

WOMEN'S NC2 SOUTH EAST (EAST) LEAGUE RESULTS

Sunday 21st September 2025

Ashford Ladies 12-37 THANET WANDERERS
Women

Sunday 5th October 2025

Beccehamian Ladies 15-30 Beckenham Ladies 2nd XV

Sevenoaks Women 64-0 Ashford Ladies

MATCH REPORT

THANET WANDERERS 2ND XV VS VIGO

Friendly, 14th September 2025

A big Sunday at St Peter's saw the Ladies 2nd XV kick off their season with a friendly against Vigo. The squad was proudly led out by minis and juniors forming a guard of honour, and a strong crowd gathered to watch the action. With Thanet lending players to Vigo to balance the sides, it was set up as a great contest.

Thanet started brightly, putting early pressure on Vigo with determined running and big tackles across the field. Thanet struck early when Jo Simovic powered over for the opening try. Soon after, the ball moved swiftly through the hands and Neave Evans slid over for the second, with Chloe Siddall adding the extras to make it 12-0. The backs continued to link up well, sending Tabs Raymonde in for Thanet's third, before Sorcha Maddison showed great vision to dart through and score. Another successful kick from Chloe Siddall stretched the lead to 24-0.

Vigo hit back just before half-time, but Thanet went into the break 24-7 ahead after an exciting first half of rugby.

The visitors started the second half brightly, adding another converted score to close the gap

to 24–14. But Thanet's determination shone through, with Rebecca Hewitt crashing over to restore the lead, before Ella Thurman-Newell finished strongly in the corner to seal the win.

Final Score: Thanet Wanderers 34 - Vigo 14

Coaches' Comments - Liz

"A positive start to the 2s season with a wellearned win. The team showed great adaptability despite frequent changes in personnel, and the unity and determination, especially from new players and those out of position, were clear and encouraging for the future."

Captain's Comments - Neave

"I'm super proud of the effort and determination shown by everyone on the pitch. We had a lot of changes during the game, and everyone adapted to where needed, so it was a great start to our 2s campaign and a great start for our newbies getting out there for a full game. YEAH RUGBBBBYYYYYY!!!!"

Forward of the match Jo Simovic

Back of the match Tabs Raymonde











THANET SHINE IN TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT

Thanet enjoyed a superb day of rugby in a triangular set of fixtures against Dover and Faversham, with each game consisting of two 15-minute halves. The squad delivered dominant performances throughout, showcasing the results of their recent hard work in training.

Game 1: Faversham v Thanet

Thanet opened their campaign against Faversham in commanding fashion, running in a flurry of tries to secure a comprehensive 45–0 victory.

The scoring started early with Alexandra White crossing the line to make it 5–0, swiftly followed by Chloe Siddall adding a second to extend the lead to 10–0, A superb conversion from Tabs Raymonde took the score to 12–0. From there, Thanet found their rhythm, with Tabs Raymonde and Shannon Cook adding further tries before half time.

In the second half, Shannon Cook and Gee Cordell also got on the scoreboard as Thanet continued to dominate both territory and possession.

A couple of injuries forced early changes, Vicky Flower went off with a bloody nose and Amy Fowler was withdrawn with a head injury, but the squad's depth shone through as Georgia Elks, and Sorcha Maddison, stepped up seamlessly.

By full-time, Thanet had crossed the whitewash nine times, with Tabs Raymonde contributing heavily to the scoreline through both tries and conversions, rounding off a confident and complete team performance.

Final Score: Thanet 45 - 0 Faversham

Game 2: Dover v Thanet

Thanet carried their momentum into the final fixture, this time facing a strong Dover side who had earlier beaten Faversham 7–0.

Once again, Thanet started fast, with Gee Cordell powering over for the opener with Tabs Raymonde adding the extras. Tabs Raymonde then scored and converted her own try to make it 14–0 at the break.

In the second half, Sorcha Maddison, and Neave Evans added tries, while Tabs Raymonde and Shannon Cook kept the scoreboard ticking with further conversions. Dover pulled one back, but Thanet finished strongly, sealing a 33–7 victory.

Final Score: Thanet 33 - 7 Dover

Player Awards

Back of the Match: Tabs Raymonde; led by example, scoring the majority of Thanet's points and controlling play brilliantly from the backs, creating multiple line breaks.

Forward of the Match: Sian Boyce; tireless at the breakdown, excellent in support, and made strong carries to gain valuable metres.

Coaches' comments, A fantastic team effort across both games. The ruck and support speed were excellent, with some superb counterrucking and defensive pressure. A little more structure in the breakdown will help prevent players going off their feet, but overall, the work rate and execution were outstanding.

Both forwards and backs combined well to exploit gaps and weak tackles, constantly breaking the gain line and keeping the tempo high throughout.

Special mention to Kat Stuart, who captained brilliantly in her final match before returning to Australia, a fitting send-off performance for a respected teammate and leader.

CLAIRE TURNER









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EXTRA A XV (THIRD XV) KENT RURAL DIVISION C LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR THE 2025 -26

	2026							
	January							
HOME	10 VIGO 2nds	AWAY						
	17 NEW ASH GREEN 2nd XV	HOME						
AWAY	24 OLD GRAVESENDIANS 2nds	AWAY						
HOME	February							
AWAY	14 LORDSWOOD 2nds	HOME						
	28 GRAVESEND 4ths	AWAY						
HOME	March							
AWAY	21 SHEPPEY 2nds	HOME						
	28 CANTERBURY 5ths	AWAY						
HOME	April							
AWAY	11 DARTFORD Valley 2nds	HOME						
HOME	18 DEAL & BETTES 3rds	AWAY						
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KENT RURAL C LEAGUE RESULTS

Saturday 13th September 2025

Canterbury 5th XV Zingari 63-28 Lordswood 2nd XV

Old Gravesendians 2nd XV 3-3 New Ash Green 2nd XV

Sheppey 2nd XV 21-38 Dartford Valley 2nd XV $\,$

THANET WANDERERS 3rd XV HWO Vigo 2nd XV

Saturday 20th September 2025

Canterbury 5th XV Zingari 54-14 Sheppey 2nd XV

Lordswood 2nd XV HWO New Ash Green 2nd XV

Vigo 2nd XV 51-19 Old Gravesendians 2nd XV

Saturday 4th October 2025

Dartford Valley 2nd XV 33-12 Canterbury 5th XV Zingari

Lordswood 2nd XV 12-43 Old Gravesendians 2nd XV

New Ash Green 2nd XV 29-34 THANET WANDERERS 3rd XV



KENT RURAL C LEAGUE 2025-26

TEAM	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS	ADJ
CANTERBURY 5TH XV Zingari	3	2	0	1	129	70	59	0	0	9	
THANET WANDERERS 2ND XV	2	2	0	0	74	29	45	0	0	8	
DARTFORD VALLEY 2nd XV	2	2	0	0	71	33	38	0	0	8	
OLD GRAVESENDIANS 2nd XV	3	1	1	1	65	66	-1	0	0	8	
LORDSWOOD 2ND XV	3	1	0	2	75	106	-31	0	0	6	
NEW ASH GREEN 2ND XV	3	0	1	2	32	77	-45	0	1	5	
VIGO 2ND XV	2	1	0	1	51	.59.	-8	0	0	4	
SHEPPEY 2ND XV	2	0	0	2	35	92	-57	0	0	2	
GRAVESEND 4TH XV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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Half of the money received is paid out in prizes with the remaining half going to support major projects within the Club helping to maintain and improve facilities. What a great way to help the Club for a modest outlay each month and the chance to win £££s. The prize structure is based on the number of members. Should the membership exceed 450 then the prize structure will be increased accordingly. A schedule of prizes in operation at any one time is available from the promoter.

Membership is not restricted to members of Thanet Wanderers Rugby Union Football Club and supporters are welcome to participate.

Members will be notified by email of the winning numbers each month and monies won will be paid directly into the winners bank accounts.

Please contact either Andy Bull (07710-456225) or Kelly Smith at the clubhouse if you need further details or fill in a direct debit form available either at the clubhouse or from Kelly.

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