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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the new season at Thanet Wanderers RUFC. It has been four years since I started this journey as Chairman of the club, during which time the Committee has made many changes for the benefit of the members. My aim has always been to provide a better experience for our members and visitors both on and off the pitch. Only by following this pathway will our club continue to thrive. The member and visitor Rugby experience at Thanet Wanderers is my top priority.

The Thanet Wanderer Rugby Experience is built around two principles.

Firstly, that we provide opportunities throughout the community to take part and enjoy Rugby. Our club must continue to be a safe place where we can practice, train, and play according to the Rugby values, and be inclusive.

Secondly, we continue to develop our clubhouse and facilities for our members and visitors and create an atmosphere of camaraderie and trust so that they want to spend more time at the club. I want Thanet Wanderers to put quality as the number one enabler for a great experience, whether that is playing kit, the food we serve or the facilities, we should aim for the best quality that we can provide and strive to keep improving.

In anticipation of the new season, I would like to thank in advance all the Committee, the volunteers, coaches, players, and members for their hard work in making this a great club.

Sincerely,

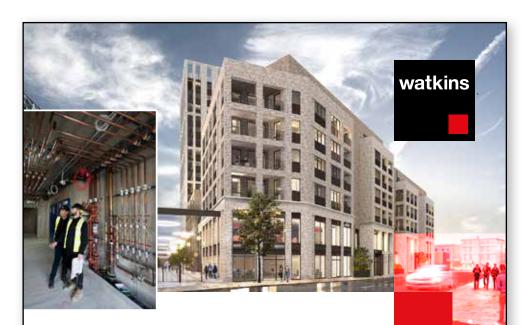
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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Good afternoon and Welcome to the 2024-2025 Season. This weekend we start the season by welcoming Gillingham Anchorians to St Peters. Its been a while since we've played Gillingham Anchorians in a competitive fixture and we look forward to hosting them.

With the trials and tribulations of last season behind us we look forward to this season with Warren Riddell-Broomfield at the helm, playing in Counties 2 Kent.

We also start the season without Bradley Teal who sadly unexpectedly passed away this summer. The clubhouse will be a quieter place without Brad, who was a true Wanderer. Brad played at all levels from a junior right through to the first team. He was a club sponsor and gave his love of rugby to his children Sonny and Beau, who we give our condolences and sympathies to. Rest in Peace Brad and we hope to see both Sonny & Beau at the club in the future.

It's the Law!

This season we see 3 Law Changes Law changes - 1 July 2024

The World Rugby Council agreed to law changes in three areas covering:

- Offside in front of a kicker
- Eliminating the crocodile roll
- Removing the scrum option when a Free Kick is awarded

The following are the areas of law with the new law wording. They come into effect on 1 July 2024.

Offside in front of a kicker

Rationale: Teams and players have recognised that in a kick battle with opponents, the kicking team providing they are more than 10m away from the ball alighting - can be put onside by the actions of the catcher who runs 5m, passes or kicks.

This has created freedom for players to loiter in the middle and wait for a kick tennis battle to conclude.

The new wording makes clear that any player who is offside in open play needs to take action

to put themselves onside and not just remain stationary. The clauses relating to the catcher running 5m and passing the ball to put an opponent onside, will be removed.

Crocodile roll

Rationale: Player safety. While low in number, these actions continue to cause long-term injuries in many players. The Shape of Game meeting showed clear support for removing the specific action in law.

A player may remove the jackler from the tackle area by pushing/driving them backwards (including by grabbing the knee/ leg), but must not roll, pull or twist an opponent. (Sanction: Penalty)

Scrum option removal at a Free Kick

Rationale: Speeding up restarts after technical offences. Currently many scrums result in long periods of dead time with resets, leading to more free kicks, penalties and then kicks to touch. Shape of Game recommendation was to remove the scrum from a free kick option. It remains an option for penalty offences.

These changes are designed for safety, to increase the fluency of the game for both player and spectator enjoyment and must be referable. I think the authorities have got this right !

We welcome Steve Matthews who is our Match Official today, who I believe has not experienced the atmosphere of St Peters before and we extend a warm welcome to him. 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.

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Tomorrow, we host a Community Day in the morning and the Club Shop will be open, it is also available to access via www. thethanetwandersshop.com

CLIVE LEWIS Club President



FROM THE HEAD COACH

Firstly, welcome back to what is shaping up to be a positive year both on and off the field. Pre-season has looked quite different this year which has been mainly due to the recruitment of new coaches and the Colts coaches and players supporting our pre-season sessions.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the coaches for their support and hard work during pre-season.

Today, we welcome Gillingham Anchorians to our ground. This is the first occasion that we have played our visitors for quite some time and since this is our first encounter in this league we are aiming to start strongly. We want to see the crowd on the clubhouse balcony jumping and celebrating.

We have recruited well over the summer, with a number of new players and some former players returning. However, as always we are about to lose some of our young guns off to university. Whilst this is challenging it's always a positive step forward for the players as it will be for the club when they return. In addition to this, we are trying to "clear" some of our outstanding Colts players who are able to perform at our level. This can be somewhat problematic, but we hope to see them playing soon.

All that leaves me to say is thank you for your support as always, let's turn this season into a positive one and a good start will help with that.

ELLIOT BLACKMORE



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MATCH REPORT

DOVER V THANET WANDERERS

The pre-season match was played in four periods with generous water breaks in view of the continuing high temperatures.

Dover kicked off and Wanderers conceded an early penalty that allowed the hosts to set a good field position and score a converted try after just four minutes. Seven minutes later they went a further five points ahead as a second try was unconverted. Thanet's number eight, Brett Scott had to withdraw with injury to be replaced by Ben Cannon. Mike Whitehead took a break from front row duties and was replaced by Jack Brewer. Cannon's strong carry took Wanderers, who were playing with an advantage, over the home line, but the touchdown was disallowed and Wanderers went back for the penalty. Good sharp handling followed and it was Tom Stevens on the left wing who claimed the season's first touchdown. Charlie Panteli's conversion attempt was just wide, but Wanderers were on the board 12-5. Substitutions were many and often for Wanderers with Dominic Stringer and Finn White getting first starts from the bench with Ed Plori soon following them on to the pitch.

Despite good defence, particularly from Leon Doody, who was playing on the wing today, Dover scored a third try to lead 17-5 at half-time.

Well refreshed Wanderers were quickly on the attack at the start of the third period and their strong pressure was rewarded with a try for Finn White which Panteli converted well. Dover made it 22-12 before the end of the period. Wanderers were tiring rapidly during the fourth period and the hosts ran in three more tries to be well deserved winners by 39-12. Thank you to them for their hospitality and good luck for the season ahead..

Coaches and most of the many Thanet supporters who made the short trip to Dover could find grounds for optimism for the rapidly approaching season. Only six of today's starters started Wanderers final league fixture of the 2023-24 season so there will be new faces and a return for some regulars in Wanderers league fixtures that begin with a home match against Gillingham Anchorians.

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2024 September			2025 January	
7	GILLINGHAM ANCHORIANS	HOME	4	SIDCUP 2NDS
14	VIGO	AWAY	11	DARTFORD VALLEY
21	MAIDSTONE	HOME	-	MEDWAY 2NDS
28	SIDCUP 2NDS	HOME		oruary
0c	tober		1	OLD ALLEYNIANS
12	DARTFORD VALLEY	AWAY	15	AYLESFORD BULLS
19	MEDWAY 2NDS	HOME	Ма	rch
No	vember			WESTCOMBE PARK 2
9	AYLESFORD BULLS	HOME	8	FOLKESTONE
16	WESTCOMBE PARK 2NDS	AWAY	22	OLD ELTHAMIANS
23	FOLKESTONE	HOME	Ар	ril
De	cember		_	GILLINGHAM ANCHC
7	OLD ELTHAMIANS	AWAY		
14	VIGO	HOME		
21	MAIDSTONE	AWAY		

Fixtures in BLOCK TYPE are COUNTIES 2 KENT LEAGUE matches

15	AYLESFORD BULLS	AWAY
Ma	rch	
1	WESTCOMBE PARK 2NDS	HOME
8	FOLKESTONE	AWAY
22	OLD ELTHAMIANS	HOME
Арі	ril	
5	GILLINGHAM ANCHORIANS	AWAY

AWAY

HOME

AWAY

HOME

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THANET WANDERERS LADIES OPEN DAY 6TH JULY 2024

On an afternoon when we experienced all 4 seasons in 1 day Thanet Wanderers RUFC Ladies hosted their Open Day. A mixture of current players and new ladies spent a couple of hours trying out skills, drills and playing touch. Everyone had a great time.





CHARITY MATCH REPORT In AID of Leukaemia Care

Thanet Wanderer Brandon Dhesi's brother is suffering from the disease and Brandon has been an indomitable fundraiser in support of the charity including running the London Marathon. The match between a team of players from local clubs, the D Barbarians, and a team of Wanderers made up principally of men from the club's second and third teams, was competitive and an excellent watch for the good crowd of spectators. Congratulations to the visitors on their win, but the real winner was the charity where the total on the Just Giving page 24 hours after the game, stood at £1256, well ahead of the £1000 target.

If you would like to add your contribution please use the link below. https://www.justgiving.com/../brandon-dhesi....



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HOME TEAM COLOURS: blue, black and gold hoops

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15 HENRY MIRAMS Postition sponsored by: Geoff Redmond

Replacements: 16 KURT PEARSON

17 CHRIS GREGORY

18 GIL SMITH

Referee STEVE MATTHEWS Touch Judge TBC D.O.R. NOT SUPPLIED Head Coach NOT SUPPLIED Assistant Coach NOT SUPPLIED Physio NOT SUPPLIED

GILLINGHAM ANCHORIANS

AWAY TEAM COLOURS:

- 1 ALFIE LUCKHURST
- 2 WILL SUTTON
- **3** JOE GRANGER
- 4 TOM GOLDING
- **5 CHRIS EVEREST**
- **6** ARCHIE JOHNSTON
- 7 RORY TURNER
- 8 MARK BARFOOT

- **9 SAM GILLESPIE**
- **10 OLIVER DAWES**
- **11 ZAC NEWSTEAD**
- **12 KENTON PARBUTT**
- **13 OLIVER NEWTON**
- **14 GEORGE TURNER**
- **15 JOSH NEWTON**

Replacements:

- **16 BEN BUTLER**
- **17 TOM HOPGOOD**
- **18** JOSEPH RYAN





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2024 September		2025 January		
14 CRANBROOK 2nds	HOME	4 DOVER 2nds	HOME	
28 DOVER 2nds	AWAY	11 WEAVERING	AWAY	
October		18 MEDWAY 4ths	HOME	
5 SNOWDOWN CW	AWAY	February		
12 WEAVERING	HOME	1 TUNBRIDGE WELLS 3rds	AWAY	
19 MEDWAY 4ths	AWAY	15 AYLESFORD 2nds	HOME	
26 TUNBRIDGE WELLS 3rds	HOME	March		
November		1 ASH 1st	AWAY	
	AWAY	8 FOLKESTONE 2nds	HOME	
16 ASH 1st	HOME	22 EDENBRIDGE	AWAY	
23 FOLKESTONE 2nds	AWAY	April		
December		5 SNOWDOWN CW 1sts	HOME	
7 EDENBRIDGE 1st	HOME			
14 CRANBROOK 2nds	AWAY			

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EXTRA A XV (THIRD XV) KENT & EAST SUSSEX RURAL DIVISION B LEAGUE FIXTURES For 2024 -2025

2025

2024

September

14	VIGO 2nds	HOME
21	MAIDSTONE 2nds	AWAY
28	DOVER 3rds	AWAY

October

5	GRAVESEND 3rds	AWAY
12	SITTINGBOURNE 2nds	HOME
26	CANTERBURY 4ths	HOME
Nov	vember	
9	ASHFORD BARBARIANS	AWAY

4	uary DOVER 3rds	номе
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11	SITTINGBOURNE 2nds	AWAY
Feł	oruary	
1	CANTERBURY 4ths	AWAY
15	ASHFORD BARBARIANS	HOME
Ма	rch	
1	DEAL & BETTESHANGER	AWAY
8	SHEPPEY 2nds	HOME
22	LEIGH 1st	AWAY
Ap	ril	
_	GRAVESEND 3rds	HOME

December

7	LEIGH 1st	HOME
14	VIGO 2nds	AWAY

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HOME

AWAY

MATCH REPORT

THANET WANDERERS RUFC 2s 63 - 15 ILFORD WANDERERS RFC

Good pre-season workout for the Wanderers of Kent and Essex.

There were some unusual sights for the reasonable number of spectators at St Peter's Rec on Saturday. Third team Captain, veteran Bill Wallace, who is more regularly seen there as hooker, was resplendent in the nine jersey for this fixture and Adam Harrison, whose appearances have been limited by injury in recent seasons, took the opportunity to have a run-out at ten which is likely to be his position for the first XV for the coming season.

Thanet kicked off down the slope and a series of errors from both sides marred the opening minutes. With fifteen minutes played, Alfie Reeves broke clear well and handed on to Harrison for the finish and conversion. A good tackle from Tom Stevens saved a likely try before a sharp interchange of passes and an advance at speed brought the second try from Lewis Downer. A nicely worked try for the visitors saw them on the scoreboard but the conversion just slipped by the posts. The third try went to Stevens after a good break from Ewan McLean and the creator became the scorer five minutes later when he touched down to end the ball's rather uncertain journey along the line. Downer made an excellent conversion and the first half ended with Thanet leading, 26-5.

The hosts were quickly into their stride in the second period with unconverted tries from Charlie and then Max Rogers who ran straight back after catching the restart. The Ilford forwards now combined well and added a deserved try that went unconverted. Thanet responded with two quick-fire tries: Tom Stevens completed his double in typically determined style and Max Rogers added his second after again weaving an unchallenged path through the visiting defence. There was a ten-minute spell with no further score until the visiting pack showed their determination with an unconverted try wide out right A sevenminute blitz from Thanet followed with two tries from Harrison to record his hat trick and the final score went to Alfie Reeves who showed deceptive pace, following an interception, to touch down and then convert his own try to give a final score of 63-15.

Thanks to Referee Jez Michaels for his sympathetic shift today that ended when he blew a little early with injuries multiplying. It was a tough visit for the Ilford Wanderers who were hampered by injuries and late withdrawals; we hope you enjoyed your visit to Broadstairs and wish you a successful season.

The 2s begin their season in Kent Rural A League with a home fixture on the 14th of September against Cranbrook 2s. (Kick Off 3 PM). COLIN WHITELEY



















SEND TO COVENTRY

Friday the 21st June saw two teams of Thanet Wanderers Lions SEND teams, one under 15s and one over 15s, leave the clubhouse for a weekend trip to Coventry to take part in an international Send rugby competition organised by the children's rugby charity Wooden Spoon. During Saturday morning there were warm up games between the various sides which enabled the teams to be properly grouped for their competitive matches that were played during the afternoon. After lunch each team played 3 matches of 8 minutes each way with a two minute break. For those players that needed extra support a coach was allowed on the field with them.

The over 15s were short of players all day, but were learnt players by the larger squads. Jodie Ounsley, the star guest of the day and former Sale Sharks and Exeter Chiefs player, played alongside the boys joined by two of the Mums.

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Amazing performances were put in by all the players and the combined results for the two teams were P6, W4, D1 and L1. This was never about results, but it is a testament to the coaches that they were able to prepare the squads that made them so competitive in their first ever matches against other teams

At the end of the day each player and coach was given a wonderful Tagfest medal and each team a Wooden Spoon Tagfest trophy.

ANDY BULL







LADIES 1ST XV NC2 SOUTH EAST FIXTURES For 2024 -2025

2025

January

2024

September		
15	BECCEHAMIAN LADIES	HOME
22	ASHFORD LADIES	AWAY
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13	LORDSWOOD VALKYRIES	HOME
20	BECKENHAM LADIES	AWAY
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5	ASHFORD LADIES	HOME
19	LORDSWOOD VALKYRIES	AWAY
Feł	oruary	
9	BECKENHAM LADIES	HOME
23	GRAVESEND LADIES	AWAY
Ма	rch	
9	ТВА	AWAY
23	AYLESFORD BULLS LADIES	номе

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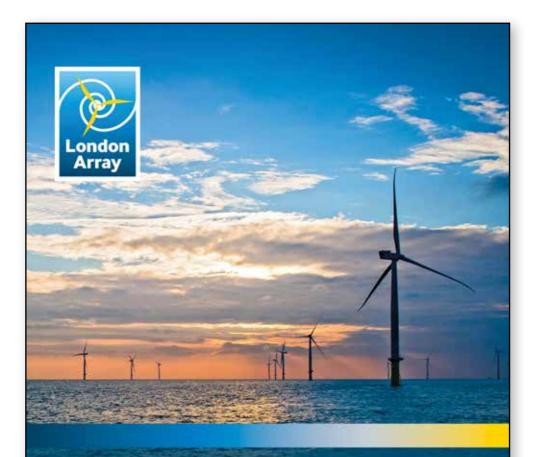
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