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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Since this is the last 1st team home game of this year and there is not another until the 17th January 2026, I wish you all a happy festive period and a prosperous New Year. Don't forget to get those Christmas presents from the Club shop (open on Sundays).

Today we welcome Old Alleynians 2nd XV and supporters of both teams and we also give a hearty welcome to Vice Presidents and Sponsors who have come to support rugby in general and in particular Thanet Wanderers. To those of you attending the lunch we hope you have a great entertaining day.

Today's Counties 2 Kent League game has Old Alleynians placed in 6th position in the League with 3 wins from 6 this season. They have won their last 2 games against Medway 2nd XV and Aylesford Bulls and will want to continue this winning run at St Peters. They have scored 104 pts over those games and conceded 48 points. Last week, Thanet Wanderers recorded an away win over Maidstone 36-28 after two consecutive defeats by the two teams sitting above them in the league (Westcombe Park 2's and Old Juddians 2's), leaving Thanet in 3rd position in the league

Thanet and Old Alleynians have a lot in common despite being at polar ends of the County and Old Alleynians 1st XV playing in Regional 1 South Central (Level 5). Both clubs field 3 senior men's sides, a full age range at junior level, two ladies teams, and an U16's girls team. Thanet Wanderers remain the only club in Kent to run a SEND team.

It's our opportunity to show case the club to our wonderful sponsors and of course celebrate the start of boozy December! Every home game costs £165 for the pitch hire (TDC) and the referee (Kent RFU) and this is before the cost of kit, physio, balls, post protectors, the list goes on. If we have 3 teams at home playing the club is out pf pocket to the tune of £ 495 before we have kicked off.

Today you will see the 1st team in action at St Peter's, but the 2nds are away at Ash (1ST team) and the 3rds away at Sheppey (2nd Team). The club fields 3 senior men's teams, a Vets team, 2 senior women's teams and a full suite of teams from Under 9's through to Under 18's and of course there are the Minis, the Rug Rats and the Special Educational Needs Squad. Your money goes to help these teams and we are grateful for your support.

I am privy to all the Team Whats App groups and its great to see the positivity and camaraderie in the narrative used. The 2nd Team conversations could be a Channel 4 Comedy drama, if anyone would believe it!

I believe, it's a "state of mind" that home grown players show that brings out the best in them over 80 minutes. This was much the same with the 1997 Thanet winning team at Twickenham, who in their semi-final and before that their quarter final were losing right up until the last quarter of the game. Both their quarter and semi were won in extra time! This is where the saying "It's not over till we say it's over!" comes from and this mantra is now written in large letters in the corridor of the changing rooms

Congratulations to Charlie Panteli who became a full International for Cyprus on the 22nd of November, playing against Malta in Ayia Napa. He joins Marius Thompson as another Thanet Wanderer who reached international stardom for Norway.

Lets look out for those Moustaches the Seniors are sporting in the name of Men's mental Health, go to the Facebook page to contribute, judging later today !!!

Good luck to both Teams today, we hope it's an entertaining, injury free game and we welcome todays match official (unknown at time of this article being published).

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Club President



CHRISTMAS HAMPER



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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

1ST XV----A STRONG RUN OF PERFORMANCES & A CLEAR IDENTITY EMERGING.

The Men's 1XV have shown real progress throughout October and November, putting in a series of competitive and committed performances—several of which demonstrated the grit and growth mindset we expect from this group.

Recent Results (Counties 2 Kent)

November 2025

- Maidstone 28 36 Thanet Wanderers
- Thanet Wanderers 28 33 Westcombe Park II

October 2025

- Tonbridge Juddians II 43 22 Thanet Wanderers
- Thanet Wanderers 31 10 Beckenham II
- Folkestone 12 20 Thanet Wanderers

Performance Analysis

Across this block of fixtures, the 1XV have:

- Grown massively in defensive organisation
 Our new "Skull" defensive principles are
 bedding in well—improved line speed, better
 communication, and increased confidence in
 phase-after-phase defending.
- 2. Developed attacking shape with intent
 The squad is starting to play with clarity,
 especially off set-piece platforms and
 counter-attack moments. Ball retention has
 improved, and decision-making has become
 more consistent.

3. Shown resilience in tight games

The Westcombe Park fixture was decided in the final minutes, but the composure under pressure was notable. Against Maidstone, the squad showed grit to close out a highintensity match away from home.

4. Integrated young pathway players

Several Academy graduates have stepped in and contributed meaningfully—exactly what our "Build the Foundation" plan is designed to achieve.

LADIES 1XV — A SEASON OF GROWTH, IDENTITY, AND REAL PROGRESS.

The Thanet Wanderers Women have enjoyed an excellent run of performances, showing

huge development in confidence, physicality, and connection. They are maturing rapidly as a group and increasingly demonstrating the values we want all teams to embody.

Recent Results (Women's NC 2 South East - East) November 2025

- Beccehamian Ladies 10 5 Thanet Wanderers Women
- Thanet Wanderers Women 24 10 Folkestone Ladies
- October 2025
- Beckenham Ladies II 29 43 Thanet Wanderers Women
- Thanet Wanderers Women 14 17 Lordswood Valkyries Ladies

Performance Analysis

1. Massive improvements in continuity and phase play

The Ladies now play with far more composure and structure, especially in multi-phase attack. Players are recognising space earlier and moving the ball more confidently.

2. Defensive resilience

The Beckenham performance was a standout—tackling efficiency, scramble defence, and on-field leadership were exceptional.

3. Physicality increasing every week

Contact confidence has been a major development area this season, and the progress is clear. The Folkestone victory was built on power, work rate, and fearless carrying.

4. Leadership emerging

Several players have grown vocally and tactically, helping organise the team in key moments. This leadership is spreading across the squad, strengthening their identity.

CLUB VALUES — NOW PART OF OUR DAILY LANGUAGE

The introduction of our four core values- Family, Discipline, Skillset, Potential- has begun to set the tone across every squad. These values are no longer slogans; they are becoming a shared vocabulary for how we behave, train, compete, and support one another.

To support this cultural shift, we have now rolled out:

- 1. New Values Boards (replacing POTM trophies) Instead of picking a single Player of the Match, coaches now recognise players based on one of our core values. This allows praise to be purposeful:
- FAMILY: teamwork, support, inclusivity
- **DISCIPLINE:** effort, resilience, consistency
- SKILLSET: creativity, decision-making, technical improvements
- **POTENTIAL:** growth mindset, learning from mistakes, stepping forward

This change reinforces who we want our players to become—not just how they played for 80 minutes.

New Question Boards — Changing Post-Match Conversations

Across the whole club—including the seniors—we have introduced reflective Question Boards to help players think differently about the game:

- "Did you enjoy being with your team today?"
- · "What did you do to show discipline?"
- "When something didn't go to plan, how did you fix it?"
- "How did you support a teammate today?"
- "What will you work on this week to get better?"

These questions help players of all ages develop:

- Ownership
- Self-awareness
- Problem-solving
- Accountability
- Growth mindset
- Resilience

This is the foundation for long-term success—far more important than scorelines.

A CLUB UNITED BY PURPOSE

From the U6s through to our senior teams, Thanet Wanderers is growing into a valuesdriven, development-focused club—one that supports its players as people first, athletes second.

The 1XV and the Ladies embody this shift.

Our pathway is becoming stronger and more connected.

The culture is becoming more positive, more supportive, and more ambitious.

Thank you to every player, coach, volunteer, parent, and supporter who continues to drive this forward.

We are Thanet Wanderers.

We are building the foundation.

ELLIOT BLACKMORE

Director of Rugby







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FROM THE DEFENCE COACH

Welcome back to The Wanderers for another home fixture.

Our defensive focus this week is built around our three key pillars: line speed, connection, and tackle choice. When we get these right, we control the tempo of the game and force the opposition to play on our terms.

We've shown from last weeks efforts that our defence can be a real weapon. When we trust our structure and put in the work for each other,

we become incredibly hard to break down. Defence is attitude — and today is another opportunity to show ours.

Enjoy the game, and thank you for your continued support.

KIERAN HOPPER

Opposite: Photos of Thanet's 36-28 win last week over Maidstone.





PHOTOS BY: BRIAN CULLINGFORD

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					
D -			April						
	cember		18 MEDWAY 2nds	НОМЕ					
6	AYLESFORD BULLS	AWAY	25 SIDCUP 2nds	AWAY					
20	MEDWAY 2nds	AWAY							

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
TONBRIDGE JUDDIANS 2nd XV	6	6	0	0	223	92	.131.	6	0	30	
WESTCOMBE PARK 2ND XV	6	6	0	0	236	118	118	6	0	30	
THANET WANDERERS	7	5	0	2	247	144	103	7	1	28	
FOLKESTONE	6	4	0	2	266	109	157	4	0	20	
MAIDSTONE	6	3	0	3	195	174	21	5	2	19	
OLD ALLEYNIANS 2ND XV	6	3	0	3	207	179	28	5	0	17	
AYLESFORD BULLS	6	2	0	4	166	212	-46	4	1	13	
SIDCUP 2ND XV	7	2	0	5	209	245	-36	3	1	12	
MEDWAY 2ND XV	7	2	0	5	122	261	-139	2	0	10	
VIGO	7	1	0	6	89	277	-188	1	1	6	
BECKENHAM 23ND XV	6	1	0	5	97	246	-149	0	1	5	

KENT COUNTIES LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES

29th November 2025

Beckenham 2nd XV v Tonbridge Juddians 2nd XV

Folkestone v Westcombe Park 2nd XV

Medway 2nd XV v Aylesford Bulls

THANET WANDERERS v Old Alleynians 2nd XV

Vigo v Maidstone

KENT COUNTIES LEAGUE 2 RESULTS

Saturday 8th November 2025

Folkestone 99-10 Beckenham 2nd XV

Medway 2nd XV 12-30 Maidstone 2nd XV

Sidcup 2nd 19-41 Aylesford Bulls

THANET WANDERERS 28-33 Westcombe Park 2nd XV

Beckenham 2nd XV 17-51 Sidcup 2nd XV

Vigo 7-22 Tonbridge 2nd XV

Friday 21st November 2025

Saturday 22nd November 2025

Maidstone 28-36 THANET WANDERERS

Old Alleynians 2nd XV 54-19 Medway 2nd XV

Tonbridge Juddians 2nd XV 29-10

Folkestone

Westcombe Park 2nd XV 62-3 Vigo

RESULTS GRID COUNTIES 2 KENT LEAGUE

AWAY TEAM ►	AYL	BECK	FOLK	MAI	S	ALLE	SIDCL	_		BECK	WES1 PAR
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AYLESFORD BULLS				36-31					13-50		
BECKENHAM 2NDS	24-15				12-17		17-51			24-33	
FOLKESTONE		99-10			24-63		58-19	12-20			
MAIDSTONE						38-20		28-36			
MEDWAY 2NDS				12-30					21-43		
OLD ALLEYNIANS 2NDS	50-29				54-19						26-38
SIDCUP 2NDS	19-41			40-42		19-38					
TWRUFC		31-10					34-18			76-0	28-33
TONBRIDGE JUDDS 2NDS			29-10			36-19		43-22			
BECKENHAM			7-24		24-26		15-43		7-22		
WESTCOMBE PARK 2NDS	38-32			30-24	35-3					62-3	

LADIES 1ST XV NC2 LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR 2025 -26

202	25	
Sep	otember	
21	ASHFORD	AWAY
0ct	ober	
5	LORDSWOOD	HOME
19	BECKENHAM 2ND XV	AWAY
No	vember	
9	FOLKESTONE	HOME
23	BECCEHAMIANS	AWAY

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2026 January 11 SEVENOAKS 18 LORDSWOOD February 8 BECKENHAM 2ND XV 22 FOLKESTONE March 8 BECCEHAMIANS 29 SEVENOAKS April					
11	SEVENOAKS	НОМЕ			
18	LORDSWOOD	AWAY			
Feb	oruary				
8	BECKENHAM 2ND XV	НОМЕ			
22	FOLKESTONE	AWAY			
Ma	rch				
8	BECCEHAMIANS	номе			
29	SEVENOAKS	AWAY			
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26	ASHFORD	HOME			







MATCH REPORT

THANET WANDERERS LADIES 24 - 10 FOLKESTONE RFC

Sunday 9th November 2025 | St Peters

A good crowd turned out at St Peters on Sunday to watch a hard-fought contest between Thanet Wanderers Ladies and Folkestone. Both sides battled fiercely in a match full of strong tackles, scrummaging power, and determined running rugby.

Thanet kicked off and were immediately tested, as Folkestone broke through the line early, but solid defensive work from Neave Evans, Georgia Elks, and Shannon Cook set the tone for a committed defensive display. Thanet's forwards led by Emily Williams, Rebecca Hewitt, and Hollie Callaghan were immense in the scrums, driving Folkestone off the ball and providing a strong attacking platform.

After sustained pressure and several close calls held up over the line, Thanet's persistence finally paid off. Excellent build-up play saw Neave Evans power through the tackles to score the opening try, converted by Alexandra White to make it 7–0. Thanet continued to control territory, with great link play from Georgia Elks and Helen Hollinsworth keeping the tempo high. Before half-time, Neave Evans again showed her strength and pace, breaking through for her second try under the posts. Tabs Raymonde added the extras to make it 14–0 at the break.

Folkestone came out firing in the second half, finding a gap through Thanet's defensive line to score and reduce the deficit to 14–5. But Thanet responded in style. Helen Hollinsworth led a strong carry deep into Folkestone's 22 before the ball was moved wide to Shannon Cook who sprinted clear to finish in the corner 19–5 to Thanet.

With the crowd urging them on, Thanet's relentless pressure paid off again when Gee Cordell spotted space on the blind side from a penalty tap. She darted through two tackles and dived over in the corner for Thanet's fourth try, extending the lead to 24–5.

Folkestone managed a late consolation score out wide, but Thanet's defence held firm until the final whistle to seal a well-earned 24–10 victory.

Building Momentum Under New Leadership
Thanet's win reflected not only their
determination on the day but also the growing
unity within the squad. Under the guidance of
head coach Liz Cokayne-Delves and the wider
coaching team, the players are really coming
together, learning, adapting, and building
confidence every week.

Despite missing several key players through injury and personal circumstances, the squad continues to show tremendous commitment and spirit, giving everything at training and on match days. The coaching group have introduced new ideas and fresh approaches to help the team build on the progress made over the last four years, and to push themselves to achieve even more.

There's a renewed energy around the group, a sense of pride, purpose, and belief that's clearly showing on the pitch. The players are embracing the changes, working hard for each other, and proving that Thanet Wanderers Ladies are very much a team on the rise.

Head Coach Liz Cokayne-Delves reflected on both the performance and the progress being made this season: "This season, we've put a real focus on sharpening our rucking game, especially around the speed of support and efficiency at the breakdown. While it hasn't always been flawless, the progress has been clear week after week. Facing Folkestone, undoubtedly the strongest breakdown unit we've encountered, was a true test, and we adapted impressively. What stood out most was the way this team plays for each other. That unity and commitment were on full display."

Back of the Match: Neave Evans; great runs, strong carries, and tireless work at the ruck, capping it off with two superb tries.

Forward of the Match: Helen Hollinsworth; carried powerfully, supported well, and was influential across the park.

Debut: Congratulations to Kate Chaplin and to Liz Cokayne-Delves for pulling on the Thanet shirt both making a big impact in a memorable win.

A special mention to Coach Liz Cokayne-Delves, who quite literally led from the front; lacing up her boots to step onto the pitch and replace an injured player, showing the same passion and commitment she asks of her team.

CLAIRE TURNER



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THANET WANDERERS

HOME TEAM COLOURS: Royal blue, gold and black

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 Postition sponsored by: Dave Brown
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 Postition sponsored by: Terry Tutte
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 Postition sponsored by: Jeremy Ward
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Postition sponsored by: Ray Roby/Peter Tierney

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 Postition sponsored by: Sue Holges (Holges Holiday Homes)
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 Postition sponsored by: Bill Hurley
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 Postition sponsored by: Andy Bull
- 14 HARRISON QUITTENDEN
 Postition sponsored by: Paul Glover/Marc Harris
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Replacements:

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- 17 SCHEEPERS LUBBE
- 18 TIM WILLIAMS

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IAIN WARD

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SIMON WILKS

Touch Judge:

CLIVE LEWIS

OLD ALLEYNIANS

AWAY TEAM COLOURS:

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- 4 ED CLOTHIER
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- 6 HUGH WHIDBOURNE
- 7 HADLEY EAMES
- **8** Jasper Richardson
- 9 TOM EVANS
- 10 FRANK PLUMMER
- 11 CHARLIE JEWISS
- 12 CHARLIE CHRICHTON
- 13 MAX MONTGOMERY
- **14** LUKE SULLIVAN
- 15 REUBEN SHRESTHA

Replacements:

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- 17 JOSH HOPE
- **18 WILL NINCO LARKINS**

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MATCH REPORT

THANET WANDERERS 28 WESTCOMBE PARK II 33

There was barely a minute on the clock when Westcombe Park took the lead with a converted try. The opportunity came from a line out just inside the 22 metres as Thanet were deemed to have taken the ball back into the 22 from the kick off. Thanet responded with some good attacking possession. The visitors gave away two penalties which were converted by Marius Thompson, Thanet were 6-7 down after a quarter of an hour.

Westcombe Park's response was swift and after being held up over the line twice they managed to split the Thanet defence to score their second try of the game. The lead was extended after 21 minutes as Park's winger dashed down the line to score. This time the conversion was completed and Thanet trailed 19-6.

Thanet were soon attacking deep in the visitor's half and a number of infringements by Westcombe Park saw two of their players being shown yellow cards within a minute of each other. Making use of their numerical advantage Wanderers pack drove over the line to score their first try by Lenny Brown, 11-19. As the half ended Thanet recycled the ball from a quickly taken penalty and Gil Smith grounded the ball to leave the score standing at 16-19 at the break.

Thanet were unfortunate not to take the lead early in the second half with a quick break

down the nearside wing but the Westcombe Park defence managed to steal the ball. Neither side were able to gain the upper hand until Westcombe Park scored their fourth try of the game. This was duly converted leaving the score at 26-16. Thanet continued to create chances and were rewarded with a Nick Herbert try. Once again the opposition found the gaps in the home sides defence and scored another converted try. With less than ten minutes on the clock their lead was 33-21. Westcombe Park had a third player yellow carded after giving away a penalty as Thanet were within metres of scoring.

Although unable to score with that attack the next was successful. Louis Marshall collected a kick ahead and sprinted down the far side wing to score a bonus point try for Thanet. The conversion by Harrison Quittenden was successful taking the score to 28-33 with about 5 minutes of the game left. Thanet continued to pressure the visitors to score again to take the win. Although they did not score again Thanet came away from the game with two bonus points which may prove to be important later on in the season.

CARMEN GLOVER























PHOTOS BY: BRIAN CULLINGFORD

MATCH REPORT

THANET WANDERERS LADIES VS BECCEHAMIANS LADIES

League Fixture Saturday 22 November KO:2pm

It was a cold, wet afternoon as the Ladies travelled to Beccehamians, and the challenging conditions made handling difficult from the very first kick-off. Beccehamians struck early within the opening ten minutes, grounding the ball over the dead-ball line, but with the referee allowing the score to stand and only advising them to "make sure it's down in-goal next time," Thanet were left rattled and on the back foot.

With players covering unfamiliar positions in the backline and both sides struggling to control the slippery ball, mistakes crept in. Becehamians crossed again soon after, but the Wanderers refused to fold. The forwards began to take control of the set piece, and Thanet's scrum in particular looked the stronger unit.

The breakthrough came when Gee Cordell, who was outstanding all afternoon, produced a powerful solo run to score and bring Thanet back into the game. That effort sent the team into half-time trailing just 10–5, very much still in the fight.

The second half became a real battle of attrition, with both teams cancelling each other out. With around ten minutes left, Gee Cordell once again burst through from halfway and looked certain to score before being brought down by a high tackle less than 10 metres from

the line. The infringement resulted in a yellow card for Beccehamians, but unfortunately Thanet couldn't convert the pressure into points.

There was one final surge for the line when Rebecca Dixon was bundled into touch right on the try-line, but the hosts held firm.

Final Score: Beccehamians 10 - Thanet Wanderers 5

Despite the loss, the performance showed huge heart, physicality, and determination. Some inconsistent decisions at the breakdown and ruck made the challenge harder, but the team fought until the very last play.

Forward of the Match: Ella Thurman-Newell -carried hard all game and worked tirelessly in contact.

Back of the Match: Shannon Cook - cut sharp lines and brought real attacking threat.

A special shoutout also goes to Sorcha Maddison, who played her final game for the Wanderers. Her energy, commitment, and positivity have been a huge part of the squad, and she leaves with the love and thanks of the whole team. Once a Wanderer, always a Wanderer.

CLAIRE TURNER



WELL DONE CHARLIE!!!

A massive congratulations to Charlie Panteliwho earned his first international cap a couple of weekends ago, proudly representing Cyprus Rugby in their clash against Malta.

We couldn't be prouder to see Charlie take this huge step onto the international stage. His hard work, commitment and passion for the game have brought him a just reward.

Well done Charlie.....the whole club is behind you!!







KENT RURAL A LEAGUE 2025-26

TEAM	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS	ADJ
DOVER 2ND XV	6	6	0	0	201	120	81	0	0	24	
SNOWDOWN CW	7	5	0	2	247	109	138	0	2	24	
ASH	6	5	0	1	170	46	124	0	1	22	
WEAVERING WARRIORS	7	4	0	3	173	137	36	0	1	20	
THANET WANDERERS 2ND XV	6	4	1	1	122	93	29	0	0	19	
AYLESFORD BULLS 2ND XV	6	3	0	3	174	131	43	0	2	17	
SWANLEY	7	3	0	4	178	184	-6	0	1	16	
TUNBRIDGE WELLS 3RD XV	6	2	1	3	140	177	-37	0	1	15	
ASHFORD BARBARIANS	7	1	0	6	66	226	-160	0	0	9	
ASHFORD 2ND XV	6	1	0	5	82	226	-144	0	0	8	
CRANBROOK 2ND XV	6	0	0	6	62	166	-104	0	2	8	

KENT RURAL A LEAGUE RESULTS

Saturday 8th November 2025

Ash HWO Ashford 2nd XV

Aylesford Bulls 2nd XV 39-42 Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV

Cranbrook 2nd XV 5-19 THANET WANDERERS 2nd XV

Snowdown CW HWO Swanley

Weavering Warriors 32-0 Ashford Barbarians

Friday 14th November 2025

Dover 2nd XV 37-34 Snowdown CW

Saturday 15th November 2025

Swanley HWO Ashford Barbarians

Saturday 22 nd November 2025

Ashford Barbarians 17-15 Cranbrook 2nd XV

Ashford 2nd XV 0-40 Aylesford Bulls 2nd XV

Dover 2nd XV 20-14 Ash

Swanley 5-45 Weavering Warriors

Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV 24-27 Snowdown CW

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

20	25		2026					
Se	ptember		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				



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 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
THANET WANDERERS Women	5	3	0	2	123	78	50	0	0	18	
LORDSWOOD Valkyries ladies	4	3	1	0	71	31	40	0	0	17	
FOLKESTONE LADIES	4	3	0	1	91	46	45	0	0	16	
SEVENOAKS WOMEN	4	2	0	2	122	41	81	0	0	13	
BECKENHAM LADIES 2ND XV	5	1	0	4	111	149	-38	0	0	12	
ASHFORD LADIES	4	1	1	2	38	121	-83	0	0	10	
BECCEHAMIAN LADIES	4	1	0	3	30	120	-90	0	0	10	

WOMEN'S NC2 SOUTH EAST (EAST) LEAGUE RESULTS

Sunday 9th November 2025

Ashford Ladies 5-57 Lordswood Valkyries Ladies

Sevenoaks Women 41-15 Beckenham Ladies 2nd XV

THANET WANDERERS Women 24-10 Folkestone Ladies

Sunday 16th November 2025

Lordswood Valkyries Ladies 40-5 Beccehamian Ladies

Saturday 22nd November 2025

Beccehamian Ladies 10-5 THANET WANDERERS Women

Sunday 23rd November 2025

Beckenham Ladies 2nd XV 20-26 Ashford Ladies

Folkestone Ladies 12-5 Sevenoaks Women











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

2025		2026	
September		January	
13 VIGO 2nds	HOME	10 VIGO 2nds	AWAY
October		17 NEW ASH GREEN 2nd XV	HOME
4 NEW ASH GREEN 2nds	AWAY	24 OLD GRAVESENDIANS 2nds	AWAY
11 OLD GRAVESENDIANS 2nds	HOME	February	
18 LORDSWOOD 2nds	AWAY	14 LORDSWOOD 2nds	номе
November		28 GRAVESEND 4ths	AWAY
8 GRAVESEND 4ths	номе	March	
29 SHEPPEY 2nds	AWAY	21 SHEPPEY 2nds	HOME
December		28 CANTERBURY 5ths	AWAY
6 CANTERBURY 5ths	номе	April	
13 DARTFORD VALLEY 2nds	AWAY	11 DARTFORD Valley 2nds	номе
20 DEAL & BETTES 3rds	HOME	18 DEAL & BETTES 3rds	AWAY

KENT RURAL C LEAGUE RESULTS

Saturday 8th November 2025

Canterbury 5th XV Zingari HWO Vigo 2nd XV Sheppey 2nd XV 50-21 New Ash Green 2nd XV

Saturday 22nd November 2025

Lordswood 2nd XV HWO Gravesend 4th XV

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

Old Gravesendians 2nd XV 27-32 Sheppey 2nd XV

Vigo 2nd XV AWO Dartford Valley 2nd 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	5	4	0	1	209	70	139	0	0	17	
THANET WANDERERS 3rd XV	4	3	1	0	114	29	85	0	0	15	
DARTFORD VALLEY 2ND XV	4	3	0	1	130	55	75	0	1	14	
LORDSWOOD 2ND XV	6	3	0	3	137	165	-28	0	0	14	
OLD GRAVESENDIANS 2ND XV	6	1	2	3	92	138	-46	0	1	14	
VIGO 2ND XV	6	3	0	3	140	196	-56	0	0	12	
SHEPPEY 2ND XV	5	2	0	3	141	.191.	-50	0	0	11	
GRAVESEND 4TH XV	4	2	0	2	123	88	35	0	1	10	
NEW ASH GREEN 2ND XV	6	0	1	5	63	217	-154	0	1	7	









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