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Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Joyeux Noël !, Feliz Navidad !, Nollaig Shona Duit, 圣诞快乐.

Welcome to the last home game of 2024, let's make it a good one and get behind the Home Teams today.

We welcome two teams from the other side of the County, Vigo RFC, with their 1st and 2nds to St Peters this festive weekend, with Vigo's 2nds taking on Bill's mighty 3rd Team.

The last few weeks have not been a success on the playing field with two back-to-back losses for the 1st Team and the Ladies 1st XV losing to Aylesford Bulls in the RFU Junior Cup, but today we hope to reverse that trend, although the last two games must show that we cannot be complacent.

Vigo RFC are bottom of the League with one win, and that was against Folkestone, remember the 23rd of November, the day of the Presidents Lunch when we lost to Folkestone 8-5. This loss put an end to an undefeated run this season. Last weekend we played the League leaders, Old Elthamians and although the half time score was 7-3, we succumbed to a loss 33-3 but Wanderers will look forward to the return match in the season's penultimate game on the 22nd of March at St Peter's.

It was a thoroughly unpleasant afternoon in Chislehurst with both the weather and result putting a damper on the day's events, but in true Wanderers fashion we made something of the day and a coach stop at Wetherspoons in

Faversham (classy) helped alleviate the pain.

A Warm welcome will be extended to today's match officials, I hope you enjoy the game and some Thanet Wanderers hospitality

I hope you enjoy the Christmas lunch, regrettably I cannot be there as I am away this weekend. Our Guest speaker, a local Celebrity Greengrocer cancelled, citing he had to Stuff his Bird for Christmas, and make sure his sack was loaded while preparing his Yule tide Log (oh er missus!)

Last weekend we witnessed a fantastic coming together of the Thanet Wanderers Rugby community, with a day of celebration for Brad Teall who sadly passed away this summer. At one point there were 4 Teams playing touch Rugby before a full contact game in which both Sonny & Beau exhibited some of their Fathers flair, followed by a packed Club House.

Tomorrow is Gerry's favourite day of the year, the Minis Christmas party! Will he be dressing up as Santa, no need as Jerry treats every day as Christmas Day.

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FROM THE HEAD COACH

This week we welcome Vigo RFC, the last club I played for and a club close to my heart. I still have many friends involved there and I am very much looking forward to hosting them at our club today. Our last game against Vigo was early on this season when they pushed us hard and it was a close match.

Last week's game against Old Elthamians' was one of my proudest moments as a coach. The boys played exceptionally well, with notable performances from Warren, Dom Springer, Mike Whitehead, Callum Doody and Henry Mirams. I was very proud of the team's overall performance, regardless of the scoreline.


The boys are working hard at training and there is a healthy transition of our Colts and our younger players into senior rugby and we are starting to see some of these players become real leaders. The future is bright.

Today is going to be a real test of character, our last home game before Christmas. As always we need our 16th man on the balcony. It's sure to be a great day, but as always we need your support. Get behind the boys today, I have no doubt we will get back to our winnings ways, but having your support makes a huge difference to us.

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2024

September

7	GILLINGHAM ANCHORIANS	HOME
14	VIGO	AWAY
21	MAIDSTONE	HOME
28	SIDCUP 2NDS	HOME

October

12	DARTFORD VALLEY	AWAY
19	MEDWAY 2NDS	HOME
26	OLD ALLENYNIANS 2NDS	AWAY

November

9	AYLESFORD BULLS	HOME
16	WESTCOMBE PARK 2NDS	AWAY
23	FOLKESTONE	HOME

December

7	OLD ELTHAMIANS	AWAY
14	VIGO	HOME
21	MAIDSTONE	AWAY

2025

January

4	SIDCUP 2NDS	AWAY
11	DARTFORD VALLEY	HOME
18	MEDWAY 2NDS	AWAY

February

1	OLD ALLENYNIANS	HOME
15	AYLESFORD BULLS	AWAY

March

1	WESTCOMBE PARK 2NDS	HOME
8	FOLKESTONE	AWAY
22	OLD ELTHAMIANS	HOME

April

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

KENT COUNTIES LEAGUE 2 2024-25

TEAM	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS	ADJ
OLD ELTHAMIANS	11	10	0	1	418	116	.302.	10	1	51	
THANET WANDERERS	11	8	1	2	243	190	53	6	1	41	
GILLINGHAM ANCHORIANS	11	8	0	3	305	167	138	6	2	40	
OLD VALLEYNANS 2ND XV	11	6	0	5	317	301	16	8	3	35	
SIDCUP 2ND XV	10	7	0	3	286	202	84	4	0	32	
MEDWAY 2ND XV	11	6	0	5	236	235	1	5	1	30	
AYLESFORD BULLS	11	5	0	6	327	223	104	6	4	30	
FOLKESTONE	11	5	0	6	270	252	18	5	2	27	
WESTCOMBE PARK 2ND XV	10	4	0	6	224	317	-93	5	0	21	
DARTFORD VALLEY	10	1	1	8	152	301	-149	4	2	12	
MAIDSTONE	11	2	0	9	135	424	-289	2	0	10	
VIGO	10	1	0	9	159	344	-185	2	3	9	

KENT COUNTIES LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES

Saturday 14th December 2024

Aylesford Bulls v Westcombe Park 2nd XV

Old Alleynians 2nd XV v Folkestone

Dartford Valley v Gillingham Anchorians

Sidcup 2nd XV v Maidstone

Medway 2nd XV v Old Elthamians

THANET WANDERERS v Vigo

MATCH REPORT

THANET WANDERERS RUFC 5 - 8 FOLKESTONE RFC

First Defeat for the Wanderers this season in a close contest against Folkestone.

Wanderers started this match with the same pack that had begun last week's win at Westcombe Park. At Scrum Half, Leon Doody replaced his brother Callum, who was absent for family reasons. Louis Marshall was injured last week so Jake Whittlesea returned on the wing after a lengthy absence. Both Skip and Cornell, the two South Africans who played in the second half at Westcombe Park, picked up injuries, and could not be considered for selection this week. Folkestone started the match in eighth position, having won three matches, whilst Wanderers were unbeaten and in second position in Counties 2 Kent league. Today's result has made no difference to both clubs' standings in the league table but there are now no unbeaten teams.

As Folkestone kicked off down the slope, swirling strong winds gave a taste of what was to follow during the game. The visitors made a lively start and it was no surprise when, after twelve minutes, their pack rumbled over for an unconverted try. The number of penalties awarded against both sides by today's referee, Richie McIver-Hall was high and with the difficult conditions, the game was never likely to be the greatest spectacle witnessed at St Peters this season. Adam Harrison made good

use of the wind to make inroads from penalties but Wanderers could not build on the attacking positions gained. Both defences stayed firm until halftime when Folkestone led 5-0.

The light rain gave way to the heavier variety with Wanderers playing down the slope in the second half. A largely mid-field contest was broken ten minutes into the second half when Folkestone, chose to convert a penalty from close and in front to extend their lead to 8-0. Wanderers love to attack from anywhere but this was perhaps not the best of afternoons to pursue a high-risk strategy. With around fifteen minutes remaining, a series of driving mauls took Wanderers close and open-side Brett Scott touched down after an attack that was well suited to the conditions. From the restart, Thanet ran in what they hoped was their second try but were recalled. A possible three points from the kicking tee were passed over by Wanderers but the attack foundered on a knock on. Thanet's Ben Cannon and Folkestone's full-back were shown yellow in the closing minutes of the half. There was to be no miraculous comeback from Wanderers this week and Folkestone were soon celebrating their hard-earned victory. Congratulations to them and good luck for the rest of the season.

COLIN WHITELEY



WOMEN'S NC2 SOUTH EAST (EAST) LEAGUE 2024-25

TEAM	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS	ADJ
AYLESFORD BULLS LADIES	5	5	0	0	293	14	279	0	0	25	
THANET WANDERERS WOMEN	5	5	0	0	265	17	248	0	0	24	
ASHFORD LADIES	5	3	0	2	91	130	-39	0	0	19	
LORDSWOOD VALKYRIES LADIES	6	2	0	4	72	194	-122	0	0	17	
BECCEHAMIAN LADIES	5	1	0	4	58	130	-72	0	0	13	
BECKENHAM LADIES 2ND XV	5	1	0	4	54	145	-91	0	0	12	
GRAVESEND LADIES	5	1	0	4	80	283	-203	0	0	12	

WOMEN'S NC2 SOUTH EAST (EAST) LEAGUE RESULTS

Sunday 24th November 2024

Gravesend Ladies 14-89 Aylesford Bulls Ladies

Lordswood Valkyries Ladies 5-20 Ashford Ladies

Beckenham Ladies 2nd XV 7-5 Beccehamian Ladies

Sunday 8th December 2024

Lordswood Valkyries Ladies 22-7 Gravesend Ladies

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MATCH REPORT

TONBRIDGE JUDDIANS U14S 31-42 THANET WANDERERS U14S

Not only was Storm Bert causing problems in Tonbridge also was Storm Thanet U14s.

Thanet started off extremely quickly with Chase Jones scoring straight from the kick off as he caught the ball and ran straight through to score 20 seconds into the match with George Kight getting his first conversion of the match. 3 minutes later Thanet got their second, out the back from a breakdown with support from Ed Broughton, Chase Jones scored again with another conversion from George Kight to make it 14-0. For the next 15 minutes the game was very contested with many scrums and windy lineouts with both teams almost having the golden opportunity to score but Thanet saw the opportunity to extend their lead with a well worked try which was scored by Chase Jones to get his Hat Trick of tries with George Kight to get his third conversion to make it 21-0. For the rest of the half it was more contested with some close calls for both teams.

After the break TJs wanted to show what they were made of with a few subs they attacked strongly for 8 minutes then were awarded with what they wanted, a try to make it 21-7. A few minutes later Chase Jones saw a large gap in the TJs defense and with a beautiful grubber through the space he scored his fourth of the match to make it 28-7. Not long after Chase Jones does the exact same skill with another grubber but this time offloaded it to George Kight to get his first of the match. George decided after his try to let Ed Broughton take his first conversion and score it to make the score 35-7. TJs were

fed up with watching Thanet score so many, so they scored 3 in 7 minutes to make it 35-26 with 3 minutes left. The feeling for Thanet was to not let TJs get anymore so Thanet scored to make the gap bigger. Chase Jones with his fifth of the match and George Kight to get his fifth conversion and make it 42-26 with 2 minutes left on the clock. TJs weren't happy with Thanet scoring so went and scored the last try of the match to make it 42-31.

After the match I spoke with the captain and top try scorer Chase Jones who said "I am very happy with my 5 tries and the performance of the team but there are things that we can improve at training" I spoke with Harrison 'H' Green who said "As a pack we did good at scrum time but we work the best at the lineouts". After Ed Broughton scored his first conversion he said "I was very happy with my kick and the communication between players"

Special mentions to George Kight who scored 5 conversion in the windy conditions, Jack Storey who put in some massive tackles and Tom on his debut and put in some massive hits. Forwards player of the match was Oliver Dyer and Backs player of the match was Ed Broughton. The boys have a week off until their next match at home against Old Colfeians on Sunday 8th December.

Tries Chase Jones 5, George Kight 1

Conversions George Kight 5/5, Ed Broughton 1/1


Penalties None

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Postition sponsored by: Ernie Blakemore

4 ANDREW LETTS

Postition sponsored by: Mark O' Riordan

5 DENNIS DAVIES

Postition sponsored by: Dave Brown

6 JAMES CROMPTON

Postition sponsored by: Michelle McClean

7 BRETT SCOTT

Postition sponsored by: Chris Marson

8 FINLAY WHITE

Postition sponsored by: Terry Tutte

Head Coach

ELLIOT BLACKMORE

Postition sponsored by: Colin Whiteley

Defence Coach

KIERAN HOPPER

Postition sponsored by:

Defence Coach

ALEX SADDINGTON

Postition sponsored by:

Team Manager

MICHELLE MCLEAN

Postition sponsored by: Carmen Glover

9 CALLUM DOODY

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10 ADAM HARRISON

Postition sponsored by: Ray Roby/Peter Tierney

11 TOM O'CALLAGHAN

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13 NICK HERBERT

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Postition sponsored by: Paul Glover

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Replacements:

16 DANIEL CLEMENT

17 CHARLEY BAILEY

18 ANDREW DOLAN

Referee

MARK SHAW

Touch Judge

TBC

VIGO RFC

AWAY TEAM COLOURS:

1 DARREN COX

2 GEORGE RAWLINGS (C)

3 WILL JAMES

4 BEN HOWE

5 PHIL SEWELL

6 GAVIN

7 KIERON HALL

8 ROB LANCASTER

9 DOM CARSLAW

10 HARRY PATTISON

11 LEWIS PITCHELL

12 TONY WHITEHEAD

13 FREDDIE BARRETT

14 SAM TYE

15 ADAM FITZGERALD

Replacements:

16 HARRY LINGHAM

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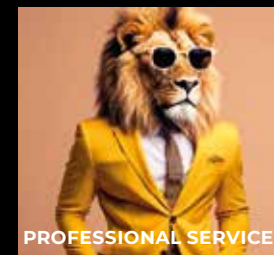
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MATCH REPORT

OLD ELTHAMIANS RFC 33 – 3 THANET WANDERERS RUFC

Elthamians draw clear in the final quarter to win the top-of-the-table clash.

The two sides have occupied the top two places in Counties 2 Kent League for most of the season, and both sets of supporters eagerly awaited this fixture. For Wanderers, Lenny Brown, Charlie Bailey and Ben Cannon were unavailable for selection in the pack; Dom Springer, Andy Letts and Finley Hickmott replaced them in the eight. Regular scrum-half Callum Doody again deputised for his usual partner at ten, Adam Harrison and his brother Leon was at nine. Ewan Maclean has been performing well in the 2s and he made his debut on the left wing whilst Tom O'Callaghan took an afternoon off from his preferred scrum half role to play on the other wing. Louis Marshall returned to the centre after injury.

It was a thoroughly unpleasant afternoon in Chislehurst but not quite as bad as the forecasters had promised. The wind was behind the hosts as they kicked off against the Wanderers in their unfamiliar pink change strip. Elthamians (OEs) attacked behind their kick-off and crossed for a converted try within the first three minutes. Wanderers captain, Warren Riddell-Bloomfield rallied his side and the defence then stood firm under some heavy pressure during the opening quarter. Full-back Henry Mirams made a good touch and Sub Charlie Stainton got on for a few minutes whilst Lewis Downer was treated. The penalties were mounting against OEs as the game's excellent referee, Katie Gent, made plain who was refereeing the match. Wanderers were very competitive in the game during the second quarter but too often precious possession was lost in the tackle. Wanderers chose not to engage with the maul after a line-out and the hosts were again penalised. Thanet made their way to the other end and when OEs again offended Lewis Downer made no mistake slotting the penalty from close and at half-time OEs led 7-3. Wanderers coaches will have been satisfied by how they rallied after the early

try against and closed the gap at the end of the half. The pack had gone well with the front row of Springer, Riddell-Bloomfield and tighthead Mike Whitehead, who also threw in well. scrummaging strongly.

Wanderers made a good start to the second half with Finlay White replacing Finley Hickmott, who had enjoyed a good half at number seven. White made an immediate impression with two impressive carries. Danny Clement replaced Springer at loosehead. The hosts reclaimed the initiative, attacking from deep and scoring wide left. With the clock ticking, the kicker had to take a quick drop kick conversion, which sailed over and opened up a 14-3 lead. The next score was hard fought for but the failure to keep possession was costing Thanet dear and it led to the hosts' third try after some crisp handling. No conversion, but with a quarter of an hour remaining and 19-3 behind. Wanderers would need to find something special to get anything from the match. Clement showed strongly with a carry and a couple of brush-offs for potential tacklers before being floored. Something special was served up by Elthamians who scored the try of the match with a quality flowing movement to secure their try bonus point which, with the conversion, put them 26-3 ahead. With full-time close, an attempted Wanderers' clearance was charged down leading to another seven-pointer and a win for Elthamians by 33-3. Congratulations to them, Wanderers will look forward to the return match in the season's penultimate game on the 22nd of March at St Peters.

The Wanderers Head Coach chose one of the backrow as their man of the match. James Crompton, who was at number six today, played another fine eighty minutes marked by outstanding stamina, strength and no little skill to win the accolade. It was hard won in the face of competition from all of the other back five, Andy Letts, Dennis Davies, Brett Scott, Finley Hickmott and Finlay White.

COLIN WHITELEY



KENT RURAL A LEAGUE 2024-25

TEAM	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS	ADJ
EDENBRIDGE	10	7	1	2	262	140	122	0	1	34	
TUNBRIDGE WELLS 3RD XV	10	7	0	3	282	163	119	0	2	33	
SNOWDOWN CW	9	7	1	1	302	131	171	0	0	32	
DOVER 2ND XV	9	6	0	3	273	149	124	0	0	27	
THANET WANDERERS 2ND XV	9	6	0	3	243	160	83	0	0	27	
AYLESFORD BULLS 2ND XV	10	4	0	6	210	297	-87	0	1	22	
CRANBROOK 2ND XV	10	3	0	7	117	252	-135	0	1	19	
ASH	9	2	1	6	154	211	-57	0	1	18	
MEDWAY 4RH XV	8	3	0	5	186	233	-47	0	0	17	
WEAVING WARRIORS	9	3	1	5	194	250	-56	0	0	17	
FOLKESTONE 2ND XV	9	1	0	8	87	324	-237	0	0	8	

KENT RURAL A LEAGUE RESULTS

Saturday 23rd November 2024

Ash 12-12 Weaving Warriors

Aylesford Bulls 2nd XV 15-31 Medway 4th XV

Dover 2nd XV 35-20 Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV

Folkestone 2nd XV AWO THANET WANDERERS 2nd XV

Snowdown CW 40-5 Cranbrook 2nd XV

Saturday 7th December 2024

Dover 2nd XV 24-7 Cranbrook 2nd XV

THANET WANDERERS 2nd XV 24-33 Edenbridge

Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV 26-19 Aylesford Bulls 2nd XV

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ASHFORD BARBARIANS	8	7	0	1	231	87	144	0	0	29	
DEAL & BETTESHANGER 2ND XV	8	6	0	2	274	112	162	0	0	26	
GRAVESEND 3RD XV	8	6	0	2	245	108	137	0	0	26	
MAIDSTONE MUSTANGS 2ND XV	8	5	0	3	204	168	36	0	0	23	
SITTINGBOURNE 2ND XV	8	4	0	4	238	178	60	0	1	21	
THANET WANDERERS 3RD XV	8	4	0	4	185	192	-7	0	0	19	
LEIGH (KENT)	9	3	0	6	204	246	-42	0	0	16	
CANTERBURY 4TH XV DEACONS	9	3	0	6	193	352	-159	0	0	16	
SHEPPEY 2ND XV	9	2	0	7	107	304	-197	0	1	14	
VIGO 2ND XV	9	2	0	7	148	282	-134	0	1	13	

RESULTS FROM KENT RURAL B LEAGUE

Saturday 23rd November 2024

Gravesend 3rd XV HWO Vigo 2nd XV

Leigh (Kent) 40-0 Maidstone Mustangs 2nd XV

Sheppey 2nd XV 12-19 THANET WANDERERS 3rd XV

Saturday 30th November 2024

Canterbury 4th XV Deacons 35-12 Leigh (Kent)

Saturday 7th December 2024

Sittingbourne 2nd XV 40-0 Sheppey 2nd XV

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Do not be selfish • Do not show off • Control your temper

Do not argue with the referee • Do not use non-prescribed controlled drugs

COACHES' CODE: Teach players to play by the Rules and Laws of the Game

Get the right equipment and facilities • Be reasonable • Avoid mismatches • Be generous with praise

Do not favour your best players • Being a coach should be fun too • Never condemn
Give your voice a rest • Good coaching-running with the ball • Doctor/Physio knows best

It's the players who matter most not their won/lost record

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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

Encourage your child to improve his/her skills through coaching

Applaud good play by either team • **Stay off the pitch!**

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MATCH REPORT

THANET WANDERERS COLTS VS BROMLEY COLTS 43-12

1A surprisingly warm November day provided the backdrop for an exciting encounter between Thanet Wanderers and Bromley Colts. With the favorable warm weather for running rugby, the match quickly became an intense contest with Thanet asserting dominance from the outset.

Thanet Wanderers started well but were initially struggling to establish a clear pattern to their play. However, solid tackling and quick recycling allowed them to gain ground into Bromley's half. Their first points came from a well-struck penalty by Callum Duffy, giving Thanet a 3-0 lead.

The Thanet pack continued to dominate, and after a solid scrum win against the head, Charlie Bailey took a powerful No 8 run, breaking through Bromley's defense to score the first try. Callum slotted the conversion with ease, extending Thanet's lead to 10-0.

Building on their momentum, Thanet applied great pressure, and a fantastic break down the wing by Alex almost led to a try, with perhaps an extra pass being the better option. The ball was recycled, though, and after a series of phases, Finn Grounds found himself in the right place at the right time to power over for the second try. Callum once again converted, bringing the score to 17-0.

The pressure continued to build, with excellent service from scrum-half James and a strong combination with Kai creating further opportunities. Alex's run down the left wing and subsequent quick hands sent Callum in for another try. The conversion was good, and Thanet now led 24-0.

In the second half, Thanet clearly came out fired up after the break ready to finish the job. The physicality of the game increased, with monster hits from the likes of Charlie Bailey and Harrison Taylor, adding intensity to their defensive efforts.

Bromley eventually broke through, scoring a kick, lineout-and-drive try despite solid defense from Thanet, reducing the deficit to 24-5.

However, Thanet responded swiftly. Alex made a brilliant line break, and following a quick ruck, Owen powered over the line for another try, which was converted by Reece Merrifield to bring the score to 31-5.

Jem Harris made a characteristic run from his own 22, evading tackles and running all the way to Bromley's 22. Although he was eventually caught with a nice tackle by the fullback, his offload set up a ruck, and after a charge by Charlie Bailey, James Murdock was able to cross for another try. Thanet's lead increased to 36-5.

A brilliant kick-and-ruck move allowed Ollie Parker to set up a final try, with quick hands moving the ball to the wing, where another try was scored. Callum converted, bringing the score to 43-5.

Bromley did manage a late consolation try, but it was too little too late, and the final score was 43-12 in favor of Thanet Wanderers.

Summary:

This was a thoroughly dominant performance from Thanet, who demonstrated great attacking flair and physicality throughout the match. The team's quick recycling, solid tackling, and strong forward play were key to their success. Despite some missed opportunities to pass in space, the team's overall play was impressive. Bromley showed resilience but were ultimately outclassed.

Man of the Match: Charlie Bailey, for his powerful runs, solid defensive efforts, and overall leadership on the field.

Final Score: Thanet Wanderers 43 - 12 Bromley Colts.

SIMON HARRIS



RESULTS GRID COUNTIES 2 KENT LEAGUE

AWAY TEAM ▶	AYLESFORD BULLS	DARTFORD VALLEY	FOLKESTONE	GILLINGHAM ANCHORS	MAIDSTONE	MEDWAY 2s	OLD ALLEYNANS 2s	OLD ELTHAMIAN	SIDCUP 2s	TWRUFC	VIGO	WESTCOMBE PARK 2s
HOME TEAM ▼												
AYLESFORD BULLS		65-0	43-28	15-25	53-6		17-18					
DARTFORD VALLEY							27-34	31-50	7-12	12-12	31-7	9-0
FOLKESTONE		29-0		15-22	34-22		38-31					61-26
GILLINGHAM ANCHORS		25-5			22-3		48-33	17-27				38-5
MAIDSTONE		34-24					14-44	0-48	10-72		30-25	0-43
MEDWAY 2s	10-6	33-15	26-19	10-27	22-5				37-15			
OLD ALLEYNANS 2s						34-27		0-35	19-21	24-25	34-18	46-31
OLD ELTHAMIAN	31-12		34-14			43-14				33-3		
SIDCUP 2s	28-24		25-14	35-34			7-31					63-6
TWRUFC	34-27		5-8	12-6	37-12	30-20			21-8			
VIGO	27-29		18-10	7-41		10-32				26-29		
WESTCOMBE PARK 2s	17-36					31-5		18-12		14-35	34-21	

RESULTS FROM KENT COUNTIES LEAGUE 2

Saturday 23rd November 2024

Dartford Valley 9-0 Westcombe Park 2nd XV

Maidstone 0-48 Old Elthamians

Medway 2nd XV 10-6 Aylesford Bulls

Old Alleynians 2nd XV 19-21 Sidcup 2nd XV

THANET WANDERERS 5-8 Folkestone

Vigo 7-41 Gillingham Anchorians

Saturday 7th December 2024

Aylesford Bulls 17-18 Old Alleynians 2nd XV

Folkestone 29-0 Dartford Valley

Gillingham Anchorians 22-3 Maidstone

Old Elthamians 33-3 THANET WANDERERS

Sidcup 2nd XV P Vigo

Westcombe Park 2nd XV 31-5 Medway 2nd XV

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