

REPORT ON KENT LEAGUE TEAM TOURNAMENT

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The annual KCTTA Kent Team Tournament was won by the holders Wayne Youngs, Chris Marr and Scott Friday of Medway A. 10 teams from across Kent took part in two groups in Swaythling Cup format matches at The Howard TT Centre, Rainham. In group 1 the Medway D team of Richard Carden, Simon Forest and Richard Farthing defeated number 1 seeds Medway A by 3 games to 1. They went on to also beat in the semi-final the number 2 seeds Peter Davis, Peter Ives, David Emery and Peter Rushbrook of North West Kent, who came through from group 2. This brought them back to the table in the final to play Medway A again, who had earned their place by knocking out Medway B in the other semi-final. After the first two singles the final was even. The next game, the doubles was won by Medway A, leaving Medway D needing to take the remaining two singles to repeat their win from earlier in the day. Carden went 2 legs to love up against Marr only to be pulled to 2-2, both players attacking and count attacking the ball at every opportunity. Carden changed over 5 points to 2 up in the deciding leg. The game became edgy and Medway A's Marr crept slowly back and then, in a flurry of counter hits came out on top 11-9. At the same time on an adjacent table Youngs looked to be heading to a comfortable win versus Medway D's Forest, only to see his 2-0 lead get pegged back to 2-2 by some power hitting from Simon, who then went 10-8 in the deciding leg. Youngs hung in and got the game back to deuce and then with a missed hit from Forest and an unreturnable back hand from Wayne, gained the win 14-12. The match had swung in its dying moments from a 3 games to 2 win for the D team to a 4-1 victory to the holders. The other teams completing in the groups were Dover A, B and C, Folkestone, Medway C and Maidstone who all played in matches to settle final the placings.