

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

1st February 2008

Medway C have returned to the top of Division Two, with another two convincing wins over Ashford B and Maidstone A. Medway's regular team, consisting of Peter Baker, George Gurr, and captained by Mick Hambleton proved much too steady for their Maidstone opponents. Gillian Skillbeck and Richard Stevenson managed to beat Medway's George Gurr in their 2-8 defeat, with Gillian having an extremely close match against George before finally winning in five games 11-6, 11-6, 1-11, 10-12, 11-8, while Richard won his match in four games 11-6, 11-5, 6-11, 11-6.

Sittingbourne B continued their fine start to the season with a maximum 10-0 win over Canterbury B, which puts them in second place, 3 points behind Medway C with a match in hand. Mark Keefe, who has a 100% record for the Sittingbourne side and Richard Feaver won all their matches, and John Coleman was the only Sittingbourne player to be taken to five games, and here Canterbury's Michael Micklethwaite and Chris Simmonds put up a tremendous fight before losing. Micklethwaite's match was extremely close: 10-12, 12-10, 11-7, 8-11, 4-11.

Folkestone A was involved in one of the closest matches seen this season against Maidstone A, who despite being at the bottom of the table managed to take the Folkestone team to the full distance of five games in no fewer than six rubbers out of the ten rubbers overall. Again Gillian Skillbeck was in fantastic form for the Maidstone side and dealt very well with Steve Bispham's pimple rubbers which are extremely difficult to play against at times. Still, she finally won after winning the first two sets 11-4, 11-6, and was very unlucky not to win in three games, just losing out 14-16. But she regained her composure to win 11-8 in the final game. She also took Folkestone's Trevor Hart to five games before losing 11-8, 11-8, 8-11, 6-11, 9-11. Maidstone's Richard Stevenson also played extremely well using his fine top-spin game to good effect before losing out to Bob Baker 6-11, 10-12, 11-8, 11-6, 6-11.

Results; Canterbury B 6, Ashford B 4; Sittingbourne A 6, Sittingbourne B 4; Medway C 5, Folkestone A 5; Canterbury B 8, Maidstone A 2; Medway C 7, N. W. Kent B 3; Medway C 5, Sittingbourne A 5; Sittingbourne B 7, Ashford B 3; Sittingbourne B 8, Maidstone A 2; N. W. Kent B 6, Folkestone A 4; Folkestone A 8, Maidstone A 2; Medway C 8, Maidstone A 2; Sittingbourne B 10, Canterbury B 0; Folkestone A 9, Ashford B 1; Sittingbourne A 7, N. W. Kent B 3; Medway C 7, Ashford B 3; Sittingbourne A 8, Folkestone A 2.

KENT LEAGUE VETS DIVISION TWO 1st FEBRUARY 2008 POSITIONS & AVERAGES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Medway C	5	3	2	0	32	18	32
2. Sittingbourne B	4	3	0	1	29	11	29
3. Folkestone A	5	2	1	2	28	22	28
4. Sittingbourne A	4	3	1	0	26	14	26
5. Canterbury B	3	2	0	1	14	16	14
6. N. W. Kent B	3	1	0	2	12	18	12
7. Ashford B	4	0	0	4	11	29	11
8. Maidstone A	4	0	0	4	8	32	8

LEADING AVERAGES QUALIFICATION 3 MATCHES PLAYED

		P	W	%
Mark Keefe	Sittingbourne B	9	9	100
Peter Baker	Medway C	12	10	83
Richard Feaver	Sittingbourne B	9	7	78
Mick Hambleton	Medway C	15	10	67
Trevor Hart	Folkestone A	15	10	67
Joan Brackley	NW Kent B	9	5	56
John Coleman	Sittingbourne B	9	5	56
Brien Steer	Sittingbourne A	9	5	56
Guillio Guariglia	Canterbury B	9	5	56
Bob Baker	Folkestone A	15	8	53