

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

1st December 2007

Welcome to another season of the Kent League. This will be my eighth year as secretary. As in previous years, I will be giving you all the results and information at regular intervals. They are as follows:- 1st December, 1st February, 1st March, final results 1st May. I shall also be putting the tables etc. on the Kent Website each month as above.

Welcome to Folkestone B, a new all-ladies team, Sue Bispham, Wendy Newsham, Barbara Rutherford, and captained by Alison Yarnley. Unfortunately, Maidstone B, which was to be Jill Shipton, Gillian Skillbeck, Julie Parker, and Tracey Deeley had to pull out due to injury problems, and the players have been incorporated into the A & C teams. Because of this Maidstone A retained their position in Division Two, although they finished last. No matches have been played by Maidstone B this season. Bromley C lead Division Three after two matches played, with a total of 13 points from Canterbury D, Maidstone C, and Ashford C, all level in second place with 9 points. Bromley were taken all the way by a strong Tonbridge team, with the match ending in a five-all draw. Mark Heaton, playing in the Kent League for the first time, was the 'Man of the Match' for Tonbridge, winning all his matches against Bromley's Carol Homewood, Dick MacKenzie, and Colin Keating. Perhaps one of the best contested matches of the afternoon was Dick MacKenzie's win over the experienced Tonbridge player Geoff Curtis, with MacKenzie just getting home in five close games 9-11, 14-12, 12-10, 8-11, 11-7. MacKenzie was again taken to five games by Tonbridge's Alan Woollven before winning 6-11, 8-11, 11-5, 11-7, 11-5, but lost to Tonbridge's Mark Heaton in another thriller 12-14, 11-8, 14-12, 7-11, 9-11.

One of the best matches so far this season saw new team Folkestone B just losing 4-6 to Maidstone C. Alison Yarnley and Sue Bispham both playing in the Kent League for the first time, starred for Folkestone with Alison just beating Maidstone's Jim Bradford in the closest match of the afternoon, 11-7, 16-18, 11-8, 12-14, 11-7. Alison followed this with a good straight sets win over Julie Parker. Sue Bispham also beat Julie Parker in five games and paired up with Alison Yarnley to win the doubles in another thriller, 11-7, 15-13, 8-11, 12-14, 11-7. However, Maidstone's Brian Peaper was too good for all his Folkestone opponents, winning all his matches and helping to give Maidstone C a well deserved 6-4 win. Welcome to John and Linda Wickens, playing in the Kent League for the first time, for Canterbury D. Although Canterbury D lost to Ashford C 3-7, veteran Mick Barwick was able to win all of his matches, defeating Ashford's David Twiddy, Robin Manktelow, and Chris Hemsley.

Results: Maidstone C 6, Folkestone B 4; Bromley C 8, Ashford C 2: Canterbury D 6, Folkestone B 4: Canterbury C 7, Maidstone 3 C: Bromley C 5, Tonbridge 5: Ashford C 7, Canterbury D 3.

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KENT LEAGUE VETS DIVISION THREE 1st DECEMBER 2007 POSITIONS & AVERAGES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Bromley C	2	1	1	0	13	7	13
2. Canterbury D	2	1	0	1	9	11	9
3. Maidstone C	2	1	0	1	9	11	9
4. Ashford C	2	1	0	1	9	11	9
5. Folkestone B	2	0	0	2	8	12	8
6. Canterbury C	1	1	0	0	7	3	7
7. Tonbridge	1	0	1	0	5	5	5

Maidstone B withdrawn, no matches have been played

LEADING AVERAGES: QUALIFICATION 2 MATCHES PLAYED

		P	W	%
Mick Barwick	Canterbury D	6	6	100
Richard MacKenzie	Bromley C	6	4	67
Alison Yarnley	Folkestone B	6	3	50
Colin Keating	Bromley C	6	3	50
David Twiddy	Ashford C	6	3	50