

1st March 2009

Division Two has been outstanding this season and probably the closest it has ever been since I started running the Kent League in 2000. There has been very little to choose between the teams with no weak players on view and the standard of play has been extremely high. No less than 18 players in all have a 50% or more average, and they are listed below..

With just a few more results to come in Sittingbourne B are likely Division Two champions for the 2008-2009 season after an epic battle against Canterbury A which resulted in a 5-5 draw. Their last match against Medway C will decide the title.

The first two rubbers went the full distance of 5 games with Sittingbourne's Peter Holmes's mixing his game with defence and attacking at the crucial points to just get the better of Canterbury's John Walker 6-11, 11-13, 11-5, 11-5, 11-7. While Bernadette Austin put Sittingbourne two rubbers up beating Ian Blogg 14-12, 11-8, 9-11, 8-11, 11-8

John Carr played his third match for Sittingbourne this season and his vast experience again proved a vital asset to his side as he gained a hard fought win over Canterbury's John Walker in five extremely close games 11-6, 11-7, 7-11, 7-11, 11-7. He followed this with a straight games win over Ian Blogg 11-3, 11-4, 11-7.

Mick Eames was the star player for Canterbury winning all his three rubbers, showing his remarkable ability to retrieve and attack from far behind the table often taking the ball so late that it nearly reaches the ground. John Walker had a good win against Canterbury's Bernadette Austin 11-9, 12-10, 6-11, 11-8 to bring the overall score to 4-5. Mick Eames and John Walker paired up to win the doubles for Canterbury beating John Carr and Peter Holmes in a fantastically close match 12-10, 9-11, 12-10, 9-11, 11-6.

Ashford A who have struggled for most of the season gained a vital 8-2 win over Maidstone A who were without their 100% player Barry Skates and so leaves Bromley looking at possible relegation after only one season in Division Two.

Results: Sittingbourne B 9 Maidstone A 1: Sittingbourne B 6 Ashford B 4: Sittingbourne B 5 Bromley 5: Medway C 6 N.W.Kent B 4: Medway C 8 Canterbury A 2: Folkestone A 6 Medway C 4: Maidstone A 6 Bromley 4: Canterbury A 7 Ashford B 3: Canterbury A 8 N.W. Kent B 2: Folkestone A 5 Ashford B 5: N.W. Kent B 8 Bromley 2: Folkestone B 5 Maidstone A 5: Sittingbourne B 8 Folkestone A 2: Sittingbourne B 8 N.W. Kent B 2 Canterbury A 6 Maidstone A 4: Canterbury A 9 Bromley 1. N.W. Kent B 6 Ashford B 4: Medway C 6 Ashford B 4: Medway C 5 Maidstone A 5: Folkestone A 7 Bromley 3: Sittingbourne B 5 Canterbury A 5: Ashford A 8 Maidstone A 2: Medway C 8 Bromley 2: Folkestone A 6 Canterbury A 4: N.W. Kent B 6 Folkestone A 4:

### KENT LEAGUE VETS DIVISION TWO 1ST MARCH 2009 TABLE POSITIONS AND AVERAGES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Sittingbourne B	6	4	2	0	41	19	41
2. Canterbury A	7	4	1	2	41	29	41
3. Medway C	6	4	1	1	37	23	37
4. Folkestone A	7	3	2	2	35	35	35
5. North West Kent B	6	3	0	3	28	32	28
6. Ashford A	6	1	1	4	28	32	28
7. Maidstone A	6	1	2	3	23	37	23
8. Bromley	6	0	1	5	17	43	17

### LEADING AVERAGES QUALIFICATION 3 MATCHES PLAYED

		P	W	100%
Barry Skates	Maidstone A	12	12	100
Jon Carr	Sittingbourne B	9	8	88.88
Ian Padgett	Sittingbourne B	12	10	83.33
Mick Eames	Canterbury A	15	12	80
Peter Holmes	Sittingbourne B	15	12	80
Peter Baker	Medway C	18	13	72.22
David Martin	N.W. Kent B	15	10	66.66

Charles Harman	Canterbury A	12	8	66.66
Arthur Martin	Canterbury A	9	6	66.66
David Morgan	N.W. Kent B	9	6	66.66
Mick Hambleton	Medway C	18	11	61.11
David Martin	N.W. Kent B	12	7	58.33
Steve Bispham	Folkestone A	21	12	57.44
John Walker	Canterbury A	9	5	55.55
Trevor Hart	Folkestone A	9	5	55.55
Brian Steer	Sittingbourne B	9	5	55.55
David Cue	Ashford B	15	8	53.33
Ron Weaver	Medway C	18	9	50
Brian Kennett	Ashford B	12	6	50

**Please note: I have enclosed 3 Entry Forms for the Kent Closed Tournament to be held on Saturday & Sunday May 2nd & 3rd at the Howard Centre, Rainham. The Junior events on Saturday and the Senior events on the Sunday. Please make copies if your team want any extra forms.**

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