

Many congratulations to Maidstone B on winning Division Three of the Kent League for the first time. Maidstone B fielded no fewer than 8 players in what was one of the closest finishes for many years. Sittingbourne C ended as Runners Up but could have won the division if they had played their last match of the season against Ashford C. Unfortunately the Kent Executive Committee had to adjudicate this match Ashford C 4 Sittingbourne C and so Sittingbourne C ended the season as "Runners Up" Canterbury C ended the season in a creditable 3rd position. Tony Craig back from injury had the best average for Maidstone B winning 8 of the 9 rubbers he played for an average of 88.88%. Jim Howlett played in 4 out of the 7 matches winning 9 out of the 12 rubbers for an average of 75%

Perhaps Maidstone B's last match against Canterbury C turned out to be crucial, as whoever won this match stood a good chance of winning the division.

Maidstone fielded their strongest side with Jim Howlett, Tony Craig and Roy Kirshell. Canterbury also had their strongest side with Mick Micklethwaite coming into the side together with John Wickings and Mick Barwick. The match turned out to be a very close affair with Maidstone getting off to a good start with Jim Howlett beating veteran Mick Barwick 11-1, 11-6, 11-9, while Tony Craig's attack proved too good for Canterbury's John Wickings, winning 11-4, 11-8, 11-7. It just shows how styles reflect the outcome of a match. And this proved just the case as John Wickings came back to beat Jim Howlett in straight sets 11-7, 11-5, 12-10. While Mick Micklethwaite gained a good win against Roy Kirshell, 11-5, 9-11, 11-2, 11-2. to make the overall score at 2-2 Again the "styles" played their part as Mick Micklethwaite had perhaps his best win of the afternoon beating Tony Craig in 5 extremely close games 11-8, 9-11, 5-11, 11-7, 11-4. But then losing to Maidstone's Jim Howlett in straight games 5-11, 9-11, 7-11. However Maidstone finally deserved their win when they took the last 3 rubbers for a well deserved 6-4 win.

A very "Special Tribute" must be made here to a very "Special Veteran" Mick Barwick who turned 80 years old last March but still playing to his very best ability. He alone stood in the way of Sittingbourne C's title promotions chances beating both Sittingbourne's Kevin Smith in 5 games 12-14; 11-5, 6-11, 11-5, 11-9 and Kevin Smith 8-11, 10-12, 11-2, 11.; 6, 11-9. Using a very simple racquet with pimples straight on to the wood which often confuses his opponents who are much more at home playing against rubber onto sponge Barwick was soon in command of the game and his quick backhand smash often proved decisive.

Presentation of trophies will be made to the "Winners" & "Runners Up" at the Kent County AGM to be held at the Civil Service Sports Club, Recreation Close, Park Ave., Maidstone, Kent on WEDNESDAY JUNE 30TH starting at 7.45pm.

Results: Canterbury C 7 Canterbury B 3: Maidstone B 8 Maidstone C 2: Canterbury B 6

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KENT LEAGUE VETS DIVISION THREE 1ST MAY 2010 FINAL TABLE POSITIONS AND AVERAGES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Maidstone B	7	5	0	2	42	28	42
Sittingbourne C	6	4	0	2	40	20	40
Canterbury C	7	4	1	2	39	31	39
Tonbridge B	7	4	1	2	36	34	36
Maidstone C	7	2	1	4	32	38	32
Canterbury B	7	2	1	4	31	39	31
Ashford C	6	2	0	4	29	31	29
Folkestone B	7	2	0	5	19	51	19

LEADING AVERAGES QUALIFICATION 3 MATCHES PLAYED

		P	Won	100%
Stephen Day	Tonbridge B	18	16	88.88
Barry Wallwork	Sittingbourne C	15	13	86.66
Russell Swam	Ashford C	9	8	88.88
Tony Craig	Maidstone B	9	8	88.88
Paul Coombs	Sittingbourne C	15	12	80
Steve Furber	Canterbury B	12	9	75
Jim Howlett	Maidstone B	12	9	75
Michael Micklethwaite	Canterbury C	15	10	66.66
Una Salt	Maidstone C	12	8	66.66
David Twiddy	Ashford C	12	8	66.66
Stan Webb	Folkestone B	12	8	66.66
Terry Smith	Maidstone B	9	6	66.66
Kevin Smith	Sittingbourne C	9	6	66.66
Richard Bashford	Maidstone C	15	9	60
Mick Barwick	Canterbury C	21	12	57.14
John Wickings	Canterbury C	18	10	55.55
Frank Carlucci	Canterbury B	9	5	55.55
Brian Peaper	Maidstone B	9	5	55.55
Becky Pang	Tonbridge B	12	6	50

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