



KENT COUNTY TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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KENT LEAGUE NEWS INFORMATION, COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

March 2017

WE ENTER THE HOME STRAIGHT The Competition for Places

Division 1

- The old long standing div 1 winning adversaries are contesting this years title
- North West Kent led by Peter Davis are out in front having had three close call 6-4 wins against their main rivals
- They are followed by Medway led by Neil Le Milliere seven points behind with a match in hand
- Whilst not quite out of the reckoning it will be a tough call for West Kent A to creep up on the top two
- North West Kent 26pts played 4, Medway 19 pts from 3, West Kent A 11 pts from 2.
- It will all come together in the last round of matches schedule on 09th April when when the top two teams play their final matches v Maidstone A and Dover
- Might Martin Hewett be a player who wins the division two seasons in a row but with different leagues?
- Top player records M Hewett 100% 9/9 T McKee P Davis 79% 7/9.

Division 2

- Ashford A led by Mike Holiday are out in front but have some work to do to stay there with West Kent C led by Filippo Rotunno and Canterbury A led by Peter Chapman hot on their tail
- The current top two drew and all three teams are unbeaten so far
- Ashford A 20pts from 3 played, West Kent C 18pts from 3 and Canterbury A 8pts from 1 played (but now with a crop of close together matches coming along)
- Who will take the promotion place up to division 1, too close to call as it looks a competitive division
- The top player records P Chapman 100% 12/12, M Kapung 94% 17/18, Vince Corbin 92% 11/12 and David Cowlen 82% 9/11.

Division 3

- Here we have Thanet led by Richard Hazelton with their noses in front but looking set to be overtaken by Canterbury B led by John Wickings with Maidstone C led by Julie Parker not yet out if it in third place
- Thanet and Canterbury are both unbeaten but play each other in last round of matches, quite a local derby in store there
- Thanet 17pts from 3 played, Canterbury B 16pts from 2 and Maidstone C 13pts from 3
- This division is competitive and has proven itself distinctive by virtue it boasts two full ladies teams regularly playing their matches (Folkestone and Maidstone with indeed lady players in the Thanet and Ashford teams as well)
- It has also introduced some younger players into our league, Tom and Lewis who have done well and we very much give them our welcome.

Venue Confirmation

Can we remind you again - home teams please make sure you contact the away team well before every match to verify time, venue and directions.

Matches

- We had matches with issues. These have all been posted on the Kent League section of the web site with summary details
- In some few cases matches are only just been/being finalised which makes it hard for teams and is very unsatisfactory to their opponents
- To all those teams who more than adequately set up their match dates in good time and fulfilled their fixtures a great big thank you. It makes a real difference to the running of the league
- Those who have had difficulties seem to have done so from not having sufficient committed players who make sure they can play. That makes it awkward for team captains who are likely to not want to do the job in future
- Maybe these minority of teams need to take a leaf out of the books of the more organised teams, getting their teams committed well in advance to ensure they present a full team for their agreed match dates
- My feeling is this needs further addressing. As I indicated in a previous news issue, we shall seek your views on penalties and matters in the constitution. This will be done in the end of March news update with response to be received in April. You might like to start getting your thoughts together - take a look at the constitution on the web site to refer to any specific points.

Comments

We welcome your comments where you think it will give a benefit for us all, including anything else that should be included in this news sheet.

We will air (printable) suggestions.

Please help us maintain the Kent League as a worthy competition.

Please send your comments to me on the kent league email.

Next Issue - End of March 2017

Regards

Roger

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