

Monday Night Darts

The Herne Bay & District Winter Darts League 2017/18 season started last week with the first round one of the Ken Cattell Team Cup K/O. The tie of the round came in the match between Division One's Rising Sun, who hosted newly promoted Premier Division side, the Angling Club "B". The Anglers took a narrow 3-2 lead into the singles games, but saw the Rising Sun immediately level with Graeme Poynter winning the first singles game. Anglers skipper Craig Reeves put in a man of the match performance to restore his teams lead at 4-3. The Rising again levelled, Charles Gillibrand winning to make it 4-4 and then saw his team-mate Nigel Grace win his singles game to put the Rising Sun in front for the first time at 5-4. The Anglers then took their turn to level, debutant Laurence Parker winning to make it 5-5. In the decisive last singles game, Anglers Chris Davis narrowly defeated Rising Sun skipper Alan Howlett 2-1 to book his teams place in the next round.

In an all Division One affair, the Angling Club "A", relegated from the Premier Division last season, ran out comfortable 9-2 winners over the Heron. Trailing 4-1, the Heron won the opening singles game through Trevor Morris, reducing the deficit to 4-2, but that was as good as it got for the Heron as the Anglers won the next two singles games through George Grosvenor and skipper Gary Keeley to secure the win at 6-2. The Anglers wrapped up the win with further singles wins from man of the match Luke Adby, debutant Kevin Moran and Les Bates. Highlights of the match saw Adby and his team-mate Matt Nye each hit maximum 180's.

The Catholic Club complete the line up for the next round of the cup draw with a 7-4 home win over league newcomers, the Whitstable Labour Club. The Labour Club had taken a 1-0 lead, but soon found themselves trailing 4-1 going into the singles games. Catholic skipper Martin Murphy led by example, putting in a man of the match display to win the opening singles game and put his side into a commanding 5-1 lead. Labour skipper Max Claughton responded with a singles win of his own, but any comeback hopes were shortlived as the Catholic secured the win at 6-2 with Adam Farmer's singles win. The Labour Club pulled the score back to 6-4 with wins from Harrison Rougine and Steven Russ, only to see the Catholic Club win the last singles game through Derek Male. Highlights saw Labour Club's Max Claughton hit a maximum 180.

Results...Monday 23rd October 2017

Ken Cattell Team Cup K/O Round One

Angling Club "A"	9-2	Heron
Catholic Club	7-4	Whitstable Labour Club
Rising Sun	5-6	Angling Club "B"
Chislet Colliery Club	-Vs-	Bye
Divers Arms	-Vs-	Bye
Hampton Inn	-Vs-	Bye
Smugglers Inn "A"	-Vs-	Bye
Smugglers Inn "B"	-Vs-	Bye

Maximum 180's:

1-Luke Adby; 1-Max Claughton; 1-Matt Nye