

Monday Night Darts

Week three in the Herne Bay & District Winter Darts League saw the Catholic Club almost pull off one of the results of the season as they were narrowly defeated at home by Premier Division title hopefuls the Smugglers Inn "B". The Catholic Club had taken an early 2-0 lead, but saw the Smugglers rally and take a 3-2 lead into the singles games. All seemed to be going to plan for the Smugglers as skipper Chris Dadd won the opening singles game to put his side 4-2 up. The Catholic Club pulled one back through Stuart Angel only to see the Smugglers respond through Benn Swinfield, who won his singles game to put the Smugglers into a controlling 5-3 away lead. The Catholic Club replied with back to back singles wins from Adam Farmer and Del Male to level the match score to 5-5. In the decisive last singles game, Smugglers Keith Ralph put in a man of the match performance to defeat Catholic's skipper Dave Anderson 2-0 and secure all three points for the Smugglers.

Last years Division One champions, the Chislet Colliery Club, hosted last years Division One runners up, the Angling Club "B", and the Anglers left with all three points after an 8-3 away win. Leading 3-2, opening singles wins from Laurence Parker and skipper Craig Reeves put the Anglers into a commanding 5-2 lead. The Anglers did not have to wait long for the victory, Jeff Buxton winning the next singles game to secure the win at 6-2. Man of the match Chris Davis extended the Anglers lead to 7-2 with his singles win, before the last two singles games were evenly won by the two sides, Martin Hackett for the Chislet and Jack Buxton for the Anglers. Highlights of the match saw Laurence Parker check out on 121.

Pacesetters the Divers Arms registered a 10-1 home win over the Whitstable Labour Club to maintain top spot. The Divers took a 5-0 lead into the singles games, but saw Labour Club's Steve Russ win the opening singles game, but that was as good as it got for the Labour Club as the Divers secured the win at 6-1 through skipper Paul Knight. Further singles wins from Mike Cattell, Mark Sayer, debutant Dan Cameron and Anthony Crocker wrapped up the win. Highlights saw man of the match Paul Knight check out on 110.

Reigning champions, the Hampton Inn, marginally closed the gap on the Divers Arms with an 11-0 away win over the Rising Sun. Leading 5-0, the Hampton won all six singles games to complete the whitewash. Singles wins coming from Craig Critchley, Clive Johnson, Steve Coker, Paul Dawkins, man of the match Steve Moys and Andy Smith. Highlights saw Steve Moys and Craig Critchley check out on 144 and 100 respectively, while their team-mate Paul Dawkins hit a maximum 180.

The Smugglers Inn "A" won 10-1 at home to the Heron to move into fourth place. The Smugglers won all three pairs and both threes games to lead 5-0 but any whitewash hopes were dashed when the Heron won the opening singles game through Trevor Morris. The Smugglers responded with Jim Marsh winning the next singles game to secure the win at 6-1. The Smugglers rounded off the big win with John Hughes, man of the match Ryan Walker, Colin Hopkins and Steve Peacock winning the remaining singles games. Highlights saw Smugglers' Steve Walter hit a maximum 180.

Results...Monday 13th November 2017

Catholic Club	5-6	Smugglers Inn "B"
Chislet Colliery Club	3-8	Angling Club "B"
Divers Arms	10-1	Whitstable Labour Club
Rising Sun	0-11	Hampton Inn
Smugglers Inn "A"	10-1	Heron
Angling Club "A"	-Vs-	Bye

100 plus checkouts:

144-Steve Moys; 121-Laurence Parker; 110-Paul Knight; 100-Craig Critchley

Maximum 180's:

1-Paul Dawkins; 1-Steve Walter