

Monday Night Darts

For the second consecutive week there was a top of the table clash in the Herne Bay & District Winter Darts League. Leaders Divers Arms hosted unbeaten second placed Smugglers Inn "B". Both sides went into the match on level points, but the Divers Arms led the way having played a game more and with a better leg difference. The Divers started the brightest, taking an early 2-0 lead, but saw that pegged back to 3-2 going into the singles games. An opening singles win from Mike Cattell doubled the Divers led to 4-2 before the Smugglers reduced it to 4-3 with Keith Ralph's singles win. Divers skipper, Paul Knight, aided by a 146 checked put his side 5-3 up before his team-mate Mark Sayer put in a man of the match performance to win his singles game and secure the match win at 6-3. The last two singles games were evenly won by the two sides, Richard Stevens winning for the Smugglers and Jason Adby winning for the Divers Arms. Other highlights of the match saw Smugglers Jordan Dadd hit two maximum 180's while Divers' Mike Cattell hit a maximum 180.

The Smugglers Inn "B" dropped from second to third after reigning champions, the Hampton Inn won 10-1 away to the Smugglers Inn "A". The Hampton took a 4-1 lead into the singles games, where they won all six singles games to round off the superb win, a result which on paper looks harsh on the Smugglers with all bar three games in the whole match going all three legs. Singles wins coming from Steve Coker, Clive Johnson, Paul Dawkins, Steve Moys, Craig Critchley and Andy Smith. Highlights saw Smugglers Steve Peacock hit a maximum 180 and Hampton's Paul Dawkins hit a maximum 180 and check out on 109, but they were both beaten to the man of the match award by Clive Johnson who hit two maximum 180s.

The Angling Club "A" continued to build momentum for a title challenge, an 8-3 home win consolidating fourth place and are now only three points behind the Smugglers Inn "B" in third place. Leading 4-1, opening singles wins from George Grosvenor and Luke Adby secured the win at 6-1. Further singles wins from man of the match Mike Brett and Les Bates put the Anglers 8-1 up. The Riser gained some consolation with Charles Gillibrand and Graeme Poynter winning the last two singles games.

The Chislet Colliery Club returned to winning ways with a 7-4 home win over the Catholic Club. The Chislet made an almost perfect start, leading 4-1 and an man of the match performance from their skipper James Wells saw them lead a commanding 5-1. The Catholic responded with back to back singles wins from Del Male and Adam Farmer to cut the deficit to 5-3. However, any comeback hopes were short lived as Martin Hackett won his singles game for the Chislet Club to secure the win at 6-3. The last two singles games were won one apiece, Ian Papa for the Chislet Club and Stuart Angel for the Catholic Club. Highlights saw Catholic's Adam Farmer hit a maximum 180.

The Angling Club "B" stayed above the Chislet Colliery Club thanks to a 7-4 away win over the Heron. Leading 3-2, an opening singles win from man of the match Reece Kiley, aided by a maximum 180, put the Anglers 4-2 up. The Heron bounced back with wins from Trevor Morris and Mike Moore to level the game poised at 4-4. The Anglers regained the lead through Jack Buxton and his skipper Craig Reeves followed suit, winning his singles game to secure the win at 6-4. The Anglers won the last singles game through William Weller to wrap up the win. The Heron gained some consolation with Matt Elliott hitting a maximum 180.

Results...Monday 5th February 2018

Angling Club "A"	8-3	Rising Sun
Chislet Colliery Club	7-4	Catholic Club
Divers Arms	7-4	Smugglers Inn "B"
Heron "A"	4-7	Angling Club "B"
Smugglers Inn "A"	1-10	Hampton Inn
Whitstable Labour Club	-Vs-	Bye

100 plus checkouts:

146-Paul Knight; 109-Paul Dawkins

Maximum 180's:

2-Jordan Dadd; 2-Clive Johnson; 1-Mike Cattell; 1-Paul Dawkins; 1-Matt Elliott; 1-Adam Farmer; 1-Reece Kiley