



Warriors A on fire

The seasons tournament has had its fair share of changes and it seems that the development of many of the teams has created opportunities for younger members to shine. This is true of this year where Maidstone Warriors have been able to field two teams as a result of the surge in membership within the U12 group. Folkestone and East Kent Canterbury although in development stages have formed the other teams of within the tournament.

The first match of the tournament was between Maidstone A and East Kent Crusaders (Canterbury), rivals for many years. Maidstone A were up to the challenge coming fast out of the blocks and scoring a succession of quick baskets. However East Kent Crusaders established some rhythm and pegged the score back to 8-8 in the first half. The second half saw Maidstone A change their offensive tactics by allowing George to open up several assists to his open colleagues. This move was decisive causing Maidstone A to run out winners 23-13. East Kent Crusaders played Folkestone in a tight defensive game with both sides missing their chances. Following a low scoring first half (4-3 to East Kent Crusaders) an energised second half saw East Kent Crusades continue to pip Folkestone in scoring running out winners 14-11. Maidstone B played their first game of the tournament against Folkestone which included a number of players who had never played competition basketball before. Although the result was never in doubt, Maidstone B had much to be proud of holding Folkestone to a 8-2 score.

February Result

Maidstone Warriors A	24	10	East Kent Crusaders
Maidstone Warriors B	8	21	Folkestone
Maidstone Warriors A	8	2	Folkestone
Maidstone Warriors B	2	8	East Kent Crusaders
Folkestone	11	14	East Kent Crusaders
Maidstone Warriors A	9	0	Maidstone Warriors B



Maidstone's George assisting a open Edward on the offence

U12 Tournament recognised

The U12 Tournament was recognised by the Sports and Development unit of Kent County Council recently as part of their annual Voluntary Youth Sports Awards. Although we did not win the competition we were praised for providing an good structure to allow children to play in a competitive , fun and non-threatening environment.

Thank you for all who have taken time to organise the event as well as the children and parents who make it worthwhile for all.

Action from the day



Folkestone's offence posting a jumper over Maidstone B defence



Folkestone foiling a Maidstone B attack

Forward Dates

The dates for the tournament until the end of the season are:

- 11th March
- 8th April
- 13th May
- 10th June (Tournament and Medals)



The Maidstone A team competing hard on a East Kent Crusaders fast break

Free Prizes

We try and attempt to make the tournament as fun and exciting as we can bearing in mind the limitations that we have within the Astor Sport centre. However if any of you have any suggestions to make the Tournament better then please do not hesitate to contact Wayne Wright, Maidstone Club Secretary on 07815 101318 or email on wayne@maidstonewarriors.co.uk. The person with the best suggestion will receive a box of chocolates.