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RUGBY DETAILS

London 1 South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Chichester	16	13	0	3	491	273	66
Gravesend	15	14	0	1	495	174	64
Brighton	15	11	0	4	416	241	55
Sidcup	15	10	0	5	344	205	47
Wimbledon	16	10	0	6	352	255	47
Chobham	15	9	0	6	387	219	46
Cobham	16	8	0	8	354	338	42
Sutton & E	14	7	0	7	319	318	35
Havant	15	5	1	9	377	361	31
Hove	16	5	0	11	353	463	29
Dover	14	6	0	8	252	305	28
Beckenham	15	5	1	9	266	430	26
Haywards H	14	0	1	13	121	549	4
Staines	16	1	1	14	206	602	3

Results: Beckenham 3 Wimbledon 49, Brighton 50 Haywards Heath 3, Chichester 27 Chobham 8, Cobham 15 Havant 39, Gravesend 12 Sidcup 10, Hove 23 Dover 30, Sutton & Epsom 41 Staines 12.

Fixtures: Chobham v Cobham, Dover v Chichester, Havant v Beckenham, Haywards Heath v Hove, Sidcup v Brighton, Staines v Gravesend, Wimbledon v Sutton & Epsom.

London 3 South East

Thanet	14	11	1	2	364	194	55
Ashford	14	10	1	3	420	235	54
Horsham	14	10	1	3	369	201	50
Gillingham A	13	8	1	4	364	250	47
Folkestone	14	9	1	4	424	248	44
Dartfordians	14	8	2	4	342	242	44
Bromley	14	4	2	8	271	278	28
Old Dunston	13	5	0	8	286	318	26
Uckfield	14	4	2	8	225	296	22
Burgess Hill	13	4	0	9	139	461	17
Sheppey	13	2	0	11	170	381	11
Becceham	14	1	1	12	159	429	2

Results: Burgess Hill 22 Bromley 17, Dartfordians 17 Thanet Wanderers 39, Folkestone 34 Old Dunstonians 12, Gillingham Anchorians 20 Sheppey 8, Horsham 19 Ashford 17, Uckfield 12 Beccehamian 17.

Fixtures: Burgess Hill v Gillingham Anchorians, Old Dunstonians v Sheppey.

Kent 1

Park House	13	11	1	1	389	200	55
Hastings & B	14	11	0	3	385	161	50
Cranbrook	13	10	0	3	391	155	49
Southwark	14	9	0	5	199	246	38
Vigo	14	8	0	6	175	202	35
Old Williams	14	7	0	7	240	221	33
Old Graves	13	6	1	6	184	214	30
HSBC	13	5	1	7	201	261	28
Kings Coll	13	5	0	8	208	172	27
Sittingbourne	13	2	1	10	140	260	14
Foots Cray	12	2	0	10	188	327	13
Shooters Hill	12	1	0	11	120	401	8

Results: Cranbrook 29 Old Gravesendians 8, Kings College Hospital 24 HSBC 19, Park House 17 Old Williamsonians 12, Southwark Lancers 22 Hastings & Bexhill 14, Vigo 14 Sittingbourne 3.

Fixtures: Foots Cray v Park House, Sittingbourne v Kings College Hospital

Kent 2

Lordswood	11	9	1	1	324	114	45
Bexley	11	7	1	3	287	181	38
Askean	12	8	0	4	206	166	36
Edenbridge	10	8	0	2	214	182	35
New Ash Grm	10	7	0	3	318	115	34
Kings Hosp	10	6	0	4	376	176	33
Brockleians	12	4	1	7	149	206	22
Orpington	11	3	0	8	187	332	18
Faversham	10	3	0	7	141	265	14
Whitstable	10	2	1	7	162	256	12
Dartford Vall	11	0	1	11	111	482	2

Results: Askean 20 Guys Hospital 19, Dartford Valley 15 Bexley 49, New Ash Green 7 Lordswood 10, Orpington 3 Brockleians 20.

Fixtures: Askean v Orpington, Bexley v Faversham, Brockleians v Dartford Valley, Edenbridge v New Ash Green, Guys Hospital v Whitstable.

Tactical switches pay off



CATCH ME IF YOU CAN: Vigo leave Sittingbourne trailing on Saturday

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Vigo are up to fifth in Kent 1 after coming from behind to beat Sittingbourne 14-3 on Saturday.

The home side lacked any urgency in the first half and Bourne put plenty of pressure on their scrum, before taking the lead from a penalty.

Vigo made some positional changes at the break and they looked like a different side after the restart.

Dave Winstone made a sharp break and offloaded to Luke Vint, who in turn fed Pat Norton to score under the posts for the Villagers. Winstone kicked the conversion.

Sittingbourne tried to get back into the game but they were undone when teenage winger Liam Byrne-Stevens intercepted a pass and ran the length of the field to score a second try which Winstone converted.

A late penalty from Michele Zanirato earned Gravesend a priceless 12-10 win over Sidcup to ensure they kept up the pressure on London 1 South leaders Chichester.

Zanirato had given the Gs a 6-0 lead in front of almost 300 supporters at Rectory Field by slotting two early penalties.

But a game between the division's two meanest defences proved predictably tight and the only other score before half-time was a Sidcup penalty.

Matty Bressons saw his cross-field kick run loose in the second half and the visitors capitalised by scoring a converted try.

With seven minutes left,

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Zanirato kicked his third penalty to reduce the arrears to a single point, although Sidcup still looked set to complete the league double over their local rivals.

But Gravesend kept plugging away and, with time almost up, Zanirato held his nerve to score a penalty from 40 metres out, wide on the left.

The Gs, who visit Staines this weekend, are two points behind Chichester with a game in hand.

Dartfordians lost to another of the title challengers in London 3 South East when they went down 39-17 at home to Thanet Wanderers.

Beaten 21-10 by Ashford the previous week, Darts were 24-3 down at half-time with just a solitary penalty to their name.

Sam Allen scored two tries in the second half, which were both converted, but Thanet's superiority was clear as they closed out a comfortable win.

Dartfordians, who lie sixth, host Finchley in the RFU Senior Vase on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Old Gravesendians lost 29-8 at Cranbrook in Kent 1. It was the first of two meetings between the clubs in the space of a week, with the Old Gs making the same journey for a Junior Vase fourth-round tie on Saturday.

In Kent 2, Dartford Valley lost 49-15 at home to Bexley and New Ash Green went down 10-7 against Lordswood.

High tides bad news for sprats

The legacy of having the Thames Barrier continually closed for nearly a week due to the recent high tides is the colossal amount of floodwater joining forces with the tidal Thames.

Fresh water sits on top of salt water, taking weeks to integrate, with one real bonus being in breaking up the sprat shoals as they live and feed near the surface. This has allowed codling and whiting to stay inshore for food in range of anglers.

Shore-caught codling are in the 2-3lb range, with worms and squid top baits. The small pin whiting are still around the whole coast, but these should come back late September and be close to sizeable.

Good news for Medway anglers was the re-opening of Gillingham



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pier after a wall collapsed recently. Medway Charter fleet have been finding the odd codling to 5lb, along with dabs and whiting to 2lb.

The Lady Anne, now in private hands, found eight codling to 4lb and an early thornback of 12lb. A private boat reported three codling from just off Sheerness, proving you don't have to travel miles to get the cod.

NEAR MISS: Just three points separated New Ash Green, green and black, and Lordswood in Kent 2

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