



# Bases Loaded

## Greensox back to winning ways

THE Greensox and Mavericks had yet another unusually high-scoring encounter, not quite the 48 runs of their last meeting, but only four short of that total as Sox got back to winning ways. Mavs got off to a good start with a 7-run opening, but then froze, while the Sox racked up the runs, drawing level in the bottom of the third, then scoring 13 with only 1 in reply over the next two innings. The Mavs' 4-run 6th was the last of the scoring, too little too late. Lions and Outlaws eased past the two bottom teams by 7 or 8 runs, while Thunder had a mercy-win against near rivals the Dodgers.

IN Division 2 the Tigers

scored a decent 18 runs (enough to win their Fantasy players offensive bonuses) but were well beaten by the Mutineers, who got most of the 49 total runs in this slugfest. The Bullfrogs mercied the Speeders, to remain a half a game behind the leaders (but add 1/3 for their forfeit). And the Camels were comfortable against the Outlaws, propping up the rest of the table.

THERE were some close games and some not so close games in Division 3. Enforcers held off the Camels to even up the all-time record at 5-5 in a "now you score now you don't" perform-

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ance. The dromedaries took an early lead with 6 runs scored but were immediately pegged back. The 3rd inning was 0-0. Then they retook the lead with another 6 runs in the 4th. The 5th was again 0-0. At this point the Enforcers took the law into their own hands, doubling their score, which had not

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### Rearranged games

THE Division 3 and 4 games postponed by the bad weather two weeks ago will now be played as follows:

Division 3 games will be played on August 11th. This was to be the first round of the play-off games: these games will now be played on 1st September. Although we wanted to end the season with exciting potentially crucial (title-deciding) fixtures, such as 1st v 2nd, we also want to avoid these important games being affected by fading light. So those fixtures will be played in the middle of

the series.

The Cup finals that were to be played on that date will now be subject to schedule by mutual arrangement. Captains should contact the Fixtures Secretary with a proposed date, and we will do our best to find a pitch and umpire. Teams should bear in mind that marked-out pitches will not necessarily be available after September 1st.

In Division 4, the games will be played on 1st September, thus extending the season by a further week.

*Adam Roberts, Fixtures Secretary*

### This week's games at a glance

**Note: all games are at Parrswood this week**

#### Division 1

DOD @ MHM (PW2, MD)  
LIO @ MAV (PW1, TLF)  
MKT @ THU (PW3, BMcG)  
OUT @ GRX (PW4, DD)

#### Division 2

BUL @ CAM (PW8), IW)  
LIG @ TIG (PW7)  
MUT @ SPE (PW6, AG)

#### Division 3

CM2 @ BAT (4, AG)  
ENF @ HUR (8, AR)  
MM2 @ SHA (5, IC)  
STO @ PIR (1, TS)

#### Division 4

DRZ @ BFL (9, PN)  
FAL @ COL (7, AK)  
MV2 @ FRZ (2, BA)  
MK2 @ WCT (3, MG)  
PHX @ HAC (6, LA)

changed since the 2nd inning, with the game nicely poised at 14-13 going into the 7th. The lawmen had the better of this inning too, prevailing 5-4, to win by 2. **Pirates** beat **Mayhem II** 21-17 in a free-scoring game which the corsairs led from the off, and, while the Mosseley crew scored consistently, it was never quite enough. **Sharks** slaughtered **Hurricanes** thanks to two big 11-run innings in a game where the Canes, with three first-timers including the league's new youngest player (born July 2000), otherwise defended well and even managed one bat-around inning themselves. And there was a mercy win for the Hurricanes' club-mates at the other end of the table as title favourites **Storm** bashed the **Bats** 21-3.

IN Division 4 **Freeze** were mighty close to only their second win of the season despite allowing Colt 45s 8 runs in the bottom of the 1st. The icemen chipped away at the lead, breaking through in the 6th to tie it up at 11-11, but then could not keep out the winning run in the bottom of the 7th. Freeze's Tania Mawle did well to get an MVP nomination despite not appear-

ing on the team roster sheet. **Hackers** and **Mavs II** got their customary RAR wins, the former against the **Falcons**, for whom Tyler Hargrave got their first ever home run, the latter, with only nine players, against the **Barflies**, also playing nine, with three homers, including a slam, for Andy Gardner, playing his 47th consecutive game. **Moorkats** were comfortable winners, 17-6 against **Phoenix** while the other felines, the **Wildcats**, got off to a slow start against **Drizzle** and never quite caught them up, despite doubling their score with 9 runs in the 6th to take a lead which they were unable to defend. The 21-19 final scoreline, as well as the two teams' proximity in the standings, confirms how closely matched these two are.

frailties that cost them the win. They batted well throughout the game but their inability to make the routine plays was fatal.

Batting OBP leader was Michael Miah who batted 1.000 (5 for 5). Close behind, batting .800 (4 for 5), were Mike Gaskell and Kirsty Fell with Gaskell also scoring the only home run for the Tigers. There weren't many defensive highlights but Dave Wareham pitched well, Tereza Kokocinska took some nice outfield catches and Gaskell impressed at 2nd base. *Tigers website*

MVPs Miotk, Grantham; Kokocinska, Gaskell

## Sharks overpower Hurricanes

**HURRICANES** 0 0 7 0 1 0 8  
**SHARKS** 0 11 1 0 0 11 23  
**Ump:** Alan Green; Pitch 7; RAR  
**LOB:** HUR 6, SHA 10; **2B:** Longfield, Harris 2, Woods, Ireland, Bicknell; **3B:** Woods 2; **HR:** Santori, Longfield.

## Match reports

### Mutineers prevail in 49-run slugfest

**MUTINEERS** 3 2 2 10 3 5 6 31  
**TIGERS** 1 5 0 3 5 4 0 18  
**Ump:** Alan Green; Pitch 7

**HRs MUT** Joe Grantham 3, Gary Moors; **TIG** Mike Gaskell

**MUTINEERS** Ali Hallsworth (RC), Kate Williamson (1B), Joe Grantham (SS), Siân McNeil (2B), Gary Moors (3B), Gwen Davies (LF), Duncan JHones (P), Tash Miotk (C), Tony Sronard (LC), Beth Jarrett (RF), Rob Fenlon (EP), Maz Yung (EP)

**TIGERS** Dave Eaton (SS), *Sarah Cassin* (WCT)(3B), Mike Gaskell (RC), Hayley Mctear (RF), *Michael Miah* (WCT)(LF), Kirsty Fell (C), Claudio Santos (2B), Tereza Kokocinska (LC), Dave Wareham (P), Emma Miller (1B)

AFTER three innings Tigers were only one run behind but they had already shown the defensive

**S**EFTON Sharks were happy there was no repeat of the Hurricanes' recent win in the Super XV match in Wellington. The 23-8 scoreline suggests the game was a stroll on the diamond. However this wasn't the case. After first inning shut-outs for both teams, Sefton proceeded to shut out Hurricanes again and then score 11 runs in the second only to concede 7 at the top of the third with just one scored in reply. The following two innings saw both defences come out on top form with only one run scored, but then the Sharks' batting got hot again with another 11-run inning to complete the run-ahead-rule win.

The biggest difference of all has to be the form of the Sharks' ladies who are all consistently smashing the ball to the outfield and given the boys a run for their money in

## Birthdays

**Monday** Sian Payne (Thunder)

**Wednesday** Claire Aitken (Bullfrogs), Jonathan Gill (Tigers)

**Thursday** Joanne Moseley (Hurricanes), Jerry Seabridge (Bats)

**Friday** Sian Davies (Enforcers)

**Saturday** Lauren Bicknell (Sharks), Jordan Colton (Sharks)

**Sunday** Annie Downes (Wildcats), Emma Lott (Wildcats)



**Vs THE SHARKS**

the OBP column. Special praise has to go to Claire Riley in her first full season, who is looking more and more the seasoned pro at bat and in the field. Sharon Alger, the silent assassin, has a season-high OBP amongst the girls and is chasing her husband down, only only .130 behind him. The commitment and effort is testament to each and every one of the squad's commitment to the Sharks cause and Captain Shearer is privileged and honoured to be able to call upon each and every one of the 14 squad players knowing none of them will let their team mates down.

*Adapted from Sharks website  
Stats by Stephen Shearer*

MVPs: Nasir, Morrison; Shearer, R Alger

		AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	K	SF	OBP	Avge
<b>HURRICANES</b>											
Adam Morrison	CL	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	.667	.667
Kara Buzza	2B	3	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	.667	.667
Barrie McQuillan	SS/3B	3	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	.667	.667
Misbah Nasir	LF	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	.000
Carl McCarthy	P/EP	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	.333	.333
Sophie Croston	RF	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	.333	.333
Harry Somers	CR	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	.667	.667
Samantha Preston	C	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
Gio Santori	3B/SS	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	.500	.500
Carolyn Barratt	1B	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.500	.500
Dan Lord	EP/P	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	1.000
Alexa Martinez	EP	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.500	.000
TOTAL		31	8	14	1	8	1	3	0	.469	.452

		AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	K	SF	OBP	Avge
<b>SHARKS</b>											
Phil Longfield	LC	4	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	.750	.750
Kate Shearer	1B	4	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	.750	.750
Graeme Nickson	P	4	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	.500	.500
Mish Ireland	C	3	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	1.000	1.000
Rob Alger	SS	4	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	.500	.500
Lauren Bicknell	EP	4	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	.500	.500
Paul Colton	RC	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	.750	.750
Sharon Alger	3B	4	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	.750	.750
Stephen Woods	EP	4	2	4	0	3	0	0	0	1.000	1.000
Claire Riley	RF	4	2	3	0	3	0	1	0	.750	.750
Liam Harris	2B	4	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	.500	.500
Kaff Larkin	LF	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	.667	.500
TOTAL		45	23	31	1	20	2	2	0	.702	.689

## Wildcats fur saturated by persistent Drizzle

**WILDCATS** 1 4 1 2 1 9 1 **19**  
**DRIZZLE** 5 3 7 0 1 5 x **21**

Ump: Tony Stonard; Pitch 8

Drizzle continued its recent victorious streak against a strong Wildcats line-up, shrugging off a familiar weak sixth inning fielding display, in which the visiting team took the lead. The two mid-table clashes between the teams have been amongst the most keenly fought this season, with Wildcats scratching out the better of a 50-run game in May.

For five innings it looked surprisingly comfortable for Drizzle given the quality of the Wildcats line-up, with some of the best hitting of the season yielding plenty of doubles throughout the order. Despite equally strong hitting from Wildcats, the soggies' defence held up well. Left Field Andrew Bogie made up for a poor early drop with two well-judged catches: one short fly ball was taken comfortably on the run, while a well-struck line drive resulted in either a spectacular diving grab or a simple catch embellished with an unnecessary fall, depending on your point of view. The infield was working well too, as Drizzle debutant Giancarlo Calo (3rd Base) and Bradley Hadwin (Short Stop) combined well to effect several sharp outs.



**Spectacular dive or unnecessary fall? You decide.**

Picture: Sara Byers

Despite this strong showing, Wildcats still roared back into contention with a nine-run sixth inning inspired by some hits that cleared the outfield and some familiar defensive frailties from Drizzle. The Drizzle defence remains susceptible to collapse when the batting side strings together a run of good

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hits.

Fortunately for the wet ones, the batting held strong as they retook a decisive 3-run lead in a 5-run sixth inning. The inning was memorable for two moments in particular: Heather Blythe showed impressive flexibility in order to obey the base coach's late exhortation to stay on third, keeping a trailing foot just in contact with the bag with a Wildcat ready to pounce on any loss of footing. Meanwhile Faye Evans barely kept her cool after the Blu's mobile phone interrupted her turn at bat with a sudden tinny burst of 'Sweet Child O' Mine'. In spite of the mid-pitch interruption a strike was called, much to her vocal dismay.

The game was concluded with an efficient final display in the field, including a sharp return catch by Drizzle Pitcher Mark Griffin. *Rain Man*

MVPs: Cassin, Wareham, Blythe, Bogie

### Single sex triumphs (cont.)

With Ali in left field and Wakey on the mound We Mega Minx softballers were feeling really proud.

Patience is a woman's greatest virtue, or so the saying goes.

A softball player must have said it, for a softball player knows.

Charlie did us proud at short stop, fielding every ball.

Ali lost her voice making her enthusiastic calls.

Daisy wore the right colour but then she pulled her bum

But always had a Minx beside her, there to be her chum.

Saturday wasn't our best day, but fun was had by all.

Curious base running made us smile, we can all recall.

We stepped up to the plate ready to hit a ball, Sometimes disappointed as strikes did not always fall.

Super Sunday woke us, all of us had bonded From 20s through to 50s we have become fond. With the swing of the bat and crack of the ball Outfielders run hoping to catch the ball.

Becci, Lara, Ali, Sarah, Linni and Charlotte too, did us all proud

Running and diving with cheers from the crowd. Infield was busy, with Ellie doing doubles at first base,

## Blu corner

### Obstruction

Definition (Rule 1 Sec. 66) *Obstruction is the act of:*  
*a. A defensive player or team member who hinders or prevents a batter from striking at or hitting a pitched ball.*

*b. A fielder who impedes the progress of a runner or batter-runner who is legally running bases while:*

- 1. Not in possession of the ball, or*
- 2. Not in the act of fielding a batted ball, or*
- 3. Making a fake tag without the ball, or*
- 4. In possession of the ball and who pushes a runner off a base, or*
- 5. In possession of the ball, but not in the act of making a play on the runner, impedes the progress of that runner, while he is legally running the bases.*

The occurrence of (a) is very uncommon. The only occurrence I have ever seen is when the catcher is too close and their glove is hit by the bat. This is dealt primarily by Rule 8 Sec 1.d. as follows:

*When the catcher or any other defensive player obstructs, hinders, or prevents the batter from striking at, or hitting a pitched ball.*

- 1. The umpire shall give a delayed dead ball signal with the ball remaining live until the end of play.*
- 2. The manager of the offensive team has the option of:*
  - (a) Taking the award for "catcher obstruction", or*
  - (b) Taking the result of the play.*
- 3. If the batter hits the ball and reaches first base safely, and if all other runners have advanced at*

Andrea, Carolyn, Sue and Jo making the chase.

We enjoyed those moments when we watched the ball soar

Stacking the bases, Wakey, Becci, Sarah and Jo getting home runs to roars.

It's not a sport but more like a passion,

Hoping the cuts and bruises come into fashion

Our MVP was Wakey,

She batted and she smiled.

Strike after strike she pitched

With only exhaustion showing but no sign of a glitch.

The final games came

Bronze, Silver, Platinum Cups were lifted

Proving Manchester softball girls are very gifted.

*Jo Gardiner*

least one base on the batted ball, “catcher obstruction” is cancelled. All action as a result of the batted ball stands. No option is given.

4. If the manager does not take the result of the play, “catcher obstruction” is enforced by awarding the batter first base and advancing all other runners only if forced.

Type (b) obstruction is the more common occurrence. This is handled by Rule 8 Sec 7.b which essentially restates the definition above. The effect of this rule is as follows:

*When any obstruction occurs (including a rundown)*

1. A Delayed Dead Ball should be signalled, with the ball remaining alive until the end of the play.

2. The obstructed runner, and each other runner affected by the obstruction, will always be awarded the base or bases they would have reached, in the umpire’s judgment, had there been no obstruction. If the umpire feels there is justification, a defensive player making a fake tag could be ejected from the game.

3. If the obstructed runner is put out prior to reaching the base he would have reached had there not been obstruction, a dead ball is called. The obstructed runner and each other runner affected by the obstruction will be awarded the base, or bases, they would have reached, in the umpire’s judgment had obstruction not occurred.

4. An obstructed runner may never be called out between the two bases where he was obstructed.

**EXCEPTION:**

1: If the obstructed runner commits an act of interference after the obstruction is ruled, or the runner is legally appealed for

(a) Missing a base, unless the runner has been obstructed at that base and the obstruction prevents him from touching the base, or  
(b) Leaving a base before a fly ball was first touched, or

(c) After passing the base he would have reached had there not been obstruction, the obstructed runner may be called out and the ball remains alive.

2: If the obstructed runner safely obtains the base he would have been awarded, in the umpire’s judgment, and there is a subsequent play on a different runner, the obstructed runner is no longer protected between the bases where the runner was obstructed, and may be put out. The ball remains alive.

Note: In 2014 the rule changed so that the fielder

not only had to be in possession of the ball but also had to be in the act of making a play on the runner. I still hear arguments from fielders who have the ball but were not attempting to tag the runner.

Common examples of obstruction are as follows:

(1) 1st-base fielder going straight to 1st base expecting a play when it is more likely to be on another runner, or the ball is hit into shallow outfield.

(2) 3rd-base fielder standing at 3rd base even though there is not an immediate play on base.

(3) Catcher blocking home plate in the expectation of a throw to home.

In all cases the umpire must recognise that the obstruction is occurring, or about to occur, and give the delayed dead ball signal shown here.

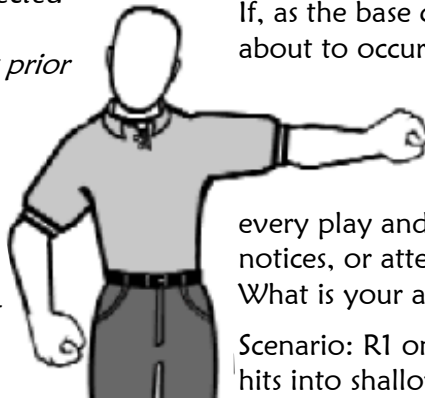
I will refer you back to Volume 21, Issue 10 which covers the role of base coaches.

If, as the base coach, you think that obstruction is about to occur, glance over to the umpire to see if they are giving the “delayed dead ball” signal. It amazes me the number of games where a 1st-base fielder blocks the runners almost every play and I signal obstruction. No one ever notices, or attempts to take advantage of this. What is your advantage?

Scenario: R1 on 1st base. B2 comes up to bat and hits into shallow outfield over 2nd base. R1 runs to 3rd base. B2 wants to turn and look at 1st base but is obstructed. Umpire signals “delayed dead ball”. If the base coaches are not watching usually the runners stand still and the umpire calls time. Then an offensive player will query if it was obstruction. Too late. What should happen is that the 1st-base coach sees the obstruction signal and tells B2 to go to 2nd. What you are hoping to do is draw a throw towards 2nd letting R1 head for home. If B2 is out going to 2nd the umpire will immediately call dead ball. They will then place B2 back on 1st base, if they thought they would not have made 2nd base, or place B2 on 2nd base. If R1 had already made it home the run scores. Otherwise the umpire will also award the base they judge the runner would have made. This may include sending them back to the 3rd base.

So, don't complain about obstruction after the play ends. Understand what obstruction is, be aware of it occurring and watch the umpire.

*Jeremy Fothergill, Umpire-in-Chief*



# Fantasy softball—Week 11

**L**ATE Winner's victory over Captain Brody's Bunch in a closely fought 40–37 fantasy game last week sees them clinch a play-off place. The Winner will be looking to move that little bit further up the table in a bid to make their first round play-off game that little bit easier. At the foot of the table we now have four teams (3 on 9 points) fighting for the last two play-offs places. A number of key head to head games remain which could make all the difference.

Sharks' All Stars had the biggest turn around of the season, having scored zero in Week 10, the All Stars put up the joint highest score of Week 11 with 61. It will come as no surprise that Scruffy's Blue Jays were the other team to score 61, 4th time this season the Jays have top-scored. The win for the All Stars gives them a boost as they look to secure one of the last remaining spots in the play-offs.

Another big score for the Blue Jays sees them see-saw

back into the lead 20 points ahead of the Designated Drinkers. The All Stars' commanding points total sees them climb two places into the top 10 pushing Late Winner and Ace of Jades down a place.

## WEEK 11 SCORES

**The Rays 53–49** **Joey's Giants**  
**Scruffy's Blue Jays 61–46** **Watt's Up**  
**Jawsome 57–31½** **Podnabs**  
**Designated Drinkers 41–20** **Isotopes**  
**Sarah Marks 55–61** **Shark's All Stars**  
**Chris Newham 21–37** **Rob Reckless**  
**Cpt Brody's Bunch 37–40** **Late Winner**

It will come as no surprise that Week 10 had the lowest average of points scored across the 16 teams. Week 11 was an altogether different kettle of fish as the average points climbed to 42, the highest mark of the season.

Jawsome put up 57 against Podnabs which was enough for the victory 57–31½. Designated Drinkers also saw another W in the results column 41–20 over the Isotopes. Jawsome are now up into 2nd with a slender 2-point lead on Podnabs and 3 points over four teams, all of whom are looking to secure a top 4 finish. The Drinkers are up into 4th and hold the advantage over the other three teams on 21 points thanks to their healthy points differential. As things stand today, they would join Podnabs, Jawsome and the Jays in the bye week.

## Week 12 fixtures

The Rays (7) v Captain Brody's Bunch (9)  
 Scruffy's Blue Jays (1) v Joey's Giants (6)  
 Jawsome (2) v Watt's Up (5)  
 Designated Drinkers (4) v Podnabs (3)  
 Sarah Marks (8) v Isotopes (12)  
 Chris Newham (14) v Shark's All Stars (11)  
 Rob Reckless (13) v Late Winner (10)

With only two weeks to go attention turns to the foot of the table, with the All Stars at Chris Newham, a win for the All Stars will guarantee them a play-off position and Chris needs a win to have any chance of making it as he needs two wins in the next two weeks. Elsewhere the Isotopes take on Late Winner, who only secured a play-off place after last week's win and Rob Reckless who takes on Sarah Marks sitting in 8th.

## ACCUMULATION LEAGUE TABLE

Pos	Chg	Team	This week	Tot Pts
1	↑ 1	<b>Scruffy's Blue Jays</b>	61	566
2	↓ 1	<b>Designated Drinkers</b>	41	546
3	–	<b>Jawsome</b>	57	480
4	–	<b>The Rays</b>	53	451
5	–	<b>Sarah Marks</b>	55	433½
6	–	<b>Watt's Up</b>	46	423
7	–	<b>Joey's Giants</b>	49	411½
8	–	<b>Captain Brody's Bunch</b>	37	369
9	–	<b>Podnabs</b>	31½	354
10	↑ 2	<b>Shark's All Stars</b>	61	348½
11	↓ 1	<b>Ace of Jades</b>	41	341
12	↓ 1	<b>Late Winner</b>	40	336
13	–	<b>Chris Newham</b>	21	300
14	–	<b>Lily's Legends</b>	35	295½
15	–	<b>Isotopes</b>	20	259½
16	–	<b>Rob Reckless</b>	40	245

## Fantasy MVP Player of the Season and Dream team

Danny Gunn is in pole position for the Fantasy MVP Trophy with 77 points following the Sox' victory over the Mavericks in which he managed his 10th home run of the season. Storm's Jon Taylor and Ross Birch are hot on Gunn's heels following their run-ahead rule win over the Bats, which saw them pick up offensive and defensive bonus points. Top scorer this week was Tom Atkinson (Camels and Podnahs) with 4 home runs to add to his team's RAR win, making a total of 13 points.

## DREAM TEAM AFTER WEEK 11

Danny Gunn (Greensox, Div 1) Scruffy's Blue Jays	77
Jon Taylor (Storm, Div 3) Sarah Marks	74
Ross Birch (Storm, Div 3) Designated Drinkers	72
Richard Sarver (Storm, Div 3) Lily's Legends)	69
Daniel Johansson (Hackers, Div 4) The Rays	69
Kay Carter (Hackers, Div 4) Ace of Jades	67
Vicky Green (Greensox, Div 1) Scruffy's Blue Jays	67
Vic O'Farrell (Greensox) Designated Drinkers	61
Jan Bradley (Mavs II, Div 4) Designated Drinkers	58
Amy Calladine (Hackers, Div 4) Designated Drinkers	56
Gary Moors (Bullfrogs, Div 2) Designated Drinkers	56
Jo Gardiner (Mavs II, Div 4) Watt's Up or	
Areej Elmaazi (Thunder, Div 1) The Rays	52

## HEAD-TO-HEAD LEAGUE TABLE

Pos	Move	Team	P	W	T	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1	–	Scruffy's Blue Jays	11	8	2	1	574	395½	+178½	26
2	↑ 1	Jawsome	11	8	0	3	481	350	+130½	24
3	↓ 1	Podnahs	11	7	1	3	353	327	+26	22
4	↑ 2	Designated Drinkers	11	7	0	4	554	387½	+166½	21
5	↓ 1	Watt's Up	11	7	0	4	417	371½	+45½	21
6	↓ 1	Joey's Giants	11	7	0	4	416½	402½	+14	21
7	–	The Rays	11	7	0	4	452½	453½	–1	21
8	–	Sarah Marks	11	5	1	5	447½	429½	+18	16
9	–	Captain Brody's Bunch	11	5	0	6	372	373½	–1½	15
10	–	Late Winner	11	4	0	7	337	403½	–66½	12
11	↑ 1	Shark's All Stars	11	3	0	8	326½	384	–57½	9
12	↓ 1	Isotopes	11	3	0	8	261½	355½	–94	9
13	–	Rob Reckless	11	3	0	8	243	405	–162	9
14	–	Chris Newham	11	1	0	10	301	497½	–196½	3

## Preview: This week's games

Games in all four divisions are the reverse fixtures from Week 4, 19th/20th May.

### Division 1

**Dodgers at Mayhem** (PW2, MD) Dodgers won 21-18, their 3rd win in 3 meetings.

**Lions at Mavericks** (PW1, TLF) Mavs won 11-7, preserving their winning record against all teams they have played, now 13-11.

**Meerkats at Thunder** (PW3, BMcG) Thunder won this first-ever meeting 23-1 in 4 innings, the Kats avoiding the shut-out with a soingle run in the bottom of the 4th.

**Outlaws at Greensox** (PW4, DD) Sox won 23-8, and lead 12-3 in all meetings.

*Dodgers and Outlaws will be looking out for each other's results. A Dodgers win, coupled with an Outlaws defeat, would put the teams level, with Outlaws marginally favoured on the head-to-heads (1 win each, Outlaws by the bigger margin). Thunder could luff themselves into 3rd place if they beat the last-placed Meerkats, while Mavs will have a tough game against the Lions which could, nevertheless, go either way.*

### Division 2

**Bullfrogs at Camels** (PW8, IW) Bullfrogs won 14-8, extending their all-time lead to 7-5.

**Lightning at Tigers** (PW7) Tigers won this close game 8-7. Finding themselves 7-3 down after 3 innings, they then shut out the flashers for 5 innings while chipping away at their lead. The win gave them a 2-1 edge in all meetings.

**Mutineers at Speeders** (PW6, AG) Speeders won 21-12 to tie up the all-time record at 7-7.

### Division 3

**Camels II at Bats** (4, AG) Camels won 20-7 in their first ever meeting.

**Enforcers at Hurricanes** (8, AR) Enforcers won 21-6 in 6 innings, their 9th win in 11 meetings.

**Mayhem II at Sharks** (5, IC) Sharks prevailed 18-13 in their first ever

meeting.

**Storm at Pirates** (1, TS) Storm won 21-10, their 3rd win in 4 meetings.

### Division 4

**Drizzle at Barflies** (9, PN) Drizzle won 17-8 to make it 3 wins out of 3.

**Falcons at Colt 45s** (7, AK) First ever meeting

**Mavericks II at Freeze** (2, BA) Mavs managed a 16-1 run-ahead rule win in 4½ innings on this, their first meeting.

**Moorkats at Wildcats** (3, MG) Wildcats squeezed out a 13-12 win in an exciting cat-fight, their 3rd win in 3 meetings.

**Phoenix at Hackers** (6, LA) Hackers shut out the firebirds 19-0 in 6 innings in their first ever encounter.

**ALL GAMES ARE AT PARRS WOOD THIS WEEK!**

## Mid-season Party time!

On the Saturday evening at the Manchester tournament, there will be a party to which all softballers and their friends (regardless of whether they are playing At the tournament) are more than welcome.

Time and place: Saturday 1st August, 7:30pm - 12:30am, Old Bedians RUFC, Millgate Lane, Didsbury, M20 5QS

## Last week's MVPs

<b>Barflies</b>	Hayley Jane Sims, Paul Hodgson
<b>Bats</b>	Ellie Sams, Jerry Seabridge
<b>Bullfrogs</b>	Jen Faloon, Jeremy Fothergill
<b>Camels</b>	Fliss Fagan, Tom Atkinson
<b>Camels II</b>	Helen Rossitter, Dan Jarman
<b>Colt 45s</b>	Alicia Mangiafico, John Kaye
<b>Dodgers</b>	Nic Deurden, David Dyson
<b>Drizzle</b>	Heather Blythe, Andrew Bogie
<b>Enforcers</b>	Sian Davies, Brad Flanagan
<b>Falcons</b>	Deana Patel, Tyler Hargreave
<b>Freeze</b>	Tania Mawle, Paul Wolstenholme
<b>Greensox</b>	Natalie Leyland, Paul Kidly
<b>Hackers</b>	Rachel Naylor, Andy Shaw
<b>Hurricanes</b>	Misbah Nasir, Adam Morrison
<b>Lions</b>	Kim Pfeiffer, Chris Fultern
<b>Mavericks</b>	Tanya Burton, <i>Chris Gresty</i> (MV2)
<b>Mavericks II</b>	Jo Cole, Andy Gardner
<b>Mayhem</b>	Lucy Shattock, Steve Howard
<b>Mayhem II</b>	Sarah Marks, Lewis Le Ferre
<b>Meerkats</b>	Rachel Campbell Cook, Jonny Huck
<b>Moorkats</b>	Francesca Rosa, Ioan Said
<b>Mutineers</b>	Natasha Miotk, Joe Grantham
<b>Outlaws</b>	Ellie Buckley, Peter Buckley
<b>Outlaws II</b>	Liz Lyon, Chris Tompson
<b>Phoenix</b>	Becky Ellis, Hector Martinez
<b>Pirates</b>	Mary Coyles, Shane Coyles
<b>Sharks</b>	Kate Shearer, Rob Alger
<b>Speeders</b>	Cat Thornton, Nick Money
<b>Storm</b>	Kellie Whitaker, Richard Sarver
<b>Thunder</b>	<i>Alicia Mangiafico</i> (COL), Andy G
<b>Tigers</b>	Mike Gaskell, Tereza Kokocinska
<b>Wildcats</b>	Sarah Cassin, <i>Dave Wareham</i> (TIG)



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# Home runs

## Division 1 Female

5 - Kath Mullins (GRX)  
 3 - Nancy Bennett (OUT), Ellie Buckley (OUT)  
 2 - Areej Elmaazi (THU, 1GS), Natalie Leyland (GRX)  
 1 - Andrea Dee (MAV), Linni Mitchell (MHM, GS), Vic O'Farrell (GRX), Sian Payne (THU), Jade Shaw (LIO)

## Division 1 Male

10 - Danny Gunn (GRX)  
 4 - Andy Grose (THU), Tyler Lappage (DOD)  
 3 - Nathan Gulam (GRX), Benkei Johnson (THU), Paul Kidley (GRX), Pete Nightingale (MAV, 1GS), Laurence Pearmain (MAV, 1GS), Andy Rawson (GRX)  
 2 - Luis Arrevillagas (THU), Pete Buckley (OUT), Dave Collins (OUT), Elieser Dorronsoro (MAV), Charles Everitt (LIO), Mark Griffin (THU), Kris Hadwin (LIO), Shane Stark (GRX), Ed Watkinson (LIO)  
 1 - Baljit Ahluwalia (OUT, GS), Melvin Beltre (DOD), David Dyson (DOD), Anthony Garcia-Reyes (MHM), Simon Hepburn (DOD), Wendell Jones (MAV), Dave Leverton (THU), Andi Marshall (MHM), Gordon Milson (LIO), Stuart Roscoe (OUT), Mark Sanders (GRX)

## Division 2 Female

2 - Claire Higgs (CAM), Liz Lyon (OU2)  
 1 - Kate Barlow (SPE), Jacquelyn Choudhury (OU2), Jen Falooona (BUL, GS), Christine Hunter (BUL), Becci Wadeson (LIG)

## Division 2 Male

11 - Tom Atkinson (CAM, 1GS) *(pictured: Tom hit four home runs last week for the second time this season)*  
 10 - Jo Grantham (MUT)  
 6 - Adam Falooona (BUL), Mike Gaskell (TIG)  
 5 - Gary Moors (MUT), Chris Thompson (OU2)  
 4 - Chris Lennon (SPE, 1GS)  
 3 - Nick Money (SPE), Zac Rayson (SPE)  
 2 - Anthony Boffey (CAM), Paul Fin-



ney (LIG), Jeremy Fothergill (BUL, 1GS), Richard Goar (OU2), Ali Hallsworth (MUT), Rolf Herbert (OU2), Duncan Jones (MUT), Steve Kellett (BUL), Jonny Reuben (BUL), James Wooderson (CAM)  
 1 - Steve Bennett (LIG), Stuart Collier (SPE), Ed Covington (TIG), Suchit Desai (MUT), Mark Humphreys (CAM), Tom Munro (LIG)

## Division 3 Female

4 - Sue O'Brien (PIR)  
 2 - Mary Coyles (PIR, 1GS), Sian Davies (ENF, 1GS), Katie Flanagan (ENF), Jody Munday (HUR)  
 1 - Lynne Howells (CM2), Caroline Jones (MM2), Sarah Marks (MM2), Natalie Robinson (PIR), Jocelyn Tong (MM2)

## Division 3 Male

15 - Ross Birch (STO)  
 8 - Jon Taylor (STO, 2GS)  
 7 - Richard Sarver (STO)  
 5 - Phil Longfield (SHA)  
 4 - Alan Davis (CM2), David Dean (CM2), Brad Flanagan (ENF), Liam Harris (SHA), Lewis Le Fevre (MM2), Giovanni Santoro (HUR, 1GS), Gavin Whitaker (STO), Stephen Woods (SHA)  
 3 - Paul Colton (SHA), Shane Coyles (PIR), Dave Griffiths (HUR), Graeme Nickson (SHA), James Ridgway (ENF), Stephen Shearer (SHA), Ian Williams (PIR, 1GS)  
 2 - Rob Alger (SHA), Adam Barratt (STO), Nathan Barratt (STO), Adam Craig (CM2), Simon Grainger (ENF), Dave Harper (HUR), Dan Jarman (CM2), Julian Jones (CM2), Carl McCarthy (HUR)  
 1 - Alex Bates (BAT), Mark Brennan (MM2), Jordon Colton (SHA), Rory Lynch (BAT), Gareth Young (BAT)

## Division 4 Female

8 - Michelle Fisher (PHX)  
 2 - Jan Bradley (MV2), Kay Carter (HAC)  
 1 - Nicola Brown (MV2), Natasha Hopkins (PHX), Martine Knight (FRZ), Ella Mills (HAC), Emma

## Results (Continued from page 10)

### Division 4

**BARFLIES** 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 **2**  
**MAVERICKS II** 5 4 0 1 4 0 x **14**  
 Ump: Adam Roberts; Pitch 5  
**HRs MV2 Andy Gardiner** 3 (1GS)

**FALCONS** 0 1 0 0 3 **4**  
**HACKERS** 5 3 7 4 x **19**  
 Ump: Ian Caird; Pitch 9; RAR  
**HRs FAL Tyler Hargrave**  
**HAC Andy Shaw**

**FREEZE** 2 4 1 1 0 3 0 **11**  
**COLT 45S** 8 1 0 2 0 0 1 **12**  
 Ump: Mike Goff; Pitch 2  
**HRs FRZ Shawn Khwaja** (MHM)  
**COL John Kaye** 2

**MOORKATS** 5 1 0 2 3 4 2 **17**  
**PHOENIX** 2 2 0 0 1 0 1 **6**  
 Ump: Pete Nightingale; Pitch 1  
**HRs MK2 Aleck Aspinall, Jono Wrigley, Ioan Said; PHX Sherry Kenyon** (OUT)

**WILDCATS** 1 4 1 2 1 9 1 **19**  
**DRIZZLE** 5 3 7 0 1 5 x **21**  
 Ump: Tony Stonard; Pitch 8

Pritchard (WCT), Emma Waterhouse (DRZ), Lisa Weaver (MK2)

### Division 4 Male

12 - Aleck Aspinall (MK2, 1GS)  
 11 - Dan Strosnider (MK2)  
 9 - Andy Gardner (MV2, 1GS)  
 8 - Darren Corner (HAC), Phil Cosgrove (COL), Ian Mills (HAC, 1GS)  
 6 - Sam Gardiner (MV2), Brad Hadwin (DRZ)  
 4 - Chris Gresty (MV2), Daniel Johansson (HAC), Tony La Fave (WCT), Chris Radford (BFL), Ian Yates (PHX, 1GS)  
 3 - Lubo Durisin (MV2), John Kaye (COL), Michael Miah (WCT), Jonathan Wrigley (MK2)  
 2 - Ben Hughes (PHX), Simon Ronksley (PHX), Andy Shaw (HAC), Paul Warburton (BFL, 1GS)  
 1 - Steve Aguirre (WCT), Andrew Bogie (DRZ), Peter Brannan (BFL), Mike Cooney (BFL), John Edwards (MV2), David Kirby (MV2), Tyler Hargrave (FAL), Mike Humphries (MK2), Hector Martinez (PHX), Lee McCarthy (COL), Taj Oddin (MK2), Ian Radford (HAC), Tim Roberts (DRZ), Pete Rushton (HAC), Ioan Said (MK2), Matt Thomas (WCT), Tadgh Tobin (COL), Peter Wilkinson (FRZ)

# Results and standings Week 13 - 14/15 July

Division 1		
<b>DODGERS</b>	1 0 0 0 1	2
<b>THUNDER</b>	4 3 3 4 0 3	17
Pitch 5; RAR		
<b>LIONS</b>	4 2 2 0 0 1 2	11
<b>MEERKATS</b>	1 0 1 0 0 0 2	4
Ump: Tony La Fave; Pitch 4		
<b>HR LIO</b> Kris Hadwin		
<b>MAVERICKS</b>	7 1 0 0 1 4 0	13
<b>GREENSOX</b>	5 2 1 7 6 0 x	21
Ump: Breándan MacGabhann; Pitch 4		
<b>HR MAV Pete Nightingale</b> (GS)		
<b>GRX</b> Danny Gunn, Natalie Leyland		
<b>MAYHEM</b>	0 0 1 0 0 0 0	1
<b>OUTLAWS</b>	1 1 0 0 6 1 x	9
Ump: Ian Williams; Pitch 2		
<b>HRs OUT</b> Peter Buckley, Ellie Buckley,		
<b>Baljit Ahluwalia</b> (GS), Dave Collins		
Division 2		
<b>MUTINEERS</b>	3 2 2 10 3 5 6	31
<b>TIGERS</b>	1 5 0 3 5 4 0	18
Ump: Alan Green; Pitch 7		
<b>HRs MUT</b> Joe Grantham 3, Gary Moors;		
<b>TIG</b> Mike Gaskell		
<b>OUTLAWS II</b>	4 0 3 0 1 0 1	9
<b>CAMELS</b>	6 1 7 0 3 3 x	20
Ump: Harry Somers; Pitch 3		
<b>HRs CAM</b> Tom Atkinson 4		
<b>SPEEDERS</b>	0 0 1 0 1	2
<b>BULLFROGS</b>	2 3 7 6 x	18
Ump: Mike Goff; Pitch 6; RAR		
<b>HRs SPE</b> Nick Money		
<b>BUL Jen Faloon</b> (GS)		
Division 3		
<b>ENFORCERS</b>	4 3 0 0 0 7 5	19
<b>CAMELS II</b>	6 0 0 6 0 1 4	17
Ump: Ange Killian; Pitch 3		
<b>HRs ENF</b> Sian Davies		
<b>CM2</b> Julian Jones		
<b>HURRICANES</b>	0 0 7 0 1 0	8
<b>SHARKS</b>	0 1 1 0 0 1 1	23
Ump: Alan Green; Pitch 7; RAR		
<b>HRs HUR</b> Gio Santori		
<b>SHA</b> Phil Longfield		
<b>PIRATES</b>	6 2 5 4 0 4 0	21
<b>MAYHEM II</b>	3 1 2 4 1 2 4	17
Ump: Luis Arrevillagas; Pitch 6		
<b>HRs PIR</b> Shane Coyles 2		
<b>MM2</b> Sarah Marks, Lewis Le Fevre		
<b>STORM</b>	3 5 4 1 2 0 6	21
<b>BATS</b>	0 2 0 0 1 0 0	3
Ump: Baljit Ahluwalia; Pitch 4		

	P	W	T	L	F	RS	RC	Pct	GB
<b>Division 1</b>									
▶ <b>Greensox</b>	11	10	0	1	0	214	89	.909	-
▶ <b>Lions</b>	11	8	0	3	0	126	81	.727	2
▶ <b>Mavericks</b>	11	6	0	5	0	138	133	.545	4
▶ <b>Thunder</b>	11	6	0	5	0	155	105	.545	4
▶ <b>Outlaws</b>	11	6	0	5	0	123	113	.545	4
▶ <b>Dodgers</b>	11	5	0	6	0	104	121	.455	5
▶ <b>Mayhem</b>	11	2	0	9	0	93	170	.182	8
▶ <b>Meerkats</b>	11	1	0	1	0	71	212	.091	9
MAV, THU and OUT ordered on head-to-heads									
<b>Division 2</b>									
▶ <b>Mutineers</b>	9	7	0	2	0	146	86	.778	-
▶ <b>Bullfrogs</b>	10	7	0	2	1	153	110	.700	<sup>5</sup> / <sub>6</sub>
▲ <b>Camels</b>	9	5	0	4	0	118	118	.556	2
▼ <b>Speeders</b>	9	5	0	4	0	132	141	.556	2
▲ <b>Lightning</b>	9	4	0	5	0	101	97	.444	3
▼ <b>Tigers</b>	10	4	0	6	0	129	148	.400	3½
▶ <b>Outlaws II</b>	10	1	0	9	0	114	193	.100	6½
<b>Division 3</b>									
▶ <b>Storm</b>	10	9	0	1	0	208	83	.900	-
▲ <b>Sharks</b>	10	8	0	2	0	157	122	.800	1
▼ <b>Camels II</b>	10	7	0	3	0	153	135	.700	2
▶ <b>Enforcers</b>	10	6	0	4	0	184	157	.600	3
▲ <b>Pirates</b>	10	3	0	7	0	151	167	.300	6
▼ <b>Mayhem II</b>	10	3	0	7	0	129	167	.300	6
▼ <b>Bats</b>	10	3	0	6	1	115	168	.300	6⅓
▶ <b>Hurricanes</b>	10	1	0	9	0	100	198	.100	8
<b>Division 4</b>									
▶ <b>Mavericks II</b>	10	10	0	0	0	214	82	1.000	-
▶ <b>Hackers</b>	10	9	0	1	0	241	88	.900	1
▲ <b>Moorkats</b>	10	7	0	3	0	199	121	.700	3
▼ <b>Phoenix</b>	10	7	0	3	0	167	128	.700	3
▶ <b>Wildcats</b>	10	5	0	5	0	146	169	.500	5
▶ <b>Drizzle</b>	11	5	0	6	0	150	232	.455	5½
▶ <b>Colt 45s</b>	10	3	0	7	0	130	174	.300	7
▶ <b>Barflies</b>	10	1	0	9	0	132	204	.100	9
▶ <b>Freeze</b>	10	0	0	1	0	78	210	.000	10
▶ <b>Falcons</b>	3	0	0	3	0	17	66	.000	12⅓