

Special edition End-of-Season Ball



MANCHESTER SOFTBALL LEAGUE REVIEW

Bases Loaded

GOOD Evening Ladies and Gentlemen. Welcome to our best night of the year. The end-of-Season ball is definitely one of the highlights as we get to celebrate another very successful year of Manchester softball. Once again we have seen the league expand with the welcome addition of the Falcons. A huge thanks to Linnie Mitchell and Luis Arrebillagas as their recruiting and coaching allows this expansion to continue. Congratulations to the Greensox, Mutineers, Storm and Mavericks II on their

division wins.

The one thing that always pleases me is to see the fantastic representation we always have at tournaments. We travel the length and breadth of the country (and further in some cases) in huge numbers with a seemingly vast amount of success.

Two tournament performances in particular stand out. The Single Sex Nationals witnessed an absolute domination by Manchester-based teams, particularly on the female side. It was an incredible return and

was a great validation of the hard work that has been put in setting up and running the single sex league. The other highlight was Festiball in Edinburgh. It was a very

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Picnic time at Alex Hall

A great memory of the 2015 season, these photos, taken by **Dan Lord**, remind us of the colourful pageant that is the annual Alex Hall picnic, fancy dress party and softball tournament.



Tonight's programme

- 6.30 Drinks
- 7.30 Dinner
- 9.30 Awards
 - Single sex MVPs
 - Home runs
 - Best pitcher
 - Allstar team
 - Blu ribbon
 - Rookie of the year
 - Divisional awards
 - Outstanding achievement
- 10.30 Raffle
- 11.00 Live music from "Contact"
- 1.00 Carriages

Results since last issue

Games played September 1

Division 3

ENFORCERS 1 2 1 1 1 6
SHARKS 5 7 8 2 22
 Ump: Ian Caird; Pitch 6; RAR
HRs ENF Adrian Holmes 2; **SHA** Phil Longfield 2, Liam Harris

STORM 2 4 9 5 1 21
CAMELS II 2 0 2 1 0 5
 Ump: Tony Stonard; Pitch 1; RAR
HRs STO Jon Taylor (GS), Ross Birch 3

MAYHEM II 0 0 2 0 5 7
BATS 5 0 4 0 1 10
 Ump: Pete Nightingale; Pitch 3; (6 inns) bad light

PIRATES 2 0 0 3 7 12
HURRICANES 5 5 3 5 x 18
 Ump: Baljit Ahluwalia; Pitch 7; bad light
HRs PIR Matt Jacobs, Ian Williams;
HUR Dave Harper 2 (1GS)

Division 4

BARFLIES 2 0 0 3 2 6 13
COLT 45S 6 4 1 6 1 x 18
 Ump: Mike Goff; Pitch 3; bad light
HRs BFL Paul Warburton; **COL** Alicia Mangiafico

DRIZZLE 0 1 0 1 1 0 3
MAVERICKS II 0 2 0 2 7 1 12
 Ump: Alan Green; Pitch 9; bad light
HRs MV2 Andrew Gardner 2, Sam Gardiner

FREEZE 4 8 1 0 2 15
HACKERS 3 2 1 1 0 7
 Ump: Jeremy Fothergill; Pitch 4; bad light; home team batted first
HRs HAC Ian Radford, Darren Corner

FALCONS 1 0 7 2 10
MOORKATS 2 7 3 16 28
 Ump: Luis Arrevillagas; Pitch 8; (4 inns) bad light
HRs FAL Nayan Patel; **MK2** Aleck Aspinall 2, Sam Steele, Chris Chu

WILDCATS 2 0 0 0 2 0 4 8
PHOENIX 0 0 2 2 1 1 3 9
 Ump: Adam Roberts; Pitch 2
HR PHX Simon Ronksley

Single Sex Women's

FIREBIRDS 0 0 1 1 2
OUTLAWS 3 1 1 8 x 22
 Ump: Tony La Fave; Pitch 9; RAR
HR OUT Nat Leyland

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	P	W	T	L	F	RS	RC	Pct	GB
Division 1									
Greensox (C)	17	16	0	1	0	329	143	.941	-
Lions	17	12	0	5	0	240	169	.706	4
Thunder	17	10	0	7	0	261	175	.588	6
Mavericks	17	7	0	10	0	189	249	.412	9
Outlaws	17	10	0	7	0	229	191	.588	-
Dodgers	17	7	0	10	0	175	197	.412	3
Mayhem (R)	17	4	0	13	0	148	263	.235	6
Meerkats (R)	17	2	0	15	0	131	315	.118	8
Division 2									
Mutineers (C)	15	11	0	4	0	250	131	.733	-
Camels (P)	15	9	0	6	0	208	204	.600	2
Bullfrogs	15	9	0	5	1	212	184	.600	2
Lightning	15	7	0	8	0	170	185	.467	4
Tigers	14	7	0	7	0	209	192	.500	-
Speeders	14	6	0	8	0	181	228	.429	1
Outlaws II (R)	14	2	0	11	1	158	264	.143	5
Division 3									
Storm (C)	17	15	0	2	0	317	132	.882	-
Sharks (P)	17	11	1	5	0	246	211	.676	3½
Camels II	17	10	0	7	0	227	234	.588	5
Enforcers	17	9	0	8	0	273	262	.529	6
Enforcers deducted 1 point for failing to submit team roster									
Bats	17	8	0	8	1	220	227	.471	-
Pirates	17	6	1	10	0	227	272	.382	1⅙
Mayhem II	17	5	0	12	0	210	260	.294	2
Hurricanes (R)	17	3	0	14	0	174	296	.176	4
Division 4									
Mavericks II (C)	17	17	0	0	0	347	124	1.00	-
Moorkats (P)	17	11	1	5	0	305	214	.676	5½
Hackers	17	11	0	6	0	338	180	.647	6
Phoenix	17	10	0	7	0	246	231	.588	7
Drizzle	17	9	0	8	0	235	286	.529	8
Wildcats	17	8	0	9	0	229	247	.471	9
Barflies	17	7	0	10	0	243	286	.412	10
Colt 45s	17	5	1	11	0	209	270	.324	11½
Freeze	17	2	0	15	0	129	313	.118	15
Falcons	9	0	0	9	0	47	177	.000	18

Results since last issue
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PITCHSLAP 4 4 1 0 0 9
THUNDERBIRDS 4 0 8 3 6 21
 Ump: Dave Dean; Pitch 8; bad light
HR THU Jan Bradley

Final Standings

	P	W	L	RS	RC	Pct	GB
THU	4	4	0	94	22	1.000	–
OUT	4	3	1	74	50	.750	1
HFB	4	2	2	86	67	.500	2
PSL	4	1	3	68	78	.250	3
FBD	4	0	4	12	117	.000	4

Home runs:
 5 – Chloe Llewellyn (THU)
 4 – Sian Payne (THU)
 3 – Jan Bradley (THU), Michelle Collier (HFB), Liz Lyon (PSL), Kate Williamson (THU)
 2 – Emma Carruthers (THU), Areej Elmaazi (THU 1, PSL 1), Sherry Kenyon (OUT), Sarah Marks (PSL), Becci Wadeson (THU)
 1 – Sarah Cassin (FBD), Jo Cole (HFB), Charlie Cook (OUT, GS), Nicola Duerden (HFB), Jo Gardiner (HFB), Charlotte Green (HFB), Sonia Hine (PSL), Nat Leyland (OUT), Alicia Mangiafico (THU), Natasha Miotk (THU), Kathryn Mullin (THU), Lindsey O’Farrell (HFB), Hiroe Ryan (HFB), Jade Shaw (HFB), Amy Tanner (HFB)



Single Sex Men’s

SHARKS 0 1 0 2 2 1 6
OUTLAWS 0 2 3 2 0 x 7
 Ump: Ian Caird; Pitch 6
HR SHA Paul Colton

THUNDERBALLS 3 8 0 0 0 3 14
MEN IN BLACK 0 1 3 0 1 0 5
 Ump: Mark Sanders; Pitch 7; bad light
HR THU Richard Sarver

Final Standings

	P	W	L	RS	RC	Pct	GB
THU	4	4	0	87	32	1.000	–
OUT	4	3	1	61	32	.750	1
SHA	4	1	3	40	35	.250	3
MIB	4	1	3	39	54	.250	3
PHX	4	1	3	20	94	.250	3

Home runs:
 3 – Ross Birch (THU)
 2 – Dave Collins (OUT), Paul Colton (SHA), Chris Fulton (MIB), Jonny Huck (SHA 1GS, PHX 1), Mike Lott (SHA), Pete Nightingale (THU), Jon Taylor (THU)
 1 – Lee Bennett (MIB), Peter Buckley (OUT), Suchit Desai (OUT), Elieser Dorronsoro (PHX), Matthew Fairweather (SHA), Mike Gaskell (MIB), Mike Goff (THU), Joe Grantham (OUT), Mark Griffin (THU), Nathan Gulam (OUT), Brad Hadwin (THU), Kris Hadwin (MIB), Liam Harris (SHA), Jonny Huck (SHA), Dan Jarman (PHX), Benkei Johnson (THU), Julian Jones (PHX), Lee Kendrick (OUT),



Dave Leverton (THU), Colin McKie (PHX), Michael Miah (MIB), Andy Rawson (OUT), Richard Sarver (THU), Chris Thompson (OUT)

MVPs (Sept 1st)

- Barflies** Jane Mordecai, Paul Warburton
- Bats** Tracey Ashworth, Gareth Young
- Camels II** Helen Rossiter, Alan Davies
- Colt 45s** Alicia Mangiafico, John Kaye
- Drizzle** Emma Waterhouse, Andrew Bogie
- Enforcers** Sian Davies, Adrian Holmes
- Falcons** Rebecca Cantrell, Nayan Patel
- Freeze** Martine Knight, Peter Wilkinson
- Hackers** Amy Calladine, Ian Mills
- Hurricanes** Meha Hindocha, Dave Harper
- Mavericks II** Jo Cole, Andrew Gardner
- Mayhem II** Sarah Mark, Lewis Le Fevre
- Moorkats** Lisa Weaver, Aleck Aspinall
- Phoenix** Becky Ellis, Simon Ronksley
- Pirates** Carolyn Barratt (LIG), Matt Jacobs
- Sharks** Kate Shearer, Liam Harris
- Storm** Kellie Whitaker, Adam Barratt
- Wildcats** Luisa Tolu, Rob Laurence

Birthdays

- Today* James Ridgway (ENF), Taj Udin (MK2)
Tomorrow Sarah Cassin (TIG), Carol Ann Costello (LIG), Dave Griffiths (HUR), Chloe Spencer (PIR)

End-of-season Review

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important weekend for me personally but the outstanding performances our teams put in were a real joy. In a memorable Comp final the Greensox valiantly fought back in the late innings to win against a team full of GB players. In the Rec level my own Fish team (under Dan Lord’s excellent guidance) were simply awesome in their final against the Honey Badgers. So in one of the biggest tournaments of the year the two top prizes were won by Manchester Teams!!!!

Finally I would like to thank the people without whom nights like

this wouldn't happen. They are my fellow members of the Exec. Without their hard work and dedication we would have no league and so no awards night. So in no particular order I would like to thank the following people for being part of the Exec: Kellie Whitaker, Harry Somers, Ian Caird, Tyler Lappage, Adam Roberts, Jan Bradley, Jeremy Fothergill, Ed Watkinson, Catherine Whitehead and Mark Griffin. If you see any of them tonight, buy them a drink as they absolutely deserve it!!!!

David Dean

MSL League head



Ian Caird presents the trophy to winning captain Mike Lott at the end-of-season Allstar game. As winning captain (again), Mike will choose the challenge for next year’s closer.

Greensox

MSL Division 1 winners

Platinum Nationals

Edinburgh tournament



*WHO cares if it's a failure or a success?
It's all the same, more or less.
Is it played out more in hope than expectation?
Is it progress or just stagnation?
Sometimes I just can't tell, I must confess.*

*Are you a player, a leader or just a clown?
What decides who wears the crown?
Have you won? Lost? Cut to the core
Success it seems is more than just a score
Bittersweet in triumph, wearing nothing but a frown.*

*Stand up if you wish to be counted
There are trophies out there to be stuffed and mounted!
It all about the people don't they say
Well what if it hurts that price you pay?
Look to your heart, you should not have doubted.*
Colonel Mark Sanders

Outlaws Club

*Outlaws,
Mutineers (Div 2 winners),
Outlaws II, Enforcers*

AFTER a tumultuous off season, the Outlaws Club emerged with new leadership determined to move forward and enjoy the new season. All four teams saw changes to a greater or lesser extent with O1s and O2s particularly feeling unsure as to how the 2015 season would pan out.

As Outlaws I co-captain, I've been incredibly proud to see my team work together this season to play some absolutely beautiful softball. One of our main aims for the season was to simply enjoy ourselves and we most definitely did that, unexpectedly winning our first game against Thunder (even though that did cause an awkward evening with my other half!), and with a particular high point in the first round of games when we took the Lions to extra innings and then held our nerve to win the game (sorry Lions!). Baljit and I would like to say a huge thank you for the dedication from each and every one of you that has made for such a fantastic season. We also need to say thank you to our numerous guests as we'd have had to play with nine for at least half the season without you guys!



Mutineers have also enjoyed their season, finishing as Division 2 Champions and looking forward to the heights of Division 1 next year. Tony Stonard brilliantly balanced captaining his rabble with providing support for O1s and O2s throughout the season. His group of mostly experienced players had some comedy moments as always(!) but it was their consistently good softball that won them the title with particular outstanding performances from Joe Grantham and the MSL's leading female pitcher Maz Yung. It'll be exciting to see them across the diamond in Division 1 next year!

Outlaws II suffered most from the loss of players in the off season leaving them with only half the team that finished in the top half of Division 2 last season. The experienced players welcomed and looked after several lovely new players, and all of them ably supported Tom Mophew in his debut season as captain. It wasn't the easiest season for them with more losses than wins but by the end of it, their softball was looking confident and pretty, exemplified by the form of home run queen Liz Lyon. With an established team ready to take on

Division 3 and move straight back up, it'll only be one season before we see them back on a Wednesday night again.

For the Enforcers, Simon Grainger and the Davies family along with the support of the Flanagans have been the backbone of a strong season for the team. Sian Davies in particular came into her own this season, growing in confidence with every game and regularly turning out for O2s and O1s. Adrian Holmes has had a fantastic rookie season, scoring 8 home runs and taking several great outfield catches. Onwards and upwards next season!

Back with my Club President hat on, I have to say thank you to all the members of the Outlaws Exec for their hard work this year, especially Rolf Herbert, Charlie Cook, Mike Davies, and Beth Rowlands. The fact that this has been such a successful and positive season for the Outlaws Club is in large part because of the time and effort that you have put in.

And finally on a personal note, thank you for the love and support. This summer has been made considerably easier because you still made me feel part of the club, and being able to come down and support all of you almost every week has been absolute pleasure. Hopefully next season I'll get to play a bit more!
Jo Furlong

Tigers

TIGERS got off to a shaky start, with four consecutive losses but soon got into the swing of things with four straight wins. Unfortunately the season as a whole was rather stop start, and in the end the season ended with 7 wins and 7 losses. (Some of the wins may have been by forfeit for reasons outside of our control: obviously as a club we would much prefer to win (or lose) based on merit.)

Sam was as dependable as always at pitcher, Dave Eaton showed promise at shortstop, Mike and Michael gave us power in the batting line-up, Hayley and Kirsty continued to improve with the bat and glove, Emma remained solid on first and Sarah's efforts improved the outfield.

Of course no season review would be complete without mentioning Dave Wareham stepping down as Tigers captain in order to focus on the Wildcats. Emma Miller has picked up the mantle and is looking forward to strengthening the team and coming back bigger and better next season. *Emma Miller*

Phoenix

THE Phoenix continue to go from strength to strength with the emphasis being on having fun with Softball and maintaining a great team ethos and team spirit. Team objectives achieved! However, some notable successes that we had in 2015 include...

Winning the Bronze Plate Final at Manchester First-ball. We are still waiting for the trophy to be delivered but are basking in the glory of the achievement whilst staring at the gap on the mantelpiece!

Securing the services of Michelle 'Slugger' Fisher who popped a few hits over the outfield to win the Division 4 Home Run trophy with an impressive 11 home runs and one grand slam.

Having a winning season: our team spirit brought us through most of our games with a positive result propelling us to 4th place in Division 4 and hoping for a higher position in 2016 and maybe even a shot at promotion?

Entering two teams in the MSL Single Sex league without much success against some of the best teams and players in the country!

Continuing to field a team at Tuesday night indoor sessions, being one of the founder teams at the Soccerdome.



All in all, a very pleasing season showing that success can come from having a team that enjoy being out there. It has been especially nice to hear how much guests have enjoyed playing for us in tournaments and single sex games - of course we always try to use registered Phoenix players for league games.

Sandra Jones

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Bullfrogs

AFTER the disaster of 2014 where we had to rely on an average of two guests per game, and in some cases still play with only nine, and lost all our games, we came into 2015 with a renewed hope of better things.

And better things did happen. Time spent in the batting cage resulted in some much improved team batting and we were rewarded with wins. It didn't last. Mid-season we had a forfeit, and then almost a second. Little did we know how damaging this would be. Coming in to the last three games of the season we had to either win all the games, including games against the Mutineers and Camels, or win two and hope the Camels lost all their games. A tall order and one that was not met. We missed promotion by virtue of that forfeit.

So there was joy in the team for some great games and good performances, but disappointment at missing the promotion. Onwards to 2016. *Jeremy Fothergill*

Wildcats



A big turnover in players meant this was always a season of rebuilding and consolidation but we ended up in a position of mid-table respectability and played some good stuff along the way. There were encouraging displays all through the squad: amongst others Michael played well all season, Rob and Andy came on strong at the end of the year and JD also looked good in the few games he played. The arrival of Helen gave us some experience in the outfield, Emma P hit like a veteran all year, Georgie showed promise and Sandra came on in leaps and bounds in the 2nd half of the season. *Dave Wareham*

Mossley Mayhem

THE 2015 season was a tough one for Mayhem's three teams, all of which finished second bottom in their respective divisions. Mayhem, in their second season in Division 1, failed to find enough quality to consistently challenge the established teams, although they did achieve notable wins over the Mavs and Dodgers. Mayhem II, with a changed and quite inexperienced line-up, also found the going tough in Division 3. Although capable of inflicting one of Storm's only two seasonal defeats this could not be successfully maintained; lack of numbers, as with the first team, caused plenty of difficult issues. The highlight was finding out (in August!) that only one team would be relegated... Freeze doubled the wins of last season in Division 4, whilst taking some heavy defeats as well, but there was noticeable improvement.

Tournament-wise the club entered Firstball (won Silver Plate), Manchester and Sefton. Onwards and upwards in 2016! Thanks to everyone who played in 2015. *Stephen Howard*

Sefton Sharks

SO the 2015 season comes to an end with the team in second place and securing back-to-back promotions in our second year together: a fantastic achievement and reward for all the players' hard work.

Sharks had a superb second season finishing with a record of 11 wins, 1 tie and 5 defeats from 17 games with 3 of the 5 defeats handed out by the reigning and newly crowned divisional champions Storm.

There were far too many highs to go through them all for the season but having every boy on the Home Run charts and more than once is a great achievement. Several ladies are starting to hit doubles and triples on a regular basis which shows the improvement throughout the whole squad.

Adding to our runners-up title we also managed to secure the Leeds Rec cup, and finished runners-up in both Manchester main Bronze and Leicester Labour Day Rec level which again is down to sheer hard work and commitment of all the team.

The main highlight for the majority has to be competing at the National Championships at Farnham Park on the purpose-built softball fields.

Starting the tournament in Bronze we finished day 1 with a 4-1 recorded which resulted in us being promoted to Silver level for day 2. This was a step too far for the team but a great learning experience for the future, all in all a great weekend which saw us finishing 8th out of 16 teams competing at the recreational level, again a superb achievement.

Seasonal awards were as follows: Players' Player of the Year went to Lauren Bicknell and Graeme Nickson, Captain's Player of the Year Lauren Bicknell and Paul Colton, Most Improved award was handed to Claire Riley who has come on so much in her first full year in the squad.

During the off season the squad will be training indoors from November to mid-December and then January onwards at a venue TBC. All new players and friends are welcome to join in. All details will be posted on our Facebook page, website and Twitter account.

Stephen Shearer

Camels II

2015 was successful, enjoyable and full of great individual and team performances for the Camels II. With our highest placed finish so far, we showed why last season's fight against relegation was completely worth it. It wasn't easy to achieve though, with almost all of our girls injured or away at some point during the season. However, great efforts were shown by everyone to make sure we could field a team each week. As ever, this spurred on our usual blend of 'Camels running', the perfect blend of belief that you can make an extra base (or 3!) and a little bit of craziness! Overall, it's been a great season for the Camels II.

Thanks to our guests, supporters and most importantly the team themselves, whose home runs we have cheered on and whose evening always ends with a trip to the pub!

Natalie Davis

Didsbury Bats

2015 saw an aging squad start off the season by getting older but by the end the average age had reduced considerably, in spite of new Captain Beryl Lannin-Jones attaining her 75th year on this earth. Bolstered by the recruitment of Diane "Speeding-Bullet" Charlton, Krista stepped up to the challenge by surpassing her personal best from home to first in under 18 seconds. Promising new talent Max Fagan grew 18 inches in three months, making him able to catch any fly ball within 60

feet, though alas at times his arms and length got so tied up when batting that he resembled a daddy-long legs on speed. Nevertheless it was a great debut season from Max, and at this rate he'll be surpassing his father in ability some time in early 2016. New recruit Alex Bates happened to be loitering by pitch 6 one evening and before he knew it he was a signed up member; allegedly he wanted to join the other team because his favourite colour is orange – the Bats' gain is their loss – now if we can only stop him trying to hit the ball with a lacrosse stick... Ex-Maverick Rich Toone came out of retirement to help rejuvenate the squad, gracing us with his unique blend of too-tight fitting lycra and "I'll just pop it over the infield" blopper hitting. Elsewhere Sue Gibson continues to refuse to wear glasses in the out-field, we're piloting a new kind of ball with a bell in the middle of it; Karren Baddley still doesn't know which way to run round the bases and Jerry Seabridge's anger management classes have been stepped up due to fear he may simply explode during a game. And finally Martin finished the season in style with a ripped calf muscle which got him no sympathy from anyone. We still make great cakes though!

Jerry Seabridge

Meerkats

SOEMTIMES, the best moments in life happen after the main event is over – like a Sam Smith concert where you finally don't have to listen to him sing any more or the time I copped off on the 192 on the way home from a night out when I was a young 'un. Anyway, that's how it felt for Meerkats this year, when, after a difficult league season, the Kats brought the Silver Nationals home to Manchester after blowing away all opposition on the way to a 9-0 weekend; undoubtedly the highlight of the first top flight season in Kats' history.

Kats suffered a difficult start to the season when, probably for the first time in our existence, we started the season with a weaker squad than the preceding year after losing Nat Leyland and Anthony Pratt, two players capable of making a big impact at the highest level. But it has to be said, the league season was far from the disaster that an ultimate bottom-place finish suggests. As well as excellent wins against Mayhem and established top-flight team Dodgers, there were also several games where we pushed the cream of Manchester extremely close – games against Mavericks (twice), Outlaws and Lions particularly springing to mind where at

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Review of the year *(Continued from page 7)*

times we performed at the level required to be competitive in the top division, but couldn't quite sustain the level over the full seven innings – in fact there were five games in addition to our wins where we held a lead at some point in the game, but weren't quite able to get over the line.



Several of our players developed hugely over the season. Sam Steele became one of the whole league's outstanding young talents having barely played prior to this season, and his development will have been hastened by exposure to such a high level as well as playing with a squad who all look twice his age. Mike Lott's excellent pitching stood up in quality to the rest of the division, Sonia Hine's batting was a revelation and Jonny Huck developed both his batting and his love-life as the season unfolded; and although one of the team's Achilles heels this year was an inability to find the big hit to get us out of jail, a core of male players based around the power of Steele, Huck, Lott and the metronomic base hitting of Fairweather, Hayward and Ruff next season seem almost sure to cause some serious damage to Division 2 defences and the home run tables. Similarly, our female players also developed hugely over the season, none more so than Kath Stockton, raising commitment levels right up to actually turning out for tournaments, and Rachel Campbell-Cook and Julie Lott who stamped their authority all over 3B and 1B positions respectively. Nadia Peek made light of a tricky start to her batting season by smashing various league winning pitchers to all corners of the park during the Nationals tournament, and Ann Gledson demonstrated her commitment to the cause by attempting to play through injury despite having less hand flexibility than Abu Hamza.

Finally, there were big contributions as usual from novice Scousers, particularly Sean Miley and Chris

Chu who were able to rapidly step up in level through the year. We're taking a temporary break from Division 1... but we can't wait to be back again in 2017.

Matt Fairweather

Men in Black

IT was a pleasure to be captain of the team. Despite having players from a variety of teams and divisions, with a mix of veterans and rookies, everyone worked together really well. The season was frustrating in some ways as, despite being competitive in every fixture, we ended up only winning one game in four but we played really well at times, turned some good plays and took part in some competitive, exciting games played in a good spirit throughout, what more can you ask for?

Dave Wareham

Spavericks Cup winners



The Cup competition this year saw composite teams made up of Division 1 infields and Division 2 outfields (or vice versa). The Speeders-Mavericks combo saw off the Lions/Allstars mix in a spirited final which also saw old (in the nice sense of "old") friends Jan Bradley and Matt O'Casey on the same team for the first time since roughly 1878, when they were both members of MSL founder members, the Platt Field Pirates, as our second picture shows. Can you spot them?



End-of-season survey: Team of the Year and other awards

A much reduced end-of-season survey attracted 49 responses, over half of which were from Division 1 players, which explains a natural bias in the responses.

The first question asked who was the best player (male and female) that you played against. On the men's side, 20 different players were mentioned, but most only got one or two votes. By a distant the winner was, perhaps not surprisingly, this year's home-run king, **Danny Gunn**. No surprise there really. There was also a clear enough winner in the women's vote, again the home-run queen **Natalie Leyland**. This time however there were five players tied in second place behind Nat.

The results of the other categories will be announced this evening, but we can give a few hints here.

The best pitcher was a close-run thing between two candidates, with a further 18 pitchers getting one or two votes each. The best catcher on the other hand was almost a walk-over, with the winner getting half the votes cast.

There were two leading candidates for 1st base, though the winner again won by a clear margin.

Other infielder was more of a close-run thing, and it should be noted that the Team of the Year is chosen also on the basis of MVP awards throughout the season.

Regarding the vote for outfielder, one correspondent suggested that the survey is biased towards infielders, with separate votes for pitcher, catcher, 1B and other, while there is only one category for outfielders. Of course the Team of the Year still has four outfielders, chosen on the basis of this poll and the MVP awards, but the correspondent is partly right, and next year we will ask for best male and best female outfielder.

Having said that, we have an admission to make: in order to accommodate the winner of the best base-

runner vote, we have had to give one of the outfield slots to a player who usually plays infield.

We split the Best Umpire award this year between the two game-days, since most players only get to see about half of our regular umpires. The vote was fairly conclusive and I am sure you will agree that the two winners fully deserve their Blu Riband.



MVPs

As usual, winners of this year's MVPs in each division is a close guarded secret (unless you have been tracking them every week in *Bases Loaded*). However, it shouldn't be giving too much away to list here each team's leading MVPs.

Barflies	Chris Radford	Jane Mordecai
Bullfrogs	Jeremy Fothergill	Clare Heathcote
Camels	Tom Atkinson	Alex Kenyon
Camels II	Craig Lawson	Natalie Bowman
Colt 45s	Lee McCarthy	Jill Macmath
Didsbury Bats	Jerry Seabridge	Tracey Ashworth
Enforcers	James Ridgway	Katie Flanagan
Falcons	Lee Kendrick-Walker	Grace Bennett/Beccy Cantrill
Greensox	Paul Kidley	Amy Tanner
Hackers	Ella Mills	Daniel Johansson
Hurricanes	Dave Griffiths	Charlie Sinclair
Jammie Dodgers	David Dyson	Jane Curley
Lightning	Paul Finney	Becci Wadeson
Lions	Ed Watkinson	Hiroe Ryan
Mavericks	Pete Nightingale	Caroline Hiramoto
Mavericks II	Andy Gardner	Nicola Brown
Mayhem	Stephen Howard	Sarah Marks
Mayhem II	Andy Gardner	Tanya Mawle
Mayhem Freeze	Paul Wolstenholme	Tanya Vedernikova
Meerkats	Mike Lott	Natalie Leyland
Moorkats	Dan Strosnider	Ellie Walker
Mutineers	Gary Moors	Maz Yung
Outlaws	Peter Buckley	Kathryn Mullin
Outlaws II	Ben Buschini	Sherry Kenyon
Phoenix	Simon Ronksley	Tanya Basu
Pirates	Ian Williams	Mary Mullan
Sefton Sharks	Stephen Shearer	Lauen Bicknall
Speeders	Brendan Gateley	Gill Burgess
Storm	Gav Whitaker	Carolyn Barratt
Thunder	Luis Arrevillagas	Areej Elmaazi
Tigers	Ed Covington	Chloe Love
Wildcats	Tony La Fave	Sarah Newman

Rookie of the year candidates

John Kaye (Colts)

John has made a huge impact for the Colts both on and off the pitch with his natural

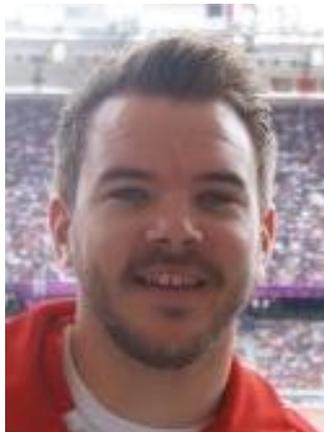


ability matched only by his enthusiasm. He quickly picked up the basics of the game and within a few games was throwing, hitting and fielding like an old pro; for the Colts he was a big part of a greatly improved season for us as a number of new players and rookies settled in. He ended the season with 7 home runs – with plenty more to come next season – looked at home in any position, including short stop for several games, while picking up numerous MVP awards and playing in the All Star Game! He's a regular down the pub after the game and has greatly contributed in helping us to gel as a team in what was our most successful year to date.

Ian Yates (Phoenix)

Ian started playing in the latter

part of the indoor sessions after seeing an advert at Parrswood, and has inte-



grated extremely well into the Phoenix team in 2015. He is a great team player and is often heard motivating his team mates to do well and offering words of encouragement.

Ian has had 7 home runs, including one grand slam, which is an amazing achievement in his first year in the sport.

When news of the winter indoor season came, Ian was the first to ask about entering our team. He then volunteered to captain the Phoenix team for this. This is a great help to the team to prepare for the 2016 season, and I'm sure he will do an amazing job as he has great organisational and motivational skills.

Andrew Bogie (Drizzle)



Andrew has been extremely keen to get involved in all aspects of softball. From attending the club AGM and the Captains' meeting before the season even started. He progressed to captaining a team at Manchester Tournament. The team was made up from a mix of players from his own team to people from the Sefton league and throughout the country. Throw in that he has had a few

appearances as a pitcher for his league team. He has looked to get as much game time playing softball turning out in the single sex team on a couple of occasions helping them to go unbeaten this year. He is respected by everyone in the team and I feel confident when I am not around to ask him to look out for the team which he has done extremely well. Considering players who have played for much longer would never consider captaining a team or pitching, it is some achievement to accomplish this in the first season and I can only see him getting better.

Tom Russell (Thunder)

Tom Russell is a 15-year-old boy who has just completed his first year as a softball player. He has tried the sport in his school and played a modified version of the sport against other schools in Greater Manchester. Tom has shown a great deal of respect for the

game which he just started to play. He has been a real team player waiting patiently



for an opportunity to play. Tom turns up to games on time, appropriately dressed and really listens to the advice given to him. Tom is modest and humble but very competitive and always tries his best.

There are very few rookie players

that I have seen jump into Division 1 and play with great composure. It is a real satisfaction to see young talent coming to join our sports. We will capture and show Tom's pathway to other young people and hope that more schools are as proactive as Tom's school to allow more young athletes to discover a very rewarding game.

Another noticeable show of character this year during the Manchester tournament was the fact that he brought a few of his friends to see him play. I believe that there are very few 15-year-old boys who would proudly invite their mates to watch them play a new sport they have not



mastered yet. Tom is going to be a great ambassador for our sport and I wish him the best in the years to come.

Colin McKie (Camels)

When Colin first attended a Camels training session on a miserable Monday night in early May, lanky and uncomfortable in the batting box, we questioned whether he had the desire to learn a new game or if he was just looking for an excuse to have a drink on a school night? Either would have been fine with us, but thankfully the answer was both!

His enthusiasm for the game was apparent from day 1, ever present at training sessions, after only his first league game he enthusiastically (well as enthusiastic as you've ever seen a Scotsman) signed up for the Alex Hall Tournament.

Colin went on to play all but one of the remaining league games he was available for, being the first to volunteer to play for Mayhem in Division 1 when we had a spare guy. Colin's thirst for game time saw him guest on several occasions for Camels II on Tuesday nights and play tournaments in Leeds and Bristol.

Bristol wREcK saw Colin, in true newbie tradition, branded the "Creepy Third Base", for his physical inability to tag a female player on an appropriate part of the body.

Whilst Colin may have taken the brunt of the jokes, as rookies should, in what has been a turnaround season for Camels, reprieved relegation from Division 2 last year, to finishing second and promoted to Division 1 this season, there has been no more significant factor than that of the contribution made by the rookie players. Colin has epitomised the club and league spirit and I'm sure he looks forward to laying the torment squarely at the feet of next year's rookie cohort!

Faye Dunlop (Pirates)

The Pirates have always been a lucky team when it has come to finding addi-



tional female players to slot into the side, however this year we have been exceptionally lucky bringing Faye into the fold. When we first met, Faye said she had no coordination and was not confident about catching or batting. In fact it took her a full year to decide to give softball a try. Well aren't the Pirates glad she did?! In her first season she has taken both batting and fielding in her stride, with multiple big catches in the outfield alongside two home runs to her name in her rookie softball season. She has taken all of the team's advice on board, quickly getting to grips with the rules of the game and playing well in multiple positions leading to numerous MVP votes. She's been an asset to the team, showing great commitment to both matches and social events and we look forward to seeing her play again next season!

Emma Pritchard (Wildcats)



Emma started playing just after the start of the season and has been an important member of the Wildcats team ever since. She's been a reliable member of the team, she had the best female batting average on the team (with 1 home run) and, despite her lack of experience, did a fine job at 2nd base.

MSL records

	This season	All-time record
Biggest winning margin	34 Greensox 35 Meerkats 1 (3½ inns) 17.6.15	59 Mavericks 65 Bats 6, 27.5.98 Mavericks 64 Runners 5, 25.7.01
Highest individual score	40 Hackers (v Drizzle) (6 inns) 23.6.15	65 Mavericks v Bats, 27.5.98 Outlaws v Bats (6 inns) 3.6.09
Highest aggregate score	56 Speeders 33 Bullfrogs 23, 13.5.15	88 Outlaws 65 Bats 23 (6 inns) 3.6.09
Lowest aggregate score	6 Storm 5 Sharks 1 (4½ inns) 4.8.15	2 Outlaws 2 Greensox 0, 15.5.13
Highest losing score	25 Camels 27 Bullfrogs 25, 22.7.15	34 Greensox 35 Pirates 34 (5 inns) 1.5.96
Highest losing score in a slaughter	15 Lions 30 Mavericks 15 (6 inns) 22.7.15	23 Outlaws 65 Bats 23 (6 inns) 3.6.09
Lowest winning score	5 Greensox 5 Dodgers 4, 27.5.15 Storm 5 Sharks 1 (4½ inns, timed) 4.8.15	2 Greensox 2 Lions 1, 13.6.12 Outlaws 2 Greensox 0, 15.5.13
Narrowest win	0.024 (=1/41) Camels II 21 Pirates 20, 23.6.15	0.014 (=1/69) Greensox 35 Pirates 34 (5 inns) 1.5.96
Highest-scoring tie	13-13 Pirates v Sharks (5 inns, timed), 4.8.15	37-37 Bats v M16s, 24.5.95
Most extra innings	1 Tigers 8 Lightning 7 (8 inns) 20.5.15 Outlaws 18 Lions 16 (8 inns) 3.6.15 Sharks 10 Camels II 9 (8 inns) 16.6.15	3 Renegades 8 Mavericks 7 (10 inns) 9.8.00
Highest score in an inning	26 Bats (1st) v Pirates, 11.8.15	31 Outlaws 6th (v Bats) 3.6.09
Shutouts	Hackers 19 Phoenix 0, 19.5.15 (Spavericks 21 Speedy Outlaws 0, cup, 1.7.15) Lightning 25 Outlaws II 0 (4 inns), 8.7.15	First: Tribe 30 Spirits 0, 6.5.98 Biggest: Speeders 53 Eagles 0 (6 inns) 20.5.98 Most in a year: 6 (2009)
Most HRs in a game (team)	11 Storm (v Enforcers) 28.4.15	16 Outlaws (v Bats) 3.6.09
Most HRs in a game (individual)	4 Tom Atkinson (Camels) v Tigers, 29.4.15 and v Outlaws II, 15.7.15	6 Andrew Rawson (Outlaws) v Bats 3.6.09
Most HRs in a game (total)	12 Storm (11) v Enforcers (1) 28.4.15	20 Outlaws (16) v Bats (4) 3.6.09
Most GSs in a game	2 Hurricanes (1) v Pirates (1) 26.5.15 Enforcers (1) v Storm (1) 23.6.15 Phoenix (1) v Freeze (1) 23.6.15 Mutineers (2) v Lightning (0) 5.8.15	4 Outlaws II (3) v Dragons (1) 31.7.13 (Cup)
Most GS in a game (individual)	1 Long list, including Jon Taylor (Storm) 4, Jo Grantham (Mutineers 1, <i>Enforcers</i> 2) 3	2 Carl McCarthy (linked player, Lightning) v Vipers, 10.6.08
Longest streak of consecutive games	54 Andy Gardner (Mayhem II and Mavericks II) 23.4.13 to 1.9.15	75 Anthony Garcia Reyes (Mayhem) 19.4.11 to 13.5.15

be here now

557 people played softball in the MSL this year, 36 more than last year. 15 players transferred, coincidentally the same as last year. **Pirates** used the most rostered players (27), just ahead of **Barflies** on 26. All in all 36 different people played for **Outlaws**, 20 of them as guests, though **Pirates** were just behind with 35 different names on the line-up (but only 8 of them guests). At the other end of the scale, **Mayhem** used just 10 rostered players, though a further 15 different people guested. **Falcons** used the fewest different players overall (15) in their half-season, while **Lions** only used 19. No team managed without any guests, though **Barflies** and **Falcons** only needed one each all season.

roll with it

280 games were played, 15 more than last year, though that includes 20 cup games. There were four forfeits, one conceded beforehand, one due to an injury leaving insufficient players, and two games forfeited in the clubhouse due to infringements.

7,333 runs were scored, not including cup games, and not including the 120 runs credited for the forfeits, but including those scored in the games that were later recorded as forfeits. This was down on last year, despite there being more games than last year, so defences are improving. But the average (26.0) is down by only 1.8. Tuesday is the day to see runs, with the average per game in Divisions 3 and 4 at 29.4 and 30.6 respectively while on Wednesdays it's 27.2 in Division 2, and 25.0 in Division 1.

427 runs were scored by **Mavericks II**, the league's top scorers at an average of 20.4 per game. The **Falcons** were the lowest

scoring team with an average of 5.22, but of the teams playing a full season, **Freeze** averaged 7.59, just "ahead" of the **Meerkats** with 7.71. The **Falcons** also had the leakiest defence, conceding 19.67 runs per game, but of the established teams, **Meerkats** had the highest total (315) while **Outlaws II**, with fewer games, had a worse average (18.86).

turn up the sun

3 is the unprecedented number of game-days lost to the weather, all of them Tuesdays. Captains were rightly thanked for the way they collaborated in dealing with the problem.

ain't got nothing

2 shutouts were recorded this season, plus a third in the cup.

wonderwall

799 home runs were scored this season, 140 fewer than last year, again in more games. 30 of them were grand slams. **Jon Taylor** (**Storm**) scored 4 grand slams, three of them against the same team (**Camels II**), one each time they met. Since we didn't have fences on pitch PW7 this season, there were no over-the-fence home runs.

rock 'n' roll star

28 players played in every game for their team, as listed below. Where a fielding position is given, they started every game in that position. Players marked * were also ever-present last year. ‡Andy Gardner hasn't missed a game for three seasons.

Barflies (17 games) Hayley-Jane Sims, Paul Warburton
Bats (16): Sue Gibson
Bullfrogs (14): *Clare Heathcote (3B), Adam Faloon
Colt 45s (17): Rachel Jones
Drizzle (17): Brad Hadwin (SS)

Falcons (9): Laura Bintcliffe, Becca Cantrill, Dan Hunt, John Page
Greensox (17): *Vicky Green
Hackers (17): Daniel Johansson
Mavericks II (17): ‡Andy Gardner (P)
Mayhem (17): Shawn Khwaja, Andi Marshall (LF)
Mayhem II (17): *Steve Beddows, Chris Frost
Meerkats (17): Sonia Hine
Mutineers (15): Maz Yung
Outlaws (17): Baljit Ahluwalia
Phoenix (17): Stan Johnson, Hector Payan
Speeders (14): Zac Rayson
Storm (17): Richard Sarver, Jon Taylor
Thunder (17): Sian Payne
Tigers (13): Hayley Mctear

she's electric

31 was the highest number of league games played by anyone, namely **Martine Knight** who turned out 16 times for **Freeze** (missing only one game) and 15 times for other teams, 11 of them for **Mayhem**. Close behind, with 30 games, was last year's front runner, **Emma Carruthers**, who also played all but one of **Thunder's** 17 games, and made 14 guest appearances, 10 of them for **Storm**. With the end of the linked team rules, it was easier to play for lots of different teams, but **Hayley McTear** was softball's "slut of the year" playing for six different teams.

don't look back in anger

91% of games were umpired by a neutral blue, a drop of one percentage point on last year, with even games in Division 4 having to self-umpire. There was 100% coverage on just 6 occasions.

23 different individuals umpired games, with seven regular umpires on a Wednesday, and 11 on Tuesdays.

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Home runs—full list

* indicates grand slam

Division 1 Female



- 6 - Natalie Leyland (GRX)
- 5 - Areej Elmaazi (THU)*, Kath Mullins (GRX)
- 4 - Nancy Bennett (OUT), Ellie Buckley (OUT)
- 3 - Michelle Collier (LIO), Jade Shaw (LIO)
- 1 - Emma Carruthers (THU), Andrea Dee (MAV), Sherry Kenyon (OUT), Linni Mitchell (MHM)*, Vic O'Farrell (GRX), Sian Payne (THU)

Division 1 Male



- 14 - Danny Gunn (GRX)
- 9 - Pete Buckley (OUT)
- 6 - Nathan Gulam (GRX)
- 5 - Luis Arrebillagas (THU), Kris Hadwin (LIO), Benkei Johnson (THU), Paul Kidley (GRX), Pete

Nightingale (MAV)*

- 4 - Dave Collins (OUT), David Dyson (DOD), Chris Fulton (LIO), Andy Grose (THU), Guy Hamer (THU), Tyler Lappage (DOD), Andy Rawson (GRX)
- 3 - Lee Bennett (LIO), Elieser Dorronsoro (MAV), Charles Everitt (LIO), Anthony Garcia-Reyes (MHM), Andi Marshall (MHM), Laurence Pearmain (MAV)*, Adam Roberts (LIO)
- 2 - Baljit Ahluwalia (OUT)**, Mark Griffin (THU), Mark Sanders (GRX), Shane Stark (GRX), Ed Watkinson (LIO)
- 1 - Melvin Beltre (DOD), Lubomir Durisin (MAV), Paul Fagan (GRX), Mark Hayward (MKT), Simon Hepburn (DOD), Jonny Huck (MKT), Wendell Jones (MAV), Dave Leverton (THU), Mike Lott (MKT), Gordon Milson (LIO), Stuart Roscoe (OUT)

Division 2 Female



- 4 - Liz Lyon (OU2)
- 3 - Claire Higgs (CAM)
- 2 - Kate Barlow (SPE)
- 1 - Jacquelyn Choudhury (OU2), Jen Faloona (BUL)*, Christine Hunter (BUL), Hayley McTeart (TIG), Becci Wadeson (LIG), Kate Williamson (MUT), Maz Yung (MUT)

Division 2 Male



- 14 - Tom Atkinson (CAM)* *above left*, Jo Grantham (MUT)* *right*
- 7 - Richard Goar (OU2), Gary Moors (MUT)*
- 6 - Adam Faloona (BUL), Mike Gaskell (TIG)
- 5 - Chris Thompson (OU2)
- 4 - Suchit Desai (MUT), Paul Finney (LIG), Chris Lennon (SPE)*, Nick Money (SPE)
- 3 - Ali Hallsworth (MUT), Rolf Herbert (OU2), Chris Lennon (SPE), Tom Munro (LIG), Zac Rayson (SPE), James Wooderson (CAM)
- 2 - Steve Bennett (LIG), Anthony Boffey (CAM), Stuart Collier (SPE), Ed Covington (TIG), Jeremy Fothergill (BUL)*, Mark Humphreys (CAM), Duncan Jones (MUT), Steve Kellett (BUL), Ian McCann (OU2), Jonny Reuben (BUL), Pete Vriend (MUT)*
- 1 - Mark Buscini (OU2), Dave Eaton (TIG), Mike Goff (LIG), James Marshall (LIG), Colin McKie (CAM), Peter O'Hare (SPE), Tony Stonard (MUT), Sam Taylor (TIG), Nam Tran (CAM)

Division 3 Female

- 4 - Mary Coyles (PIR)* *opposite top*, Sarah Marks (MM2) *middle*, Sue O'Brien (PIR) *bottom*
- 3 - Sian Davies (ENF)*, Jodie Munday (HUR)
- 2 - Faye Dunlop (PIR), Katie Flanagan (ENF)
- 1 - Lynne Howells (CM2), Caroline Jones (MM2), Zoe Rigley (HUR), Natalie Robinson (PIR), Helen Smith (BFL), Jocelyn Tong (MM2)

Division 3 Male

22 - Ross Birch (STO)



12 - Jon Taylor (STO)****
10 - Richard Sarver (STO)
9 - Liam Harris (SHA), Adrian Holmes (ENF)
8 - Phil Longfield (SHA)
6 - Dave Dean (CM2)
5 - Adam Barratt (STO), Paul Colton (SHA), Brad Flanagan (ENF), Dave Griffiths (HUR), Dan Jarman (CM2)*, Gavin



Whitaker (STO), Steven Woods (SHA)
4 - Nathan Barratt (STO), Shane Coyles (PIR), Adam Craig (CM2), Alan Davis (CM2), Dave Harper (HUR)*, Lewis Le Fevre (MM2), Carl McCarthy (HUR), Graeme Nickson (SHA), Giovanni Santoro (HUR)*, Stephen Shearer (SHA), Ian Williams (PIR)
3 - James Ridgeway (ENF)
2 - Rob Alger (SHA), Alex Bates (BAT), Simon Grainger (ENF), Julian Jones (CM2), Rory Lynch (BAT)
1 - Stephen Beddows (MM2), Mark Brennan (MM2), Jordon Colton (SHA), Matt Jacobs (PIR), Dan Lord (HUR), Will Wright (PIR), Gareth Young (BAT)

Division 4 Female



11 - Michelle Fisher (PHX)*
3 - Jan Bradley (MV2), Kay Carter (HAC), Alicia Mangiafico (COL)
1 - Nicola Brown (MV2), Jo Cole (MV2), Leanne Cracknell (MV2), Natasha Hopkins (PHX), Martine Knight (FRZ), Tereza Kokocinska (WCT), Ella Mills (HAC), Emma Pritchard (WCT), Lisa Weaver (MK2), Emma Waterhouse (DRZ)

Division 4 Male

18 - Aleck Aspinall (MK2)* *opposite*
13 - Phil Cosgrove (COL), Andy Gardner (MV2)*

12 - Dan Strosnider (MK2)
11 - Brad Hadwin (DRZ)
10 - Darren Corner (HAC)
9 - Ian Mills (HAC)
8 - Chris Gresty (MV2)
7 - John Kaye (COL), Ian Yates (PHX)*
6 - Lubo Durisin (MV2), Sam Gardiner (MV2), Tony La Fave (WCT)*, Ioan Said (MK2)*
5 - Daniel Johansson (HAC), Michael Miah (WCT), Simon Ronksley (PHX), Paul Warburton (BFL)*
4 - Mike Cooney (BFL), Ben Hughes (PHX), Chris Radford (BFL)
3 - Steve Aguirre (WCT), Tom Currie (COL), Jon Downes (WCT), John Edwards (MV2), Hector Martinez (PHX)*, Jonathan Wrigley (MK2)
2 - Charlie Gardiner (MV2), Dave Ogden (HAC), Ian Radford (HAC), Andy Shaw (HAC), Tadhg Tobin (COL)
1 - Andrew Bogie (DRZ), Peter Brannan (BFL), Chris Chu (MK2), Lee Kendrick-Walker (FAL), David Kirby (MV2), Tyler Hargrave (FAL), Paul Hodgson (BFL), Mike Humphries (MK2), Ron Lawrence (WCT), Lee McCarthy (COL), Taj Oddin (MK2), Mike Oxley (FRZ), Tim Roberts (DRZ), Pete Rushton (HAC), Sam Steele (MK2), Matt Thomas (WCT), Peter Wilkinson (FRZ)



MENU

*Ham hock terrine
with a piccalilli & brioche toast*

OR

*Pea marjoram soup
with crème fraîche peashoot*

★ ★ ★

*Braised feather blade of beef,
sautéd potatoes, toasted barley,
spinach & roasted parsnips*

OR

*Baked feta, honey & spinach filo pie,
red pepper rouille, watercress & balsamic*

★ ★ ★

*Dark chocolate mousse,
honeycomb, sorbet*

★ ★ ★

Freshly brewed coffee & chocolates