



BASES LOADED

This week's games

Including streaks, pitches and umpires

Division 1

- LIO 2W v GRX 1L (4, BMcG)
- THU 3W v MAV 1L (5, AG)
- DOD 1W v OUT 1W (9, MG)
- CAM 2L v MUT 16L (2, IC)

Division 2

- LIG 3W v SPE 1W (8, DD/SK)
- MKT 1L v BUL 2L (6, MD)
- MHM 3W v SHA 1W (3, HS)
- STO 3L rest

Division 3

- ENF 3L @ MV2 1W (1, IC)
- HAC 1L @ BAT 5WL (2, MG)
- MK2 1L @ CM2 1L (4, SS)
- PIR 2W @ OU2 1W (3, SK)
- REB 1L rest

Division 4

- DRZ 6W @ FRZ 1W (5, ML)
- FAL 3L @ BFL 1L (7, AR)
- HUR 2W @ COL 1W (8, PN)
- RIP 1L @ PHX 1L (9, MF)
- TTN 5L v TIG 1L (6, TS)

More promotion and relegation issues sorted as Ed takes the wrong train

WITH a story line reminiscent of the (not very good) John Cleese film *Clockwise*, the **Lions'** Ed Watkinson managed to get on the wrong train at Milton Keynes, travelling to Bangor (it left at exactly the same time as the Manchester train). Realising his mistake at Chester, he got a train to Warrington which was also delayed as police removed a trouble-maker, and from there he got a £50 taxi ride to USG arriving in time for the 3rd inning of their game with the **Maver-**

icks. Playing in a random selection of borrowed kit, he replaced the Meerkats' Matt Fairweather, guesting, who then returned to his team, for whom he could not now play (local rule: you can't play for more than one team on any given night) - unfortunate as they were losing. To judge from his FB posts he was not best pleased. Despite trailing for four innings, Lions rallied against the **Mavericks,**

took a 5th inning lead which they consolidated with seven runs in the 6th. Lions can still be caught by **Thunder,** who narrowly beat **Greensox,** but would have to lose both their remaining games. So they could clinch the title this week.



In Division 4, **Hurricanes'** Mario Escobado (pictured) hit six home runs in two days (three in each of two games). The Div 4 title race is

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Guests as MVP and guests' home runs

There was a minor breach of MSL etiquette last week as one team—no need to name names—tried to change their MVP nomination because their opponents had named a guest. The team wanted one of their own players to get the vote. That's not how it works, guys. Your opponents choose the MVPs, and if they choose one of

your guests, so be it. We often hear the mistaken view that guests can't be nominated for MVP ... No doubt due to confusion with the rule that guests' home runs don't count towards the home-run trophy. But they should still be indicated on the scoresheet so they can be recorded in these pages. And that brings us to another bug-

bear from both gatekeepers (Harry and Matt): please, captains, mark who your guests are rostered to on your line-up sheet; and please also indicate on the scoresheet if any of the MVPs or home-run scorers are guests. It saves us a lot of hassle when updating the home-run lists on the web and in this review. Is it too much to ask?

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Match reports

Tigers mixed bag nevertheless contains enough goodies

Barflies	4 5 1 0 3 1 1	15
Tigers	8 6 0 1 2 2 x	19

Umpire Shawn Khwaja, Pitch 2
HRs: **BFL** Paul Warburton; **TIG** Dan Downes, Steve Girling, Jon Downes
BARFLIES Paul Warburton (P), Jane Mordecai (LF), Chris Radford (SS), Hayley-Jane Sims (2B), Mike Cooney (EP), Sinead Aisling (1B), Jon Wilkinson (RC), Becca Brannan (EP), Nathan Brookes (LC), Anna Shereen (C), Chris Pennington (3B), Rachel Cooper (C)

TIGERS Dan Downes (SS), Emma Pritchard (2B), Tony La Fave (1B), Tereza Kokocińska (3B), Michael Miah (EP), Annie Downes (LC), Jonathan Downes (RC), Alyssa Jones (EP), Steve Girling (LF), Caroline Drake (C), Dave Wareham (P), Jen Szczepaniak-Sloane (RF)

BOTH sides started this game scoring runs in bunches before slowing down as the game went on. Tigers were five runs up after the first two innings and the gap stayed more or less constant for the rest of the game. Their fielding ranged from mediocre to excellent and visited most points in between, whilst their base running and coaching could have been better at times.

Tony La Fave, Dan Downes and Jon Downes were the OBP leaders, all going 4 for 4. Tigers had three home-run heroes in both Downes brothers and Steve Girling, with Tereza Kokocińska recording a near miss again with another triple. There were other strong performances up and down the order with Alyssa Jones again looking promising on her second appearance.

Girling was the stand-out performer in the field making a series of nice catches. La Fave was solid on 1st base and Dan Downes and Emma Pritchard recorded a couple of double plays with Kokocińska and then Downes, with the second of them sealing the win in the 7th.

The win came at a price with La Fave suffering a groin tear that looks likely to have ended his league season, Annie Downes suffered a leg injury that

led to her having to leave the field and Pritchard took a nasty blow to her arm when a ground ball took a nasty bounce in the infield.

Tigers website

MVPs Brannan, Warburton (BFL), Pritchard, Girling (TIG)

Continuous Drizzle

Phoenix	0 0 3 7 1 5 0	16
Drizzle	6 12 0 0 2 4 x	24

Umpire Jeremy Fothergill, Pitch 3
HRs: **PHX** Ben Hughes 2, *Taj Uddin (MK2)*; **DRZ** Dean Phillips (GS), Ellie Phillips, Andrew Bogie 2, Baljit Ahluwalia

PHOENIX Simon Ronksley (3B), Jen Williams (C), Mark Patten (CL), Angie Thompson (CR), Ben Hughes (SS), Amy Torkington (LF), *Aleck Aspinall (MK2)*(P), Kirsti Ahmed (1B), *Taj Uddin (MK2)*(RF), Ni McCann (2B); Sub Maria Taboada (Williams)

DRIZZLE	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Dean Phillips (LC)	5	4	4	4	0
Ellie Phillips (1B)	5	4	3	2	0
Tim Roberts (EP)	2	2	0	2	1
Sadie Light (RF)	5	3	3	3	0
Andrew Bogie (SS)	4	4	3	5	1
Catherine Bonnar (EP)	4	2	1	1	0
Baljit Ahluwalia (P)	5	3	2	1	0
Laura Hartley (2B)	1	1	2	0	3
Tomm Childs (3B)	4	1	0	1	0
Laura Somers (LF)	3	2	1	0	1
Alun Jones (RC)	4	3	2	2	0
<i>Amy Somers (MK2)</i> (C)	3	2	2	2	0
S-Brad Hadwin (Roberts)	2	1	1	1	0

When we won one

We had just begun.

When we won two

The Titans were blue.

When we won three

Rippers paid the fee.

When we won four

We showed 'Canes the door.

When Colt 45s

Lost the streak was alive.

But now we've won six

We think we're so clever (ahem)

To beat teams like Phoenix

And go on forever.

With apologies to A.A. Milne

A fast start worked again for Drizzle as Phoenix were unable to rise from an 18-0 deficit after two innings.

Dean and (MVP) Ellie Phillips were among the home run heroes although consistent base-hitting was the key to victory. The soggies' poor concentration in the field allowed the firebirds to accumulate runs in

the late innings but (MVP) Andrew Bogie rallied his troops to close out the game.

Two-out Tim

MVPs Ahmed, Hughes (PHX), E Phillips, Bogie (DRZ)

Hurricanes prevail in tight table topper

Tigers	0 0 2 7 2 1 2	14
Hurricanes	2 6 0 2 0 4 1	15

(Played Thursday)

Umpire Pete Nightingale, Pitch 5
HRs: **HUR** Mario Escobado 3, Mark Griffin

TIGERS Dan Downes (SS), Emma Pritchard (2B), Steve Aguirre (1B), Tereza Kokocińska (3B), Steve Girling (LF), Annie Downes (C), Rob Lawrence (RC), Alyssa Jones (LF), Dave Wareham (P), Jen Szczepaniak-Sloane (RF), Stewart Pilling (EP), Caroline Drake (EP)

HURRICANES Tom Huntley (3B), Sharon Fletcher (LC), Mario Escobado (SS), Kellie Whitaker (2B), Giancarlo Calo (RC), *Jo Griffin (OUT)*(1B), Mark Griffin (P), *Luna Sánchez (STO)*(C), Adam Morrison (LF), *Linni Mitchell (MHM)*(RF); Subs: Mark Dagnall (Calo), Harry Somers (PH) (M Griffin)

WE looked a bit like rabbits frozen in the glare of the headlights in the first two innings of this game. We went three up three down in consecutive innings with the bat and started the 3rd looking at an 8-0 deficit. After that we gave at least as good as we got, and even clawed our way into the lead twice, but in the end we'd given Hurricanes just too much of a start.

OBP leaders were Dave Wareham and Rob Lawrence who each batted 1.000 (3 for 3). It was good to see Lawrence back on the leader board: he's had a bit of wobble after his holiday but now looks to be returning to his impressive early season form. Best of the women was Alyssa Jones who went 2 for 3 and hit the ball really well again.

In the field the two stand-out plays were from Jones and Jen Szczepaniak-Sloane, who both made really good outfield catches that took away near certain home runs from the opposition. Caroline Drake also joined in the fun by making nice grabs on a couple of pop ups behind the plate. There was lots of other good work elsewhere, with special

mentions to Dan Downes who did his normal good job at short stop and Steve Aguirre, who made some nice plays at 1st.

This game was a step up in quality from many of the games that we have played this year and, despite the ultimately fatal early wobble, it was good to see that we performed so well under pressure. Thanks to Tony La Fave for coming down to base coach after suffering his season-ending injury on Tuesday and to Michael Miah for coming down to provide injury cover on the night.

Tigers website

MVPs Jones, Lawrence (TIG), J Griffin, M Griffin (HUR)

Batting stats

RIPPERS (v Colt 45s)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Ian Millar (2B)	4	2	3	0	0
Kat Rhead (LF)	4	2	3	4	0
Ch Wilson-Grady (CR)	4	0	2	1	0
Janette Rayton (3B)	4	2	2	0	0
Bruce (P)	4	2	3	1	0
Becky Baird	4	0	1	0	0
Paul Duffy (SS)	3	1	3	2	0
Mandy Ashton (1B)	2	0	1	1	1
Anth'y Henderson (EP)	3	1	2	2	0
Jo Nuttal (C)	3	0	0	0	0
Simon Barid (CL)	3	1	1	1	0
Gemma Wallace (EP)	3	1	1	0	0

More promotion and relegation issues sorted

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still mathematically open as **Hurricanes** beat **Tigers** in a thrilling game on Thursday. After Canes took a commanding lead, Tigers got right back in it with a seven-run 4th inning, and the slender lead was passed from side to side up to the bottom of the 7th when Tom Huntley hit a walk-off fielder's choice. Although the Canes have a game in hand, they must rely on Tigers losing one of their remaining games, which are against the bot-

tom two teams, so Tigers remain favourites.

Back in the Wednesday leagues, **Camels** will join the Mutineers in Division 2 after giving the **Dodgers** a head start in the first four innings before fighting back to within two runs of their total. But the loss sees them down.

In Division 2, **Meerkats** and **Lighting** both confirmed their promotion, and meet next week in a title decider. After going unbeaten for eight games, the Kats stumbled again, this time against the **Speeders**, and are 2-2 in their last four games. **Lightning** had ten runs on the board before

Bullfrogs managed even one, and could afford to ease off to win 13-8. Bullfrogs can in theory match but not overhaul either team, thanks to head-to-heads.

In Division 3 the **Mavs II** were back to winning ways, with a mercy win over last year's close rivals the **Hackers**. Back-to-back titles will be confirmed when they take the field this week. **Camels II**'s loss to the **Pirates** means that the race for the second promotion slot is very tight, as **Outlaws II** have a game in hand and would pip the Camels on head-to-head aggregate scores

if they end up with identical records. **Moorkats** could hold the key as they play both teams (Camels this week, then O2s, then Camels again). **Rebels**, still buzzing from last week's win against the Mavs, could not replicate their form against the **Bats**, and with only one game left could find themselves relegated while on a rest week. Bats and Hackers play each other this week, and again in the final week, the two games possibly deciding who else goes down.

Away from the top of Division 4, there was an Outlaws derby, comfortably won by the O2s against the **Enforcers** while Tigers out-scored **Barflies** 19-15 as a warm-up for the table topper already mentioned. **Freeze** got off to a cracking start with 13 runs against the **Falcons** and extended their lead steadily

over five innings to record their first ever run-ahead rule win. **Drizzle** kept up the pressure on both the league leaders and their clubmates with a 24-16 defeat of **Phoenix**, which again included husband-and-wife home runs from Dean and Ellie Phillips (pictured—sorry same pic as last time).



Birthdays

Monday	Steve Aguirre (Tigers), Stewart Pilling (Tigers), Andrew Reid (Colt 45s)
Tuesday	Phil Longfield (Sharks), Dawn Yates (Bats)
Wednesday	Oscar Marenco (Dodgers)
Thursday	Callum Jones (Titans)
Friday	Lindsay O'Farrell (Lions)
Saturday	Alan Davies (Camels II), Hannah Burke (Titans)
Sunday	Thomas Nolan (Rippers)

Letter to the Editor

Founder members

I've seen reference a few times in *Bases Loaded* to the original teams that made up MSL (when it was SMSL). One of those teams is listed as 3 Base Speeders. My memory isn't great but I'm pretty sure they were not one of the originals. Back when I first got involved in 1993 most of the teams were prefixed with a 'locality' tag, e.g. Rusholme Funsters, Whalley Rangers, Fog Lane Foghorns, UMIST Hackers, Didsbury Bats etc. - there were some without this approach although even the Greensox were actually called Akihero Greensox. *Jerry Seabridge*

The Editor replies: *The official line is that the Fog Lane Foghorns changed their name to (3 Base) Speeders in 1998, which is why they are always listed as 'original members'. The truth is a bit more complicated than that, as the Speeders were actually formed by a bunch of players from various teams, including Matt O'Casey coming from the Platt Field Pirates. But my belief is that most of them came from the Foghorns (who folded at that time).*

So the remaining founder members are: Didsbury Bats, Hackers, Foghorns (Speeders) and Greensox.

The other four founder members were: Pirates (merged with the Ringway Runners who folded in 2010), Whalley Rangers and Purple As (who merged to form the M16s then folded in 1998; Rangers made a brief comeback in 2005-6); and Rusholme Funsters (who changed their name to Piranhas, and folded in 2009).

It surprises a lot of people that the Mavericks are not founder members. They joined, along with the Runners, in the third year of the league, 1994.

REMINDER: Consultative meeting on funding planning THIS THURSDAY

THIS is to remind all players that they are invited to attend a consultative meeting on funding plans this Thursday at Hough End.

As we reported in *BL 14*, as BSUK move in to the next Sport England funding cycle they want to hear the views of our clubs and leagues on what is important to them and how they would like our sports to develop.

A room has been booked at the Hough End Police Social Club, this Thursday 18th August from 7 to 9 pm. Tea and coffee will be available.

The plan for the evening is to gather information on what is important to our community specifically with the funding application for Sport England in mind. We will for

instance split into working groups to look at the 'single most important thing' for baseball and softball, do a Start, Stop, Grow exercise and use the groups to carry out a SWOT analysis.

We are hoping for good representation to come from both baseball and softball communities.

Chris Greenhalgh, BSUK board Independent Director, will be with us on the evening.

Please let BSUK know if you can make it by sending an email to Luis.Arrebillagas@bsuk.com



End-of-season ball Early-bird deadline extended

This year's event will take place at **The Midland Hotel** on **Friday 18th November**.

Ticket prices have increased a little, and are now £40. Given that a lot of people are on holiday and lots of tournament weekends going on and the fact the ball is a few weeks later this year, I'm happy to extend the earlybird special (£5 off) until the last game of the season!! That should give everyone another couple of weeks. Let's see if we can get every team in the league represented this year!

Please email jugsy44@googlemail.com with your ticket requirements, name, team, payment details and dietary requirements. I am at Parrs Wood on Tuesdays and USG on Wednesdays if you have any questions or you can drop me an e-mail. *Kellie Whitaker*

From Div4 to National Gold Standard: Mavericks II exceed expectations

ESTABLISHED in 2015, as a development team for new players to learn the game playing alongside older experienced players, Mavericks II qualified for the C Nationals (silver/bronze) as Manchester Softball League Division 4 winners. The tournament pooled all Gold, Silver and Bronze teams in a seven-game round robin group. Great fielding and superb batting put the Mavs on 3 wins and 2 losses on the Saturday, with two of the wins against very good Gold teams: Oxford Angels, the eventual Silver National winners, and Dodgers West who were the eventual Gold winners. Mavs II were the only team to beat Dodgers West all tournament.

Saturday also pitted them against fellow Man-

chester team the Mutineers, who narrowly won in a thrilling game.

One win and one loss in the final stages of the round robin on Sunday morning meant Mavs II finished third in the group qualifying for Gold, and exceeding the team target of qualifying for Silver - a tremendous achievement.

A brilliant quarter-final game against Base Invaders London finished 6-6. Sadly, a delay in games, due to an injury (with ambulance) on the pitch earlier in the day, prevented the extra inning being played and Mavs II with momentum on their side, and a win a very real possibility lost by one run on roll back. Bring on 2017, Mavericks II have unfinished business.

Jan Bradley



Dodgers win inaugural NSL2

IN 2015, Amy Tanner and Oscar Marenco formed the “Travelling Dodgers”, a team set-up to satisfy their thirst to play more tournaments with a strong emphasis on creating a softball family atmosphere, playing good ball and drinking a lot of rum along the way. After a highly successful debut season which was capped off by winning Bristol Main, the newly formed team were highly excited about the 2016 season, so much so that they found some little known tournaments to play in in the cold and wet month of March. With some great recruitment over the winter and our secret weapon of the “rumbulance” for added motivation we were all looking forward to the prospect of being part of the newly formed NSL2.

The NSL2 was formed this season at a “B” grade level to offer teams a new way into NSL1 and to complete for places at the Platinum level Nationals. The NSL2 campaign started for Dodgers with a trip down to Farnham playing at Diamond 1 and ended three months later at Diamond 3. After competing in a variety of the NSL2 nominated tournaments and with a record of 29 wins, 5 losses, the “Travelling” Dodgers were the winners of the first ever NSL2.

As for favourite moments of this year, there have been a lot of highs, but my personal favourite was the ‘two fingers’ Ant Pratt gave me when not selected to start in the D2 final. He got right behind his team, waiting patiently until subbed in. When he was subbed in he took a walk with his first at bat and followed it up with a home-run, which put us in the lead at the top of seven and allowed us to shut the opposition out for the win.

Jonny Huck



Above: Jonny Huck and Oscar Marenco, co-captains, try to keep dry at a tournament earlier this year. Below the victorious Dodgers team at Diamond 3.

Left: the final standings as they appear on the BSUK website.

NSL2 2016

Pos	Team	W	L	Draw	Pct
1	Dodgers	29	5	0	0.853
2	Blitz	25	7	1	0.773
3	Ninos Privados	28	9	3	0.738
4	KK's	33	13	3	0.704
5	Outlaws	13	6	1	0.675
6	Spam	16	10	0	0.651
7	Mavericks	18	11	0	0.621
8	Misfits	14	10	2	0.577
9	Warriors	12	14	1	0.463
10	Bees "B"	13	16	3	0.453
11	Maidenhead Royals	17	23	1	0.427
12	Mariners	4	0	8	0.333



Guests rules—some stats to fuel the debate

AS the season draws to a close, it is inevitable that a topic for discussion at the end-of-season Captains' Meeting will be the guest rules: Have they worked? Do they need revising? In this piece, we aim to present some raw data based on the extensive appearance records kept by the League. There will be no finger pointing or naming and shaming ... In fact we will not even identify teams whose stats are provided. The aim will be to give as complete, yet neutral a picture of the use of guests as possible.

In the after-match venues on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, we hear four main comments or complaints:

- Certain 3rd and 4th division teams regularly draft in top players, sometimes from what were formerly called 'linked' teams, to boost their chances of victory. Even with the batting and fielding restrictions in place, guests playing 'down' can offer a massive advantage.
- There are teams that simply do not have enough rostered players and so are relying on guests every week just to fulfil their fixtures. This is wrong and unfair on teams that have taken recruiting seriously and found enough players.
- Every rostered player should belong to one team and one team only. The guest rules should be used to fill a gap in an emergency, not allow (encourage) players to play for two teams week in week out.
- And of course the perennial complaint: teams in the lower divisions are deliberately rostering players who are too good for this level, and who are regularly also playing on a Wednesday. So by rostering them to the Tuesday team, they are taking advantage of the rules, or "taking the piss" as it is also known.

So let's start with some raw data. With two or three weeks left of the season, there have been 231 games played, of which 90 on a Wednesday and 125 on a Tuesday (or Thursday!). A team's use of guests ranges from 23.8% in the 'worst' case down to 0 in the case of just one team. The average is 10.4% which is of course means that on average, every team that plays in an MSL game has one guest. In an alarming 98 cases (out of 462) a team has fielded less than eight rostered

players, so had three guests (or played one short). Actually, because of the way the stats are recorded, there may be cases of teams playing 6&6 with three guests, and we could if necessary recover these stats, though it would take a little more sifting. Still, 98 out of 462 is already 21%: more than one team in five has three guests.

Also noteworthy is the pattern of guest use: not surprisingly, this increases as the season progresses. At the start of the season, the average number of rostered players playing per team was 10.9. By now that number has dropped to 9.3.

So what about our four commonly heard complaints?

Guests playing 'down', specifically Wednesday players playing on a Tuesday, represent 49% of all guest appearances. There are six players who have guested 'down' for the same team ten times or more. Exactly the same number of players are regularly playing 'up' for the same team. So that's a dozen players regularly playing both nights. Seen from another point of view, that makes 12 teams who do not have enough rostered players and are relying on guests. There are three players who are pretty much ever-present in a team for whom they are playing as a guest.

We could provide some more specific data about the positions guests are playing, and open the discussion about whether the batting and fielding restrictions should be extended to cover all guests, but let's leave that for another occasion.

We will end by addressing the final bullet point, the idea that clubs are circumventing the guest rules by rostering top players to a junior team. This has been a recurring complaint, but to be honest, as a purely subjective observation, I believe it hardly ever happens. Over the last few years there have been *one or two* rosterings that raise eyebrows, but more usually there is a good reason: a player recovering from injury, unable to play on a Wednesday, or, most commonly, having a major managerial or coaching role with the 'junior' team. I personally believe this is not a major problem.

Harry Somers

On average, every team has one guest

Liz and Kells—softball’s latest comedy duo



AS BSUK took the exciting step of webcasting the Nationals semi-finals and final last weekend, the world of broadcasting was buzzing at the discovery of a new colour commentary comedy couple in the guise of our own Kellie Whitaker and our former own Liz Knight, who provided an Antipodean accompaniment to Bob Fromer’s straightlaced commentary. Vicky Green described the coverage as “fantastic”, hailing Liz and Kells as a “comedy duo”. Kellie replied that she was proud of Liz and herself for managing the entire web-

cast “without a single swear word.”

The final game, between Pioneers and H2Os, was an exciting affair, but for those of us less familiar with the world of London softball at the highest grade, the Ozzie pair were able to enlighten us with their knowledge of the individual players.

The insightful opinions were amply sprinkled with caustic comments on misfields, dodgy base coaching and other minor misdemeanours, while the pair’s enjoyment of each other’s company was evident throughout the



webcast.

A softball equivalent of French and Saunders mixed with Carragher and Neville, the BBC would do well to take note in case they are looking for some knowledgeable and, now, *experienced* commentators to take to Tokyo in 2020.



Next week's games

It's the final round of games in Divisions 1 and 2.

Division 1

Lions v Thunder (2, DD) Last meeting 22nd June, Thunder won 15-14, but Lions lead 12½-5½. The title may have been decided this week, but tighten your shoelaces anyway for a closely contested game.

Greensox v Mavericks (6, CE) Last meeting 20th July, Greensox won 13-10 but trail in this most played series 26½-28½.

Dodgers v Mutineers (8) Last meeting 6th July, Dodgers won 15-8, their 13th win in 15 meetings.

Outlaws v Camels (5, HS) Last meeting 13th July, Outlaws won 12-9, and have a 5-0 win record over the Camels.

Division 2

Meerkats v Lightning (4, BMcG) Last meeting 20th July, Meerkats won 4-1 in the lowest-scoring game in all divisions so far this season. The flashers have not won any of this pair's four meetings.

Bullfrogs v Speeders (3, MD) Last meeting 6th July, Speeders won 14-5, their first win at the sixth attempt.

Sharks v Storm (9, AG) Last meeting 27th July, Sharks won 22-2 in 4 innings, to take 3-2 lead in all games.

In Divisions 3 and 4 we have the reverse fixtures from 21st June. This was a day of huge scores: 254 runs scored in eight games, at over 30 per game. Several teams managed high single-inning scores: Mavs II (15), Barflies (16), Hackers (17), while Tigers, with 19 in their 1st inning, posted the season's biggest (so far).

Division 3

Bats @ Enforcers (9, IC) Bats won 7-6 to take a 2-1 lead in all meetings.

Hackers @ Rebels (8, JF) Hackers won 30-25 in not quite the biggest slugfest this season. The Hackers' 17-run opening salvo was not even the highest single-inning score of the day. Try harder this time, guys. The pair are tied 2-2 in all meetings.

Outlaws II @ Moorkats (7, PN) Outlaws won their first ever meeting 18-3 in 5 in-

nings.

Pirates @ Mavericks II (6, TS) Mavs won this first ever meeting 37-13 in 5 innings. Camels II rest

Division 4

Barflies @ Drizzle (4, ML) Barflies won 24-4 in 4 innings, their first win in five attempts.

Falcons @ Tigers (3, PF) Tigers won this first ever meeting 33-4 in 4 innings, the first a season-high 19-run inning on a day of huge scores (see above).

Phoenix @ Hurricanes (1, DD) Hurricanes won 17-4 to take a 3-2 lead in all meetings.

Rippers @ Freeze (2, SS) Rippers won this first ever meeting 17-12.

Titans v Colt 45s (5, MG) First ever meeting.

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Last week's MVPs

Barflies	Becka Brennan	Paul Warburton	Mavericks II	Jo Cole	Andy Gardner
Bats	Di Charlton	Rory Lynch	Mayhem	Martine Knight	Ed Covington
Bullfrogs	Christine Hunter	Adam Faloon	Meerkats	Rachel Campbell-Cook	<i>Ian Bleas (MK2)</i>
Camels	Jane Curley	Oscar Marenco	Mutineers	Beth Jarratt	Joe Grantham
Camels II	<i>Emily Gilhespy (TTN)</i>	Charlie Gardener	Outlaws	Sherry Kenyon	Stuart Roscoe
Colt 45s	<i>Emma Carruthers (THU)</i>	Phil Cosgrove	Outlaws II	Jax Choudhury	Rolf Herbert
Dodgers	<i>Sarah Cassin (REB)</i>	Tom Atkinson	Phoenix	Kirsti Ahmed	Ben Hughes
Drizzle	Ellie Phillips	Andrew Bogie	Pirates	Natalie Robinson	Shane Coyles
Enforcers	John Carrick	Sapna Bhudia	Rebels	Sarah Cassin	Steve Beddows
Falcons	Jennifer Douglas	Philip Norton	Rippers	Kat Rhead	Chris Wilson-Grady
Freeze	Emma Ashby	Paul Wolstenholme	Speeders	Kate Barlow	Adam Barnish
Greensox	Chloe Llewellyn	Tom Russell	Storm	Kate Provan	Nathan Barrett
Hackers	Helen Moore	Darren Corner	Thunder	Vicky Green	Ross Birch
Hurricanes (Tu)	Kellie Whitaker	Mario Escobado	Tigers (Tu)	Emma Ptitchard	Steve Girling
Hurricanes (Th)	Sharon Fletcher	Tom Huntley	Tigers (Th)	Emma Ashby	Paul Wolstenholme
Lightning	Becci Wadeson	Jeivo Gomez	Titans	Sarah Friday	Richard Taylor
Lions	Hiloe Ryan	Vince Lui	<i>All names appear exactly as they were written on the score sheet</i>		
Mavericks	<i>Rachael Gavaghan (MV2)</i>	Wendell Jones			

Home runs

Division 1 – Female

7 – Michelle Collier (LIO)
 4 – Kath Mullin (GRX)
 3 – Jade Shaw (LIO)
 2 – Areej Elmaazi (THU), Lindsay O'Farrell (LIO)
 1 – Nancy Bennett (OUT), Lauren Birch (GRX), Tanya Burton (MAV), Chloe Llewellyn (THU), Liz Lyon (MUT), Vic O'Farrell (GRX), Sian Payne (THU)

Division 1 – Male

12 – Danny Gunn* (GRX)
 10 – Tom Atkinson (CAM), Joe Grantham* (MUT)
 9 – Pete Nightingale* (MAV)
 8 – Peter Buckley (OUT)
 7 – Luis Arrevillegas (THU)
 6 – Anthony Garcia Reyes (DOD)
 5 – Benkei Johnson (THU), Vincent Lui (LIO), Gordon Milson (LIO)
 4 – Ross Birch (GRX), Colin McKie (CAM), Andy Rawson (GRX)
 3 – Lubomir Durisin (MAV), David Dyson (DOD), Jonny Huck (DOD), Paul Kidley* (GRX), Tyler Lappage

(DOD), Dave Leverton (THU), Thomas Russell (THU), Mark Sanders (GRX)
 2 – Nathan Gulam* (GRX), Mike Hawkins (OUT), Simon Hepburn (DOD), Dan Jarman (CAM), Wendell Jones* (MAV), Laurence Pearmain (MAV)
 1 – Jez Dennett (DOD), Suchit Desai (MUT), Eli Dorronsoro (MAV), Emmanuel Estevez Santos (THU), Rob Fenlon (MUT), Chris Fulton (LIO), Mike Gaskell (CAM), Andy Grose (THU), Ali Hallsworth (MUT), Guy Hamer (THU), Duncan Jones (MUT), Oscar Marenco* (DOD), Adam Roberts (LIO), Stuart Roscoe (OUT), Sam Steele (LIO), Ed Watkinson (LIO), James Wooderson (CAM)

Division 2 – Female

2 – Jenna Mullins (MHM), Becky Wadeson (LIG)
 1 – Kate Barlow (SPE), Jen Faloon (BUL), Alexa Martinez (STO), Linni Mitchell (MHM), Zoe Rigley (STO)

Division 2 – Male

14 – Paul Colton***** (SHA)
 9 – Adam Faloon (BUL), Paul

* denotes grand slam

Finney (LIG)

6 – Chris Chu (MKT), Mark Hayward (MKT), Mike Lott* (MKT)
 4 – Ed Covington (MHM), Zac Rayson (SPE), Jon Taylor (LIG)
 3 – Adam Barnish* (SPE), Alberto Carlino* (MHM), Jeivo Gomez (LIG), Liam Harris (SHA), Richard Sarver* (LIG), Stephen Shearer* (SHA)
 2 – Ian Caird (STO), Matt Fairweather (MKT), Dave Harper (STO), Shawn Khwaja (MHM), Lewis Le Fevre* (MHM), Dave Martin Baez (SHA), Hector Martinez (STO)
 1 – Adam Barratt (STO), Stuart Collier (SPE), Jeremy Fothergill (BUL), Darrell Goh (BUL), Steve Kellett (BUL), Chris Lennon (SPE), Carl McCarthy (LIG), Tom Munro (LIG), Graham Nixon (SHA), Stephen Woods (SHA)

Division 3 – Female

4 – Sarah Cassin (REB) *pictured opposite*
 3 – Lyndsay Bygraves (CM2)
 2 – Katrina Davies (ENF), Faye

Dunlop (PIR)

1 – Beth Arrowsmith-Herbert (OU2), Jan Bradley (MV2), Mary Coyles (PIR), Sian Davies (ENF), Katie Flanagan (ENF), Jo Griffin (ENF), Hayley McTear (REB), Su O’Brien (PIR)

Division 3 – Male

9 – Aleck Aspinall (MK2)
 8 – Darren Corner** (HAC), Adrian Holmes (ENF)
 7 – Ian Williams (PIR)
 6 – Ian Blease (MK2), Ian Mills (HAC), James Ridgway (PIR)
 5 – Alex Bates (BAT), Shane Coyles (PIR), Chris Gresty (MV2), Rolf Herbert (OU2), Ian Yates (MV2)

4 – Chris Bowers* (ENF), Charlie Gardiner (CM2), Richard Jameson* (CM2), Greg Spiers (OU2), Taj Uddin* (MK2)
 3 – Conor Battersby (REB), Rory Lynch (BAT), Jono Wrigley*(MK2)

2 – Steve Beddows (REB), David Dean (CM2), Andy Firth* (PIR), Brad Flanagan (ENF), Andrew Gardner (MV2), Bradley Holmes (ENF), Craig Lawson (CM2), Kristian Matthews (MV2), Ian McCann (OU2), Matt Thomas (REB), Chuan Fu Yap (REB)

1 – Chris Braddick (MK2), Mike Davies (ENF), Chris Drayton (CM2), Dave Eaton (REB), Nate Fields (PIR), Christian Frost (REB), Oliver Geener (REB), Josh Greenwood (MV2), Richard Goar (OU2), Matt Jacobs (PIR), David Kirby (MV2), Pete Rushton (HAC), Jerry Seabridge (BAT)

Division 4 – Female

2 – Ellie Phillips (DRZ), Katrina Rhead (RIP)

1 – Amy Torkington (PHX)

Division 4 – Male

17 – Mario Escobado*** (HUR)
 11 – Dan Downes (TIG),
 9 – Phil Cosgrove (COL)
 8 – Jonathan Downes (TIG),

John Kaye (COL)

6 – Baljit Ahluwalia (DRZ), Philip Norton (FAL), Simon Ronksley* (PHX)

5 – Michael Miah (TIG)

4 – Steve Aguirre* (TIG), Paul Duffy* (RIP), Mark Griffin (HUR), Ben Hughes (PHX), Tony La Fave (TIG), Dave Warren (RIP)

3 – Adam Ashby (FRZ), Andrew Bogie (DRZ), Dan Lord (HUR), Dean Phillips* (DRZ), Chris Radford (BFL), Chris Smith (BFL), Tadgh Tobin** (COL), Paul Warburton (BFL), Chris Wilson-Grady (RIP), Ed Woodcock** (RIP)

2 – Simon Baird (RIP), Tom Currie (COL), Marco Doria (PHX), Steve Girling (TIG), Brad Hadwin (DRZ), Anthony Henderson (RIP), Rob Lawrence (TIG), Ian Moss (BFL), Paul Wolstenholme (FRZ)

1 – Scott Barton (RIP), Mike Cooney (BFL), Tyler Hargrave (FAL), Tom Huntley (HUR), Stan Johnson (PHX), Lee McCarthy (COL), Adam Morrison (HUR), Tom Nolan (RIP), John Page (FAL), Long Tran (DRZ), Dave Wareham (TIG), Jon Wilkinson (BFL), Peter Wilkinson (FRZ), Martin Williams (BAT)



The Rebels' Sarah Cassin leads the Division 3 (Female) list with four homers.

Played Thursday, August 11th

Tigers 0 0 2 7 2 1 2 **14**
Hurricanes 2 6 0 2 0 4 1 **15**
 Umpire Pete Nightingale, Pitch 5
 HRs: **HUR** Mario Escobado 3, Mark Griffin

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Camels II 0 2 3 2 3 3 0 **13**
Pirates 5 0 7 1 5 2 x **20**
 Umpire Adam Roberts, Pitch 8
 HRs: **PIR** Shane Coyles 2, Ian Williams 2

Mavericks II 1 1 6 1 9 **18**
Hackers 0 0 0 0 1 **1**
 RAR, Umpire Mike Goff, Pitch 5
 HRs: **MV2** David Kirby, Chris Gresty

Outlaws II 6 3 1 9 6 **25**
Enforcers 0 4 0 3 0 **7**
 RAR, Umpire Benkei Johnson, Pitch 6
 HRs: **OU2** Rolf Herbert 3, Ian McCann; **ENF** Joe Grantham (MUT) 2

Division 4

Barflies 4 5 1 0 3 1 1 **15**
Tigers 8 6 0 1 2 2 x **19**
 Umpire Shawn Khwaja, Pitch 2
 HRs: **BFL** Paul Warburton; **TIG** Dan Downes, Steve Girling, Jon Downes

Colt 45s 4 3 3 2 0 0 3 **15**
Rippers 1 0 0 3 1 1 6 **12**
 Umpire Ian Caird, Pitch 4
 HRs: **COL** Tom Currie, Emma Caruthers (THU) 2; **RIP** Kat Rhead, Anthony Henderson, Simon Baird

Freeze 13 4 6 4 5 **32**
Falcons 6 2 0 4 0 **12**
 RAR, Umpire Stephen Shearer, Pitch 1
 HRs: **FRZ** Anthony Garcia Reyes (DOD) 2, Martine Knight (MHM), Paul Wolstenholme; **FAL** John Page, Philip Norton

Phoenix 0 0 3 7 1 5 0 **16**
Drizzle 6 12 0 0 2 4 x **24**
 Umpire Jeremy Fothergill, Pitch 3
 HRs: **PHX** Ben Hughes 2, Taj Uddin (MK2); **DRZ** Dean Phillips (GS), Ellie Phillips, Andrew Bogie 2, Baljit Ahluwalia

Titans 0 2 0 1 **3**
Hurricanes 2 14 5 2 **23**
 RAR, Umpire Pete Nightingale, Pitch 7
 HRs: **HUR** Mario Escobado 3 (2GS)

Results and standings - Week 16, 9/10/11 August

Division 1

Mavericks 2 2 2 0 0 1 0 7
Lions 2 0 3 0 3 7 x 15
 Umpire Mike Davies, Pitch 2
 HR: **LIO** Vince Lui

Thunder 1 1 0 3 1 2 1 9
Greensox 1 0 0 3 1 2 0 7
 Pitch 3
 HRs: **THU** *Amilcar Gomez (HUR)*,
 Luis Arrevillagas, Thomas Russell;
GRX Danny Gunn, Ross Birch

Dodgers 2 2 6 6 1 0 7 19
Camels 1 5 0 1 4 0 6 17
 Umpire Brendán MacGabhainn,
 Pitch 6
 HRs: **DOD** Jonny Huck, **Oscar Ma-**
renco (GS), Tyler Lappage; **CAM**
 Tom Atkinson

Mutineers 2 5 2 1 0 2 1 13
Outlaws 1 1 0 6 4 0 1 x 22
 Umpire Alan Green, Pitch 8
 HR: **MUT** Jo Grantham

Division 2

Bullfrogs 0 0 0 4 3 0 1 8
Lightning 2 7 1 0 0 3 x 13
 Umpire Shawn Khwaja, Pitch 9
 HRs: **LIG** Paul Finney 2, Jeivo Go-
 mez, Becci Wadeson

Speeders 3 1 3 0 1 4 3 15
Meerkats 1 0 1 1 0 7 0 10
 Umpire Harry Somers, Pitch 5
 HRs: **SPE** **Adam Barnish** 2 (1GS),
 Zac Rayson 2; **MKT** *Ian Blease*
 (MK2), Chris Chu

Storm 1 3 1 1 0 6
Mayhem 9 7 1 5 x 22
 RAR, Umpire Dave Dean, Pitch 4
 HRs: **STO** Hector Martinez; **MHM**
Alberto Carlino (GS)

Division 3

Bats 3 7 2 2 3 0 1 18
Rebels 3 4 0 1 0 6 1 15
 Umpire Tony Stonard, Pitch 9
 HRs: **BAT** Rory Lynch, Martin Wil-
 liams; **REB** Sarah Cassin 2, Conor
 Battersby

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	P	W	T	L	F	RS	RC	Pct	GB
Division 1									
▶ Lions	15	13	0	2	0	259	111	.867	–
▶ Thunder	15	11	0	4	0	196	147	.733	2
▶ Greensox	15	10	0	5	0	221	158	.667	3
▶ Mavericks	15	9	0	6	0	222	165	.600	4
▶ Dodgers	15	7	0	8	0	204	160	.467	–
▶ Outlaws	15	7	0	8	0	201	214	.467	–
▶ Camels (R)	15	3	0	12	0	168	306	.200	4
▶ Mutineers (R)	15	0	0	15	0	116	326	.000	7
Division 2									
▶ Meerkats (P)	13	10	0	3	0	203	134	.769	–
▶ Lightning (P)	13	10	0	3	0	180	129	.769	–
▶ Bullfrogs	13	7	0	6	0	207	155	.538	3
▶ Speeders	13	6	0	7	0	149	174	.462	4
▶ Mayhem	13	6	0	7	0	176	165	.462	–
▶ Sharks	12	5	0	7	0	143	149	.417	½
▶ Storm (R)	13	2	0	10	1	83	235	.154	4⅓
Meerkats above Lightning on head-to-heads									
Division 3									
▶ Mavericks II	13	12	0	1	0	250	126	.923	–
▶ Camels II	14	9	0	5	0	238	233	.643	3½
▶ Outlaws II	13	8	0	5	0	170	139	.615	4
▲ Pirates	13	7	0	5	1	219	198	.538	5⅓
▼ Enforcers	13	6	0	7	0	224	223	.462	6
▶ Moorkats	13	6	0	7	0	197	205	.462	6
▶ Hackers	13	5	0	8	0	168	217	.385	7
▶ Bats	13	4	0	9	0	154	188	.308	8
▶ Rebels	15	3	0	12	0	193	284	.200	10
Enforcers above Moorkats on head-to-head (aggregate scores)									
Division 4									
▶ Tigers	15	11	1	3	0	321	189	.767	–
▲ Hurricanes	14	10	0	4	0	229	135	.714	1
▲ Drizzle	14	9	1	4	0	223	173	.679	1½
▼ Rippers	14	9	0	5	0	239	173	.643	2
▶ Barflies	14	8	0	6	0	229	214	.571	3
▶ Phoenix	14	6	0	8	0	201	234	.429	5
▶ Colt 45s	14	5	0	9	0	161	188	.357	6
▶ Freeze	14	5	0	9	0	213	282	.357	6
▶ Falcons	14	2	0	12	0	131	290	.143	9
▶ Titans	7	1	0	6	0	68	137	.143	13⅓