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## This week's games

*Including streaks, pitches and umpires*

### Division 1

**DOD v MKT 6L (5)**  
**MAV v GRX (6, CE)**  
**THU v LIO (9, IC)**

LIG rest

### Division 2

**MV2 v CM2 10L (2)**  
**MHM v CAM (4, HS)**  
**SPE v MUT (3, AG)**

SHA rest

### Division 3

**OUT v BAT (7, BA)**  
**PIR v RIP 5L (6, DD)**  
**STO v TIG (8, PN)**

DRZ rest

### Division 4

**HAC 14W @ PHX 1W (7, TS)**  
**HUR 4L @ BFL 3L (6, AR)**  
**TTN 1L @ REB 7W (4, LA)**

### Division 5

**COL 5W @ BLJ 1L (2, SS)**  
**ENF 3W @ VIP 1W (1, ML)**  
**FRZ 12L @ MET 13L (3, TLF)**

## Lions a win away from title

**I**N the jungle, the mighty jungle, etc. etc. Except the **Lions** are not sleeping tonight, but find themselves one wimoweh from the title after **Thunder** beat **Greensox** last week. If Lions beat Thunder this week they can't be caught. But a Thunder win—and they managed that three weeks ago—would give them a slim chance of the title, as long as **Mavs** beat Sox this week and then Sox beat Li-

ons next week.

**Greensox** are still in with a theoretical shout too, but need to win both their remaining games and rely on Lions losing to Thunder. At the other end of the table, **Lightning's** loss to the **Dodgers** means that next week's game is a relegation decider, whatever happens this week between the **Dodgers** and the **Meerkats**.

DIVISION 2 saw the

**Camels** regain top spot even before they played, their 1-point penalty being suspended pending their appeal against it. They are 1-1 in head-to-heads with the **Mutineers**, but won by a bigger margin in their two games. Both teams clinched promotion this week with **Mutineers** mercying **Mayhem** with a walk-off homer, while the **Camels'** win against the

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## Winning streaks

**W**ITH 13 wins on the trot on the back of four wins at the end of last season, **Didsbury Bats** are now just over half way to matching the **Mavericks'** amazing 32-game winning streak between April 2005 and May 2007, spanning

more than two whole seasons. **Mavs II** fell only four games short of that total in their first two seasons more recently. In 2013 **Mayhem** won their first four games on

the back of a marathon 20-game perfect season in Division 3 in 2012. Assuming **Bats** have a perfect season, they will have to win their first five games next season to overtake **Greensox**, who are next on the list, in 4th place, with a 23-win streak ten years ago.

### Winning streaks

<b>Mavericks</b>	32	27.4.05 to 30.5.07
<b>Mavericks II</b>	28	21.4.15 to 26.7.16
<b>Mayhem</b>	24	24.4.12 to 22.5.13
<b>Greensox</b>	23	11.7.07 to 15.8.08

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## Match report

### Rebels sparkle

<b>Barflies</b>	2 1 2 8 3	<b>16</b>
<b>Rebels</b>	2 7 9 1 4	<b>23</b>

Bad light, Umpire Mike Lott, Pitch 2

**BARFLIES** Chris Radford (LC), HaYLEY-Jane Sims (2B), Aleck Aspinall (SS), Jane Mordecai (1B), Mike Cooney (RC), Catherine Whitehead (C), Paul Warburton (3B), Laura Howarth (LF), *Rolf Herbert (MUT)*(C), Helen Smith (RF)

**HRs:** Aspinall 2

<b>REBELS</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>RBI</b>
Conor Battersby (LC)	5	3	0	3	2
Hayley McTear (LF)	5	3	0	3	4
Dave Eaton (SS)	5	5	0	4	4
Jen Douglas (2B)	4	2	0	2	4
Julian Jones (P)	4	2	0	0	1
Amy Torkington (C)	4	1	0	0	1
Matt Thomas (3B)	4	2	1	2	0
Natasha Hopkins (RC)	4	3	0	3	2
<i>Lee Kendrick-Walker (CM2)</i> (RF)	4	3	0	3	3
<i>Becky Ellis (MV2)</i> (1B)	4	4	0	3	2

**HRs:** McTear, Kendrick-Walker

WITH Emma and Sarah unwilling to make the short trip from New York for the game it was left to Hayley McTear to marshal the side and, ignoring the woeful post-game cheers, she did a sterling job in what was a good contest between the Rebels and Barflies.

David “Sparkles” Eaton was a ray of sunshine on a bleak drizzly day, taking the form from his warm up (that onlookers called “scintillat-ing”) into the game and batted well, fielded well and had the look of a man who, given the opportunity, would have pitched and umpired well too.

Turning the focus away from the “Messi of softball”, after a couple of close innings the Rebels managed to warm their bats up and take command going

into the 4th. Then a combination of good hitting from the Barflies and some vintage Rebels fielding saw the gap close to just three runs going into the bottom of the 5th. Nerves didn’t get hold of the Rebels though as they scored a few quick runs before the game was called for bad light with the score 16–23.

The Rebels’ choice of ringers worked well as Lee Kendrick-Walker picked out a gap in the field for a home run and Becky Ellis batted 1.000. Hayley’s single-minded obsession with the HR trophy was boosted with a scrappy blast and scramble round the bases (they all count!).

The win secures Rebels promotion at the first time of asking, a feat that I’m sure they will celebrate in moderation.

*David Eaton (Stand-in reporter)*  
MVPs Aspinall, Mordecai (BFL), McTear, Thomas (REB)

## Transfers

**Leonie Mumford** and **Terence Walkden**, Storm to Drizzle, 7 August

**Sam Pepper**, Drizzle to Pirates, 11 August

**Paul Colton**, Sharks to Meerkats, 11 August

## Guest rules—report of discussion meetings

### Introduction

The following proposed changes have been agreed by a group of MSL representatives from various teams and divisions. This group was set up at the request of the MSL Executive with the goal of recommending a set of changes designed to improve the use of guests within the MSL League.

Currently many captains and players, especially within the lower divisions, feel the existing guest rules are unfair. The approach the group has taken was to agree a set of “Guesting Principles” which represent the main goals the guest rules and regulations should be based around. Once these Principles were agreed a set of changes to the current rules was then derived.

The members of this group were: Al Bruce, Rippers (D3), Laura Howarth, Barflies (D4), Sandra Jones, Phoenix (D4), Tegan Jones, Titans (D4), Jane Mordecai, Barflies (D4), Matthew Ruff, Meerkats (D1), Jerry Seabridge, Didsbury Bats (D3) - secretary, Dave Warren Vipers (D5). Dave Dean, Camels (D2) and MSL League Head was present at the start in order to kick things off and act as a link to the MSL Executive.

### Guesting Principles

The group agreed the following key principles should be followed when formulating the guest rule proposals:

- A team should aim to have a full roster of players and not rely on guests every week.
- Guest(s) should only be used in exceptional circumstances to avoid a forfeit.
- Guest(s) should not be used to gain advantage in a game.
- A team regularly using guests should recruit.
- Guest(s) should not play before rostered members

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(f) Guest(s) from a similar division should be used as much as possible.

(g) Higher level guests used for player progression and coaching should not compromise principle (b).

## Proposed Changes

The following provisional changes are recommended: each is accompanied by an explanation of the rationale.

### 1. Teams must have a minimum of 5 men and 5 women on their roster when registering with MSL.

*The current rostering rules do not stipulate a minimum number of players that need to be present on the roster at the time of registering. It is possible for a team to legally register with no players on their roster*

*The group recognises that there are ways to get around this rule, for example registering retired players. However it was felt important that this principle should be explicit within the regulations of the league and its presence would allow flagrant abuses of it be investigated by the Executive should they feel it appropriate to do so*

### 2. During the season a team may use guests up to 17 times in order to field a full team; thereafter they may continue to use up to one guest but they must play one short.

*The group felt that some further cap beyond the current "up to two guests per game" is required to discourage over-reliance and/or failure to adequately recruit*

*The rationale for 17 slots over a season is that this number is the "typical" number of games a team will play in a season, therefore on average it allows a team to use one guest per week*

*Teams may use these 17 slots flexibly – for example they may use one guest every week or they may use no guests for the first half of the season then use two for each game in the second half*

*The group recommends that teams do not rely on using up to the maximum but instead act prudently in case of an unforeseen set of events resulting in more than anticipated loss of rostered players at key points in the season, for example the August holiday period*

*If a team has used up all their allotted 17 guest slots "allowance" they may still field a team using up to one guest but must play short-handed, i.e. with nine players. This was felt preferable to a forfeit as the group agreed teams would rather play with a disadvantage than not play at all*

*The group considered an alternative approach of appealing to be allowed more guest slots "in exceptional circumstances" but felt that would in practice be unenforceable. Note the existing guest rules remain in place: this rule is in addition. Consideration of the tracking of the number of guests slots used during the season was given – the group felt that this data should be produced from the existing data already captured and that the cumulative number of guests used shall be published in Bases Loaded and the MSL website as part of the weekly league tables*

### 3. Teams may only use guests from up to one division above, except for the bottom division if it is playing on the same night as the next-from-bottom division, in which case the bottom division may use guests from two divisions above

*The group felt that it was very unfair for players from highest division(s) to play in the lowest divisions. There are some very high standard players playing in the lower divisions but the group felt it was impractical to put rules in place to stop such players guesting for other teams.*

*At this time Division 4 and 5 both play on the same night so an outright "only allowed guests from one division above" rule would overly penalise the Division 5 teams – going forward the nights on which teams play on may change, hence*

*the caveat that if the two lowest leagues are playing on the same night then the lowest division teams may use guests from two divisions above (in the current situation this would mean both Divisions 4 and 5 being able to use guests from Division 3).*

*A specific issue was noted that there currently appears to be a relatively low number of Division 3 players willing to guest in lower divisions – it is asked that the Exec ask Division 3 teams to try to help out other teams where possible.*

*Note this specific rule amendment does not restrict teams in any way from using players from lower divisions.*

*The group considered an alternative proposal that players from higher division teams are instead limited to how many bases they could advance when they took their turn at bat; it was felt this was (a) over-complex and likely to lead to confusion/errors and (b) not enough of a restriction because such players are also typically high standard fielders.*

### 4. Teams who have used eight or more guests must register their shortage of players with the MSL Recruitment Officer and they shall not reject any reasonable players offered to them ("lack of ability" shall not be considered a reasonable objection)

*The "eight or more" point was chosen as it was 50% of the total proposed in Change #2 above. The group understands that there is a steady supply of players coming into the league via recruitment.*

*Teams who are showing signs of having an inadequate number of players to cope with the demands of the season should seek out MSL Recruitment and take any reasonable offers of new players made to them.*

*There was a lot of discussion about whether a higher division*

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*team should take rookies and/or players of a lower standard – the group felt that in the round it was better for such teams to take such players rather than overly rely on guests, even if that was only as a short-term measure.*

#### 5. A team may not use (a) guest(s) to play 6 & 6

*The group felt that guests are there as an “emergency” measure, not to facilitate giving players more game time, so if a team can field a fully-rostered team with ten players then this is what they should do rather than using a guest to play 6 & 6.*

#### 6. A rostered player cannot guest for another team on the same match night if the team they are rostered to is using a guest of the same gender

*The group felt it was wrong for a team to “loan out” a player to another team then fill a slot on their team sheet with guest player.*

## What happens next?

These proposals will go to the Exec whose job it is to prepare for the end-of-season Captains’ Meeting, including proposing new rules. The Exec will debate these proposals and may suggest amendments or additions. It will then be up to the Captains to discuss further and eventually vote. Of course at the Captains’ meeting, further proposals and amendments can be made from the floor. But it should be stressed that the reason for setting up this open forum was for opinions to be freely expressed in advance of any meeting where rule changes will be voted on, so as to cut down the time spent at the meeting shouting one another down, and offering new ideas that have not been properly thought out or debated.

## Birthdays

**Monday** Mike Draper (Hackers), Andy Sherman (Phoenix)

**Tuesday** Stewart Pilling (Vipers), Andrew Reid (Colt 45s)

**Wednesday** Phil Longfield (Sharks), Dawn Yates (Bats)

**Thursday** Oscar Marengo (Greensox), Chris Newham (Hurricanes)

**Friday** Tegan Jones (Titans)

**Sunday** Adam Hugill (Camels), Lindsay O’Farrell (Lions)

## End of season Ball

Every year we have a Ball after the league finishes to celebrate the successes and memories of the season, and to hand out all the awards for MVP, home-run trophy, and of course the shields and medals for the divisional winners. This year is no exception, and the Annual End-of-Season Ball will be on **Saturday 4th November** at the **Radison Hotel**. The event will be a black-tie event and to book your tickets you can either e-mail Kellie Whitaker (jugsy44@googlemail.com) or speak to Ian Caird. Tickets are £40, but if you pay before the season ends there is an early-bird discount of £5. If anyone does have any special dietary needs please also let us know about them when booking.

It is always a great fun event and it would be great to see lots of people there to celebrate all the achievements of 2017.



## Missing box scores (2nd August)

### Division 1

**Dodgers** 2 0 4 9 3 1 **19**

**Lightning** 1 0 0 0 3 0 **4**

RAR, Umpire Al green, Pitch 6

HR: **DOD** David Dyson

**Greensox** 1 0 0 0 3 2 1 **7**

**Lions** 1 3 0 0 5 3 x **12**

Umpire Ian Caird, Pitch 9

HRs: **GRX** Paul Kidley, Sean Miley; **LIO**

Michelle Collier, Gordon Milson 2

**Meerkats** 0 0 3 2 0 2 0 **7**

**Mavericks** 0 1 4 3 0 0 x **8**

Umpire Charlie Everitt, Pitch 2

HR: **MKT** Linni Mitchell (MHM)

### Division 2

**Camels** 0 0 3 0 1 0 3 **7**

**Speeders** 0 2 3 0 3 0 x **8**

Pitch 4

HRs: **CAM** Phil Norton 2; **SPE** Steve

Kellett

**Mutineers** 4 0 5 0 3 3 6 **21**

**Camels II** 0 1 1 0 2 2 4 **10**

Umpire Tony La Fave, Pitch 5

HRs: **MUT** Joe Grantham, Mark Young;

**CM2** Lee Kendrick-Walker

**Sharks** 0 1 0 0 3 1 1 **6**

**Mavericks II** 1 2 7 1 0 0 x **11**

Pitch 3

HRs: **SHA** Paul Colton 2; **MV2** Chris

Gresty, Ian Yates

## Corrections

Alert readers will have noticed that the RS column in last week’s standings was truncated. Apologies.

In last week’s birthdays, Lorraine Wetton was listed as a Blue Jay. She transferred to the Rippers some weeks ago.

Apologies to Stuart Collier and Suchit Desai, whose names should have appeared in the list of Outlaws NSL players, but were obscured in the editing process.

## MVPs 8/9/10 August

<b>Barflies</b>	Jane Mordecai	Aleck Aspinall
<b>Bats</b>	Dawn Yates	Alex Bates
<b>Blue Jays</b>	Jen Williams	Taj Uddin
<b>Camels</b>	Lyndsey Bygrave	Tom Atkinson
<b>Colt 45s</b>	Annie Fallon	John Kaye
<b>Dodgers</b>	Ali Marrs	Suchit Desai
<b>Drizzle</b>	Beth Werakso	Sam Pepper
<b>Enforcers</b>	Nicola Brown	Jordan Wilcock
<b>Freeze</b>	Laura Smith	Chris Frost
<b>Greensox</b>	Julie Lott	Sean Miley
<b>Lightning</b>	<i>Natalie Robinson (PIR)</i> Nathan Barratt	
<b>Lions</b>	Gill Watkinson	Mike Gaskell
<b>Mavericks</b>	Leanne Cracknell	Adam Cole
<b>Mavericks II</b>	Becky Ellis	Chris Gresty
<b>Mayhem</b>	Linni Mitchell	Steve Howard
<b>Meteors</b>	Bryony James	Phil Kirby
<b>Mutineers</b>	Sian McNeil	Joe Grantham
<b>Outlaws</b>	Greg	Bailey
<b>Pirates</b>	Natalie Robinson James Ridgway	
<b>Rebels</b>	Hayley McTear	Matty Thomas
<b>Sharks</b>	Kate Shearer	Liam Harris
<b>Speeders</b>	Vicky Barlow	Chris Lenon
<b>Storm</b>	Marie-Anne Needham	Benji Pearce
<b>Thunder</b>	Chloe Llewellyn	Dave Iverton
<b>Tigers</b>	Sandra Zlatinska	Tony La Fave
<b>Titans</b>	Aimee Dyble	Simon LaFrance
<b>Vipers</b>	Amy Miller	Dave Warren

## MVPs 2/3 August

<b>Camels</b>	Claire Higgs	Phil Norton
<b>Camels II</b>	Helen Rossiter	Lee Kendrick-Walker
<b>Dodgers</b>	Ali Marrs	<i>Steve Kellett (SPE)</i>
<b>Greensox</b>	Vicky Green	Mike Lott
<b>Lightning</b>	Becci Wadeson	Richard Sarver
<b>Lions</b>	Michelle Collier	Gordon Milson
<b>Mavericks</b>	<i>Emma Carruthers (THU)</i> Ian Bleas	
<b>Mavericks II</b>	Claire Matthews	Paul Waters
<b>Meerkats</b>	Sonia Hine	Matt Fairweather
<b>Mutineers</b>	Kate Williamson	Mark Young
<b>Outlaws</b>	Kyrstye Hewitt	Richard Goar
<b>Pirates</b>	Faye Dunlop	Marco Doria
<b>Rippers</b>	Lorraine Wilton	Paul Duffy
<b>Sharks</b>	Kate Shearer	Paul Colton
<b>Speeders</b>	Claire Heathcote	Steve Kellett
<b>Tigers</b>	Sandra Zlatinska	Dann Downes

All names appear exactly as they were written on the score sheet.

Lions a win away from title  
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**Speeders** was a little closer. **Sharks** beat **Mavs II** in the division's other game. The relegation-free but nevertheless ignominious bottom position is still "available" to both **Sharks** and **Camels II**, who rested last week.

**DIDSBURY Bats** clinched the Division 3 title with a 17-10 defeat of **Storm**. The **Outlaws'** mercy win over the **Tigers** means the race for the second promotion spot looks like going to the wire. The bottom three places are now fixed with two games to go, so those teams will be playing for the fun of it.

IN Division 4, **Rebels** confirmed their promotion with a 23-16 win over the **Barflies** which was called for bad-light one third of the way through the bottom of

the 5th. With the home team leading, five innings had effectively been completed, so the game was regulation, and officials saw no reason to roll the score back. **Hackers**, already promoted, mercied **Titans** while **Hurricanes**, failing to find sufficient fielders, faced forfeit to **Phoenix**.

**ENFORCERS** in Division 5 have also had difficulty finding players on a weekly basis, and have used more than 40 different players, including guests, this season. But despite playing one short they beat the **Blue Jays** 7-4, matching their own record for the season's lowest aggregate score. **Colt 45s**, who beat the **Meteors** 24-11, are now their closest rivals for the inaugural Division 5 title. The pair meet on the final day in what could be the title decider.

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## Home runs—leading hitters

### Division 1 Female

5 – Michelle Collier (LIO)  
3 – Sherry Kenyon (MAV), Kathryn Mullin (GRX)

### Division 1 Male

14 – Anthony Reyes (DOD)  
8 – Danny Gunn (GRX), Pete Nightingale (MAV)\*\*  
7 – Luis Arrevillegas (THU), Dave Leverton (THU)  
6 – Luis Congote (LIO), Gordon Milson (LIO)

5 – Baljit Ahluwalia (MAV), Chris Chu (MKT), David Dyson (DOD), Paul Kidley (GRX), Adam Roberts (LIO)

4 – David Dyson (DOD), Mike Gaskell (LIO)\*\*, Paul Kidley (GRX), Tyler Lappage (DOD)\*, Jon Taylor (LIG)

### Division 2 Female

2 – Jan Bradley (MAV), Kate Williamson (MUT)  
1 – Emma Bennett (SPE), Lyndsey Bygrave (CAM), Jo Gardiner (MV2), Claire Higgs (CAM), Tanya Lochery (MV2), Natasha Miotk (MUT), Linni Mitchell (MHM), Helen Rossiter (CM2), Rachel Sewell (CM2)

### Division 2 Male

17 – Tom Atkinson (CAM)\*\*  
16 – Joe Grantham (MUT)  
14 – Paul Colton (SHA)  
10 – Phil Norton (CAM)  
9 – Dave Martin-Baez (SHA)  
7 – Rich Thompson (MHM)\*  
5 – Ed Covington (MHM)\*, Adam Faloon (SPE), Rolf Herbert (MUT), Steve Howard (MHM)

### Division 3 Female

3 – Su O'Brien (PIR)  
1 – Pamela Bauer (BAT), Annie Downes (TIG), Faye Dunlop (PIR), Alyssa Jones (TIG), Ellie Phillips (DRZ), Natalie Robinson (PIR)

### Division 3 Male

14 – Mario Ruedo (STO)  
10 – Ross Birch (BAT), James Ridgway (PIR)  
9 – Michael Miah (TIG)  
7 – Dan Downes (TIG), Brad Hadwin (DRZ), Miguel Martinez (STO)\*

6 – Alex Bates (BAT)  
5 – Tom Huntley (STO), Jerry Seabridge (BAT)  
4 – Shane Coyles (PIR), Marco Doria (PIR), Khwaja (BAT), Dean Phillips (DRZ), Zac Rayson (RIP), Chris Thompson (OUT), Ian Williams (PIR)\*, Ed Woodcock (RIP)  
3 – Steve Bartlett (STO), Paul Duffy (RIP)  
2 – Max Fagan (BAT), Richard Goar (OUT), Humberto Soto (DRZ), Greg Spiers (OUT)

### Division 4 Female

9 – Hayley McTear (REB)  
7 – Sarah Cassin (REB)  
3 – Katie Flanagan (TTN)  
2 – Jacqui Ng (TTN)

### Division 4 Male

19 – Alec Aspinall (BFL)  
17 – Richard Taylor (TTN)  
10 – Darren Corner (HAC)\*  
9 – Conor Battersby (REB), Ryan Noble (PHX)  
8 – Daniel Johansson (HAC), Carl McCarthy (HUR), Chris Radford (BFL)  
7 – Dave Eaton (REB)  
5 – Tom Scott (PHX)\*, Chris Smith (BFL), Jono Wrigley (BLJ)  
4 – Julian Jones (REB)\*, Ian Mills (HAC), Joe Mills (HAC)\*, Ian Radford (HAC)  
3 – Dilan Bastiampillai (HUR), Simon Grainger (TTN), Mark Griffin (HUR)\*, Dan Hocking (TTN), Ben Hughes (PHX), Paul Warburton (BFL), Chuan Fu Yap (REB)

### Division 5 Female

2 – Nikki Pugh (COL)  
1 – Annie Fallon (COL), Amy Miller (VIP), Eleanor Swallow (COL)

### Division 5 Male

13 – Phil Cosgrove (COL)  
10 – John Kaye (COL)  
7 – Jonno Wrigley (BLJ), Taj Ud-din (BLJ)  
6 – Anthony Henderson (VIP)\*  
5 – Scott Barton (VIP)  
4 – Tom Nolan (VIP), Dave Warren (VIP), Jordan Wilcock (ENF)  
3 – Adam Ashby (FRZ)\*\*, Steve Beddows (FRZ), Tom Currie

(COL), Mike Davies (ENF), Phil Kirby (MET)\*, Simon Ronsley (BLJ)

2 – Chris Bowers (ENF), Rolf Herbert (ENF), Shane Hunt (MET), Michael Murray (BLJ), Dave Olsen (MET), Karl Walsh (MET), Paul Wolstenholme (FRZ)

## Indoor league



As the final weeks of the MSL are drawing ever closer, it is time to start thinking about the Manchester *Indoor* Softball League. The Indoor League has proved itself to be a great method of recruiting in the off season and a superb way to keep your eye in during the autumn and winter months.

The format is different to the outdoor game, with 4&4 men&women playing *timed* innings versus various teams each week. It is fast paced and social, with teams staying for a post game pint at the bar on site.

Venue: Powerleague, Trafford Way, M17 8DD

Time: Tuesdays 7-9pm

The Autumn League will run for 10 weeks starting on 3rd October with the final games on 5th December 2017.

As we have limited space, places will be given on a first come first served basis - once deposit is paid your place is secure.

To register for the Manchester Indoor Softball League Autumn 2017 season send your team name and £60 deposit to: Manchester Indoor Softball League acc no 72091293 sort code 09-01-28.

Registration closes August 31st 2017.

If you have any questions please email [Linni.Mitchell@BSUK.com](mailto:Linni.Mitchell@BSUK.com)

## Next week's games - Week 17 (22/23/24 Aug)

And so the final countdown ....

### Division 1

**Greensox v Lions** (2, IC) Last meeting 2 August, Lions won 12-7. Greensox lead in all games 21-11, but more importantly, that win squared the head-to-heads this season. Depending on results this week, this game could yet be the title decider.

#### **Thunder v Mavericks** (5)

Last meeting 21 June, Thunder won 17-9, tying up the head-to-heads for this season, and reducing the all-time deficit to 9-11.

**Meerkats v Lightning** (3, MD) Last meeting 28 June, Lightning won 24-17, avenging Meerkats' win two weeks earlier. The Kats are 6-1 up in all meetings, and this one will decide who stays in Division 1 whatever happens this week.

Dodgers rest

### Division 2

**Camels v Mutineers** (4, MG) Last meeting 5 July, Camels won 25-3, making it 1-1 in head-to-heads. The all-time series is very close, 12-11 to the Camels. Both teams are already promoted, and anything could happen this week in this very tight division, but expect this to be the title decider.

**Speeders v Mayhem** (9, CE) Last meeting 26 July, Speeders won 10-9 to take a 3-2 all-time lead. The pair are playing mainly for pride this time.

**Camels II v Sharks** (6) Last meeting 5 July, Sharks won 24-7 to make it two out of two. With no relegation, avoiding bottom spot is only a matter of pride.

Mavericks II rest

### Division 3

**Outlaws v Storm** (6, LA) Last scheduled meeting 6 July, Storm forfeited. Outlaws have won 11 of the 13 meetings.

**Tigers v Bats** (7, DD) Last meeting 20 July, Bats won 20-14: their second win this season tied the all-time series at 2-2.

**Rippers v Drizzle** (8, BA) Last meeting 29 June, Drizzle won 22-7, their third win in four meetings.

Pirates rest

### Division 4

*Astonishingly, four of the six games next Tuesday pair up teams who last met on opening day. What are the odds?*

**Barflies @ Phoenix** (1, TLF) Last meeting 2 May, Phoenix won 23-13 on the opening day, with fixture fate decreeing that the Flies have had to wait all season for their revenge. Phoenix lead in this, the division's most-played fixture, 8-6.

**Rebels @ Hackers** (3, AR) Last meeting 2 May, Hackers won 11-7. Another pair who have had to wait all season to meet, this time with both already promoted, Hackers will be champions by the time they meet if they beat Phoenix this

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**Hurricanes** 0  
**Phoenix** 20  
 Forfeit

**Titans** 1 1 2 0 0 4  
**Hackers** 9 2 5 5 x 21  
 RAR, Umpire Stephen Shearer, Pitch 1  
 HRs: **HAC** Daniel Johansson 2

### Division 5

**Blue Jays** 0 1 0 0 1 2 0 4  
**Enforcers** 0 2 2 0 1 2 7  
 Umpire Luis Arrebillagas, Pitch 4

**Colt 45s** 4 2 1 3 7 4 3 24  
**Meteors** 4 3 0 2 0 2 0 11  
 Umpire Pete Nightngale, Pitch 7  
 HRs: **COL** Tom Currie 2, John Kaye;  
**MET Phil Kirby** (GS)

**Freeze** 0 1 0 0 2 0 3  
**Vipers** 1 7 2 4 2 2 18  
 RAR, Umpire Mike Goff, Pitch 6

week, so the Rebels' main aim would be to spoil their perfect season. On the other hand, a shock Phoenix win this week could make this game a title decider, with Rebels needing to win by 5.

**Titans @ Hurricanes** (2, SS) Last meeting 6 June, Titans won 19-10 to square the all-time series at 1-1.

### Division 5

**Colt 45s @ Enforcers** (6, MG) Only previous meeting 11 July (Division 4), Colts won 11-10. Depending on this week's results, this could well be the title decider.

**Freeze @ Blue Jays** (7, ML) Only previous meeting 2 May (Division 4), Blue Jays won their first ever game in MSL 33-8.

**Meteors @ Vipers** (4, TS) Only previous meeting 2 May (Division 4), Vipers won 27-1.

# RESULTS AND STANDINGS - Games played 8/9/10 August

## Division 1

**Greensox** 3 0 0 0 0 0 3  
**Thunder** 1 4 3 0 1 0 x 9

Umpire Tony La Fave, Pitch 4  
 HR: **THU** Dave Leverton

**Lightning** 0 3 1 0 3 1 1 9  
**Dodgers** 0 7 3 1 1 4 x 16

Umpire Charlie Everitt, Pitch 2  
 HR: **DOD** Anthony Reyes

**Lions** 2 1 3 8 1 2 0 17  
**Mavericks** 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 3

Pitch 3  
 HRs: **LIO** Ed Watkinson, **Mike Gaskell** 2 (1GS)

## Division 2

**Camels** 2 0 5 5 2 1 0 15  
**Speeders** 4 0 1 0 0 6 0 11

Ump Mike Davies, Pitch 5  
 HRs: **CAM** Tom Atkinson 3 (1GS), Adam Hugill, Phil Norton; **SPE** Chris Lennon, **Zac Rayson** (RIP)

**Mayhem** 3 0 1 0 2 6  
**Mutineers** 2 5 3 8 3 21

RAR, Pitch 6  
 HRs: **MHM** Ed Covington; **MUT** Gary Moors 2, Joe Grantham 2, Rolf Herbert

**Sharks** 2 3 0 1 4 1 6 17  
**Mavericks II** 4 1 2 1 0 0 0 8

Umpire Dave Dean, Pitch 9  
 HRs: **SHA** Liam Harris 2; **MV2** Mike Goff

## Division 3

**Bats** 1 1 3 7 5 0 0 17  
**Storm** 0 2 0 1 1 0 6 10

Umpire Mike Davies, Pitch 6  
 HR: **STO** Steve Bartlett

**Pirates** 2 0 3 2 4 2 10 23  
**Drizzle** 1 0 3 1 0 0 4 9

Umpire Baljit Ahluwalia, Pitch 7  
 HRs: **PIR** Marco Doria, James Ridgway 2

**Tigers** 0 1 1 3 0 5  
**Outlaws** 7 7 2 1 3 20

RAR, Umpire Dave Dean, Pitch 8  
 HRs: **OUT** Greg Spiers, **Joe Grantham** (MUT) 2

## Division 4

**Barflies** 2 1 2 8 3 16  
**Rebels** 2 7 9 1 4 23

Game called with 1 out in the bottom of the 5th for bad light, Umpire Mike Lott, Pitch 2

HRs: **BFL** Alec Aspinall 2; **REB** Hayley McTear, **Lee Kendrick-Walker** (CM2)

	P	W	T	L	F	RS	RC	Pct	GB
<b>Division 1</b>									
▶ <b>Lions</b>	13	11	0	2	0	220	86	.846	–
▶ <b>Greensox</b>	13	9	0	4	0	205	157	.692	2
▶ <b>Thunder</b>	13	9	0	4	0	189	151	.692	2
▶ <b>Mavericks</b>	13	8	0	5	0	180	169	.615	3
▶ <b>Dodgers</b>	13	6	0	7	0	189	196	.462	–
▲ <b>Meerkats</b>	12	1	0	11	0	115	224	.083	4½
▼ <b>Lightning</b>	13	1	0	12	0	144	259	.077	5
Greensox above Thunder on head-to-head									
<b>Division 2</b>									
▶ <b>Camels (P)</b>	13	11	0	2	0	228	133	.846	–
▶ <b>Mutineers (P)</b>	13	11	0	2	0	233	120	.846	–
▶ <b>Speeders</b>	13	6	0	7	0	196	202	.462	5
▶ <b>Mayhem</b>	13	6	0	7	0	187	191	.462	5
▶ <b>Mavericks II</b>	13	5	0	8	0	163	188	.385	–
▶ <b>Sharks</b>	13	4	0	9	0	168	214	.308	1
▶ <b>Camels II</b>	12	2	0	10	0	129	256	.167	2½
Camels above Mutineers and Speeders above Mayhem on head-to-head									
<b>Division 3</b>									
▶ <b>Bats (C)</b>	13	13	0	0	0	259	128	1.000	–
▶ <b>Tigers</b>	13	8	0	5	0	183	168	.615	5
▶ <b>Outlaws</b>	13	7	0	6	0	171	127	.538	6
▶ <b>Storm</b>	13	6	0	6	1	174	213	.462	7½
▶ <b>Pirates</b>	13	6	0	7	0	201	213	.462	–
▶ <b>Drizzle</b>	13	4	0	9	0	223	244	.308	2
▶ <b>Rippers</b>	12	1	0	11	0	131	249	.083	4½
<b>Division 4</b>									
▶ <b>Hackers (P)</b>	14	14	0	0	0	284	94	1.000	–
▶ <b>Rebels (P)</b>	14	12	0	2	0	329	167	.857	2
▲ <b>Phoenix</b>	14	9	0	5	0	234	201	.643	5
▼ <b>Titans</b>	14	8	0	6	0	234	197	.571	6
▲ <b>Barflies</b>	14	6	0	8	0	235	211	.429	8
▼ <b>Hurricanes</b>	14	6	0	7	1	196	228	.429	8½
<b>Division 5</b>									
▶ <b>Enforcers</b>	14	9	0	4	1	196	157	.643	31
▲ <b>Colt 45s</b>	14	8	0	6	0	243	189	.571	30
▼ <b>Blue Jays</b>	14	7	0	7	0	221	147	.500	28
▶ <b>Vipers</b>	14	4	0	10	0	204	246	.286	22
▶ <b>Freeze</b>	14	1	0	13	0	141	294	.071	16
▶ <b>Meteors</b>	14	0	0	14	0	96	382	.000	14

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