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This week's games

TUESDAY

Division 3

Sluggababes 2W @ Stingers 2W
(pitch 7, ump Goff)

Interdivisional

Barflies 1W @ Bandidos 1W (3, Hung)

Screwballs 1W @ Enforcers 1W
(2, PFagan)

Seagulls 1L @ Thunder IV 1L (4, Arrevillagas)

Thunder III 1L @ Swingers 1L (6, Sharp)

Tiggers 1L @ Raiders 2L (1, Hugill)

WEDNESDAY

Division 1

Camels 4L @ Mayhem 1W (B, Green)

Greensox 1W @ Thunder 6W (D, Caird)

Mavericks 3W @ Speeders 1L (C, Strayer)

Meerkats 6W @ TravDodgers 3L
(A, Shearer)

Sharks rest

Division 2

Dodgers 1W @ Hackers 2L (H, Creelman)

Freeze 2L @ Mavericks II 1L (G, Davies)

Thunder II 1L @ Bats 4W (E, PFagan)

Titans 3L @ Camels II 3W (F, Wallace)

Tigers rest

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Fair weather—many runs

The season got off to a pleasant start on a sunny and dry Tuesday evening. Although Divisions 3 and 4 are starting off with a combined rotation, only one game was actually interdivisional, and it went to form, with **Stingers** “mercying” **Swingers** in 4 innings, having lent their opponents a player, which is always nice to see. There were also run-ahead rule wins for **Bandidos**, looking more like their previous selves, over **Tiggers** in the all-Div 3 clash. They could become the Boing-Boing

Bandidos if they get promoted (credit Simon Sharp). **Enforcers** likewise “slaughtered” **Thunder IV** in Division 4. Much closer were two games which both ended with 16-14 scorelines. **Screwballs** were leading **Seagulls** 16-5 when, as the light began to fade, the terns mounted a comeback, scoring nine ... not quite enough to take the game into the bottom of the 5th. **Thunder III** got off to a good start, and were still leading the **Sluggababes** 11-6 going into the 5th inning. But the babes shut

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Another GB call-up

Last week we reported how five Manchester-based players had been selected for various GB Men's Fastpitch squads.

Little did we know that a sixth player had also been selected: Thunder IV's **Ben Acton** (pictured opposite) joins the other U16 selections. At the time of writing he wasn't yet an MSL play-

er... because he only became eligible to play this week, after turning 14 last Friday!

Assuming he plays this week against the Seagulls, at 14 years and 4 days, he will become the joint third youngest player to play in our league (since records began): as

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Birthdays

Week beginning May 1st

Monday Hasna Budsworth (Enforcers), Gabby Fagan* (Barflies), Mathew Green* (Green-sox) * same year

Tuesday Matthew Lyons (Tiggers)

Thursday Amilcar Gomez (Mayhem), Ian Mills (Hackers), Peter Rushton (Hackers)



Friday Laricia Bragg (Camels), Jonathan Huck (Travelling Dodgers)

Sunday Mark Crannage (Raiders), Richard Valentine (Raiders)

On this day ...

May 3rd 2000 saw the first softball of the new millennium and a 9-6 win for the HACKERS against the BATS in only their eighth meeting (they have now played each other 39 times in the most-played fixture between founder members). Elsewhere, DODGERS started their season with a 20-20 tie against the Panthers.

The force was evidently with the SPEEDERS on May 4th 2005 when they beat the HACKERS 27-11, though fortunes were reversed when the same pair met 364 days later, Hackers winning 21-12.

Back in 2016, Divisions 3 and 4 kicked off a week before the top two, so May 4th was opening day

in Divs 1 and 2. That week saw an interesting double header as MAV-ERICKS beat CAMELS 28-4, while their respective II teams met the previous evening, Mavs also prevailing.

THUNDERbies used to feature Thunder and Lightning, and this date in history has seen two of them: in 2012 Thunder won their first ever Division 1 meeting with a 24-3 "mercy" win, but their opening-day meeting in 2017 was a much tighter affair, as *Bases Loaded* reported: "The boomers edged ahead until the 5th when the flashers scored eight to take a 16-14 lead. Order was restored in the final two innings with the senior partners prevailing by 18-16."

Another GB call-up

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reported in *Bases Loaded* 28.8 last June, Luis Allan Arrevillagas made his debut on his actual 14th birthday, but an unnamed player was mistakenly allowed to play 23 days short of his birthday a



number of years ago. So Ben is in joint third place, along with Amber Frost, who also debuted four days after turning 14.

Good luck to all our MSL-based GB players.

Photo Clare Acton
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Fair weather—many runs (Continued from page 2)

them out then scored nine to give them a lead which they successfully defended for the remaining 2½ innings. The evening's other game saw the **Barflies**, unmissable in their new kit, and the **Raiders** slugging it out in the week's highest-scoring game. The flies established a decent lead in the first inning after which the two teams scored evenly ... until the top of the 6th when the Barflies quadrupled their lead, scoring 12. Raiders replied with half that many runs, and bad light brought the game to an end with the score 32-22.

Wednesday's weather was similar, the conditions likewise apparently favouring offense: **Bats** and **Freeze** didn't quite match the previous night's 55-run aggregate, but came close: in a game which allowed the two promoted teams to gauge how different Division 2 would be, first Bats then Freeze took the lead, but after six innings it was tied at 18-18. The away team seized the opportunity, scoring 11 to Freeze's 4 to take the win. Camels @ Thunder opened the season in both divisions: in Div 2, it was

a game of two halves as **Thunder II** took the initiative but **Camels II** fought back to win 20-14, while in Division 1 **Thunder's** seniors were never behind against the **Camels**, and a 15-run 4th inning sealed the win. In the evening's closest game, the first ever meeting of the **Dodgers** and **Titans**, it was 7-7 after two, but the evaders inched into the lead, particularly with a 7-run bat-around in the 6th. Titans replied with eight, just one short of the total required to make Dodgers bat again. The **Travelling Dodgers'** defense of their title looked to have got off to a good start, with 11 runs in the opening inning. But **Mayhem** had other ideas and batted steadily to lead 21-16 when the game was called for bad light. **Sharks** led the **Mavericks** for a short while but then the runs dried up in this untypically low-scoring affair, as Mavs won 12-7. **Mavericks II** fared less well against the **Tigers**, who led from start to finish, and look a good tip for promotion. Speeders and Meerkats were granted a postponement, with the former unable to raise a team, and joined the Greensox and Hackers on a well-earned "rest".

League structure: Correction

In last week's issue, we stated that promotion and relegation would be two-up two-down "throughout all four divisions" which would leave Division 3 and 4 "evenly split...". This is evidently not the case with currently seven and five teams in the two divisions as it stands.

We are hoping that a new team will form during this season, giving us a 7&6 split. But even if not, the statement that promotion/relegation will be two-up two-down remains true, and if we have a 7&5 split again next year, the same regime as this year will apply.

The other divisions are unaffected.



Match reports

Donners kebabbed



THUNDER III 6 0 0 5 0 0 3 **14**
SLUGGABABES 1 2 2 1 9 1 x **16**

Pitch 4, Umpire Luis Arrevillagas
THUNDER III Luis Allan Arrevillagas (CR), Luna Sánchez (2B), Michael Mia (P), Lauren Pritchard (LF), Tomm Childs (CL), Amy Somers (1B), Dean Cull (3B), Laura Somers (RF), Dilan Bastiampillai (EP), Ellie Sams (EP), James Warren (SS), Leone Mumford (C)
 HRs: Mia 2, Cull
SLUGGABABES Alex Wardle (SS), Rachael Wake (2B), Joe Wright (1B), Farah Bennett (RF), Johan Lemmers (CL), Georgina Pugh (EP), Tim Roberts (P), Eleanor Harris (3B), Antoon Lemmers (CR), Emma Beall (LF), Mat Tanner (EP), Jess Flaherty (C) (sub Danielle Farthing)
 HR: A Lemmers

A combination of rusty pitching and early season fielding from Sluggababes, plus solid hitting from Thunder resulted in a six-run top of the 1st for the rumblers. But were the slugs downhearted? Well, a bit. But the team spirit built during their championship season enabled them to crawl their way back into the contest. However, no sooner had they got within a run of their opponents than they suffered another big inning and were behind 11-5. In response, as though muscle

memory had kicked in, the molluscs stiffened their defence. And, out of nowhere, the bats came to life. A bat-around 5th put them in command, with skipper Georgina Pugh's double the highlight. Despite a spirited effort in the top of the last, including a cheeky circuit from Michael Mia aided by several ill-directed throws (a lesson here Sluggababes), the gastropods prevailed and the donners were skewered.

Rachael Wake's consistent hitting, competence at 2nd plus top shouting earned her MVP status. Similarly, Antoon Lemmers (pictured) took the LBH award. Illustrating the inclusivity of softball – certainly the MSL



Sluggababe Antoon Lemmers

Photo Tim Roberts

– there were moments when Hims (sic) Ancient & Modern faced each other across the diamond. *Two-out Tim*

MVPs: TH3 A Somers, Cull;
 SLG Wake, A Lemmers

Thunder win high-scoring game



CAMELS 2 6 0 2 10 1 0 21
THUNDER 5 3 0 15 2 4 x **29**

Pitch F, Umpire Mike Davies

CAMELS Jack Scholes (SS), Katie Flanagan (CL), Colin McKie (2B), Sophie Addison (RF), Adam Hugill (LF), Hayley McTear (1B), Gareth Evans (P), Sarah Cassin (3B), Adam Brookbanks (CR), Lara Bragg (C)

THUNDER Kris Hadwin (LF), Beth Jarratt (RF), Joe Grantham (P), Kim Hannessen (CL), Tom Russell (SS), Siân Payne (3B), Brad Hadwin (CR)(sub: Dave Levertton), April Hutchen (1B), Mike Lott (2B), Tanya Burton (C)
 HRs: Hadwin, Russell 2, Grantham, Lott

Thunder's first game of the season saw a debut for Tanya Burton and a second debut for Tom Russell, who returned after a three-year hiatus playing for Greensox.

With captain Kellie Whitaker on the other side of the planet, vice captain Luis Arrevillagas took the reins in what would turn out to be a game where both teams brought their

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bats.

The first inning started with Camels scoring a couple of runs, a lead which was halved with the first swing of a Thunder bat as Kris Hadwin hit a big home run over right field. The rest of the team all took a turn at bat scoring five runs to take a three- run lead.

The second inning saw Camels score six with Thunder adding another three to level the scores at 8-8.

Inning 3 was over very quickly for both sides before Camels scored two in the top of the 4th.

Thunder then batted around the order twice to score 15 runs, threatening an early finish, but Camels had a different idea. Showing some excellent base hitting skills, Camels themselves batted around the order to score ten runs of their own leaving the score 23-20 after 4½ innings. Thunder managed to reply with only a couple of runs.

A single Camels run was answered by four Thunder runs in the 6th inning to leave Camels needing five to keep the game alive. Good defence from Thunder shut the

Camels out in the 7th inning resulting in a 29-21 win in a game featuring some excellent catches and some big home runs.

Mike Lott

MVPs: CAM Addison, Evans; THU Hutchen, Lott

New season, new kit, same old fielding



BARFLIES	8	2	6	3	1	12	32
RAIDERS	2	3	6	3	2	6	22

Bad light, Pitch 6, Umpire Fliss Fagan

BARFLIES Ebby Hassan (SS), Sarah Douglas (LF), Chris Radford (1B), Jade Shaw (3B), Chris Smith (P), Hayley-Jane Sims (2B), Dave Dean (CL), Daisy Lord (RF), Kalpesh Makanji (CR), Claire Holden (C)

HRs: Dean 2, Shaw, Smith

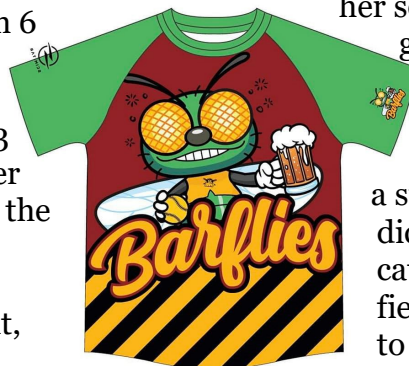
RAIDERS Ross Jubber (P), Nat Wood (3B), Luke Crannage (SS), Lisa Morrissey (3B), Richard Valentine (2B), Kerry Brown (LF), Mark Crannage (CL), Mel Kittles (RF), Jon Pearson (CR), *Abbie de Zwart (HAC)(C)*

HRs: Pearson, L Crannage

Looking resplendent in their new kits (pictured), the Maroon Warriors took to pitch 6 on Tuesday evening to get the 2023 season under way against the Raiders. Played in a superb spirit, this was a cracking game for the neutrals. Forget your tight fielding and your

tactical play (both over-rated concepts) – there were runs aplenty from both sides. Batting first, the Barflies scored eight to open the game and were 16-5 up going into the bottom of the 3rd inning. Things were going well at the start, but it was at this point that we realised that we probably should've spent less money on shirts and invested in some gloves. Some wayward Flies fielding and excellent batting from the Raiders closed the gap to 16-11. A couple of tight innings followed, with the sides fairly evenly matched for runs before the Barflies managed to find their bats and tried to pull away with a 12-run 6th inning. The Raiders responded with six runs of their own to make the final score 32-22.

Special mentions to Jade Shaw for a HR-hitting debut, to Daisy Lord with a couple of great hits in her second ever game (with no practice!), and to Sarah Douglas for a superb, yet ridiculously casual catch in left field! A nice way to start the new season – plenty to work on but not a bad effort considering we've not played for half a year!



Thanks again Raiders for a great game.

Many thanks to tonight's starting shortstop and part-time kit designer Ebby Hassan for producing our new kit. It's a long way from a cheap Fruit of the Loom number with an ironed on motif!

We now have a shirt that has been met with such feedback as "it's interesting", "it's loud", "at least there won't be any kit clashes" and "I quite like it, for some reason". Cheers, Ebby – we love its understated approach! *Chris Radford*

MVPs: BFL Shaw, Radford; RAI Morrissey, Jubber

Bandidos back in their comfort zone



TIGGERS	1 1 0 0	2
BANDIDOS	7 2 9 4	22

RAR, Pitch 2, Umpire Dave Warren

TIGGERS Steve Beddows (P), Lynsey Taylor (RF), Michael Blazek (SS), Rachael Andrews (RC), Harry Schulte (LF)(sub Aiden Peakman), Natasha Wicikowski (2), Matt Lyons (3), Jenna Gamble (1B), Conor O'Sullivan (RC), Jennifer Loubo (C)

BANDIDOS Adam Morrison (CL) (sub Harry Somers), Tanya Lochery (1B), Ross Birch (SS), Loz Birch (2B), Liam Morrison (CR), Carol-Ann Costello (LF), Jason Kneen (3B), Raechel Moss (RF), Nacho Sánchez (P), Kate Davidson (C)

HRs: Lochery, R Birch 2, L Morrison 2, Kneen

After last year's brief flirtation with Wednesday-night ball, Los Bandidos were back on familiar ground, and back to their winning ways with a solid victory over the Tiggers, always well organised even after a warm-up accident to one player undoes all the pre-game planning. Outstanding play in both offence and defence secured the win for the fake Mexicans, and being first in the bar was a big change from last year. Tiggers got off to a bright start with a lead-off run scored before a very smart husband-and-wife 6-4 double play by Loz and Ross Birch. There was more good fielding throughout, with some crisp throws to the ever-dependable Tanya Lochery at 1st—still on our roster for the time being—while Nacho Sánchez has added to his improving pitching a good awareness of the pitcher's other duties once the ball is in play. The outfield had very little to do, but Liam Morrison took a couple of steeping catches in right centre. "Big D" was backed up by the big hitters hitting big, and some aggressive running, sometimes against the base coach's judgment,

with a walk-off home run by the big man despite pleas to stop at 3rd so his missus could get a fourth plate appearance. There was a promising debut for Raechel Moss, and a cameo appearance from the old guy. Relegation can have its positives, an idea very much on your reporter's mind at the moment. *El Niño*

MVPs: TGG Wicikowski, Lyons; BND Lochery, R Birch

New era dawns (at dusk) for the Bats



BATS	4 2 7 0 0 5 11 29
FREEZE	6 0 1 3 3 5 4 22

Pitch A, Umpire Dan Strayer

BATS Chris Frost (SS), Avery Yin Ching (CL), Shawn Khwaja (CR), Suzanne Donovan (1B), Hector Martinez (2B), Amber Frost (3B), Arthur Hung (P), Dawn Yates (RF), Jeremy Dennett (LF), Rachael Morris (C)

HR: Donovan

FREEZE Drew Stanton (SS), Laura Bertalot (LF), Mark Heywood (P), Lorilei Salfred-Ingham (RF), Jonathan Wrigley (CR), Malyn Wainwright (C), Kris Timms (1B), Laurie Salfred-Ingham (3B), Kelby Salfred-Ingham (CL), Emma Aston (2B)

HR: Heywood

It's all change for the Bats this season with promotion to Division 2, some new (and old) recruits and new management with big shoes to fill. Our first game

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turned out to be a high-scoring and good-humoured thriller against Freeze. There was little between us for the first couple of innings, until we pulled ahead by five in the 3rd, only to have our lead cancelled by the 5th with the game tied at 13-13. We hit another five in the 6th, only for the ice cool ones to tie it up again at 18-18. With the light fading, the stage was set for an epic last inning. Known for our crepuscular habits, twilight brought out the best in the Bats and we hit 11, including a spectacular homer from Suzanne Donovan. Now it was a race against the dark to finish the game. Freeze were far from done and came back at us again, but we had a secret weapon in Jez Dennett who used his sonar to take two excellent consecutive catches to finish it, 29-22. Congratulations to new captain Rachel Merrie on leading us to our first victory, and an all-round fine team effort.

Dawn Yates

MVPs: BAT Donovan, Dennett; FRZ Wainwright, Stanton

Tuesday post-match venue “Must do better”

The new Tuesday night post-match venue, the Barlow Croft pub which forms part of the hotel at Parrswood was less than a brilliant success on its first outing. Taken by surprise at the sudden arrival of 50 or more softballers, the two bar staff explained that the kitchen was shut due to a problem with food delivery, claimed that under-18s were not allowed in the bar after 9pm (having happily served a group with three youngsters at 8.50), and dogs weren't allowed at all. They then rang the time bell for last orders at 9.30.

Understaffing had also been a problem when the

same venue hosted the pre-season Captains' meeting.

League social secretary NJ Dyson got onto them the following day and confirmed that they would increase their staff on Tuesday nights in future, and would offer “picky food” that doesn't necessarily have to go through the kitchen. Under-18s and dogs will be welcome.

All of this had in fact been agreed with the manager before the season began, but had not been conveyed to the staff. Fingers crossed for next week.

*HS; additional reporting
NJ Dyson*



Softball records

As the season starts, players might have their eyes on some of the MSL's records, some attainable, some less so.

In the second category are the league's biggest winning margin of 59, achieved by the **Mavericks** on two occasions way back in 1998 and 2001, against the Bats and Runners respectively. With the run-ahead rule, introduced in 2002, that record is unlikely to be broken ... though in 2017 the Meteors lost twice by 43 runs – the record for an RAR defeat – once to Barflies, and once to Colt 45s. The closest anyone got to that last season was the Stingers' 29-run margin in their 33-4 defeat of the Enforcers.

That Mavs win in '98 also saw the highest individual score of 65, though that was matched in 2009 by the **Outlaws** in a game against the Bats in which several new records were set, including the all-time highest aggregate score of 88. Last year's high was the Stingers' 33 runs (37 aggregate) already mentioned.

The Outlaws also featured in the lowest aggregate score when they beat Greensox 2-0 in 2013. Last year's lowest aggregate was 8, which occurred twice, and the lowest winning score was 6, which happened three times (two of which between the same teams, Meerkats and Speeders).

For the narrowest ever win we go all the way back to 1996, just the second year of full records, when **Greensox** beat **Pirates** 35-34, though a year earlier the **Bats** and **M16s** set the oldest record still intact with the highest scoring tie, 37-37. Barflies 26 Screwballs 25 was the tightest game last year, and there was just one tie, 14-14 between Tigers and Mavs II.

An extra inning is not so rare, though more than one is: the record is four, when Mavericks beat Dodgers 15-14 in **11 innings** in July 2017. Three games last year went to extra innings, but all three were resolved in the 8th.

In June 2017, **Colt 45s** scored 36 runs in a single inning against the Mete-

ors, the record highest score in an inning. Last year Stingers got 27 in their 2nd inning against the Enforcers, in the game already mentioned.

We typically have two or three shutouts a year, though the first was not recorded until 1998. The biggest shut out was achieved by the **Speeders** in that year, when they beat the Legal Eagles 53-0. Just one shutout last year: Meerkats v Titans.

There are some home-run records which we will perhaps cover at a future date, but let's end on some active streaks. With 39 consecutive appearances, Emma Miller (Thunder II) is the current leader, but has a long way to reach **Brad Hadwin's** 7-season record of 92 games. With 6 consecutive wins, Thunder and Meerkats lead the race for the **Mavericks'** all-time record of 32 which included a perfect season. Bandidos broke their 13-game losing streak last week, some way from matching the sorry **Dragons'** record of 20 games without a win.

Home runs

Division 1

LBH

2—Dan Downes (TDS), Ant Garcia (MHM), Tom Russell (THU)

1—Joe Grantham (THU), Kris Hadwin (THU), Mike Lott (THU)

Division 2

SBH

1—Suzanne Donovan (BAT)

LBH

1—Ed Covington (TIG), David Dyson (DOD), Mike Haywood (FRZ), Stéphane Karayanis* (TIG), Lee Kendrick-Walker (DOD), Wes Ng (MV2), Oli Potts (CM2), Simon Sharp (TIG), Rich Thompson (TIG), Chris Thwaite (DOD), James Wooderson (CM2)

Division 3

SBH

1—Tanya Lochery (BND)

LBH

2—Ross Birch (BND), AJ Hoysted (SCR), Mike Mia (TH3), Liam Morrison (BND), Josh Normie (STG)

1—Dean Cull (TH3), Jason Kneen (BND), Antoon Lemmers (SLG), Milan Nechvátal (SCR), Dan Strayer (SCR), Kristian Stokwicz (STG)

Division 4

SBH

1—Jade Shaw (BFL)

LBH

2—Dave Dean (BFL)

1—Luke Crannage (RAI), Bryn Davies (ENF), Simon Grainger* (ENF), Jon Pearson (RAI), Chris Smith (BFL), Andy Whatmore (ENF)

* grand slam

Totals for Divisions 3 and 4 include HRs hit in interdivisional games

Last week's MVPs

CAM	Sophie Addison (RF), Gareth Evans (P)
GRX	resting
MAV	Emma Carruthers (3B), Pete Nightingale (SS)
MHM	Linni Mitchel (CL), Ant Garcia (SS)
MKT	game postponed
SHA	Rebecca Ebo (LF), Mike Hulme (SS)
SPE	game postponed
TDS	Natalie Leyland (LC), Oscar Marenco (3B)
THU	April Hutchen (1B), Mike Lott (2B)
BAT	Suzanne Donovan (1B), Jez Dennett (LF)
CM2	Ann Gledson (LF), James Wooderson (CL)
DOD	Lisa Jepson (EP), Brian Slusarek (CR)
FRZ	Malyn Wainwright (C), Drew Stanton (SS)
HAC	resting
MV2	Natalie Dunlop (CL), Dave Martin Baez (SS)
TH2	Fran Layton (LF), Benji Pearce (CR)
TIG	Caroline Drake (RF), Steph K (SS)
TTN	Gabby Kenworthy (CR), Daniel O'Brien (P)
BND	Tanya (1B), Ross (SS)
SCR	Nicky Macaulay (EP), Dan Strayer (P)
SGL	Gemma (1B), Charlie (P)
SLG	Rachael Wake (2B), Antoon Lemmers (CR)
STG	Ellie Hotchkiss (CL), Josh Normie (CR)
TGG	Natasha Whitecowski, (RF) Matt Lyons (CR)
TH3	Amy Somers (1B), Dean Cull (3B)
BFL	Jade Shaw (3B), Chris Radford (1B)
ENF	Rebecca Stevens (1B), Bryn Davies (SS)
RAI	Lisa Morrissey (1B), Ross Jubber (P)
SWI	Molly van Koutrik (2B), Jae Frith (CR)
TH4	Rachel Osbourne (2B), Jamie Acton (3B)

Note: names are reproduced here exactly as submitted on the scoresheets.

Next week's fixtures 9/10 May

Division 1

Camels @ Meerkats (pitch H, Creelman) Last meeting 25 August 2021, Meerkats won 22-9 but trail 3-4 in all meetings (3-5 including unofficial game in 2020).

Greensox @ Mayhem (E, Wallace) Last meeting 29 June 2022, Greensox won 11-7 and lead 8-2 in all meetings.

Mavericks @ Traveling Dodgers (G, Davies) Last meeting 24 August 2022, Mavs won 16-15 to narrow the all-time record to 2-3.

Sharks @ Speeders (F, PFagan) Last meeting 27 July 2021 (Division 2), Sharks won 30-10 and lead 7-6 in all meetings. Thunder rest

Division 2

Bats @ Titans (D, Caird) Last meeting 9 September 2021, Titans won 14-5 and lead 2-1 in all meetings, or 3-2 including two unofficial games in 2020.

Freeze @ Tigers (B, Green) Last meeting 20 July 2021 (Division 3), Freeze won 25-17 to tie up the all-time record at 2-2.

Hackers @ Camels II (A, Somers) Last meeting 30 June 2021, Camels

won 15-14 but trail 3-6 in all meetings.

Mavericks II @ Thunder II (C, Strayer) Last meeting 3 August 2022, Mavs won 12-11 to take a 3-1 lead in all meetings. Dodgers rest

Division 3

Bandidos @ Thunder III (6, PFagan) Last meeting 3 August 2021, Bandidos won 17-16 and lead 2-0 in all meetings. **Stingers @ Screwballs** (3, Hung) First ever meeting.

Interdivisional

Seagulls @ Swingers (2, Hugill) Last meeting 10 August 2021 (Division 4), Seagulls won 18-17, to complete the double.

Sluggababes @ Barflies (1, Carruthers) First ever meeting.

Thunder IV @ Tigers (6, FFagan) Last meeting 28 June 2022 (Division 4), Thunder won 18-17 and lead 2-1 in all meetings.

Division 4

Raiders @ Enforcers (4, Warren) Only previous meeting 10 August 2021, Enforcers won 21-9.

Transfer

Laura Howarth
Seagulls to Barflies

Results (continued from page 12)

THUNDER III 6 0 0 5 0 0 3 14
SLUGGABABES 1 2 2 1 9 1 x 16
Pitch 4, Umpire Luis Arrevillagas
HRs: **TH3** Mike Mia 2, Dean Cull;
SLG Antoon Lemmers

TIGGERS 1 1 0 0 2
BANDIDOS 7 2 9 4 22
RAR, Pitch 2, Umpire Dave Warren
HRs: **BND** Tanya Lochery, Ross
Birch 2, Liam Morrison 2, Jason
Kneen

Interdivisional

SWINGERS 3 0 0 3 6
STINGERS 6 9 3 8 26
RAR, Pitch 1, Umpire Emma Carruthers
HRs: **STG** Josh Normie 2, Kristian
Stokwicz

Division 4

BARFLIES 8 2 6 3 1 12 32
RAIDERS 2 3 6 3 2 6 22
Bad light, Pitch 6, Umpire Fliss Fagan
HRs: **BFL** Dave Dean 2, Jade Shaw, Chris Smith; **RAI** Jon Pearson, Luke Crannage

THUNDER IV 0 2 2 2 0 6
ENFORCERS 6 2 12 2 x 22
RAR, Pitch 3, Umpire Mike Goff
HRs: **TH4** Ed Woodcock (**TH2**) 2;
ENF Bryn Davies, Andy Whatmore,
Simon Grainger (GS)

Guests

UP/SAME

Farrah Bennett
(Sluggababes) for Camels II
v Thunder II

Jeremy Fothergill (Speeders)
for Sharks v Mavericks

DOWN

Abbie de Zwart (Hackers) for
Raiders v Barflies

Demi Rabette (Stingers) for
Swingers v Stingers

Angie Thompson (Dodgers)
and Ed Woodcock (Thunder
II) for Thunder IV v Enforcers

Results and Standings

Played 25/26 Apr

Standings Week 1

Division 1

CAMELS 2 6 0 2 10 1 0 21
THUNDER 5 3 0 15 2 4 x 29

Pitch F, Umpire Mike Davies
 HRs: **THU** Kris Hadwin, Tom Russell 2, Joe Grantham, Mike Lott

MAVERICKS 0 1 3 3 5 0 0 12
SHARKS 2 2 0 0 3 0 0 7

Pitch H, Umpire Jonny Creelman

MEERKATS @ SPEEDERS

Postponed. To be played 30 August

TR DODGERS 11 2 2 0 1 16
MAYHEM 6 6 5 4 x 21

Bad light, Pitch G, Umpire Paul Fagan

HRs: **TDS** Dan Downes 2; **MHM** Ant Garcia 2

Division 2

BATS 4 2 7 0 0 5 11 29
FREEZE 6 0 1 3 3 5 4 22

Pitch A, Umpire Dan Strayer
 HR: **BAT** Suzanne Donovan; **FRZ** Mike Haywood

CAMELS II 1 1 0 7 5 2 4 20
THUNDER II 2 2 0 5 1 4 0 14

Pitch B, Umpire Ian Caird
 HRs: **CM2** James Wooderson, Oli Potts

TIGERS 6 0 4 1 3 1 5 20
MAVERICKS II 4 0 1 1 1 0 3 10

Pitch D, Umpire Harry Somers
 HRs: **TIG** Ed Covington, **Steph Karayanis**, (GS), Simon Sharp, Rich Thompson; **MV2** Wes Ng

TITANS 1 6 0 0 1 2 8 18
DODGERS 5 2 0 2 3 7 x 19

Pitch E, Umpire Alan Green
 HRs: **DOD** Chris Thwaite, Lee Kendrick-Walker, David Dyson

Division 3

SEAGULLS 4 0 1 0 9 14
SCREWBALLS 6 2 7 1 x 16

Bad light, Pitch 7, Umpire Simon Sharp

HRs: **SCR** Milan Nechvátal, AJ Hoysted 2, Dan Strayer

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	P	W	T	L	F	RS	RC	Pts%	GB
Division 1									
Mavericks	1	1	0	0	0	12	7	1.00	-
Mayhem	1	1	0	0	0	21	16	1.00	-
Thunder	1	1	0	0	0	29	21	1.00	-
Greensox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		½
Meerkats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		½
Speeders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		½
Sharks	1	0	0	1	0	7	12	.333	1
Trav Dodgers	1	0	0	1	0	16	21	.333	1
Camels	1	0	0	1	0	21	29	.333	1
Division 2									
Tigers	1	1	0	0	0	20	10	1.00	-
Camels II	1	1	0	0	0	20	14	1.00	-
Dodgers	1	1	0	0	0	19	18	1.00	-
Bats	1	1	0	0	0	29	22	1.00	-
Hackers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		½
Titans	1	0	0	1	0	18	19	.333	1
Thunder II	1	0	0	1	0	14	20	.333	1
Mavericks II	1	0	0	1	0	10	20	.333	1
Freeze	1	0	0	1	0	22	29	.333	1
Division 3									
Bandidos	1	1	0	0	0	22	2	1.00	-
Stingers	1	1	0	0	0	26	6	1.00	-
Screwballs	1	1	0	0	0	16	14	1.00	-
Sluggababes	1	1	0	0	0	16	14	1.00	-
Seagulls	1	0	0	1	0	14	16	.333	1
Thunder III	1	0	0	1	0	14	16	.333	1
Tiggers	1	0	0	1	0	2	22	.333	1
Division 4									
Enforcers	1	1	0	0	0	22	6	1.00	-
Barflies	1	1	0	0	0	32	22	1.00	-
Thunder IV	1	0	0	1	0	6	22	.333	1
Swingers	1	0	0	1	0	6	26	.333	1
Raiders	1	0	0	1	0	22	32	.333	1