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This week's games

TUESDAY

Division 3

Bandidos 1W @ Screwballs 8W
(pitch 6, umpire Huggill)

Thunder III 1W @ Seagulls 1L (1, Goff)

Tiggers 1L @ Sluggababes 2W (3, Arrevillagas)

Interdivisional

Stingers 5W @ Raiders 2L (4, F Fagan)

Division 4

Enforcers 5L @ Barflies 3W (2, Warren)

Thunder IV 9L @ Swingers 2L (7, P Fagan)

WEDNESDAY

Division 1

Camels 3W @ Greensox 1L (C, Strayer)

Mayhem 2L @ Speeders 1L (J, Somers)

Meerkats 3L @ Sharks 1W (B, Caird)

Travelling Dodgers 1L @ Thunder 2W (D, Green)

Mavericks rest

Division 2

Freeze 8L @ Camels II 3W (G, Wallace)

Mavericks II 2L @ Bats 1W (F, P Fagan)

Thunder II 2W @ Dodgers 7W (H, Creelman)

Tigers 1L @ Hackers 2L (E, Davies)

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Serious injury halts game

This week's round-up is dominated by the serious injury sustained by **Travelling Dodgers'** pitcher Annie Downes (see second story, below) in their game against **Greensox**, which was abandoned in the 5th inning, to be resumed when the teams meet in the second rotation, conditions permitting. Elsewhere, leaders **Mavericks** completed the first rotation unbeaten, though **Meerkats** ran them close, scoring 12 in the 1st inning, and leading 19-9 after three. But it was a game of two halves as the Mavs re-

duced the deficit to just one run, then got both their offence and defence going to take the win 26-24. The Shearers returned from holiday to lead **Sharks** to only their second win of the campaign, against **Mayhem**, who never really got going: final score 13-5. And after the previous week's win, **Speeders** were back in the runners-up berth after a five-inning "mercy" by **Thunder** in their first meeting for 13 years.

Division 2 saw as close a game as you'd want be-

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Best wishes to Annie

All of MSL was shocked to hear of the serious injury to Travelling Dodgers' pitcher Annie Downes in their game last week. A collision at home plate left Annie briefly unconscious but after excellent first aid skills by Andy Rawson, she was taken to hospital where it was later re-

vealed that she had a broken cheekbone and nose. Concerns that she had also broken her collarbone were allayed after an X-ray determined that it was 'only' badly bruised.

Good wishes from other teams flooded the captains' WhatsApp group,

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Birthdays

Week beginning June 19th

Monday Rachael Gavanaghan (Mavericks II), Beth Jarratt (Thunder)

Tuesday Philip Kirby (Thunder II), Mat Tanner (Sluggababes)

Wednesday Nathan Barratt (Mayhem), David Eaton (Thunder II), Pete Nightingale (Mavericks)

Thursday Danny Gunn (Mavericks)

Friday Mandy Knight (Dodgers), Elaine Sams (Thunder III)

Saturday Mandy Ashton (Barflies), Ellie Buckley* (Mavericks), Benjamin Pearce* (Thunder II), Kevin Tange (Mayhem)

* same year

On this day ...

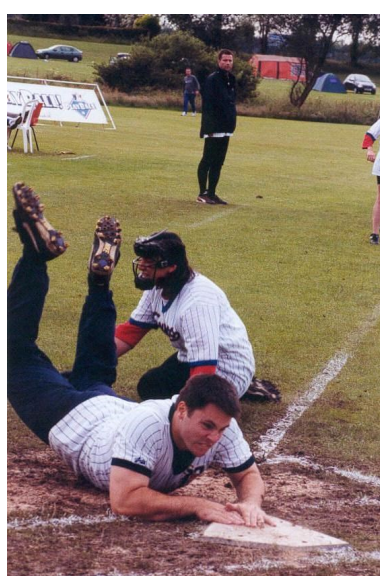
21st June 2000 saw Manchester host the Major League Baseball Softball Tournament. This was a regular event in those days, normally held in London of course (no Farnham Park in those days), sponsored by the MLB. It involved nearly 60 teams from all over the UK and Ireland, each kitted out (and renamed) with MLB team uniforms. A highlight was the all-Manchester final in the Comp II competition between the then big rivals, Mavericks and Renegades, rebranded as Yankees and Expos respectively, which is why they are wearing similar uniforms in this classic picture sequence (by Dave Wareham) showing Pete Nightingale evading Lisa Mayhew's tag to score.

MSL featured on Channel



5's weekly baseball programme, presented by Jonny Gould, who came up for the tournament and can be seen showing off his MSL T-shirt in this picture, alongside co-presenter Tod 'The Moose' Macklin.

It was the first time Manchester had been 'trusted' to host a national event, and paved the way for future events up here. As Lisa Mayhew's report in the *Review* said, "the great big red gleaming cherry on the cake was no long drive home after it was over."



Serious injury halts game (Continued from page 2)

tween the **Camels'** and **Mavericks'** respective **IIs**. The junior bactrians led early doors, while the steers scored slowly but steadily, but needing three in the bottom of the 7th to take the game into extra innings left the tying run stranded on 3rd base. **Tigers** trailed the **Bats** for most of the game, though only by a few runs, until an 11-run 5th inning saw them off. Stalwart Jerry Seabridge marked his return from retirement with a grand slam. **Titans** eased their way past **Hackers** with a run-ahead rule win in six innings, while the meeting of unbeaten **Dodgers** and the winless **Freeze** went the way you might have predicted, with a 28-2 win for the league leaders.

Last Tuesday was apparently "World Softball

Day" - who knew? - and was suitably marked by another beautiful sunny south Manchester evening, and a record-equalling total of six grand slams across the six games. Four of the games ended up as run-ahead rule wins, with **Barflies** guaranteed (barring forfeits) to be top of Division 4 going into the turn-around in three weeks' time. They beat **Thunder IV** 40-20, in a game that featured three of the aforementioned slams, and a total of 12 home runs by seven different batters. Considerably tighter was the potentially confusing SGL@SLG initials derby in which **Seagulls** led 8-6 after two, then there were five shut-out half-innings before **Sluggababes** took a 9-8 lead. The gulls went ahead again

with a second bat-around inning in the 6th but the babes matched that score, sandwiching a final-inning shut-out, to nick the win 16-15. The other all-Div 3 affair saw

Thunder III bounce the **Tiggers** with seven runs in both 1st and 2nd innings, with an eve-of-birthday homer for Laura

Somers and, despite a brief flurry in the 3rd, a 27-11 "mercy" win in five. **Enforcers** trailed the **Stingers** for the entire game, but never by more than two or three

runs, eventually losing 17-13 in 6½ innings. But two games ended after four innings with 20-run deficits for **Swingers** against **Bandidos**, and **Raiders** against **Screwballs**, perhaps not the best preparation for this week's meeting of the two title rivals.



Best wishes to Annie (Continued from page 2)

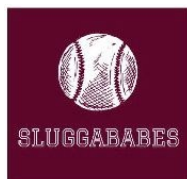
and are echoed by *Bases Loaded*.

TDs captain Jonny Huck noted that players were naturally hugely upset by the incident, as was the player involved, who need not be named—nor blamed.

But Huck added "On a practical point it may be a good time to remind players that when there is a play at home the runner should be sliding in. I see players with grazes across their calf or shins that look sore from sliding but the alternative is something like last night where there was a mismatch in

size, with the player running at full speed and a more significant injury was sustained. There was no malice in the incident but it wasn't pleasant viewing, nor was the aftermath of lots of blood, and a player seemingly losing consciousness momentarily whilst on the ground."

Match reports



G B Joe: The Ball-game

SEAGULLS 1 7 0 0 0 7 0 15
SLUGGABABES 5 1 0 0 3 2 5 16
 Pitch 3, Umpire Paul Fagan

SEAGULLS Charlie Whalley (P), Gemma Wallace (1B), Carl Emsley (SS), Hollie Glennie (3B), Dave Grice (LF), Rebecca Cowley (CL), Ant Henderson (2B), Phoebe Kay (RF), Dave Gittins (CR), Cindy Chong (C)
 HRs Whalley 2, Henderson, Emsley 2, Grice
SLUGGABABES Alex Wardle (SS), Rachael Wake (2B), Joe Wright (CL), Emma Beall (LF), Tim Roberts (1B), Georgina Pugh (3B), Mat Tanner (CR), Danielle Farthing (C), *Joe Grantham (THU)* (P), Jess Flaherty (RF)
 HRs Wardle, Grantham

As we head towards *Bases Loaded* issue 1000, once again we find ourselves at Parrs Wood. It's the bottom of the last. The Slugs trail by four. Two runs score. Now Danielle Farthing is on 2nd. Mat Tanner represents the tying run on 1st. 'GB Joe' Grantham comes to the plate... *to be continued.*

It started well for the home team: holding the Gulls to a single in the 1st and putting up a five-spot themselves. And Joe Grantham's pitching

enforced a total of four doughnuts on the laridae. However, the curse of the big inning struck twice as the Southportians scored seven in both the 2nd and the 6th with Charlie Whalley and Carl Emsley leading the slugging.

Previously on Sluggavision – it's the 7th inning and the gastropods still trail by two. Here's the pitch. It's over the heart of the plate. Thwack! The ball arcs over the centre-fielders. Three runs score (even Gerald and Daphne are stunned – 'chapeau' Ian Mills).

Two-out Tim

MVPs Glennie, Whalley (SGL), Wake, Wardle (SLG)



2021 rookie derby means another Screwball win

RAIDERS 4 1 1 1 7
SCREWBALLS 8 2 3 14 27
 RAR, Pitch 7, Umpire Simon Sharp

The lighter shade of blue prevails against the red in a Manchester derby. Must mean Screwballs toppled Raiders again. Sorry City fans: you're riding high enough as it is right now.

RAIDERS Ross Jubber (P), Nat Wood (3B), Mark Crannage (CL), Kerry Brown (LF), Richard Valentine (SS), Mel Kittles (CR), Alex Wall (2B), Lisa Morrissey (1B), *Stéphane Karayannis (TIG)* (RF), *Abbie de Zwart (HAC)* (C)

HRs Karayannis 2

SCREWBALLS AJ Hoysted (CL), Hannah Tillyard (2B), Milan Nechvátal (SS), Rachel Loggenberg (RF), Naveed Ahmed (P), Carola Guevara (LF), Zak Morris (EP), Catherine Millan (C), Dan Strayer (1B), Emma Swarsbrick (3B), Isaac Howard (CR) (sub Lee Harvey), Kathryn Craine (EP)
 HRs Hoysted 2, Strayer, Morris

Renewing the rivalry of mid-season rookie development teams, the pink and blue wrecking crew needed just four innings to remain unbeaten against Manchester Raiders, sealing a 27-7 early run-ahead rule triumph in interdivisional play at Parrs Wood. Their winning streak intact, Screwballs (8-0) head into their showdown with Bandidos (7-1) atop MSL Division 3. Screwballs have never lost to Raiders since their expansion start in 2021, pushing the overall mark to four wins in four tries.

As members of separate divisions, it will be the only regular season meeting between the two clubs.

The Raiders (1-7) started

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Match reports *(Continued from page 5)*

the game hot, putting up four runs in the opening frame. They could have had more: Richard Valentine snuck a long drive into the gap for a sure RBI triple, but got greedy and tried to make it a four-bagger. A slick relay from Isaac Howard to Hannah Tillyard to Dan Strayer to Caz Millan cut him down at home for a big first out.

Two outs later, the wrecking crew batted around in a dizzying bottom half of the 1st inning. An eighth home run for AJ Hoysted (*pictured*), plus a sparkling debut from newcomer Kat Craine, pushed Screwballs into an 8-4 advantage. They would not relinquish the lead.

Alternating the pitching between starter Naveed Ahmed and Strayer, Screwballs would only allow a single run in each of the next three innings. Guest Stéphane Karayannis blasted a pair of solo homers off Strayer, but that was all the damage the navy and red could manage.

Hoysted stayed hot, blasting his team-leading eighth longball of the sea-

son to lead off the bottom of a two-run 2nd inning. Strayer followed suit with his seventh of the year to highlight a three-run 3rd, pushing the lead to 13-6.

Though the Raiders mustered another tally to cut the deficit to six runs, the rout was on in the last half of the 4th. Awaiting



their “usual 14-run inning” (as has become customary in recent weeks), the pink and blue wrecking crew indeed registered the equivalent of two touchdowns and extra points to seal the victory.

Screwballs totalled 14 hits in the frame with big tallies from catcher Millan and small-ball MVP and outfielder Carola Guevara. They then closed out

the 4th-inning run-ahead rule victory on the back of large-ball MVP Zak Morris. Morris, an original Screwball, promptly drilled a grand slam, which proved to be the walk-off hit that kept Screwballs atop the Division 3 standings for the second week in a row.

Morris tallied seven RBIs on the strength of a four-hit day, scoring four runs. Hoysted also recorded four base knocks, scoring three runs of his own. Strayer drove in five, while Ahmed posted three hits and drove in four. Co-captains Tillyard and Millan, as well as former Raiders Milan Nechvátal and Rachel Loggenberg, and sophomore stud Emma Swarsbrick, had three hits apiece.

An offensive picture of balance despite having just four innings to score, six individual Screwballs tallied at least three runs.

NEXT WEEK: Screwballs will have to work very hard to put up another 14-run inning Tuesday night. It's showdown week for midseason bragging rights to Division 3, as they welcome Bandidos at Parrs Wood. Though technically in third place, Bandidos

hold the fewest runs conceded in the division, undercutting the Screwballs by 54. A pink and blue loss could engender a three way tie at the top of the table, provided second-place Stingers (7-1) outlast host Raiders on Pitch 4 Tuesday night. Whatever the result, a competitive, down-to-the-wire second half awaits in Division 3.

Dan Strayer

MVPs Brown, Jubber (RAI),
Guevara, Morris (SCR)



Nacho takes one for the team

BANDIDOS	9 9 0 7	25
SWINGERS	4 0 1 0	5

RAR, Pitch 4, Umpire Mike Goff

BANDIDOS Adam Morrison (CL), Loz Birch (2B), Ross Birch (SS), Jane Langford (1B), Jason Kneen (3B) (sub Harry Somers), Carol Ann Costello (LF), Liam Morrison (CR), Kate Davidson (RF), Nacho Sánchez (P) (sub Jacob Arnison), Donna Brierly (C)
HRs R Birch, Kneen, L Morrison
SWINGERS Rhianne Boag (2B), Pete Gordon (P), Rachel Downs (CL), Ben Leeks (SS), Ben Rocca (LF), *Laurie Salfred-Ingham (FRZ)* (C), Sam Webb (1B), *Lorilei Salfred-Ingham (FRZ)* (RF)

Having been stung by the Stingers the previous week, Bandidos were keen not to be swung by the Swingers ... and so it turned out, with a no-

nonsense four-inning “mercy” set in place by Jason Kneen’s 1st-inning grand slam and despite a nasty-looking injury to pitcher Nacho Sánchez, stopping a throw to 1st with his noggin (*pictured*) — comparatively trivial however next to the injury we heard about 24 hours later: best wishes for a speedy recovery to Annie. Following BSF protocols, Sánchez sat out the remainder of the game, Ross Birch taking over on the mound. The starting pitcher, in retrospect, seemed quite pleased with his resulting 1.000 batting average for the game, with a run

scored and two RBIs. Apart from the slammer, play of the day was a relay from Adam Morrison in the outfield, via Kneen to Birch, covering home plate, to prevent Ben Leeks from scoring a homer. Jane Langford was well-deserved small-ball MVP, with some great stretches to snaffle anything and everything hurled in roughly her direction. Kneen unsurprisingly got the LBH nomination. Next up, the undefeated league-leading Screwballs: can we possibly ruin their cocktail party?

El Niño

MVPs Langford, Kneen (BND), Downs, Gordon (SWT)



NSL round 2

Manchester's NSL teams headed south for the second edition of National Softball League play for 2023 last weekend, and when it was over, Meerkats were sitting top of NSL3—though only by a half game—while the others were less well placed, to say the least.

Promotion is the first order of business for the NSL3 teams that aspire to it, and Meerkats will go into the final NSL weekend in July facing fierce competition from Bracknell and Storm. Meerkats went 5-2 for

the weekend, their overall record now 12-3, top of NSL3 by dint of having played one more game than Bracknell.

NSL weekends end with a one-off knock-out competition based on that weekend's games, and Meerkats, having lost in the final in May, went one better this time, beating Storm by 13-10 in the semi-final, then running up a huge score to win the Cup final over Bracknell by 34-9.

MSL's other NSL3 representatives are faring less well. Tempest 2 went 3½-3½, exactly mirroring their May figures, and



sit, not surprisingly, mid-table with a .500 record. But Sharks were 1-6 for the weekend, and sit 3rd from bottom, and are among the favourites to drop into the proposed new NSL4 next year.

In NSL2, Mavericks are our only representatives, and they had a winning weekend, going 5-3, but



are still in the bottom half overall, on 7-8.

In the top division, Travelling Dodgers are our best placed team, in 6th place with an overall 7½-6½ record, having gone 4-3 over the weekend, but Camels and Tem-pest, both newly promoted, face a battle to avoid relegation, currently sitting 10th and 11th (out of 12) after both going 2-5 over the weekend.

Round 3 is scheduled for the last weekend of July.

Adapted from BSF website



Photos, Abbie de Zwart. Previous page Steph Karayannis rounds 3rd for a home run against Panthers; above a Meerkat tags out the Bees runner at 2nd; below Mavs celebrate a win in NSL2.



Exec statement

In a game a few weeks ago a team, after hitting a lot of runs, asked the umpire if they could “declare” and forgo the rest of that inning. After some discussion, including with one of the players who is also an umpire, this was mistakenly allowed. In fact, at no point during a game is it allowed to forgo an inning and according to the rules, this would be seen as a refusal to play and result in the game being forfeited.

Why did this happen? Two weeks earlier they had been playing in a tournament with timed games in which the away team was allowed to “declare” in the last inning to avoid the scores “rolling back”. We have no doubt that this was done with the best of friendly intentions, to give everyone more game time and to help the opposing team develop, and we praise that good intent. Both teams and the umpire in charge of the fixture have been informed about the correct rules. There is no call on this occasion for any punitive action against the team, or for the result to be altered; we appreciate and applaud a team willing to help their opponents. But they must be aware of the appropriate way to do this. *The Exec*

An ageing population?

Coincidentally, two different people asked this week if we had data about the ages of players in MSL, and the distribution of players by age throughout the league. Of course we have everyone’s date of birth from your registrations, and attentive readers of *Bases Loaded* will remember that a regular feature of the end-of-season statistical round-up is a note on youngest and oldest players, and average age of teams... so you can wait until September for that information!

Meanwhile, let’s address the question of whether softball players in Manchester have got older over the years? In fact as the table above shows, the average age of all players had been fairly steady (even though returning players are a year older each season), until the COVID-affected 2020 season (for which

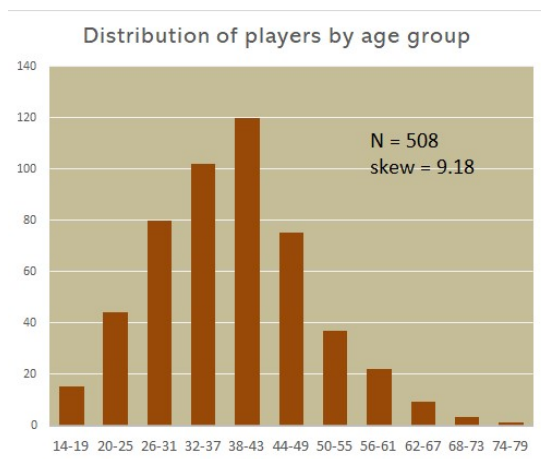
we do not have players’ age data) but even then the rise is only by about a year—and this year’s average may still go down as we could expect a few

more players to register before the end of the season.

Looking at the current cohort of players, while the average age is nearly 38 (the age is calculated as at the start of the season), the

distribution of players by age is somewhat skewed towards the younger end.

Average age of MSL players		
Year	Tot	Av age
2016	557	34.7
2017	594	35.5
2018	585	35.5
2019	570	35.6
2020	255	
2021	537	36.7
2022	534	36.4
2023	508	37.9
Age at start of season		



For those who know a little statistics, you can see clearly that the data are not normally distributed around the mean—there is no nice bell curve. In this case the positive skew is good news.

Statto

In brief: Single-sex and Alex Hall

Hayley Mctear writes:

"I'm curious why the Single-sex Nationals write up [in last week's *Bases Loaded*] says all the silverware went south. Chaos won the women's title and are a Manchester-based team. The silverware is very much in my house in Salford." In fact, Chaos are 50% non-Manchester, but the founding players are Manchester-based, mainly from the Camels.

Meanwhile, regarding the Alex Hall tournament, **Vicky Green and Gina Amos** report "The last payments have been received and the online payments have been checked and we are delighted to confirm that the final amount raised for the Christie is £2,369, of which £200 was from the bat raffle, £510 from jokers and £875 the general raffle. This is an incredible amount—thank you all so much for your support!" Full accounts are available on the Facebook group page.

Last week's MVPs

CAM	rested
GRX	game incomplete
MAV	Maddy Gresty (CL), Pete Nightingale (P)
MHM	Linni Mitchell (RF), Dave Warren (P)
MKT	Amy Miller (RF), Darren Shaw (CL)
SHA	Rebecca Ebo (LF), Karthik Manjunath (CL)
SPE	Liz Lyon (C), Ethan Money-Muter (CR)
TDS	game incomplete
THU	Beth Jarratt (RF), Tom Russell (SS)
BAT	Beryl Lannin Jones (1B) Cam Waddelow (SS)
CM2	Alia Paschali (3B), Oli Potts (2B)
DOD	Lisa Jepson (3B), Brian Slusarek (SS)
FRZ	Lorilei Solfred-Ingham (LF), Wilem Gould (CL)
HAC	Grace (LF), Jack Hoban (EP)
MV2	Lyndsay O'Farrell (1B), Chris Gresty (SS)
TH2	rested
TIG	Anissa Aghtarafi (2B), Rick Goar (P)
TTN	Kate Winfield (1B), Luke Nelso (SS)
BND	Jane Langford (1B), Jason Kneen (3B)
SCR	Carola Guevara (LF), Zak Morris (EP)
SGL	Hollie Glennie (3B), Charlie Whalley (P)
SLG	Rachael Wake (2B), Alex Wardle (SS)
STG	Chloe Patient (P), Danny Casey Wright (CL)
TGG	Lynsey Taylor (RF), Harry Schult (SS)
TH3	Amy Somers (C), Luis-Allen Arrevillagas (CR)
BFL	Daisy Lord (LF), Ebby Hassan (SS)
ENF	Niamh Casey (CL), Chris Newall (SS)
RAI	Kerry Brown (LF), Ross Jubber (P)
SWI	Rachel Downes (CL), Pete Gordon (P)
TH4	Nic Jones (LF), Jamie Acton (3B)

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

Guests

UP/SAME

Sarah Cassin (Camels) for Greensox v Travelling Dodgers

Adam Hugill (Camels) for Sharks v Mayhem

Michael Mia (Thunder III) for Bats v Tigers

DOWN

Abbie de Zwart (Hackers) for Raiders (2nd) v Screwballs

Joe Grantham (Thunder) for Sluggababes v Seagulls

Stéphane Karayannis (Tigers) for Raiders v Screwballs

Priti Mehta (Bats) for Barflies v Thunder IV

Laurie Salfred-Ingham (Freeze) for Swingers (4th) v Bandidos

Lorilei Salfred-Ingham (Freeze) for Swingers (2nd) v Bandidos

Home runs

Division 1

SBH

2—Maddy Gresty (MAV)
1—Tanya Burton (GRX), Sarah Cassin (CAM), Rebecca Ebo (SHA), Celine Frederic (GRX), Beth Jarratt (THU), Sherry Kenyon (MAV), Nat Leyland (TDS), Jacqueline Ng (CAM), Su OBrien (SHA), Rachel Shkurko (TDS)

LBH

7—Joe Grantham (THU)
6—Dan Downes (TDS), Tom Russell (THU)
5—Anthony Garcia Reyes (MHM)
4—Keith Altena (MKT), Gurarjun Grewal (GRX), Kris Hadwin (THU), Tatsuyoshi Hikawa (GRX), Karthik Manjunath (SHA), Oscar Marenco (TDS), Luke Martin* (TDS)
3—Tom Atkinson (CAM), Carlos dos Ramos (MKT), Brad Hadwin (THU), Andy Lott (CAM), Pete Nightingale (MAV), George Stamets (SHA)
2—Baljit Ahluwalia* (MAV), Luis Arreivillagas (THU), Ian Blease (MAV), Craig Brooks* (MAV), Jordan Colton (MHM), Adam Hugill (CAM), 1—Nathan Barratt (MHM), Alex Claridge-Ingham* (SPE), Matt Fairweather (MKT), Paul Kidley (GRX), Chris Lennon (SPE), Mike Lott (THU), Colin McKie (CAM), Laurence Pearmain* (MAV), Andy Rawson (GRX), Jack Scholes (CAM), Darren Shaw (MKT), Igor von Orel Bronte (MKT)

Division 2

SBH

5—Grace Mills (HAC)
2—Faye Dunlop (MV2), Lisa Jepson (DOD)
1—Sara Alwagfi (TIG), Nicola Booth (CM2), Keely Congleton (DOD), Suzanne Donovan (BAT), Bryony James (TH2), Lynsey O'Farrell (MV2), Abbie Thwaite (DOD), Kate Winfield (TTN)

LBH

9—Stéphane Karayannis** (TIG), Chris Mannion* (DOD)
7—Cameron Waddelow* (BAT)
6—Harry Bell (HAC)
4—Elieser Doronsoro* (DOD), Craig Lawson (CM2), Wes Ng (MV2), Oliver Potts (CM2), Luis Rodriguez (DOD), Simon Sharp (TIG), Brian Slusarek (DOD), James Wooderson (CM2)
3—Jeivo Gomez (TH2), Chris Gresty* (MV2), Dave Martin Baez (MV2), Sean Rafter (HAC)
2—Sam Baker (TTN), Steve Bartlett (TH2), Alex Bates (BAT), Conor Battersby (CM2), Andrew Bogie* (TH2), Darren Corner (HAC), Ed Covington (TIG), David Dyson (DOD), Jeff Fong (MV2), Mark Heyward (FRZ), Alex Mills (HAC)
1—Robbie Cowbury (TTN), Chris Frost (BAT), Dan Hocking (TTN), Steve Howard (DOD), Lee Kendrick-Walker (DOD), Ian Mills (HAC), Luke

Nelson (TTN), Leo Pearn (CAM), Jerry Seabridge* (BAT), Drew Stanton (FRZ), Richard Taylor (TTN), Richard Thompson (TIG), Ian Williams (MV2), Ben Wright (TTN)

Division 3

SBH

3—Nikki Bradshaw (STG)
2—Natasha Wicikowski* (TGG)
1—Tanya Lochery (BND), Nicola McKenna (SCR), Samiya Rahman (SGL), Amy Somers (TH3), Amy Sykes (STG), Lynsey Taylor (TGG), Hannah Tillyard (SCR), Rachael Wake (SLG)

LBH

11—Mike Mia (TH3)
10—Ross Birch (BND)
9—Liam Morrison (BND)
8—AJ Hoysted (SCR)
7—Dan Strayer (SCR)
6—Carl Emsley (SGL), Jason Kneen* (BND), Milan Nechvátal (SCR), Kristian Stokwicz (STG), Charlie Whalley* (SGL), Joe Wright* (SLG)
5—Anthony Henderson (SGL), James Tanner (SLG)
4—Dean Cull (TH3), David Grice (SGL), Harry Schulte (TGG), James Wright (TGG)
3—Zac Morris* (SCR), Alex Wardle (SLG), Jimmy Warren (TH3)
2—Naveed Ahmed (SCR), Jacob Arnison (BND), Dilan Bastiampillai (TH3), Danny Casey-Wright (STG), Tom Childs (TH3), Antoon Lemmers (SLG), Adam Morrison (BND), Josh Normie (STG), Nick Sims (STG), Mat Tanner (SLG)
1—Noah Arnison (BND), Luis Allen Arreivillagas (TH3), Ian Caird (SGL), Rory Casey-Wright (STG), Mark Fox (STG), Isaac Howard (SCR), Lewis Le Fevre (TH3), John Reeves (SCR), Nacho Sánchez (BND)

Division 4

SBH

3—Daisy Lord* (BFL), Jade Shaw (BFL)
2—Atiyah Malik (TH4)
1—Rhianne Boag (SWI), Kerry Brown (RAI), Claire Holden (BFL)

LBH

9—Aleck Aspinall* (BFL)
7—Luke Crannage (RAI), Chris Smith (BFL)
5—Dave Dean (BFL), Ebby Hassan (BFL), Chris Newhall (ENF)
4—Simon Ronksley (TH4), Jordan Wilcock (ENF)
3—Alex Hartley (SWI), Ben Leeks (SWI), Mike Spiers (RAI)
2—Ben Acton (TH4), Mike Cooney (BFL), Mark Crannage* (RAI), Bryn Davies (ENF), Simon Grainger* (ENF), Kalpesh Makanji (BFL), Jon Pearson (RAI), Chris Radford (BFL), Ben Rocca (SWI), Richard Valentine* (RAI)
1—Jamie Acton (TH4), Phil Cosgrove (TH4), Ross Jubber (RAI), Ed Roberts (SWI), Andy Whatmore (ENF)
* grand slam

Next week's fixtures 27/28 June

Next week sees the beginning of the second rotation in Divisions 1 and 2: fixtures are the return of games played April 26th.

Division 1

Mayhem @ Travelling Dodgers (pitch D, umpire Davies) Last meeting Mayhem won 21-16 and lead 9-4 in all meetings.

Sharks @ Mavericks (B, Wallace) Last meeting Mavs won 12-7, and have won all three meetings.

Speeders @ Meerkats (A, P Fagan) The opening-day fixture was postponed, so their last meeting was 24 August 2022 in Division 2, when Meerkats, already crowned as champions, won 6-4, while results elsewhere ensured Speeders were also promoted. Meerkats lead 12-7 in all meetings.

Thunder @ Camels (C, Somers) Last meeting Thunder won 29-21, and have won 14 of their 18 meetings, with one tie.

Greensox rest

Division 2

Dodgers @ Titans (G) Dodgers won this first ever meeting 19-18.

Freeze @ Bats (H, Creelman) Last meeting, Bats won 29-22, their fourth win in four (or fifth in five including 2020).

Mavericks II @ Tigers (E, Strayer) Last meeting Tigers won 20-10, to make

the all-time record 1½-3½.

Thunder II @ Camels II (F, Caird) Last meeting Camels won 20-14, reversing the result of the respective I teams (see above). The pair are now tied 3-3 in all meetings.

Hackers rest

Division 3

Bandidos @ Seagulls (2, Sharp) First ever meeting.

Sluggababes @ Screwballs (6, Warren) Last meeting 23 August 2022: already confirmed as Div 4 champions and runners-up respectively, Sluggababes ended the season with an 18-9 win, a third win in three meetings.

Thunder IV @ Stingers (3, Hugill) Last meeting 11 May 2021, Thunder won 12-10, their only win in three official meetings, though the pair played each other twice in 2020, with one win each, the second meeting being the Rec D Final, which Thunder won.

Interdivisional

Enforcers @ Tiggers (7, Goff) Last meeting 24 August 2021 (Division 4), Enforcers won 15-11, tying up the all-time record at 1-1.

Thunder III @ Raiders (4, P Fagan) First ever meeting.

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HACKERS 3 2 0 0 2 1 9
TITANS 4 7 6 3 2 2 24
 RAR, Pitch J, Umpire Dan Strayer
 HRs **HAC** Grace Mills 2; **TTN** Robbie Cowbury, Luke Nelson, Sam Baker

Division 3

SEAGULLS 1 7 0 0 0 7 0 15
SLUGGABABES 5 1 0 0 3 2 5 16
 Pitch 3, Umpire Paul Fagan
 HRs **SGL** Charlie Whalley 2 (1GS), Ant Henderson, Carl Emsley 2, Dave Grice; **SLG** Alex Wardle, Joe Grantham (THU)

THUNDER III 7 7 4 3 6 27
TIGGERS 1 3 7 0 0 11
 RAR, Pitch 2, Umpire Fliss Fagan
 HRs **TH3** Dean Cull, Amy Somers; **TGG** Lynsey Taylor

Interdivisional

BANDIDOS 9 9 0 7 25
SWINGERS 4 0 1 0 5
 RAR, Pitch 4, Umpire Mike Goff
 HRs **BND** Ross Birch, Jason Kneen (GS), Liam Morrison

ENFORCERS 1 3 2 4 2 1 0 13
STINGERS 3 5 3 2 2 2 x 17
 Pitch 1, Umpire Luis Arreavillagas
 HRs **ENF** Jordan Wilcock, Chris Newall; **STG** Kris Stokwicz

RAIDERS 4 1 1 1 7
SCREWBALLS 8 2 3 14 27
 RAR, Pitch 7, Umpire Simon Sharp
 HRs **RAI** Stéphane Karayannis (TIG) 2; **SCR** AJ Hoysted 2, Dan Strayer, Zac Morris (GS)

Division 4

BARFLIES 2 6 11 8 13 40
THUNDER IV 0 5 1 14 0 20
 RAR, Pitch 6, Umpire Dave Warren
 HRs **BFL** Ebby Hassan 3, Alex Aspinall 2, **Daisy** Lord 2 (1 GS), Kalpesh Makanji 2, Dave Dean, Chris Smith (GS); **TH4** Jamie Acton (GS)

Division 4

Swingers @ Barflies (1, F Fagan) Last meeting 2 August 2022, Barflies won 18-10 to complete the double.

Results and Standings

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Standings Week 8

Division 1

MAYHEM 0 0 1 1 0 0 3 **5**
SHARKS 5 0 0 5 3 0 x **13**

Pitch F, Umpire Paul Fagan
 HRs **SHA** Rebecca Ebo, Karthik Manjunan, *Adam Hugill (CAM)*

MEERKATS 12 3 4 0 0 1 4 **24**
MAVERICKS 3 0 6 9 6 2 x **26**

Pitch E, Umpire Mike Davies
 HRs **MAV Baljit Ahluwalia** 2 (1GS), Pete Nightingale 2, Maddy Gresty

SPEEDERS 0 1 0 0 0 **1**
THUNDER 0 1 6 3 6 **16**

RAR, Pitch G, Umpire Gemma Wallace
 HRs **THU** Beth Jarratt, Kris Hadwin

TR DODGERS 1 3 5 5 5 **(19)**
GREENSOX 5 5 3 0 **(16)**

Incomplete due to injury, Pitch H, Umpire Jonny Creelman
 HRs **TDS** Oscar Marenco 3, Rachel Shkurko, Luke Martin 2; **GRX** Gurajun Grewal, Tanya Burton, Yoshi Hikawa, Celine Frederic

Division 2

BATS 2 1 4 3 2 1 1 3 **26**
TIGERS 0 1 3 3 2 2 6 **17**

Pitch C, Umpire Al Green
 HRs **BAT** Chris Frost, Cam Waddelow 3, **Jerry Seabridge** (GS), *Mike Mia (TH2)* 2; **TIG** Simon Sharp

DODGERS 10 1 1 9 7 **28**
FREEZE 1 0 1 0 0 **2**

RAR, Pitch B, Umpire Ian Caird
 HR **DOD** David Dyson

CAMELS II 5 0 5 0 3 0 1 **14**
MAVERICKS II 2 5 1 1 1 1 2 **13**

Pitch D, Umpire Harry Somers
 HRs **CM2** Oli Potts, Conor Battersby, James Wooderson; **MV2** Lynsey O'Farrell

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Erratum

In last week's standings, the figures for the Greensox did not include their result that week.

P W T L F RS RC Pts% GB

Division 1

► Mavericks	8	8	0	0	0	143	103	1.00	-
► Thunder	7	6	0	1	0	143	81	.905	1½
► Camels	7	4	0	3	0	118	93	.714	3½
▲ Trv Dodgers	6	3	0	3	0	81	79	.667	4
▼ Mayhem	7	3	0	4	0	94	103	.619	4½
► Meerkats	6	2	0	4	0	83	96	.556	5
▲ Sharks	7	2	0	5	0	86	98	.524	5½
▼ Speeders	6	1	0	5	0	31	109	.444	6
▼ Greensox	6	1	0	5	0	83	100	.444	6

Speeders above Greensox on head-to-head

Division 2

► Dodgers	7	7	0	0	0	185	74	1.00	-
► Camels II	7	6	0	1	0	132	103	.905	1
► Tigers	7	4	0	3	0	120	96	.714	3
► Mavericks II	7	4	0	3	0	130	99	.714	3
► Thunder II	7	4	0	3	0	108	118	.714	3
► Bats	7	3	0	4	0	130	132	.619	4
► Titans	8	3	0	5	0	126	128	.583	4½
► Hackers	7	1	0	6	0	114	163	.429	6
► Freeze	7	0	0	7	0	69	201	.333	7

Division 3

► Screwballs	8	8	0	0	0	209	130	1.00	-
► Stingers	8	7	0	1	0	183	131	.917	1
► Bandidos	8	7	0	1	0	181	76	.917	1
► Slugg'babes	8	5	0	3	0	153	146	.750	3
► Seagulls	8	4	0	4	0	163	161	.667	4
▲ Thunder III	8	3	0	5	0	187	162	.583	5
▼ Tiggers	8	3	0	5	0	128	166	.583	5

Stingers above Bandidos on head-to-head

Division 4

► Barflies	8	6	0	2	0	235	195	.833	-
► Swingers	8	2	0	6	0	104	182	.500	4
► Enforcers	8	2	0	6	0	124	149	.500	4
► Raiders	8	1	0	7	0	123	197	.417	5
► Thunder IV	8	0	0	8	0	127	222	.333	6

Swingers above Enforcers on head-to-head