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## This week's games

**TUESDAY****Division 3**

Seagulls 1L @ Bandidos 3W (pitch 1, umpire Warren)

Stingers 2W @ Sluggababes 4L (2, Carruthers)

Tiggers 8L @ Screwballs 1W (6, Sharp)

Thunder III rest

**Division 4**

Fireballs 1L @ Barflies 4W (3)

Playoff game 1

Swingers 2L v Thunder IV 16L (7)

Raiders rest

**WEDNESDAY****Division 1**

Greensox 1W @ Travelling Dodgers 1W (J, Huggill) + completion of earlier game

Mavericks 2L @ Meerkats 1W (D, Caird)

Sharks 2W @ Mayhem 1W (C, Green)

Thunder 1L @ Speeders 3L (B)

Camels rest

**Division 2**

Freeze 15L @ Dodgers 1L (E, Wallace)

Mavericks II 2W @ Camels II 2W (H, Creelman)

Tigers 2L @ Bats 2L (G, Somers)

Titans 5W @ Hackers 1L (F, P Fagan)

Thunder II rest

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## No change as (nearly) all leaders lose

The headline writers were all set to describe how **Sharks** had blown the title race wide open with their slightly unexpected defeat of league leaders **Thunder**, when news came through that **Mavericks** had likewise gone down against **Mayhem**. Thunder were reportedly down to the bare bones facing 6th-placed Sharks, who had never beaten them, albeit in only three attempts (or four including 2020). Sharks took an early lead, though only by one run, and kept their snouts in front until the 4th, when Thunder tied

it up at 9-9. But over the last three innings, the hammerheads were the more aggressive, and outscored the rumblers 5-2. Mavericks suffered an early blow as Tanya Basu got an injury which, with an empty bench, meant Mavs had to play most of the game—a bit like the Lions against Nigeria—one short. Despite inventive field placings depending on the batter, the steers went behind early and stayed behind, though a rally in the final innings closed the gap ... but a single run in the top of the 7th was not

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## Do we still need to award a point "for turning up"?

Several rule changes for next season are already being discussed in inner circles. As usual it will be the captains who decide anything significant at their end-of-season Captains' Meeting (date to be announced). But one

idea that has recently emerged is whether to do away with the league point awarded for not forfeiting.

The discussion arose after there was some confusion among some play-

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## Birthdays

Week beginning August 14th

**Monday** Elliot Boydell (Thunder III), Bexx Matthews (Swingers)

**Tuesday** Kerry Brown (Raiders), Estelle Speers (Seagulls)

**Wednesday** Eleanor Harris (Sluggababes)

**Thursday** Oscar Marenco (Travelling Dodgers), Dawn Yates (Bats)

**Saturday** Rory Casey-Wright (Stingers), Adam Hugill (Camels), Lindsay O'Farrell (Mavericks), Claire Simcox (Raiders)

## On this day ...

The *Review* of 16th August 2000 announced that the bar and catering at the University grounds' clubhouse had closed down, though the building could still be used for our after-match gathering. As older players will remember, this was just a prelude to the building being shut down and eventually demolished, possibly something to do with asbestos and/or tough economics.

The *Review* editor Lisa

Mayhew expressed the opinion that the closure of the clubhouse and the loss of "the social aspect of the MSL [that] makes it unique in UK softball" could threaten the future of the league. We were—and still are—very proud and protective of our tradition of all teams meeting up in the same venue after the games. It is a feature that is often commented upon by new players who have played elsewhere, and thankfully has remained to this day.

## End-of-Season Ball

The End-of-Season Ball and awards ceremony will be on **Saturday 14th October** so save the date in your diary. We've managed to secure the same venue as last year—Manchester Hall roof terrace—so start gathering your groups. Tickets are on sale now: £45 each or £400 for a block-booking of ten together. A theme for the Ball is yet to be decided ... watch out for a poll on Facebook.

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### No change as (nearly) all leaders lose

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enough to make the Mossley crew bat again. In the division's only other game (Travelling Dodgers having been granted a postponement due to their commitments in Bulgaria—see [page 8](#)) between the bottom two, **Greensox** got revenge against **Speeders** with a 21-6 “mercy” win, despite playing one short. Although both teams have games in hand, a win for the Meerkats in 7th place next week (or any week) would see Greensox relegated, and Speeders needing forfeits.

*Bases Loaded* evidently jinxed the **Dodgers** with talk of “perfect seasons”, as they suffered their first loss of the season, to **Mavericks II**. But they still look nailed on for the title, needing only to turn up twice, or indeed they can clinch next week if they avoid losing.

**Camels II** will also be promoted next week just by turning up. In theory Mavs II in 4th place (though not 3rd-placed Tigers) could catch them, but Camels

would have to have got lost in the desert for that to happen. They beat **Bats** in five innings: after conceding six in the top of the 1st, the bactrians shut up shop and won 22-7. At the other end of the table, **Hackers'** return to Tuesday softball was confirmed at the hands of **Thunder II**, with their new star pitcher Andrew Bogie. It was a close game, and Hackers even took a lead in the top of the 6th, only to prompt a six-run backlash which secured the win. The division's other game was a close, friendly game in which Titans, for once managing to field ten players, took an early lead and held on to it throughout, holding off the felines in the bottom of the 7th as they got four of the five needed to take it to extra time and penalties.

The Division 3 title race as well as the battle to avoid the drop hotted up last week while the league-leaders Screwballs rested. **Stingers** recorded a narrow win against the **Seagulls**, though actually they led for almost the whole game, hitting back with a six-run inning the only time they fell behind.

Meanwhile **Thunder III** beat the **Sluggababes** 13-9: trailing for three innings, an eight-run bat-around 4th inning turned the game on its head. The win puts the Babes into the drop zone, with just one tough game against the title-chasing Stingers to go. The top two are tied on 13-2 records, though the Screwballs have the head-to-head advantage. Both teams have to play the bottom team plus one other ... and arguably Screwballs have the slightly tougher assignment, against **Bandidos**, who are just one game back on the leaders having beaten **Tiggers**, and their final-day fixture against Screwballs could decide the top three placings.

In Division 4, **Fireballs** were “mercied” by **Barflies**, who they now face potentially three more times, as **Swingers** were well beaten by the ever-improving **Raiders**. Barflies and Fireballs begin a best-of-three playoff for the title—irrespective of Barflies' dominance in the league programme—while the remaining three teams have a mini-rotation to end the season.

**A point for turning up?***(Continued from page 2)*

ers as to why, with three games to go, and Camels II three games behind and with a losing head-to-head, we could not proclaim Dodgers as Div 2 champions. The reason is that, with the “point for turning up” somewhat hidden by the “games behind” stat, Dodgers still needed to turn up twice to reach a points tally beyond the Camels’ maximum. This would have been slightly more obvious if the league standings showed points rather than “points percentage” and “games behind”, but we prefer this nod to our roots.

The point for not forfeiting was introduced as long ago as 1999, when there were far more forfeits than now (13 in 1999, though that included five for one team that struggled most of the season) and it was felt that recording it as merely a loss was insufficient punishment. That was 23 years ago. These days, a 20-0 defeat and having to pay both teams’ pitch fees should be enough punishment (or deterrent, though we think no team willingly forfeits these days). As an additional penalty, the crite-

ria for separating teams on the same record could include counting forfeits (even before head-to-head). Say the Rangers and the Pirates both had 4-6 records, and Rangers had beaten Pirates, but one of their six losses was a forfeit: that would be enough to rank Pirates above Rangers. This was the rule before 2000.

One consequence of going to a system based on win-loss percentage (wholly equivalent to two points for a win, one for a tie, nowt for a loss) would be the effect of punishments involving points deductions. After some changes last year, these are now only for serious misdemeanours which undermine the integrity of the league, eg not submitting a team sheet (which is the only “proof” that you have fielded a legal line-up) or not submitting a score sheet (which is the only way we can be sure scores have been agreed). The last time a team was punished for either of these offences was 2018. Lesser paperwork errors have been reduced to a warning or suspended sentence. *HS*

*Opinions expressed here are the author’s own and do not necessarily reflect Exec policy.*

## Match reports

### Titans tame Tigers (even without star player)

**TITANS** 4 3 1 0 0 0 4 12  
**TIGERS** 0 1 2 1 0 3 4 11  
 Pitch H, Umpire Jonny Creelman

**TITANS** Daniel O'Brien (P), Kate Winfield (1B), Sam Baker (CL), Izzy Rendell (LF), Luke Nelson (SS), Karyn Cooper (C), Dan Hocking (3B), Claire Simcox (RF), Robbie Cowbury (CR: sub Nick Baker), Zoe Conway (2B)  
 HRs S Baker 2, Rendell, Hocking  
**TIGERS** Oli Sharpe (SS), Bailey Saundewrs (1B), Ed Covington (3B), Holly Smith (2B), Richard Goar (P), Anissa Aghtarafi (RF), Stéphane Karayannis (CL), Natasha Wicikowski (LF), Robert Lawrence (CR), *Rhiannon Flame (PFB)* (C)  
 HR Karayannis

The Titans played the Tigers last week in a quick, good natured game that was over by quarter past eight. Both teams pitched and defended well, with neither managing to put up a significantly damaging inning.

The Titans took a lead early, with back-to-back home runs from lively outfield duo Sam Baker and Izzy Rendell giving them an 8-3 lead after three innings. Their bats went quiet after that though, although a monster hit in the 5th from

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**Match reports** (Continued from page 5)

3B Dan Hocking, was robbed on a fantastic leaping catch from Tiger Steph Karayannis.

The Tigers capitalised on this hitting drought, consistently getting people home each inning, bringing the score to 8-7 at the top of the 7th, helped in part by a great hit of his own from Karayannis to round the bases.

Sensing the danger, the Titans once again found their bats in the top of the 7th, with Baker finally getting the big hit to left field he'd been chasing all season, for his second homerun of the game. A few batters later, Hocking again hit a long ball, but this one evaded the gloves of the outfield for his own homerun.

With the score at 12-7 entering the bottom of 7th the Tigers fought valiantly, managing to score four, but falling just short of the five they needed to tie the game up.

With the win, the Titans extend their winning streak to five games: all the more impressive given that Automatic Out, their star player (see last week's report), was una-

vailable this week.

Speaking after the game about the Titans' recent run of form, vice-captain Karyn Cooper said "Essentially, we've been f\*\*\*ing smashing it lately". *Nick Baker*

MVPs Rendell, S Baker (TTN); Aghtarafi, Karayannis (TIG)

### **Tiggers bounce but Bandidos bounce higher**

**BANDIDOS** 3 6 2 0 5 0 3 19  
**TIGGERS** 4 3 0 4 1 1 0 13  
Pitch 2, Umpire Adam Hugill

**BANDIDOS** Nacho Sánchez (3B), Loz Birch (2B), Ross Birch (SS), Carol Ann Costello (LF), Liam Morrison (CR), Jane Langford (1B), Harry Somers (CL), Donna Brierly (RF), *AJ Hoysted (SCR)* (RF), *Abbie de Zwart (HAC)* (C)  
HRs R Birch 3, Morrison, Hoysted 3  
**TIGGERS** Steve Beddows (P), Rebecca Crawford (3B), Harry Schulte (CL), Rachael Andrews (C), James Wright (SS), Georgia orton (LF), Aiden peakman (CR), Jenna Gamble (1B), Conor O'Sullivan (2B), Amy Parmiter (RF)  
HR O'Sullivan

Tiggers were much more resilient than our previous meeting back on opening day, taking a 1st-inning lead and bouncing back to 11-11 after four. But three round-trippers in the 5th scored five runs which was enough to secure the win. The Mexicans' lineup was a tale of two cities, apart from guest AJ Hoysted with three solo homers: the first five

batters got all the other runs and 14 RBIs (out of 19), leading to interesting discussions on whether and how to spread your best batters throughout the line-up. Small-ball MVP Lizzie Birch showed that even if you hit it rather close to an infielder, running like the wind can get you on base. Hubby Ross got the large-ball shout with a commanding game first at short stop then relief pitching, and with the bat three homers and a triple ... even his fly-out was turned into a sac as Nacho Sánchez on 3rd had time to double back and tag up. Your correspondent is reliably informed that the best moment in the game occurred when, having moved to 1st base where balls arrived directly out of the sun he panicked when losing sight of the ball which was actually at his feet. Still got the out, though. With a dwindling squad thanks to holidays (bloody teachers eh?), Bandidos have two games left and, with a final-day show-down against the league leaders, are in danger of sneaking back into Division 2. ¡Ay caramba! *El Niño*  
MVPs L Birch, R Birch (BND), Parmiter, Wright (TGG)

## MSL teams at Euros and Nationals

### Travelling Dodgers a respectable 4th at the Euros

Travelling Dodgers spent last week in Bulgaria, competing at the 2023 European Co-ed Slowpitch Super Cup against 12 other teams from eight countries. The team is a mix of MSL-based players and others, as reported in *Bases Loaded* last week.

Wednesday was against fellow British representatives, H2O, who inflicted their first loss of the tournament. They won their second game, delayed by a day because of rain, against an Austrian team from Linz. Then on Friday they had two games, against teams from Czechia and Germany. The latter team ran them particularly close, but

UCE Travellers, from Germany, in a reprise of their very close earlier game, but this time the Germans won the traveller derby. However, a fourth place in their first European adventure is a highly creditable result for our representatives. Reports on all the games can be found on the BSF's website at [www.britishsoftball.org/news](http://www.britishsoftball.org/news).



Action from the Bronze medal game Travelling Dodgers v UCE Travellers (Netherlands)

Photo BSC Akademiks Sofia

The competition began with the teams split into two groups of seven and six, playing a round robin from which the top three in each group would progress to a second round. The TDs began the week in splendid form, winning all six games, finishing top of their group.

Their first game in the six-team second round on

they won 15-14, leaving them with a 3-1 record. This meant that their final game, against the Dutch Textown Tigers, who had a similar record, would determine who made it to the final. Unfortunately it was a bridge too far for the Todgers, who lost 17-11. The loss put them in the bronze-medal game against the

### So close yet so far for MSL teams at the Nats

Meanwhile at Farnham Park, it was “close but no cigar” for our four divisional winners from last year who were representing Manchester in the BSF League Nationals: three got to their respective finals, but all came second.

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**MSL teams at Euros and Nationals** (Continued from page 7)

Last year's MSL champions, **Travelling Dodgers**, with a squad obviously missing the players in Bulgaria (apart from captain Jonny Huck who went straight from Heathrow to Farnham in time for the first game!), made it all the way to the Platinum final, where they came up against a very strong Mi6 team from London, who they had already beaten once, but went down 23-8.

In Gold, the **Meerkats**—Division 2 winners last year—also battled their way through to the final, but could not overcome the Reading Blue Sox who won by the run-ahead rule. Blue Sox won Platinum last year, but slipped down into Gold by dint of

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Sluggababes enjoy some downtime at the Nationals

Photo Mat Tanner



Above: The Meerkats' Katie Flanagan at the plate.

Photo BSF

Left: Liverpool Seagulls face Didsbury Bats in the Bronze semi-final

Photo Liverpool Softball





their round-robin results, which placed them outside the top four.

Last year's Division 3 and 4 winners, respectively **Didsbury Bats** and **Sluggababes**, were both in the Bronze tournament, and came face to face en route to the final, with the Bats prevailing. In the semi-final they faced some familiar opponents when they beat the defending champion Liverpool Seagulls. In the final they lost a nail-biter to Cardiff's Valley Wet Socks by 15 runs to 14.

It was certainly a good turn-out for MSL, with all four divisional winners making the trip down to Farnham—not something that happens every year. So it is especially pleasing to be able to report that Manchester teams made their presence felt at the tournament.



The Bats' Yin Ching  
Photo Arthur Hung

## Last week's MVPs

CAM	postponed
GRX	Tanya Burton (RF), Mathew Green (CF)
MAV	Maddy Gresty (RF), Pete Nightingale (SS)
MHM	Karin Tange (3B), Tom Munro (CL)
MKT	rested
SHA	Rebecca Ebo (LF), Shearer (P)
SPE	Emma Bennett (LF), Nick Money (2B)
TDS	postponed
THU	Kim Hannessen (CL), Kris Hadwin (CR)
BAT	Rachel Merry (CL), Cam Waddelow (SS)
CM2	Nicola Booth (1B), Leo Pearn (3B)
DOD	Aja Abd Hamid, Luis Rodriguez
FRZ	rested
HAC	Ella Mills (1B), Alex Mills (CR)
MV2	Lindsay O'Farrell (1B), Dave Martin-Baez (3B)
TH2	Amy Swiszcowski (LF), Andrew Bogie (P)
TIG	Anissa Aghtarafi (RF), Stephane Karayannis (CL)
TTN	Izzy Rendell (LF), Sam Baker (CL)
BND	Loz Birch (2B), Ross Birch (SS)
SCR	rested
SGL	Becky Cowley (CR), David Grice (CL)
SLG	Ella Harris (3B), James Tanner (SS)
STG	Chloe Patient (P), Mark Fox (C)
TGG	Amy Parmiter (RF), James Wright (SS)
TH3	Freya Parmar (EP), Lewis Le Fevre (CR)
BFL	Jade Shaw (3B), Ebby Hassan (SS)
PFB	Lisa Williams (2B), Andy Whatmore (1B)
RAI	Kerry Brown (LF), Luke Crannage (SS)
SWI	Tegan Francis (3B), Ben Leeks (SS)
TH4	rested

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

## Guests

### DOWN

Conor Battersby (Camels II) for Sluggababes v Thunder III  
Adam Cole (Mavericks) for Mavericks II v Dodgers  
Abbie de Zwart (Hackers) for Bandidos v Tiggers  
Stéphane Karayannis (Tigers) for Sluggababes v Thunder III  
Leo Pearn (Camels II) for Swingers (2nd) v Raiders  
Tash Wicikowski (Tigers) for Fireballs v Barflies  
Ian Williams (Mavericks II) for Seagulls (2nd) v Stingers

### SAME

Max Fagan (Camels) for Mayhem v Mavericks  
AJ Hoysted (Screwballs) for Bandidos v Tiggers  
Oscar Marenco (Travelling Dodgers) for Mayhem v Mavericks  
Hayley McTear (Camels) for Sharks v Thunder

### UP

Nikki Bradshaw (Stingers) for Sharks v Thunder  
Carol Ann Costello (Bandidos) for Greensox v Speeders  
Rhannon Flame (Fireballs) for Tigers (2nd) v Titans  
Jo Griffin (Seagulls) for Mavericks II v Dodgers  
Eleanor Hotchkiss (Stingers) for Bats v Camels II

## Home runs—leading scorers

### Division 1

#### SBH

3—Nat Leyland\* (TDS)  
2—Emma Agostini (MHM), Mad-  
dy Gresty (MAV), Amy Miller  
(MKT)

#### LBH

11—Joe Grantham (THU)  
10—Keith Altena (MKT), Ad-  
am Hugill (CAM), Tom Rus-  
sell (THU)  
9—Dan Downes (TDS), Kris  
Hadwin\* (THU), Oscar Ma-  
renco\* (TDS)  
7—Andy Lott (CAM)  
6—Tom Atkinson (CAM), Car-  
los dos Ramos (MKT), Antho-  
ny Garcia Reyes (MHM),  
George Stamets (SHA), Igor  
von Orel Bronte\* (MKT)  
5—Tatsuyoshi Hikawa (GRX),  
Karthik Manjunath (SHA),  
Darren Shaw (MKT)  
4—Gurarjun Grewal (GRX),  
Danny Gunn\* (MAV), Luke  
Martin\* (TDS), Pete Nightin-  
gale (MAV)  
3—Luis Arrevillagas (THU), Craig  
Brooks\* (MAV), Jordan Colton  
(MHM), Brad Hadwin (THU),  
Colin McKie (CAM), Laurence  
Pearmain\* (MAV), Andy Rawson  
(GRX)  
2—Baljit Ahluwalia\* (MAV), Na-  
than Barratt (MHM), Ian Blease  
(MAV), Benkei Johnson (MHM),  
Paul Kidley (GRX), Chris Len-  
non\* (SPE), Dave Leverton  
(THU), Tom Munro (MHM), Jack  
Scholes (CAM), Stephen Shearer  
(SHA), Sam Steele (TDS), James  
Stevens (MKT)

### Division 2

#### SBH

5—Grace Mills (HAC)  
3—Keely Congleton (DOD),  
Lisa Jepson (DOD)  
2—Faye Dunlop (MV2), Bryony  
James (TH2), Kate Winfield  
(TTN)

#### LBH

14—James Wooderson\*\*  
(CM2)

13—Stéphane Karayannis\*\*  
(TIG)

11—Sam Baker (TTN), Chris  
Mannion\* (DOD), Cameron  
Waddelow\* (BAT)  
9—Conor Battersby\* (CM2)  
8—Elieser Doronsoro\* (DOD),  
Dave Martin Baez (MV2)  
7—Andrew Bogie\* (TH2), Wes  
Ng (MV2), Luis Rodriguez  
(DOD)  
6—Harry Bell (HAC), David  
Dyson (DOD), Jeivo Gomez  
(TH2), Simon Sharp (TIG),  
Brian Slusarek (DOD), Ian  
Williams (MV2)  
5—Steve Bartlett (TH2), Alex  
Mills (HAC), Oliver Potts  
(CM2), Drew Stanton (FRZ),  
Richard Taylor (TTN)  
4—Chris Gresty\* (MV2), Dan  
Jarman (CM2), Craig Lawson  
(CM2), Leo Pearn (CM2), Ed  
Woodcock (TH2)  
3—Alex Bates (BAT), Ed Coving-  
ton (TIG), Richard Goar (TIG),  
Dan Hocking (TTN), Benji Pearce  
(TH2), Sean Rafter (HAC), Jon  
Taylor (TH2)  
2—Darren Corner (HAC), Jeff  
Fong (MV2), Mark Heyward  
(FRZ), Luke nelson (TTN), Oli  
Sharpe (TIG)

### Division 3

#### SBH

6—Nikki Bradshaw (STG)  
3—Loz Birch (BND), Nicola  
McKenna (SCR)  
2—Samiya Rahman (SGL), Amy  
Sykes\* (STG), Natasha Wicikow-  
ski\* (TGG)

#### LBH

24—Ross Birch\* (BND)  
20—Mike Mia (TH3)  
19—Liam Morrison (BND)  
13—Carl Emsley (SGL)  
12—AJ Hoysted (SCR), Dan  
Strayer (SCR), James Tanner  
(SLG)  
11—Kristian Stokwicz (STG),  
Charlie Whalley\* (SGL), Joe  
Wright\* (SLG)  
7—Anthony Henderson (SGL),

Nick Sims (STG)

6—Danny Casey-Wright  
(STG), David Grice (SGL),  
Jason Kneen\* (BND), Milan  
Nechvátal (SCR), James  
Wright (TGG)  
5—Dilan Bastiampillai (TH3),  
Dean Cull (TH3), Harry  
Schulte (TGG), Jimmy War-  
ren (TH3)  
4—Josh Normie (STG), Alex  
Wardle\* (SLG)  
3—Naveed Ahmed (SCR), Luis  
Allan Arrevillagas (TH3), Tomm  
Childs (TH3), Lewis Le Fevre  
(TH3), Zac Morris\* (SCR), Mat  
Tanner (SLG)  
2—Jacob Arnison (BND), Rory  
Casey-Wright (STG), Mark Fox  
(STG), Isaac Howard (SCR),  
Josh Kehoe (TGG), Antoon Lem-  
mers (SLG), Adam Morrison  
(BND), Jack Rains (STG)

### Division 4

#### SBH

3—Daisy Lord\* (BFL), Jade  
Shaw (BFL)  
2—Atiyah Malik (TH4)

#### LBH

12—Aleck Aspinall\* (BFL)  
10—Ben Leeks (SWI)  
9—Luke Crannage (RAI)  
8—Ebby Hassan\* (BFL)  
7—Chris Newhall (ENF/PFB),  
Simon Ronksley (TH4), Chris  
Smith\* (BFL), Jordan Wil-  
cock (ENF/PFB)  
6—Bryn Davies (ENF/PFB),  
Chris Radford (BFL)  
5—Mark Crannage\* (RAI),  
Dave Dean (BFL)  
4—Jon Pearson (RAI)  
3—Phil Cosgrove (TH4), Alex  
Hartley (SWI), Ross Jubber  
(RAI), Ben Rocca (SWI),  
Mike Spiers (RAI)  
2—Ben Acton (TH4), Mike  
Cooney (BFL), Pete Gordon  
(SWI), Simon Grainger\* (ENF),  
Kalpesh Makanji (BFL), Ade  
Ngang\* (PFB), Richard Valen-  
tine\* (RAI), Sam Webb (SWI)  
\* grand slam



## Next week's fixtures 22/23 August

Next week sees the final round of fixtures, apart from rearranged games, and two fixtures in Division 4. In Divs 1 and 2, they are the return fixtures of the games played June 21st

### Division 1

**Greensox @ Camels** (pitch E, umpire Wallace) Camels won 26-4, only their second win in 25 meetings, this being the most one-sided of all rivalries.

**Sharks @ Meerkats** (G, P Fagan) Sharks won the previous game 8-3 in the lowest-scoring game so far this season. Sharks trail 4-5 in all meetings, or 4-6 including their 2020 game.

**Speeders @ Mayhem** (F) Previously Mayhem won 33-6 in five innings, and lead 6-4 in all meetings, or 7-4 including 2020.

**Thunder @ Travelling Dodgers** (H, Creelman) The first rotation game was won by Thunder 17-2 in six innings. Thunder have won four of their six meetings.

Mavericks rest

### Division 2

**Bats @ Mavericks II** (J, Caird) In June Bats won a very close game 13-12, only their first win in five meetings.

**Camels II @ Freeze** (B, Strayer) Camels won their first ever meeting 27-12.

**Dodgers @ Thunder II** (C, Carruthers) In their only previous meeting, Dodgers won 18-12.

**Hackers @ Tigers** (D, Green) Tigers won this first ever meeting 21-6.

Titans rest

### Division 3

**Screwballs @ Bandidos** (7, Hung) Only previous meeting 20 June, Screwballs won 23-17.

**Seagulls @ Thunder III** (3, Goff) Last meeting 20 June, Thunder won 25-17, their first win in four meetings.

**Stingers @ Tiggers** (1, Arrevillagas) Last meeting 23 May when Stingers won 20-11, tying up the all-time series 1-1.

Sluggababes rest

### Division 4

**Barflies @ Fireballs** (6) Second game of three-game play-off.

**Thunder IV v Raiders** (2). Last meeting 25 July, Raiders won 26-14 completing a double for this season, and making it 4-1 in all meetings.

Swingers rest

**Results** (continued from page 12)

**SLUGGABABES** 2 1 0 5 0 1 0 9  
**THUNDER III** 1 0 0 8 1 3 x 13  
 Pitch 3, Umpire Paul fagan  
 HRs **SLG** James Tanner; **TH3** Michael Mia 2

### Division 4

**BARFLIES** 9 8 0 0 1 18  
**FIREBALLS** 0 2 0 0 1 3  
 RAR, Pitch 1, Umpire Arthur Hung  
 HRs **BFL** Chris Radford, Ebby Hassan; **PFB** Bryn Davies

**RAIDERS** 3 0 3 1 1 0 5 22  
**SWINGERS** 1 0 2 2 1 0 6  
 RAR, Pitch 7, Umpire Mike Goff  
 HR **SWI** Mark Crannage

## Corrections

Due to a cut&paste error, the box-score for last week's Seagulls-Tiggers game showed the wrong totals. The correct box-score is below. Thanks to Arthur Hung for pointing this out.

**SEAGULLS** 4 1 2 0 3 4 3 17  
**TIGGERS** 2 0 0 1 0 0 1 4  
 Pitch 7, Umpire Luis Arrevillagas  
 HRs **SGL** Dave Grice, Jo Griffin

Also, the "Next week's fixtures" headline showed the wrong dates for this week's games.

And the Division 2 home run table had not been updated.

Apologies.



"I think that one is a little too honest."

# Results and Standings

Played 8/9 August

Standings Week 16

## Division 1

**GREENSOX** 2 1 12 6 0 21  
**SPEEDERS** 4 1 0 0 1 6

RAR, Pitch B  
HRs **GRX** Andy Rawson, Yoshi Hikawa, Mathew Green

**MAVERICKS** 0 0 3 1 3 3 1 11  
**MAYHEM** 0 2 4 3 2 1 x 12

Pitch D, Umpire Dan Strayer  
HRs **MAV** Lawrence Pearmain;  
**MHM** Tom Munro, Benkei Johnson

**SHARKS** 2 0 4 3 1 3 1 14  
**THUNDER** 1 0 3 4 0 2 1 11

Pitch J, Umpire Harry Somers  
HRs **SHA** Stephen Shearer,  
George Stamets

## Division 2

**BATS** 6 0 0 0 1 7  
**CAMELS II** 4 2 5 3 8 22

Pitch E, Umpire Gemma Wallace  
HRs **BAT** Cam Waddelow; **CM2**  
James Wooderson 3, Leo Pearn

**DODGERS** 3 0 1 0 0 1 1 6  
**MAVERICKS II** 1 1 2 2 1 3 x 10

Pitch G, Umpire Al Green  
HRs **DOD** David Dyson 2, Eli Doronsorro

**HACKERS** 0 1 0 4 0 2 1 8  
**THUNDER II** 1 4 0 0 1 6 x 12

Pitch F, Umpire Ian Caird  
HRs **TH2** Andrew Bogie 2

**TITANS** 4 3 1 0 0 0 4 12  
**TIGERS** 0 1 2 1 0 3 4 11

Pitch H, Umpire Jonny Creelman  
HRs **TTN** Sam Baker 2, Izzy Rendell, Dan Hocking; **TIG** Stéphane Karayannis;

## Division 3

**BANDIDOS** 3 6 2 0 5 0 3 19  
**TIGGERS** 4 3 0 4 1 1 0 13

Pitch 2, Umpire Adam Hugill  
HRs **BND** Ross Birch 3, Liam Morriosn, *AJ Hoysted (SCR)* 3;  
**TGG** Conor O'Sullivan

**SEAGULLS** 2 4 1 1 2 5 1 16  
**STINGERS** 5 4 0 3 0 6 x 18

Pitch 6, Umpire Fliss Fagan  
HRs **SGL** Ian Williams (*MV2*) 2;  
**STG** Nick Sims

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P W T L F RS RC Pts% GB

### Division 1

► <b>Thunder</b>	14	12	0	2	0	259	136	.905	-
► <b>Mavericks</b>	15	12	0	3	0	241	171	.867	½
► <b>Camels</b>	14	9	0	5	0	217	166	.762	3
► <b>Mayhem</b>	14	7	0	7	0	206	177	.667	5
▼ <b>TrvDodgers</b>	12	6	0	6	0	150	153	.667	5
► <b>Sharks</b>	14	6	0	8	0	162	172	.619	6
► <b>Meerkats</b>	13	5	0	8	0	188	169	.590	6½
► <b>Greensox</b>	13	2	0	11	0	141	231	.436	9½
▼ <b>Speeders</b>	13	2	0	11	0	76	265	.436	9½

Mayhem above Travelling Dodgers on head-to-heads

### Division 2

► <b>Dodgers (P)</b>	14	13	0	1	0	286	147	.952	-
► <b>Camels II</b>	14	11	0	3	0	265	171	.857	2
► <b>Tigers</b>	14	8	0	6	0	239	197	.714	5
► <b>Mavericks II</b>	14	8	0	6	0	253	174	.714	5
► <b>Thunder II</b>	15	8	0	7	0	216	215	.689	5½
► <b>Titans</b>	15	8	0	7	0	233	240	.689	5½
▼ <b>Bats</b>	14	6	0	8	0	235	233	.619	7
► <b>Hackers (R)</b>	14	2	0	12	0	154	279	.429	11
► <b>Freeze (R)</b>	14	0	0	14	0	130	355	.333	13

### Division 3

► <b>Screwballs</b>	15	13	0	2	0	348	232	.911	-
► <b>Stingers</b>	15	13	0	2	0	327	234	.911	-
► <b>Bandidos</b>	15	12	0	3	0	330	189	.867	1
► <b>Seagulls</b>	15	8	0	7	0	299	275	.689	5
► <b>Thunder III</b>	16	8	0	8	0	319	300	.667	5½
▼ <b>Slug'babes</b>	16	8	0	8	0	271	303	.667	5½
► <b>Tiggers (R)</b>	15	3	0	12	0	242	314	.467	10

### Division 4

► <b>Barflies (P)</b>	15	12	0	3	0	386	254	.867	-
► <b>Fireballs (P)</b>	15	6	0	8	1	232	234	.578	6⅓
► <b>Swingers</b>	15	5	0	9	1	194	313	.533	7⅓
► <b>Raiders</b>	15	3	0	12	0	246	341	.467	9
► <b>Thunder IV</b>	15	0	0	15	0	175	380	.333	12