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# BASES LOADED

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# Divs 3 and 4 join the party

Five of the six games on Div 3/4 opening day were subject to the run-ahead rule … but the other game was an absolute thriller. **Raiders** got off to a good start but by the bottom of the 2nd **Freeze** had made it 7-7. A shut-out at the top of the 3rd was the cue for the Mossley juniors to go bonkers: they batted round the order two-and-a-half times to score 17 runs. Raiders replied with six, then there were two innings of modest scoring. Going into the 7th, Raiders were still trailing by 13 … surely too much to claw back? To their great credit they almost did it, but fell short by one, so it ended 28-27 to Freeze with an at-bat in hand. **Barflies** started their game against **Thunder III** with a late replacement who had only come to watch their daughter play. There was a minor guest rule infringement (see page 10) and after one inning that replacement could not continue, so a second guest was brought in, making the line-up fully legal. Thunder took an early lead, and although a bat-around in the 3rd inning briefly brought the teams level, Thunder batted solidly, extending their lead each inning, and in the 6th hitting the nine needed to end the game 15 runs ahead. **Stingers**, back at Parrswood after their Wythenshawe adventure last year, trailed initially to **Fireballs**, but were soon bossing it with shut-outs and bat-arounds, winning 26-4 in five innings.

In Division 4, **Toras** put up the best fight against **Sluggababes**, scoring steadily and actually leading for half the game. But the Babes took a lead in the bottom of the 4th and consolidated with an 11-run 5th, completing the

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## Bad parking

These two cars were parked across the emergency access lane last Wednesday. That's what the cones are there for. We know who you are, but will resist naming and shaming … this time.

Fortunately, the emergency access lane was not needed last week, but please everyone, keep this space clear in future!

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"slaughter" in the 6th. **Seagulls**, playing one short, were facing a shut-out against the **Tiggers**, but managed some consolation runs in the last two innings, losing 21-4. Less fortunate were the **Base Invaders**, facing a strong **Thunder IV** team, and unable to score a single run, though they were unfortunate to have one run chalked off for a missed base.

Wednesday saw some high scoring games, with both the newly promoted teams succumbing to the run-ahead rule. **Thunder II** managed 21 runs—a decent total—but still 20 fewer than **Dodgy Sharks** who hit 13 and 23 in the first two innings before easing off. The record for runs in a single inning is 36, as Thunder's Phil Kirby recalled, having been on the receiving end of that onslaught in 2017 as a member of the Meteors team. **Tigers** also managed a decent score, losing 18-38 to **Meerkats**. Again, two big innings of 14 and 17 did the damage. **Mayhem** shut out the **Camels** for the first two innings, after which the Bactrians were always chasing the game, which the Mossley crew won 18-13. In the most played current fixture in the division **Thunder** narrowed the all-time win-loss record against **Mavericks** with a 21-13 win. They now trail the steeds by just two in their 34 meetings.

In Division 2, **Screwballs** were involved in another close game, after last week's tie. This time **Camels II** were the opponents, with the two fairly evenly matched over the first four innings. Then Camels batted round to score 11, doubling their tally so far. The cocktailers waited an inning before replying with a niner, then into the 7th inning, Camels got two to tie the scores. Home advantage saw the Screwballs home with a single to win by the odd run in 53. **Hackers** trailed to **Titans** from start to finish, but showed some fight with 14 runs in the final two innings. But it was not enough to catch the giants, who ran out 22-25 winners. **Dodgers** extended their 1.000 record against **Mavericks II**: 7-7 after three innings, Dodgers "won" the next two frames 9-2 and kept the junior Mavs in check to win 16-11. **Bandidos** are also unbeaten, though have only played once. They responded to the **Bats**' 5-run opener with an 8-run bat-around, and although the scoring eased off considerably after that, the lead was maintained to the end, and a 14-12 win secured.

## This week's games

**Tuesday 13th**
**Division 3**
Raiders 3L @ Fireballs 1L (pitch 6, umpire Sánchez)
Stingers 1W @ Barflies 1L (8, dos Ramos)
Freeze 3W @ Thunder III 1W (7, Sharp)
**Division 4**
Tiggers 3W @ Base Invaders 7L (2, Hung)
Toras 1L @ Seagulls 3L (3, Warren)
Sluggababes 1W @ Thunder IV 1W (4, Arrevillagas)
**Wednesday 14th**
**Division 1**
D Sharks 4W @ Meerkats 1W (A, Green)
Mavericks 4L @ Camels 1L (G, P Fagan)
Mayhem 2W @ Thunder II 2L (B, Creelman)
Tigers 2L @ Thunder 2W (H, Hung)
**Division 2**
Camels II 2L @ Bandidos 3W (F, Frost)
Hackers 1L @ Dodgers 2W (E, Davies)
Mavericks II 1L @ Speeders 3L (D, Warren)
Titans 3L @ Screwballs 1W (C, Wallace)

## Birthdays

**Monday 12th**
Steve Kellett (Mavericks II)
**Wednesday 14th**
Anthony Henderson (Seagulls)
**Saturday 17th**
Brian Slusarek (Dodgers)
Sujith Vadakoot (Toras)
Carla Zuill (Bats)
**Sunday 18th**

# Match reports

## Sluggababes keep it all in the family

**TORAS** 3 2 1 1 1 4 **12**
**SLUGGABABES** 3 0 2 5 11 6 **27**
RAR, Pitch 7, Umpire Luis Allen Arrevillagas
**TORAS** Jack Lalor (SS), Rachel Thorpe (2B), Sujith Vadakoot (1B), Laura Watson (3B), Arima Mathieson (CL), Jess Waugh (C), Tevo Kearney-Jones (P), Esme Wassell-Easton (RF), Sebastian Parker (CR), Jemma Crosby (LF). **HR** Lalor; **MVPs** Thorpe, Lalor

**SLUGGABABES** Kieran O'Leary (CR), Eleanor Harris (LF), James tanner (SS), Annie Downes (2B), Johan Lemmers (1B), Demi Rabette (3B), Stanley O'Leary (CL), Danielle Farthing (C), Tim Roberts (P, Sub Mat Tanner), Jess Flaherty (RF). **HR** J Tanner; **MVPs** Harris, J Tanner

Embodying a joyful aspect of softball, this game involved participants across the generations: O'Leary Snr (Kieran) and Jnr (Stanley): dad and lad patrolling centrefield; Downes Snr (Annie) and Jnr (Dan): 2nd base and base coach); Arrivellagas Snr (Luis) and Jnr (Allen): observer and BLU; plus the Tanner brothers (James shortstop and Mat sub). But for a late injury Lemmers Snr (Johan) and Jnr (Edie) would have been included, too. Also – subject to confirmation – the MSL's oldest and youngest rostered players featured (pitcher and centre left) [Confirmed—Ed.]

The game itself was played in a sporting spirit. Toras are learning week by week and it's good to see them enjoying themselves at the same time. The Slugs used the game to burn off some early season rustiness. The score was tight until the Molluscs' greater experience saw them pull away in the late innings with SBHs getting in on the act. The play of the day was Kieran O'Leary's catch of a steepling flyball which required him to make ground before sliding to snag the ball as it plummeted to earth.

*Two-out Tim*

## Bandidos hit the ground running

**BATS** 5 0 2 1 1 3 0 **12**
**BANDIDOS** 8 1 3 0 1 1 x **14**
Pitch C, Umpire Al Green
**BATS** Christian Frost (2B), Amber Frost (3B), Ray Walker (SS), Natasha Wicikowski (RF), Arthur Hung (P), Beryl Lannin-Jones (1B), Shawn Khwaja (CR), Diana Lewis (LF), *Kieran Oleary (SLG)*(CL), Grace Khwaja (C). **HR** Walker; **MVPs** A Frost, Walker

**BANDIDOS** Adam Morrison (CL), Evie Sanders (CR), Liam Morrison (SS), Kate Davidson (LF), Mark Sanders (P), Donna Brierly (C), Victor Romero (RF, Sub Jacob Arnison), *Ellie Hotchkiss (STG)* (1B), Nacho Sánchez (3B), *Demi Rabette (SLG)*(2B). **HR** L Morrison; **MVPs** E Sanders, A Morrison

Bandidos hit the ground running on their return to Division 2 with a narrow win in a close-fought friendly game. In reply to five 1st-inning runs, the first nine Bandido batters all got on base, eight of them scoring. Although their bats cooled off subsequently, apart from a 3-RBI homer from, of course, Liam Morrison, they held on to and defended their lead with some splendid "Big D" in both infield and outfield. Guests Ellie Hotchkiss and Demi Rabette at 1st and 2nd both put in MVP performances, there were laser throws across the diamond from Nacho Sánchez, Liam at short stop *almost* unbeatable, and a veteran performance on the mound from *el coronel* Mark Sanders tied up the Bats' batters. And when they did hit big there was MVP Adam Morrison at centre-left snagging everything that came his way. Small-ball MVP Evie

Sanders showed evidence of winter coaching with some confident batting. All in all a great start to life in the comp leagues.

*El Niño*

### Fireballs fizzle out

**STINGERS** 1 4 10 7 4 **26**
**FIREBALLS** 3 0 1 0 0 **4**
RAR, Pitch 2, Umpire Simon Sharp
**STINGERS** Rory Casey-Wright (CL), Nikki Bradshaw (LF), Mark Fox (C), Ellie Hotchkiss (3B), Nic Sims (SS), Chloe Patient (P), Josh Normie (2B), Kerry Ann Gill (EP), Jack Barnes (EP), Michelle Cleator (1B), AJ Hoysted (CR), Charlotte Roszas (RF). **HRs** Hoysted, Normie, Sims, Bradshaw; **MVPs** Hotchkiss, Sims
**FIREBALLS** Andrew Whatmore (SS), Jennifer Quinton (LF), Mitch Gilbert (P), Hannah Kay (RF), Criostoi Newhall (2B), Lisa Williams (EP), Mike Duzinkewycz (CR), Mandy Knight (1B), Jack Baldwin (CL), Gemma Wallace (C), Peter Hogan (EP), Rebecca Stevens (3B). **MVPs** Knight, Gilbert

A tough start to the season saw Fireballs take to the diamond against a well drilled and far-hitting Stingers team. We started well with three (of our total of four) runs in the 1st inning. Sadly this didn't last as we followed with some zeros and a one in the next four innings. Stingers made it tough with their solid fielding, getting a fair few outs at 1st and some super catches by Ellie Hotchkiss on 3rd.

We weren't at our best, looking at bit rusty, but look forward to the rematch in a few weeks' time. It was great to play with our new recruits Gemma Wallace, Hannah Kay, Jen Quinton and Pete Hogan, and welcome back everyone from last year. Plus we looked snazzy in our new kit (pictured).

*Lisa Williams*

Fireballs resplendent in their new uniforms. Frankie appears with permission.

### Screwballs-Camels II unroll an instant classic

**CAMELS II** 2 3 6 0 11 2 2 **26**
**SCREWBALLS** 3 6 3 1 4 9 1 **27**
Pitch E, Umpire Dilan Bastiampillai
**CAMELS II** Conor Battersby (2B), Alia Paschali (LF), Dan Jarman (SS), Fliss Fagan (1B), Chris Drayton (P), Emma Simpson (3B), Leo Pearn (CR), Ann Gledson (C), Ant Boffey (CL), *Annie Downes (SLG)*(RF)
**HRs** Battersby, Jarman; **MVPs** Simpson, Drayton

**SCREWBALLS** Olivia Thompson-Westmacott (SS), Daniel Strayer (1B)0, Hattie Greenhow (3B), Ross Maskell (CR), Catherine Millan (C), Oscar Marenco (P), Eliza Thompson-Westmacott (LF), Maciek Jurewicz (CL), *Laurie Salfred-Ingham (FRZ)*(RF), Zak Morris (2B)
**HRs** Maskell 2; **MVPs** Greenhow, Strayer

If you like offence, you got it last Wednesday at Wythenshawe between Camels II and Screwballs.

This first ever regular season meeting between the two sides became more than just a slugfest: cue Jon Motson, because it ranks as an instant classic in Division 2 play—one both sides will re-

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member for a long time.

It ranks now as the strongest win in the five-year history of the Pink and Blue Ice Cream Team. Never before have Screwballs played so recent a vintage of a Division 1 team in league play, escaping with a 28-27 victory in walk-off fashion.

They needed every last pitch to secure the victory, because Camels did not make it easy. Dan Jarman and Conor Battersby both homered, and the black and orange got stellar MVP performances from Emma Simpson at 3rd base and the hard-hitting southpaw Chris Drayton.

But in the end, a leadoff single in the 7th by Caz Millan put her at 2nd on a wild throw. Oscar Marenco followed with a long walk-off double to plate Millan, breaking the tie, and bringing the Pink and Blue their first win in 2025.

In guest roles, both sides could also count on Sluggababe Annie Downes (Camels) and Freeze's Laurie Salfred-Ingram (Screwballs), respectively. Downes piled up several clutch hits throughout the night, and Salfred-Ingham contributed an assist from right field and a bevy of hard hits of her own.

Ross Maskell tallied three doubles and a pair of homers, bringing his team lead to three in a mere two games. Dan Strayer got the win in relief, tallying six hits at the plate and a game-tying two-run double in the last of the 6th inning after a gutsy two-out walk by Liv Thompson-Westmacott kept the inning going. Rookie sensation Hattie Greenhow showed how to do things in the clutch, putting the Screwballs ahead with a base hit of her own as part of a nine-run inning.

The Camels put the Pink and Blue in that position on the strength of an 11-run 5th inning. The black and orange conga line chased Marenco, but the switch stemmed the flood as the Screwballs began the rally to save a memorable game.

A game, ultimately, in which you hate to pin an L on either side.

*Dan Strayer*

## Statto's Corner: Letter to Statto, and a Correction

Regarding last week's *All-time Homers* list, Ian Mills writes: "Just one observation which may help Pete Nightingale if you missed them but surely Pete hit quite a few homers for Bats before he joined the Mavs? Did you miss those or just miss the Bats off his list of teams?"

| Female/SBH | Runs | Yrs | Av'ge |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Michelle Watkinson/Collier (HOL,LIO) | 32 | 11 | 2.91 |
| 2 Faye Dunlop (FRI, MV2) | 24 | 9 | 2.67 |
| 3 Chloe Llewellyn (TH,LIBNO) | 23 | 9 | 2.56 |
| Jade Shaw (TIT,CLA,OUT,LIO,BFL) | 23 | 16 | 1.44 |
| 5 Areej Elmasri (LIG,THU) | 21 | 11 | 1.91 |
| 6 Jan Bradley (MAV,MV2) | 19 | 15 | 1.27 |
| Nat Leyland/Gallagher (WKT,GRO,LIO,TOR) | 19 | 10 | 1.90 |
| 8 Estelle Spence (LIO,MUT) | 18 | 7 | 2.57 |
| 9 Nic Duerden (MET,THU,DOD,LIO) | 17 | 20 | 0.85 |
| Linni Mitchell (MHM) | 17 | 9 | 1.89 |
| Kathryn Mullin (THU, OUT, GRO) | 17 | 5 | 3.40 |
| Su Obrien (PIR,BAT,SHA) | 17 | 9 | 1.89 |
| 13 Michelle Fisher (LIO, GRO, PHX, STG) | 16 | 8 | 2.00 |
| Katie Flanagan (ENF,TIN,TH2) | 16 | 6 | 2.67 |
| 15 Gill Liggett/Burgess (SPE) | 15 | 12 | 1.25 |

| Male/BBH | Runs | Yrs | Av'ge |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Ross Birch (REN,PEE,GRO,GRO,THU,BAT,BIND) | 212 | 21 | 10.10 |
| 2 Pete Nightingale (MAV) | 190 | 21 | 9.05 |
| 3 Danny Gunn (GRO,MAV) | 175 | 20 | 8.75 |
| 4 Darren Corner (BAT,GNU,HAC) | 172 | 21 | 8.19 |
| 5 Paul Kidley (GRO) | 142 | 20 | 7.10 |
| 6 Alack Aspinall (MK2,BFL) | 134 | 12 | 11.17 |
| 7 Joe Grantham (AMV,MUT,THU) | 133 | 12 | 11.08 |
| 8 Chris Fulton (SPE,LIO,ADV,MAV) | 131 | 18 | 7.28 |
| 9 Ian Mills (BAT,GNU,HAC) | 118 | 21 | 5.62 |
| 10 Mark Griffin (SON,CUB,GRO,HAC,SUR,STO, THU,CLA,LIG, HUR,DRO) | 116 | 21 | 5.52 |
| 11 Michael Mia (WCT,TIG,BIV,STG,TH3) | 113 | 9 | 12.56 |
| 12 Anthony Garcia Reyes (MHM,FRZ,DOD) | 103 | 13 | 7.92 |
| 13 Chris Gresty (MAV,MV2) | 95 | 21 | 4.52 |
| 14 Benkei Johnson (THU,LIG,MUT,LIO,LDS,MHM) | 94 | 16 | 5.88 |
| Gordon Milson (SPL,MOR,GPL,MET,LIO) | 94 | 16 | 5.88 |

Greyed-out names have not registered for this year.

The article mistakenly said (twice) that home run records date back to 1993, which of course is our league's official start date. In fact HR records only began in 2003, ten years later, so Pete's homers in that period (and those of several players on the list) are simply not recorded. Well, at least it's the same for everyone!

# MSL Umpiring course

**Simon Sharp**

Sunday saw the return of the MSL Umpiring Course with a new, young and enthusiastic UIC (completely unbiased descriptors) hosting nine attendees encompassing a variety of umpiring experience. The day comprised of four drills that umpires from the BASU course will recognise: (1) a review of each umpire's strike zone and accompanying signals, (2) a close play at 1st base with the umpire hustling out into the diamond, (3) a simulated double play where the umpire has to get into a good position to see both potential outs, and (4) a fair/foul batted ball (ably assisted by Jack Rains and his 'imaginative' fielding) to create different scenarios. We then proceeded into a game – special thanks to Andrew Bogie's Tempest II team and other assorted players from across the MSL – with each Blu umpiring half an inning at a time. They were then given some feedback on their efforts with some gentle pointers as to how they could improve. After that they umpired another half inning putting this advice into practice. Dave Warren said of the course that it "was highly effective and well-received by both current players and the emerging group of new Blus. As someone with umpiring experience, I found the session to be extremely valuable for the newcomers, offering them a realistic introduction to live game scenarios. In my view, they all performed commendably.

"From a pitcher's perspective, I was particularly pleased to observe that the strike zone was consistent and aligned with expected standards—something any experienced pitcher will appreciate. I have no complaints whatsoever and am genuinely looking forward to seeing these new umpires take their place behind the plate in upcoming games."

Pictures: Matt Narain

# Alex Hall tournie goes ahead

Entry for this year's Alex Hall Tournament, which will take place on **Saturday 7th June** at its usual location at Parrswood, is now open: sign up online at: **tinyurl.com/AlexHall25**.

For those unfamiliar with this tournament, it is a fun-filled fund raiser for The Christie Hospital. Participants enter as individuals and are assigned to colour-coded teams of mixed ability. It's a great opportunity to get to know players from other teams (and scout your opposition). Teams compete not only on the softball diamond but also in the colour-themed fancy dress and picnic competitions.

This year is the 21st tournament held in memory of former softballer Alex (pictured), who lost her battle with cancer, so we'd love to make this year the biggest and best yet. Over the previous years we've raised over £40,000 to support The Christie Hospital, which is a phenomenal amount.

Your support is (as ever) much appreciated and so very important to the success of the fundraiser As usual We have some superb raffle prizes lined up, but can always use more... so please let us know if you can help with these – we'd be very grateful.

The organisers can be contactedby email to **alexhallsoftballtournament @ gmail.com** (no hyphens or spaces) or by contacting Leo Pearn.

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# Next week's fixtures (May 20/21)

## Division 1

**Camels @ Meerkats** (pitch H, umpire TBA) Last meeting 3 July 2024, Meerkats won 15-7 to take a 6-5 lead in all meetings (7-5 including 2020 unofficial game).

**Mavericks @ Mayhem** (A, Davies) Last meeting 21 August 2024, Mayhem won 25-13 but trail 7-10 in all meetings.

**Thunder @ Dodgy Sharks** (B, Green) Last meeting 10 July 2024, Thunder beat the ordinary Sharks 12-9, their fifth win in six meetings, not counting an unofficial win in 2020.

**Tigers @ Thunder II** (G, Goff) Last meeting 21 August 2024 (Division 2). With Thunder already promoted as champions, the second promotion spot was still up for grabs—and grab it is what Tigers did with an 18-17 win in 5 innings (bad light). Tigers have a 5½-1½ winning record against Thunder II, the tie being the nine-inning epic in their first meeting last season.

## Division 2

**Camels II @ Bats** (E, TBA) Last meeting 9 August 2023, Camels won 22 -7 and lead 12-3 in all meetings.

**Hackers @ Speeders** (F, Gresty) Last meeting 4 August 2021. Speeders won a slugfest 31-26, the 20th meeting of these two founder members. Speeders are up 15½-4½: the tie was back in 1998.

**Screwballs @ Dodgers** (D, Caird) First ever meeting

**Titans @ Bandidos** (C, P Fagan) Last meeting scheduled for 10 August 2022, but Bandidos forfeited. They have lost all three games against the Titans.

Mavericks II rest

## Division 3

**Thunder III @ Fireballs** (3, Strayer) Last meeting 9 July 2024, Thunder won 20-2, but trail overall 8-10.

**Freeze @ Barflies** (2, LA Arrevillagas) Last meeting 2 July 2024, Freeze won 29-13, their first win in ten attempts.

**Raiders @ Stingers** (4, F Fagan) First ever meeting .

## Division 4

**Sluggababes @ Base Invaders** (7, Sharp) First ever meeting.

**Thunder IV @ Seagulls** (8, P Fagan) Last meeting 20 August 2024, Seagulls won 27-25 in 6 inns, in a bad light-affected game. The win gave the Gulls a 2-1 lead in all meetings.

**Toras @ Tiggers** (6, Goff) First ever meeting.

## Rule violations

**Titans** used an unrostered player on Wednesday. The tariff penalty for this is a one point deduction, suspended.

There were two more minor infractions on Tuesday, both resulting in official warnings for the teams concerned. **Barflies** submitted a team sheet showing their guest batting at #8, not as low as possible in the line-up. On investigation it was reported that the guest had indeed batted at #10, but the team sheet was incorrect. A second guest had entered the game after one inning batting at #8, which had caused some confusion for the new captain. Whichever was the case, both infractions (guest batting too high or incorrect team sheet) carry a Type D tariff penalty (official warning).

**Thunder IV** also played with a guest, who batted at #5. The penalty for this infraction is dependent on the effect it had on the game. Since they won 20-0, it was deemed that the advantage gained was not significant. Tariff penalty: official warning.

## MVPs

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|---|---|
| **CAMELS** | Maddy Gresty (CL), Max Fagan (CR) |
| **D SHARKS** | Crista (CL), Dan (CR) |
| **MAVERICKS** | Chris Fulton (LF), Ellie Buckley (C) |
| **MAYHEM** | Karin Tange (3B), Matty Green (P) |
| **MEERKATS** | *Nikki Bradshaw (STG)*(C), Keith Altena (SS) |
| **THUNDER** | Sian Payne (3B), Joe Grantham (P) |
| **THUNDER II** | Fran Layton (2B), Jimmy Warren (P) |
| **TIGERS** | Nadia Eghterafi (1B), Rich Goar (P) |
| **BANDIDOS** | Evie Sanders (CR), Adam Morrison (CL) |
| **BATS** | Amber Frost (3B), Ray Walker (SS) |
| **CAMELS II** | Emma Simpson (3B), Chris Drayton (P) |
| **DODGERS** | Keeliey (3B), Stephane (LF) |
| **HACKERS** | Ella Mills (1B), Darren Mills (SS) |
| **MAVERICKS II** | Di Martin Baez (RF), Dave Martin Baez (2B) |
| **SCREWBALLS** | Hatti Greenhow (3B), Dan Strayer (1B) |
| **TITANS** | Izzy Rendall (LF), Sam Baker (CL) |
| **BARFLIES** | Aimee McGillis (3B), Chris Smith (P) |
| **FIREBALLS** | Mandy Knight (1B), Mitch Gilbert (P) |
| **FREEZE** | Laurie Salfred-Ingham (1B), Mark Hayward (P) |
| **RAIDERS** | Amy Jerdin (3B), Mark Crannage (CL) |
| **STINGERS** | Ellie Hotchkiss (3B), Nic Sims (SS) |
| **THUNDER III** | Amy Somers (1B), Ben Acton (CL) |
| **DB INVADERS** | Chika (LF), Addison (3B) |
| **SEAGULLS** | Hannah Sturt (RF), Josh Matthews (Sub) |
| **SLUGG'BABES** | Eleanor Harris (LF), James Tanner (SS) |
| **THUNDER IV** | Nicola Jones (C), Chris Mannion (SS) |
| **TIGGERS** | Lynsey Taylor (1B), Leon Arismendi (SS) |
| **TORAS** | Rachel Thorpe (2B), Jack Lalor (SS) |

*All names appear as submitted*

"Yeah, navigation devices are cool. But I kind of miss having an actual flesh-and-blood third-base coach."

## Home runs

**Division 1 SBH**

3—Avery Chong (MKT),

2—Izzie Keely (CAM), Linni Mitchell (MHM), Crista Reed-Thomas (DSH)

1—Maddie Gresty (CAM), Sherry Kenyon (MAV), Fran Leyton (TH2), Amy Swiszkowski (TH2)

**Division 1 BBH**

5—Dan Downes** (DSH)

4—Max Fagan (CAM)

2—Keith Altena (MKT), Tom Atkinson (CAM), Carlos dos Ramos* (MKT), Ant Hulme (DSH), Rich Goar (TIG), Ollie Sharpe (TIG)

1—Baljit Ahluwalia (CAM), Alex Ingham (MKT), Dave Leverton (THU), Mike Lott (DSH), Phil Kirby (TH2), Mike Mia (TIG), Pete Nightingale (MAV), Laurence Pearmain (MAV), Darren Shaw (MKT), Stephen Shearer (DSH), Jon Taylor (TH2), Jimmy Warren (TH2), Charlie Whalley (DSH)

**Division 2 SBH**

2—Jessica Hastings (DOD), Grace Mills (HAC)

1—Izzy Rendell (TTN), Emma Simpson (CM2)

**Division 2 BBH**

3—Sam Baker (TTN), Ross Maskell (SCR), Ian Williams (MV2)

2—Darren Corner (HAC), Chris Frost (BAT), Brian Slusarek* (DOD), Cameron Waddelow (BAT), Ray Walker (BAT)

1—Conor Battersby (CM2), Jai Bhagdev (TTN), Carl Emsley (TTN), Dan Jarman (CM2), Dan Johansson (HAC), Liam Morrison (BND), Luke Nelson (TTN), Ollie Potts (CM2), Dave Warren (DOD), James Wooderson (CM2)

**Division 3 SBH**

2—Laurie Salfred-Ingham (FRZ)

1—Nicola Bradshaw (STG), Amy Jerdin (RAI)

**Division 3 BBH**

2—Kris Stokwisz (RAI), Jono Wrigley (FRZ)

1—Dean Cull (TH3), Mark Hayward (FRZ), AJ Hoy (STG), Josh Normie (STG), Jonathan Pearson (RAI), Nic Sims (STG)

**Division 4 BBH**

3—Leon Arismendi (TGG)

1—Jamie Acton (TH4), Josh Kehoe (TGG), Jack Lalor (TOR), Chris Mannion*(TH4), Josh Matthews (SGL), James Tanner (SLG)

**Results** *(Continued from page 12)*

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **RAIDERS** | 6 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 12 | **27** |
| **FREEZE** | 3 | 4 | 17 | 1 | 2 | 1 | x | **28** |

Pitch 3, Umpire Mike Goff

HRs **RAI** Kris Stokwisz 2, Amy Jerdin, *Natasha Wicikowski (BAT)*, John Pearson; **FRZ** Laurie Salfred-Ingham 2, *Bailey Saunders (TIG)*, Mark Hayward

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **STINGERS** | 1 | 4 | 10 | 7 | 4 | | | | **26** |
| **FIREBALLS** | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | **4** |

RAR, Pitch 2, Umpire Simon Sharp

HRs **STG** AJ Hoysted, Josh Normie, Nic Sims, Nikki Bradshaw

### Division 4

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **B INVADERS** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | **0** |
| **THUNDER IV** | 8 | 0 | 7 | 5 | | | | | **20** |

Pitch 8, Umpire Harry Somers

HRs **TH4** Jamie Acton, **Chris Mannion** GS

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TIGGERS** | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 2 | | | | **21** |
| **SEAGULLS** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | | | | **4** |

RAR, Pitch 6, Umpire Dan Strayer

HRs **TGG** Leon Arismendi 3, Josh Kehoe; **SGL** Josh Matthews

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TORAS** | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 4 | 12 | | |
| **SLUGGABABES** | 3 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 6 | **27** | | |

RAR, Pitch 7, Umpire Luis Allen Arrevillagas

HRs **TOR** Jack Lalor; **SLG** James Tanner

## Guests

### UP

Nikki Bradshaw (STG) for Meerkats v Tigers

Michelle Cleator (STG) for Titans v Hackers

Annie Downes (SLG) for Camels II v Screwballs

Kerry-Ann Gill (STG) for Camels v Mayhem

Ellie Hotchkiss (STG) for Bandidos v Bats

Kieran Oleary (SLG) for Bats v Bandidos

Chloe Patient (STG) for Titans v Hackers

Demi Rabette (SLG) for Bandidos v Bats

Laurie Salfred-Ingham (FRZ) for Screwballs v Camels II

Lisa Williams (PFB) for Tigers v Meerkats

### SAME

Su O'Brien (DSH) for Mayhem v Camels

### DOWN

Emma Bennett (SPE) for Barflies v Thunder III

Farrah Bennett (TH3) for Thunder IV v Base Invaders

Katie Jessop (DSH) for Barflies v Thunder III

Catherine Millan (SCR) for Seagulls v Tiggers

Bailey Saunders (TIG) for Freeze v Raiders

Natasha Wicikowski (BAT) for Raiders v Freeze

# Results 6/7 May

## Division 1

**CAMELS** 0 0 5 2 1 5 0 **13**
**MAYHEM** 3 1 6 3 3 2 x **18**
Pitch G, Umpire Ian Caird
HR **CAM** Max Fagan

**MEERKATS** 3 14 17 4 **38**
**TIGERS** 2 4 4 8 **18**
RAR, Pitch B, Umpire Mike Davies
HRs **MKT** Darren Shaw, Avery Chong 2, Keith Altena 2, Alex Ingham, ***Nikki Bradshaw*** *(STG)* 2, 1GS; **TIG** Ollie Sharpe 2, Rich Goar 2

**THUNDER** 4 4 1 4 2 6 0 **21**
**MAVERICKS** 0 8 0 1 0 1 3 **13**
Pitch A, Umpire Jonny Creelman
HR **THU** Dave Leverton

**THUNDER II** 5 6 6 4 **21**
**D SHARKS** 13 23 3 2 **41**
RAR, Pitch H, Umpire Jeremy Fothergill
HRs **TH2** Phil Kirby, Amy Swiszkowski, Jon Taylor, Jimmy Warren, Fran Leyton; **DSH** Christa Reed Thomas, Charlie Whalley, Ant Hulme 2, Mike Lott, Steven Shearer, **Dan Downes** 3 (1GS)

## Division 2

**BATS** 5 0 2 1 1 3 0 **12**
**BANDIDOS** 8 1 3 0 1 1 x **14**
Pitch C, Umpire Al Green
HRs **BAT** Ray Walker; **BND** Liam Morrison

**CAMELS II** 2 3 6 0 11 2 2 **26**
**SCREWBALLS** 3 6 3 1 4 9 1 **27**
Pitch E, Umpire Dilan Bastiampillai
HRs **CM2** Conor Battersby, Dan Jarman; **SCR** Ross Maskell 2

**HACKERS** 2 4 1 1 0 6 8 **22**
**TITANS** 4 6 4 1 5 5 x **25**
Pitch A, Umpire Jack Rains
HRs **HAC** Darren Corner 2, Grace Mills; **TTN** Sam Baker 2, Jai Bhagdev, Izzy Rendall

**MAVERICKS II** 0 3 4 1 1 1 1 **11**
**DODGERS** 2 1 4 5 4 0 x **16**
Pitch CF, Umpire Paul Fagan
HRs **DOD Brian Slusarek** (GS), Jessica Hastings,

## Division 3

**BARFLIES** 1 0 7 2 0 3 **13**
**THUNDER III** 4 3 3 4 5 9 **28**
RAR, Pitch 4, Umpire Fliss Fagan
HR **TH3** Dean Cull

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# Standings

### Division 1

| | P | W | T | L | RS | RC | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ▲Thunder | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 25 | 1.00 | - |
| ▲Mayhem | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 26 | 1.00 | - |
| ▲D Sharks | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 40 | 1.00 | - |
| ▼Camels | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 42 | 27 | 0.50 | 1 |
| ▶Meerkats | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 50 | 32 | 0.50 | 1 |
| ▲Mavericks | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 32 | 47 | 0.00 | 2 |
| ▼Tigers | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 31 | 62 | 0.00 | 2 |
| ▶Thunder II | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 30 | 70 | 0.00 | 2 |

### Division 2

| | P | R | W | T/U | L | RS | RC | Pct |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ▶Bandidos | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 12 | 1.00 |
| ▲Dodgers | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 37 | 1.00 |
| ▲Screwballs | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 43 | 42 | .750 |
| ▼Mavericks | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 38 | 28 | .500 |
| ▼Hackers | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 44 | 46 | .500 |
| ▲Titans | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 37 | 49 | .500 |
| ▲Speeders | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 26 | 30 | .333 |
| ▼Bats | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 28 | 30 | .250 |
| ▼Camels II | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 47 | 49 | .000 |

### Division 3

| | P | W | T | L | RS | RC | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stingers | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 4 | 1.00 | - |
| Thunder III | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 13 | 1.00 | - |
| Freeze | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 27 | 1.00 | - |
| Fireballs | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 26 | .000 | 1 |
| Raiders | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 27 | 28 | .000 | 1 |
| Barflies | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 28 | .000 | 1 |

### Division 4

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thunder IV | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 1.00 | - |
| Tiggers | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 4 | 1.00 | - |
| Sluggababes | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 12 | 1.00 | - |
| B Invaders | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 0.00 | 1 |
| Seagulls | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 21 | 0.00 | 1 |
| Toras | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 27 | 0.00 | 1 |