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"Mercy" wins in five out of eight games in Divs 1/2

You might have expected the Division 1 top v bottom clash between unbeaten **Thunder** and winless **Tigers** to be a formality, but the big cats put up a decent fight, at least for half the game, even leading at one point. But trailing 9-11 seemed to waken the champions, and four shut-outs saw them home 19-11. However, this was the only top-flight game this week that *wasn't* a "slaughter"! **Camels** found themselves under the cosh against the **Mavericks** from the start, and succumbed to a 19-4 defeat which allowed **Mayhem** to leapfrog them into 2nd place on the back of a 25-5 win over **Thunder II**. In the division's other game, **Meerkats** and **Dodgy Sharks** swopped places in the standings as the Sharks completed a 26-11 win with a two-out walk-off grand-slam homer from Dan Downes.

There were run-ahead rule wins for the top two in Division 2. **Dodgers** scored steadily to defeat **Speeders** 24-9, including a home run from Paul Colton to go with his brother Jordan's round-trip for Mayhem. And **Titans** saw off **Mavericks II** 23-6 with the help of guest Demi Rabette,

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Gategate repeat at WSG

There were fears of a repeat of last year's lock-out at WSG as players arrived last Wednesday to find the gate locked. As traffic queued back to Rackhouse Road, news came through that the facility manager was on her way to let us in.

Fixtures Secretary Andrew Bogie has spoken to her again this week with a view to avoiding a repeat of the situation, which was caused by an employee being on holiday without letting anyone know, just like last year. The facility manager acknowledges the inconvenience that this causes, including the traffic chaos which she witnessed first hand.

Discussions are ongoing to find a long-term solution to prevent this from becoming a recurring problem. *HS/AB*

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straight from the airport (see story page 5). When **Bats** took an 11-1 lead in the bottom of the 1st inning against **Screwballs**, a win look on the cards. But the cocktailers scored 25 over the next four innings, while restricting the chiroptera to nine. The Bats fought back with two shutouts but could only get three of the five needed in the bottom of the 7th. **Hackers** were winning 16-9 after 4½ innings when **Camels II** ran in eight to take a one-run lead. The black hats responded with eight of their own, seeing off the late challenge to secure the win which returns the Bactrians to the foot of the table after the Bandidos' fulfilled their rest-week umpiring obligation.

In Division 3 there was a close high-scoring game between **Raiders** and **Thunder III**. The rumblers got off to the better start and were five runs up when Raiders hit ten in the top of the 5th. Going into the final inning just two runs separated the sides, with Raiders extending their lead by just one run. Thunder scored two, but left the tying run on base as twice the batter who could have been the winning run was out. The win in the joint 8th closest game in MSL history lifts Raiders off the bottom. **Fireballs** and **Barflies** exchanged the lead several times over the first five innings, but Barflies finally held on to it, making sure with a six-run 7th inning. It was 1st v 2nd when **Stingers** met **Freeze**, but the burners went three games clear at the top with a 30-15 "mercy" win in six innings.

Division 4's newbies are both improving. Although still winless, **Base Invaders** took **Seagulls** to a full game, scoring 12 along the way. The gulls sealed the win with a nine-run 5th inning despite playing one-short. **Toras**, also playing one-short did slightly less well against **Thunder IV**. A 1st-inning lead was quickly seen off, and the T4s scored steadily to post a 20-7 win. In another 1st v 2nd clash, **Tiggers** maintained their perfect record with a 17-10 defeat of the **Sluggababes**: leading from the off, a ten-run 5th inning confirmed the win.

Birthdays

Monday 7th
Natalie Wood (Raiders)
Tuesday 8th
Georgia Orton (Tiggers)
Wednesday 9th
Jack Lalor (Toras)
Friday 11th
Richard Thompson (Tigers)
Sunday 13th
Joicey Rosaria (Dodgy Sharks)

This week's games

Tuesday 1st
Division 3
Freeze 1L @ Fireballs 4L (pitch 8, umpire Hung)
Raiders 1W @ Barflies 1W (6, Dos Ramos)
Stingers 2W @ Thunder III 1L (7, P Fagan)
Division 4
Sluggbababes 1L @ Seagulls 1W (2, Goff)
Tiggers 11W @ Thunder IV 2W (3, F Fagan)
Toras 4L @ Base Invaders 15L (4, Warren)
Wednesday 2nd
Division 1
Dodgy Sharks 3W @ Thunder 10W (F, Davies)
Mayhem 3W @ Mavericks 1W (D, Fothergill)
Meerkats 1L @ Camels 1L (E, Creelman)
Thunder II 6L @ Tigers 10L (C, P Fagan)
Division 2
Bandidos 7L @ Bats 1L (G, Bastiampillai)
Dodgers 1W @ Mavericks II 1L (H, Caird)
Screwballs 2W @ Camels II 6L (B, Green)
Titans 7W @ Hackers 1W (A, Wallace)
Speeders rest

Dr Hurler's pitching clinic—Part 1

Pitching. The scientific method

For the vanishingly few of you that aren't in some way slightly neuro-divergent (who will obviously be intimately entwined with such thinking), I will do you the courtesy of introducing first, not pitching, but instead the scientific method.

Scientific Method. The formulation of a theory. The rigorous testing of said theory. Revision of theory in light of evidence compiled. Open communication with your peers of your conclusions and the further revision, or indeed full redaction of your crazy-arsed nonsense in light of a ferocious, career-ending backlash of these so-called friends.

So, to get the ball rolling (see what I did there?) here are my first theories that I throw out to you (again?), my esteemed peers, for review:

First I would like you to consider this question: What should be the primary objective of a pitcher? If you said to 'throw strikes' you get an F. You want to throw as many balls as you can. You only throw strikes when you HAVE to. If you went with 'get strikeouts' that too is a fail. Only the batter has it in their power to earn themselves that particular accolade. As a pitcher you are, at best, an interested bystander.

In baseball then of course these might indeed be key goals. But not in softball. Make no mistake. You have been intentionally emasculated. Yours in merely to throw loopy meatballs so the batters can justify £300 every year on a new metal tube and so that fielders get to run around and feel they have done some exercise rather than take up a proper sport. Win – Win. Only YOU lose.

Response *by Dave Lee, GB pitching coach*.

While it is fair to say that the odds are certainly designed to favour the batter in this duel, the pitcher is far from defenceless in this battle.

Firstly and most obviously you have four balls to the batters three strikes. That may not sound like much but it certainly becomes compelling if the pitcher can go honours even into a 2-2 count. Glove's on the other hand (Doh! I'm doing it now). So firstly: extend the count. Quick note to all you batters who like to watch the first pitch as part of your 'routine'. Don't. We know it. You are just giving us an effective 4-2 count advantage.

Secondly you have access to lots of information you can use in your favour. Which direction is the wind blowing? What is this particular Blu's strike zone today? Where does this batter like to hit? Plus you know the score in the game, how many outs, how many runners on base. All this changes the mental position of the batter and indeed what they might be trying to achieve that they probably shouldn't!

However by FAR the biggest advantage is that you have nine other players around you. So what weapons do we have in our armoury and how should we utilise them? Taking 'specialist' pitches like knuckleballs, two-seamers etc out of the equation, let's concentrate on the basics. You the pitcher get to choose from any of the four corners. Your success or failure will come from your ability to execute the correct pitch to the correct corner at the correct time.

So my response to 'What is the primary objective of a pitcher' would be: to draw a shot out of the batter that is sub-optimal to them and that tips the chances in favour of the fielding team.

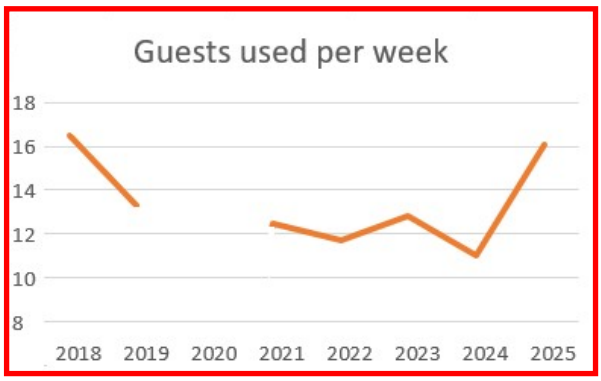
Part 2 next week.

Guests prop up the league

7 Stingers players played as guests on Wednesday (plus one on Tuesday) along with Chloe Patient making her umpiring debut. So far a total of ten different Stingers players have made 35 guest appearances for 15 different teams. That's almost the whole team! In fact only two of the Stingers who regularly play on a Tuesday have not (yet) played as guests for another team.

More generally, there were 19 guest appearances in total last week, a joint high this season (along with May 27-28) though there have been two weeks with 18, and two with 17, and the average so far this season is 16.1. This compares (unfavourably, you might say) with the last few years' averages as seen in the graphic which shows the average number of guests per week since 2018, when a major overhaul of the guest rules was introduced to limit, in particular, the number of times an individual could play as a guest for the same team.

Apart from the Stingers, other teams have used and offered guests. So far 72 different players have made a total of 153 guest appearances.



Teams have used on average 5.3 guests so far this season. Only the Mavericks and Tiggers have not used any guests, and only five teams, including the two newest teams, have not provided guests. Five teams are averaging more than one guest per game.

Clearly, we need our guests, and are grateful to them, though it is a worry if any team relies on having guests every week. Our rules for fielding positions for guests playing "up" allow players from lower divisions to gain experience playing at a higher level where they can play in any position.

Demi goes the extra mile

And there is a great guest story from last week, as Titans' Sam Baker writes:

"Titans were in a spot of bother when two SBHs dropped out on Wednesday morning and there was seemingly a shortage of available guests. To the rescue was Sluggababes' Demi Rabette [pictured], whose plane from Frankfurt landed at 6pm. She then took a taxi from the airport and turned up on Pitch B with nothing but a suitcase of clothes. Borrowing a glove and some shoes, she converted half a dozen outs at 3rd base, and was agonisingly close to clinging on to a full-stretch dolphin-dive catch, a homage to her time as a football goalkeeper. The performance was enough to win MVP and crucial to the applauding Titans regulars, in keeping their title challenge alive."

Bailey injured at Leeds

Bailey Saunders' weekend at the Leeds tournament last week came to an unfortunate end when she fractured her little fingerin a shocking accident at home plate. Bailey was playing catcher for the hybrid Bandidos/Hackers team which had reached the Final of the main tournament (Silver) after a splendid weekend's play. The 'Bandackers' were losing to the Bombers (the only team they couldn't beat) when the accident happened, and the game was abandoned. "The ball took a bad bounce off the ground and caught my little finger fracturing my metacarpal and tearing the webbing between my fingers. And after all that I didn't even get the out,"

says Bailey.

Bailey was treated pitch-side then rushed to Wharfdale Hospital where an X-ray confirmed the damage. The following day it was treated by a

specialist at Salford Hospital and operated on on Thursday.

Throughout all this, Bailey was accompanied by team-mate and superstar Izzy Wakefield, to whom special thanks. Also to Paul Fagan who drove Bailey's car home.

Everyone at MSL wishes Bailey a speedy recovery, and looks forward to seeing her back on the diamond as soon as possible.

HS

Photos: Bailey Saunders

Next week's fixtures (July 15/16)

Division 1

Games in Division 1 are the return fixtures from week 5, May 28th)

Camels @ Dodgy Sharks (pitch D, umpire TBA) Camels won 17-12 with 11 of their runs coming in a productive 3rd inning. Camels' record against the Sharks is was 7-2, and against the Travelling Dodgers 9-5, so combined that would be 17-7.

Thunder @ Mayhem (C, Fagan) Thunder won27-12 in five innings. Thunder have won 15 of their 17 meetings

Thunder II @ Meerkats (F, Bastiampillai) Meerkats won 23-2, a seventh win in eight meetings going back to 2010 when they first met in Division 3.

Tigers @ Mavericks (E, TBA) Mavs won this first ever meeting 30-11.

Division 2

Games in Division 2 are the return fixtures from week 3, May 14th

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Next week's fixtures *(Continued from page 6)*

Bandidos @ Camels II (B, TBA) Camels snatched a dramatic come-from-behind win, having trailed the entire game, taking a one-run lead in the top of the 7th them shutting out the Bandidos to win 16-15. Camels have won all four meetings.

Dodgers @ Hackers (G, Hung) Dodgers won 16-9 in a game where they were trailing until a decisive 6th inning 11-run haul. As mentioned previously, it is a little-known fact that Dodgers were originally formed as a breakaway from Hackers after some internal tension. Dodgers now lead 6-1 in all meetings. Considering that Hackers won their first ever meeting 63-19 (in 1993, before official records began), they might think it was about time for another win.

Screwballs @ Titans (H, Frost) Titans won 22-15 to take a 2-1 lead in all encounters.

Speeders @ Mavericks II (A, Davies) Speeders took the lead in the 3rd inning and held a narrow lead throughout, until 12 runs in the bottom of the 6th made it a comfortable win, 28-20. The win edged them 6-5 ahead in all meetings.

Bats rest

Next week sees that start of the third rotation in Divisions 3 and 4 with a third staging of the pairings seen on opening day 6th May, and week 6, 10th June.

Third rotation games are "no home team": the second-named team is responsible for the bases; provision of balls is shared, with the team listed first providing large balls, the team listed second small balls.

Division 3

Barflies v Thunder III (4, Ng) Previously this season 13-28 and 25-24. Barflies got their revenge for the opening-day defeat in an exciting game: trailing 21-9 after five innings, Barflies then scored 12 in the 6th to tie up the gsme. The final inning saw Thunder hit three, but Barflies got four to take the win. Thunder have an 8-4 lead in all meetings.

Raiders v Freeze (2, Goff) Freeze won the first game 28-27, and completed the double with a 19-13 win. Prior to this, Raiders had won their only encounter, so it's now 2-1 to Freeze.

Stingers v Fireballs (3, Hung) Stingers have won both their games this season by the run-ahead rule. Game 1 saw them win 26-4, while game 2 was a crushing 35-8 win, with a 24-run 2nd inning that is the highest single inning total so far this season across all four divisions. The two wins put Stingers 5-2 up in all meetings.

Division 4

Base Invaders v Thunder IV (6, Warren) The Invaders' season got off to a start with a 20-0 shutout, though they did considerably better in the return fixture, losing 16-26. With a single win last season, Thunder lead 3-0.

Seagulls v Tiggers (7, F Fagan) Tiggers had a comfortable 21-4 win on opening day, and a second RAR win 27-12 in game 2. But Seagulls lead 4-3 in all meetings.

Sluggababes v Toras (8, Sharp) Sluggababes won the first game 27-12, but Toras avoided the "slaughter" in game 2, scoring 10 to the Babes' 21. These two games constitute their only meetings historically.

Guests

UP

Jack Barnes (STG) for Thunder II v Mayhem

Nikki Bradshaw (STG) for Tigers v Thunder

Michelle Cleator (STG) for Hackers (2nd) v Camels II

Annie Downes (SLG) for Camels II (2nd) v Hackers

Kerry-Ann Gill (STG) for Camels II v Hackers

Ellie Hotchkiss (STG) for Screwballs (2nd) v Bats

AJ Hoysted (STG) for Mayhem v Thunder II

Hannah Kay (PFB) for Titans v Mavericks II

Michael Mia (TH3) for Thunder v Tigers

Demi Rabette (SLG) for Titans v Mavericks II

Jack Rains (STG) for Thunder II v Mayhem

Evie Sanders (BND) for Tigers v Thunder

Matt Tanner (SLG) for Camels v Mavericks

SAME

Rory Casey-Wright (STG) for Thunder III v Raiders

Ant Garcia (MHM) for Camels v Mavericks

v Rob Lawrence (TGG) for Toras v Thunder IV

DOWN

Jai Bhagdev (TTN) for Seagulls (2nd) v Base Invaders

Arthur Hung (BAT) for Raiders (2nd) v Thunder III

Evie Sanders (BND) for Thunder IV v Toras

MVPs

CAMELS	Hayley McTear (1B), Baljit Ahluwalia (2B)
D SHARKS	Nikita Shkurko (3B), Dan Downes (SS)
MAVERICKS	Ellie Buckley (1B), Pete Nightingale (SS)
MAYHEM	Emma Agostini (C), Jack Scholes (SS)
MEERKATS	Deb Wilson (C), Igor von Orel Bronte (2B)
THUNDER	Kellie Whitaker (1B), Joe Grantham (2B)
THUNDER II	Francisca Leyton (LF), Jon Taylor (SS)
TIGERS	Anissa Aghterafi (3B), Simon Sharp (2B)
BATS	Hannah Magee (CR), Cameron Waddelow (SS)
CAMELS II	Jen Douglas (RF), Chris Drayton (1B)
DODGERS	Sophie Temple (1B), Brian Slusarek (2B)
HACKERS	Carmen Arrevillagas (1B), Alex Mills (SS)
MAVERICKS II	Rachel Gavaghan (1B), David Martin Baez (RF)
SCREWBALLS	Olivia Westmacott-Thompson (SS), Ross Maskell (CR)
SPEEDERS	Emma Bennett (LF), David Grice (CL)
TITANS	*Demi Rabett (SLG)*(3B), Pete Brocklehurst (CR)
BARFLIES	Jo Mccullogh (CR), Chris Radford (CL)
FIREBALLS	Lisa Williams (2B), Andy Whatmore (CL)
FREEZE	Malyn Wainwright (2B), Mark Hayward (SS)
RAIDERS	Kerry Brown (LF), Luke Cartwright (CR)
STINGERS	Nikki Bradshaw (LF), Josh Normie (3B)
THUNDER III	Freya Parmar (3B), James Wright (P)
BASE INVADERS	Chika Sharples (3B), Adam Wilson (1B)
SEAGULLS	Hollie Glennie (C), Dave (CF)
SLUGGABABES	Rachael Wake (2B), Johan Lemmers (1B)
THUNDER IV	Bea Walker (LF), Chris Mannion (SS)
TIGGERS	Lynsey Taylor (1B), Muhammad Tawheed (CR)
TORAS	Laura Watson (3B), *Rob Lawrence (TGG)* (RF)

(All names appear as submitted)

Corrections

Last week's article about the postponed game was said to be between Camels and Meerkats, when it was actually **Mayhem** who were the opponents, and who had players on international duty.

And in last week's round-up we said "Division 2 completed its first rotation with the undefeated league leaders resting". As Sam Baker pointed out, "some of my team-mates expressed alarm that this seems to ignore the Titans' excellent 24-16 win over the Manchester Dodgers in week 7, leaving the leaders somewhat defeated." Apologies.

Transfer

Ellie Sams, Thunder III to Thunder IV

Home runs (Leading hitters)

Division 1 SBH
6 – Maddie Gresty (CAM), Christa Reed-Thomas (DSH)
5 – Avery Chong (MKT)
4 – Izzie Keeley (CAM)
3 – Linni Mitchell (MHM)
2 – Katie Jessop* (DSH), Sherry Kenyon (MAV), Laura Simpson (THU)
1 – Mel Byrne (DSH), Charlotte Green (CAM), Kim Hannessen (THU), April Hutchen (THU), Fran Leyton (TH2), Amy Miller (MHM), Su O'Brien (DSH), Sian Payne (THU), Amy Swiszczowski (TH2), Deb Wilson (MKT), Jess Wooden (MKT)

Division 1 BBH
18 – Dan Downes**** (DSH)
8 – Keith Altena (MKT), Rich Goar (TIG), Tom Russell (THU)
7 – Joe Grantham (THU)
6 – Tom Atkinson* (CAM), Kris Hadwin (THU), Jon Taylor (TH2)
5 – Max Fagan* (CAM), Matthew Green (MHM), Adam Hugill* (CAM), Pete Nightingale* (MAV), Wes Ng (CAM)
4 – Chris Fulton (MAV), Jeivo Gomez* (TH2), Trent Nash (MHM), Ollie Sharpe (TIG)
3 – Carlos dos Ramos * (MKT), Lubo Durisin (MAV), Gareth Evans (CAM), Anthony Garcia Reyes (MHM), Brad Hadwin (THU), Ant Hulme (DSH), Benkei Johnson (MHM), Dave Leverton (THU)
2 – Luis Arrevillagas (THU), Luis Allan Arrevillagas (THU), Jordan Colton (MHM), Alex Ingham (MKT), Mike Lott (DSH), Laurence Pearmain* (MAV), Jack Scholes (MHM), Simon Sharp (TIG), Darren Shaw (MKT), Rich Thompson (TIG), Charlie Whalley (DSH)

Division 2 SBH
7 – Izzy Rendell (TTN)
4 – Jessica Hastings (DOD)
3 – Emma Bennett (SPE), Olivia Thompson-Westmacott (SCR)
2 – Grace Mills (HAC)
1 – Hatti Greenhow (SCR), Emma Simpson (CM2), Kate Winfield (TTN)

Division 2 BBH
12 – Ross Maskell (SCR)
11 – Sam Baker (TTN)
8 – Carl Emsley (TTN), James Wooderson (CM2)
7 – Paul Colton (DOD)
6 – Maciek Jurewicz (SCR), David Martin Baez (MV2), Ollie Potts (CM2), Brian Slusarek** (DOD)
5 – Stephane Karayannis (DOD), Cameron Waddelow (BAT), Ray Walker (BAT), Ian Williams (MV2)
4 – Jai Bhagdev (TTN), David Dyson (DOD), David Grice* (SPE), Dan Johansson (HAC), Oscar Marenco (SCR)
3 – Darren Corner (HAC), Chris Frost (BAT), Chris Gresty (MV2), Simon Hepburn (DOD), Alex Mills (HAC), Luke Nelson (TTN), Sean Rafter* (HAC), Dan Strayer (SCR)
2 – Naveed Ahmed (SCR), Conor Battersby (CM2), Ant Boffey (CM2), Bryn Davies (BAT), Jeremy Fothergill (SPE), Jack Hoban (HAC), Chris Lennon (SPE), Nick Money (SPE), Adam Morrison (BND), Liam Morrison (BND), Mark Sanders* (BND)

Division 3 SBH
4 – Nicola Bradshaw (STGI)
3 – Laurie Salfred-Ingham (FRZ)
2 – Kerry Brown (RAI), Laura Somers (TH3)
1 – Anna Berry* (BFL), Kerry Ann Gill (STG), Ellie Hotchkiss (STG), Amy Jerdin (RAI), Jo McCullough (BFL) , Chloe Patient (STG)

Division 3 BBH
7 – Michael Mia (TH3), Nic Sims (STG)
6 – Ben Acton (TH3), Dean Cull* (TH3), Josh Normie (STG)
5 – Luke Crannage (RAI)
4 – Kristian Stokwisz (RAI), Jono Wrigley (FRZ)
3 – Rory Casey-Wright (STG), Ebbie Hassan (BFL), Mark Hayward (FRZ), Criostai Newhall (PFB), Jonathan Pearson (RAI), Jack Rains (STG)
2 – Dilan Bastiampillai (TH3), Tomm Childs (TH3), Mark Crannage (RAI), Lewis Le Fevre (TH3), James Wright (TH3)
1 – Jack Baldwin (PFB), Jack Barnes (STG), Mitch Gilbert (PFB), AJ Hoysted (STG), Lee Kendrick-Walker (BFL), Chris Radford (BFL), Kelby Salfred-Ingham (FRZ), Owen Salfred-Ingham (FRZ), Callum Schora (RAI), Chris Smith (BFL), Richard Valentine (RAI), Kuba Jacob Williams (BFL)

Results *(Continued from page 10)*

FREEZE	6	1	2	3	3	0	**15**
STINGERS	4	0	0	12	9	5	**30**

RAR, Pitch 3, Umpire Simon Sharp
HRs **FRZ** Mark Hayward; **STG** Josh Normie, Nikki Bradshaw, Chloe Patient

RAIDERS	7	2	5	0	10	6	1	**31**
THUNDER III	8	6	4	1	1	8	2	**30**

Pitch 2, Umpire Harry Somers
HRs **RAI** Jon Pearson, Luke Crannage; **TH3** Dean Cull, Michael Mia, James Wright

Division 4

B INVADERS	0	2	2	0	4	4	0	**12**
SEAGULLS	3	2	1	9	0	3	x	**18**

Pitch 8, Umpire Fliss Fagan
HRs **SGL** *Jai Bhagdev (TTN)*, Dave Gittins 2, Samuel Webb

SLUGG'BABES	1	0	1	3	0	4	1	**10**
TIGGERS	2	1	3	0	10	1	x	**17**

Pitch 6, Umpire Dave Warren
HRs **TGG** Leon Arismendi, **Muhammad Taweed** (GS), Carlos Torres

TORAS	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	**7**
THUNDER IV	0	7	0	5	8	0	x	**20**

Pitch 7, Umpire Paul Fagan
HRs **TH4** Chris Mannion 2, Dan Simpson, Adrian Kwong

Division 4 SBH
2 – Annie Downes (SLG), Edie Lemmers (SLG), Abbie Thwaite* (TH4)
1 – Emma Hawke (TGG), Lynsey Taylor (TGG)

Division 4 BBH
15 – Leon Arismendi (TGG)
11 – Chris Mannion**** (TH4)
7 – Antoon Lemmers (SLG), James Tanner (SLG)
6 – Jamie Acton (TH4)
5 – Dave Gittins (SGL), Johan Lemmers (SLG)
4 – Josh Kehoe (TGG), Sam Webb (SGL),
3 – Jonathan Foldi (SGL), Ben Lock (TOR), Kieran O'Leary (SLG), Muhammad Taweed** (TGG)
2 – Adrian Kwong (TH4), Jack Lalor (TOR), Josh Matthews (SGL), Stan O'Leary (SLG)
1 – Steve Beddows (TGG), Guillermo d'Alessio (TOR), Kieran Farrell (DBI), Anthony Henderson (SGL), Seb Parker (TOR), Roger Pedley (TH4), Dan Simpson (TH4), Carlos Torres (TGG)

* grand slam

Results 1/2 July

Division 1

CAMELS 0 0 0 4 0 **4**
MAVERICKS 8 5 4 0 2 **19**
RAR, Pitch E, Umpire Mike Davies
HR **MAV Pete Nightingale** (GS)

MEERKATS 2 0 2 3 4 **11**
D SHARKS 8 4 3 7 4 **26**
RAR, Pitch C, Umpire Harry Somers (BND)
HRs **DSH Dan Downes** 3 (1GS)

THUNDER 6 3 0 3 0 5 2 **19**
TIGERS 1 3 7 0 0 0 0 **11**
Pitch F, Umpire Johny Creelman
HRs **THU** Joe Grantham 3, Tom Russell 2, Kris Hadwin; **TIG** Simon Sharp

THUNDER II 2 0 0 3 **5**
MAYHEM 0 7 6 12 **25**
RAR, Pitch D, Umpire Nacho Sánchez (BND)
HRs **TH2** Jon Taylor; **MHM** Jack Scholes, Jordan Colton, *AJ Hoysted (STG)*

Division 2

DODGERS 3 4 7 3 3 4 **24**
SPEEDERS 4 0 3 0 0 2 **9**
RAR, Pitch A, Umpire Paul Fagan
HRs **DOD** David Dyson, Paul Colton, Stephane Karayannis

HACKERS 6 3 0 6 1 8 6 **30**
CAMELS II 0 4 0 5 8 1 4 **22**
Pitch H, Umpire Chloe Patient
HRs **HAC Sean Rafter** 2 (1GS), Dan Johansson; **CM2 Chris Drayton** (GS), Antony Boffey

SCREWBALLS 1 5 7 6 7 0 0 **26**
BATS 11 2 1 3 3 1 3 **24**
Pitch G, Umpire Gemma Wallace
HRs **SCR** Ross Maskell 3, Olivia Westmacott-Thompson 2, Naveed Ahmad, Maciek Jurewicz; **BAT** Cameron Waddelow 2

TITANS 5 0 8 3 0 7 **23**
MAVERICKS II 0 0 2 1 3 0 **6**
RAR, Pitch B, Umpire Andrew Whatmore
HRs **TTN** Izzy Rendell, Carl Emsley, Sam Baker; **MV2** David Martin Baez

Division 3

BARFLIES 1 8 5 0 0 3 6 **23**
FIREBALLS 5 0 6 3 1 1 1 **17**
Pitch 4, Umpire Mike Goff
HRs **BFL** Ebby Hassan 2, Lee Kendrick-Walker, **Jo McCullough** (GS)

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Standings

Division 1

	P	W	T	L	RS	RC	Pct	GB
▶Thunder	10	10	0	0	205	117	1.00	-
▲Mayhem	9	6	0	3	200	150	.667	3½
▼Camels	9	6	0	3	192	128	.667	3½
▲D Sharks	10	6	0	4	249	182	.600	4
▼Meerkats	10	6	0	4	201	172	.600	4
▶Mavericks	10	4	0	6	194	181	.400	6
▶Thunder II	10	1	0	9	137	293	.100	9
▶Tigers	10	0	0	10	123	278	.000	10

Mayhem above Camels and Sharks above Meerkats on head-to-heads

Division 2

	P	R	W	T/U	L	RS	RC	Pct
▶Dodgers	9	1	8	1	1	216	127	.895
▶Titans	8	1	7	1	1	184	125	.882
▲Screwballs	9	1	5	2	3	187	166	.632
▼Mavericks II	9	1	5	1	4	169	181	.579
▼Speeders	8	1	4	1	4	144	155	.529
▲Hackers	9	1	4	1	5	154	150	.474
▼Bats	7	1	2	2	4	115	128	.400
▲Bandidos	8	2	1	2	7	84	164	.222
▼Camels II	9	1	1	1	8	171	228	.158

Division 3

	P	W	T	L	RS	RC	Pct	GB
▶Stingers	9	8	0	1	218	98	.889	-
▶Freeze	9	5	0	4	153	182	.556	3
▶Thunder III	9	5	0	4	189	166	.556	3
▶Barflies	9	4	0	5	153	197	.444	4
▲Raiders	9	3	0	6	171	190	.333	5
▼Fireballs	9	2	0	7	156	207	.222	6

Freeze above Thunder III on head-to-head

Division 4

	P	W	T	L	RS	RC	Pct	GB
▶Tiggers	9	9	0	0	185	44	1.00	-
▲Thunder IV	9	7	0	2	165	115	.778	2
▼Slugg'babes	9	6	0	3	180	105	.667	3
▶Seagulls	9	4	0	5	132	150	.444	5
▶Toras	9	1	0	8	101	189	.111	8
▶B Invaders	9	0	0	9	61	221	.000	9