



Tigers Softball Club Yearbook, 2014



Review of the year

The 2014 Tigers club squad had a different look to it. Of the 2013 side Uric and Karl retired, James was injured for the first half of the season and Deb, Claire and Irene couldn't play at all because of work commitments. Becky also missed a large chunk of the 2014 season with injury and pregnancy meant that Charlotte 'retired' halfway through the year.

The player turnover wasn't all bad, it was good to have Dave and Kirsty back for the whole season after they had missed almost all of 2013, Alex re-joined after 2 and a half years away and Grant was a welcome addition to the team. Hayley and rookie Sarah also played valuable roles after first showing their class with the Wildcats in Division 3.

We also got solid performances from those players who had played in 2013 and DID manage to dodge the 'Curse of the Tigers' and play in 2014. Sam, Ed, Richard, Emma, Steph and Chloe were all dependable regulars. Becky's season could have been cut short by the serious injury she received early in the year, but she showed great guts and determination to overcome that setback.

The Wildcats played the price for the Tigers turnover in players, and also had injury problems of their own. We never got to a situation where we could put a balanced team in the field and we paid the price with a swift return to Division 4. That didn't mean we didn't have some good personal performances within the team. Tony's pitching went from strength to strength as the season went on. Hayley put in some fine performances and should be looking for a first team berth in 2015. Steve did a manful job at several different fielding positions over the year, Rob worked hard all year and TK showed us how it's done when she finally recovered from her pre-season injury. Stuart also deserves a special mention for his enthusiasm and commitment to the cause, he had to wait a long time for his debut but he'll be one to watch next year.

This year we also entered a women's team in the single sex league. We didn't record a win but we were competitive in all our games and didn't look out of place against opponents that had far more experience (and included far more first division players) than ourselves.

We played in both Manchester tournaments and also at Leeds and Sefton as well as a number of friendlies and a mid-season intra-squad game. We will be looking to enter even more tournaments in 2015.

Grant (back in the USA) and Chloe (sent to Coventry) will both be missed in 2015 but (fingers crossed) we now have a solid core that we can build on next year so we are looking forward to even bigger and better things in 2015.

Tigers



Alex Timmins

Tigers



Ana Guleria

Tigers



Becky Ellis

Tigers



Charlotte Everitt

Tigers



Chloe Love

Tigers



Dace Eaton

Tigers



Dace Wareham

Tigers



Ellie Beard

Tigers



Ed Covington

Tigers



Evan Lawrence

Tigers



Emma Miller

Tigers



Grant Lytek

Tigers



Hayley McTear

Tigers



James McConville

Tigers



Kirsty Fell

Tigers



Matt Hughes

Tigers



Matt Thomas

Tigers



Michael Miah

Tigers



Neil Loe

Tigers



Rachel Butcher

Tigers



Rob Lawrence

Tigers



Richard Sarver

Tigers



Sam Taylor

Tigers



Sarah Cassin

Tigers



Sarah Hughes

Tigers



Sarah Newman

Tigers



Steph Hollows

Tigers



Steve Aquirre

Tigers



Stewart Pilling

Tigers



Sandra Zlatinska

Tigers



Tereza Kekocinska

Tigers



Tony Ly Fave

League games

Tigers



23/04/14 Camels

Steph was the star of this game hitting two home runs that lit up what was a solid win over an under-strength Camels team. Other batting stars included Ed, who also homered, and Tony, Chloe and Richard who all went 4 for 4. The whole line up from top to bottom hit the ball hard and ran hard to put continual pressure on the opposition throughout the game.

In the field Tony's pitching performance, featuring 7 strikeouts, was a highlight whilst elsewhere Dave E. did a solid job at Shortstop and the outfield did a fine job of keeping the ball in front of them and restricting the number of extra base hits we surrendered to a minimum. *Game called for Bad Light after 4 & ½.*

Camels	3	0	4	3	1	11
Tigers	6	5	1	11	X	23

MVPs were Tony and Steph



30/04/14 Outlaws II

The events of this game were completely overshadowed by a really nasty injury to Becky who took a ball in the side of the head whilst running to 2nd in the top of the 7th and ended up in hospital with a skull fracture, concussion and a perforated ear drum. Happily she is recovering well and should be out of hospital in a couple more days.

Elsewhere this was the archetypal game of 2 halves. In the first 3 innings the Outlaws ran away with it, in the next 3 we reined them in and started batting and fielding much better ourselves.

Our batting leader was Sam, going 4 for 4, with Ed and Tony each going 3 for 4. Ed hit 1 home run and was robbed of another only by the best catch of the game in right centre. In the field Sam played really well in centre field and Ed did a good job standing in at short stop.

In the run up to the game just getting a team onto the pitch was a struggle, so thanks are due to Neil, Hayley and Anu for stepping into the breach. *Game called in the top of the 7th and rolled back.*

Tigers	2	1	0	2	2	4	11
Outlaws	2	10	9	0	0	1	22

MVPs were Ed and Becky



07/05/14 Mutineers

It's often one bad innings that decides a game and this one was no exception as the Mutineers scored 11 runs in the 2nd innings on their way to a comfortable win.

Batting stats leaders were Emma and new boy Grant who each went 2 for 2 with Sam and Ed the best of the rest, each going 2 for 3. In the field Ed was the star performer with Grant also looking good in his first game.

There were some bright spots but overall this wasn't a game that we'll recall fondly. In awful conditions we made too many mistakes in the field and the batting fell apart after the first innings, leaving us well beaten by the end of the game. *Game called for Bad Light after 5.*

Mutineers	3	11	3	0	1	18
Tigers	4	0	0	0	1	5

MVPs were Ed and Emma



14/05/14 Speeders

A good, nip and tuck game that ended on a close play at the plate. Perhaps a few too many errors (on both sides) for the purist, but it was still by far our best performance of the season to date. Infield stars were Ed and Chloe who both made some excellent plays, and Emma was solid on one - though her most spectacular play, doing the splits to reel in an errant throw, went unrewarded.

Sam and Dave E. both looked good in the outfield with Dave's snaring of a screaming line drive the highlight, whilst Steph showed good range in right field. With the bat Sam (5 for 5) and Dave W. (4 for 4) batted 1000, with a whole group of others going 3 for 4 including the female leaders, Emma, Kirsty and Chloe.

In the end we made one or two errors too many to deserve the win but we did enough to suggest with a bit more experience we can be a team to be reckoned with at this level.

Tigers	0	5	3	0	3	2	2	15
Speeders	1	6	3	1	3	1	1	16

MVPs were Ed and Chloe



21/05/14 Meerkats

We did it tough in the run up to this game, struggling to get a team out on the pitch. We did it tough in the game as well as we found out why the Meerkats are unbeaten so far this season. They hit well from the top to the bottom of their order and kept us under constant pressure.

Home Run heroes were Michelle with a Grand slam and Ed with a 3 run homer whilst Dave was top of the OBP charts going 2 for 2.

Our one big fielding highlight was a triple play in the top of the first when an infield fly caused chaos amongst the base runners and brought the inning to an abrupt end. Chloe worked hard on 2nd all game and that got her a well-deserved MVP nomination from the opposition.

Thanks to Michelle and Ange for helping us out in our hour of need and congratulations to Sarah Cassin who looked really promising on her Wednesday debut.

Meerkats	7	17	4	2	30
Tigers	2	4	0	3	9

MVPs were Ed and Chloe



28/05/14 Lightning

We made a welcome return to winning ways with a 5 inning win over Lightning that was largely a result of an eleven run 2nd inning.

Four different people, Chris, Dave, Richard and Ed, all homered with Richard hitting 2, the 2nd being a walk off Grand Slam. OBP heroine was Charlotte who went 4 for 4, with 3 people going 3 for 4 and 7 going 2 for 3.

In the field we cut down on the errors and kept things under control with highlights including Ed's busy evening at shortstop and a solid performance on 2nd by Richard.

Thanks are due to Speeder Chris for helping us out at short notice and it was really good to see Becky back at pitch side.

Lightning	0	4	2	1	1	8
Tigers	4	11	2	3	3	23

MVPs were Richard and Charlotte



04/06/14 Blu Gnus

A curate's egg of a performance, some very good stuff mixed in with some rather sloppy interludes that cost us the win.

Grant was the batting leader going 3 for 3 with a Home Run , Alex also homered on his return to the team after 2+ seasons away and both looked good in the field.

Elsewhere Emma did an excellent job on first, Sam pitched well and Charlotte got the purple heart award for hobbling all the way round the bases after twisting her ankle between first and second.

BluGnus	2	0	2	6	0	6	3	19
Tigers	1	0	2	2	2	3	1	11

MVPs were Grant and Emma





18/06/14 Bats

A workman-like win against the bottom of the table Bats on a warm and sunny evening. Home Run heroes were Richard and the Grand Slam hitting Ed. Ed also hit for the cycle whilst going 4 for 4 to top the OBP list for the men. Chloe was the batting leader for the women, also going 4 for 4, and she was closely followed by Sarah C. who went 3 for 4.

In the field Sam pitched a fine game and both Chloe and Steph took nice outfield catches. We looked a bit shaky in the field but were never put under any real pressure by the outclassed Bats.

Bats	3	0	0	1	1	3	8
Tigers	0	9	0	7	3	4	23

MVPs were Ed and Chloe



25/06/14 Camels

A hard hitting Camels line up put us under pressure all through the game and forced us into errors that resulted in a loss that put a sizeable dent in our hopes of staying in Division 2. There was lots of effort but we were guilty at times of trying just a little too hard.

Richard and Alex were the OBP heroes, each going 3 for 4, with Steph and Sarah C. best of the women, each going 2 for 4. Sam and Alex each hit a home run.

In the field Sam pitched well and also gave a virtuoso performance in the field. Richard put in an energetic performance at second and gave non-stop verbal encouragement to the rest of the team.

Emma showed everyone a good example by working hard and chasing some lost causes at first. Thanks are due to Matt who came down and helped us out in our hour of need (we needed an outfielder and he provided us with one !).

Tigers	0	7	0	2	2	0	0	11
Camels	2	6	6	0	3	0	X	17

MVPs were Richard and Steph



02/07/14 Outlaws II

A good, hard fought, win over a slightly misfiring Outlaws team. A fine team performance that we can look to build on over the rest of the season.

Batting leader was Ed who went 4 for 4, topping off his performance with a lead off (and walk off) game winning Home Run in the bottom of the 7th. Richard was the other Home Run Hero whilst Emma was best of the women, going 2 for 3 and falling victim to a fine low catch in her other visit to the plate.

In the field the stand out was Alex who showed good range at short and Emma also had a good game at first. Kirsty took a nice catch in the outfield but the play of the game was a relay from the outfield for Sarah to apply the tag at 3rd for the 1st out in the top of the 6th. Up to then we'd conceded 5 runs in the inning without getting one out, the Outlaws were finally on a role. After that play we didn't concede another run in the rest of the game.

Outlaws II	0	0	0	1	1	5	0	7
Tigers	1	3	1	0	1	1	1	8

MVPs were Alex and Emma



09/07/14 Mutineers

Another hard fought game that we could have won if we'd stayed a bit steadier under pressure in the last couple of innings.

Batting leader was Dave W. who went 4 for 4, closely followed by Steph and Sam who each went 4 for 5. Chloe claimed her first ever Home Run and Ed and Dave E. also homered.

In the field the stand out was Sam who pitched a good game and also fielded his position well Stand out plays included good outfield grabs by Dave W. and Chloe and a fine throw by Sarah C from 3 to 1 to get the out.

Tigers	1	2	3	1	1	3	3	14
Mutineers	3	1	4	0	1	9	X	18

MVPs were Dave and Chloe



16/07/14 Speeders

Seventeen runs to one down after 2 and 1/2 innings we looked dead and buried (to those who could bear to look at all !), but we showed lots of character and determination and fought back to get the win.

Male batting leaders were Sam and Ed who each went 4 for 4, with Sarah C. and Kirsty, each 3 for 4, leading the way for the women. Sam pitched well yet again and he and Emma also produced one of the defensive highlights when they turned a line drive into a lovely double play with a neat catch followed by good coverage by Emma combined with a nice throw to the bag to pick off the over eager base runner before they could scramble back to one.

Whilst there were lots of good individual contributions however the biggest factor, after the initial stumbling start, was the way that everyone worked hard together as a team to repair the damage and get us back into a winning position by dint of hard work, staying patient at the plate, and making each play in turn as needed without worrying over much about the score.

Speeders	1	11	5	3	1	2	0	23
Tigers	1	0	7	4	5	7	X	24

MVPs were Sam and Chloe



23/07/14 Meerkats

A slug fest in the sun, during which we batted well, but just didn't convert enough of our defensive opportunities into outs.

Grant was the Home Run Hero with 2 four-baggers. Grant also batted 1000, going 5 for 5, with Sam (also 5 for 5) and Hayley (4 for 4) also perfect on the night.

Grant was the batting leader but Sam's strong pitching performance was just enough for our opponents to pick him as our Male MVP, Chloe was our female MVP, with some good outfield catches to add to a decent performance at the plate. Elsewhere Sarah had her best game yet at third and Emma was good again on first, with the highlight her grab of a vicious hard grounder as it leapt after crashing into first base to record the force out.

Tigers	4	8	4	5	0	2	3	26
Meerkats	5	8	9	4	5	2	X	33

MVPs were Sam and Chloe



30/07/14 Lightning

In sharp contrast to last week's game this was a low scoring contest which could have gone either way. In the end it was the extra experience on the Lightning side that translated into the extra couple of runs that gave them the win.

Dave and Alex both batted 1000 (3 for 3), Chloe was best of the women going 2 for 4. Grant was our Home Run hero hitting a four bagger in the top of the 4th.

Grant was also good with the glove and took several excellent catches in the outfield. Alex made some made a series of fine throws to first, Ed looked good at 2nd, Sam pitched another good game, Sarah made an excellent scoop and throw to get the out on a really close play at first, Kirsty took a good catch on a pop up at the plate, and the whole team worked hard as a unit in the field.

Lightning	2	1	0	0	4	4	0	11
Tigers	1	2	0	3	1	0	2	9

MVPs were Sam and Emma



06/08/14 Blu Gnus

A strong start, a slow middle, then a rousing finale as we proved too strong for the Gnus. We looked the better team throughout but it wasn't until we scored 7 runs in the bottom of the 6th that we took a decisive lead.

Grant was the batting leader, going 4 for 4. Grant also homered as he, Steph and Dave hit back to back to back round trippers in the bottom of the 5th to put us back on the road to victory after a defensive wobble in the top of the same inning.

Defensively Ed was the stand out player putting in an excellent performance at 3rd base, Emma made some nice plays at 1st, Sam pitched well again, and the whole of team worked well together in the field.

Grant will be returning to the States before our next game, he'll be a big loss and we'd like to wish him all the best and thank him for his contribution to the team this season.

Blu Gnus	2	0	1	1	4	1	1	10
Tigers	5	1	0	1	4	7	X	18

MVPs were Ed and Steph



20/08/14 Bats

An understrength Tigers team finished the season with a satisfying win in a close game against a stronger than usual Bats team. Batting leader and Home Run Hero was Ed who batted 1000 and hit our only Home Run of the evening. Best of the rest were Dave E. and Alex who went 3 for 4, whilst Dave W., who went 2 for 3, saw his Wednesday night OBP crash to 929 for the season.

In the field Sam recovered from a slightly shaky start to pitch another good game, Chloe took some good catches in the outfield, Kirsty did well on first, Alex turned a nice double play and Emma made some nice plays in a rare outing on 2nd.

Thanks to Tatiana from Mayhem Freeze for guesting.

Tigers	2	1	4	0	5	0	2	14
Bats	2	3	2	2	1	1	1	13

MVPs were Ed and Chloe



Final Division 2 table

	G	W	L	RS	RC	%age	
Meerkats	16	15	1	410	201	.938	(C)
Mutineers	16	13	3	265	184	.813	(P)
Speeders	16	12	4	256	195	.750	
Outlaws II	16	9	7	242	208	.563	
Tigers	16	7	9	244	264	.438	
Lightning	16	6	10	188	200	.375	
Blue Gnus	16	5	11	181	247	.313	
Camels	16	5	11	196	278	.313	(R)
Bats	16	0	16	133	338	.000	(R)

Tigers League Results

Date	Opponent	Pitch	H/A	Score
23 rd April	Camels	PW4	H	W.23-11
30 th April	Outlaws II	6	A	L.11-22
7 th May	Mutineers	2	H	L.5-18
14 th May	Speeders	PW7	A	L.15-16
21 st May	Meerkats	4	H	L.9-30
28 th May	Lightning	4	H	W.23-8
4 th June	Blue Gnus	PW7	A	L.11-19
11 th June	Resting			
18 th June	Bats	7	H	W.23-8
25 th June	Camels	3	A	L.11-17
2 nd July	Outlaws II	5	H	W.8-7
9 th July	Mutineers	PW7	A	L.14-18
16 th July	Speeders	6	H	W.24-23
23 rd July	Meerkats	7	H	L.26-33
30 th July	Lightning	5	A	L.9-11
6 th August	Blue Gnus	7	H	W.18-10
13 th August	Resting			
20 th August	Bats	9	A	W.14-13

Wildcats: Division 3



22/04/14 Pirates

The Wildcats got the 2014 season off to a winning start with an impressive win against a Pirates team that looked dangerous when batting but were too generous for their own good in the field.

The batting leaders board was a family affair with Mr and Mrs Hughes each going 4 for 4. There were also lots of other encouraging displays with Hayley and Tony each catching the eye whilst going 3 for 4 and hitting the ball hard. Tony was also our sole Home Run Hero.

In the field James and Matt were the stand outs in a generally impressive team display. Tony pitched a solid game when he came in to replace injury victim Oggy after the first innings. Rookies Sarah C. and Lynda both hit the ball hard, each going 2 for 3, and both showed lots of promise before bad light brought the proceedings to a close after 4 innings. All the best to Oggy after a recurrence of his leg injury brought his evening to an early end. *Pirates were at home but chose to bat first, called for bad light after 4.*

Pirates	0	1	1	8	10
Wildcats	11	2	6	5	24

MVPs were Matt and Sarah Hughes



29/04/14 Enforcers

Down to earth with a bump this week as the whole team had an off week and finished a distant second to last year's Div 3 champions. The bats never really got going, the pitchers struggled and our performance in the field was error strewn.

Neither pitchers nor fielders were helped by the Baden ball which showed rather alarming bar of soap qualities when wet - just as well it doesn't rain much in Manchester! There was one defensive highlight when we got the ball in quickly on a long hit by Peter Jones and the relay got the ball back to the plate just in time for Tony to apply the tag and get the out on the near home run.

Enforcers	8	0	10	1	13	32
Wildcats	3	0	0	0	1	4

MVPs were James and Sarah Newman



06/05/14: Mayhem II

Another week, another defeat, but we played much better in this game than we did last week, and put on a good display with an inexperienced line up. The archetypical game of two halves, this game was tight to begin with but with lots of runs in the later innings.

Sam was the male batting hero, going 3 for 3. with Hayley and Anu, each 2 for 3, leading the way for the women.

In the field Dave W. and Sam both pitched well. The team showed a bit of rookie indecision at times but Hayley did a good job at first, James had a successful night at shortstop and Rob took a nice catch in left field.

Dave Murphy made an encouraging debut with both bat and glove, Sandra also made her first appearance of the season whilst Ellie made her 2nd debut after 12 months away, and we were all glad to have her back in the fold.

Wildcats	0	1	0	1	0	7	1	10
Mayhem II	0	2	1	5	5	1	X	14

MVPs were James and Hayley



13/05/14: Camels II

A see saw game that we looked like winning in the middle innings before a mix of some strong Camels hitting, a bit of bad luck and the strange (not to mention dangerous) bounces that the show pitch offers up meant that we went home empty handed.

Steve was the batting hero going 4 for 4 with a Home Run. Dave W. also went 4 for 4 and Hayley led the way for the women going 3 for 5.

In the field Ellie kept umpire and batters entertained whilst doing a bit of catching on the side, Sarah C. showed lots of promise at 2nd and Dave W. enjoyed his return to first base.

All in all with a very inexperienced line up we put up a more than decent show, suggesting there will be better things to come later in the season as the rookies get some game time under their belts.

Camels II	5	0	3	0	1	7	7	23
Wildcats	2	2	7	1	1	4	1	18

MVPs were Steve and Hayley



27/05/14: Hackers

Perhaps our most inexperienced team of the season so far put up a fairly decent showing in the field but couldn't score enough runs to put the Hackers under any pressure.

Despite some shaky pitching, and a lot of people playing out of position, we kept things reasonably well under control in the field for most of the game. James made a couple of nice plays at short and Matt took some good catches in the outfield. Elsewhere there was a lot of hard work and some promising performances. There were some mistakes but for the most part we kept working well.

Best with the bats were Anu and Dave W. who each went 3 for 3, whilst Vanessa went 2 for 3, but as a team we never managed to string enough hits together to get the scoreboard ticking over consistently.

Hackers	2	9	2	2	0	2	2	19
Wildcats	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	5

MVPs were Matt and Vanessa



03/06/14: Storm

Another week, another game in which we did lots of good things but just didn't score enough runs to be competitive.

As we did last week we kept things under control in the field, Matt did a good job when he moved to short and Dave put in a respectable showing at pitcher (despite a bad back!) but the defensive stand out was Sarah C. who played a blinder on first, including a couple of sharp catches.

Sarah was also the stand out performer with the bat for the women, going 3 for 4, with Dave leading the way for the blokes, going 3 for 3. Tony went 3 for 4 and Matt 2 for 3.

Wildcats	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	7
Storm	2	4	0	6	3	1	X	16

MVPs were Matt and Sarah Cassin



10/06/14 Pirates

This week we finally managed to put some runs on the board and that, combined with another decent defensive display, gave us a well-deserved win against the table topping Pirates.

Three of us batted 1000 with Sarah and Matt Hughes, who both just love batting against the Pirates, being joined by Adam the Lion. Sarah C. went 3 for 4 and was denied her 4th hit only by a fine grab by the shortstop. Adam was also this week's Home Run Hero with a Grand Slam in the 6th that went a long way towards nailing down the win.

In the field Sarah N. put in an all action performance at 2nd, James made some nice plays at short stop and Hayley was busy on first. Adam contributed some fine fielding to go with his strong pitching display and everyone else worked hard and kept the Pirates scoring under control.

Ellie's general enthusiasm, not to mention her satisfaction at scoring a run for the first time in more than eighteen months, impressed both teams.

Pirates	4	0	2	3	0	3	1	13
Wildcats	3	0	1	4	1	7	X	16

MVPs were Matt and Ellie



17/06/14 (G1) Enforcers

A satisfying win against the Enforcers, with a random element added by the batters inability to see the ball. Male Batting leaders were James, Matt and Dave (all 3 for 4) with Sarah H. and Hayley leading the way for the women (also 3 for 4).

Dave pitched well, using the Sun to good effect, and we were tidy in the field. Neil made a welcome return to action after his long injury absence. The sooner Pitch 2 is turned round the better!

Wildcats	4	0	1	2	0	2	7	16
Enforcers	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	5

MVPs were James and Hayley



17/06/14 (G2) Mayhem II

We looked tired in this second game of the night, and fatigue caused a bit of sloppiness in the field that went a long way towards costing us the win.

Matt (4 for 4) and Dave (3 for 3) both batted 1000 with Sarah C (3 for 4) the best of the women. In the field Dave put in another good pitching performance and Sarah N. was impressive on 2nd base.

Mayhem II	3	5	0	0	6	3	2	19
Wildcats	3	1	4	1	0	1	0	10

MVPs were Dave and Sarah Newman



24/06/14 Camels II

A patched up Wildcats team was no match for a heavy hitting Camels line up. We just had too many people playing out of position as we attempted to overcome a long list of absentees.

It wasn't all bad, Sam and Sarah Newman led the way with the bats, each batting 1000 (3 for 3) whilst the power was supplied by Toy and Ed who each hit a Grand Slam homer.

In the field Sarah Newman put in a fine performance on second, Tony pitched well in relief of Dave (struck down by back pain after 2 innings) and Sam made some nice plays in right field but there were few other highlights.

Wildcats	1	0	5	5	0	11
Camels II	8	0	11	11	X	30

MVPs were Tony and Sarah Newman



01/07/14 Hackers

Another patched up Wildcats team and another loss but a much brighter performance than last week. Steve worked really hard in his first ever game at short stop, Matt T. looked really good on debut, Sarah N. gave another all action display and Ellie took an excellent catch at first, whilst Tony put in a solid performance at pitcher.

At the plate Dave W. batted 1000, with the 2 Sarahs the best of the women, each going 2 for 3. Thanks to Charlotte Green for guesing for us.

Wildcats	0	3	0	1	2	0	6
Hackers	2	2	3	2	8	X	17

MVPs were Steve and Sarah Newman



08/07/14 Storm

Storm stormed into a 15 run lead halfway through the third inning, at which point we seemed to wake up and without ever looking like winning we out-scored them eight to two in the remainder of the game.

Batting leaders were Sarah Cassin, Sarah Newman and Neil, each of whom batted 3 for 4 with Home Runs for Neil and Sarah C.

Sarah Newman was also the star defensively, with an impressive display at third whilst Tony put in another good pitching performance. Rob deserves a mention for what was his best overall performance to date with both bat and glove, Matt looked good again in his second game and it was good to see TK finally make her league debut, two and a half months later than planned!

Storm	3	7	5	1	0	1	1	18
Wildcats	0	0	1	2	2	0	3	8

MVPs were Neil and Sarah Newman



15/07/14 Pirates

We got off to a bright start, but we couldn't hold on to that early lead as our defensive frailties took centre stage for the remainder of the game.

Batting leaders were Neil (4 for 4), Dave W. (3 for 3) and Rachel (3 for 3). Home Run heroes were Sarah C., Neil and Tony, with one each, with Neil also hitting for the cycle in his 4 plate appearances. Defensively the stand out player was Rob, who took a series of good outfield catches.

Pirates	0	1	10	4	10	1	3	29
Wildcats	7	1	2	1	2	1	0	14

MVPs were Neil and Sarah Cassin



22/07/14 Enforcers

For the second week on the trot we had no problem scoring runs, but we were even better at letting them in ! Batting leader was Dave W., going 2 for 2 with a Home Run. Matt, Steve, Sarah N. and James were close behind, each going 3 for 4. In the field Hayley did a good job on one, and Chloe at catcher and Sarah C on 3 each made good throws to record outs at first.

Best wishes to Tony, who started at pitcher but then took a nasty blow when the ball hit the side of his foot in the bottom of the 4th. He managed to complete the innings but then had to come out of the game. A quick mention for Chloe and Steph, who came down at short notice to ease our woman shortage, we were very happy to have you there.

Enforcers	8	0	1	9	1	2	12	33
Wildcats	3	0	0	4	4	3	5	19

MVPs were Dave and Hayley



29/07/14 Mayhem II

We fielded a much changed team in this game and with 2 people making their league debuts we had even less experience than normal. We showed promise but didn't have the experience needed to get a win.

Batting leaders were Tony, Dave (both 3 for 3) and Emma (2 for 2). Tony pitched a good game, Michael worked hard on debut at shortstop, Becky showed some promise at second and Rachel did some good work in the outfield. Stewart was the other debutant, finally playing his first league game after a very long wait.

Wildcats	0	2	3	0	0	0	5
Mayhem II	4	0	3	7	0	6	20

MVPs were Tony and Becky



05/08/14 Camels II

A game of many twists and turns which ended in near darkness after 6 long innings. The Camel raced into a big lead in the top of the 3rd and despite a good fight back, aided by a few pitching problems for the Camels, we never quite managed to overcome the deficit.

Our Home Run heroine was TK, who recorded the four bagger in only her 3rd game of what's been an injury plagued season. Batting leaders were Emma and Chloe, who each went 5 for 5. In the field Tony pitched well again, Dave and Hayley turned a good double play and James looked impressive at short stop. Hannah was this week's debutante and put in a very encouraging display. *Called for bad light after 6.*

Camels II	2	1	11	4	7	5	30
Wildcats	1	1	5	7	10	3	27

MVPs were Tony and TK



19/08/14 Hackers

A welcome win against an inexperienced Hackers side. It was also a game that finished in darkness after we played on for an inning too long. We batted round the order to score 8 runs in the top of the 3rd and that gave us a comfortable lead we never looked like losing.

Tony, Chloe, Michael, Becky and TK all batted 1000., and Tony was also our Home Run Hero with a lead-off homer in the top of the 3rd. TK's batting is getting better every week, a shame her season started so late. TK was also one of our stars in the field, with Tony also looking good, pitching another good game.

A special mention for the Hackers first base who battled on after taking a nasty blow to her leg in the 3rd inning. *Called for bad light after 6.*

Wildcats	1	4	8	3	1	3	20
Hackers	1	3	1	1	3	1	10

MVPs were Tony and TK





26/08/14 Storm

We were late to the party in this game, finding ourselves 11 to 2 down in the middle of the 3rd. We fought back well after that but never really looked like winning.

Anu was the batting hero, going 4 for 4, with Becky, Steve, Matt, James and Rob all close behind, going 3 for 4.

Tony pitched a good game, James did a good job at shortstop, TK made some fine plays at first and Becky was a bundle of energy at second.

A special mention for James and Chloe who made their farewell appearances for the club in this game. James flies out this weekend to start his new life in Sweden. Chloe moves down to Coventry in a week's time. They'll both be missed.

Storm	3	5	0	3	2	3	5	21
Wildcats	0	2	0	3	3	4	3	15

MVPs were James and Becky



	G	W	T	L	F	RS	RC	%age	
Storm	18	13	0	5	0	309	213	.722	(C)
Enforcers	18	12	0	6	0	370	215	.667	
Pirates	18	9	0	9	0	302	291	.500	
Mayhem II	18	8	1	9	0	233	254	.472	
Camels II	18	8	1	9	0	286	324	.472	
Hackers	18	8	0	9	1	214	293	.444	(R)
Wildcats	18	4	0	14	0	235	359	.222	(R)

Date		Opponent	Pitch	H/A	Score
22nd	April	Pirates	2	A	W.24-10
29th	April	Enforcers	4	H	L.4-32
6th	May	Mayhem II	1	A	L.10-14
13th	May	Camels II	7	H	L.18-23
20th	May	Resting			
27th	May	Hackers	1	H	L.5-19
3rd	June	Storm	8	A	L.7-16
10th	June	Pirates	8	H	W.16-13
17th	June	Enforcers	2	A	W.16-5
17th	June	Mayhem II	3	H	L.10-19
24th	June	Camels II	1	H	L.11-30
1st	July	Hackers	8	A	L.6-17
8th	July	Storm	3	A	L.8-18
15th	July	Pirates	2	?	L.14-29
22nd	July	Enforcers	2	?	L.19-33
29th	July	Mayhem II	7	?	L.5-20
5th	August	Camels II	1	?	L.27-30
12th	August	Resting			
19th	August	Hackers	7	?	W.20-10
26th	August	Storm	3	?	L.15-21



Tigresses



01/05/2014: Sox

The Tigresses made a very encouraging debut against a much more experienced veteran Sox team. It was tight for the first 3 innings (7-9) but then the Sox ran away with it in the 4th and finished the night comfortable winners.

Our batting star was Hayley who went 4 for 4 with Tanya, Sarah N. and Rachel all close behind (each 3 for 4), with Ann batting 2 for 3. In the field highlights included a couple of fine catches in the deep by Angie, good work at 3rd by Ann and some good backing up of second by Sarah N. when she was in right field. Tanya pitched really well before understandably flagging in the latter stages and Ann and Chloe each deserve a mention for doing an inning each in relief.

No Tigers game is complete without an injury at the moment and Thursday's victim was Evan who took a foul tip to the head whilst catching and was momentarily knocked unconscious. The good news was that a trip to A&E revealed "only" mild concussion. Thanks are due to umpire Luis who was quick to react to the accident and immediately got Evan into the recovery position. Team MVP was Tanya who combined some good hitting with a really promising pitching performance.

Tigresses	3	4	0	0	2	0	9
Sox	1	8	0	11	2	2	24

MVP was Tanya



05/06/2014: Lions

In their second game the Tigresses again made their much more experienced opposition work hard for the win. It was only in the 5th innings that the Lions managed to open up a bit of daylight between themselves and the battling Tigresses. It could all have been very different if the Tigresses had converted their opportunities, twice their innings ended with the bases loaded, but in the end the extra power of the Lions got them home.

In the field highlights included a strong pitching performance from Tanya, 5 good catches for birthday girl Steph in left field and an all action performance from Sarah Newman both in right field and then later on second base. Star batter was Tanya, who went 3 for 4, with Ann, Rachel, Steph and Evan all going 2 for 3.

For the second time Team MVP was Tanya who again combined good hitting with an impressive pitching performance.



Lions	0	1	3	0	6	0	3	13
Tigresses	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3

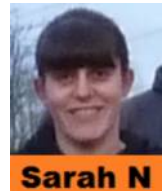
MVP was Tanya

03/07/2014: Outlaws

Another good defensive performance, we fought hard again but lacked the big hit with runners on base that might have given us momentum in the game.

Batting leader was Jade, who went 4 for 4 and also hit 2 Home Runs. Best of the rest were Charleen, who went 3 for 4, and Hayley who went 2 for 3.

Tanya pitched a fine game and Jade played well at short. Team MVP was Sarah Newman who capped an impressive defensive display with a full length airborne take of a line drive that ended the 4th inning.



Tigresses	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	4
Outlaws	0	6	0	1	1	6	X	14

MVP was Sarah Newman

Date	Opponent	Pitch	H/A	Score
1st May	Sox	8	A	L.9-24
5th June	Lions	6	H	L.3-13
3rd July	Outlaws	8	A	L.4-14



League Batting Stats

Name	Tigers				Wildcats				Club			
	Games	AB	OBP	HR	Games	AB	OBP	HR	Games	AB	OBP	HR
Ed	16	65	723	8	5	17	412	3	21	82	659	11
Sam	16	66	778	1	4	13	846		20	79	789	1
Dave E.	14	49	673	3					14	49	673	3
Richard	13	49	571	4					13	49	571	4
Alex	9	31	710	2	1	4	250		10	35	657	2
Tony	6	24	583		16	56	679	5	22	80	650	5
Grant	6	21	857	5					6	21	857	5
Dave W.	4	14	929		15	45	800	1	19	59	831	1
Matt H.	1	3	333		8	28	750		9	31	710	
Neil	1	3	667		7	27	556	2	8	30	567	2
Rob					14	44	409		14	44	409	
James					12	39	641		12	39	641	
Steve					12	45	578	1	12	45	578	1
Matt T.					7	25	680		7	25	680	
Mike M.					3	12	667		3	12	667	
Stewart					3	11	273		3	11	273	
<i>Dave M.</i>					2	7	714		2	7	714	
<i>Oggy</i>					1	1	1000		1	1	1000	
Chloe	15	58	500	1	4	17	706		19	75	547	1
Emma	15	51	412		4	16	438		19	67	418	
Kirsty	14	49	531						14	49	531	
Steph	12	48	500	3	1	4	500		13	52	500	3
Sarah C.	9	36	417		16	58	517		25	94	479	
Hayley	8	28	393		15	56	464		23	84	440	
Becky	6	20	300		8	30	500		14	50	420	
Charlotte	5	20	550						5	20	550	
Anu	1	3	333		8	25	640		9	28	607	
Sarah N.					11	38	526		11	38	526	
Rachel					8	21	286		8	21	286	
Sarah H.					7	23	522		7	23	522	
Sandra					5	14	143		5	14	143	
TK					5	21	524	1	5	21	524	1
Vanessa					5	14	286		5	14	286	
Ellie					4	13	231		4	13	231	
<i>Evan</i>					2	5	200		2	5	200	

Tournaments

12th & 13th April: Firstball



We had an eventful time at Firstball, with a number of injuries, Monsoon like conditions during the last game on Saturday, and a tough playing schedule that tested a squad missing many of our experienced players. We ended the weekend without a win but we did tie with the table topping Birmingham Bobcats and had excellent performances against the Outlaws and Mayhem.

Amongst other injuries Sarah Whittle claimed the prize for biggest bruise, getting a free ride in an ambulance as her reward. Sarah Newman ran her close however, with an impressive blue and purple hand caused by a mix of a couple of hard hit balls and circulation problems.

Opponent	Res	Score
Meerkats	L.	3-12
Bullfrogs	L.	3-10
Enforcers	L.	2-12
Misfits	L.	2-4
Sheriffs	L.	9-15
Bobcats	T.	9-9
Outlaws	L.	4-6
Mayhem	L.	12-17

The weekend male batting top three were Ed, Neil and Steve, with Chloe, Charlotte and Steph leading the way for the women. Ed was our sole Home Run hero though Richard came close several times hitting a number of triples. In the field we looked rusty at times, but Ed was the stand out performer in the outfield, Chloe did a fine job at second on the Sunday and Hayley grew in confidence as she got more experience as catcher. Sam did the heavy lifting in the pitching role, with a cameo appearance by Oggy on the Saturday and Dave enjoying his 2 games on the mound on Sunday morning.

Overall we got lots of valuable playing time before the start of the league season, and even got to enjoy the sunshine on the Sunday. Thanks to Anu for playing on Sunday at short notice and it was good to see Matt A. when he paid us a visit – we may even see him on the pitch in a few weeks. Male MVP was Ed who put in impressive performances over the whole weekend. Chloe only played one day but impressed with both bat and glove to claim the female award.

Tournament MVPs were Ed and Chloe.





Leeds



A tournament of firsts for the Tigers, for the first time much of the team camped over in Leeds and we got our first away tournament win in the form of the Saturday night fancy dress competition. Home Run Heroes were Richard and Sam, two each, and Dave E. and Vince with one apiece. Over the whole weekend Richard led the way in OBP, with Sarah C and Anu topping the female totals. Dave E., Kirsty and Sarah N. all performed strongly on the Saturday.

Opponent	Score	MVPs	
Castaways	L. 13-22	Sarah C	Sam
Lightning	W. 18-4	Sarah N	Tony
Pyros	L. 8-13	Anu	Sam
Firecrackers	W. 16-8	Kirsty	Sam
Sharks	L. 1-10	Sarah C	Smiler
EM Tigers	L. 1-3	Sarah C	Richard
Sharks	L. 2-10	Sarah C	Richard
Redbacks	L. 7-12	Anu	Sam

We had four games on the Saturday. A Castaways team that were originally entered in Comp were too strong for us in the first game, then we turned the tables in Game 2 against a gallant Lightning team. Game 3 was another loss to a Pyros team who get better (and bigger) with each passing year before we finished the day with a good win against the Firecrackers. Overall we played well with the batting a particular highlight.

On the Sunday we had another four games with a smaller and not entirely balanced squad. We lost all four but there were plenty of encouraging performances along the way. We started the day with our final group game, going down to a heavy hitting Sharks team before playing a further three Trophy round robin games. The first Trophy game, battle of the Tigers against our East Midlands namesakes, was a tight defensive affair that could have gone either way but in which we eventually went down 3-1.

Second up we had a second encounter with the Sharks where again they out hit us. The final game was a bit of a slug fest against the Redbacks, from which they eventually emerged victorious despite some good catches made by the experienced outfield pairing of Tony and Dave.

Thanks to Vince and Smiler for playing for us and giving us a bit of youthful energy in the field!



Tournament MVPs were Sam and Sarah Cassin.



Manchester



A weekend of mixed weather, mixed fortunes, and steadily improving performances. On the Saturday we were competitive for a long time in our first game against the Meerkats before they ran away with it at the end. The next game was a wet and disappointing loss to the Leeds Lightning, before we played an equally soggy but encouraging tie against the Bristol Creamers. We finished the day on a high note, with successive wins against the Bullfrogs and Lightning.

On Sunday we played 3 more games, against Honey Badgers, Mutineers and Doh-Nuts. We lost all 3 but more importantly we put in 3 encouraging performances with the last 2 game in particular being well played competitive affairs.

Home Run heroes were Dave E. (4) and Ed (3), male batting leaders were Ed, Dave E. and Richard with Rachel Sarah and Kirsty leading the way for the female half of the team. Against the Bullfrogs Ed hit 3 Home Runs in 3 at bats to lead us to a win. On the Sunday Dave E. hit a Home Run in each game whilst also making some excellent catches in the outfield. Sam pitched well throughout.

Tournament MVPs were Dave Eaton and Sarah Cassin.

Opponent	Score	MVPs	
Meerkats	L. 6-17	Sarah	Dave E.
Leeds Lt.	L. 9-14	Becky	Sam
Creamers	T. 3-3	Emma	Sam
Bullfrogs	W. 11-10	Rachel	Ed
Lightning	W. 9-3	Kirsty	James
Honey Badgers	L. 11-18	Sarah C	Ed
Mutineers	L. 8-9	Sarah C	Dave E.
Doh Nuts	L. 6-10	Sarah C	Dave E.





Sefton

We had an enjoyable weekend in the sun at Sefton as we rounded off the 2014 (outdoor) season with some good performances. Our 500 record on the Saturday (2/1/2) gave us a 3rd place finish in the initial round robin. That put us in the top half of the competition on the Sunday where we found life a bit tougher but were far from disgraced in our 3 games (0/1/2).

Our first game on Saturday was a hard fought but eventually comfortable win against the Sharks with the highlight being Hayley's Home Run. We followed that with a stirring comeback against Mayhem that gave us an 8-8 tie before defeating the Fins in another close game. The fourth game of the day was another close one but we lost to Phoenix before we also went down to defeat in a tired looking performance against the Leeds team.

We started Sunday with perhaps our best performance of the weekend, though we only got a tie out of a game we should have won against a powerful Fish team. Ed was the hero in our second game, hitting 2 Home Runs and putting in a fine performance in the outfield, but he needed more support as we fought back well but in vain after a bad first innings. Our last game was a heart breaker with a 2 out Grand Slam in the bottom of the last inning costing us the win in a game we should have had sown up long before the end.

Batting Leaders were Ed (762) and Sarah (682), Home Run heroes were Ed (4) and Hayley, Dave and Vince (1 each). Thanks to club mates Vince the Lion and Speeders Nick, Emma G. and Matt for playing with us over the weekend. The purple heart award goes to Hayley who got a busted nose in the 2nd game of the weekend but carried on regardless!

Tournament MVPs were Ed and Hayley.

Opponent	Score
Sharks	W. 11-5
Mayhem	T. 8-8
Fins W.	10-8
Phoenix	L. 7-10
Leeds	L. 8-14
Fish	T. 6-6
Wet Sox	L. 8-13
Seagulls	L. 4-6





End of MSL Season Awards 2014

Tigers



Sarah C



Sam

Players' Player



Emma



Ed

Captain's Player



Steph



Ed

Home Run Champion



Kirsty



Grant

Batting Champion

Tigresses Batting Champion

Wildcats



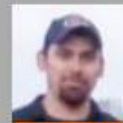
Hayley



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