



# Tigers Softball Club Yearbook, 2016



# The Year in review

At the end of the 2015 season we had looked reasonably well set for 2016, but, as always, it wasn't quite as simple as that. Half the team's 2015 Home Runs had been hit by Tony and Michael and neither was available at the start of the league season as both were out of action with long term injuries. Andy, Charlotte (baby), and Georgie (running club) retired and Luisa was only available in emergencies after the Sharks' promotion removed her means of getting to games. Helen then moved away to the Lake District half way through the season and at the same time working shifts began to limit JDs appearances.

Happily Dan (at 14 only just old enough to play) plus new recruits Steve G., Caroline and Louise joined the team over the close season and soon bedded in. Michael and Tony recovered in time to play the 2nd half of the season, (though Tony then picked up another – season ending - injury) and Jen and Alyssa joined during the season.

The changes in personnel meant we put in a few disjointed performances early in the year, but as the weeks passed we slowly improved and came together as a team. Over the season we only lost 3 games, each by a single run, and deservedly won the 4th Division championship.

Everyone contributed to the team's success:

- Alyssa showed herself to be a real prospect with both bat and glove.
  - Annie hit and fielded well.
  - Caroline was solid in the field and showed glimpses of the potential she has with the bat.
  - Emma hit with power and led the batting averages throughout the season.
  - Jen was excellent in the outfield.
  - Sandra was even better than last season with both bat and glove.
  - TK showed real power at the plate, Queen of the triples, without ever quite getting that elusive Home Run.
  - Louise got on base at an impressive rate.
  - Helen was effective with bat and glove in the first half of the season and
  - Luisa didn't let anyone down in the 2 games she did manage to get to.
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- The two Downes boys impressed with both bat and glove.
  - Dave pitched well.
  - Michael hit for power and was athletic in the field.
  - Rob was solid in the outfield and hit well despite a mid-season wobble.
  - Steve G improved steadily through the year and showed some power at the plate.
  - Steve A was a revelation at 1st.
  - Stewart also added a bit of batting power to his good eye.
  - Sully only played one game but went 4 for 5 in his only appearance..
  - Tony hit for power and average when he was fit and came down to help out with the base coaching after his 2nd injury.



**Alyssa**



**Annie**



**Caroline**



**Dan**



**Dave**



**Emma**



**Helen**



**JD**



**Jen**



**Louise**



**Luisa**



**Mike**



**Rob**



**Sandra**



**Steve A.**



**Steve G.**



**Stewart**



**Sully**



**TK**



**Tony**

# League campaign

## 26/04/16 Drizzle T 11-11

Bad light brought this seesaw clash to a premature end with the teams tied at 11 runs apiece. Drizzle took an early lead, the Tigers clawed their way back and held a one run advantage going into the 6th. Drizzle hit the ball hard in the top of the inning and scored 4 runs but couldn't defend their lead, leaving the teams level as darkness descended.

Male batting leader was JD, who went 4 for 4, Emma led the way for the women going 3 for 4. In the field Dave pitched a good game, TK impressed on 1st, Dan looked lively in the outfield, Emma also took a nice catch in right field and Caroline recorded the first out of her career on a force play at home. The two teams were well matched and a tie seemed a fair, if not entirely satisfactory, result.

<b>Drizzle</b>	4	3	0	0	0	4	<b>11</b>
<b>Tigers</b>	3	0	4	1	0	3	<b>11</b>

MVPs were TK and Dan.



## 03/05/16 Rippers W 17-15

The Tigers recovered from a shaky start to record a deserved win against a hard hitting Rippers team who should win a lot more games than they lose in Division 4 this year. After an ugly 1st inning a 9 run 2nd got us underway and we improved in the field in the second half of the game.

Emma, Helen (both 4 for 4), Steve G. and Annie (3 for 3) all batted 1000, as did pinch hitter Tony. There were other good, patient, batting performances up and down the line up as the whole team showed an impressive willingness to work the count. In the field Sandra looked good in right field, Dan was hyper active in centre and left and Steve G. did well in his debut at short stop before being forced to 3rd when injury forced him to shuffle across. Dave pitched another good game.

<b>Tigers</b>	0	9	1	0	3	4	<b>17</b>
<b>Rippers</b>	6	0	5	2	0	2	<b>15</b>

MVPs were TK and Steve A.



## 10/05/16 Hurricanes W 13-28 (5, Mercy)

The Tigers started strongly in this game, posting an 11 run first innings and, despite the odd defensive wobble never looked in serious trouble after that. For the second week in a row we improved in the as the game went on.

Emma (5 for 5) and JD (4 for 4) each batted 1000 and with several others going 3 for 4 it was a good night at the plate for the whole team. We backed up our good batting with some intelligent base running that put pressure on the opposition throughout. Dan and JD both hit Home Runs.

In the field Dave pitched another good game. TK looked a natural at short stop, Emma took a couple of nice catches, Rob looked solid at first and the Downes boys were energetic in the outfield.

<b>Hurricanes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Tigers</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>28</b>

MVPs were TK and JD.



## 17/05/16 Colt45s L 16-17 (6&12)

All good things come to an end and our unbeaten run has been and gone. We were always playing catch up in this game, a 7<sup>th</sup> inning rally got us close but for the vast majority of the game we were second best to an impressive Colts team who hit the ball hard and took their opportunities in the field.

OBP leaders were JD and Dave, who each batted 1000. JD was also the Home Run Hero with a couple of enormous blasts to left field. In the field Dave pitched well again, Dan impressed after moving to shortstop. Sandra was good on 2<sup>nd</sup>, Louise took a nice catch behind the plate and TK looked good on 1<sup>st</sup>.

<b>Tigers</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Colt 45s</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>17</b>

MVPs were TK and JD.



## 24/05/16 Phoenix W 26-11 (6)

We got back on the horse this week after last week's reverse, chalking up a 6 inning mercy win against Phoenix. We were 12 – 2 up after the first 2 innings and, despite a wobble in the 3<sup>rd</sup> were never in danger of losing after that.

There were 4 people who batted 1000, Dan, Helen, Dave and Rob were all 4 for 4. with Emma best of the rest with some impressive hitting in her 4 for 5 tally. Dan was the Home Run Hero with two, with JD, Tony and Dave also recording 4 baggers.

In the field Dan impressed at short stop, Dave both pitched and fielded well, recording a number of strike outs, JD was the stand out in the outfield, Tony was solid at 1<sup>st</sup> in his first game back from injury and at catcher Caroline made a couple of nice plays to record force outs on 1<sup>st</sup>.

<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Tigers</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>26</b>

MVPs were TK and Dan.





### 31/05/16 Freeze W 29-9 (4)

An impressive display of hitting was the centrepiece of a 4 inning mercy win against Mayhem Freeze. A defensive wobble in the top of the 2<sup>nd</sup> suggested we may not have things all our own way but we tightened things up in the field after that and also set a Tigers single game record of 7 Home Runs on our way to the win.

Home Run Hero was JD with 3, closely followed by Dan and Rob with 2 apiece. OBP champions were Rob, Dan, Tony, JD and Dave (all 4 for 4) and Annie (3 for 3), who all batted 1000.

In the field Tony made a welcome return to the pitching mound, with Dave finishing the game off in relief. The Czech connection (TK and Sandra) both performed well on the right side of the infield, Annie at catcher made a couple of nice throws to record outs at first and everyone else chipped in in an efficient defensive display. Rookie Jen got a late call up, making her league debut, and celebrated by recording her first base hit. TK hurt her leg sliding into 3<sup>rd</sup> and had to leave the game, get well soon TK!

<b>Freeze</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Tigers</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>29</b>

**MVPs were TK and Rob.**



### 07/06/16 Barflies W 16-6

We saved our best performance of the season so far for this top of the table clash. The whole game was played at a higher level than our previous games, the Barflies fielded well and could hit the ball with power so we needed to play well to record the win, and we rose to the challenge. We took a lead in the first 2 innings that we never relinquished but that lead was never a comfortable one and we had to play hard throughout.

OBP leaders, batting 1000, were Dan, Rob (both 4 for 4) and Dave (3 for 3), with Emma (3 for 4) leading the way for the women. Home Run heroes were Dan, with a brace, and Steve A. with a blast to right field.

We were efficient in the field throughout. Dan was excellent at short stop, Emma made some nice plays at 2<sup>nd</sup>, Helen took some nice catches in left field, Steve did a fine job at 1<sup>st</sup>, Dave both pitched and fielded his position well and JD was excellent in the outfield with his running catch in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> perhaps the best play of the whole game.

Jen looked even better in her 2<sup>nd</sup> game than she did in her first, and Rob's hitting deserves a special mention because it has come on in leaps and bounds over the last couple of weeks, he just can't stop hitting line drives !

<b>Tigers</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Barflies</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>

**MVPs were Helen and Dan.**



## 21/06/16 Falcons W 33-4

After a 19 run top of the 1st in which we batted round the order twice there was only really going to be one winner of this game. It can be all too easy to get sloppy once you have built up a big lead but we stayed focused and were tidy in the field.

Home Run Hero was Michael and OBP leaders were Emma, Sandra, Annie and Stewart who all batted 1000. In the field TK was excellent on 1st, Dan was good at short stop again and Dave pitched efficiently.

A number of male absentees this week meant that we had to re-jig the side a bit, Michael played his first game of the season, making a welcome return from injury, and looked good with bat and glove. Sulaimaan also showed a lot of promise on his MSL debut.

<b>Tigers</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Barflies</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

**MVPs were TK and Michael.**



## 28/06/16 Drizzle W 31-13

After a slow start we gradually built up a commanding lead and eventually ran out comfortable winners in a game played in wet and muddy conditions.

Home Run Hero was Steve Aguirre with a 2 run blast in the 5th. OBP king was Stewart, who went 5 for 5 (1000). Female leader was Caroline, 4 for 5 (800) with Annie, TK and Sandra (all 4 for 6) close behind. There were lots of good performances up and down the line up, we put the opposition under pressure in every single inning of the game.

In the field Michael made some impressive plays at short stop, Steve A. was solid on 1st, Sandra looked good on 2nd (with a couple of nice catches), Dave pitched well after a slightly uncertain start, and play of the day was a tag at home on a fine relay play in the bottom of the 7th after a blast that went over the heads of the outfielders. Annie also recorded a nice out at first on a ground ball in front of the plate and everyone worked hard and made the plays they needed to.

<b>Tigers</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Barflies</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>

**MVPs were Annie and Steve A.**



## 05/07/16 Rippers W 23-22

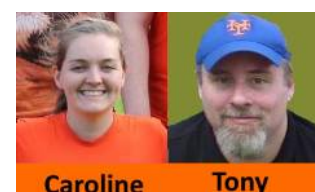
A slug fest in the sun against a Rippers team that included some high calibre guests. Nip and tuck for most of the game we took a big lead with 7 run bottom of the 6th, the Rippers then had their best innings in the top of the 7th to grab a 1 run lead before we sealed the deal with one out in the bottom of the 7th.

OBP leaders were Tony (5 for 5), Annie, Steve A. and Dave (all 4 for 4), all of whom batted 1000. Home Run heroes were Tony (2) and Dan (1). Annie deserves special mention for the fine job she did at the bottom of the order, setting things up for some big innings.

In the field neither team was quite as good as they were with the bat but Dan did a fine job at short stop, Dave pitched well, TK took a towering pop up in the sun at 3rd and everyone worked hard. Jen showed lots of promise again with both bat and glove.

<b>Rippers</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Tigers</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>

**MVPs were Caroline and Tony**





## 19/07/16 Colt 45s 16-10

We christened our new orange away kit with a win on the hottest day of the summer so far. A hot and humid practice session on Monday coupled with reports of soaring temperatures to come had led to the decision to give black a rest and we celebrated our bright new appearance with a bright performance

against the Colts.

We took an early lead in a low scoring start to the game. The Colts staged a fight back as the bats on both sides came to life in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, but they never quite drew level and we pulled away to a comfortable lead in the last 2 innings.

OBP leaders were Steve (4 for 4), Annie and Dave (each 3 for 3) who all batted 1000. Home Run heroes were Dan and Michael with 1 apiece, Michael's 3 run homer in the 6<sup>th</sup> was the game breaker that finally put us in a winning position. Our base running was a bit conservative early on, but got better as the game progressed, forcing some errors from what was an generally impressive Colts defence.

In the field Dan did a fine job at short stop, Steve was on fire at first, TK got a couple of tag outs at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sandra made some nice plays at 2<sup>nd</sup>.

<b>Colt 45s</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Tigers</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>16</b>

**MVPs were TK and Dan**



## 26/07/16 Phoenix

Burn the Orange shirts ! We could and should have won this game in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning but it would have been a travesty if we had done so as we were clearly second best to a hard hitting Phoenix team for large chunks

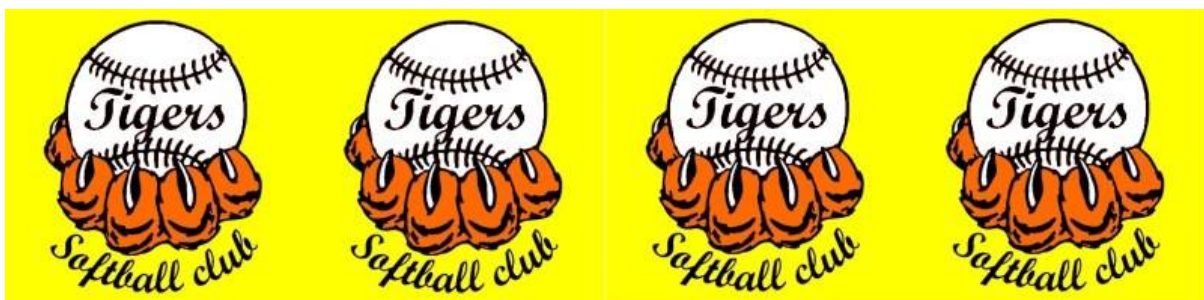
of it. After a glacially slow start we did get better as the game went on. We took a 4 run lead in the 7<sup>th</sup> but couldn't hold it, then lost to a 2 out base hit in the 8<sup>th</sup>. At least when we decided to have a bad game we weren't half hearted about it: Pitching, batting and fielding were all below par and most members of the team had moments to forget, we win as a team and we lost as one ☺.

There were some highlights, Dan and TK were the batting leaders, each going 4 for 4 (1000). We had 3 Home Run Heroes in Dan, Michael and Steve with TK recording a near miss with a triple that was almost but not quite long enough for that elusive four bagger. Annie and Louise hit the ball hard without as much luck as they deserved.

In the field TK and Sandra made some nice plays, Steve was good again at 1<sup>st</sup> and Rob took some nice catches in left field. Dan did a fine job at short stop yet again but overall we were below par, we can and will do better in future !

<b>Tigers</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>

**MVPs were TK and Michael**





**02/08/16 Freeze W 25 - 10**

A 9 run second inning gave us a comfortable lead in this game, a lead that we never looked in serious danger of losing. Another scoring spree in the 6th, followed by a shut out in the bottom of the inning, gave us the 15 run Mercy win.

Tony, Emma, Luisa and Steve were the OBP leaders, all going 4 for 5. We had 3 Home Run Heroes in Tony, Michael and Steve with Dave recording a near miss with a triple that was almost but not quite long enough for that elusive four bagger. There were other strong performances up and down the order with the new hard hitting Louise and debut girl Alyssa particularly worthy of mention.

In the field the whole team did a solid job, making (almost) all the routine plays and keeping Freeze from putting any big numbers on the board. We were solid rather than spectacular with the gloves, and everyone did their bit, but there should perhaps be a special mention for Luisa, who made some nice plays at 3rd on her return to the team.

Alyssa looked really good on her league debut, and thanks are due to Luisa for helping us out in our hour of need (People taking holidays in the middle of the softball season, three in the same week ! dearie me, what is the world coming to).



<b>Tigers</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Freeze</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>

**MVPs were Alyssa and Michael**

### 09/08/16 Barflies W 19-15

Both sides started this game scoring runs in bunches before slowing down as the game went on. We were 5 runs up after the first 2 innings and the gap stayed more or less constant for the rest of the game. Our fielding ranged from mediocre to excellent and visited most points in between, whilst our base running and coaching could have been better at times.

Tony, Dan and JD were the OBP leaders, all going 4 for 4. We had 3 Home Run Heroes in Dan, JD and Steve G. with TK recording a near miss again with another triple. There were other strong performances up and down the order with Alyssa again looking promising on her 2nd appearance.

Steve was the stand out performer in the field making a series of nice catches. Tony was solid on 1st base and Emma recorded a couple of double plays with TK and then Dan, with the second of them sealing the win in the 7th.

Our win came at a price with Tony suffering a groin tear that looks likely to have ended his league season, Annie suffered a leg injury that led to her having to leave the field and Emma took a nasty blow to her arm when a ground ball took a nasty bounce in the infield.

<b>Barflies</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Tigers</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>19</b>

**MVPs were Emma and Steve G.**



### 11/08/16 Hurricanes L 14-15

We looked a bit like rabbits frozen in the glare of the headlights in the 1st two innings of this game. We went 3 up, 3 down in consecutive innings with the bat and started the 3rd looking at an 8-0 deficit. After that we gave at least as good as we got, and even clawed our way into the lead twice, but in the end we'd given Hurricanes just too much of a start.

OBP leaders were Dave and Rob who each batted 1000 (3 for 3). It was good to see Rob back on the leader board, he's had a bit of wobble after his holiday but now looks to be returning to his impressive early season form. Best of the women was Alyssa who went 2 for 3 and hit the ball really well again.

In the field the two stand-out plays were from Alyssa and Jen, who both made really good outfield catches that took away near certain home runs from the opposition. Caroline also joined in the fun by making nice grabs on a couple of pop ups behind the plate. There was lots of other good work elsewhere, with special mentions to Dan who did his normal good job at short stop and Steve A., who made some nice plays at 1st.

This game was a step up in quality from many of the games that we have played this year and, despite the ultimately fatal early wobble, it was good to see that we performed so well under pressure. Thanks to Tony for coming down to base coach after suffering his season ending injury on Tuesday and to Michael for coming down to provide injury cover on the night.

<b>Tigers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Hurricanes</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>

**MVPs were Alyssa and Rob**



### 16/08/16 Titan W 22-0

In this game we showed how far we have come as a team this season. We didn't really hit any spectacular highs but we played well in both halves of the game, keeping an enthusiastic Titans team scoreless (and hitless) whilst also keeping the scoreboard ticking along ourselves.

Home Run hero was Dan with a 3 run blast in the top of the 4th. OBP leaders were Dan, Emma (both 4 for 4) and Dave, Stewart and Alyssa (3 for 3) who all batted 1000. We also looked good running the bases, keeping the pressure on and always looking for the extra base.

In the field JD took a nice catch in the outfield, TK at 3rd did well to take a pop up in foul territory, Sandra made some nice plays at 2nd, Steve looked assured again at 1st and Dave added some fielding assists to his no-hit pitching performance.

<b>Tigers</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Titans</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**MVPs were Sandra and Dan**



### 23/08/16 Falcons W 25-12

A few nerves were visible at times as we looked for the win that would give us the league title but we eventually ran out fairly comfortable winners against a spirited Falcons team that gave us a much sterner test than they had earlier in the season. Our final league game of the season typified what had gone before, we are capable of scoring runs in bunches, not quite so good at preventing them, and we go through the odd dry spell where we can't buy a hit.

For the first part of the game we couldn't stop scoring, aided by some aggressive base running and some equally aggressive coaching by Tony at 3rd. Home Run heroes were Dan and Michael with 2 four baggers apiece. OBP leaders were Annie and Dave who each went 4 for 4.

In the field JD took some nice catches in the outfield, Dave pitched well, Sandra did a fine job at 2nd base and Annie and Rob both made nice grabs on awkward pop ups, a task made more difficult in Rob's case by an awkwardly placed base runner.

Special thanks to Jen and especially Stewart who came down as injury cover despite knowing in advance they might not get any game time. Overall it was a good team performance to round off a successful season, with the final highlight being the Captain's wallet putting in a rare public appearance in the post-match celebrations !

<b>Falcons</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Tigers</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>25</b>

**MVPs were TK and JD**







## Final Division 4 table

	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>RS</b>	<b>RC</b>	<b>%</b>	
<b>Tigers</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>.794</b>	<b>C</b>
Drizzle	17	12	1	4	292	205	.735	P
Hurricanes	17	12	0	5	278	154	.706	
Rippers	17	11	0	6	274	205	.647	
Barflies	17	9	0	8	279	276	.529	
Phoenix	17	7	0	10	223	264	.412	
Colt 45s	17	7	0	10	185	233	.412	
Freeze	17	5	0	12	241	349	.294	
Falcons	17	3	0	14	186	347	.176	
Titans	9	1	0	8	76	168	.111	



## The 2016 MSL Season

Date	Opponent	Pitch	H/A	Score	MVPs
26th April	Drizzle	7	H	T. 11-11	Dan & TK
3rd May	Rippers	2	A	W. 17-15	Steve A. & TK
10th May	Hurricanes	9	H	W. 28-13	JD & TK
17th May	Colt 45s	3	A	L. 16-17	JD & TK
24th May	Phoenix	9	H	W. 25-11	Dan & TK
31st May	Freeze	4	H	W. 29-9	Rob & TK
7th June	Barflies	9	A	W. 16-6	Dan & Helen
14th June	<i>Resting</i>				
21st June	Falcons	8	A	W. 33-4	Michael & TK
28th June	Drizzle	1	A	W. 31-13	Steve A. & Annie
5th July	Rippers	1	H	W. 23-22	Tony & Caroline
12th July	<i>Hurricanes</i>	5	A	<i>p.p.</i>	
19st July	Colt 45s	7	H	W. 16-10	Dan & TK
26th July	Phoenix	3	A	L. 17-18	Michael & TK
2nd August	Freeze	6	A	W. 25-10	Michael & Alyssa
9th August	Barflies	2	H	W. 19-15	Steve G. & Emma
11th August	Hurricanes	1	A	L. 14-15	Rob & Alyssa
16th August	Titans	6	A	W. 22-0	Dan & Sandra
23rd August	Falcons	3	H	W. 25-12	JD & TK

### MVP totals

Female		Male	
TK	10	Dan	5
Alyssa	2	JD	3
Annie	1	Michael	3
Caroline	1	Rob	2
Emma	1	Steve A.	2
Helen	1	Steve G.	1
Sandra	1	Tony	1

### Final MSL Batting Leader board

On base %age (M)		On base %age (F)		Home Runs			
JD	886	Emma	716	Dan	14	Tony, Steve A.	4
Dave	875	Annie	656	JD	8	Rob, Steve G.	2
Tony	824	Alyssa	588	Michael	6	Dave	1



# League Appearances

Name	Games	At bats	App by Position				
Dave	17	64	P	17			
Dan	15	63	SS	12,	OF	3	
Steve G.	12	49	3B	4,	OF	3,	SS 1
Rob	12	44	OF	9,	1B	3	
Stewart	11	40	OF	9,	EP	1	
Michael	9	39	OF	7,	SS	2	
Steve A.	9	38	1B	7,	3B	2	
JD	8	35	OF	8,	SS	1	
Tony	8	34	1B	3,	OF	2,	P 2, PH 1
Sully	1	5	OF	1			
Emma	17	74	2B	9,	OF	7,	EP 1
Annie	16	61	C	11,	OF	5	
TK	15	63	3B	9,	1B	1,	SS 1
Sandra	13	53	2B	8,	OF	4,	3B 1
Caroline	13	46	C	9,	OF	4	
Jen	9	28	OF	7,	C	1,	EP 1
Louise	8	32	C	8			
Helen	5	20	OF	5			
Alyssa	5	17	OF	3,	C	1,	EP 1
Luisa	2	9	3B	2			



# Friendly

## Titans friendly – incomplete game

Titans were in the lead when we had stop playing after 4 innings for bad light but the early finish meant that there was no result. With nothing riding on the game we took the opportunity to swap things round in the field and people got valuable experience in new positions. Rob in particular stepped up to the plate, pitching in his first “proper” game. Batting leaders were Dan, Michael and Steve who each went 3 for 3 and each hit a Home Run.

<b>Falcons</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>??</b>
<b>Tigers</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>??</b>





# Tournament Reports

## Firstball



Overall we had a successful time at Firstball. We got some useful game time under our belts and the new players played in their first real matches. We put in some strong performances, though five games on the Saturday and an early start on Sunday meant that we looked a bit tired, as well as wet, by the end of the second day!

Guest Neil was the star with the bat, batting 1000 over the weekend. Of the Regulars Tony (889) led the way for the men with Louise (625) best of the women. Neil was also the Home Run King with 4. Dan, Steve G. and Tony also hit one four-bagger apiece. In the field it was the Czech connection that starred with Sandra and TK both impressive. Play of the weekend though was Steve's running, diving, rolling catch on Sunday morning.

A bit of the gloss was taken off the weekend by a nasty injury to Tony's thumb that is likely to keep him out of action for some time. Thanks from all the team to Neil "hitting machine" Foot and old girl Chloe for guesting for us over the weekend.

*Dave drove up from Norfolk on the Saturday morning after an emergency visit to his ailing father, he'd hoped to be able to just sit and watch all weekend but was forced into action on the Sunday by the inability of anyone else to throw strikes with a wet ball !*

**Tournament MVPs were Steve and Sandra.**

<b>Dynamite</b>	<b>W. 8-7</b>
<b>Raiders</b>	<b>W. 12-11</b>
<b>Enforcers</b>	<b>L. 9-10</b>
<b>Thunder</b>	<b>L. 7-10</b>
<b>Honey Badgers</b>	<b>L. 5-14</b>
<b>Basehunters</b>	<b>W. 16-2</b>
<b>Rippers</b>	<b>L. 8-9</b>
<b>Falcons</b>	<b>L. 3-8</b>



Sandra

Steve G.

## Red Rose Tournament



A curate's egg of a performance over the day. We started off awful but then got better as the day went on. For the first half of the game against the Basehunters we were still in bed, we played better in the last 20 minutes but still slipped to a 6-5 defeat. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> game we were excellent in the field and ran a star studded Ringers Rippers outfit close going down 3-1. In the last game against Phoenix we sorted ourselves out and won 12-5. With the Rippers having gone 3 for 3 and every other team 1 and 2 our better run difference put us through to the final and a 2<sup>nd</sup> encounter against the Rippers. We were playing much better by this stage and in a close, well fought, game, despite another slow start with the bats we came within 1 out of a shock victory before conceding defeat on a close play at the plate.

<b>Basehunters</b>	<b>L. 5-6</b>
<b>Rippers</b>	<b>L. 1-3</b>
<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>W. 12-5</b>
<b>Rippers (Final)</b>	<b>L. 8-9</b>

Over the day the female batting leader was TK (600) with guest Jeremy (778) leading the men. Dan was best of the regulars at 667. Michael (3 for 3) and Stewart (2 for 2) led the way in the final. All the games were played in a good spirit and the sun came out for the second half of the day.

**Tournament MVPs were Dan and TK**

Box score for the final:

<b>Tigers</b>	0	1	0	0	2	5	<b>8</b>
<b>Rippers</b>	5	0	0	2	0	1	<b>9</b>





## Sefton



A tournament of 2 halves as we fought hard with no reward on the Saturday, then recorded 3 wins on the bounce on the Sunday to get to the Shield semi-final only to lose a tight game against the Bobcats in painful circumstances reminiscent of the Red Rose final. Our best 2 performances were against the two eventual winners, we gave the Shield winning Seagulls a tough game on the Saturday and beat the much fancied Formby Fins on the Sunday. The big difference between the two days was we just didn't get runs on the board on Saturday, on Sunday we suddenly started scoring and reaped the benefits.

Opponent	Res	Score
Mayhem	L	7-17
Bobcats	L	4-15
Seagulls	L	4-11
Vikings	L	4-12
Fish	L	2-6
Aachen	W	12-10
Sabres	W	10-5
Fins	W	16-11
Bobcats (SF)	L	11-12

Male on base leaders were Jeremy (900), Dave (800) and Michael (789). Sandra (611), Annie (563) and Alyssa (500) led the way for the women. Home Run Heroes were the Downes boys with 2 apiece and Jeremy and Rob who got one each.

In the field everyone worked hard. Amongst other good performances both Jeremy and Dave pitched effectively. Dan played well at short, JD did a fine job in the outfield, Michael showed promise at third, TK was good as always on first, but the stand out performance of the weekend was Sandra in the outfield against the Fins. She took a series of catches that effectively won us the game.

**Tournament MVPs were Dave and Sandra**







## 2016 Batting stats

	MSL PA	MSL OBP	MSL HR	MSL Games	Tourn PA	Tourn HR	Tourn OBP	Total PA	Total HR	Total OBP
Dan	63	810	14	15	55	3	691	118	17	754
Steve G	49	592	2	12	47	1	426	96	3	510
Dave	64	875	1	17	22	0	727	86	1	837
JD	35	886	8	8	41	2	634	76	10	750
Rob	44	682	2	12	32	1	625	76	3	658
Michael	39	615	6	9	26	0	731	65	6	662
Tony	34	824	4	8	18	1	889	52	5	846
Steve A	38	658	4	9	8		625	46	4	652
Stewart	40	500		11	6		500	46		500
<i>Sully</i>	5	<i>800</i>		<i>1</i>				5		<i>800</i>
TK	63	587		15	45		533	108		565
Emma	74	716		17	31		419	105		629
Annie	61	656		16	42		524	103		602
Sandra	53	491		13	43		488	96		490
Caroline	46	391		13	34		265	80		338
Louise	32	594		8	29		448	61		525
Alyssa	17	588		5	28		429	45		489
Jen	28	393		9	8		125	36		333
Luisa	9	667		2	16		500	25		560
Helen	20	650		5				20		650



## End of Season Awards



**Batting Champion**



**Players' player**



**Captain's player**



**Home Run Champion**



***Tigers***



Alyssa Jones

***Tigers***



Annie Downes

***Tigers***



Caroline Drake

***Tigers***



Daniel Downes

***Tigers***



David Wareham

***Tigers***



Emma Pritchard

***Tigers***



Helen Cook

***Tigers***



Jonathan Downes

***Tigers***



Jen Szczeplaniak Sloane

***Tigers***



Louise Wellman

***Tigers***



Luisa Tolu

***Tigers***



Michael Miah

***Tigers***



Robert Lawrence

***Tigers***



Sandra Zlatinaka

***Tigers***



Steve Aguirre

***Tigers***



Steve Girling

***Tigers***



Stewart Pilling

***Tigers***



Salaimaan Ahmed

***Tigers***



Teresa Kokocinska

***Tigers***



Tony LaFace

