



Tiger Talk



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Coming up:

Event	Date	Venue	
Indoor practice	Wed 16/03/16	Sale Grammar School	M33 3NH 8.15-9.15pm
Indoor practice	Wed 23/03/16	Sale Grammar School	
Outdoor Practice	Mon 28/03/16	Metrovicks	& each following Monday until the end of the season
Batting Practice	Wed 30/03/16	Metrovicks	& each following Wednesday until the start of the season
Team Social Do	Fri 15/04/16	City centre	
FIRSTBALL	Sat 23/04/15	Parrs Wood	
FIRSTBALL	Sun 24/04/15	Parrs Wood	
1 st League game	Tue 26/04/15	Parrs Wood	<i>And each Tuesday from then on...</i>



Informal Games on Wednesday nights ?

It looks likely that we'll have a large number of guys in the squad this season. To get people more game time I'm looking at running games at Metrovicks on Wednesday evenings and inviting other teams to join in (I'm aware of other teams who are in a similar situation). The games will be free for Tigers but there will be a small charge for other players. If we are going to do this I need to know that there's enough interest to make it worthwhile, so please think about whether YOU would be interested in playing, for those weeks when you are in the team on Tuesday and also in those weeks when you don't play in the league. More about this soon !



Blast from the past: Firstball 2015 WINNERS !



We started slowly at Firstball before embarking on a seven game winning streak that won us glory in the shape of the Bronze Cup. Saturday morning defeats to both a strong Phoenix side and the Pinoy Eagles suggested it might be a long weekend, but we perked up in the afternoon with comfortable wins over the Moorkats and Fastt.

On Sunday we started the day with two more comfortable wins against Thunder and Leeds Lightning. As the weather deteriorated we then really hit our straps in turning over the then table leading Dynamite team in the last group game. That win meant we topped the table after the round robin.

The semi-final was a rematch against the Eagles and we eventually emerged 6-5 victors with Georgie driving in the winning run in classic style, bases loaded and 2 down in extra innings ! After that (and an hour getting warm in the pub) the final, a rematch against Dynamite, was a more straight forward affair, though it did feature the play of the weekend, a long hit to right field that Steph retrieved, throwing the ball to Mike G. who relayed it from right field straight to the plate where Sam applied the tag to the surprised batter for the out.

Home Run heroes were Mike G. and Tony, with 2 apiece. On base leaders were Sarah, rookie Rachael and Hayley for the women and Mike G. Dave and Tony for the men. Pitcher Tony struggled manfully against the awful wind for most of the weekend with Sam taking over on Sunday afternoon and stringing together 3 excellent games on the rubber that led us to the win.

MVPs in the final were Mike G. and Luisa, who made some excellent plays at 3rd and went 3 for 3 at the plate. MVPs for the whole weekend were Hayley and Mike G., with Sam deserving a more than honourable mention for both his play at shortstop on Saturday and the pitching on Sunday afternoon. The weather on Sunday afternoon was awful but we rose above it to register a deserved tournament win. The one sour note was an injury to Ed, guesting for the Lions on the Saturday morning. He could be out of action for a few weeks, get well soon Ed, we need you !

Video (slideshow) highlights: https://youtu.be/Tg-WivE_IDM



Subscriptions:

Annual subs are £35, £20 for juniors. Please pay up **ASAP !** *IF you think that you HAVE paid but are not listed below then speak up !*

PAID: Andy, Dave W., Emma, Michael, Rob, Sandra, Steve, Stewart, TK

Match fees will be £5 a week, £3 for juniors.

Team Lineup: Firstball (23rd & 24th April)

M: Dave, Michael, Rob, Tony

Poss: Dan, JD, Steve

F: Emma, Luisa, Sandra, TK

Poss: Annie (SUN: Chloe & Charlotte)

Cost £20 a person (£10 a day).

League availability

First league games will be on 26th April and the league will continue until the end of August. If you know that you will be away / unavailable for any games during the season let **Dave W.** know as soon as possible.



Tournament Dates for your diary:

23 & 24 April	Firstball
25 & 26 June	Leeds
30 & 31 July	Manchester
24 & 25 Sep	Sefton

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