



Tiger Talk



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Coming up:

Practice **Mon 23/05/16** **Metrovicks**
 Phoenix **Tues 24/05/16** **Pitch 9**
 Practice **Mon 30/05/16** **Metrovicks**
 Freeze **Tues 31/05/16** **Pitch 4**

Batting Leader board

<u>On base percentage</u>	<u>(M)</u>	<u>On base percentage</u>	<u>(F)</u>	<u>Home Runs</u>	
JD	1000	Emma	750	JD	3
Dave	857	Annie	692	Dan	1
Steve G.	667	Helen	583	Steve A.	1

OBP = On Base Percentage = hits + walks / plate appearances. (It's not a hit if another runner is **FORCED** out on the play).
 Minimum of 10 plate appearances needed to feature in the OBP figures .You also need to have played in 1 or more of the last 4 games.

17/05/16 Hurricanes 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 7th 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 2nd, Louise took a nice catch behind the plate and TK looked good on 1st.

MVPs were TK and JD.

Tigers	2	2	3	0	3	1	5	16
Colt 45s	4	5	2	4	1	1	X	17





Outfield 101

When a woman is batting, unless you know she has genuine power, all the outfielders should be about 15 to 20 paces behind the infielders (the infielders should also use the fact that they have close cover from the outfield to push in a bit closer than they would for a male batter).

When a bloke is batting the female outfielders should be about 10 paces back from where they would be for a female batter and the blokes about another 5 paces deeper than that. The left fielder should be another 5 paces back for a right hander, the right fielder deeper for a left hander. For a "big hitter" go back another 5 to 10 paces, if you know the batter has little power push in closer. The higher the level of the opposition the further back the outfield are likely to end up.

The more base runners are on the further out the out fielders should play. With no one on they should push in far enough to look for the catch. Unless they are reminded to be aggressive outfielders tend to drift deeper and deeper as games go on. The percentage play is to keep them a bit tighter and look for the outs.

If you are in the outfield and the pitcher is beckoning towards you, you should move in closer, if they are waving you away you are too close and should move out a bit !

Outfielders should back each other up and call loud and early when they intend to field the ball. It is easier to judge the flight of the ball when off to one side so the outfielders on either side of the fielder to whom the ball has been hit can tell them whether to move in or out to field the ball.

When the ball is hit to the opposite side of the diamond or within the infield the outfielders should move in towards the infield so they are in a position to retrieve any wild throws.

When returning a fielded ball the outfielder should always throw the ball to a team mate, not just lob the ball back in the general direction of the diamond.

All outfielders need to work hard to back up the other outfielders on either side of them, move to back them up before the ball has reached the neighbouring player, if you wait to see if they field the ball successfully it will be too late to do anything about it if they do not. Outfielders must also remember that they still have a role to play when the ball is hit to the opposite side of the field or is live within the infield. Just as they must back up other fielders in the outfield they should seek to anticipate any possible mis-play within the diamond and be ready to tidy up any loose throws or chase down any ball that gets away from the infielders.

