



# Tiger Talk



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## Coming up:

<b>Practice</b>	<b>Mon 01/08/16</b>	<b>Metrovicks</b>
<b>@ Freeze</b>	<b>Tues 02/08/16</b>	<b>Pitch 6</b>
<b>Practice</b>	<b>Mon 08/08/16</b>	<b>Metrovicks</b>
<b>Barflies</b>	<b>Tues 09/08/16</b>	<b>Pitch 2</b>
<b>Hurricanes</b>	<b>Thurs 11/08/16</b>	<b>Pitch TBC</b>

*\* according to the review \**



## Batting Leader board

<u>On base percentage</u>	<u>(M)</u>	<u>On base percentage</u>	<u>(F)</u>	<u>Home Runs</u>			
Dave	872	Emma	755	Dan	10	Tony, Michael	3
Tony	800	Annie	707	JD	7	Rob	2
Dan	787	TK	617	Steve A.	4	Dave W.	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.

## 26/07/16 Phoenix 17-18

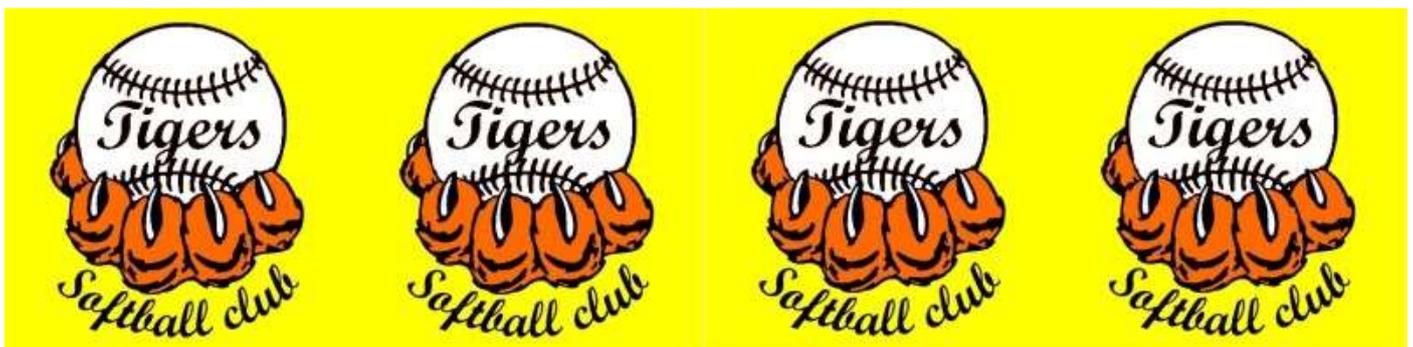
Burn the Orange shirts ! We could and should have won this game in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning but it would have been a travesty if we had done so as we were clearly second best to a hard hitting Phoenix team for large chunks of it. After a glacially slow start we did get better as the game went on. We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

### MVPs were TK and Michael

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



## Batting Helmets, my personal view

Two years ago I spent more than 3 hours in A&E with Becky waiting for someone to come and check her out. She sat there white faced, clutching the cardboard bowl she'd been given to use when she threw up. She'd been hit in the head by the ball whilst running the bases.

It was after midnight before I went home when she was taken away for a scan. When I woke in the morning I found that she'd sent me a text overnight to tell me she'd got a fractured skull and bleeding inside her brain. Getting that text was the worst moment in my Softball career. I sat on the side of the bed thinking "She could die". I still don't like thinking about that moment.

I don't believe that it's right to force adult players to wear a helmet. I played for years without a helmet without being hit in the head. I don't like wearing a helmet, it's hot and uncomfortable. Also I've seen people be hit in the head and be basically fine afterwards BUT, you only need to be unlucky once.

Becky was hit in the side of the head going into 2<sup>nd</sup> base when a throw from right field took a bad hop and skipped over the 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman's glove. She never saw the ball that hit her. Being hit like that cost her more than a week in hospital followed by more weeks off work, unable to drive, whilst she recovered. After she went back to work her employers tried to sack her when they found out that she was playing softball again. If she'd been wearing a helmet she wouldn't have been injured.

In the end maybe she was lucky too, she made a full recovery and she's back playing with the Mavericks. The next person might not be that lucky. It's your personal choice whether you want to take that risk, but don't kid yourself that that risk isn't there, be it in a league game or in a casual friendly, in this case it really could, as they say, be **you**.

Dave

## Tournaments

**September Special** M: ????????

3, 10 or 17 September F: ????????

**Sefton** M: Dan, Dave, JD, Michael, Rob, Steve G., Tony 7 – Full !

23 & 24 September F: Annie, Caroline Emma, Louise (Sun), Sandra, TK, Jen (Sat) 6 – 1 more



## Social Diary

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser	Details
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Team BBQ	Caroline's house	Caroline	Other Details TBC....
October	Team meal (prizes !)	Trafford Centre	Caroline	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	MSL EOS Ball	Midland Hotel	Caroline	Black tie (?)

