



Tiger Talk



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Coming up:

Practice	Mon 15/08/16	Metrovicks	
Titans	Tues 16/08/16	Pitch 6	
Fastpitch session	Thurs 18/08/16	Metrovicks	18.30
BBQ	Sat 20/08/16	Chez Caroline	3pm start
Practice	Mon 22/08/16	Metrovicks	
Falcons	Tues 23/08/16	Pitch 3	
Fastpitch session	Thurs 25/08/16	Parrs Wood	18.30

Batting Leader board

<u>On base percentage</u>	<u>(M)</u>	<u>On base percentage</u>	<u>(F)</u>	<u>Home Runs</u>		
JD	929	Emma	712	Dan	11	Tony, Michael 4
Dave	860	Annie	630	JD	8	Rob, Steve G. 2
Tony	824	Alyssa / TK	600	Steve A.	4	Dave 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.



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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.

MVPs were Emma and Steve G.

Barflies	4	5	1	0	3	1	1	15
Tigers	8	6	0	1	2	2	X	19

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.

MVPs were Alyssa and Rob

Tigers	0	0	2	7	2	1	2	14
Hurricanes	2	6	0	2	0	4	1	15



Tournaments

The only Sunday before Sefton where it looks like we can get a team out is the 4th but we don't have a full team then either so **if you can play on that date let me know ASAP.**

September Special	M: Dave, Michael, Rob, Steve A.	4
4th September	F: Alyssa, Annie, Caroline, Louise, TK	5
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

Fastpitch Softball

We will have a session on the 18th at Metrovicks and the week after at Parrs Wood.

Social Diary

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser	Details
Saturday 20 th August	Team BBQ,	Caroline's house	Caroline	3pm start
October	Team meal (prizes !)	Trafford Centre	Caroline	
Friday 18 th November	MSL EOS Ball	Midland Hotel	Caroline	Black tie (?)

Tuesday night Indoor League

We have entered the indoor league. First games are on October 4th, and it finishes on 6th December. All games are at the Soccer Dome, Trafford Way Trafford Park **M17 8DD**. Play runs from 7-9pm. There's still room in the squad if you want to play.

Squad **M:** Dave, Michael, Rob, Steve G. **4**
F: Alyssa, Caroline, Louise, Sandra, TK **5**

Player Profiles – a little bit more !

What's the first big event / news story that you can remember from your childhood ?

Dave	The Apollo 11 moon landing. (& second would be England getting knocked out of the 1970 world cup !)
Stewart	Prince Charles and Diana Spencer getting married. I was 5 at the time. The next being the Falklands war.
Emma	A toss-up between 'Live Aid' 1985 (which I only have very vague flashing memories of) and the Berlin Wall coming down in 1989... is a bit more vivid.
Steve G.	This is a tricky one to answer!...I thought I would remember more events but the earliest I can recall is USA '94. I remember following Ireland and I remember the respect my Dad and his friends had for Jack Charlton and the achievement of that Irish team. I remember getting a sense for the first time of American sports and the size of the stadiums particularly the college stadiums. It was from this event that I started to watch American Football with my Dad and started to take an interest in American sports. This has also prompted a memory of two magazines my Dad used to buy at the time, First Down, an American Football weekly and Slam Dunk, a basketball weekly! I remember nothing of the actual final of USA '94 as it was an awful game but I will always remember the Roberto Baggio penalty miss and the look on his face after! He is a legend of the game and had played a great tournament to that point. It taught me that even legends can make mistakes, but you have to brush it off, move on and comeback stronger!

If you have completed a player profile in the past but not answered this question can you do a quick reply and send it in ? cheers.

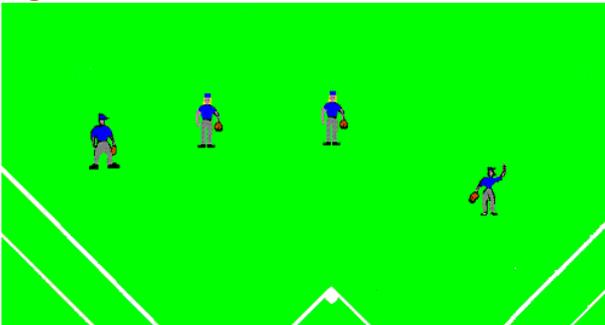
Outfield Alignment

Players in the outfield should move as each new batter comes to the plate reacting on the type of batter and the game situation. At its simplest the fielders should push in when a female bats and drop back for a male batter, at its most complex the fielders are placed individually based on the known habits of the individual batter. In our games we are usually working on limited information but there are some general rules we can use to improve our performance:

- The stronger the hitter the further back the fielders should stand.
- The more runners on base the further back the fielders should stand.
- Most right handers hit the ball with more power to left field than right field.
- Most left handers hit the ball with more power to right field than left field.
- The best hitters hit the ball with power to all fields.
- Against a weak hitter one of the middle infielders can push in close behind 2nd base to look for force outs on 1st or 2nd base.

HOWEVER it's also possible to be too clever, especially when facing players that we haven't played against before. In particular teams are very keen to over react to left handed batters, putting on enormous shifts on a batter who then hits the ball into the empty space in left field. Moderation is the name of the game when facing an unknown batter !

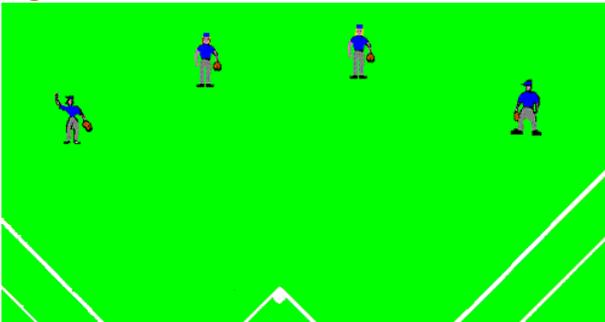
Right handed hitter



Left handed hitter



Big Hitter



Weak hitter

