



Tiger Talk



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Coming up:

Fastpitch session	Thurs 25/08/16	Old pitch 7	18.30
Practice	Mon 29/08/16	Metrovicks	
Titans	Tues 30/08/16	Pitch 5	Friendly
Red Rose IV	Sun 04/09/16	Parrs Wood	
Sefton	Sat 24/09/16	Northern CC	
Sefton	Sun 25/09/16	Northern CC	

Final Batting Leader board

<u>On base percentage</u>	<u>(M)</u>	<u>On base percentage</u>	<u>(F)</u>	<u>Home Runs</u>			
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

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.



Tigers 2016, MSL Division 4 Champions !

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 !

MVPs were TK and JD

Falcons	0	5	0	2	3	1	1	12
Tigers	6	4	4	9	0	2	X	25



Tournaments

Red Rose IV	M: Dave, Michael, Steve A., Steve G., Stewart	5
4th September	F: Alyssa, Annie, Caroline, Emma (?), Louise, Sandra, TK	6
Sefton	M: Dan, Dave, JD, Michael, Rob, Steve G.	6 - 1 more
23 & 24 September	F: Annie, Caroline Emma, Louise (Sun), Sandra, TK, Jen (Sat)	6 - 1 more

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**

Social Diary

Note that the EOS do has been split in two !

Date	Event	Venue	Organiser	Details
Saturday 20 th August	Team BBQ,	Caroline's house	Caroline	3pm start
Friday 30 th September	Team night out	Trafford Centre	Caroline	
October	Team meal (prizes !)	TBC	Dave	
Friday 18 th November	MSL EOS Ball	Midland Hotel	Caroline	Black tie (?)





The Red Rose Tournament

This year's Red Rose tournament will be the 4th. The Tigers have never been a keen touring team so over the years we have organised a number of friendlies to get a bit more game time including 3 previous one day tournaments:

	Year	Winner	Runner Up
Red Rose I	2011	Tigers	Thunder
Red Rose II	2011	Tigers	Dragons
Red Rose III	2013	Thunder	Tigers

Red Rose I, 2011

The Tigers won the Red Rose Cup only after going into extra innings in a dramatic final against Thunder that swung one way and then the other before a six run burst in the top of the eighth gave us the cushion needed to get the win. It had all been a lot more straight forward earlier in the day with impressive round robin wins against the Enforcers (12-7), Thunder (17-2) and Armadillos (15-8) in blustery and sometimes wet conditions.

The Tigers leapt out into a lead in the final, 7-2 ahead after 2 innings, but couldn't hold on to the lead. A strong blustery wind caused some problems for the Tigers pitcher, there were a couple of fumbles in the field and Thunder took advantage to come back strongly. Some impressive batting was capped by Griff hitting a Home Run over the show pitch fence, and Thunder were 13-11 ahead after 4. It was nip and tuck from there on in, the Tigers had clawed their way back into the lead going into the 7th, but Thunder rallied again and only some good defensive work from the big cats, with the highlight a catch 'em out throw 'em out double play by James, took the game into extra innings.

Despite starting the 8th with a runner on 2nd the Tigers went 2 down without scoring a run, or even advancing the lead runner, and things were looking good for Thunder, but a base hit from Sian then kick started a 6 run rally that decided a thrilling game that could have gone either way.

Batting average leaders for the day were Sam .800 and James .727 followed by a group of 3, Richard, Sian and Alex on .714. Home Run Heroes were Alex (3), Martyn (2) and Karen and Richard with one each. Sarah also impressed at the plate, going 8 for 12 (.667). Sam and Martyn both pitched well, Martyn had problems with a really high wind in the final but rallied well in the later stages of the game and his hitting in the final went a long way to winning the game for us. (Sam had to go before the final so Miguel from the Enforcers played in his place).

Dave is the only Tiger who played in the tournament and is still with the team. Of the rest only 2 are still playing in the league (Sian and Richard). Old age, kids, relationships breaking up and new jobs in far flung places have claimed the rest.



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