


Chris Mongeer batting against Camel Lights

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Europa League Final on Wednesday 29th May featuring two London sides coincides with:

- Broadway Market v Regents
- Pacific v The Royal Strikers
- Bansko Bears v Masiha

If those teams could be affected they should find out now & contact their oppositions before it's too late.
Friday 31st is free to book with LBTH but we have to give timely notice of cancellation to LBTH or those teams will be charged.

Weekly Fixtures

Monday 13th May
Ground 1: Expat **v** Broadway
Ground 2: Camel Lights **v** Regents
Ground 3: Mad Marrocas **v** The Royal Strikers

Tuesday 14th May
Ground 1: Old Fallopians 2nd VIII **v** Phoenix All Stars
Ground 2: London Fields **v** Millwall
Ground 3: Old Fallopians 1st VIII **v** Super Rangers

Wednesday 15th May
Ground 1: Bansko Bears **v** Homerton
Ground 2: Mile Tailenders **v** Sky
Ground 3: London Tigers **v** Rose & Crown

Thursday 16th May
Ground 1: L&Q Living **v** Wapping Dolphins
Ground 2: Victoria Lounge **v** Masiha
Ground 3: Sports Interactive **v** Pacific

Weekly Tip

Teams must bring two written out, numbered team lists; one for opposition scorers, and one for your own captain so he can shout out the bowlers numbers!
This to aid accurate league statistic.

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Tom Wright following his unbeaten 65 for MUFG

It was a battle against the weather as the first full week of the league kicked off under the brooding dark skies of Victoria Park. Last year's cup champions and hotly tipped London Tigers began their campaign against the ever unpredictable Old Fallopians 1st VIII. Out into the crease first, the Tigers struggled to get going and found themselves in trouble at 52-4 before Mohammed Fahad (49) and Jahirul Hacque hit some late blows to help the Tigers to a chaseable but defendable 139-5. Likewise, the Fallopians struggled to find fifth gear, held initially together by top scorer Fahad Waqar's decent 30, however a solid 23 from Junaid Mohi guided the Fallopians to just twenty needed from the final four. However, after a couple of run outs with tight bowling, it was suddenly five needed off the final delivery. But in a last ball twist, Azaz Khalil, hoping for a six, swung helplessly, missed and The Tigers watched as the ball sped to the boundary for four, ending the match in a tie.

Likewise, the Fallopians 2nd VIII almost did the same thing across the park against league newcomers MUFG. The Fallopians, batting first this time, struck a decent 163 off their 16 overs, largely thanks to some great batting from skipper Matt Wake (50) and Samsuddin Tipu (50), alongside some late hitting from Graham McGee (34). In response, Tom Wright led from the front for MUFG. The aggressive opener retried on 50 and strolled back in during the final over after skipper Tirth Poddar was bowled by VPCCL veteran Phillip Barrass (3-19). But Tom wasn't to be denied as he hit a beautiful series of boundaries. With MUFG requiring one off the final ball, he elegantly cut Barrass to the fence for four, finishing on an impressive 65, a decent benchmark for this season's highest individual score.

Meanwhile, Wapping Dolphins made it two from two with victory over Sports Interactive. SI, opting to bat first, made a decent start thanks to Tom Laskowski (28) and Alan James (23). Wapping made some inroads with 2-25 from Bobby Watson, and with some late hitting from Daniel Ormsby (26) SI finished on a respectable 124-4.
Wapping lost no wickets last game and looked to do the same again, before Tom Davison finally bowled Chris Wright (24). However, in-form Daniel Spiers added another 50 to his bow as he struck eight boundaries alongside Danny Oliver (33) to help Wapping reach their target in 13 overs.

Defending champions Millwall kicked off their campaign on Wednesday with a confident victory over Mile Tailenders. Millwall, opting to bat first, looked in a little trouble after making a decent start, before slipping to 60-4. However, opener, skipper and keeper Arif Ahmed kept calm and delivered a boundaryless 50, alongside some late hitting from Saif Khan (26) as Millwall ended on a daunting 170-5. The Tailenders made a good start, with Felix Cofie (17) and Soj Ariyadasa (29) making inroads into the chase. However, Saif Khan hit back taking an impressive 3-17 leaving keeper John Tilly (18) left unbeaten as Millwall eased home by 90 runs. Former champions Super Rangers (appearing as Friends last season) saw off London Fields thanks to an impressive display from skipper Atlaf Bhat. The Fields, losing skipper Will Isaac at the last minute, were bowled out for 86, with opener Rob Friend (26) top scoring, and Bhat finishing with an impressive 3-14. The Rangers eased to victory in 11 overs, despite losing four wickets, opener Asif Abbasi top scoring with 23. Mad Marrocas began their season with a lively win over L&Q Living. Reduced to 12 overs, skipper Robbie Jacobs looked in great nick, hitting 28 alongside Daniel Stabb (27) as Mad Marrocas finished on 126-5. In grim light, L&Q never quite got going as they completed their allotted overs with just 43 runs, the injured Sunny Sanger hobbling his way to an unbeaten 16.

Meet the teams



Defending champions Millwall led by Arif Ahmed (bottom right)



Cup champions London Tigers led by Salman Ahmed (furthest left)



2017 League champions Rose & Crown led by Paul Feeney (furthest right)



Bansko Bears led by Chris Salter (bottom right)

Quick Stats

Highest individual score:
65 - Tom Wright (MUFG)

Highest team total:
209-0 - Wapping Dolphins

Best Bowling:
4-9 - Sam Gilliat (Wapping Dolphins)

Division 1 - Millwall, London Tigers, Rose & Crown, Sky, Old Fallopians 1st VIII, London Fields, Mile Tailenders, Super Rangers

Division 2 - Bansko Bears, Homerton, Masiha, Broadway, Regents, Victoria Lounge, Camel Lights, Expat

Division 3 - MUFG, Wapping Dolphins, Royal Strikers, Mad Marroccas, Sports Interactive, L&Q Living, Pacific, Old Fallopians 2nd VIII



Bankso Bears' Will Arnold following his 50.

Bansko Bears began their challenge against Broadway Market and with a rainy forecast managed to repeat the same score as their respective match last season. Will Arnold led the way for the Bears with some lovely stroke-play as he and Ollie Meikle (15) put on 54 for the opening partnership. Tom Curtis (34) and Alex Tate (35) continued the trend as Bansko finished on an impressive 165-1. Ahmed Faisel led the way for Broadway with a superb fifty, including sixes. But it wasn't enough as Bansko's bowlers dug in, Chris Salter taking 2-27 from his allotted four overs as Broadway finished 31 runs short on 134-4.

Phoenix All Stars collected their first win of the season in a reduced over match against Pacific, who batted first. The Pacific batsmen were in good form, hitting a sold 95-2, John Deighan (32) and Aroon Korgaonkar (24) leading the way. However, some smashing stroke-play from Ravi Sagi (29) alongside Joe Banks (26) helped Phoenix All Stars to reach their target with three overs to spare.

The sun finally decided to say hello on Friday as Rose & Crown took on long-standing rivals Sky. Breaking the trend followed by the other teams so far this season, the Crown put Sky into bat and despite a solid 45 from Mustafa, Sky struggled to ever insert their authority and their opponents made quick inroads into their batting line-up. Bob Donavon lead the way with his cheeky spins, taking 3-20 and, despite a few double figure scores, Sky ended on 117 from their 16 overs. That was a good 30 runs shorter than they'd hoped to finish on. As the long shadows formed over the park, the result never looked in doubt as Joe Fisher led the way with a calm 45 alongside some solid hitting from keeper Charlie Challinor (28) as the Crown started their season with a victory gained with 3 overs to spare. Meanwhile, Homerton began their campaign with a victory against Masiha. Homerton looked in good nick as they rattled up 154-3 with Larry Hutchinson (50) leading the way. John Saunders Griffiths (41) kept up the pressure alongside some fantastic late innings striking from Sam Hickey (31). Masiha started well with Stuart Miller (20) and Iain Blackwell (20) looking in good touch. However, de Glossop had other ideas, alongside his fantastic batting he removed both openers and the ever-dangerous Sheldon Greenland. Australian debutant Chris Brown joined the party as he took two wickets in two deliveries leaving Mashia reeling on 72-5, before a great stand gave them some hope as Davey Blackwell (43) and Adnan (25) pushed towards victory. But tight bowling and good fielding kept them at bay as Masiha fell eighteen runs short.

The cup began with a one-off match (till mid-June) as newcomers Wapping Dolphins aimed to continue their impressive winning start against last year's ever dangerous semi-finalists Camel Lights. Batting first, Camels fell apart slipping to 46-5, with only skipper Tom Porter (21) providing resistance. Some late blows from Quentin Kweeble including three fours in his fourteen, helped Camels pass 50 before they were bowled out for 77, Sam Gilliat the pick of the Dolphins bowlers, picking up potentially season-winning figures of 4-9. Camels made a perfect start, Nick Chadwicket removing Andrew Magro for just a single. However, the fearsome Chris Mongeer smashed seven fours and three sixes in another quickfire 50. Adam Haines finished unbeaten on 13 as Dolphins eased to 78 inside eight overs. Wapping Dolphins - they're worth keeping an eye on this summer.



Arif Ahmed following his 50 for Millwall.



League secretary Gary Horsman.



A run out chance for Homerton.



London Fields (batting) v Super Rangers