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Weekly Fixtures

Tuesday 28th May
Ground 1: Millwall **v** Super Rangers
Ground 2: Sports Interactive **v** L&Q Living
Ground 3: Mad Marrocas **v** Phoenix All Stars

Wednesday 29th May
Ground 1: Broadway **v** Regents
Ground 2: Pacific **v** The Royal Strikers
Ground 3: Bansko Bears **v** Masiha

Thursday 30th May
Ground 1: Homerton **v** Victoria Lounge
Ground 2: Wapping Dolphins **v** Old Fallopians 2
Ground 3: Camel Lights **v** Expat

Weekly Tip

Important: Bowler's name (or number) must be inserted against the 'how out' box on your scorecards Remember: It is the joint responsibility of both captains to ensure that the scorecard has full details

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Congratulations to Expat's Santokh Kaulder who got married last weekend.

Season Stats

Highest team total:
1. 217-2 - Sky
2. 209-0 - Wapping Dolphins
3. 191-2 - Mad Marrocas

Highest individual batting score:
1. 66 - Alex Hickson (Expat)
2. 65 - Tom Wright (MUFG)
3. 55 - David Campbell (Regents)

Best Bowling:
1. 4-9 - Sam Gilliat (Wapping Dolphins)
2. 3-7 - Ty Graham (London Fields)
3. 3-14 - Altaf Bhat (Super Rangers)

Most wickets:
1. 7 - Iqbal Miah (Super Rangers)
2. 6 - Zak Ahmed (Old Fallopians 1st)
3. 5 - Andrew Whitehead (Masiha)
4. 5 - Mo Ansari (Phoenix All Stars)

Most 4s:
1. 19 - Dudley Speaks (Wapping Dolphins)
2. 17 - Thomas Wright (MUFG)
3. 16 - Adnan Akram (MUFG)

Most 6s:
1. 8 - Chris Monger (Wapping Dolphins)
2. 6 - Rizwan Siddiqui (Sky)
3. 6 - Oli Turner (London Fields)

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Bhavesh Munwar (MUFG) is bowled by Firoz Husain (Phoenix)

Victoria Lounge and Homerton continued their superb form in the Victoria Park Community Cricket League this week (ending May 24) as both Division Two sides marched on towards an exciting encounter next week as the competition enters its third full week of action.

Victoria Lounge kicked the week off with a superb all-round display against the solid Camel Lights. The Lounge, batting first, always looked dangerous as in-form skipper Jim Crutcher and Tom Stevens built a decent platform and Stefan Phllipson (53) continued the run-making as the Lounge finished on 154-3. The Camels lost skipper Tom Porter early, but decent knocks from Rich Hagan (43) and Ahmed Karim (30) kept them in the hunt. However, Joe Cannon's decent bowling spell of 2-28 pegged back the Camels, as they lost late wickets to finish 136-5, eighteen runs short of their target.

With Division Three leaders Wapping Dolphins out of action this week, Mad Marrocas took full advantage as they maintained their superb start to the season with a comfortable win over MUFG. Robbie Jacob's team led from the front, smashing 199-1, the third highest total of the season, with Jaimie Cox (50), Ed Maddicott (51) and Tom Woodlock (42) dominating the batting with some aggressive stroke-play. Without in-form opening batsmen Tom Wright, MFUG lost early wickets, as they struggled against the disciplined Marrocas bowing, and eventually were bowled out for 91, despite Adnan Akram's enjoyable 32, Ed Maddicott's bowling complementing his batting with two wickets for the loss of six runs.

L&Q Living enjoyed a high-scoring match with Royal Strikers on Pitch 2. L&Q hit 162-4 with Sunny Sagar, returning following his injury, hitting 50, their total helped along the way by Wasim Ali (34). However, despite losing an early wicket and Lee Addy bowing a decent spell of 3-41, Royal Strikers produced a confident chase as they chased down their target, winning off the final ball. Som Chottekalapanda (47) and Arun Devanga (32) were their top scorers.

Tuesday saw Millwall's disappointing run continue as they were beaten in a close match by the Old Fallopians first team. Skipper Arif Ahmed continued his unbeaten run and played a captain's innings of 53, alongside Reza Karim (41) as Millwall finished on a par score of 166-5. However, Fallopians Fahad Waqar (50) and Bilal Quereshi (44) had other ideas as they put on a super opening stand. Once both had left the wicket, Millwall's Jamil Ahmed (3-23) tore through the middle order giving his side fresh hope of snatching victory. However, the Fallopians' Zak Ahmed held his batting nerve to clinch the match with an over to spare.

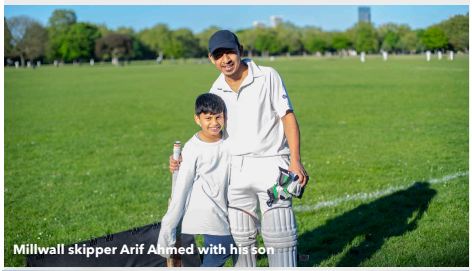
Super Rangers continued their unbeaten start to the season with victory over Rose & Crown. It was an all-round batting display from the Rangers as they smashed 186-5, with no half century makers as skipper Altaf Bhat (46), Umar Ayoub (36) and Mohamed Naveed (35) leading the way. The Crown enjoyed a superb opening stand between Joe Fisher (44) and James Kendrick (34), keeping them in the game with a potential late attack. However with the run rate as it was, Rose & Crown lost the pace chasing and finished on 160-5, twenty six runs short, despite some super late batting from Nag Mangalagiri (29) and Charlie Challinor (28).

The s Fallopians second eight enjoyed a much less tense game against the ever-spirited Sports Interactive, who elected to bat. It did not prove a lucky decision. Although Andrew James (32) dug in and hit several boundaries, his partners' wickets kept falling and Sports Interactive succumbed to 52, Jack Wright taking 2-7. Matt Wake and Jack Holmes looked ruthless as the Fallopians eased to victory in just over nine overs.

Wednesday saw two of the season's records broken. First up, Sky smashed 217-2 against London Fields, with Mubashar Ali (51), and Rizwan Siddiqui (53 including five sixes) leading the way along with debutant James Deighan (50). Despite the big score and losing in form Gaurav Jadhav for zero, the Fields made Sky work hard to defend their total. Robin Friend (55)

Meet the players

As it's Ramadan, let's meet some of the players across the community league who are fasting.


Millwall skipper Arif Ahmed with his son


Rizwan Siddiqui in Sky's new kit


Homerton's Ashraf Molvi


Safraz Ahmed playing for L&Q Living


Masiha captain Adnan Ali


League veterans Saj Rehman and Firoz Husain of Phoenix


London Tigers skipper Salman Ahmed heads to the crease


A smiling Sojhan Ariyadasa finishing his innings unbeaten on 39 against London Tigers


A close call

and Oli (52) Turner both kept them in the hunt with aggressive batting. However, a couple of late wickets took their toll and Sky comfortably held on as London Fields finished on 171-3, forty-six runs short.

Last year's star batsmen Alex Hickson was again looking in superior form for Expats against Masiha in Division Two. Despite his form, Expats found themselves in early trouble as Masiha snatched several wickets leaving Expats on 130-6. The Expats captain returned to the crease and was finally bowled for the current season's top individual batting score of 66. However, despite the heroics from Hickson, Expats finished on a disappointing 150-7, with Santokh Kaulder (18) making the second highest score. Masiha's batsmen failed to progress from their decent starts as they succumbed to 129 in 13.1 overs. Stuart Miller (29) and Ian Blackwell (2) were their top scorers.

Meanwhile Division Two leaders Homerton continued their charge, making it three from three as they saw off Regents. Sagar Bora (50) and Len Hutchinson (50) put on a superb opening partnership before Regents sank their teeth into the Homerton line-up, with Vickram Joseph taking 2-23. However, Homerton rallied to 172-4 thanks to a late knock from Alife Salisbury (24). Mark Partridge and in-form David Campbell kept Regents in the hunt, but John Saunders Griffiths had other ideas as he removed Campbell for 31 and Neil Jenkings in the same over as he finished on 3-25. Regents ended on 140-5, thirty-two runs short of their target despite Mark Partridge's half century.

Thursday saw Division One's London Tigers continue their unbeaten run as they saw off Mile Tailenders on pitch 3. The Tailenders won the toss and elected to bat, Soj Ariyadasa leading the way with a patient unbeaten thirty-nine as the Tailenders finished on 102-4. Despite losing Jamil Ahmed early, Mohammad Fahad charged off with an unbeaten fifty alongside Mohammed Ripn Noor (35) as The Tigers reached their target with four overs remaining.
Phoenix All-Stars saw off MUFG's second match of the week in the seven o'clock game on Pitch 2. The All Stars hit a dogged 130-4 off their fourteen overs, led by debutant Tarang Kartira (39), skipper Firoz Husain (30) and some late hitting from the ever-reliable Mo Iqbal (23). A superb all-round bowling display from Phoenix pegged back MUFG's reply as they finished on 102-6 with opener Jagdish Patel (25) top scoring, handing Phoenix a 28-run win.


Alex Hickson who is the now the top scorer of the season hitting 66 against Masiha

Current MPV ratings

(based on Crich HQ stats)

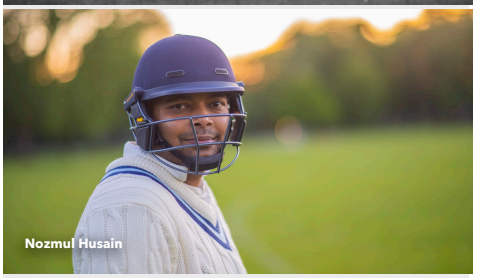
Rank	Player	Club	Matches	Batting	Bowling	Fielding	Overall
1	Adnan Akram	MUFG Cricket Club	4	16.38	7.89	0.0	24.25
2	Dudley Spiers	Wapping Dolphins Cricket Club	4	16.97	6.24	0.0	23.19
3	Altaf Bhat	Super Rangers Cricket Club	3	11.49	10.99	0.0	22.47
4	Chris Monger	Wapping Dolphins Cricket Club	3	19.13	2.65	0.0	21.78
5	Sam Gilliat	Wapping Dolphins Cricket Club	4	7.32	13.18	0.0	20.51
6	Jamil Ahmed	Millwall Community Cricket Club	3	6.22	14.04	0.0	20.26
7	Iqbal Miah	Super Rangers Cricket Club	3	1.0	18.08	0.0	19.08
8	Alex Hickson	Expat Cricket Club	2	14.94	3.54	0.0	18.49
9	Rizwan Siddiqui	Sky Cricket Club	3	10.01	8.45	0.0	18.48
10	Zak Ahmed	Old Fallopians Cricket Club	3	2.68	14.38	0.0	17.06



Great technique by Mo Iqbal



Saj Rehman claiming his wicket



Nozmul Husain



Gary Horsman fielding for Homerton

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Chair's Editorial.

Let me be absolutely clear, and state at the outset that a number of score-cards this year have not been. But isn't that their raison d'etre, the very purpose of their immaculate conception? Consider what we do when we take to the field, even if that field is constructed of plastic carpet of the kind found in the seediest of bedsits in the most disturbing parts of Ramsgate or Halifax. We expose ourselves, in the most harshly-lit way possible. Not like the model at a life class (available at 7.30 pm on Mondays in the People's Tavern, incidentally), studied for their dips, curves, wrinkles, hollows and discrete curls of escaping hair; not as a politician searching desperately for the love of the vegan planet-lover and the snarling bigot. No, it is worse that these. Our nakedness is not covered by layers of physical protection in the form of pads, boxes, double-layer underpants (you don't have any?), gloves, helmets, thigh-pads, chest-pads, forearm-pads, sun cream, reinforced-toed boots, and a great hunk of carved English willow. No. These things are useless in the face of the scorer. The scorer strips away the apparent protection afforded by these artificial additives, and reveals the placid, feeble truth - bowled, balls faced 5, runs scored 1 (how much worse it is to score 1 than 0 - it reveals the desperate internal need to make a mark, yet how inconsequential the mark, how much less attractive than the carefree zero, the nought, the beautiful plumage of the duck). The bowler is no less held up for ridicule, and is perhaps still more vulnerable as wide after wide after wide after no-ball after 4 after 4 after 4 wides after 6 after dot ball (YES!) after wide after 4 is reflected with utter clarity and unambiguity against your name (YOUR name, remember), where it remains forever, the source of giggles and shared scorn at your expense over the years and (praise be to the internet) around the globe. - **Phillip Barrass**



Millwall get title defence off to strong start with superb win against Mile Tailenders

Defending champions Millwall kicked off their Victoria Park Community Cricket League campaign with a confident victory over Mile Tailenders.

Opting to bat first, Millwall looked in a little trouble after making a decent start, before slipping to 60-4.

However, opener, skipper and wicket-keeper Arif Ahmed kept calm and delivered a boundary-less 50, alongside some late hitting from Saif Khan (26) as Millwall ended their innings on a daunting 170-5.

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 wicket-keeper John Tilly (18) left unbeaten as Millwall eased home by 90 runs.

Cricket

Former champions Super Rangers saw off London Fields thanks to an impressive display from skipper Atlaf Bhat.

Fields, losing skipper Will Isaac at the last minute, were bowled out for 86, with opener Rob Friend (26) top scoring and Bhat finished with an impressive 3-14.

Rangers eased to victory in 11 overs, despite losing four wickets, with opener Asif Abbasi top scoring on 23.

Wapping Dolphins made it two from two with victory over Sports Interactive.

Opting to bat first, SI 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 in their last game and looked to do the same again, before Tom Davison finally bowled Chris Wright (24).

However, the 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.

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 poor 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.

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Boxing



Incredible fielding from Joe Banks who took three catches in the deep.