


Will Isaac starting well for London Fields

Weekly Fixtures

Monday 10th June
Ground 1: London Tigers v London Fields
Ground 2: L&Q v Phoenix All Stars
Ground 3: Victoria Lounge v Broadway

Tuesday 11th June
Ground 1: Super Rangers v Mile Tailenders
Ground 2: Sports Interactive v Mad Marrocas
Ground 3: Homerton v Expat

Wednesday 12th June
Ground 1: MUFG v Pacific
Ground 2: Old Fallopians 1 v Sky
Ground 3: Old Fallopians 2 v The Royal Strikers

Thursday 13th June
Ground 1: Rose & Crown v Millwall
Ground 2: Camel Lights v Bansko Bears
Ground 3: Regents v Masiha




Our president Burt and last year's century maker Sanj

Weekly Tip

Please bear in mind, as advised on many occasions and discussed at the AGM, refunds will not be credited to teams who do not show up when matches on the other pitches go ahead when it rains.

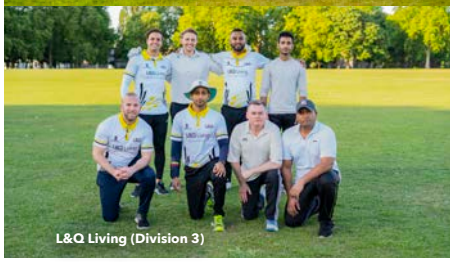
A fact from this season

Richard Hagen of Camel Lights has the only wicket maiden so far.

Meet the teams


Mad Marrocas (Division 3)


The Royal Strikers (Division 3)


L&Q Living (Division 3)

It was a week of cricket drama in Victoria Park as celebrations for Eid spread the week's games across the entire five days with two players hitting eighty runs.

Monday saw a mixed bag for the Old Fallopians' two teams in the Victoria Park Community Cricket League. The Firsts looked as sharp as ever against Will Isaac's London Fields in their Division One clash. London Fields, opting to bat first, struggled to get going despite decent starts by Will Isaac (19) and Troy Utz (19) as they finished on 99 in a reduced fourteen-over contest. The Fallopians produced a speedy reply, led by openers Fahad Waqar (45) and Bilal Qureshi (25) alongside Shahid Qureshi (23), as their strong stroke-play led them to victory with four overs to spare.

The Old Fallopians second team in a Division Three contest fell to highflyers Mad Marrocas. With just one defeat so far, Robbie Jacob's men produced another impressive batting display, despite losing in-form Jaimie Cox for 13. Edgar Maddicott took charge (58), looking in superb form, smashing nine boundaries including four sixes. He was aided by Jacobs (26) and last man Danny Marshall (16). In reply, Vishnu Dubey (50) led the way for the Fallopians with some aggressive batting and, with help from Graham McGee (33), kept them in the loop. But a couple of run outs and some accurate bowling restricted the Fallopians to 131-5, thirty-six runs short.

Division three runaway stars Wapping Dolphins made it four out of four with victory over MUFG. MUFG, batting first, never found their rhythm as Dolphins skipper Dudley Spiers tore through the batting line up, with keeper Charlie Wright taking four catches and Spiers becoming only the second player this season to take four wickets in a match, finishing with 4-22. MUFG were bowled out for 106 with last batsman Ganeshan Mathulan (21) top scoring. The Dolphins changed their batting line up and finally experienced a wobble as they slipped to seven for two wickets, with both batsmen caught behind. However, Tom Sibley (52) and Sam Gilliat (45) held their nerve as the Dolphins eased home with six overs to spare.

Tuesday saw Rose & Crown edge past Mile Tailenders in their Division One game. The Tailenders, still winless but always wonderfully chirpy, fielded first with Joe Fisher back at the crease for a defiant 56. The Rose & Crown innings finished on a healthy 162-6 with decent knocks from Charlie Challinor (30) and Sam Reddy (22). Tailenders bowler Stu Hill excelled with figures of 3-33. The in-between break saw League President Burt Vandermark present Sanj Gunewardene with his centurion ball from last season for scoring 100 runs in a match. And Gunewardene looked in good nick before being bowled by Robert Donovan for 28, the top score in Mile Tailenders' 83-6 as Rose & Crown won by 79 runs.

Alex Hickson was once again the star of the day for Expats against Bansko Bears. Expats looked in good touch as Hickson, Nick Buckley (15) and Trent Boult (28) hit powerful, fluent boundaries and kept the rate ticking along. However, after wickets tumbled to loose shots Hickson, who had retired at 50, was returning to the crease as the last wicket with the score on 120-6. As ever, the Australian and current highest scorer of the season looked in sublime form as he smashed a new season high of 81 not out as Expats finished on 165 all out.
Bansko Bears lost their opening batsmen cheaply as Tom McMahon took three quick wickets. However, skipper Chris Salter and Matt Ireland steadied the ship. Despite both men finishing in the twenties, Bansko finished on 90, handing Expat a 75-run victory.

Sports Interactive's Alex James once again looked in super nick, as the Division Three side slipped to defeat to Royal Strikers. Sports Interactive batted first and despite some fearless batting from James slipped to 125-5 from their 16 overs. Tom Laskowski once again looked in great touch before being run out for 18. Opener Srini Prasadh (46) and Mohan Gandhi (28) top scored for Royal Strikers as they eased to victory with thirteen balls to spare.

Bowls (message from Gary)

Some of you might know that I am delivering a pilot regeneration project at the Victoria Park Bowls Club this Summer.
I am able to host the inaugural VPCCL Bowls Competition This will be at the Bowls Club on the evening of Friday 28th June 6-9pm. The competition (I use this term lightly) is open to any of the teams in the league - possibly on a first come, first serve basis - depending on how many teams and their players wish to attend.

If interested (and you don't have to have ever played the game before), then please get back to Gary with your team name asap ..... it being only three weeks away


Sheldon Greenland smashing a six for Masiha

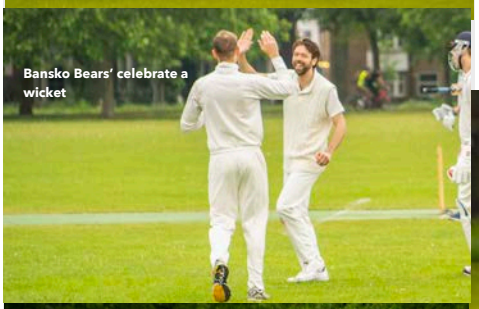

Ben Howard striking a six for Broadway


Old Fallopians 1st - Farhad Waqar smashing a four


London Tigers Zubair Gardiwala in action


Keeper John Tilley celebrates Sean Feeny caught behind


Sports Interactive's leading run scorer Alex James


Bansko Bears' celebrate a wicket


Tom Linlay striking for Regents

It was a solo affair on Wednesday as Homerton aimed to keep their unbeaten run going against the ever-dangerous Camel Lights in Division Two. Homerton skipper Sagar Bora was again in superb form as he smashed his fourth straight 50 this season. Laurence "Dutch" de Glossop (23) and debutant Oli Pennel (33) helped Homerton on their way to a decent score, despite losing the dangerous Donald Hutchinson early on, superbly caught for six by Matt Redgrave. The Camels bounced back with a late charge from Lindsay Armstrong, who pegged the batters back with some fantastic last gasp bowling as he took 3-22. Sagar aided eight more runs to his retired score before he was finally caught and bowed for 58 as Homerton finished on a tricky 165-7. The Camels made a super start with openers Matt Redgrave (49) and Tom Porter (50) in cracking nick, taking their side to almost 100 before Redgrave fell one short of his half century. However, Homerton's Dan Ulzhoefer worked his magic, taking two crucial wickets including that of Richard Hagen who, after striking three boundaries, was caught in the deep by Sam Hickey. The Camels fell just seven runs short of their target, leaving Homerton still unbeaten this season.

Thursday saw L&Q Living hold their nerve to beat Pacific, bowling them out for 127, with debutant Colin Pollard top scoring with a patient 25. All five L&Q bowlers took a wicket, Sunny Sanger leading the way with 2-28 as Pacific floundered with only John Deighan (24) and Jaimie Hargreaves (14) scoring above five. In response, L&Q's Waqar Ali blazed his way to a quick-fire 29 in response, but two wickets apiece for Ben Snodin and Deighan yanked Pacific back into the match. However, Sanger continued his impressive form smashing an unbeaten 42 as L&Q saw themselves comfortably home with three overs to spare.

It was a Friday to remember with three matches across the park. Sheldon Greenland and Ben Howard were batting superstars as Masiha and Broadway Market enjoyed a fantastic Division Two match on Pitch 1. Despite an early wicket, Masiha's Adnan Ali (48) and Greenland led the way, with Greenland returning to the crease after retiring on 50 to score a stunning unbeaten 80 including eleven boundaries, taking Masiha to 174-3. In response, Broadway's Howard took on Greenland's challenge, coming into bat early to smash an incredible 50 off just 13 balls. However, once Howard was back in the hut, Broadway's rate slowed down and, despite a spirited 32 from Mahroof Ebrahim, they fell just eight runs short to hand Masiha their first win of the season.

Division Three's Victoria Lounge returned to winning ways with victory over Regents on the expanses of Pitch 3. Regents opted to bat first and finished their 16 overs on 111-3, with Luke Slater (34) and opener Mark Partridge (29) the top scorers. The Lounge never looked in trouble as openers Jim Crutcher (44) and Tom Stevens (47) shared an unbroken stand to guide them home with five overs remaining.

London Tigers maintained their unbeaten Division one record with victory over Sky in a high scoring match on pitch 2. Sky, won the toss and, opting to field watched on as The Tigers saw both openers Thuid Islam and Zubair Gardiwala retire out, with Zubair smashing nine boundaries, including three huge sixes. Mohammed Fahad (41) and Jamil Ahmed (23) helped the Tigers to a daunting 180-1 from their 14 overs, with Marhan Rahman the only wicket to fall for a duck.
Sky, dangerous as ever kept up with the rate with Mohammed Hafeez hitting a composed 53 alongside fellow opener Muhammad Sheraz (31) until the second half of the innings where the Tigers took several crucial wickets, with a late burst from Zubair (2-39). Nozmul Hussain was left unbeaten on 38 as Sky finished on 166-4, fourteen runs short of their target.


Expat Alex Hickson on his way to a season top scoring 81 against Bansko Bears


Camel Lights skipper Tom Porter on his way to 50


Tom Stevens for Victoria lounge striking against Regents


Mohan Gandhi of Royal Strikers


Dudley Spiers (right) celebrates his fourth


Strong batting from L&Q's Sunny Sanger


Sky's Sarfraz Ahmed action


Homerton's Sagar Bora skies the ball on his way to 50


MUFG's Vinay Wilfred in action against Wapping

Rank	Player	Club	Mat	Inn	NO	100's	50's	4's	6's	HS	Runs	Ave
1	Alex Hickson	Expat Cricket Club	4	4	3	0	4	30	2	81*	250	250.00
2	Sagar (Cigar) Bora	Homerton Cricket Club	5	5	3	0	4	26	2	58	219	109.50
3	Dudley Spiers	Wapping Dolphins Cricket Club	5	4	4	0	3	26	4	52*	195	-
4	Sunny Sanger	L&Q Living Cricket Club	5	5	5	0	2	22	4	51*	191	-
5	Larry (Mr Cricket) Hutchinson	Homerton Cricket Club	5	5	3	0	3	19	0	50*	183	91.50
6	Andrew James	Sports Interactive Cricket Club	5	5	1	0	1	23	1	50*	178	44.50
7	Jaimie Cox	Mad Marrocas Cricket Club	4	4	3	0	3	22	1	54*	167	167.00
8	Joe Fisher	Rose and Crown Cricket Club	4	4	2	0	1	9	0	56*	165	82.50
9	Altaf Bhat	Super Rangers Cricket Club	4	4	2	0	1	12	7	58*	159	79.50
10	Arif Ahmed	Millwall Community Cricket Club	4	4	2	0	2	2	0	53*	151	75.50
11	Richard Hagan	Camel Lights Cricket Club	4	4	2	0	1	16	3	50*	150	75.00
12	Farhad Waqar	Old Fallopians Cricket Club	4	4	2	0	1	18	4	50*	146	73.00
13	Adnan Akram	MUFG Cricket Club	5	5	1	0	1	18	5	52*	142	35.50
14	Chris Monger	Wapping Dolphins Cricket Club	4	4	3	0	2	12	10	51*	135	135.00
15	Edgar Maddicott	Mad Marrocas Cricket Club	4	4	2	0	2	14	6	58*	127	63.50
16	Mohammed Fahad	London Tigers Cricket Club	3	3	2	0	1	10	3	50*	127	127.00
17	Will Arnold	Bansko Bears CC	4	4	2	0	2	15	0	50*	125	62.50
18	Jim Crutcher	Victoria Lounge Cricket Club	4	4	2	0	1	12	0	50*	122	61.00
19	Tom Porter	Camel Lights Cricket Club	4	4	2	0	2	14	0	53*	120	60.00
20	Tom Laskowski	Sports Interactive Cricket Club	4	4	1	0	1	10	0	50*	119	39.67


Vinay Wilfred of MUFG against Wapping


London Tigers Supporting Bangladesh featured on SKY sports.


Super Rangers face the camera at their latest Victoria Park Community League match.

Thrilling finales light up latest matches in Victoria Park Community League

The Victoria Park Community League bore witness to a crop of thrilling last-over victories last week to the backdrop of the All Points East festival.

Cricket

Super Rangers maintained their 100 per cent record with victory in the sole Division One game of the week against Millwall.

Altaf Bhat (58) and Manisha Sanga (50) saved Rangers after a terrible start, as they collapsed to 80-6, to see them to 178-6.

Millwall struggled to get going, finishing on 120-6, with opener and skipper Arif Ahmed (24) top scoring as the reigning champions were sent to a third straight loss and face the thought of a relegation battle when the league splits at the end of June.

Division Two remained close as Homerton saw off Victoria Lounge, after smashing 164-4.

Openers Sanga Bora (50) and Larry Hutchinson (50) led the way and The Lounge collapsed to 88-6, before a stunning last-wicket stand between Chris Steves (30) and Rhys Edwards (43) left them needing four off the last ball.

But a swing and a miss saw Homerton win by four runs.

Broadway (144-2) saw off Regents (142-4) thanks to some hard hitting from opener Ben Howard, while Bansko Bears (168-6) kept up with the leaders with a comfortable 28-run with over Masiha (140-4).

Camel Lights saw off Expat, for whom Alex Hickson (50) was again the star as they finished on 139-5.

Despite Rich Hagen's (50) early fireworks the Camels collapsed until a super fifty from debutant Jack Dunction sealed victory with three overs to spare.

L&Q Living (182-2) beat Sports Interactive (119-6) in Division Three thanks to some super hitting from Sunny Sagar, while leaders Mad Marrocas suffered a surprise defeat to Phoenix after making 143-4, thanks to in-form Jaimie Cox (54).

Firoz Husain hit an unbeaten 43 to help Phoenix to victory with a ball to spare, while Royal Strikers (134-5) saw off Pacific (133-3) off the final ball.

Paul Rajkumar smashed 50 for Pacific and a super spell of 3-21 from Ben Boorman looked like leading them to victory, but Ganesh Pawar (36) saw Strikers home with a four off the last ball.

Wapping Dolphins maintained their superb start with victory over Old Fallopians seconds as they hit an impressive 174-2 from a reduced 14-over spell.

Richard Ripper smashed 53 off just 19 balls, with six sixes, and Fallopians lost skipper Matt Wake early before Vishnu Dubey and Ollie Gold restored momentum. Sam Gilliat took 2-26 as the Fallopians finished on 119-5.

Season League stats

Highest team total:
1. 217-2 - Sky
2. 209-0 - Wapping Dolphins
3. 199-2 - Mad Marrocas
4. 186-5 - Super Rangers
5. 182-2 - L&Q Living

Highest individual batting score:
1. 81 - Alex Hickson (Expat)
2. 80 - Sheldon Greenland (Masiha)
3. 66 - Alex Hickson (Expat)
4. 65 - Tom Wright (MUFG)
5. 58 - Altaf Bhat (Super Rangers)
6. 58 - Edgar Maddicott (Mad Marrocas)
7. 58 - Sagar Bora (Homerton)

Best Bowling:
1. 4-9 - Sam Gilliat (Wapping Dolphins)
2. 4-22 - Dudley Spiers (Wapping Dolphins)
3. 3-7 - Ty Graham (London Fields)
4. 3-14 - Altaf Bhat (Super Rangers)
5. 3-16 (Junaid Mohi (Old Fallopians)

Most wickets:
1. 8 - Jamil Ahmed (Millwall)
2. 7 - Iqbal Miah (Super Rangers)
3. 7 - Zak Ahmed (Old Fallopians)

* six players on 6 wickets

Most 4s:
1. 30 - Alex Hickson (Expat)
2. 26 - Sagar Bora (Homerton)
3. 26 - Dudley Spiers (Wapping Dolphins)
4. 23 - Andrew James (Sports Interactive)
5. 22 - Sunny Sagar (L&Q Living)
6. 22 - Jaimie Cox (Mad Marrocas)


Old Fallopians 2nd's eleven Jonathan Stebbings


Joe Fisher of Rose & Crown on his way to 50


Mad Marrocas' Edgar Maddicott in fine form


Pacific's Colin Pollard striking a boundary

CURRENT TABLES

Divison 1

	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Tie	Abandoned	Byes	Points	Bonus points	Total points	Net run rate
	Super Rangers Cricket Club, Super Rangers VIII	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	12.0	0.0	12.0	+2.179
	London Tigers Cricket Club, London Tigers VIII	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	11.0	0.0	11.0	+5.093
	Old Fallopians Cricket Club, 1st VIII	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	8.0	0.0	8.0	+1.305
	Rose and Crown Cricket Club, Rose and Crown	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	6.0	0.0	6.0	+0.613
	Sky Cricket Club, Sky	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	6.0	0.0	6.0	-2.398
	London Fields Cricket Club, London Fields VIII	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	3.0	0.0	3.0	-2.202
	Millwall Community Cricket Club, Millwall Viii	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	3.0	0.0	3.0	-0.128
	Mile Tailenders Cricket Club, Mile Tailenders Viii	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-3.437

Divison 2

	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Tie	Abandoned	Byes	Points	Bonus points	Total points	Net run rate
	Homerton Cricket Club, Homerton	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	15.0	0.0	15.0	+0.800
	Victoria Lounge Cricket Club, Victoria Lounge	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	9.0	0.0	9.0	+0.312
	Bansko Bears CC, VIII	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	6.0	0.0	6.0	-0.297
	Broadway Mkt CC, VIII	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	6.0	0.0	6.0	-0.123
	Expat Cricket Club, Expat Cricket Club	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	6.0	0.0	6.0	+1.448
	Camel Lights Cricket Club, Camel Lights Viii	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	6.0	0.0	6.0	+0.812
	Masiha Cricket Club, Masiha	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	3.0	0.0	3.0	-1.089
	Regents Cricket Club, Regents	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.843

Divison 3

	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Tie	Abandoned	Byes	Points	Bonus points	Total points	Net run rate
	Wapping Dolphins Cricket Club, Wapping Dolphins VIII	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	15.0	0.0	15.0	+4.160
	Mad Marrocas Cricket Club, Mad Marrocas	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	12.0	0.0	12.0	+4.104
	The Royal Strikers Cricket Club, The Royal Strikers VIII	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	12.0	0.0	12.0	-0.834
	Phoenix All Stars Cricket Club, Phoenix All Stars VIII	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	9.0	0.0	9.0	+0.709
	Old Fallopians Cricket Club, 2nd VIII	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	6.0	0.0	6.0	-0.290
	MUFG Cricket Club, MUFG VIII	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	6.0	0.0	6.0	-1.360
	L&Q Living Cricket Club, L&Q Living Viii	6	2	4	0	0	0	0	6.0	0.0	6.0	-1.785
	Pacific Cricket Club, Pacific VIII	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	3.0	0.0	3.0	-2.285
	Sports Interactive Cricket Club, Sports Interactive Viii	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-2.479