


## FINAl 2019 VPCCL LEAGUE STANDINGS

| | DIVISION 1 | P | W | L | T | A | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C | Super Rangers | 10 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 22 |
| 2 | Millwall | 10 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| 3 | Old Fallopians 1 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 13 |
| 4 | London Tigers | 10 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 11 |
| 5 | Rose & Crown | 10 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 10 |
| 6 | London Fields | 10 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| | **DIVISION 2** | **P** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **A** | **PTS** |
| C | Sky | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 13 |
| P | Victoria Lounge | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| 3 | Homerton | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 10 |
| 4 | Bansko Bears | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 5 | Expat | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 6 | Mile Tailenders | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | **DIVISION 3** | **P** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **A** | **PTS** |
| C | Wapping Dolphins | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| 2 | Broadway | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| 3 | Camel Lights | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 4 | Masiha | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| R | Mad Marrocas | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| R | Regents | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | **DIVISION 4** | **P** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **A** | **PTS** |
| C | The Royal Strikers | 12 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 25 |
| 2 | Phoenix All Stars | 12 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 23 |
| 3 | L&Q Living | 12 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 22 |
| 4 | MUFG | 12 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 21 |
| 5 | Old Fallopians 2 | 12 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 19 |
| 6 | Pacific | 12 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| 7 | Sports Interactive | 12 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 5 |

# BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
## FINALS DAY FIXTURES

### SEMI FINALS
**12pm**




VICTORIA LOUNGE — Pitch 1 — OLD FALLOPIANS 1ST VIII




MILLWALL — Pitch 2 — SKY

## VPCCL 2019 FINALE

Pitch 3: 15.00

### THE CHAMPIONS 2019



DIVISION 1: SUPER RANGERS



DIVISION 2: SKY



DIVISION 3: WAPPING DOLPHINS



DIVISION 4: THE ROYAL STRIKERS



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SPORT

# Super Rangers collect Victoria Park Community League title, as Sky claim Division Two honours

Cricket

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**Super Rangers secured the Victoria Park Community Cricket League Division One title - but it was a bit of an anti-cilax as they picked up the point they needed due to wet weather cancelling their game.**

Sky also secured the Division Two title with victory over Mile Tailenders in a reduced 14-over contest, smashing 188-2 with brothers Nozmul and Aleem Hussain both hitting quick-fire 50s alongside Rizwan Siddiqui's enjoyably 40.

The Tailenders ended on 125-4, with their in-form leading run scorer Felix Cofie top scoring with 38.

Victoria Lounge secured promotion to Division One with victory over Expat as Stefan Phillipson smashed a rapid 50, including four drops on the same side of the boundary helping him to five sixes.

Tom Stevens carried his bat for a patient 47, alongside Rob Tatton-Brown (32) as Victoria Lounge hit 171-6 before Expat fell to 110-3 with Steve Britto hitting 50.

Wapping Dolphins ended their league season with a 100pc record as they eased past Regents to secure a stunning 13 wins from 13.

Regents were bowled out for 99 as Bobby Watson ended with 4-31, with Mark Partridge (23) top scoring for Regents.

In response, Charley Wright hit a 14-ball 52 alongside Dom Oliver (26) and Wapping's top scorer for the season Dudley Spiers (16) as the Division Three champions raced to 101-1 in 8.1 overs.

Broadway saw off Camel Lights in a low scoring match that saw Broadway chase down Camels' 114.

Camels were in deep trouble on 50-6 before a 29 from Maurice Cotterell but despite a couple of wobbles, Taylor Morley helped Broadway home by hitting an unbeaten 29 as they finished on 116-4 in 12 overs.

L&Q slipped to a narrow defeat to Phoenix All Stars in Division Four as All Stars hit 151-4, with Daniel Venn top scoring with 35.

Despite a score of 51 from top scorer Sunny Sanger, L&Q could only manage 132-4 with James Boon hitting 27 and all four of the Phoenix bowlers claiming a wicket each.

Division One sides Millwall and Rose & Crown defeated their Division Two rivals Homerton and Bansko Bears respectively to earn a place in next week's quarter-finals of the cup.

Super Rangers celebrate winning the title in the rain. Picture: GEORGE WATSON



London Tigers' Adnan



Super run out by VL's Harry Molyieux



Catch it! Rose & Crown's Paul Fenney holds on, almost smashing Jony at the same time

## Message from our secretary

Some of you will be aware of the Victoria Park bowling green events I am organising this summer.

There are three 'open' events coming up in the next few weeks - the Barefoot Bowls Sessions.

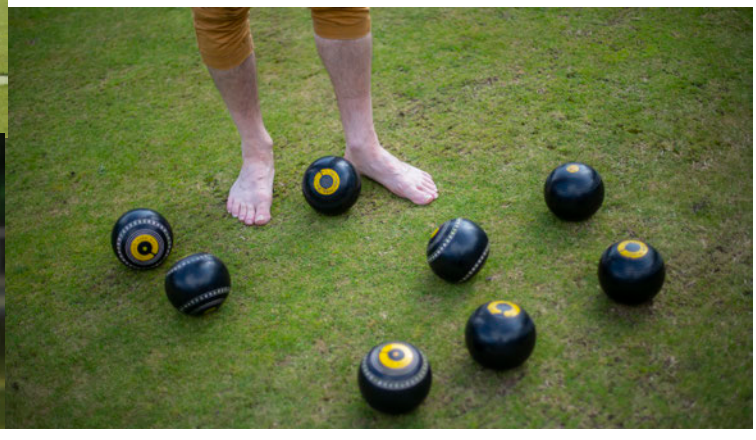
This will be bowls - to the accompaniment of live music, a bar, and refreshments .....
The events will be great fun - a nice afternoon, and a chance to sample the gentle, family-friendly game of outdoor bowls.

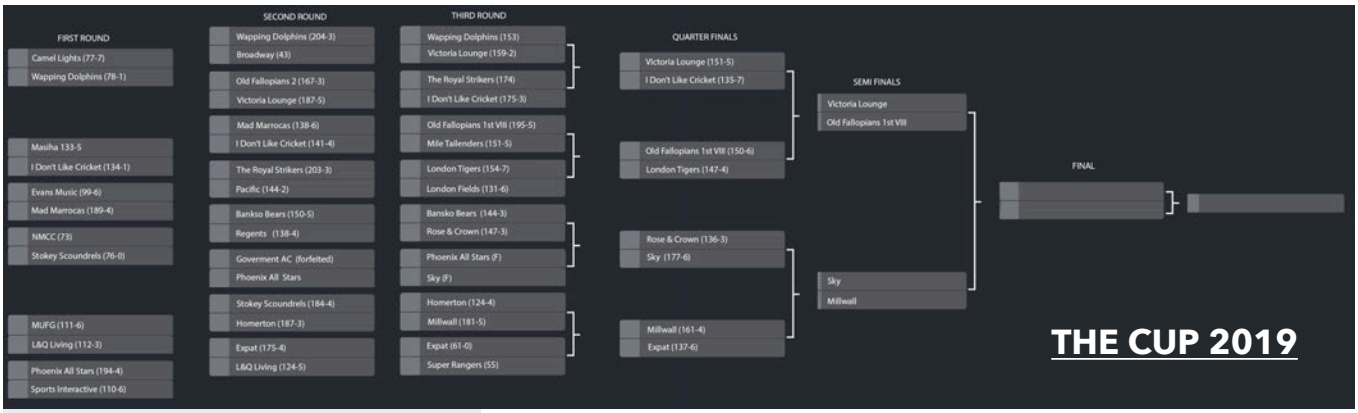
Saturday 31st August 1-5pm - featuring DJ Adamski
Saturday 14th September 1-5pm - featuring cajun band Joli Blon
Saturday 21st September 1-5pm - featuring BB James, DJ Maia & artists from Root 73 Youth Music Studio

Details of these events can be found on Eventbrite and on Facebook (search for Barefoot Bowls Session).

I really need some volunteers to help out for a few hours, between 12-6pm on these days. If any of you might be interested in helping me out, then please could you get back to me asap.

The bowling green is a 2 minute walk away from the cricket nets.






"I Don't like Cricket will now turn their focus back to their podcast after their defeat to Victoria Lounge'

https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/i-dont-like-cricket-i-love-it/id1361332719?i=1000422915988




## Weekly results

### Monday 13th August

*Pitch 1*: Division 3
Victoria Lounge 151-5 - J. Neal 54, J. Crutcher 36, S. Phillipson 25
I Don't Like Cricket 134 (14.2 overs) - T. Gower 60, G. Flanaghan 4-31
**Victoria Lounge won by 16 runs**

*Pitch 2*: Division 2
Sky 187-2 - Nozmul H 51, Aleem H 50, Rizwan S 40
Mile Tailenders 125-4 - F. Cofie 38, J. Speakman 21no, W. Digby 20
**Sky won by 62 runs - match reduced to 14 overs**

### Tuesday 14th August

*Pitch 1*: Division 4
L&Q Living 172-3 - Waqar A 50, J. Boon 50
MUFG 163-4 - Adnan A 51, Vijay S 50
**L&Q Living won by 9 runs**

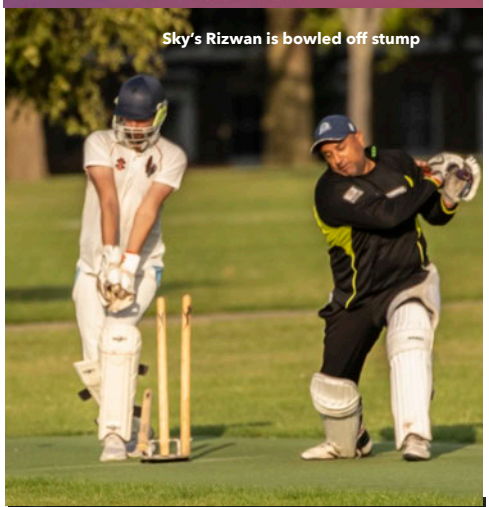
*Pitch 2*: Division 4
Sports Interactive 158-0 - A. James 53, P. Rolfe 50, H. Modeste 29no
Pacific 126-2 - C. Pollard 50, Muntz S 34
**Sports Interactive won by 32 runs**

*Pitch 3*: Division 4
Phoenix All Stars 124-2 - A. Jewitt 35, J. Banks 34
Royal Strikers 82 (11.2 Overs) -
**Phoenix All Stars won by 44 runs**

### Wednesday 15th August

*Pitch 1*: CUP QF
London Tigers 147-4 - Jamil A 54, Salman A 53
Old Fallopians 150-6 - O. Wrighton 46, Imran K 43
**Old Fallopians won by 1 wicket**

*Pitch 2*: Cup QF
Millwall 161-4 - M. Salman 55, M. Mahi 46, S. Syed 22
Expat 137-6 - T. Bryne 56, M. Magaban 25
**Millwall won by 24 runs**


Sky's Rizwan is bowled off stump


The VPCCL leading run scorer Sunny Sanger


The Royal Strikers celebrate their title




VL's James Neal smashing 50


Oli Kavanagh run out for 0 by Chris Brightwell


Victoria Lounge's Stefan Phillipson


Robin Hughes smashes a boundary for IDLC


Tom Gower smashes 60 for IDLC

## MONDAY - CUP QUARTER FINAL #1

### Victoria Lounge v/s I Don't Like Cricket

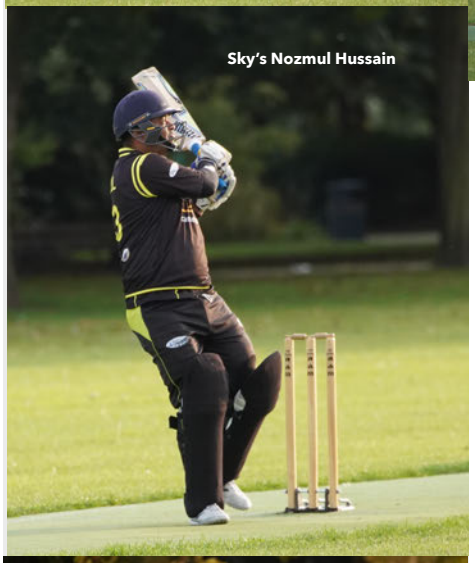
Victoria Lounge booked their place in the Cup semi-finals in a gripping contest with the on-form I Don't Like Cricket (IDLC) at Victoria Park on Monday. The non-league side had already knocked out Masiha, Mad Marrocas and The Royal Strikers and had named a strong squad for the chance for a quarter-final knockout of the Lounge, themselves on high after gaining promotion next season to Division One.

The Lounge opted to bat after winning the toss and made a confident start with Jim Crutcher (36) and James Neal (54) putting on a solid opening partnership. Crutcher fell, bowled by Hillier, only to be replaced by Stephan Phillipson, always dangerous at the crease. Phillipson blasted a quick-fire 25 with four fours and a six before being superbly run out. After his dismissal the balance of the game turned to IDLC's favour, with Rob Tatton-Brown the only Lounger able to make double figures following the opening three, as the side struggled to get going in the final overs against superb bowling from IDLC. After several late run-outs, the Lounge ended their innings on 151-5. IDLC had already successfully chased scores well above 150, putting the odds very much in their favour in their reply. However, an incredible opening couple of overs from Victoria Lounge blew the match wide open. Lounger Harry Molyieux drew first blood, superbly running out Jack Price off his own bowling, stopping the batsman's return and quickly flicking it back onto the stumps. Then came a sensational spell from the ever-threatening Gary Flanaghan, who took four quick wickets, blasting through the top order, including the two danger men Liam Ridley and skipper Ross Legg, who had secured half-centuries in previous rounds. With Flanagan's spell over, IDLC countered. Tom Gower led the way with a superb knock, smashing a controlled 50, before retiring and swiftly returning back to the crease for a last-wicket stand with Robin Hughes The pair brought IDLC cricket back into the match, from the depths of 70-6 to a winnable 135-6. With 16 runs needed off 10 balls before Hughes edged Oliver Kavanagh into the waiting hands of skipper Jim Crutcher, much to the delight of the Lounge fielders, leaving Gower unbeaten on a fantastic 60. IDLC leave the VPCCL cricket season with their heads held high. dogged 47 and Rob Tatton-Brown chipping in with a solid 32. Despite an excellent opening from Steve Britto (50) and the ever-dangerous Will Paton (19), the Lounge bowlers proved tricky to get away. Ed James briefly rallied the innings with a 20, but it wasn't enough as Expats were restricted to 110-3. The Lounge ran out winners to earn a place in Division One next season along with Sky. If they keep playing


Victoria Lounge's Jim Crutcher


Sky's Sarfraz Ahmed


Rose & Crown's Nag smashing his way to 50


Sky's Nozmul Hussain

## MONDAY - CUP QUARTER FINAL #2

### Rose & Crown v/s Sky

Rose & Crown entertained Sky on Pitch 1 in their own quarter final contest. The Crown, without regular Charlie Challinor, lost the toss and were put into the fields, in what was an innings of two halves for Sky. Crown spinners Dave Monaghan and Bob Donovan caused havoc among the batting line-up, as Sky stuttered from 9-2 to 76-5, with Monaghan taking three wickets, including the powerful Rizwan Siddiqui (15) and Aleem Hussain (29). However, the attacking flair of Sarfraz Ahmed and Nozmul Hussain yanked Sky back into the match. The dynamic duo took on the Crown bowlers, smashing their way to a 92-run partnership, before Sarfraz finally fell eight short of his half century. Nozmul finished unbeaten on 48 as Sky climbed back into the match to end on 177-6. A solid recovery from the Sky batsmen turned a below average score into a strong total.

In reply, Rose & Crown lost key opener Joe Fisher early, bowled to a straight delivery from Afzal Suteria but a superb partnership between the talented Patrick Heaphy and Nag Mangalagiri kept their side in the match as both men looked in superb touch. Heaphy finally fell on 44, bowled in the single over from Siddiqui who conceded just two runs for his one wicket. This sparked a slowdown, with Paul Feeney caught behind, fishing down leg side, and with Nag retired on 54. The Crown finished on 136-3, some 41 runs short, sending Sky through to the Bank Holiday finals day.


Rose & Crown's Patrick Heaphy


Nag takes a catch in the deep


Rose & Crown's Joe Fisher is bowled by Afzal


Sports Interactive's Phil Rolfe smashes a 50


Pacific's Colin Pollard on his way to 50


Phoenix All Stars' Daniel Venn

## TUESDAY - DIVISION 4

Tuesday saw the league fixtures draw to a close as the last of Division Four's matches took place. There was celebration at last for Sports Interactive, the division's bottom side, as they ended the season with their first victory, defeating Pacific in a superb performance. Batting first, Interactive's Andrew James and Phil Rolfe were in superb touch as both hit half-centuries, James's knock taking him to 284 for the season. Harrison Modeste continued attack after they departed, smashing a rapid 29, including three sixes as Sports Interactive finished without the loss of any wickets on 158. Colin Pollard led the fightback for Pacific, with a superbly balanced 52. He shared a solid opening stand of 50 with Rob Dinsey (21) and alongside Muntz Siddiqui kept Pacific in the match. But two late tight overs swept the match away from them. Pacific needed 40 in the final over and finished on 126-2, some 32 runs short, much to the jubilation of Sports Interactive.


The Royal Strikers' Ganesh Pawar

Royal Strikers, champions of Division Four, ended their season with a disappointing defeat to Phoenix All Stars, who moved up to second place. The All Stars finished on 124-2, largely thanks to a solid opening stand between Atu Jewitt (35) and Joe Banks (34). In response, the Royal Strikers struggled to find any rhythm as Angus Grant took two wickets for just nine runs. Only Conachi (21) and Ganesh Pawar (15) hit double figures as the Strikers were bowled out for 82, but thanks to earlier wins still closed the year two points clear of the All Stars.

L&Q produced a high-quality win over MUFG to knock them down to fourth place and end the season themselves in third place. L&Q's Waqar Ali and James Boon both smashed rapid fifties alongside a solid 22 from James Denman and Sunny Sanger, the year's leading run scorer, as their side hit 172-3. The dependable MUFG opener Adnan Akram was again in super form in the chase, smashing a wonderful 50 alongside a blitzing 50 from Vijay Shah as MUFG kept the chase on. Keith Petty took the crucial wickets of Tirth Poddar (23), Jagdish Patel (27) and Stanley Tormey (0) in a super spell that saw him as the only L&Q wicket taker. MUFG slipped at the end to finish nine runs short, ending on 172-3.

The league season ends with Super Rangers, Sky, Wapping Dolphins and The Royal Strikers as the champions of the first, second, third and fourth divisions respectively.


MUFG's Vijay Shah hits 50


James Boon smashes a six for L&Q Living


Cheeky scoop from Pacific's Rob Dinsey


MUFG's Adnan Akram smashes a 50


Sports Interactive's Harrison Modeste smashes one of his three sixes


Phoenix's Atu Jewitt


Sports Interactive's leading run scorer Andrew James


L&Q's Aleem Hussain is bowled by Jake Milner

## Season League Statistics (excluding cup)

**Highest team total (including cup)**

1. 232-4 - Broadway
2. 218-2 - London Fields
3. 217-2 - Sky
4. 213-5 - London Tigers
5. 212-6 - Super Rangers
6. 209-0 - Wapping Dolphins
7. 209-2 - Pacific
8. 209-4 - The Royal Strikers
9. 205-4 - Wapping Dolphins (cup tie)

**Highest individual batting score (including cup):**

1. 81 - Alex Hickson (Expat)
2. 80 - Sheldon Greenland (Masiha)
3. 69 - Matt Redgrave (Camel Lights)
4. 66 - Alex Hickson (Expat)
5. 66 - Bilal Qureshi (Old Fallopians 1)
6. 65 - Tom Wright (MUFG)
7. 65 - Hitesh Naik (London Fields)
8. 63 - Wilson Digby (Mile Tailenders)
9. 61 - Trent Bryne (Expat)

*4 players on 58 - (Sagar Bora, Altaf Bhat, Edgar Maddicott Umar Mailk,

**Best Bowling figures:**

1. 6-27 Mohammed Hafeez (Sky)
2. 5-33 Chris Monger (Wapping Dolphins)
3. 4-2 Danny Marshall (Mad Marrocas)
4. 4-9 Tirth Poddar (MUFG)
5. 4-15 Tom Davison (Sports Interactive)
6. 4-16 Lindsay Armstrong (Camel Lights)
7. 4-22 Dudley Spiers (Wapping Dolphins)
8. 4-31 Bobby Watson (Wapping Dolphins)
9.

**Most runs from an unbeaten batsmen (minimum x3 innings)**

277 from 8 innings Adam Haines (Wapping Dolphins)

**Most 50's**

1. 7 - Sagar Bora (Homerton)
2. 5 - Larry Hutchinson (Homerton)
3. 5 - Adnan Akram (MUFG)
4. 5 - Sunny Sanger (L&Q Living)
5. 5 - Alex Hickson (Expat)
6. 5 - Jaimie Cox (Mad Marrocas)

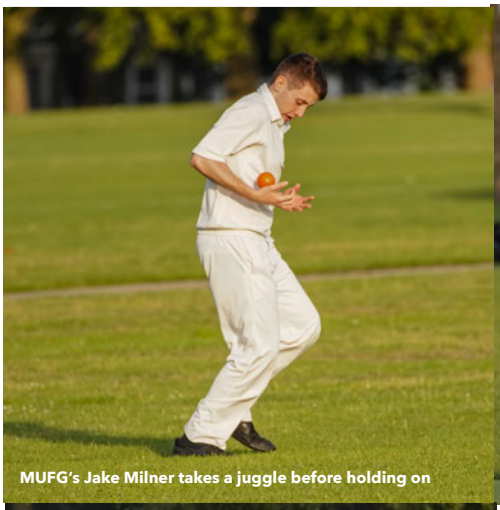
**Most league 4s**

1. 48 - Adnan Akram (MUFG)
2. 47 - Sagar Bora (Homerton)
3. 43 - Sunny Sanger (L&Q)
4. 42 - Jaimie Cox (Mad Marrocas)
5. 41 - Alex Hickson (Expat)
6. 38 - Larry Hutchinson (Homerton)
7. 35 - Stuart Miller (Masiha)
8. 35 - Andrew James (Sports Interactive)
9. 32 - Tuhid Islam (London Tigers)
10. 31 - Dudley Spiers (Wapping Dolphins)

**Most league 6s**

1. 14 - Hitesh Naik (London Fields)
2. 14 - Mark Towie (Homerton)
3. 13 - Ben Howard (Broadway)
4. 12 - Muzzammal Salman (Millwall)
5. 11 - Waqar Ali (L&Q Living)
6. 10 - Stefan Phillipson
7. 10 - Chris Monger (Wapping Dolphins)
8. 9 - Shakil Ahmed (Millwall)
9. 9 - Adnan Akram (MUFG)
10. 9 - Rizwan Siddiqui (Sky)
11. 9 - Nozmul Hussain

*6 players on 8 sixes


MUFG's Jake Milner takes a juggle before holding on


L&Q's Keith Petty who hitting a boundary alongside his three match wickets


MUFG's Tirth Poddar


The Royal Striker's Som Som Chottekalapanda



James Denman with his Gordon Greenidge signed bat

## Fun league facts

Hat-tricks:

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|---|---|
| Tirth Poddar | MUFG |

League Maidens:

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|---|---|
| • Mohammed Hafeez | Sky (triple wicket maiden) |
| • Nozmul Hussain | Sky (triple wicket maiden) |
| • Firoz Husain | Phoenix All Stars |
| • Mo Ansari | Phoenix All Stars |
| • Rich Hagen | Camel Lights |
| • Saif Khan | Millwall |
| • Samsuddin Tipu | Old Fallopians 2nds |

Most league balls bowled

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | 264 | Sunny Sanger (L&Q Living) |
| 2. | 252 | Stu Hill (Mile Tailenders) |
| 3. | 232 | Kit Caless (Camel Lights) |
| 4. | 222 | Sean Feeney (Rose & Crown) |
| 5. | 222 | Josh Beeston (L&Q Living) |
| 6. | 216 | Iqbal Miah (Super Rangers) |
| 7. | 216 | Bobby Watson (Wapping Dolphins) |
| 8. | 216 | Matt Lomas (Bankso Bears) |
| 9. | 215 | Jamil Ahmed (Millwall) |
| 10. | 210 | Saj Rehman (Phoenix All Stars) |

Best Bowling average (minimum of three wickets)

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|---|---|---|
| 1. | 5.43 | Lindsay Armstrong (Camel Lighs) |
| 2. | 6.00 | James Suddy (Pacific) |
| 3. | 8.33 | Adam Haines (Wapping Dolphins) |
| 4. | 9.33 | Abdul Munim (Millwall) |
| 5. | 10.83 | Taimoor Mailk (London Fields |


Sports Interactive celebrate their first win


Adnan batting for London Tigers


Old Fallopians Jabar Achikzai and skipper Suhail Shahid embrace following their win


Old Fallopians's Imran carving a boundary


Old Fallopians Ollie Wrighton hitting 46

## WEDNESDAY - CUP QUARTER FINALS #3

### London Tigers v/s Old Fallopians 1st VIII

Defending Cup champions London Tigers took on the Old Fallopians 1sts on pitch 1 as the quarter finals resumed on Wednesday. The first meeting between the two sides at the start of the season ended in a thrilling tie, only for the Tigers to easily dismantle Old Fallopians in the rematch, meaning the Tigers headed into the game as favourites - and this game didn't disappoint for excitement, either. In similar fashion to Sky, it was an innings of two halves for the Tigers. After winning the toss they opted to bat but promptly lost several wickets, with Jabar Achikzai taking two quick wickets as the Tigers slipped to 29-4. Jamil Ahmed smashed a rapid 54 alongside a crucial captain's knock from Salman Ahmed (53) to bring the Tigers back into the match as they ended their 14 overs on 147-4, a superb comeback from the Brick Lane side.

The Fallopians started cautiously, before slipping to 35-2, with Salman and Qazi Shanton removing the opening pair. But replacements Imran Khalid and Ollie Wrighton suddenly exploded for the Fallopians, hitting some beautiful shots, as Suhail Shahid's men looked to be marching comfortably towards the semi-finals as both men looked dominant at the crease. However, as ever with the Tigers, there was a twist. Wrighton was beautifully run out for 46, swiftly followed by the dismissal of Khalid on 43. Noor quickly removed Shameer Qureshi and Sheraz Shahid, both for 4. All of a sudden it was down to the final pair, with 12 needed off the last over. After a leg-bye and a couple of wild swings from Jabar Achikzai, 10 runs were still required off the final two balls. He smashed the first miles for a six and, with the dusk setting in, Achikzai followed up the final ball with another huge six prompting celebrations from the Old Fallopians. The defending champions are out and Old Fallopians will play Victoria Lounge.


London Tigers skipper Salman Ahmed smashing 50


Old Fallopians Jabar Achikzai smashes the match winning six


Millwall's Sayed Habib


Expat skipper Alex Hickson smashes a four

## WEDNESDAY - CUP QUARTER FINAL #4

### Millwall v/s Expat

The final quarter-final of the week saw league runners-up Millwall take on Alex Hickson's Expats on the wide confines of pitch 3. Millwall were confident following their destructive win against the league champions Super Rangers and opted to bat first after winning the toss. The innings looked shaky at the start after they lost two quick wickets and slipped to 20-2. But Mahfuz Mahi, who tore Homerton apart in the previous round, smashed a superb 46 before Ed James bowled him. Muzzammal Salman joined the party as he celebrated his birthday with a crucial 55, blasting the Expat bowlers across the pitch. Even with these two innings, Millwall were on track to score a low total, but thanks to some late hitting from Sayed Habib (22) Millwall finished their 16 overs on solid 161-4.

As the gloom kicked in, the Expat batsmen pushed for victory, as Alex Hickson (20) and Stuart Campbell (14) made a solid start. Rahi quickly ended that, catching and bowling Hickson before having Campbell nick the ball to the keeper in an over that turned the game. Trent Bryne rallied the innings with Max Magaban (29) but, with the last wicket out and the score on 116, Bryne needed to do something special to give Expats a chance. As if on cue, he flicked a switch and smashed two straight sixes. Suddenly Expats only needed 30 runs to win and Bryne had his eye on a famous victory. However, the reliable Jamil Ahmed saved the match for Millwall, bowling Bryne, and ending the day with figures of 2-17. Bryne had hit a wonderful 56 but Expats finished 24 runs short. Millwall move into the semis and a mouth-watering tie against Sky.




Expat's Trent Bryne smashes his second of three sixes


Santokh Kaulder of Expat is bowled