

VPCCL News

Victoria Park Community Cricket League

World Cup and sunshine

Division 1:

The VPCCL continued this week among the scorching heat and England reaching the World Cup semi-finals. Monday saw the Rose & Crown maintain their 100% record with a decisive display over Bansko Bears. Opting to bat first, the Bears struggled to stamp their authority as they finished on 123-6 with Andy Butel (25) top scoring. The Crown always looked in control with in-form Naq Mangalagiri (33) and Charlie Challinor (33) guiding them to victory in just 14.2 overs.

Tuesday saw Millwall continue their unbeaten run as they eased past Best Nationals on pitch 2. The Nationals, opting to bat struck 140-6 in their allotted overs. Pratik Dewani (41) and Sajid Rehman (32) top scoring. However a quick fifty from Arif Ahmed helped Millwall to victory in just 10.2 overs finishing on 141-2.

Another strong contender this year Sky continued their fine form as they over-powered a plucky youthful Stokey Scoundrels. Sky, smashed 219-1 With openers Sarfraz Ahmed and Noz Hussain both retiring not out. A quick-fire fifty from Aleem Hussain helped Sky pass two hundred. In response, Stokey lost two early wickets, however fifties from skipper Riz Siddiqi and Ramiz Khan helped Stokey to 167-4, 52 runs short.

Friends CC looked in superb nick against Mile Tailenders on Thursday smashing 229-3 on pitch 1. Shahrukh Khan, Saif Mohammed all hit fifties, alongside Mohammed Neveed whose fifty came off just 18 balls. A spirited 37 from John Speakman kept the Tailenders in with a shout, but with his dismissal, the Tailenders fell short, bowled out for 137.

Cup - Quarter Finals

Thursday saw unbeaten Rose & Crown and Millwall meet head to head for a place in the semi finals of the cup.

Millwall won the toss and elected to bat, on pitch 3. Openers Arif Rahman and F. Rahman looked in superb form, smashing quick-fire fifties and hitting several sixes. Mohammed Salman joined in the hitting as he finished on 50 as Millwall finished on an imposing 197-1. The Crown struggled to gain any momentum their chase as Millwall bowled superbly, knocking them out for just 89, Joe Fisher top scoring with 24.

Division 2:

Expat continued their superb run to make it five wins out of five with victory again Victoria Lounge on Monday. The Lounge, struck a tricky 165-6 with Chris Stevens (37) top scoring. The Australians reply looked all but over as they fell to 13-3 with Gary Flanagan taking all three quick wickets. However, Alex Hickson and Mark Partridge put on a superb partnership taking the match away from the Lounge. Despite losing wickets after their partnership, Partridge returned to the crease and finished on 61, leading the Expats to victory with an over to spare.

Broadway returned to winning ways against L&Q Living, winning by 5 wickets. L&Q struck 125-4, Rizwan Siddique hitting a quick-fire twenty-five. In reply, skipper Ed Sherwood led the way with an unbeaten 50 as Broadway chased down their target in 12.3 overs.

Crossrail continued their superb with a superb victory over Masiha on Wednesday, Masiha, fielding a player who had only arrived from New York a day earlier, struck 163-3, Dani Domine (50) and Ian Blackwell (47) top scoring. In response, Ed Hamlin hit a blistering 50, with some delightful batting from Mohammed Iqbal (38) helped Crossrail to victory in 14.5 overs. Camel Light eased past Pacific in pitch 3. Chasing down 109 thanks to 26 from Mike Gubbay the Camels reached their target in 14 overs, thanks to fifty from skipper Tom Porter.

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Cup Semi Final Draw

Sky
v/s
London Tigers or Friends

Camel Lights
v/s
Millwall

Highest scores this season

	BATSEMEN	SCORE
1	S. Guewardene	103
2	R. Siddiqi	83
3	S. Greenland	78
4	J. Mulla	68
5	R. Siddiqi	68
6	M. Salman	65
7	A. Hickson	63