

VPCCL News

Victoria Park Community Cricket League

Division 2 tightens up.

Division 1

The latest week started in controversy after London Tigers were docked a point for poor scorecard errors against Friends the week before result in that tie being awarded a win for Friends which The Tigers' unbeaten run comes to an end and passing the advantage to Millwall.

However, the advantage didn't last long as defending champions Rose & Crown blasted back to form with a comfortable victory over unbeaten Millwall. Putting Millwall into bat, a risk many choose not to make, The Rose & Crown reduced Millwall to 138-6, thanks to an excellent spell from spinner Joe Fisher, who took the best figures of the season so far with 5-26. Only a stubborn 61 from skipper Salman Miah gave Millwall any chance. But unlike



Mohammed Hafeez batting for Sky.

Camel Lights, in the cup who chased a similar score, the Crown, missing several strong batsmen were ruthless in their chase. Fisher, continued his superb match by scoring an unbeaten 46 alongside the ever dangerous Patrick Heaphy who retired on 51, as The Crown eased home with two overs left, to give Division 1 one a last minute shakeup. London Tigers put the points deduction behind them with a stunning performance against London Fields. Opting to bat, the Tigers lost just a single wicket as they smashed a mighty 208-1, with all the top four; Sharif (51), Salman Ahmed (50), Mohammed Fahad (53) and Mair (51) all retiring. Skipper Will Isaac (34) defied the bowlers with some controlled hitting, but Sobur Ahmed's stunning spell of 4-20 ripped through the Fields batting as they finished well short on 76.

Sky, meanwhile pulled off a dramatic last gasp victory over Friends. Friends hit a tricky 172-4 with Ajmal Afzal (52) top scoring. Sky, aggressive as ever, lost several wickets but boosted by Kabir Satti (50) and Mustafa Zhaid (56) alongside Tariq's 20 off just seven balls saw Sky edge to victory with four balls to spare.

Bankso Bears kept up their late purple patch with a tense victory over Regents. Bowling Regents out for 104, (David Campbell top scoring for 26) Bankso, a man down after a last minute personal issue, nervously chased down their target. Saj (41) and skipper Chris Salter (30) leading the way. Mile Tailenders also kept up their fine form, making it three out of three with victory over Best Nationals. The Nationals hit a below-par 136 all out with Tushar Kanaujia (46) top scoring. The Tailenders wobbled at 36-3 before in-form skipper John Speakman rallied with several blasts in his unbeaten score of 44 driving the Tailenders to victory.

Division 2

Expat's roared back to form against Crossrail ending their run of three straight defeats. The Australians posted a huge 193-4, with Mike McGhan blasting an unbeaten fifty and Sam Addis adding 45. Despite Firoz Hussain and Daniel Venn dominating the batting, Crossrail fell well shot ending on 162-5 despite a spirited 52 from Riz Mohammed as Ex-pats joined Victoria Lounge at the top of the Division.

Mad Marrocas title hopes all but ended as they were defeated by L&Q Living. Living, who have had an up and down season making them wonderfully



Crossrail following their victory against Pacific.

unpredictable opted to bat first and hit a fluent 163-2, with in-form Sunny Sanger (49) and J. Khalid (37) top scoring. MM lost several early wickets and despite being boosted by a super knock of 61 from skipper Robbie



Sheldon Greenland nicking the ball behind.

Jacobs, fell narrowly short, ending on 158-3. Masiha enjoyed a narrow victory over in-form Homerton. Put into bat, Masiha made a steady start with reliable opener Stuart Miller retiring not out. However despite some fireworks from Sheldon Greenland, who's 41 consisted of three fours and three sixes, Mashia never quite got going finishing on 153-3. Homerton lost their skipper early before a steady partnership between Sagar Bora and John Hyde kept them in touch, before late wickets restricted homerton to 134-5, nineteen runs short. At the bottom of Division 2, Old Falloprians 2nd XI, saw off a spirited Sports Interactive. Batting first OF finished on 140-4 thanks largely to opener Matt Wake's crucial 39. Despite an enjoyable innings from Daniel Ormsby (46) and Tirath Singh (37) Sports Interactive fell narrowly short ending on 120-5. Crossrail completed the week with their second match in three days against Pacific. Opting to bat, Pacific posted a 147-1 with fifties from Tom Chasseaud and Muntz Siddiquie. However Crossrail weren't to be denied and with Mohammed Iqbal striking a quick-fire fifty and the ever reliable skipper Daniel Venn keeping the run rate ticking over alongside Firoz Hussain (28) as Crossrail reached their target with four balls remaining.

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London Tigers
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

	TEAM	SCORE
1	Sky	248-3
2	Victoria Lounge	234-1
3	Friends CC	229-3
4	Mad Marroccas	224-3
5	London Tigers	222-3