

VPCCL News

Victoria Park Community Cricket League

Millwall a point from the title

Division 1

Millwall need just a tie in their final match against London Tigers to claim the title after producing a superb display to see off London Fields in the Fields' final game of the season. Opting to bat first Millwall continued their batting prowess striking a daunting 198-3 with Salman Amus (51) and Mohammed Hassan (41) top scoring. The Fields never quite got going despite several players hitting the teens with Tom Darrant (17) top scoring as they finished 72 runs short on 114-6.



Shumon Miah batting against London Fields

The Tigers who returned to the field 24 hours after their cup win over Millwall watched on as, a rarity this summer, the rain ended their hopes of levelling the points with Millwall. The Tigers can still claim the title with victory over their rivals next week. A stunning last wicket partnership between Mohamed Naveed and Iqbal Miah saw Friends see off Rose & Crown by six runs. After struggling to 100-6 the pair put on a 59 run partnership to elevate Friends to 159-6, with Naveed smashing four sixes and five fours in his innings of 59. The Crown lost in form openers Patrick Heaphy with Joe Fisher relatively early, but a super partnership between Nag Mangalagiri (41) and Charlie Challinor (34) gave the Crown hope. But their dismissals late on saw the runs dry up as Friends crept home by six runs. Bankso Bears ended their season with defeat to Old Fallopians 1st XI. Batting first Tim Curtis struck a superb 59, but alas it was all in vain as Bankso finished on a disappointing 118 all out. OF eased home losing just the one wicket, with Farhad Waqar retiring on 50.



Expats after their win against Sports Interactive

Division 2

The drama of Division 2 showed no end of slowing down as Camel Lights, who remain the title favourites with a point lead over their rivals, took on fourth place Broadway in a crucial encounter. The Camels, winning the toss were ruthless with the bat, against a man down (for part of the fielding) Broadway as they hit a whopping 196-3, Rich Hagan (50) and Avinash Camel (34) top scoring alongside everyone who chipped in with the bat. Facing a huge target Broadway put up a decent fight in the gloom as they completed their overs on 140-5, with opener James Boone (37) top scoring. Rich Hagan complemented his 50 taking 3-26 with the ball. Expat continued their return to form with victory over Sports Interactive. The Pats hit a decent 164-5 with the ever reliable and league top performer Alex Hickson retiring on 50. Sports Interactive finished on 114-5 with Matt Kiwi unbeaten on 38 with a great little knock at the end of the innings. Victoria Lounge kept their charge at the top as well with a tense four run victory over L&Q Living. After opting to bat first the Lounge found themselves on 10-2 before Harry Molyieux (50) Joe Canon (41) steadied the ship. Some wonderful late blasting from Rob Tatton-Brown helped them to 176-4. Similar to the Lounge, L&Q lost several early wickets, falling to 90-4. However Aleem Hussain and Hodane Bryce had other ideas. The pair smacked sixes and fours all over the place, as they both retired out. Bryce returned to the crease and needing six off the final ball could only manage a two finishing unbeaten on 59 as Victoria Lounge won by 4 runs. Camels remain league favourites with a one point



Jaime Hargreaves of Pacific bowled against Homerton

advantage however they have a tricky game next week against ever dangerous Masiha and could win the league on Friday against Sports Interactive. Homerton eased past Pacific's 122, thanks to a wonderful 53 from Len Hutchinson. Keeper Sam Hickey took a superb catch as Pacific struggled to get going with only a late partnership between Umresh Pandya (19) and Rob Dinsey helping them past one hundred. However Homerton eased home with three overs remaining thanks to Len (Mr Cricket) Hutchinson's knock.



Rich Hagen batting against Broadway

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Highest scores this season
Mad Marroccas

	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

	Batsmen	50s
1	Alex Hickson	30
2	Robbie Jacobs	26
3	Sank Gunewardene	26
4	Daniel Venn	22
5	Muhammed Naveed	22