



VPCL

Victoria Park Community Cricket League

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News

- You can download the VPCL Covid-19 protocols [here](#)
- Guest players for 2020 season are relaxed but need to be confirmed by the secretary in advance.
- There is a Division 4 this season made up of teams who would have played in the cup, 'NMCC Stokey Scoundrals and I Don't Like Cricket as well as five new teams; Royal Tigers, Wednesday Night CC, Syhlet CC, Lynxes and de Beavour Dugomgs
- Millwall, champions in 2018 and cup champions in 2019 have renamed themselves to Anirban CC
- We will have several friendlies involving two new teams this season; London Eagles and Budge CC.



Pete Baillie survives a run out by Tom Curtis

The league finally kicked off on Friday as newly promoted Wapping Dolphins took on Bankso Bears on a sun drenched pitch one. With ECB and VPCL Covid-19 restrictions in place, the Dolphins won the toss and elected to bat. Skipper Dudley Spiers and Charlie Wright charged out of the traps with some quality stroke-play and fast running as the pair continued their form from last season, with the pair both retiring with fluent half centuries. Once the openers had vacated, the Bears fought back with Giaco Bridget and Jared Van de Berg both taking a wicket a piece. Sam Gilliat caught at the boundary by Tom Curtis for 14 and Gibbins trapped leg before, managing just three. Pete Baillie added some much needed late runs, with three fours and six as he finished undebaten on 29 with Wapping Dolphins closing the first innings of the season with 185-2.

Bankso lost Olly Meikle early, after a slight nudge from his hand to the keeper Wright, but another fine knock from Will Arnold kept the Bears in the hunt. Arnold, who had a fantastic 2019 season, finished unbeaten on 50, leaving the match perfectly poised. Tom Curtis continued to threaten with a dogged 23 before being superbly run out with a straight hit from Bobby Watson.

Alongside a crucial spell from Sam Gilliat who removed Jared van de Berg for 8 and Matt Seddon who took Andrew Tate 5, the Bears faced an uphill battle, despite some hefty smacks from Giaco Bridget (25) and an enjoyable 23 from skipper Chris Salter, Bankso finished 23 runs short on 162-4. Wapping Dolphins remain unbeaten in all league forms and for Bankso, it's a date with Homerton next week.

The season returns in full next week, with four divisions, seven teams in one two and three and six teams in Division 4.



Chris and Salter and Dudley Spiers with a socially distanced toss.



Giaco Bridget smacking his way to 29.



Dudley Spiers on his way to 50



Charlie Wright enjoying his runs



Will Arnold, Bankso's leading run-scorer

Next Week's Fixtures

	NMCC Cricket Club NMCC Viii		I Don't Like Cricket Club I don't like Cricket VIII	Mon 20 Jul 06:00 PM, BST	Victoria Park Cricket Ground Pitch 1	Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020 Division 4
	De Beavour Dugongs Cricket Club De Bouvoir Dudongs VIII		Wednesday Night Cricket Club Wednesday Night VIII	Mon 20 Jul 06:00 PM, BST	Victoria Park Cricket Ground Pitch 2	Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020 Division 4
	Lynxes Cricket Club Lynxes Viii		Stokey Scoundrels Cricket Club Stokey Scoundrels Cricket Club	Mon 20 Jul 06:00 PM, BST	Victoria Park Cricket Ground Pitch 3	Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020 Division 4
	Victoria Lounge Cricket Club Victoria Lounge		Anirban Cricket Club Anirban VIII	Tue 21 Jul 06:00 PM, BST	Victoria Park Cricket Ground Pitch 2	Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020 Division 1
	Mile Tailenders Cricket Club Mile Tailenders Viii		Masiha Cricket Club Masiha VIII	Tue 21 Jul 06:00 PM, BST	Victoria Park Cricket Ground Pitch 1	Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020 Division 2
	MUFG Cricket Club MUFG VIII		Mad Marrocas Cricket Club Mad Marrocas VIII	Tue 21 Jul 06:00 PM, BST	Victoria Park Cricket Ground Pitch 3	Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020 Division 3
	Rose and Crown Cricket Club Rose and Crown VIII		London Fields Cricket Club London Fields VIII	Wed 22 Jul 06:00 PM, BST	Victoria Park Cricket Ground Pitch 1	Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020 Division 1
	Sylhet CA UK Cricket Club Sylhet CA UK VIII		Old Falloprians Cricket Club OF 2nd VIII	Wed 22 Jul 06:00 PM, BST	Victoria Park Cricket Ground Pitch 3	Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020 Division 3
	Old Falloprians Cricket Club OF 1st VIII		Sky Cricket Club Sky VIII	Wed 22 Jul 06:00 PM, BST	Victoria Park Cricket Ground Pitch 2	Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020 Division 1
	Homerton Cricket Club Homerton VIII		Bansko Bears Cricket Club Bansko Bears VIII	Thu 23 Jul 06:00 PM, BST	Victoria Park Cricket Ground Pitch 3	Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020 Division 2
	Phoenix All Stars Cricket Club Phoenix All Stars VIII		Old Falloprians Cricket Club OF 2nd VIII	Thu 23 Jul 06:00 PM, BST	Victoria Park Cricket Ground Pitch 2	Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020 Division 3
	Camel Lights Cricket Club Camel Lights VIII		Wapping Dolphins Cricket Club Wapping Dolphins VIII	Fri 24 Jul 06:00 PM, BST	Victoria Park Cricket Ground Pitch 1	Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020 Division 2
	Pacific Cricket Club Pacific VIII		Phoenix All Stars Cricket Club Phoenix All Stars VIII	Fri 24 Jul 06:00 PM, BST	Victoria Park Cricket Ground Pitch 2	Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020 Division 3
	Royal Tigers Cricket Club Royal Tigers VIII		London Eagles Cricket Club London Eagles VIII	Fri 24 Jul 06:00 PM, BST	Victoria Park Cricket Ground Pitch 3	Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020 Friendlies

From Gary Horsman, League secretary

We're so relieved to get the season underway, and a little pleased with ourselves that our meticulous planning and lobbying behind the seasons over the last few months, has left us or fully prepared and ready to go. We'd like to thank the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Victoria Park management team and a Middlesex Cricket for their support in getting the season up and running ...

We feel we have a responsibility to ensure that all our players are aware that they are ambassadors for the league and the game generally, in ensuring that they behave, and are SEEN to behave responsibly at this difficult time for all society.

We have produced a 'Covid - Return To Play Protocols' document, and every team has had to nominate a Covid Officer....

We will also have league officials on duty every evening.

We're glad to be back, and wish all our teams and players enjoyment over the coming weeks.

I'd finally like to thank all of our committee for their hard working in getting us here it hasn't been easy!



Committee meetings off season on Zoom



New side Royal Tigers' skipper Muhibur



Closure of the nets back in April

