

Wednesday Night CC's
Adnaan Mohammad



IDLC's Tom Gower



MONDAY

The first full week of league cricket at Victoria Park began on Monday with Division 4 kicking off a busy schedule of action, featuring a mix of new teams and sides previously entered for the cup tournament which was abandoned because of the Covid lockdown.

De Beauvoir Dugongs' Angus Grant



The ironically named I Don't Like Cricket (IDLC) pulled off a comfortable win against NMCC on pitch one. Despite losing an early wicket, half-centuries from Tom Gower and Ryan Hope kept IDLC in control, with an unbeaten 20 from Jonny Beach helping the side to finish on an imposing 182-1. NMCC had a nightmare start to their reply, losing two early wickets to Leon Rodrigues. Sandeep Reddy (14) and Charlie Bosomworth (23) steadied the ship, before an enjoyable from 40 from Ed Taylor alongside Ben Davies helped NMCC reach 128-5, some 54 runs short.

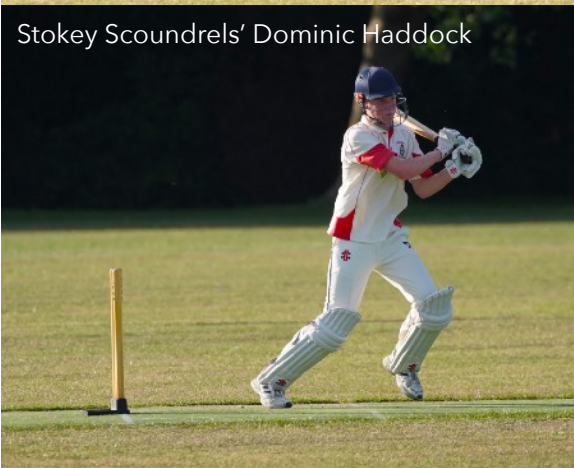
New Zealand expats side De Beauvoir Dugongs defeated another debutant crew, Wednesday Night CC, on pitch 2. Opting to bat first, the Dugongs lost Dylan FW early, before a solid partnership between William Wright (26) and Andy Scotts (33) gave them the early upper hand. With both men out gone shortly before the halfway point, Mo Vaid took an impressive 3-41, removing Wright before taking two further wickets in successive deliveries. Dugongs captain Angus Grant led the charge back, smashing 40 off 25 balls with two sixes as his side finished on 165-5. In reply, Irfaan Shaikh kept Wednesday Night going as the opener hit an impressive 50, some 46 of his runs coming from boundaries. But despite dogged batting from Usman Husain (16) and Zahid Rasul (12), Wednesday Night finished on 119-4, short by 46 runs, as Andy Scotts completed a fantastic all-round display with bat and ball, taking 2-13 from his four overs.

Lynxes' Dougie Gordon



Lynxes completed their first match with a hard-fought win over league and cup regulars Stokey Scoundrels. Dominic Haddock (34) and Vijay Sohia (43) led the way for the Scoundrels, despite losing Charlie Harmer in the first over for a duck. Alfie Kingsley-Smith ably filled the gap, finishing unbeaten one short of his half-century as the Scoundrels ended on a respectable 150-3. Dougie Gordon hit a destructive 51 in response for the Lynxes, with 46 of his runs coming from fours as he steadied the ship after the Lynxes lost Nick Manser (7) and Jake Waring (14). Further support from Charlie Stewart (29) and Liam Williams (15) ensured the Lynxes reached their target with 12 balls to spare.

Stokey Scoundrels' Dominic Haddock



NMCC's Ed Taylor



Victoria Lounge's Stefan Phillipson



Mad Marrocas' opener Youcef Hassaine



TUESDAY

The 2018 champions Anirban (formerly Millwall) began their campaign on Tuesday with victory over newly promoted Victoria Lounge in a high-scoring Division One game. Aminul Islam Amin (45) and Maharan Rahman (55) blasted their way to a super opening partnership, with Maharan smashing 11 boundaries and ending his innings with the third of his three sixes. Joe Canon, Rob Morgan and Stu Fern took a wicket each to help stem the flow, before a late 44 from skipper Arif Ahmed helped Anirban to a daunting 198-3. Stefan Phillipson led the charge for the Lounge after Rob Morgan retired hurt. Aided by Stu Fern (19), Phillipson kept the runs flowing to keep the Lounge ahead on run rate at the half-way point, retiring once he reached his half-century. However, a match-winning 3-37 from last year's leading wicket-taker Jamil Ahmed tore through the Lounge, requiring Phillipson to return the crease with just Joe Cannon (18) left. Phillipson was eventually bowled for 57 as Anirban eased to victory by 47 runs.

Masiha defeated Mile Tailenders in their opening Division Two match on pitch one. The Tailenders, led by a crunching 50 from Rich Carrington and 29 from Felix Cofie, struggled to find their rhythm as they finished on an under par 134-5. Tom Taylor (50) led the reply for Masiha alongside Adnan Ali (26). Rizwan Siddiqui came in at number 3 and smashed a quick-fire 3 as Masiha raced to victory in just 11.4 overs.

Debutants Syed Bukhari and Mannan Rana both hit half-centuries as MUFG defeated Mad Marrocas by 14 runs on pitch 3. MUFG finished on 176-3, with Bukhari along the way striking three huge sixes amid some impressive stroke-play. After the break the Marrocas lost two quick wickets under pressure from MUFG skipper Tirth Poddar (3-37) and Rana (2-21). Youcef Hassaine (51) kept the Mad men in the hunt alongside great battling from Joe Gray, who finished unbeaten on 38, and Edgar Maddicott (33), as the Marrocas fell 14 runs short to finish on 162-5.

Mile Tailenders' Felix Cofie



MUFG's Syed bukhari



Masiha's opener Tom Taylor



Marhan Farhad batting for Anirban

London Field's Troy Utz



Old Fallopian's 2nds Jack Turner



Old Fallopian's 1sts Bilal Qureshi



Sky's Safraz Ahmed bowled



Aminul Haque Litu batting for Sylhet CA UK



WEDNESDAY

It was a tale of two pairs of brothers on pitch 2 on Wednesday where the match of the day saw Sky snatch a last-minute victory against Old Fallopian's 1sts in a rematch of the Cup Final from last year. Brothers Bilal (50) and Shameer Qureshi (42) put on a defiant opening stand to give the Fallopian's the upper hand. Ollie Wrighton (17) and Fahad Waqar (22) briefly threatened but were kept in check by the Sky bowlers. Old Fallopian's eventually finished on a vulnerable 166-3. Shameer Qureshi followed up his 42 to take superb 3-38 with the ball as the Fallopian's looked on their way to victory, with Noz Hussain and Hassan Ahmed (25) keeping Sky in the hunt. With just one wicket left and 40 short of the target, brothers Aleem (36) and Noz Hussain (returning the crease after an early half-century) put on a superb last stand. Hussain's aggressive strokeplay kept Sky in the hunt alongside Noz, who finished unbeaten on 56, as Sky edged to victory with four balls remaining.

London Fields produced a scintillating all-round display to see off Rose & Crown in their Division One opening match on pitch 1. Quick thinking from a dropped catch led to a direct-hit run out from Charlie Challinor to give the Crown the perfect start. However, keeper Robin Friend (53) tipped the balance back towards the Fields with some aggressive hitting, aided by Tom Hughes (25) and Muffi (33), who both scored with ease. Skipper Troy Utz blasted a quick-fire 52, including three huge sixes to steer London Fields to an imposing 195-3. Despite a fantastic knock from Sean Feeney (50) and an unbeaten 47 from opener Sam Wildy, Rose & Crown struggled to keep up with the rate, trailing in at the end on 167-2. After the early loss of Joe Fisher, Charlie Challinor (26) briefly threatened before the Fields dug in their heels and made the battle too uphill a target for the Roses.

Newcomers Sylhet Cricket Association began their campaign with victory in Division Three over Old Fallopian's 2nds. The top three batters all played a huge part in Sylhet's victory, as openers Aminul Haque Litu (35) and Sumon JB (32) got them off to a flyer. With both men out, the Fallopian's briefly threatened before a superb 50 from Zakoan Chowdhury alongside Jumma Khan (17) helped the Sylhets to a tricky 183-4. Jack Turner led the chase for the Fallopian's with a battling 53, as every batsman made a score. However, with just a second-highest score of 23 each from opener Phillip Barrass and Jack Holmes, the Fallopian's fell away at the close, finishing 46 runs short on 137-3.

Rose & Crown's Sean Feeney





Old Fallopian's Ollie Gold bowled Dan Venn



Phoenix's Daniel Venn bowled off a no ball

THURSDAY



Bankso Bears' Andrew Tate



Homerton's Sam Hickey smashing one of his sixes



Thursday saw the match of the week on pitch 3 as Homerton edged out Bankso Bears in a thrilling Division 2 contest. Homerton started and ended superbly, with openers Sagar Bora and Bobby Hutchinson both retiring on 51 not out. Sam Hickey continued the onslaught with three straight sixes to end unbeaten on 49 as Homerton closed on a daunting 182-0. Bankso, already missing key batsman Tom Curtis with a broken finger, made a terrible start, losing both openers for just four runs, including big-hitter Will Arnold. The ever-dangerous Ollie Meikle (36) rallied the innings alongside Kieran Kumaria (20). However, once Meikle retired injured, hopes faded for the Bears. But then a stunning last-gasp stand between Andrew Tate and Gianco Bridget pulled Bankso back into the contest. Bridget smashed five boundaries in his enjoyable 46 before falling to skipper Sagar Bora. Last man Chris Salter struck out aggressively alongside Andrew Tate who returned to the crease and added to his 50. In the final over of the game a safe and tidy six balls from Bora kept the Bears at bay as they fell an agonising two runs short, ending on 180-4. Nevertheless, this was an impressive performance from a side lacking two of their leading batsmen, with Tate's 59 taking the crown for the highest score of the season so far.

Old Fallopian's 2nds edged to victory in their second Division Two match in successive days against Phoenix All Stars. Phoenix opted to bat first and hit 144-5, with Yousef Khan (31) top scoring as the All Stars began with a solid opening stand from Mo Iqbal (14) and Firoz Husain (14). Dan Venn (12) survived being bowled off an above-waist no ball to add a few runs at the end to set up a tricky target for the Fallopian's. In reply Jack Turner continued his fine form following his 51 the day before, as he smashed a crucial 45 to keep the match in the balance. Angus Grant removed Turner as Phoenix set up their stall for victory with 30 still needed from the final two overs. However, an aggressive late knock from Anthony Banks (41) and a crucial bash from Jack Holmes (21) helped the Fallopian's to victory with just two balls to spare, reaching the total with a confident boundary from Banks.

Dom Harper smashed 52 as I Don't Like Cricket and De Beauvoir Dugongs battled on pitch 2 in a rerun of their encounter earlier in the week. The Dugongs fought their way to 143-5, but it wasn't enough as IDLC eased home with 2.4 overs to go, thanks to an impressive 52 from Dom Harper.



IDLC's Russ Legg

FRIDAY

Phoenix completed their second match in two days as they were edged out by Pacific on Friday. Rizwan Siddiqui (51) led the way for Pacific alongside his brother Muntz Siddiqui (47) to cap a defiant 28 from opener Tom Williams. John Deighan (16) weighed in with some late boundaries as Pacific set up an imposing 185-3. Phoenix skipper Saj Rehman was prevented from batting because of a damaged hand, but a fluent debut knock of 50 from Alfie Beswick gave the All Stars some hope. Pacific's Tim Gane (2-39) had other ideas as Phoenix ended 31 runs short on 154-5, despite a brisk and late knock from Ishmail Malvad (33).

With Wapping Dolphins beating Camels with a walkover victory, the evening's other game on pitch 3 was a friendly between newcomers London Eagles (formerly London Tigers) and Division 4's Royal Tigers. Skipper Muhibur Jony hit an enjoyable 44 as the Tigers finished on 136-4. Azm Jonny led the reply for the Eagles with an unbeaten 53 alongside Mohammed Ripn Noor (35) to guide the Eagles to victory with two overs to spare.

Phoenix's Alfie Beswick



Pacific's Tom Williams



Pacific's Muntz Siddiqui



Pacific's Colin Pollard is bowled by Ishmail Malvad





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News

- The league has very kindly been allowed to borrow three signs from London Fields. These signs are designed to warn the public of the matches being played and stored alongside the scorecards and stumps.

- Although our guest player Rule 5 has been suspended for this unusual season, the condition was that the selection of a player who has already played for another team this season should be requested via the Secretary.

Quick stats

Highest individual score

1. 59 - Andrew Tate (Bansko Bears)
2. 57 - Stefan Phillipson (Victoria Lounge)
3. 56 - Nozmul Hussain (Sky)
4. 55 - Mahan Rahman (Anirban)

Best Bowling

1. 3-29 - Fed Campbell (OF 2)
2. 3-34 - Jamal Ali (Masiha)
3. 3-37 - Tirth Poddar (MUFG)
4. 3-37 - Jamal Ahmed (Anirban)
5. 3-38 - Shameer Qureshi (OF1)

Highest team score

1. 198-3 (Anirban)
2. 195-3 (London Fields)
3. 185-2 (Wapping Dolphins)
4. 185-3 (Pacific)
5. 183-4 (Sylhet)

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