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Victoria Park Community Cricket League

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## Week 5 Fixtures

|                                                                                    |                                                            |                                                                                     |                                                                  |                             |                                         |                                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
|    | Super Rangers Cricket Club<br>Super Rangers VIII           |    | Victoria Lounge Cricket Club<br>Victoria Lounge                  | Mon 10 Aug<br>06:00 PM, BST | Victoria Park Cricket Ground<br>Pitch 3 | Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020<br>Division 1 |
|    | Pacific Cricket Club<br>Pacific VIII                       |    | Old Fallopian Cricket Club<br>OF 2nd VIII                        | Mon 10 Aug<br>06:00 PM, BST | Victoria Park Cricket Ground<br>Pitch 2 | Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020<br>Division 3 |
|    | Old Fallopian Cricket Club<br>OF 1st VIII                  |    | Rose and Crown Cricket Club<br>Rose and Crown VIII               | Mon 10 Aug<br>06:00 PM, BST | Victoria Park Cricket Ground<br>Pitch 1 | Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020<br>Division 1 |
|    | Wapping Dolphins Cricket Club<br>Wapping Dolphins VIII     |    | Homerton Cricket Club<br>Homerton VIII                           | Tue 11 Aug<br>06:00 PM, BST | Victoria Park Cricket Ground<br>Pitch 1 | Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020<br>Division 2 |
|    | Broadway Mkt CC<br>VIII                                    |    | Mile Tailenders Cricket Club<br>Mile Tailenders VIII             | Tue 11 Aug<br>06:00 PM, BST | Victoria Park Cricket Ground<br>Pitch 2 | Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020<br>Division 2 |
|   | Wednesday Night Cricket Club<br>Wednesday Night VIII       |   | Lynxes Cricket Club<br>Lynxes VIII                               | Tue 11 Aug<br>06:00 PM, BST | Victoria Park Cricket Ground<br>Pitch 3 | Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020<br>Division 4 |
|  | Bansko Bears Cricket Club<br>Bansko Bears VIII             |  | Camel Lights Cricket Club<br>Camel Lights VIII                   | Wed 12 Aug<br>06:00 PM, BST | Victoria Park Cricket Ground<br>Pitch 3 | Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020<br>Division 2 |
|  | I Don't Like Cricket Club<br>I don't like Cricket VIII     |  | Stokey Scoundrels Cricket Club<br>Stokey Scoundrels Cricket Club | Wed 12 Aug<br>06:00 PM, BST | Victoria Park Cricket Ground<br>Pitch 1 | Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020<br>Division 4 |
|  | De Beavour Dugongs Cricket Club<br>De Bouvoir Dudongs VIII |  | NMCC Cricket Club<br>NMCC VIII                                   | Wed 12 Aug<br>06:00 PM, BST | Victoria Park Cricket Ground<br>Pitch 2 | Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020<br>Division 4 |
|  | Sky Cricket Club<br>Sky VIII                               |  | London Fields Cricket Club<br>London Fields VIII                 | Thu 13 Aug<br>06:00 PM, BST | Victoria Park Cricket Ground<br>Pitch 3 | Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020<br>Division 1 |
|  | Homerton Cricket Club<br>Homerton VIII                     |  | Camel Lights Cricket Club<br>Camel Lights VIII                   | Thu 13 Aug<br>06:00 PM, BST | Victoria Park Cricket Ground<br>Pitch 1 | Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020<br>Division 2 |
|  | Old Fallopian Cricket Club<br>OF 1st VIII                  |  | Victoria Lounge Cricket Club<br>Victoria Lounge                  | Thu 13 Aug<br>06:00 PM, BST | Victoria Park Cricket Ground<br>Pitch 2 | Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020<br>Division 1 |
|  | Royal Tigers Cricket Club<br>Royal Tigers VIII             |  | MUFG Cricket Club<br>MUFG VIII                                   | Fri 14 Aug<br>06:00 PM, BST | Victoria Park Cricket Ground<br>Pitch 1 | Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020<br>Division 3 |
|  | Mad Marrocas Cricket Club<br>Mad Marrocas VIII             |  | Phoenix All Stars Cricket Club<br>Phoenix All Stars VIII         | Fri 14 Aug<br>06:00 PM, BST | Victoria Park Cricket Ground<br>Pitch 3 | Victoria Park Community Cricket League 2020<br>Division 3 |

Phoenix's Firoz Husain and Saj Rehman celebrate their last gasp win

## Tip

Remember both captains submit your scorecards within 24 hours.

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**Highest individual score**

1. 62 - Aminul Islam Amin (Anirban)
2. 62 - Safraz Ahmed (Sky)
3. 59 - Andrew Tate (Bansko Bears)
4. 58 - Robbie Jacobs (Mad Marrocas)
5. 57 - Stefan Phillipson (Victoria Lounge)

**Best Bowling**

1. 4-19 - Tom Fulcher (Broadway)
2. 4-25 - Al Raji (Royal Tigers)
3. 4-38 - Alok Gope (Rose & Crown)
4. 3-6 - Danny Williams (Mad Marrocas)
5. 3-18 - Muhibur Jony (Royal Tigers)

**Highest team score**

1. 216 - (Sky)
2. 210 - (Sky)
3. 198-3 (Anirban)
4. 198-5 (Royal Tigers)
5. 195-3 (London Fields)
6. 185-2 (Wapping Dolphins)
7. 185-3 (Pacific)
8. 183-4 (Sylhet)

**Most 4s**

1. 22 - Charley Wright (Wapping Dolphins)
2. 18 - Dudley Spiers (Wapping Dolphins)
3. 16 - Mutz Siddiqui (Pacific)
4. 16 - Andrew Tate (Bansko Bears)
5. 16 - Tom Gower (IDLC)
6. 16 - Nozmul Hussain (Sky)
7. 16 - Irfaan Shaikh (Wednesday Night)

**Most 6s**

1. 11 - Hassan Ahmed (Sky)
2. 6 - Zakoan Chowdhury (Sylhet)
3. 6 - Asad Mujaba (Super Rangers)
4. 5 - Troy Utz (London Fields)
5. 5 - Ahmed Bappi (Riyal Tigers)
6. 5 - Sam Hickey (Homerton)

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SPORT



Anirban's Mahfuz Mahi (left) and Sky's Safraz Ahmed (right) hit out.



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Dom Berger of Mad Marrocas (above) is bowled, while NMCC's Philip Law (below) is trapped leg before wicket. Picture: GEORGE WATSON

## Super Rangers beat Anirban in a crunch Victoria Park Community League contest

**Defending champions Super Rangers saw off Anirban in a crunch match in Division One of the Victoria Park Community League.**

Opting to bat first, Rangers smashed 183 as Mohammed Nawaz hit a rapid 53 alongside Anir Ali (45).

And, despite a superb season equalling 62 from Mahfuz Mahi and 55 from skipper Anir Ahmed, Anirban fell seven runs short on 176-6.

Sky smashed the highest score of the season, walloping 210 against the Rose & Crown, with Safraz Ahmed hitting 62 and debutant Alok Gope taking 4-38 from R&C.

Despite a valiant 36 from opener Sam Wildy, Rose & Crown ended on 132-5 ahead of Sky's clash with Super Rangers next week.

Old Fallopians defeated London Fields, after Troy Utz smashed his second straight half-century in their 166-5.

Olly Wright (50) rescued the Fallopians from a poor start as they eased to a five-wicket win with 10 balls to spare.

Tom Fulcher took a super 4-18 as Broadway edged past Bansko Bears in Division Two.

Banks finished on 161-6 after another superb half-century from Andrew Tate (55) but Broadway won with four balls left as Ed Sherwood (38) top scored.

Homerton (142-1) eased past Mashta (129-6) with Larry Hutchinson (45) and Lorenzo de Glossop (44) top scoring, alongside another explosive 35 from Sam Hickey.

Earlier, Rizwan Siddiqui (51) and Tom Taylor (32) top scored as

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Mashta struggled to find any rhythm despite their aggressive batting line-up.

Camel Lights and Mile Tallenders shared a fantastic tie with both teams hitting 147-4.

Openers Felix Cottle (55) and Wilson Dwyer (48) shared a century opening stand before the Tallenders lost a flurry of wickets.

Dave Sendlall top scored with 88 as the Camels, needing three runs off the final ball, could only manage a couple as it ended all square.

Royal Tigers made it two from two in Division Three as they defeated Phoenix, who ended on 141-7 with Mo Iqbal (42) top scoring.

Asaduzzaman Rooze and Muhibur Jony took three wickets apiece but Tigers webbed in their

reply before sealing victory with three balls to spare thanks to Ahmed Bappi (50) and Ekhlaseur Pakku (57).

Mad Marrocas played two games in two days, easing past Old Fallopians 2-0 in the first after Robbie Jacobs smashed a superb 58 alongside 50 from Dom Berger in their 181-6.

Danny Williams then took 3-6 as Fallopians crumbled to 75 all out, but the following day it was Pacific who saw off the Mad Marrocas.

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The opener smashed 53 alongside 30 from Syed Bitchari as MUPG finished on 161-4 and despite an aggressive 60 from Zakoan Chowdhury and 34 from Sunam JB, Sylhet fell just short.

Stoke's Second XI (102-3) saw off NMCC (98-6), for whom Rushal Shah (15) top scored, in Division Four as Benny Bentham (25) held his nerve after Ed Knight's 34.

Tom Lister Cricket won the top-of-the-table match against Lynnes, after losing early wickets, as Jack Price (49) and Jack Hope (31) helped them to 175-5.

Keeper Russ Hope was the hero for IDLC, completing four superb stumpings and a run out as the Lynnes fell 16 runs short despite an aggressive 39 from Vijay Sundar and 36 from Dougie Gordon.



Broadway's Tom Fulcher celebrates after his four-wicket haul against Bansko Bears. Picture: GEORGE WATSON

**Leyton Orient**

**Charlie Hughes was dropped by the Leyton Orient academy, gave up, but has found his way slowly back up the ladder most recently being signed by National League side Wealdstone.**

The 24-year-old believes men's football has made him the player he is and was probably more suited to that path than staying in academy football.

The former Maldon & Tiptree front man says he has learnt so much rising up through the non-league ranks.

"For me it's probably played one of the biggest parts in my progression, men's football in itself is a very different game to academy level, especially as a young player," he said.

"You learn a lot quicker the value of winning, you learn a lot quicker the value of different aspects that need to be played in a team, rather than just getting the ball down and playing."

"I coach and I teach a lot of younger children and football teams, I try to almost give them that side of the men's football - it's not as much as playing good football and looking pretty is great, sometimes you need to realise we need to win this game and this is how we're going to do it."

"That was the main experience I've learnt from the

lower leagues and joining men's football early on. Getting that job done isn't always going to look pretty."

"I definitely feel there is pros and cons for both sides, but I seemed to flourish a lot more coming from men's football than I did going through an academy."

"I'm kind of glad I got into men's football a lot earlier than I probably would've done had I stayed in academy football and played under-21s and under-23s."

Hughes did admit that being released by the O's made him lose hope but his dad inspired him to start playing again.

"I got released when I was 16 then gave up football for a little while and my dad, who was manager at Old Southendians, kind of just said come over with me and just play."

"I went over as an 18-year-old then from there ended up over at Burnham Ramblers, then Bowers & Pitsea, Brentwood, then Maldon & Tiptree."

"I've been playing men's football now for almost four years. From the academy I was a bit of confidence, gave it up but then eventually found my way back through men's football."



Russ Legg completes one of four stumpings for I Don't Like Cricket in the Victoria Park Community League. See page 23 for more.

Picture: GEORGE WATSON

WEEKS HIGHLIGHTS



Homerton's Sam Hickey blasting against Broadway



Broadway opener Anandraj Venkatasamy smashing a 50



Camel Lights' Nabil Umrani



The battle for the Division 2 title warmed up on Monday as Wapping Dolphins maintained their 100 percent win rate with a comfortable victory over Mile Tailenders. Dolphins openers Dudley Spiers and debutant James Bouter put on a classy opening stand as Spiers finished on a second successive 50. Wilkinson fell just three runs short of his half-century as Charley Wright (42) and Mike Wilkinson (17) kept the pressure on the bowlers as the Dolphins finished on 190-2. Tailenders debutant Hal Dubuisson was the pick of the bowlers, taking 3-39. In reply, Wilson Digby (33) and Josh Cofie (19) gave the Tailenders a great start before both fell, with the opening bowler Mike Wilkinson (2-27) looking lively. The Tailenders rallied but eventually fell short, ending all out for 121, with Stu Hill (17) and Felix Cofie (11) briefly troubling the scorers.

Unbeaten Homerton and Broadway Market fought a mighty tussle on pitch 2 which went to the penultimate ball of the match. Homerton, opting to bat first, starred with the blade as they cruised to 180-1, again preserving their wickets: in their three matches this season only two Homerton wickets have fallen. Lorenzo de Glossop and Sam Hickey both retired on half-centuries, before Mark Towie weighed in with three huge sixes to set Broadway a daunting target. Having left last week's match to the final over, Broadway kept up the momentum thanks to another explosive 51 not out from Anandraj Venkatasamy. Once Venkatasamy had gone, Homerton ate into the Broadway middle thanks to two run outs from Sam Hickey. Broadway edged into the final few overs with double figures still required. Opener Will Jack retired not out for 50, but it was wides that proved to be the biggest nemesis for Homerton as the loose ball count spilled to more than 30 and handed Broadway the narrowest of victories by three wickets. Homerton face Wapping Dolphins next week.

Sheldon Greenland smashing a six for Masiha



Masiha cruised past Camel Lights on pitch 3. Despite losing opener Adnan Ali early, opener tom Hughes smashed another half century for Masiha alongside another explosive 32 from Sheldon Greenland. Rizwan Siddiqui weighed in with a half century as Masiha ended on 176-2. Camels kept up the momentum early with a solid opening stand between Dave Sandall and Raj, before Jamal Ali took his second ever three-wicket haul, finishing with 3-28 as Camels ended short on 139-6.

Dudley Spiers on his way to 50 for Wapping Dolphins



Mile Tailenders opener Wilson Digby batting against Wapping





NMCC's Richard Webb



Dugongs' Rich Young survives a stumping against Stokey

I Don't Like Cricket (IDLC) edged their way towards the Division Four league title on Tuesday, beating Wednesday Night CC with their fourth successive victory of the season. Opting to bat first, Wednesday made a promising start with an opening stand of 49 as Irfaan Shaikh (35) and Zahid Rasul (37) gave their side a solid opening. IDLC Keeper Ross Legg followed on from his four stumpings with another superb night, taking two more stumpings and three catches as Wednesday were bowled out in their 16 overs for 152, despite a late flourish from Adnan Mohammed (23). Opening the reply for IDLC, batters Dom Harper (51) and Tom Gower (30) led the way with an aggressive opening stand. Russ Legg weighed in with a rapid 22 and despite a spirited comeback from Wednesday, taking two wickets, IDLC eased home in 13 overs. One more win and IDLC will have completed the season with a 100 percent victory record.

Lynxes amassing the second-highest score of the season as they crushed NMCC on pitch 3, despite a reduced match of 15 overs. Choosing to bat first, the Lynxes saw all but one of their batsmen reach double figures: Nick Manser (51), Josh Caladine (39), George Gibbons (32) and Charlie Stewart (22) were all in the runs as the Lynxes closed on 209-2. NMCC finished their allotted overs well behind on 79-6, with Richard Webb striking 29 and Chris Harris making 15. George Gibbons was the pick of the Lynxes bowlers, ending with 3-32 from his four overs, whilst Harry Reilly finished on 2-16 from three overs.

De Beavour Dugongs defeated Stokey Scoundrels after the Dugongs smashed 193-4, thanks to a superb 50 from Rich Young.



IDLC's Ross Legg completes his second stumping



Stokey's Benny Bentham



Irfaan Shaikh batting for Wednesday Night CC



IDLC's Tom Gower in action



Lynxes's Harry Reilly

## WEDNESDAY

Wednesday proved the highlight of the week's cricket, featuring the highest score of the season, a two-run win and a tie. Sky opened on pitch 1 against the until now unbeaten defending champions Super Rangers. Sky chose to bat first, but slipped to 97-4 as the Rangers bowlers made some early inroads into the opening line-up. However, consistent striking throughout kept up the rate to help Sky march towards an imposing total. A late, explosive innings from Hassan Ahmed (55) - including 24 runs' worth of sixes - revived memories of the mighty Sky sides of years past as the side climbed to the year's largest tally of 219-5. Also contributing to the Sky runs extravaganza were Fahad Mirza (50), Nozmul Hussain (36) and Shumon Sharif (30). The chase was certain to be difficult and despite everyone making a solid start, the Sky bowlers ate into the Super Rangers line-up. Mohammed Naveed briefly threatened with an aggressive 33, alongside a rapid seven-ball 24 from Ajmal Afzal. Aasa Mujaba hit a solid 50, but Super Rangers eventually succumbed to an impressive but insufficient 185-6, some 31 runs short.

London Fields and Victoria Lounge created a mouth-watering finish to their contest on pitch 2 in which just four wickets fell. The Fields' openers Tom Hughes (50) and Vijay Shah (37) lead from the front, placing the batting line-up into a commanding position. Vidal Bharath (29) aided as London Fields ended on a tricky 166-4, despite losing the usually reliable Troy Utz for six, interrupting his run of fifties this season. The Lounge's opened their reply in similar fashion, as Jim Crutcher (51) and Tom Burton (53) took the match to the Fields with some fine batting. Both retired not out on half-centuries with the team scores neck-and-neck. Rob Taton Brown (37) kept the Lounge on target for the required run rate. The match was still live in the final over: with ten of six, followed by just four off four, a sublime last over from Muffi kept the batsmen at bay. Victoria Lounge fell agonisingly short, ending just one run behind on 155-0.

The closest match of the evening was fought between Anirban and Rose & Crown, who shared the honours in a tense and thrilling contest on pitch 3. Anirban batted first, losing an early wicket before good running from skipper Arif Ahmed (22) and Shumon Miah (48) rebuilt the innings with a solid partnership. More wickets from Jony Kabir (3-38) and the rest of the Crown bowlers left Anirban on the brink of being all out for just over 100. However, a last gasp stand between Sayed Habib (24) and Akhtar Rahman (17) pushed Anirban to a defendable 143-6. Sam Wildy starred with the bat in the Roses reply, retiring not out on a patient but crucial 53. Contributions from Charlie Challinor (16) and Sean Feeney (22) kept the Rose & Crown in with the hunt despite their run rate falling behind Anirban's. Joe Fisher pulled the Crown back with a vital 24 alongside several swings and misses, taking the match to the final ball. Abdul Sami nudged a single to level the scores, but Fisher ran himself out pushing for the winner, ending a superb match on a rare tie.



Victoria Lounge's Jim Crutcher



London Fields' Tom Hughes



Rose & Crown's opening hero Sam  
on his way to 50 in their tied match



London Fields' Troy Utz bowled



Sky's Hassan Ahmed hitting a huge six



Anirban's skipper and wicketkeeper Arif Ahmed

Pacific's opener Tom Williams



Pacific's Muntz Siddiqui on his way to 47



Sylhet's opener Zakoan Chowdhury



Sylhet's Sumon JB



John Deighan, bowled trying to reverse sweep



Pacific's Tim Gane



Sylhet CA saw off Pacific on Pitch 3 on Thursday in the evening's only match. Muntz Siddiqui led the way with a hard fought 46 as Pacific struggled to find their gears thanks to tight discipline bowling from the Sylhet attack. Tim Gane (31) and opener Tom Williams (29) joined in as Pacific ended on 121-6.

Sylhet openers took their attack to Pacific bowlers with skipper and keeper Sumon JB (47) leading the way. Pacific continued to make inroads into the Sylhet lineup, removing the dangerous opener Zakoan Chowdhury for 17 alongside Ali Sanjid Sami (17) and AHM Jahirul Haque (18). However Sumon led the way with his impressive innings and by the time of his departure, caught by Rob Dinsey, only one was needed, which was successfully hit the very next ball, ending Pacific's unbeaten run this season.

Run out moment for Sylhet in the field, umpire Aroon is unshaken.





MUFG'S Mannan Rana



Royal Tigers opener AZM Jonny blasting 3 straight sixes

Royal Tigers surged to an impressive 198-4 against Mad Marrocas in Division 3 on a scorchingly humid Friday evening. Openers Azm Johnny (36) and Ruhin (40) led the way with some huge sixes, as the Tigers imposed themselves onto the Marrocas bowling. Jonny struck three consecutive sixes in a row before being caught at the boundary going for his fourth. Bowler Edgar Madicott led the fightback for the Marrocas, taking two quick wickets. But it wasn't enough to stop Royal Tigers posting the third highest score of the season, finishing on a daunting 199-4. Dave (37) led the reply for the Marrocas before the Tigers bowlers sank in their claws, removing dangerous skipper Robbie Jacobs for 16. Rana (37) and Don (23) briefly threatened as the Marrocas chased their target in the gloom only to fall 37 runs short, all bowled out in the final over for 162.

Rivals MUFG and Phoenix AI Stars played out a tense tussle on pitch 2 which was not decided until the close of the final over. Opting to bat first, Phoenix ripped through the MUFG batsmen with Yousef Khan reducing MUFG to 15-2. Mo Iqbal weighed in with a further two wickets as MUFG continued to slide, slipping to 72-4. Vijay Shah (54) steadied the ship with a superbly timed half century alongside a late knock of 14 from Tirth Poddar as MUFG were bowled out for 122 with thirteen balls remaining. MUFG started in similar vein to Phoenix, removing both openers cheaply. However, superb knocks from Ishmail Malvad (43) and Mo Iqbal (42) put Phoenix back in charge. Winshu Wilfred stuck back removing both men and when Vishnu bowled Yousef Khan claiming his third wicket, MUFG had put the game back into the balance. However, Phoenix were not to be denied as Firoz Husain and Daniel Venn held out to guide Phoenix to 124-5 with just two balls remaining.

Old Fallopian 2nds defeated newcomers The Maidens in a friendly on pitch 3. The Maidens were playing their second game of the season following a defeat to Wapping Dolphins two weeks previously. Fallopian Jack Turner (50) continued his fine form with a superb knock alongside Ollie Gold (36) and Graham McGee (20). Maidens' Sam Hitchcock kept the batsmen in check with a superb spell, finishing with impressive figures of 3-23 from his four overs as the Old Fallopian 2nds closed their over on 145-4. Against the Maidens' reply Mo Najeeb took a superb 3-28 as the newcomers could only manage 122-5. Keeper Turner took two catches to join his unbeaten fifty, alongside a superb caught and bowled from Matt Wake. The Fallopian 2nds never looked in too much trouble despite a spirited 32 from Sasha Broad-Kolf and 21 from skipper Dougie Budge.



Mad Marrocas opener Dave Mckenzie



Maidens top scorer Sacha Broad-Kolf



Phoenix's Mo Iqbal



Old Fallopian 2nds Jack Turner on his way to 50