

Tigers Softball Club Yearbook 2021



2021: The Year in review

Pre-season

At the start of the year we had a new look Tigers team that had waited a year to get on a diamond and a new look Tiggers team that had a lot of players who had never been on a diamond! Some successful pre season practice sessions gave us grounds for optimism but what would happen when we played for real? Two teams playing on the same night gave us additional problems to solve that we hadn't had in 2019 and Jackie took the role of on field Tigers Captain.

Tigers league campaign

At the start of the season our main aim as a club was to get the Tigers promoted and we achieved that in some style as the team chalked up 14 wins and only 2 losses. We were preseason promotion favourites, but having a good squad on paper doesn't always translate into wins on grass and we did a fine job in converting the team's potential into wins. The big hiccup on the way to our eventual success was the early season ending injury to Steve B., which could have been a major disaster if it hadn't been for the help given to us by guest Jez Fothergill, who became a regular member of our team and made a major contribution to our success.

Tiggers League Campaign

The Tiggers team that started this season was significantly weaker than the one that finished the 2019 season. James and Rob moved up to the Tigers, Steve G. didn't play this year, Mikala only played a few games and we had a large number of new, largely rookie, players to incorporate into the team. The first two thirds of the season were pretty rocky but after the Div 3 / Div 4 split we had a winning record, were competitive in every game and put in some impressive performances.

Tournaments

We had a very successful tournament season and won a lot of finals. We won the rec level North West Series of tournaments, finishing fifth in the first of the three tournament and winning the other two. We also won the plate at the Manchester tournament defeating a couple of Division 2 teams along the way and also won a trophy at the Leeds tournament.



Pre season



Tigers League Games



27/04/21 Tigers @ Freeze

After being 3-2 down after the first 2 innings the Tigers roared into life with an 18 run 3rd inning that killed the game as a contest. An 8 run 4th nailed down the coffin lid.

There were strong batting performances all the way up and down the line up. Male OBP leader was Rich who batted 1000, going 5 for 5, closely followed by Glen who went 5 for 6. Female leaders Emma, TK and Holly shared the honours all going 4 for 5 (800). Home Run Heroes were James and Ed with a pair each. Steve also claimed a four bagger. One of Ed's homers was a grand slam. Steve also took the opportunity to show off his sliding skills.

In the infield Ed put in a fine performance at shortstop. Holly played well on 2nd, Steve pitched well, TK and Jackie put in solid performances and Glen took one for the team when he stopping a hard ground ball with his shin. In the outfield James put in an MVP performance, Aly was her normal excellent self, Richard and Emma were a very reliable right outfield with the highlight being Emma's ankle high running catch.

MVPs were Alyssa and James

Tigers	0	2	18	8	4	32
Freeze	0	3	4	2	1	10



Alyssa James



04/05/21 Tigers v Thunder III

The Tigers juggernaut rolled onwards with another mercy win. Several people were perfect at the plate, Ed and Rich each went 4 for 4, with Sandra, Holly and Rob all 3 for 3. Our only Home Run came from Rich when he led off in the top of the 1st but a lack of homers didn't mean a lack of runs.

In the field Ed and Holly worked their magic at SS and 2nd. Steve pitched well. Glen did a good job at 3rd and TK and Sandra were solid at first and catcher respectively. In the outfield the highlight play was a nice catch by Aly whilst James worked perhaps too hard, tweaking his hamstring towards the end of the game.

MVPs were Alyssa and James

Thunder III	0	3	1	3	7
Tigers	5	16	6	X	27



11/05/21 Tigers @ Colt 45s

The Tigers on field action was overshadowed this week by the match day news that Steve had broken his arm and will be out of action for 6-8 weeks. The gap in the on field line up was filled by experienced guest Jeremy Fothergill who hit our only Home Run of the evening and also swiped the male MVP award. Male OBP leaders were Ed and... Jeremy (yawn) who each went 5 for 5 (1000). Female leader was Alyssa who went 4 for 5 (800).

In the field both Rob and Glen made some nice plays at 3rd, Jeremy pitched a strong game recording a number of strike outs, Holly made short work of any and all pop ups at catcher and Ed made a fine fielding play in the 7th to rob Mario Rueda of a possible 3rd Home Run.

MVPs were Alyssa and Jeremy

Tigers	3	2	2	5	3	3	1	19
Colt 45s	0	2	5	6	1	1	0	15



18/05/21 Tigers v Rippers

The Tigers recovered from a shaky start to chalk up an ultimately comfortable win against a gallant Rippers side. Ed (5 for 5) and Rich (4 for 4) each batted 1000. TK was the female OBP leader going 3 for 5 (600). Ed was this week's Home Run Hero with a four bagger to cap off our 9 run 3rd inning. In the field Ed played well at short stop with the highlight a well executed single handed double play, tagging the runner between 2nd and 3rd and then treading on 2nd to get the runner from 1st. Holly had another good game at 2nd, Aly made some nice catches in left field whilst James and Richard worked well together in left and right centre.

MVPs were Alyssa and Ed

Rippers	0	8	0	0	0	2	2	12
Tigers	0	1	9	0	5	3	0	18





25/05/21 Tigers @ Enforcers

The Tigers started slowly again in this game but then got progressively more dominant as it went on.

OBP leaders were Rob (5 for 5) and Jeremy (4 for 4) who each batted 1000. Female leaders were Alyssa and Jackie (each 3 for 5). Good base running helped turn the hits into runs.

Jackie did solid work as catcher including 2 throws to get the out at 1st. Aly and Rob did good work in the outfield. Jeremy pitched well. Ed was “absolutely brilliant” at short stop with Holly solid at second base. TK had a good game at first.

MVPs were TK and Ed

Tigers	0	3	5	3	3	7	21
Enforcers	1	2	3	0	0	0	6



01/06/21 Tigers v Swingers

A one sided game played in a friendly atmosphere – possibly just as well given that the umpire never appeared.

OBP leaders were James Rob (each 4 for 4) and Emma and Jeremy (each 3 for 3) who all batted 1000. Jeremy and James each claimed a Home Run.

Rob took a couple of nice catches in the outfield. Jeremy pitched well. James did a decent job filling in at short stop. Holly did her normal good job at 2nd and Jackie and TK were both efficient in the infield.

MVPs were Holly and James

Swingers	1	0	0	2	3
Tigers	8	13	2	X	23



08/06/21 Tigers v Bandidos

A top of the table clash between 2 previously undefeated teams that lived up to it's pre match billing. The Bandidos took an early lead, which the Tigers gradually clawed back before taking the lead themselves for the first time in the bottom of the 4th. It was a see saw affair for the rest of the game with the lead changing hands for the 5th and final time in the bottom of the 7th when the Tigers grabbed the honours on a 2 out hit from guest Jeremy. (Just in time as James had had to set off for work before the inning ended).

OBP leaders were Alyssa, James and Jeremy who all batted 1000. Holly was best of the rest going 4 for 5. Rich, Jeremy and James were the Home Run heroes with one 4 bagger apiece. In the field Glen was good at 3rd James worked hard at short stop, Jackie got a nice tag at home, Rich made an

impressive catch in the outfield and TK did some good work at 1st including snaring a tricky pop up in foul territory.

MVPs were Holly and Jeremy

Bandidos	5	1	2	1	5	1	3	18
Tigers	1	2	2	7	1	3	3	19



15/06/21 Tigers v Stingers

A tough day at the office for the Tigers but after an early scare we shut down an impressive Stingers team for the 2nd half of the game and eventually claimed the win with an at bat in hand. James and Ed were the OBP leaders, both batting 1000 (each 4 for 4). Ed and Alyssa claimed 1 Home Run each, including last weekend Alyssa has now hit a Home Run in each of her last 4 games.

In the field Glen was the star flashing the leather at 3rd TK did a good job at 1st, Jeremy pitched well, Ed made some nice plays at short stop, Alyssa took a good outfield catch, Emma did a tidy job in right field and Caroline got the out on a pop up at catcher.

MVPs were TK and Glen

Stingers	3	7	1	2	0	0	1	14
Tigers	4	0	1	4	1	5	X	15



22/06/21 Tigers @ Seagulls

This was a routine win for the Tigers against a weakened Seagulls line up.

Jackie and Ed each batted 1000, Holly was best of the rest going 4 for 5. Home Run heroes were Ed, Rich and James with 1 apiece, Emma and TK each hit a triple. The absence of Rob and Glen meant that there was a reorganisation in the field with Rich making a successful move to 3rd base. Ed was good again at short stop and James was the pick of the outfield.

MVPs were Alyssa and Ed

Tigers	2	4	8	13	27
Seagulls	0	0	0	2	2



29/06/21 Tigers @ Tiggers

A high scoring intra club battle that ended in a well deserved and resounding win for the Tigers. At 10 nil after the top of the first it looked like it might be a short night but the Tiggers fought back well to take the game to the full 7 innings.

For the Tigers Rob lead the OBP listings going 6 for 6. TK and Holly were best of the rest, each going 5 for 6. There were lots of Tigers Home Runs, TK got a pair and James, Rich, Ed, Holly and Glen got one each.

Aiden was the Tiggers batting leader, going 5 for 5, Oli and Abbey were the best of the rest, each going 4 for 5.

In the field for the Tigers Alyssa was impressive in the outfield, Jackie and TK were a strong double act on 1st and 2nd, or 2nd and 1st depending whilst Jeremy pitched well again, even if he got the yips when trying to throw to 1st. :)

For the Tiggers Harry worked hard at short stop, Oli led the way in the outfield, Caroline and Sandra were dependable on 1st and 2nd and Erin got a nice tag out at home. Dave pitched a good game.

All in all the Tigers showed their class but the Tiggers were far from disgraced and could hold their heads up high at the end of the evening.

MVPs were TK and Rob

Tigers	10	1	3	4	2	3	8	31
Tiggers	2	3	0	2	1	3	4	15



06/07/21 Tigers @ Thunder IV

The Tigers took an early lead in this game and added steadily to their score through the game after that without having the big inning that would have killed the game off until the 6th.

OP leader was James who went 6 for 6, Glen and Ed close behind going 5 for 6. James was also the leading Home Run Hero with 3, with TK and Ed also chalking up 1 apiece.

In the field the whole team worked hard in the wet to keep Thunder's scoring under control with Holly looking impressive again on 2nd and TK having a good game on 1st.

Tigers MVPs were TK and James

Tigers	8	4	5	3	1	10	31
Thunder IV	2	2	3	0	0	1	8



13/07/21 Tigers @ Stingers

The Tigers took a winning lead early in this game and the Stingers never looked like coming back into it. In the top of the 2nd the 15 runs were all scored with 2 outs and that inning killed the game as a contest. Ed and Glen did a good job in the infield and Aly took a couple of nice outfield catches.

OBP leaders were Rob and Alyssa who each went 5 for 5 and also Jeremy who went 4 for 4. The only Home Run was hit by Jeremy, base hitting and good base running did the rest.

Tigers MVPs were Alyssa and Rob

Tigers	10	15	0	1	31
Stingers	0	3	2	0	5



20/07/21 Tigers v Freeze

All good things come to an end and the Tigers unbeaten start to the season juddered to a halt in game 13 of the season when we lost to an impressive Freeze team. Absences and other players playing when injured meant that we weren't at our best.

Glen (5 for 5) was the OBP leader with Alyssa (4 for 5) best of the rest. Home Run Heroes were Rich and James with one apiece.

Glen was a stand out defensively, TK did good work on 1st, Jackie finished off an impressive relay by getting the out at the plate and guest Harry also did a good job in both infield and outfield.

Tigers MVPs were TK and Harry

Freeze	2	6	2	1	5	3	5	25
Tigers	5	3	1	2	5	0	1	17





27/07/21 Tigers @ Stingers

The Tigers took a winning lead early in this game and the Stingers never looked like coming back into it. In the top of the 2nd the 15 runs were all scored with 2 outs and that inning killed the game as a contest. Ed and Glen did a good job in the infield and Aly took a couple of nice outfield catches.

OBP leaders were Rob and Alyssa who each went 5 for 5 and also Jeremy who went 4 for 4. The only Home Run was hit by Jeremy, base hitting and good base running did the rest.

Tigers MVPs were Alyssa and Rob

Tigers	10	15	0	1	31
Stingers	0	3	2	0	5



03/08/21 Tigers v Colt 45s

Another slow start but the Tigers soon gathered speed and recorded the promotion sealing win against an injury and Covid hit Colt 45s team, albeit one who did have a couple of useful guests in the line up.

Rich was the male OBP leader, going 5 for 5, whilst Alyssa (3 for 5) led the way for the women. There were lots of home runs spread around the team with Rich, Alyssa, James, Ed and Jeremy all claiming four baggers. In the field Alyssa took some nice catches in the outfield and Rich and Ed were good at 3rd and short stop respectively.

This was Jackie's last game in charge of the Tigers before her return to Canada and it was only fitting that it should end with a win, and promotion to Division 2. Jackie has been a vital part of the Tigers club over the last four years and everyone on the team will miss her enormously.

Tigers MVPs were Alyssa and Rich

Colt 45s	1	0	1	3	0	4	4	13
Tigers	1	0	5	2	11	3	X	22



10/08/21 Tigers @ Thunder III

After a slow start the Tigers gradually kicked into gear and a nine run top of the 3rd effectively ended the game as a contest on a pitch 8 made even more of an adventure than normal by large amounts of goose crap.

OBP leaders were Holly, Richard and Jeremy who all went 5 for 5 (1000). Rookie Lou also deserves special mention, going 3 for 5 in her first game of softball. Home Run Queen was Emma who claimed a pair with Glen, James and Richard hitting one apiece.

The highlight reel play in the field was Holly's diving catch at 2nd. Jeremy pitched well again, Glen looked good in the outfield with Richard doing a fine job at 3rd.

Tigers MVPs were Lou and Glen

Tigers	1	4	9	5	6	25
Thunder III	1	0	2	2	5	10



17/08/21 Tigers @ Bandidos

A tense, tightly fought game to end the Tigers league season, but one that ended in a narrow defeat to the Bandidos.

OBP leader was Ed who went 4 for 4 and was also our Home Run Hero with a 3 run effort in the 1st. In the field Emma did a really good job in left field with Glen and James also playing well. Holly did a fine job at 2nd and Ed was solid at Short stop with Rich and Rob doing well on 3rd. TK played well on 1st and guest Chris put in a good pitching performance.

With a small squad and some serious injury problems to deal with the team has had a fantastic season losing only two games and claiming promotion to Division 2 at the first attempt. Onward and upwards in 2022!

Tigers MVPs were Holly and Ed

Tigers	4	0	3	0	0	2	0	9
Bandidos	1	2	4	0	1	3	X	11



First Rotation

Date	Opponent	Pitch	H/A	Score
27th April	Freeze	2	A	32-10
4rd May	Thunder III	6	H	27-7
11th May	Colt 45s	1	A	19-15
18th May	Rippers	2	H	18-12
25th May	Enforcers	4	A	21-6
1st June	Swingers	2	H	23-3
8th June	Bandidos	6	H	19-18
15th June	Stingers	7	H	15-14
22st June	Seagulls	1	A	27-2
29th June	Tiggers	3	A	31-15
6th July	Thunder IV	3	A	31-8

Division 3

Date	Opponent	Pitch	H/A	Score
13th July	Stingers	8	A	26-5
20th July	Freeze	2	H	17-25
27th July	REST	?	n/a	
3rd August	Colt 45s	3	H	22-13
10th August	Thunder III	8	A	25-10
17th August	Bandidos	1	A	9-11



League Stats 2021

Name	Games	PA	OBP	HRs	Name	Games	PA	OBP	HRs
Ed	13	62	790	9	Alyssa	14	69	623	2
Glen	15	68	676	2	Emma	15	72	597	2
James	15	66	742	12	Holly	14	71	592	
Rich	14	59	763	7	Jackie	12	59	542	
Rob	10	40	825		Lou	2	9	333	
Steve	3	12	333	1	TK	14	70	514	3
Tiggers					Tiggers				
Matt	1	4	750		Caroline	1	4	500	
Harry	1	4	750		Sandra	3	13	615	
Oli	1	4	500						
Guests					Guest				
Jeremy	11	48	854	5	Sonia	3	12	583	
Chris	1	3	333						



Tiggers League Reports



26/04/21 Tiggers v Seagulls

The Tiggers were no match for a strong Seagulls side. We looked very rusty at the start and whilst we then did get better in the field our batting never really looked strong enough for us to be competitive.

Female OBP leader was Lynsey who went 2 for 2 (1000). Male OBP leader was Oli who went 2 for 3 (667). Fielding highlight was a 1-3-2 double play to finish the 3rd inning.

Matt did a fine job on debut playing at Short stop. Lynsey mad some nice plays on 2nd and everyone worked hard. We did leave the bases loaded twice, so with a couple of extra base hits we could have got a lot closer but in the end we lost to a stronger team.

MVPs were Lynsey and Matt

Seagulls	4	0	4	8	1	17
Tiggers	0	1	1	0	0	2



Lynsey Matt



04/05/21 Tiggers @ Bandidos

The Tiggers put in a much improved performance against the Bandidos, coming oh so close to a first win of the season. We took an early lead and held it until the bottom of the 7th, in the end though they had just that bit too much batting power for us to hang on.

OBP leaders were Abbey and Matt who each went 3 for 4 (750). Home Run heroes were Oli and Matt with 1 four bagger apiece. Good base running was a feature of the game, we made the most of our hits and took the extra base when available.

Matt did another fine job at short stop. Abbey looked very promising at 3rd Mikala made a welcome return at 1st and Connor took a nice catch in the outfield. Oli did a good job pitching and is looking more at home there every week.

MVPs were Abbey and Oli

Tiggers	1	5	0	0	3	1	1	11
Bandidos	1	0	2	1	3	1	4	12



11/05/21 Tiggers v Enforcers

Not one for the purist, both teams were a lot better at bat than in the field and in the end the Enforcers extra experience helped them to a high scoring win (*later reversed as they had fielded an illegal line up*).

OBP leader was Oli who went 5 for 5 (1000) with some nice hitting to right field. There was a 3 way tie for the female lead with Lynsey, Mikala and Becky all going 4 for 5 (800). Our Home Run Hero was Harry who also hit a triple.

Highlights in the field were rare but Harry showed some nice touches at 3rd base and Lynsey took a nice catch on a pop up at 2nd. Oli battled hard at pitcher, there will be a dry night at some point this season honest! And Dave put in a cameo appearance in the 6th, giving Oli a break during what was a very long game.

MVPs were Lynsey and Oli

Enforcers	2	8	6	6	4	4	3	33
Tiggers	6	3	1	3	2	5	4	24



18/05/21 Tiggers v Swingers

A very inexperienced Tiggers line up fell victim to an improving Swingers team. Shaky fielding in the first 3 innings gave the Swingers a big lead that we never looked like pulling back. We did improve in the 2nd half of the game and ended up outscoring the Swingers in the last 4 innings but it was never going to be enough.

Matt was the male OBP leader, going 5 for 5. Abbey and Erin shared the female lead, each going 3 for 4. Once we started getting people on base we produced some good base running, pushing for the extra base.

In the field Dave pitched efficiently in his first start of the season and Rachael was effective when she came on in relief. Courtney took a couple of nice catches in the outfield, Harry looked good at 3rd after he came into the game and Aiden got a nice tag for the out at home on a base runner who confidently expected to score.

MVPs were Rachael and Matt

Swingers	8	2	2	1	2	0	2	17
Tiggers	0	0	0	2	2	0	5	9





25/05/21 Tiggers @ Thunder IV

Close but no cigar again for the Tiggers, with a slow start leaving us too much to do against a Thunder IV team who in the end got the winning run courtesy of a wicked bounce off a base that turned a routine out into a hit with 2 down in the bottom of the 7th.

It took until the 4th inning. until we came to terms with a slippery batter's box that made hitting harder for both teams. Rachael led the OBP chart going 4 for 4 (1000). Matt's pinch hit double led the male OBP list and also moved him into the lead on the all season leader board. Harry was best of the rest going 3 for 4.

In the field Harry and Oli looked good at 3rd and Short respectively, Erin made some nice plays at catcher including a couple of tags at home, Dave pitched a good game and Mikala put in a solid performance at first. Thanks to Jen for taking the photos.

MVPs were Mikala and Harry

Tiggers	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	10
Thunder IV	5	0	0	1	0	4	1	11



01/06/21 Tiggers v Freeze

A similar plot to the previous week's game in many ways but with a twist at the end which involved the Tiggers coming from behind to chalk up our first win of the season by scoring 4 runs in the bottom of the 7th.

Oli (4 for 4) and Abbey (3 for 3) were the OBP leaders, Lynsey was best of the rest going 3 for 4. In the field Dave pitched well, Harry recovered from an uncertain start to put in a fine performance at 3rd, Matt took a series of catches at short Mikala was solid on 1st and Becky took a nice catch in right field. We had a few wobbles defensively but overall we kept their scoring under control and hung in there long enough for the bats to wake up in the 2nd half of the game.

MVPs were Mikala and Harry

Freeze	1	4	0	0	2	1	0	8
Tiggers	0	0	0	0	2	3	4	9





08/06/21 Tiggers v Rippers

The Rippers shot into an early lead in this game but couldn't hold onto it as the Tiggers put in their best performance so far this season to grab the win.

Oli (4 for 4) and Conor (3 for 3) were the OBP leaders, Matt was best of the rest going 3 for 4. Home Run heroes were Oli, with a pair and Conor, with his first MSL homer - the first of many we hope and expect!

In the field Oli pitched well, Conor took some nice catches in the outfield, Rachael looked promising at 1st and both Sandra and Caroline did good work at 2nd

Caroline's return from her long injury break went well, though she did make the mistake of hitting the ball too far too often which put some pressure on her repaired ankle as she ran round the bases to chalk up a pair of doubles.

MVPs were Rachael and Oli

Rippers	0	5	1	2	1	0	2	11
Tiggers	0	2	6	3	2	1	X	14



15/06/21 Tiggers @ Colt 45s

The Tiggers shot into an early lead in this game but couldn't hold onto it as Mario inspired Colt 45s came back to claim the win.

Oli was the OBP leader, going 4 for 4 (1000), Lynsey and Abbey were the best of the rest, each going 3 for 4. (750). Matt was our only Home Run Hero, hitting a 2 run dinger in the 4th.

In the field Sandra did a good job on 2nd, highlighted by her fantastic full stretch catch of a line drive. Rachael put in another promising performance at 1st and Dave managed to avoid giving too many walks away despite being blinded by the sun whilst pitching.

MVPs were Lynsey and Oli

Tiggers	8	0	0	3	0	3	14
Colt 45s	0	3	4	4	4	X	15



22/06/21 Tiggers v Thunder III

The Tiggers just couldn't stop leaking runs in this high scoring game against Thunder III. We had one big inning in the bottom of the 2nd but couldn't compete after that as Thunder kept piling on the pressure.

Courtney was the OBP leader, going 4 for 4, Oli was best of the rest going 4 for 5. Home Run heroes were Oli and Abbey with 1 apiece. Abbey also went 3 for 4 and seems to have put her problems transitioning from fastpitch to slowpitch hitting well behind her. In the field Harry showed promise at short stop and Abbey was the best of the outfielders. Overall though whilst the dry conditions are making fielding tough at the moment we were well below par in this game.

All the Tiggers would like to wish Rich Sarver, who took a nasty blow to the leg whilst pitching, a speedy recovery.

MVPs were Abbey and Oli

Thunder III	3	0	9	3	4	5	4	28
Tiggers	2	8	2	0	0	1	4	17



29/06/21 Tigers @ Tiggers

A high scoring intra club battle that ended in a well deserved and resounding win for the Tigers. At 10 nil after the top of the first it looked like it might be a short night but the Tiggers fought back well to take the game to the full 7 innings.

For the Tigers Rob lead the OBP listings going 6 for 6. TK and Holly were best of the rest, each going 5 for 6. There were lots of Tigers Home Runs, TK got a pair and James, Rich, Ed, Holly and Glen got one each.

Aiden was the Tiggers batting leader, going 5 for 5, Oli and Abbey were the best of the rest, each going 4 for 5.

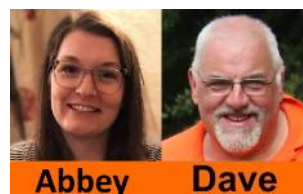
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All in all the Tigers showed their class but the Tiggers were far from disgraced and could hold their heads up high at the end of the evening.

MVPs were Abbey and Dave

Tigers	10	1	3	4	2	3	8	31
Tiggers	2	3	0	2	1	3	4	15



06/07/21 Tiggers @ Stingers

A see saw game which the Stingers eventually won because of their better team work. A 6 run burst in the bottom of the 2nd gave the Stingers an early lead which we overhauled with a big inning of our own in the 4th. We couldn't hold on though, they added runs every inning whereas only scored 1 run in the last 3 innings.

OBP leaders were Abbey, Oli and Dave who each went 4 for 4. Sandra was best of the rest going 3 for 4. In the field Dave pitched a good game, Abbey was stand out player in the outfield, Oli did a lot of good work at short and Lynsey looked promising on 1st.

The two big differences between the teams were the better base running of the Stingers, they were good at exploiting our fielding errors to take the extra base, and also they were generally better in the outfield, both things that showed the work they have done practising as a team.

Tiggers MVPs were Abbey and Oli

Tiggers	0	2	2	8	1	0	0	13
Stingers	1	6	1	2	2	4	X	16



13/07/21 Tiggers @ Raiders

An efficient win against a very raw Raiders team. We started slowly but grew into the game putting crooked numbers on the board in both the 3rd and 4th innings.

In the field Oli pitched a good game, Harry put in a good performance at short stop and Lynsey looked promising at 1st. OBP leaders were Courtney and Rachael who each went 3 for 3, best of the rest was Abbey who went 3 for 4. Home Run heroes were Matt with 1 and Courtney who hit two. The first home runs of his softball career, the first but not the last.

A big Tiggers welcome to Ruby Sanders, who not only played for the team for the first time but also helped out with the scoring.

Tiggers MVPs were Abbey and Courtney

Tiggers	4	0	7	9	20
Raiders	0	0	0	0	0



20/07/21 Tiggers @ Swingers

A nip and tuck game in the first half but the Tiggers then took control in the 5th and 6th, scoring 12 runs to 1 in the 2 innings – a scoring burst which gave us an unassailable lead.

OBP leaders were Oli, Lynsey and Matt who all went 4 for 5. Home Run Heroes were Oli (2) and Matt (1). Caroline and Courtney deserve a special mention, they took 5 walks between them which played a big role in setting up run scoring opportunities for the team.

In the field Oli pitched a good game, Lynsey looked good again on 1st, Caroline turned a nice double play at 2nd, Rachael took a good catch at catcher on a pop up in the 7th and Matt did good work at short stop.

Tiggers MVPs were Lynsey and Matt

Tiggers	2	0	2	3	3	9	0	19
Swingers	1	0	2	5	0	1	3	12



27/07/21 Tiggers @ Seagulls

An up and down game that ended abruptly when it got dark in the bottom of the 5th and the blue called the game for bad light in the middle of an at bat.

OBP leaders were Oli, Lynsey and Courtney who all went 4 for 4. Courtney showed impressive patience at the plate, taking another two walks this week. Home Run hero was Oli who hit a 2 run right field homer in the top of the 5th. In the field Matt took a couple of nice catches at short, Rachael was energetic at 1st, Dave pitched a good game, Oli made some nice plays at 3rd and everyone else worked hard.

In the first league game of this season we lost heavily to the same opponents. We put in a much better performance in this game, showing the improvements we have made as the season has gone on, but at times we still make hard work of what should be the more routine aspects of the game and simple errors cost us a possible win in this game.

Tiggers MVPs were Rachael and Oli

Tiggers	4	4	3	1	3	15
Seagulls	0	9	0	6	2	17



03/08/21 Tiggers v Screwballs

After a slow start and at only 6-3 to the home team half way through the 4th the score was perhaps a bit too close for comfort but a 6 run bottom of the innings put the Tiggers on the road to an ultimately comfortable win against their rookie opponents.

Rachael and guest Kate were the OBP Queens, each going 4 for 4. Harry was best of the men, going 3 for 4.

In the field Oli both pitched well and fielded his position well, Matt took a couple of nice catches at short stop and Rachael did a good job on 1st.

Tiggers MVPs were Rachael and Oli

Screwballs	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
Tiggers	2	4	0	3	6	2	X	17



10/08/21 Tiggers v Thunder IV

A much changed Tiggers line up looked outmatched in the first two innings of this game but we got stronger as the game went on and the remaining five innings were much more even with many fine performances from people playing new positions in the field..Annie and Rachel both made their debuts and both put in promising performances with Annie winning the female MVP award.

OBP leader was debutant rookie Annie who went 2 for 3 and hit the ball with some real power. Our only Home Run Hero was Oli with a 2 run blast in the 5th. Everyone in the line up got at least one hit and unluckiest batter was Becky who consistently hit the ball hard but was twice robbed of a hit by the Thunder outfield.

There were lots of good performances in the field. Oli both pitched and fielded his position well, Erin got more and more impressive at 1st as the game went on, Harry put in an encouraging display at short and Becky looked good at 2nd.

Tiggers MVPs were Annie and Oli

Thunder IV	3	8	3	3	2	0	1	19
Tiggers	1	0	0	0	4	1	0	6



17/08/21 Tiggers @ Rippers

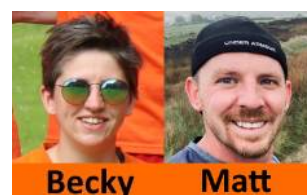
A really good win for a Tiggers side that shot into an early lead and then were just, just good enough to hang onto it in the face of some serious pressure. With the light closing in and only 2 runs ahead things looked dodgy in the bottom of the 6th but some excellent defensive play sealed the win.

Harry was the OBP star, going 4 for 4. Rachael was the female lead going 3 for 5. Matt was our Home Run Hero with a blast in the first inning that helped create our large early lead.

In the field Oli pitched well and fielded his position well, including recording an important tag at home plate. Becky was good at 2nd Harry grew into his role at short stop as the game went on, Matt and Aiden both took important catches in the outfield and despite a wobble or two along the way we looked much improved as a team. The defensive work in the bottom of the 6th, including a nice double play, was the best part of the game.

Tiggers MVPs were Becky and Matt

Tiggers	7	3	1	1	2	0	14
Rippers	0	1	5	3	3	2	12



24/08/21 Tiggers @ Enforcers

An entertaining final game of the season. It was close up until the bottom of the 4th when the Enforcers had a big inning at just the right time as the light faded

There was very little resting on the result and that gave us the freedom to mix things up in the field, plus the plus the absences of Oli and Harry meant we had to change things anyway! Rachael pitched and put in a promising performance, Dave got to relive his youth at first base and Aiden did a good job at catcher.

Conor (4 for 4) and Aiden (3 for 3) topped the OBP leader board and our Home Run Hero was Matt with a Grand Slam in the 2nd.

Georgia made her league debut and looked promising. James made a cameo guest appearance in the top of the 5th and also did much of the scoring as well as helping out with the base coaching.

Tiggers MVPs were Rachael and Matt

Tiggers	4	4	1	2	0	11
Enforcers	6	0	1	8	X	15



League results

First rotation

Date	Opponent	H/A	Score
27th April	Seagulls	H	2-17
4rd May	Bandidos	A	11-12
11th May	Enforcers	H	24-33
18th May	Swingers	H	9-17
25th May	Thunder IV	A	10-11
1st June	Freeze	H	9-8
8th June	Rippers	H	14-11
15th June	Colt 45s	A	14-15
22st June	Thunder III	H	17-28
29th June	Tigers	H	15-31
6th July	Stingers	A	13-16

Division 4

Date	Opponent	H/A	Score
13th July	Raiders	A	20-0
20th July	Swingers	A	19-12
27th July	Seagulls	A	15-17
3rd August	Screwballs	H	17-3
10th August	Thunder IV	H	6-19
17th August	Rippers	A	14-12
24th August	Enforcers	A	11-15



League statistics

Name	Games	PA	OBP	HRs	Name	Games	PA	OBP	HRs
Aiden	16	63	635		Abbey	12	48	708	1
Conor	15	52	442	1	Annie	1	3	667	
Courtney	17	59	508	2	Becky	15	47	426	
Dave	11	29	552		Caroline	5	22	409	
Harry	13	49	592	1	Erin	16	53	396	
Matt	15	57	561	6	Georgia	1	3	333	
Oli	16	68	765	8	Lynsey	14	57	649	
Tigers					Melissa	1	2	500	
Rob	1	2	500		Mikala	4	16	563	
					Rachael	15	60	600	
					Rachel	2	6	333	
					Sandra	8	30	500	
					Guests				
					Ashley	1	4	250	
					Carolyn	1	4	500	
					Ruby	1	3	667	
					Star	2	7	286	

Tournaments

NW1 – Fun in the Sun



After a year away we made a socially distanced return to the field at the North West 1 tournament. Our team was a mix of old hands and new faces and we got better as the day went on. We played six round robin games followed by a placing game to finish a long but enjoyable day in the sun.

Despite some encouraging batting displays some slightly shaky fielding meant that it was tough going early on. After a tough opening game against a strong Thunder line up we won a slug fest against the Stingers but two more losses followed, a heavy defeat against the Dales followed by a much closer game against the Seagulls.

Opponent	Score
Thunder	L. 3-13
Stingers	W. 20-16
Dales	L. 6-20
Seagulls	L. 12-14
Swingers	W. 18-3
Freeze	W. 10-9
Swingers	W. 9-6

The club captain now appeared on the scene and things soon started to look brighter. Coincidence? We put the Swingers to the sword in Game 5 and then in perhaps our best performance of the day came out on top with a tight 1 run win against a loaded Freeze team.

That win put us into a placing game, facing the Swingers again. Despite the absence of two of our most experienced players in James and Ed and also an improved Swingers performance we still had too much for them and chalked up a satisfying win to round off the day.

Female OBP leaders were Holly, Jackie and Erin with Steve, Oli and James bunched together at the top of the male rankings. Ed was the Home Run King with a pair, with Jackie and Melissa also each claiming a four bagger.

Everyone made a positive contribution to the team's performances. To pick out just a few, Mel showed real promise at bat. Steve did a fine job as Captain and put in some strong pitching performances. James made some nice outfield plays with the highlight a catch em out, throw em out double play against Freeze, doubling the runner off second after taking the outfield catch. Courtney showed lots of promise and Erin got on base with great regularity.

Tournament MVPs: Holly and Steve





Leeds Tournament



We had a (mostly) up and (occasionally) down time at the Leeds tournament on a day that ended on a high with victory in a high scoring Bronze final against our old rivals the Bobcats.

We had a big squad which meant a great deal of inning and outing and swapping round in a (largely successful) attempt to give everyone an equal amount of playing time and a similar number of plate appearances over the day. It could have caused confusion and ill feeling but instead everyone mucked in and accepted their roles with good grace and had a great day in the sun.

We'd started the day with a routine if slightly boring win against the inexperienced Archers team. Next up was a tough, and close, defeat to the Pyros where we had the tying run on 3rd and the winning run on 2nd when the final out was recorded, a catch of a long line drive that could have won us the game.

After a long (two hour) lunch break we were half asleep in a messy loss to the Dales in which the final score flattered us. We were back in the groove for our final group game, producing some good hitting to chalk up a convincing win against the Royals.

Our 2 & 2 record was enough to put us in both 7th place (of 14) and in the Bronze final against the Bobcats. This last game turned into a bit of a slug fest but we got ahead early and then had a big bottom of the 4th after the Bobcats briefly took the lead in the top of that inning. The 10 runs we scored then gave us a large cushion and it was one that turned out to be just big enough as the Bobcats had a big inning of their own in the top of the 5th and final inning. Alyssa was our stand out player with a Home Run, a Triple and a great outfield catch, which combined won her the female MVP award in the final.

Matt (10 for 11) led the Male OBP standings with James (9 for 11) close behind. Jackie, also 9 for 11, topped the female chart with Alyssa (8 for 11) pushing her close. Home Run Queen was Alyssa with 3. Best of the men was James with a pair whilst Harry, Matt and Rich claimed 1 apiece.

Archers	W. 15-3
Pyros	L. 8-9
Dales	L.13-15
Royals	W. 14-6
Bobcats	W. 18-16

In the field Oli and Dave both pitched well. Jackie and TK both played well on 1st Matt did a good job at short and everyone mucked in mixing and matching as required to give everyone game time.

Tournament MVPs were Alyssa and Matt

Bobcats	3	0	2	4	7	16
Tigers	6	2	0	10	X	18





NW2 Tournament



The Tigers had a long, hot but ultimately very successful day in the sun at the North West 2 tournament. We started the round robin games with a close defeat to the Dales followed by a comprehensive win over the Stingers. After a short break we suffered another narrow loss to Thunder before a good win against the Seagulls. After a 2nd break we had another pair of games, we put in an impressive performance in defeating Freeze 9-3 before a relatively straightforward win against a promising but rookie Raiders team.

After 6 games on the bounce we then had an our off before the Gold final, an hour that seemed to rejuvenate the younger members of the team but may have had the opposite effect on one or two of the older team members!

The final was a rematch with the Dales who had beaten us both in the round robin and also the weekend before at Leeds. They couldn't make it 3 from 3 though as we put in an impressive defensive display – one good enough to cope with a slightly dodgy pitching performance from a tired skipper and pulled off an 8-5 win.

Over the day male OBP leaders were Ed (933), James (800) and Dave (692). Female leaders were Caroline (833), Emma (750) and TK (615). There were lots of Home Runs, Ed and James hit 3 each, Emma hit 2 and Lynsey and TK claimed 1 apiece.

Fielding was tough in the heat. Jackie and TK were both reliable on 1st, Ollie and Dave both worked hard at pitcher, James made some nice plays in the outfield and Ed got stronger at short stop as the day went on. Victory won us some medals, chocolate and batting cage vouchers, and made the post tournament visit to the pub even more satisfying.

Tournament MVPs were Caroline and Ed

Tigers	1	4	0	3	8
Dales	2	3	0	0	5





Manchester Tournament



The Tigers had an enjoyable and ultimately successful time at the Manchester tournament, finishing the weekend by winning the Plate final with a dominant batting performance against the Camels.

In the week running up to the tournament it had seemed touch and go whether we'd actually be able to get a team out, and as a result some of the guys had to play in unfamiliar positions on the field, but we still managed to be competitive throughout the weekend and we got better as the tournament went on.

We started things off with an encouraging win against a strong Family Cassling team before suffering successive narrow defeats against Speeders and Camels. In the afternoon we chalked up a win against Marauders before going down heavily in our final game, a tired looking performance against the Sharks.

Saturday evening was spent consuming poutine at Jackie's delayed Canada day party / leaving do, so it was a well fed team that went 1 and 1 on Sunday morning, a win against a weakened Bandidos team followed by a heavy defeat against the Bats.

Our 3 and 4 record put us into the plate and a semi final against the Marauders. Our bats came to life in this game and we chalked up a comfortable win helped by a Grand Slam from guest Conor. This put us into the final where we would face the Camels, who had sprung a surprise in their own Semi, downing the heavily fancied Bats with an impressive performance.

To the dismay of some of those involved the final was a 7 innings affair and it was a game in 3 parts. First the Tigers leapt into a big lead, then the Camels gradually worked their way back into the game and finally another big inning from the Tigers in the 6th put the game to bed.

Oli (733), Glen (727) and Dave (722) were the tournament male OBP leaders. Jackie (684), Alyssa (619) and TK (524) led the way for the women. Rich was the leading home run hitter with three, James hit a pair and guests Steph and Conor hit 1 apiece.

Family Cas	W. 13-10
Speeders	L. 6-9
Camels II	L. 12-13
Marauders	W. 6-4
Sharks	L. 4-15
Bandidos	W. 9-4
Bats	L. 2-12
Semi: Marauders	W. 12-6
Final: Camels II	W. 22-9

In the field Dave did a lot more pitching than he had originally planned for, Glen and Rich did good work covering at short stop and Oli performed well at both pitcher and short stop. Jackie and TK were both good in the infield, Holly worked hard at 2nd, and Alyssa did good work in the outfield.

Special thanks should be paid to guest Steph who played in more than half our games.

Tournament MVPs were Jackie and Glen

Camels II	1	1	1	2	4	0	0	9
Tigers	10	0	0	1	1	10	X	22





North West 3 Tournament



We had a highly successful, if very wet, time at the North West 3 tournament, culminating in a second successive low scoring North West series final win against the Dales. That win also meant we finished top of the combined table in the three tournament 2021 North West series.

We started the day with a routine win against the Stingers, followed by a high scoring but error strewn tie against the Nottingham University team.

We moved to the paddy field that was pitch 5 for our next 2 games, third game of the day was what started as a nip and tuck game against the Seagulls, before an 8 run top of the final inning gave us a game winning lead.

Next up was our group game clash against the Dales, for most of the game we were second best but a six run rally in the bottom of the final inning took us to a satisfying 8-7 win.

Three wins and a tie gave us first place in the group and a clash against a heavy hitting Thunder team. Again it was nip and tuck for most of the game but shutting down the heart of the Thunder batting order on their second time round the order, highlighted by a good catch by Holly in left field, gave us the win.

The final was a tight, nervy affair featuring a fine pitching performance by Oli. We took an early 3 run lead, featuring an infield homer by James,, which the Dales gradually clawed back as the innings passed. The Dales tied things up in the top of the final inning, then claimed 2 quick outs in the bottom of the inning before James's first pitch 400 foot homer to left closed out the game, the tournament and the series.

Stingers	10-3
Buckets	11-11
Seagulls	16-10
Dales	8-7
SF: Thunder	11-7
Final: Dales	4-3

OBP leader was Matt who went 12 for 12 (1000) , closely followed by Harry, 8 for 9 (889). Female leader was Holly (667) with TK (643) in 2nd place. Home Run Heroes were Matt, Ed and James with who claimed 2 four baggers each.

In the field Oli and Dave both pitched well. Ed did a good job at short stop, TK was her normal reliable self at first, Holly was good at both 2nd and in the outfield. Becky was also impressive at 2nd Matt and James did a good job in the outfield. Rachael looked really good at catcher. Everyone else worked hard and contributed to the team's success.

Even the weather, which ranged from not very nice to absolutely diabolical, couldn't ruin the day, though Sunday's news of positive Covid tests (Harry and umpire Al Green) did take a bit of the gloss off!

Tournament MVPs were Holly and James



Lastball Tournament Report



Our team at Lastball contained 4 rookies who only started playing in August and two other players returning from long term injury absences. Given that we did really well to finish with a winning record and a semi final appearance.

We had a fine day on Saturday with 4 wins out of five, the only setback being a loss to a strong Bobcats team. On Sunday we had a good win against Thunder before back to back losses to an impressive Coyotes team brought the weekend to an end.

Male OBP leader was Rich (833) followed by Steve (824) and Harry (737). Female lead was Caroline (684), followed by TK (600) and rookie Lou (500). Home Run Hero was James with 4, with Ed also claiming a four bagger. Steve pitched and fielded his position impressively on his return from injury.

TK was impressive on first, Ed worked hard at short stop. Holly and Caroline both did good work at 2nd and in the outfield. Steph did some good PR work with the umpires and Lou took some nice outfield catches. Everyone worked hard and we managed to finish before the rain started on the Sunday.

The biggest story of the weekend was the return of Steve and Caroline from injury. Both played well and were worthy MVPs.

Seagulls	W 12-4
Stingers	W 13-8
Buckets (Notts Uni)	W 16-1
Bobcats	L 4-9
Thunderbats	W 12-2
Thunder IV	W 19-7
Coyotes	L 5-11
SF: Coyotes	L 5-10

Tournament MVPs were Steve and Caroline





Full End of Season Tournament Stats

	Games	Plate Appearances	OBP	Home Runs		Games	Plate Appearances	OBP	Home Runs
Aiden	12	24	625		Alyssa	14	32	656	3
Conor	18	42	619		Becky	20	42	381	
Courtney	5	14	357		Caroline	20	40	700	
Dave	23	38	658		Emma	15	31	516	2
Ed	26	64	797	8	Erin	14	28	464	
Glen	14	36	611		Georgia	8	18	333	
Harry	26	55	745	1	Holly	27	84	560	
James	40	89	697	13	Jackie	28	62	613	
Matt	11	23	957	3	Lou	8	28	393	
Oli	30	72	708		Lynsey	7	14	571	1
Rich	21	51	686	4	Melissa	7	19	526	1
Steve B.	13	32	844		Rachael	6	13	308	
					Rachel	9	13	308	
					Sandra	19	41	439	
					Steph	5	9	222	
					TK	35	78	590	1



End of season awards

Male

Female

Tigers batting champion



Tigers home run champion



Tiggers batting champion



Tiggers home run champion



Tournament batting champion



Tournament home run champion



Tigers players' player



Tiggers players' player



Tigers captain's player



Tiggers captain's player



Tigers squad

Tigers



Alyssa Jones

Tigers



Ed Coington

Tigers



Emma Pritchard

Tigers



Glen Bridges

Tigers



Holly Smith

Tigers



Jackie Ervin

Tigers



James Wright

Tigers



Lea Gape

Tigers



Rich Thompson

Tigers



Rob Lawrence

Tigers



Steve Beddows

Tigers



Tereza Kocinska

Tiggers squad

Tigers



Abbey Fellansbee

Tigers



Aiden Peakman

Tigers



Annie Royner

Tigers



Becky Crawford

Tigers



Caroline Drake

Tigers



Coner O'Sullivan

Tigers



Courtney Button

Tigers



Dave Wareham

Tigers



Erin Osborne

Tigers



Georgia Orton

Tigers



Harry Schulte

Tigers



Lynsey Taylor

Tigers



Matthew Lyons

Tigers



Melissa Houghton

Tigers



Mikala Martin

Tigers



Oli Sharpe

Tigers



Rachael Andrews

Tigers



Rochel Osborne

Tigers



Sandra Zlatinska

Tigers



Stephanie McGuire