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Last Weeks Recap!

Last week we saw the Trojans host the Sharks in their second meeting of the 2023 season. The Sharks came out on top in an action packed game which saw 6 different people hit homeruns! Although the game finished after 5 innings, there was plenty of batting action for the Sharks... find out more on the next page!

In addition to this weeks game, we also saw a reversal of the same fixture. Sharks hosted the Trojans in the attempt to finish the first game of the season, however due to time we had to call it short again!

This Week

This week the Seagulls are against the Trojans, looking for another tightly scored game! Last time, Seagulls won 15-9 in a mostly dominating game, however Trojans showed their skill well in the last 2 innings scoring 7 runs.

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SHARKS' FEEDING FRENZY

Trojans Lineup: Rolf Groth (1B), Di Martin Baez (RF), Dan Groves (SS), Gina Amos (3B), Ian Williams (LF), Chloe Miossec (C), Dave Martin Baez (RC), Mel Byrne (2B), Pete Smullen (P), Lou Gape (LC), Jermie Tucker (3B)

Sharks Lineup: Charlie Whalley (P), Kate Shearer (1B), Hollie Glennie (2B), Will Leszki (SS), Chris Jones (3B), Meg Bankier (LF), Lewis Cranny (LC), David Allen (RC), Charlotte Daniel (RF)

SHARKS:	5	5	3	5	5	/	/	-	23
SEAGULLS:	0	2	4	0	1	/	/	-	7

MVPs: Lewis Cranny & Meg Bankier (SHA), Ian Williams & Di Martin Baez (TRO)

HOMERUNS: Sharks - Charlie Whalley 2, Chris Jones, Will Leszki, Lewis Cranny 2
Trojans - Ian Williams 2, Dave Martin Baez

Liverpool League Champions, Sefton Sharks, demonstrated their title credentials in a ruthlessly efficient display against the Liverpool Trojans. Scoring maximum runs in all but one inning, the Sharks won 23-7 in a mercy-rule 5 inning game.

Sharks started in dominant fashion hitting 5 quick runs off Trojans starter, **Peter Smullen**. Smullen who continued his pitching progress with a better strike-ball ratio, encountered a new challenge with his accurate pitching being dispatched by the Sefton offense. In response the Trojans had their usual slow start with the Sharks infield dealing with the first 3 outs for no runs as they struggled to get hold of Sharks' pitcher, **Charlie Whalley**.

The first inning set the tone for the rest of the shortened game although the Liverpool side managed a brief fight back in the 3rd inning with home runs from the impressive **Ian Williams**, who has shown that he has overcome his injury issues from last year, and Captain **David Martin Baez**, bringing home 4 runs and holding the Sharks to 3 runs.

That proved to be a mere blip for the Sharks as they stepped things up a notch both in the field with some good catches from the wide-ranging **Meg Bankier**, and continued explosive hitting from throughout their line-up.

Lewis Cranny and **Charlie Whalley** lead the Sharks' hitting with 2 homeruns apiece. **Will Leszki** and **Chris Jones** both also chipped in with 1 dinger each. For the Trojans, **Ian Williams** had a near perfect batting game going 3 for 3 with two homeruns and, it's not often you can say this, an almost disappointing triple. Mel Byrne went 2 for 3 as well for the Trojans. Sharks MVPs were **Cranny** and **Bankier** for their offense and defence respectively, whilst Trojans MVPs were **Williams** and **Di Martin Baez** for her improved hitting, reaching base with a good hit and unlucky not to have another.

Written by David Martin Baez



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Homeruns 2023

LBH

3 - Ian Williams (TRO), Charlie Whalley (SHA).

2 - Keith Altena (SGL), Paul Colton (SGL), Will Leszki (SHA), David Martin Baez (TRO), Lewis Cranny (SHA).

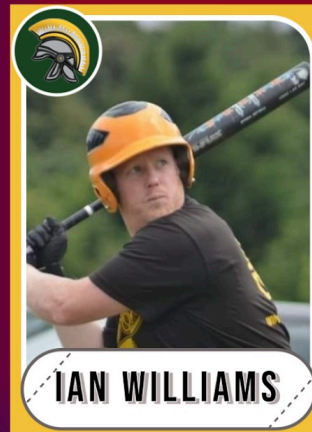
1 - Alex Mills (SGL), Chris Jones (SHA).

Week 2 MVPs

Sharks @ Trojans:

Sharks - Lewis Cranny & Meg Bankier

Trojans - Ian Williams & Di Martin Baez



FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	TIME	HOME	AWAY	RESULTS
5th JUNE	7PM	TRAINING		N/A
12th JUNE	7PM	SHARKS	TROJANS	10-6, PP @ 2.5
19th JUNE	7PM	TROJANS	SEAGULLS	9-15
26th JUNE	7PM	SEAGULLS	SHARKS	12-16
3rd JULY	7PM	TRAINING		
10th JULY	7PM	TROJANS	SHARKS	7-23
17th JULY	7PM	SEAGULLS	TROJANS	
24th JULY	7PM	SHARKS	SEAGULLS	
31st JULY	7PM	SHARKS	TROJANS	
7th AUGUST	7PM	TROJANS	SEAGULLS	
14th AUGUST	7PM	SEAGULLS	SHARKS	
21st AUGUST	7PM	END OF SEASON PARTY		

2023 TABLE

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	TIED	LOST	R/S	R/C	PTS	GB
SHARKS	2	2	0	0	39	19	1.000%	0
SEAGULLS	2	1	0	1	27	25	0.500%	1
TROJANS	2	0	0	2	16	38	0.000%	2

Did you know...

Did you know that the first ever softball was actually a boxing glove tied up with string? The story goes that a group of young men at a boat club in Chicago were waiting on the results of a football game in 1887, and they decided to play a game on indoor baseball to pass the time. They didn't have a ball so they used a boxing glove tied up with string instead! The game was a hit and the rest is history!

To this day, softball gloves are now made out of leather, mesh and synthetic materials, they are designed to be lightweight and flexible. Unlike a boxing glove!

Next Issue

In our next issue we will focus more on Seagulls vs the Trojans. Will there be any more home-runs added to our list? Who will be the MVPs? Find out in next weeks edition!

Next week we will introduce our 'Spot The Ball' game too!

For now, get yourself down and try out softball at Childwall, and join us afterwards in the Fiveways Pub for a drink!

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