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Last Weeks Recap!

This week we have a double issue! We will be focusing on Seagulls @ Trojans and who came out on top, as well as Sharks @ Seagulls.

Our homeruns have started racking up, as well as our MVP list!

Both the Sharks and Trojans trained on their weeks off, with new faces turning up to both of the sessions!

This Week

This week is all about training on Monday the 3rd of July! Get yourself down to this weeks training session / mash up game at Childwall! Whether you're an experienced player or a rookie, make sure you come down and have a swing!

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SEAGULLS @ TROJANS

MATCH REPORT

Seagulls Lineup: Matty Thomas (C), Estelle Speers (2B), Ray Walker (3B), Aly Jones (LF), Alex Mills (LC), Sophie Temple (P), Joshua Walker (RF), Yolie Bendall (1B), Keith Altena (SS), Cindy Jong (EH), Aaron McKenna (EH), Grace Mills (RC).

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

TROJANS:	0	1	1	0	0	3	4	-	9
SEAGULLS:	1	2	5	1	2	1	3	-	15

MVPs: Pete Smullen & Mel Byrne (TRO). Ray Walker & Grace Mills (SGL)

HOMERUNS: David Martin Baez (TRO), Ian Williams (TRO), Keith Altena 2 (SGL).

Seagulls won a comfortable first league game between the teams despite a now trademark late Trojan comeback in the last 2 innings to avenge a Spoon Final defeat in the Liverpool Shield last month.

The Seasideers were off to a strong defensive start under the pitching of Captain Sophie. The Trojans attack was limited to 2 runs in the first 5 innings, both solo homeruns by Ian Williams and David Martin Baez. Excellent defence by Aly in leftfield and an effective infield wall between second and third base meant that Trojan hitting was generally stifled.

Seagulls attack, whilst initially contained by the improving pitching of Peter Smullen, broke through in the 3rd inning with 5 runs. Despite a pitching change, with Trojan Captain David Martin Baez taking over, Southport managed to score in every inning keeping their score ticking over throughout. With the score at 11-2 at the end of the 5th and the game seemingly out of sight for the Trojans, their offence was sparked into action. 3 runs in the 6th inning was followed by 4 runs in the 7th with bases loaded.

The team from Sowie P held their nerve, having already added 4 runs of their own, getting the last out to secure the relatively straight-forward win.

Stats-wise, 3 hits from rookie Chloe Miossec, Dan Groves and Ian Williams led the Trojans attack. The top Seagulls were father and son duo, Ray and Josh, with 4 hits each, league debutant, Grace, with 3 hits and 2 homeruns from Keith.

Written by David Martin Baez



SHARKS @ SEAGULLS

Sharks Lineup: Charlie Whalley (LC/P), Meg Bankier (LF), Will Leszki (SS), Kate Shearer (1/RF), Lee Kendrick Walker (3B), Jo Dyer (RF/1), Chris Jones (RC/EH), Hollie Glennie (2B/C), Stephen Shearer (P/LC), Jenny Douglas (C/2B), David Allen (EH/RC), Phoebe Kay (EH).

Seagulls Lineup: Joshua Walker (RF), Aly Jones (RC), Ray Walker (SS), Yolie Bendall (1B/EH), Alex Mills (LC), Estelle Speers (C), Paul Colton (P/EH), Grace Mills (LF), Arthur Hung (EH/P), Cindy Jong (2B), Matty Thomas (3B), Sophie Temple (EH/1)

SHARKS: 2 1 4 5 0 2 2 - **16**

SEAGULLS: 2 2 1 1 4 2 0 - **12**

MVPs: Charlie Whalley, Jenny Douglas (SHA), Josh Walker, Yolie Bendall (SGL)

HOMERUNS: Charlie Whalley (SHA), Will Leszki (SHA), Paul Colton (SGL), Alex Mills (SGL).

Sharks finally got their season underway with a visit to Seagulls after our first game of the season was postponed due to severe thunderstorms.

Looking to defend our league Title, we got off to a shaky start only scoring 2 in the first inning and 1 in the second. Our bats then got hot, scoring 4 and 5 respectively in the 3rd and 4th inning. After a strong offseason of recruitment, the seagulls were looking strong and snapping at our heels and after six innings the game was super close at 14-12.

Its top of the 7th, and up steps our brand-new rookie **Phoebe Kay** in her first game for the Sharks, she unfortunately strikes out, leading us one down. This brings in the LBH MVP in waiting **Charlie Whalley** to the plate, who smashes a line drive to centre field for a double, however our next hitter flies out.

There comes another new player rapidly becoming knowing as Mr Reliable. True to form, he also smashes a double to Right field, **Charlie** scores. Next up was Mrs Shark, with a solid line drive down right field line for a single. Mr Reliable scores taking the game to 16-12. Unfortunately our next batter flies out, to the super talent teenage Rookie and Seagull LBH MVP **Josh Walker**.

With Seagulls at the top of there order there was tension in the Shark camp. Could we hold onto the 4-run lead?

Things started brightly with our pitcher **Stephen Shearer** taking a solid line driver back at him for the first out. The next two batters got on base before the next out. Up next, **Ray Walker** hits a solid single loading the bases.

The game was in the balance as the next bater steps up and thankfully from our point of view it hits a grounder to Short Stop who throws to 2nd for the final out. A 16-12 win by which was in the nick of time as next up was Mr Home Run **Paul Colton**, who was 2 for 2 if we had got to him, we would have no doubt been heading to extra innings.

Written by Stephen Shearer.



Homeruns 2023

LBH

2 - Keith Altena (SGL), Paul Colton (SGL)

1 - Charlie Whalley (SHA), Will Leszki (SHA), David Martin Baez (TRO), Ian Williams (TRO), Alex Mills (SGL)

Week 2 MVPs

Seagulls @ Trojans:

Seagulls - Ray Walker & Grace Mills

Trojans - Pete Smullen & Mel Byrne

Week 3 MVPs

Sharks @ Seagulls:

Sharks - Charlie Whalley & Jenny Douglas

Seagulls - Joshua & Yolie Bendall



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	
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	DRAW	LOST	POINTS	R/S	R/C	GB
SHARKS	1	1	0	0	100.0%	16	12	0
SEAGULLS	2	1	0	1	50.0%	27	25	0
TROJANS	1	0	0	1	0	9	15	1

Did you know...

In softball, there are two types of gloves that players can use: infielders gloves and outfielders gloves. Infielders gloves are smaller and lighter to allow for quicker ball transfer, while outfielders gloves are larger and deeper to help catch fly balls.

We would love to continue to grow our league and get the 4th team we've been dreaming of for a while! So what do you say? Come and try softball out next Monday at Childwall Sports and Science Academy!

If you require a glove give us a shout! We offer gloves for dirt cheap!

Next Issue

In our next issue we will focus on how our training session went, as well as Trojans @ Sharks!

There will be plenty of pictures, and hopefully a few more additions to our home run list!

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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