







Tigers Softball Club Yearbook, 2012











Review of the year

There was no sophomore slump in 2012, after a 5th place league finish in our debut year (2011) we improved to 3rd and also put in some strong tournament performances over the year. We did have to integrate a number of new players into the squad and for the first few weeks of the season we alternated wins and losses before going on a tear. Despite a brief hiccup in early July (one that eventually cost us promotion) we won the vast majority of our league games for the rest of the year.

We didn't win silverware at any tournaments this year but in the main that was because stronger performances meant we weren't playing in plate competitions! At First ball we won five and tied one of the eight games we played. After a disappointing Leeds tournament we played 500 ball at Manchester and at the end of season Leicester tournament we performed heroically after being put in the comp half of the tournament. We only got one win over the weekend but could have won three other games and only really got blown away twice in eight games.

End of season awards



Batting Champion





Players' Player





Captain's player





Home Run Champion



League season

24/04/12: Mayhem L. 9-13 (6&1/2)

A flat performance in a very forgettable game. There were some bright spots, Sam went 4 for 4, Adam the Lion hit a Grand Slam and deadline signing Mel looked the business. Aimee and Sharon hit the ball with some power but little luck and Emma made her debut, went 1 for 2, and scored a run.

Mayhem weren't at their heavy hitting best but did enough for a comfortable win. A spirited Tiger rally in the 7th made the scoreline respectable but the gap in performance was wider than the gap in the score.

This game was Kate Wade's last, she had to come off after one at bat and decided that her health problems (that had limited her appearances in 2011) were just too much to cope with and she retired,

a sad end for a talented player..

Tigers	0	0	0	1	1	1	6	09
Mayhem	3	3	0	6	1	0	X	13

MVPs were Sam and Mel

01/05/12: Camels II W. 12-10 (6&1/2)

Carolyn, Dave E, Kirsty and Kate H all made their debuts, and all contributed to a satisfying win, though Dave was the star hitting a home run in his second at bat. Other batting highlights were provided by Richard, who also homered and Sam who went 3 for 3 at the plate.

In the field Sharon was excellent on first, Mel took a nice low catch at second and the new look

short and third combination of Sam and James made a promising debut. Given the inexperienced nature of the outfield, including 3 of the rookies, they did a fine job, and Ed showed his veteran status with a nice catch in the

top of the first. Tony never had his best stuff on the mound but put in a great battling performance in trying damp conditions and also made some nice plays in the field.

Camels	0	1	1	0	3	2	3	10
Tigers	0	4	1	0	1	6	X	12

MVPs were Dave and Sharon

08/05/12: Blue Sox L. 14-16

A curate's egg of a game, some good hitting, and some not so good, but a weak fielding performance meant we came up short against a Blue Sox team who hit well when it mattered.

Tony, Sam and Richard all went 4 for 4 with Richard hitting for the cycle. Aimee was the unluckiest batter, lining out twice to short when she had hit the ball with real power. Sharon was the star in the field putting in another fine performance on first.

Tigers	4	2	2	0	2	0	4	14
Blue Sox	2	5	2	2	0	5	X	16

MVPs were Richard and Sharon



Sharon



















15/05/12: Enforcers W. 13-5

We went 4 - 1 up in the first and from that point we never looked liked losing a game marred by the infantile behaviour of a couple of the opposition (and only a couple - the rest were great). Tony went 5 for 5 leading off and pitched a fine game.

Sam and Richard went 3 for 4 with Richard hitting a homer for the third successive week. Clair marked her debut with a hit and also (being a Tiger) with a leg injury, both matched by fellow rookie Beth, whilst Kate got 2 hits and no leg injury.

James had a good game at short and Sharon put in another fine performance at first. Aimee also hit well whilst Mel gave us a bit of experience at third.

Tigers	4	2	0	2	0	1	4	13
Enforcers	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	05

MVPs were Tony and Sharon

22/05/12: Aarmavarx

Continuing our run of alternating bad and good performances we were far from our best against a well organised Aarmavarx side. The batting was fairly anaemic up and down the order, bright spots being Richard, who went 3

for 3, Beth who went 2 for 3 and Kirsty who had one lovely hard hit into right field. Tony pitched a good game, James put in a solid performance at short and Beth showed promise at 3.

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Tigers	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	06
Aarmavarx	3	3	3	1	1	0	X	11

MVPs were James and Beth

29/05/12: Phoenix

Our alternating good and bad performances continued with a solid win over a Phoenix side who looked dangerous when batting but whose inexperience caused them problems in the field.

Steve went 4 for 4 at the plate including a home run on his return to action. Tony and James also went 4 for 4 with Sharon's 3 for 4 leading the way for the women. Beth hit the ball hard to go 2 for 4 and Emma took 2 walks and should perhaps have had 2 more.

In the field Dave E made some nice catches in left field and Sharon looked promising on second. A special mention also goes to Aimee for collecting the cash, definitely appreciated by the harassed skipper.

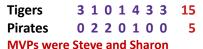
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Phoenix	2	1	3	1	0	0	4	11
Tigers	1	4	4	1	7	4	X	21

MVPs were Steve and Sharon

04/06/12: Pirates

An encouraging win against a Pirates side who looked dangerous at times but struggled to cover the non-appearance of their normal pitcher. We scored in 6 of 7 innings to keep the scoreboard ticking over and a fine fielding display meant we shut them out in 4 of their 7. Steve and Sam were perfect at the plate, and Steve and Tony hit home runs. Tony, James and Ellie got on base 3 of their 4 at bats and there were also encouraging hitting performances from Sharon, Kirsty and Aimee.

Dave looked good at third, James was excellent at short stop and the combination of Sharon at second and Ellie on one also looks good. Linda did a fine job umpiring the game.





Steve

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12/06/12: Morekats

Another good defensive display, highlighted by Tony's tag of Dan at home and including excellent work throughout the game at first by Ellie, was the basis for a comfortable win against an inexperienced Morekats team who despite the score line showed a lot of promise and made some nice defensive plays.

Batting highlights were provided by Sam and Steve (both 3 for 3) with Richard chipping in as well (2 for 2) when

he replaced the injured skipper (1 for 1). Sharon, Ellie and Kirsty all went 2 for 3 and kept the score board moving along. Tony pitched a fine game and Baljit also deserves a mention for a good umpiring performance.

Morekats	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	03
Tigers	1	1	5	3	1	1	X	12

MVPs were Tony and Ellie

19/06/12: Hackers

A well-played game that resulted in a deserved win, three runs in the bottom of the sixth giving us just enough leeway to hold off the Hackers fight back.

Batting Hero was Ed with a Home Run to go with his 3 for 3 record at the plate. Sharon, Emma and Dev E. also batted well going 2 for 3.

In the field Ellie played well at one, highlighted by a good catch to rob Andrea of extra bases down the first base line. Sharon also played well at two with Dave E and James also looking good on the left side of a solid infield.

Hackers	0	1	0	5	2	0	2	10
Tigers	0	4	5	0	0	3	X	12

MVPs were Ed and Ellie

19/06/12: Drizzle

This game was nip and tuck for the first 3 innings but then we pulled away with 2 big innings against a battling Drizzle side.

Batting Heroes were Ed and James who both went 4 for 4 with Ed tacking on a home run to go with his effort from the first game of the evening. Richard also homered and both he and Tony went 3 for 4 at the plate. Ellie was the leading lady going 2 for 3 at the plate and putting in another strong performance at first. Beth, Sharon and Kirsty all went 2 for 4, and Kirsty in particular was unlucky not to get even better

results. Defensively we were solid throughout.

Tigers	3	0	0	8	6	0	1	18
Drizzle	2	1	0	1	0	2	2	08

MVPs were Ed and Ellie

26/06/12: Hurricanes

A fine win in an exciting well-played game in which the Hurricanes brought the tying run to the plate in the top of the 7th only for Dave E. to haul in a hard hit line drive in left field for the final out.

Richard was the hero with 3 home runs, Tony went 4 for 4 at the plate and Sharon and Kirsty led the way for the women each going 3 for 4.

The whole team played well defensively after an uncertain start with the infield especially looking solid again. A special word for Chloe, who showed a lot of promise in her second week of Softball and got a clean single in the 2nd which set up our big inning.

Hurricanes	0	3	3	3	1	1	1	12
Tigers	3	5	0	5	2	1	Х	16











03/07/12: Hackers

We were as flat this week as we had been good last week, a disappointing performance. Even so there were some bright spots amidst the gloom. On the batting side Emma and the 2 Daves all went 2 for 2, Ed created a

home run out of aggressive base running and Beth and Kirsty got good hits.

In the field Kirsty put in a promising display at first, Sharon looked good at second, Beth showed off her arm in right field and Neil took a nice catch on debut.

Tigers	2	1	2	0	0	05
Hackers	2	2	7	0	9	20

MVPs were Ed and Kirsty

10/07/12: Blue Sox

A second consecutive anaemic batting performance allied to a few defensive miscues meant we were never really in the hunt against the alternating bunts and homers of an athletic Blue Sox team.

Richard went 3 for 3 at the plate and played well at third. James was also perfect at the plate and Sharon led the way for the female half of the team going 2 for 3. Tony pitched a good game and Dave and Ed both worked hard

in the outfield. Clair got a good base hit and we all wish a speedy recovery to Chloe who was injured (by her father!) in the warm up.

Blue Sox	3	2	1	5	4	0	1	16
Tigers	1	0	0	2	0	1	2	06

MVPs were Richard and Sharon

17/07/12: Pirates

After a slow start we put in a solid performance to get back to winning ways. Sam pitched an excellent game, Sharon put in her best performance yet at 2nd base and Dave E took some nice catches in the outfield as well as

making a nice throw to get a force out on second. With the bat Dave led the way going 4 for 4, Richard and Sam went 4 for 5 and James 3 for 4, with Emma's 3 for 4 leading the way for the women.

Pirates	2	5	0	0	0	1	1	09
Tigers	0	4	4	2	6	2	X	18

MVPs were Dave and Sharon

24/07/12: Mayhem

In many ways this was our best performance since the end of our six game winning streak, but it wasn't enough against a Mayhem side who eventually broke through in the sixth inning to take the lead and get the win.

At the plate the best performer was Richard who went 3 for 3, highlighted by a Grand Slam home run in the first that gave us an early lead. Best of the rest was Sam, going 3 for 4 with Dave E, James and Adam all going 2 for 3. Ellie led the way for the women going 2 for 4.

Ellie also put in a solid performance at first. Sharon put in another fine performance at second and Richard made some good work at third. We were generally good as team in the field, and Sam pitched well, but a dodgy 5 minute wobble in the sixth gave Mayhem all the chances they needed to take control.

Mayhem	0	3	0	1	1	6	3	14
Tigers	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	07

MVPs were Richard and Ellie







31/07/12: Hurricanes

The wet conditions made it hard work but we ground out a win against an under strength Hurricanes team. Batting heroes were Tony (5 for 5) and Chloe (4 for 4). Tony also pitched a fine game. Sharon had little to do at second but took an excellent catch to end the game.

Defensively we were impressive at times but we made too many simple errors to be entirely happy. Thanks to the two Michelles from the Lions who covered for this week's many absentees.

Tigers	0	2	2	1	3	2	0	10
Hurricanes	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	06

MVPs were Tony and Chloe

Tony Chloe

14/08/12: Enforcers

There was a bit of ring rustiness on view after our week off but we eventually (8 innings) ground out a win against the Enforcers. Defensively we kept things tight all the way through but the batting amounted to less than the sum of it's parts, lots of promise, some good individual performances but all adding up to not many runs!

Sharon led the way for the women going 2 for 3 and Tony, Richard, Dave, Ed and James all did the same for the men. Becky and Chloe also hit well with little luck.

Thanks to Chris from the Lions who helped us out in our hour of need and pitched well in relief.

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

MVPs were James and Sharon

21/08/12: Blue Sox

After a shaky start we produced one of our best performances of the season to beat the Blue Sox. Good defence shut them down for the second half of the game and we scored just enough runs to nail down the win. Batting heroes were Ellie, Sam and Dave, who all went 3 for 3 at the plate, though it was Richard who delivered the clutch hit as his homer in the 5th drove in the runs that secured the game.

In the field Richard also had perhaps his best ever performance on third, James had a fine defensive game at short (whilst also going 2 for 3), and Dave and Ed both performed heroics in the outfield, with Dave finishing the game with a fine catch to snare a deep line drive and secure the final out.

Ellie played well on first, and also hit the ball with real power, Becky and Kirsty got the ball back in quickly from the outfield and Emma came oh so close to her first tag play at home. Sam also both pitched well and fielded his

position with aplomb. However the biggest thing this week was the way that we played as a team in defence, the performance was greater than the sum of it's parts and all the more satisfying for that.

Blue Sox	3	1	3	0	0	0	1	8
Tigers	0	ო	2	1	3	0	X	9

MVPs were Richard and Ellie





28/08/12: Mayhem

Close but no cigar this week, another fine performance after a stuttering start, but we just came up short against a Mayhem team who bent but in the end didn't break under pressure. Dave was perfect at the plate (4 for 4), and there were other notable batting performances from Richard, 3 for 4 with a home run, Ellie, 3 for 5, and Kirsty, Beth and Chloe, all 2 for 4.

In the field Emma put in an impressive debut performance at 2nd whilst Tony pitched a fine game and Dave did some fine work in the outfield. Everyone worked hard in the field and things look bright for the team next season.

Mayhem	4	1	5	0	3	0	6	19
Tigers	0	1	4	4	1	2	0	12

MVPs were Dave and Emma

04/09/12: Hurricanes

The last game of the season wasn't going to affect our final league position, so we took the opportunity to try a few things. Dave W. pitched his first league game of the year, Sam moved to short, Tony to third and Kirsty to first. Everyone performed creditably in their new roles and we also batted well, chalking up a comfortable win over Hurricanes in a game reduced to six innings by bad light.

Richard and Ed were the home run heroes with one apiece, and they also went 3 for 3 at the plate,

the latter an achievement also matched by Chloe and Sam. The best fielding performance of the day was provided by Kirsty, who put in an assured performance at first. James deserves a mention for a nice catch in the outfield which ended the game.

Tigers	2	1	6	0	3	1	13
Hurricanes	0	0	1	0	4	2	07

MVPs were Sam and Kirsty



Dave E

Emma



MSL Results

Date	Opponent	H/A	Pitch	W/L	Score
17 April	Hackers	Н	1	pp	
24 April	Mayhem	Α	7	L	9-13
1 May	Camels II	Н	2	W	12-10
8 May	Bluesox	Α	1	L	14-16
15 May	Enforcers	Α	4	W	13-5
22 May	Aarmavarx	Α	6	L	6-11
29 May	Phoenix	Н	7	W	21-11
5 June	Pirates	Α	2	W	15-5
12 June	Morekats	Н	4	W	12-3
19 June	G1: Hackers	Н	2	W	12-10
19 June	G2: Drizzle	Α	5	W	18-8
26 June	Hurricanes	Н	3	W	16-12
03 July	Hackers	Α	1	L	5-20
10 July	Bluesox	Н	3	L	6-16
17 July	Pirates	Н	6	W	18-9
24 July	Mayhem	Н	3	L	7-14
31 July	Hurricanes	Α	6	W	10-6
07 August	REST	n/a	n/a	n/a	
14 August	Enforcers	Н	7	W	7-6 (8)
21 August	Bluesox	Н	4	W	9-8
28 August	Mayhem	Н	3	L	12-19
04 September	Hurricanes	Α	6	W	13-7 (6)

Division 3 after 1st rotation (splits into upper and lower)

	G	W	L	F	RS	RC	%age	
Mayhem	11	11	0	0	150	49	1000	
Tigers	11	8	3	0	148	104	727	
Bluesox	11	8	2	1	136	119	727	
Hurricanes	11	7	4	0	166	104	636	
Hackers	11	6	5	0	143	113	545	
Pirates	11	5	6	0	121	127	455	
Enforcers	11	5	6	0	146	114	455	
Camels II	11	5	6	0	114	129	455	R
Moorkats	11	4	7	0	119	190	364	R
Aarmavar	11	4	7	0	140	131	364	R
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Drizzle	11	2	9	0	132	179	182	R
Phoenix	11	1	10	0	70	226	091	R

Division 3 after 17 games – 2nd split

	G	W	L	F	RS	RC	%age
Mayhem	17	17	0	0	222	81	1000
Bluesox	17	13	3	1	214	157	765
Tigers	17	11	6	0	201	175	647
Hurricane	17	10	7	0	228	181	.588
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Hackers	17	8	9	0	197	183	.471
Pirates	17	6	11	0	190	214	.353
Enforcers	17	6	11	0	206	187	.353

Final Division 3 (upper) table

	G	W	L	F	RS	RC	%age
Mayhem	20	20	0	0	274	100	1000
Bluesox	20	14	4	2	245	195	700
Tigers	20	13	7	0	235	209	650

	Hurricanes	20	10	10	0	251	230	500
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MSL Statistics

Name	Games	PA	OBP	HRs	
James	20	63	571		
Richard	19	54	719	11	
Tony	17	63	714	1	
Sam	17	60	783		
Dave E.	16	52	596	1	
Ed	15	52	558	5	
Dave W.	5	12	667		Always easier to drop yourself!
Adam	4	11	364		Ellie's husband, often away with work
Steve	3	11	1000	2	${\it Reappeared \ mid-season\ then\ vanished\ again.}$
Neil	1	1	000		Chloe's dad, filled in in an emergency
Sharon	19	68	412		
Kirsty	17	56	321		
Emma	17	54	352		
Ellie	16	57	421		
Beth	11	31	387		
Chloe	10	33	394		Arrived mid-season.
Clair	8	22	136		Work got in the way
Aimee	7	26	385		Played on for a bit without son Alex
Mel	3	11	455		Really more of a Lion, but on our roster
Becky	3	10	400		Good late season pick up
Kate H.	2	7	429		Didn't stick.
Carolyn	1	3	333		Richard's friend
Kate W.	1	1	1000		Retired injured after 1 st game of the season

Tournaments

MSL Firstball



Clangers	W	10-6
Sheriffs	W	5-3
Terriers	L	2-10
Raiders	L	6-16
Thunder II	Т	9-9
Bats	W	10-9
Hackers	W	9-7
Dynamite	W	19-3

We had a very successful time at Firstball, ending up with a final record of Won 5, Lost 2, and tied 1. We started out in fine style with a comfortable win over the Clangers followed by perhaps our best performance of the weekend, a low scoring victory against a Sheriffs side who could get on base but didn't convert their opportunities.

Saturday afternoon saw a change in the weather and a change in fortunes as we lost consecutive games against Terriers and Raiders.

Even in those games we kept our shape defensively and fought hard all the way. Our last game of the day was a see saw affair against Thunder II, Thunder were 9-3 up at one stage whilst we also had the opportunity to win it at the end but failed to score in the bottom of the last innings.

Our first two game on Sunday were both tight affairs, firstly against the Bats, a game we edged 10-9, followed by perhaps our worst performance of the weekend, some defensive miscues and unlucky bounces in the infield meaning we just scraped a 9-7 win against the Hackers.

Our last game was a placing game against Dynamite which turned into a bit of a laugher, 10 runs in the top of the 2nd meant that we strolled to a 19-3 win.

Highlights of the weekend were an impressive first day of Softball from Andrew, good pitching and powerful batting from Tony, and an excellent display at bat and in the field from Nancy.

Thanks to all the guests, Nancy, Helen, Jackie, Mikala and Natalie for their efforts over the weekend. The only down side was our customary collection of injuries with Carolyn, Uma and Sarah all possibly trying to return too soon, and Aimee suffering a bizarre leg injury whilst not involved in the play late on Saturday. Andrew was also unable to play on Sunday and Steve struggled with back problems throughout the weekend.

On the Stats side Richard was Home Run King with 4, with Tony (2), Sam (1) and Ed (1) also hitting four-baggers. King of the percentages was Andrew (.727) closely followed by James (.647) with Sharon leading the way for the women with a .611 mark. Another statistic of note was that 14 different women played for the team at some point over the weekend, surely some kind of record?

Andrew and Uma were never seen again and Sarah Newman wouldn't play another game for the team until the following season. Mikala would reappear in 2019.

Tournament MVPs were Tony and Nancy.























































Leeds

Definitely a tournament of two halves, both wet. On the Saturday we competed well in a strong group, getting a well-deserved win against the Cougars and put in good performances in the other games.

On the Sunday the bats mysteriously fell silent and we failed to score enough runs to give ourselves a chance in either of our first two games before just coming up short in a well -played finale against the Highland Chargers.

Heroine of the weekend was Sharon who played really well on 2nd and hit the ball really hard, getting better with every performance. Richard (824) topped the batting stats and Ed also gave the ball some tap, especially on Saturday and took some good catches in the outfield. With James ill on the Saturday

Mayhem guest Steve filled in manfully at short stop and played well throughout. Thanks to Steve and all the rest of the Mayhem contingent, it was a pleasure to have you as part of the team.

Tournament MVPs were Ed and Sharon.

Souls	L. 5-17
Cougars	W. 12-8
Bullfrogs	L. 4-12
Cast	L. 3-11
Dynamite	L. 0-6
Pyros	L. 4-7
Chargers	L. 8-9





Manchester

We performed well at the Manchester tournament, attaining mid table respectability in both our sets of round robin games. In the initial group we finished 3rd out of 5 teams, with wins against Cougars and Phoenix followed by more than respectable performances in defeat to the Bats and Bobcats.

Our 50% record put us into the Trophy where we recorded another 50% record with a win against the Chargers, tie with the Dragons and loss to Thunder. We then lost a tight placing game to the Demons, with a 7 run final inning giving the score a lob sided look.

Batting heroes over the weekend were Tony (.824), Sharon (.750) and Dave W. (.700).

Richard was the Home Run king with two, including a Grand Slam that nailed down the win against the Chargers. Ellie had some impressive hits, with Chloe also getting on base at a respectable rate. Becky put in an encouraging

performance on her team debut, making good solid contact with the ball. Sam impressed at bat and in the field and Dave E also looked good. James was his normal impressive self at short stop. Neil had his weekend cut short by injury but looked good in the one game he did play.

Tournament MVPs were Richard and Sharon.

Cougars	W. 11-9
Phoenix	W. 8-0
Bats	L. 3-8
Bobcats	L. 5-7
Chargers	W. 7-2
Thunder	L. 0-8
Dragons	T. 5-5
Demons	L. 0-9





















Leicester



We put in a more than creditable performance at the East Midlands Labor Day tournament despite finding ourselves amongst the big boys in the Comp half of the tournament. We didn't let that overawe us and kept our shape as a team even when luck wasn't running our way. We only won one game over the weekend, getting revenge over the Pyros for their victory at Leeds, but were competitive in nearly all the others and with a bit more experience could have had 3 more wins.

We started with a close game against the Finsbury Dazzlers, though both the score and the game ran away from us in the last innings, then were only one timely hit away from a win against Abaci in the second game. The final two games on Saturday were one sided but we didn't let our heads drop against the Exiles (spot the A comp players) and Bobcats and kept

V's	Score
Dazzlers	7-15
Abaci	8-9
Exiles	3-20
Bobcats	2-16
EMSL Tigers	(12 RB) 8-11
Rhythm	6-9
Pyros	10-2
Royals	3-9

plugging away to the end. First thing Sunday, in our last game of the first rotation, we could and perhaps should have won the game against the East Midlands Tigers.

In the second rotation we lost a close game against Rhythm, chalked up a convincing win against the Pyros, and then finished with a good performance against a Royals team who in the end just had a bit more experience and power than we did.

Batting stand outs were Dave E. and Beth with Steve, Kirsty and Becky also putting in notable performances. James and Ed also put up decent numbers and Emma got on base at a decent pace.

Ed was the Home Run King with three, and Sam, Dave E and Steve got one apiece. In the field Kirsty and Emma both made light of their lack of experience at first. All the outfielders worked hard all weekend against some heavy hitting teams, in particular Sharon made a couple of spectacular takes and Beth also made some nice

catches. James did an effective job at short with Sharon and Beth both doing good work at second and Sam doing well at both short and third when asked. Sam, Steve and Dave shared the pitching and all three performed effectively over the weekend.

Special thanks to Steve for playing with us, and last but not least Angie who made her softball debut on her 60th birthday on the Saturday and didn't let anyone down over the weekend.

Tournament MVPs were Dave and Beth.



Friendlies

Over the summer we played two friendlies against Mayhem followed by an end of season 3 way clash against Thunder and Mayhem (again).























