

CRICKET NEWS

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A WARM WELCOME FROM MCA TO ALL

What is Cricket?

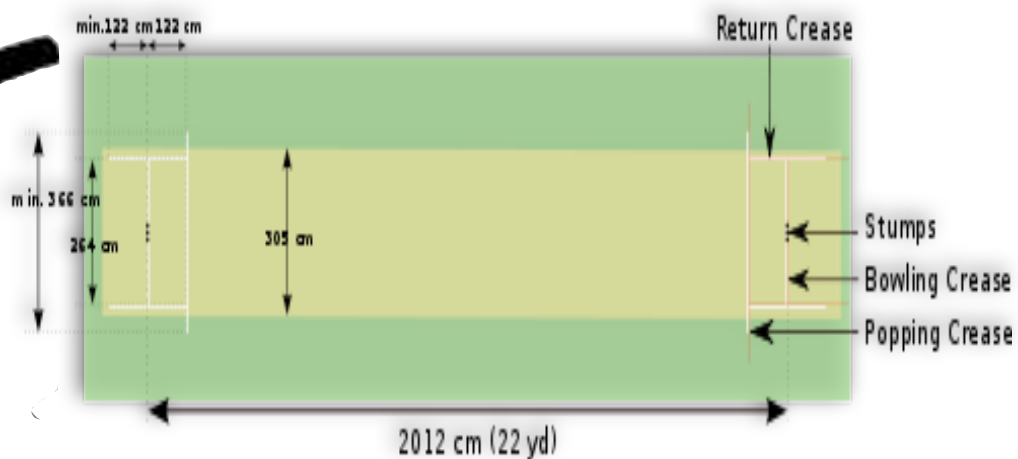
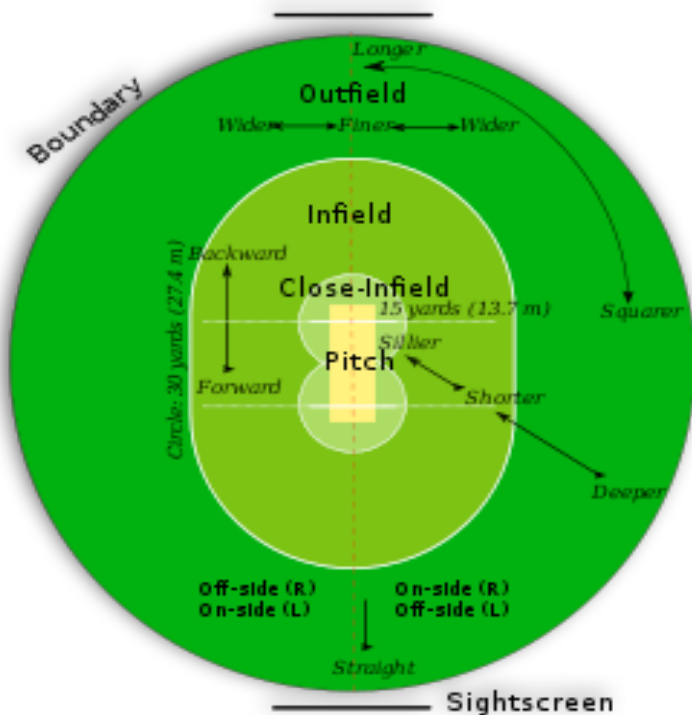
Cricket is a bat-and-ball game played between two teams of 11 players on a field, at the centre of which is a rectangular 22-yard long pitch. One team bats, trying to score as many runs as possible while the other team bowls and fields, trying to dismiss the batsmen and thus limit the runs scored by the batting team. A run is scored by the striking batsman hitting the ball with his bat, running to the opposite end of the pitch and touching the crease there without being dismissed. The teams switch between batting and fielding at the end of innings.

In professional cricket the length of a game ranges from 20 over's of six bowling deliveries per side to Test cricket played over five days. The Laws of Cricket are maintained by the International Cricket Council (ICC) with additional Standard Playing Conditions for Test matches and One Day Internationals.

Cricket was first played in southern England in the 16th century. By the end of the 18th century, it had developed into the national sport of England. The expansion of the British Empire led cricket being played overseas and by the mid-19th century the first international matches were being held. The ICC, the game's governing body, has ten full members.

The game is played particularly in Australia, Asia, Indian subcontinent, West Indies, Southern Africa, Canada, USA and England.

The following are pictures of a Cricket ground, Pitch (Playing area), etc.



What is MCA?

For those who are not familiar with MCA MCA stands for **Madison Cricket Association** which is a non-profit recreation league established in 2011 to conduct hard tennis ball cricket in Madison, Wisconsin, for all cricket enthusiasts and to help Madison community.

After a successful 2011 season, MCA continues to entertain cricket enthusiasts in Madison and we are back in 2012 with the same objectives and goals.

After all the winter and snow drama MCA is back to organize another eventful, fun filled, intense cricket season as the 2012 MCA Cricket League.

MCA started this initiative of publishing newsletters starting May 2012. The active months of the MCA constitute a Cricket season, in the mid-West. MCA is confident that players and sponsors will be kept engaged and more involved with our league through our monthly newsletters.

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2011 Recap

In 2011 MCA conducted two cricket competitions.

- ▶ One was the 2011 MCA League event. Comprised of 8 cricket teams from Madison. The winner was team Indie Blues.
- ▶ The next event was the MCA Exacta Tournament, comprised of 10 cricket teams from Madison and two teams from Milwaukee. The winner was the Madison Jets team.

TEAM STANDINGS AS OF MAY 31, 2012

TEAM NAME	MATCHES	WON	LOST	N/R	POINTS	NET RUN RATE (NRR)
AIT JETS	3	3	0	0	6	1.85
INDIE BLUES	2	2	0	0	4	2.28
Madison STRIKERS	2	2	0	0	4	1.25
RIDERS	3	2	1	0	4	0.23
Madison SUPER KINGS	3	2	1	0	4	-0.64
EAGLES	2	1	1	0	2	1.05
V-BADGERS	3	1	2	0	2	0.21
KILLER HAWKS	2	1	1	0	2	-0.32
PRAIRIE INDIANS	2	1	1	0	2	-0.85
Codeworks CHARGERS	2	0	2	0	0	-0.38
Team Soft RHINOS	3	0	3	0	0	-1.36
MASTER BLASTERS	3	0	3	0	0	-2.73

BEST TEAM

AIT Jets

The Jets team is full of enthusiasm, energy, fun and work ethic. A team which holds their opponents in high regard. The Jets team have balanced bowling and batting attack. The team captain is **Sateesh**, mentored by experienced guys such as **Navi, Suraj and Apurva** and they always aim to set High standards for themselves and the team on the field. Their recent well fought victory against the V-Badgers makes them **the best team for May 2012**. AIT Jets so far leads in points with **6 points** and has a **NRR of 1.85**.



BEST BATSMAN AS OF MAY 31, 2012

PLAYER NAME	TEAM NAME	MAT	INNS	NO	RUNS	BALLS	SR	HS	AVE	50's	25's	0's	4's	6's
Phani Ganesh E	V Badgers	3	3	0	99	70	141.43	70	33.00	1	1	0	2	6
Balaji G	Master Blasters	2	2	0	56	102	54.90	40	28.00	0	1	0	0	0
Vijay K	Riders	3	2	0	46	66	69.70	26	23.00	0	1	0	0	0
Praveen N	Team soft Rhinos	3	3	2	45	88	51.14	30	45.00	0	1	0	0	0
Naga S	Code works Chargers	2	2	0	41	64	64.06	37	20.50	0	1	0	2	0

BEST BATSMAN

Phani Ganesh
of the Victory Badgers

A right handed batsman who likes to hit the ball in air, Phani's batting is a combination of flair and agility. His batting is filled with explosive stroke play. He favors leg side the most but never shies away from hitting off side, if the ball is within his hitting range. He has got scores of **70, 26 and 3** so far. He presently boasts a batting average of **33.00** with an excellent strike rate of **141.43** with **6 SIXES** and **2 FOURS** to his credit. He is the **FIRST** player to score a **HALF CENTURY** in MCA League 2012.



BEST BOWLERS AS OF MAY 31, 2012

PLAYER NAME	TEAM NAME	MAT	INNS	BALLS	RUNS	WKTS	AVE	ECON	SR	4W	5W	WIDES
Sunil T	Madison Super Kings	3	3	71	50	11	4.55	4.23	6.5	1	1	8
Deepak S	Codeworks Chargers	2	2	48	22	7	3.14	2.75	6.9	1	0	4
Raghavender A	AIT Jets	2	2	37	13	5	2.60	2.11	7.4	0	0	3
Manoj C	AIT Jets	3	3	72	37	5	7.40	3.08	14.4	0	0	2
Phanindra P	Indie Blues	1	1	24	13	5	2.60	3.25	4.8	0	1	2

BEST BOWLER

Sunil TVVR

of the Madison Super Kings

A right hand medium pace bowler, who bowls with good line and length, Sunil bowls in consistent areas and knows his limitations well. He has been a consistent performer for Madison Super Kings with the ball. Presently leading the bowling pack for May 2012, he has already got 11 wickets with bowling performances of 2/21, 4/6 and 5/23 being his best. He presently claims his wickets with a significant bowling average of 4.55 runs per wicket with an economy rate of 4.23.



BEST FIELDERS AS OF MAY 31, 2012

PLAYER NAME	TEAM NAME	CATCHES	DIRECT RO	INDIRECT RO	STUMPINGS	TOTAL
Uday M	Riders	5	2	1	0	8
Apurva T	AIT Jets	2	0	6	0	8
Balaji G	Master Blasters	2	0	3	2	7
Vijay P	Indie Blues	4	0	2	0	6
Abhinav G	V Badgers	3	0	3	0	6

BEST FIELDER

Uday Madhupati
of the Riders

"A normal built player, Uday sets high standards on the field for his fellow team mates and for his opposition. He is very well known for his good catching ability and his agility in the inner circle. The stats so far for May 2012 speak for themselves. He has a total of 5 catches, 2 direct hit run outs and 1 Indirect run out"



BEST ALL ROUNDERS AS OF MAY 31, 2012

PLAYER	TEAM	MATCHES	BATTING PTS	BOWLING PTS	FIELDING PTS	OTHER (MOM)	TOTAL PTS
Phani Ganesh E	V-BADGERS	3	343	60	40	50	493
Sunil T	Madison SUPER KINGS	3	2	440	0	50	492
Deepak S	Codeworks CHARGERS	2	-7	320	0	0	313
Nikhil B	Madison STRIKERS	2	79	130	40	50	299
Praveen N	Team Soft RHINOS	3	75	220	0	0	295

BEST ALL ROUNDER

Phani Ganesh
of the Victory Badgers



MATCH SUMMARY

PERFORMERS - MOM & BEST PLAYER

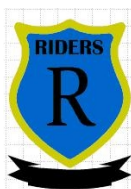


#	MATCH DETAILS	MAN OF THE MATCH (MOM)	BEST PLAYER (BP)	Match Summary
1	Jets vs Team soft Rhinos	Navdeep Singh (Jets)	Nanda V (Team soft Rhinos)	Team soft had to battle out this encounter, which at the end was an easy victory to Jets. Jets displayed some sharp fielding effort in this match which resulted in five run outs. Pawan P from Jets took their team home with the help of Sateesh.
2	Master Blasters vs Riders	Mahesh R (Riders)	Balaji G (Master Blasters)	Riders team with quite a few good changes to their roster took over Master Blasters and Balaji G (MB) played a very patient knock for 40 along with a quick fire contribution of 18 from Praneeth ensured Blasters bowlers had a good competitive total to bowl but Mahesh (Riders) had other plans and his 23 along with contributions from Amair, Vishwanath and Habeeb helped Riders to take this match from Blasters.
3	MSK vs V Badgers	Sunil TVVR (MSK)	Phani G (V Badgers)	Exciting knock from Phani G (V Badgers) filled with 4 powerful sixes handed MSK a target of 107, which they chased comfortably with what we call as TEAM Effort and some sensible batting efforts from Praveen S and Chandrasekhar M from MSK team. Let's not forget Sunil's awesome bowling performance claiming 5 of V.Badgers wickets.
4	Prairie Indians vs MSK	Sunil TVVR (MSK)	Thanooj K (Prairie Indians)	Fresh from their victory against Badgers, MSK team took over Prairie Indians which also had quite a few new players in their lineup. Excellent bowling performance yet again from Sunil (MSK) and accompanied by Praveen made sure MSK had to chase less than 35. Thanooj from Prairie Indians was lone double digit scorer with 10. MSK finished the game in 9.3 overs.
5	Madison Strikers vs K.Hawks	Nikhil B (Madison Strikers)	Sandeep S (K.Hawks)	Madison Strikers were up against Killer Hawks this time, Good bowling efforts from Nikhil, Bala and Sameer restricted Hawks to a modest score of 57. Strikers faced some obstacles but snatched the game in 12.2 overs with a run a ball 32 from Nikhil (Strikers).
6	Riders vs Eagles	Vijay K (Riders)	Sivaji D (Eagles)	Riders had to battle it out with Eagles, who missed their first game due to bad weather. Significant contributions from Varun and Sivaji from Eagles coasted Eagles to 87 runs. Praveen K (Riders) displayed good bowling effort and claimed 3 wickets for Riders. Riders got to the target in 17.1 overs with their Captain Vijay leading from the front with Bat supported by Aamir and Vishwanath.
7	CW Charges Vs Indie Blues	Teja J (Indie Blues)	Deepak S (CW Chargers)	Chargers had the Indies on the mat, thanks to some good bowling performances from Deepak and Naga, but Ravi Teja threw the caution against the wind and his patient 18 ensured Indies reached a total of 69 who at one stage were staring down the barrel at 41/9. 70 would have been a comfortable total against any other team but Indies have the habit of making any total look competitive. Chargers top order had a phone number going on the score card until Mohammed made a patient 10 but couldn't save Chargers from the blushes.
8	V Badgers vs Team soft Rhinos	Phani G (V Badgers)	Rama K (Team soft Rhinos)	Badgers displayed a much improved bowling performance compared to their earlier game, which restricted Rhinos to 76. Rama K made a good contribution of 30 for Rhinos. Badgers got the job done in 15.5 overs with another significant performance with the bat from Phani Ganesh and a helping hand from Venkat.

#	MATCH DETAILS	MAN OF THE MATCH (MOM)	BEST PLAYER (BP)	Match Summary
9	Master Blasters vs Madison Jets	Raghu A (Jets)	Balaji G (Master Blasters)	It was a straight forward victory for Jets. Jets bowlers Raghu and Ajit bowled in pretty good and consistent areas and were asking questions to the Blasters batsmen for which they had no answers. Blasters were bundled out for 43. Balaji was the top scorer for Blasters with 16 for which he got the Best Player award and Kiran contributed his part with 12. Rahul and Pavan started the chase positively and the job was completed by Ashish and Preetam in 6.4 overs.
10	MSK vs Indie Blues	Phani P (Indie Blues)	Abhijit C (MSK)	MSK weren't able to display the good bowling that they are known for and Indies showed a much better batting display on this day with contributions from Gopi, Praveen and Mallikarjuna. Bowlers who did the job for MSK were Sunil, Jaikumar and Azeem, but the job was half done as Indies eased ashore by dismissing MSK to a meager 33. Excellent bowling performances from Phani and Subbiah did the job for Indies.
11	CW Chargers vs Madison Strikers	Aditya P (Madison Strikers)	Naga S (CW Chargers)	One of the hyped battles of the week was played between two last year Finalists Madison Strikers and Code Works Chargers. It was a very hot and humid day and the players felt the real heat of the battle. Naga got Chargers to a bright start with his 37 and he was accompanied by Harish and Ramakrishna. Chargers set a target of 107 for Strikers. Strikers started steadily without losing a wicket till their initial 7 overs, but suddenly lost their openers in quick succession. Steady contributions from Ravi, Deepak and Santosh ensured the match was up for a tight finish, but cometh the hour, cometh the man, Prasad held his nerve and stuck a 14 ball 23 to take Strikers past the finish line.
12	Team soft Rhinos vs Prairie Indians	Uthej R (Prairie Indians)	Praveen N (Team soft Rhinos)	Team Soft Rhinos didn't find it easy against the Prairie Indians. Rhinos batted first and their Captain Praveen led from the front and they posted a total of 85. Star with the ball for Prairie Indians was HariKrishna. Prairie started their chase with a setback losing Suresh in the very first over for a duck but Uthej and HariKrishna ensured they chased down the target successfully.
13	Eagles vs Master Blasters	Chetan K (Eagles)	Mohammed G (Master Blasters)	Eagles displayed a much better bowling performance this time against Master Blasters getting them out for 37. Contributors from the bowling department for Eagles were Phani, Chetan and Sivaji. Eagles lost three wickets but eventually chased the target down in 8.3 overs.
14	K.Hawks vs Riders	Nithin S (K.Hawks)	Venkat A (Riders)	Killer Hawks fared well against the Riders in this match. Hawks batted first and were on the way to set a moderate total but Nithin had some other plans and took the Riders bowling apart in the final overs. His power package performance included 3 sixes and 2 fours. He scored 38 from just 18 deliveries. It wasn't an easy task at all for Riders chasing a little over 6 per over on Bill Kettle pitch and they fell short eventually. Riders scored 97 with contributions from Vijay, Habeeb, Venkat and Uday.
15	Jets vs V Badgers	Suraj S (Jets)	Koteshwar K (V Badgers)	Asked to bat by the Jets Captain, V.Badgers were off to a miserable start losing two top order batsmen in the very first over. Navdeep and Raghu bowled according to their fields and kept pressure on the Badger's batsmen which was capitalized by Suraj who got rid of Phani Ganesh with a beautiful in dipping delivery that found Phani playing all over the ball and in turn getting his stumps shattered. Steady contributions from Sateesh, Prudhvi, Nithin and Abhinav helped Badgers reach 85. Jets kept on losing wickets on regular intervals in their course of 86. Steady batting from Suraj, accompanied by Sateesh and Navdeep left the match to a tight finish with Jets needing 15 of the last 2 overs with 1 wicket left. A combination of some pure luck, wayward depth bowling by Badgers and some sensible batting by Rajendra and Raghu gifted Jets a last ball victory.



MCA 2012 League Teams



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JUNE 2012

MCA SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 02 2012

08.30 AM Code works Chargers (vs) Riders
 11.30 AM AIT Jets (vs) Eagles
 02.30 PM Killer Hawks (vs) Master Blasters

Sunday, June 03 2012

08.30 AM Team Soft Rhinos (vs) Indie Blues
 11.30 AM V.Badgers (vs) Prairie Indians
 02.30 PM Madison Super Kings (vs) Madison Strikers

Saturday, June 09 2012

08.30 AM Prairie Indians (vs) AIT Jets
 11.30 AM Master Blasters (vs) Code works Chargers
 02.30 PM Eagles (vs) Killer Hawks

Sunday, June 10 2012

08.30 AM Indie Blues (vs) V Badgers
 11.30 AM Madison Strikers (vs) Team soft Rhinos
 02.30 PM Riders (vs) Madison Super Kings

Saturday, June 16 2012

08.30 AM Eagles (vs) Code works Chargers
 11.30 AM Indie Blues (vs) Prairie Indians
 02.30 PM Killer Hawks (vs) AIT Jets

Sunday, June 17 2012

08.30 AM Riders (vs) Team soft Rhinos
 11.30 AM Madison Strikers (vs) V Badgers
 02.30 PM Master Blasters (vs) Madison Super Kings

Saturday, June 23 2012

08.30 AM Prairie Indians (vs) Madison Strikers
 11.30 AM Code works Chargers (vs) Killer Hawks
 02.30 PM Madison Super Kings (vs) Eagles

Sunday, June 24 2012

08.30 AM V Badgers (vs) Riders
 11.30 AM Team soft Rhinos (vs) Master Blasters
 02.30 PM AIT Jets (vs) Indie Blues

Saturday, June 30 2012

08.30 AM Eagles (vs) Team soft Rhinos
 11.30 AM Madison Strikers (vs) Indie Blues
 02.30 PM Code works Chargers (vs) AIT Jets

Sunday, July 01 2012

08.30 AM Master Blasters (vs) V Badgers
 11.30 AM Killer Hawks (vs) Madison Super Kings
 02.30 PM Riders (vs) Prairie Indians



FUNNY INCIDENT



Lucky Bails

Lucky Bails was an incident that happened during the close match between **AIT Jets and Victory Badgers**. V-Badgers almost had the game in their bag if it was not for the bails that didn't fall even after the batsman was short of the ground.

Jets needed **15 of the last 12 balls with 1 wicket left**. Rajendra was at the non-strikers end with Raghu at the Striker's end. Raghu hit the ball directly to Nithin Gone who was fielding on the off side. Rajendra came along way down for the single and was backing up and in the mean time, Nithin hit the base of the stumps with the ball, but the bails didn't dislodge. Rajendra was a long way out of the crease but the match continued as the bails didn't come down and eventually Jets won the last ball thriller.