



WELCOME to the

34th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Melbourne Softball Association Inc



FAWKNER PARK, SOUTH YARRA

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

Melbourne Softball Association acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nations as the traditional owners of the land on which we are gathered. Melbourne Softball Association respectfully recognises Elders both past and present.

LIFE MEMBERS

1946	Jack OWENS (<i>deceased</i>)
1946	William NEWSOME (<i>deceased</i>)
1947	Irene BURROWS
1948	Lorraine MICHAEL (<i>nee REID</i>)
1949	Jack FRANKLIN
1950	William MUIR (<i>deceased</i>)
1951	Roy BARTLETT
1952	Frances CRAIG (<i>deceased</i>)
1953	Dorothy LUMSDEN (<i>deceased 24 June 2011</i>)
1954	Judy THOMPSON
1954	Gwen HOOPELL
1955	Thomas DOBSON (<i>deceased</i>)
1956	Esther DEASON MBE (<i>deceased 15 April 1995</i>)
1963	Glory BAIN
1964	Elizabeth DORNAN (<i>deceased 26 February 2006</i>)
1968	Myrtle EDWARDS (<i>deceased 30 August 2010</i>)
1971	Merle SHORT (<i>deceased 24 January 2008</i>)
1975	Marjorie DWYER (<i>deceased 2 May 1990</i>)
1977	Lorraine IRELAND (<i>nee CADMAN</i>)
1979	Pauline CAREW (<i>deceased 27 February 2002</i>)
1980	Marjorie (Midge) NELSON BEM
1986	Elaine DUYVESTYN
1993	Bill MAPLEBACK
1999	Betty HOWSON
2002	Sue JAMES
2004	Nol DUYVESTYN
2006	Julie NEMETH (<i>deceased 19 April 2016</i>)
2007	Vi GRAY
2007	Bob GRAY
2008	Wayne DUYVESTYN
2011	Neil DUYVESTYN
2013	Trisha BENNETT (<i>nee IRELAND</i>)

LORRAINE IRELAND AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Introduced in 2013, this is the highest form of recognition that is awarded, by Melbourne Softball Association, to an individual whose distinguished service, ability, or vision has personally contributed to the advancement of our association and contributed to Softball overall.

2013	Lorraine Ireland
2014	Elaine Duyvestyn

DUYVESTYN SERVICE AWARD

(Effective from 2013, 'Service Award' was renamed as the 'Duyvestyn Service Award')

Presented for service to softball at Fawkner Park

1997	LAYNE AMARU <i>Bears</i>	JUDY COSTELLOE <i>Dingley</i>	JACINTA POOLE <i>Monash University</i>	PIP GRAINGER <i>Panthers</i>	FLIP COLLINS <i>Wingers</i>
1998	KEN COSTELLOE <i>Dingley</i>	DIONI BUTT <i>Macabbi Bullets</i>	SUE JAMES <i>Panthers</i>		
1999	RON DUNN <i>Dingley</i>	SCOTT DENNIS <i>Monash University</i>	ANNE DI STEFANO <i>Wingers</i>		
2000	MICHELLE ABBOTT <i>Wingers</i>	GEORGE JAMES <i>Umpire</i>	WAYNE DUYVESTYN <i>Melbourne</i>		
2001	YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER <i>58 members recognised</i>				
2002	JENNY MACLEOD <i>Bears</i>	DAN MCCARTHY <i>RMIT</i>	BOB GRAY <i>Umpire</i>	VI GRAY <i>Umpire</i>	STAN TOLMIE <i>Umpire</i>
2003	POPPY BOUHALIS <i>Red Devils/RMIT</i>	DEBBIE COLLINS <i>Wingers</i>	JULIE NEMETH <i>Wingers</i>	NOL DUYVESTYN <i>Melbourne</i>	
2004	SANDRA POWE <i>Dingley</i>	VANESSA FLEMING-BAILLIE <i>Monash University</i>	ROSIE GRIMM <i>Wingers</i>	WENDA DONALDSON <i>Winger</i>	
2005	SUE DONALDSON <i>Wingers</i>	NEIL DUYVESTYN <i>Wingers</i>	ROSIE HAWKINS <i>Wingers</i>	TERRY TOWNSEND <i>MCC</i>	
2006	TRISHA BENNETT <i>Panthers</i>	JO WILSON (nee Lenahan nee Mitchell) <i>Panthers</i>	<i>Wingers</i>	LINDA PACKHAM	
2007	JENNY BARRATT <i>Red Devils</i>	MICHELLE MAIL <i>Melbourne</i>	LISA SALERNO <i>Melbourne</i>	ALEX BROWN <i>MCC</i>	
2008	TRACY PATERSON <i>Dingley</i>	RHONDA ROWE <i>Umpire</i>			
2009	JEFF BARRATT <i>Red Devils</i>	BRONWYN NEVILLE (nee Cole) <i>Wingers</i>			
2010	LEE-ANNE CARTER <i>Red Devils</i>	MAREE HOLDEN <i>Wingers</i>	SCOTT RUTHERFORD <i>Umpire</i>		
2011	TINA LIN <i>Melbourne University</i>	JO DILLON <i>Panthers</i>			
2012	MICHELLE ZAMMIT <i>Red Devils</i>	ROY ASCOTT <i>Scrumshis Slices</i>	KATJA EVERAERTS <i>Wingers</i>	CHRIS JOHNSON <i>Flaming Beacons</i>	
2013	LISA BARRATT <i>Red Devils</i>	KERRI-ANNE DUYVESTYN (nee McInnes) <i>Wingers</i>			
2014	KHAY FONG <i>Melbourne University</i>	ERIN LANE <i>Melbourne University</i>			
2015	DANIELLE SENYSCHYN <i>Melbourne University</i>	KATHY BEDWELL <i>Panthers</i>			

PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES

(since MSA formed on 16 September 1982)

PRESIDENT

1982 – 2013	Lorraine Ireland
2014	vacant
2015 – current	Jell Radford

SECRETARIES

1982 – 1984	Merrilyn Bowers	<i>(Resigned July 1984)</i>
1984 – 1989	Elaine Duyvestyn	<i>(Resigned August 1989)</i>
1991 – 1992	Pip Grainger	<i>(Deceased 22 March 2002)</i>
1992 – 2001	Julie Nemeth	<i>(Resigned March 2001)</i>
2001 – 2002	Tlotlo Mokgwesti	
2002 – 2003	vacant	
2003 – 2005	Julie Nemeth	
2005 – 2007	Poppy Bouhalis	
2007 – 2008	vacant	
2008 – 2010	Julie Nemeth	<i>(Resigned February 2010)</i>
2010	Rhonda Rowe	<i>(Acting February – June 2010)</i>
2011	Melissa Southern	<i>(Resigned November 2011)</i>
2011 – 2012	Rhonda Rowe	<i>(Acting November – May 2012)</i>
2012	Poppy Bouhalis	
2013 – current	Danielle Senyschyn	

2015/2016 EXECUTIVE AND OUTGOING EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

President	Jell Radford
Secretary	Danielle Senyschyn
Competition Manager	Elaine Duyvestyn
Treasurer	Julie Nemeth
Ordinary Committee Members:	Neil Duyvestyn Poppy Bouhalis Maddi Lam

Effective from 2016, in line with the rules of the Association, the following positions are nominated as outgoing:

- Treasurer
- Competition Manager
- Ordinary Member (1)

Elected representatives will hold an office term of two years.

The positions of President, Secretary and Ordinary Members (2) shall be called in 2017 for a two year term.

ANNUAL REPORT

On behalf of my fellow Executive members, it is my pleasure to present the 34th Annual Report of the Melbourne Softball Association Incorporated. This covers activities that Melbourne Softball Association (MSA) has been involved with over the period May 2015 to April 2016.

2015 METRO LEAGUE

Our competition, the Metro League, began on the first Sunday of May with teams competing in three open age grades, namely Divisions A, A Reserve and B. The competition was played over nineteen weeks with only the Queen's Birthday weekend off.

As has been our practice for many years, we were pleased to have involved in the competition, members from Affiliated Associations and we trust they found their time at Fawkner Park enjoyable and beneficial.

Once again, Grand Final Day was very competitive with the following results:

A Division	Panthers	<i>defeated</i>	Wingers Red
A Reserve Division	Red Devils	<i>defeated</i>	Melbourne Warriors
B Division	Monash	<i>defeated</i>	Melbourne University Dragons

The **MOST VALUABLE PLAYER** awards for the Grand Finals were:

A Division	Kathy Bedwell (Panthers)
A Reserve Division	Felicity Mifsud (Red Devils)
B Division	Caitlin Laird (Monash)

RECOGNITION

During Grand Final Day presentations, we again acknowledged the considerable contribution of our club members and others to the success of Melbourne Softball.

The Duyvestyn Service Award, for service to Softball at Fawkner Park was presented to Danielle Senyschyn (Melbourne University) and Kathy Bedwell (Panthers). The Lorraine Ireland Award of Excellence was not awarded.

VALE – JULIE NEMETH

In April 2016, MSA lost Julie Nemeth, one of its beloved Life Members. Julie was an avid supporter of Melbourne Softball Association, her club Wingers and the game of softball itself. Since joining Wingers in 1986 Julie, held various positions on her club's and the Association's Executive committees. Over the years she played, coached and scored for club teams during our Metro League season and for Melbourne Representative teams in Open Championships and coached and scored at Junior Championships. Julie contributed for numerous years in supporting state programs and activities. Julie will certainly be missed and in honour of her passion for and contribution to softball MSA will annually present the 'Julie Nemeth Grand Final MVP – A Division' trophy. May she rest in peace.

MEMBERS TO SOFTBALL VICTORIA AND SOFTBALL AUSTRALIA

Melbourne acknowledges the involvement of Elaine Duyvestyn as a member of the group working on 'History of Softball in Victoria'. Margo Koskelainen and Lorraine Ireland are members of Softball Australia's History Sub-Committee. Their efforts are to be commended. Lorraine Ireland is a trustee to Softball Victoria's Marj Dwyer Perpetual Scholarship Fund.

DISAFFILIATION BY SOFTBALL VICTORIA (SV) OF MELBOURNE SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION (MSA)

MSA was disaffiliated by Softball Victoria (SV) in October 2013, over non-payment of an invoice pertaining to fees for the 2012/2013 Slowpitch season.

Since our last annual report there has been no significant development on this front. Recent positive news is that in mid April, open dialogue, initiated by Softball Australia, has commenced between Softball Victoria and Melbourne Softball Association. MSA shall continue to keep our members informed as new developments occur.

In the interim, it is business as usual at Fawkner Park. We have successfully conducted our 2015 Metro League and 2015/2016 summer Corporate Slowpitch competition with new teams joining in. New members have joined and existing members have returned for our Metro League season. You will read elsewhere in this report we have extended our community engagement activities and have, on approach, hosted special events.

We have also liaised with a number of SV affiliated associations and clubs to assist when and where we can in their endeavours.

Plans are in place to continue to be proactive in the promotion and development of softball at Fawkner Park.

STATE REPRESENTATION

MSA extends its congratulations to current and past members of our community representing Victoria at various championships/tournaments.

RECREATIONAL SLOWPITCH COMPETITION

Slowpitch was offered during the Metro Season and resulted with a few but keen players taking to the diamond. This consisted of both existing fastpitch and slowpitch members as well as general community members. Some of the new players proceeded to join teams in the 2015/2016 summer season.

During the 2015/2016 summer season, MSA once again was involved in a twilight mixed recreational slowpitch competition. This competition revolves, in the main, around the corporate sector and is played in a relaxed and friendly manner.

The Association is appreciative of members of our softball community who gave their time to learn and implement the intricacies of umpiring slow pitch softball and to Nol Duyvestyn and Elaine Duyvestyn for their time and efforts in co-ordinating this competition.

We congratulate all teams who competed in the league held in divisions over three nights weekly from November to March. Particular congratulations to division winners DROP BEARS, FOUL BALLS and THE BATTLERS. These teams together with FLAMING BEACONS, the best division loser, played off in a final series with DROP BEARS evolving as the season's champion team.

As we move towards growing the league in 2016/17, MSA will be seeking volunteers to manage each of the night's leagues. This is an opportunity for those interested in obtaining and/or improving a wide range of event management skills. Additional umpires will also be required to cover more games as the competition grows. I encourage interested persons, either to manage or umpire, to register their interest.

We also urge members to encourage their friends, be it at work or social, to consider getting a team together and participating in what is a great social version of our sport.

AMARU DAY

MSA again celebrated Amaru Day on Sunday 2 August 2015, a day set aside to remember and honour Layne Amaru, a past member of our association. The DIAMOND CLASSIC was played in an atmosphere that encompassed the comradeship of our great team sport, and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Top players from our Metro League teams, playing as All Stars, challenged 2015 Metro League champions and 2016 league leaders, Panthers. All Stars coached by Sue James (Wingers) and Janelle Radford (Melbourne University) took to the diamond to take on Panthers coached by Brendan Lenahan. The result was a close fought game that gave players the opportunity to not only play with players other than within their own club, but also in a game of a higher standard.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES

MSA, through its members and engagement in community activities, has a standing connection with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Flags are raised at Fawkner Park during the Metro League season, in recognition of key dates, such as National Sorry Day, Reconciliation Week, NAIDOC, to pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as well as raising awareness to contribute towards closing the gap/reconciliation.

In recognition of NAIDOC week, on Sunday 26 July 2015, in partnership with the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Services, La Trobe University's Office of Indigenous Strategy and Education and Red Devils Softball Club, MSA hosted the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Slowpitch softball game. This was a successful event with over 30 people participating.

ANNUAL REUNION

Since 2011, MSA proudly hosts an annual luncheon, now the last Sunday in November, for previous players/technical personnel and administrators who have had connections to softball at Fawkner Park. Each year, this group gathers to renew old friendships and to reminisce over the great times shared in softball. We are fortunate that some generously donate numerous items of invaluable softball memorabilia to our treasured collection. The number of people attending this event has certainly grown over the years.

MSA MEMBERS COMPETING IN TOURNAMENTS

Masters

Members of MSA were again involved in Masters Competitions. Our Association is proud to support Vicsens who had one team compete at the Victorian Masters Championship in Shepparton. Both the senior and junior teams travelled to Tasmania to compete in the Launceston Masters Tournament over the March Labour Day weekend and the Junior team coming home with a silver medal.

We congratulate Vicsens, for their endeavours both on and off the softball diamond.

We also recognise Victorian Championship competitors, Melbourne Warriors, who are affiliated with Knox Association and play in our Metro League. Also acknowledged are other members of our Fawkner Park community linked with masters teams from other associations.

Tassie Fastpitch Classic

MSA proudly supported Panthers Softball Club as they put together a team consisting of their members plus some players from other MSA teams, along with Trish Rae as scorer and umpire Scott Rutherford. The team, as MSA Panthers competed in the inaugural Tassie Fastpitch Classic, hosted by Ulverstone Softball Association in Tasmania. The team came across some tough opposition but played creditably over the long weekend, and as softballers do they had a great time both on and off the diamond.

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

MSA continues to work with Umpires, Coaches, Scorers and players in providing them with every opportunity to achieve their desired goals.

We thank our co-ordinators for their efforts in supporting the umpires, coaches and scorer activities at Fawkner Park. We also thank Sue James who conducted a successful pitcher/catcher clinic during the Metro League. This was well attended and all found the time spent beneficial and enjoyable.

Umpire Co-ordinator:	Scott Rutherford
Coach Co-ordinator:	Sue James
Scoring Co-ordinator:	Melissa Southern

Junior Development Program

Conducting a junior program proved unsuccessful this past year. Despite numerous attempts we were not able to entice sufficient numbers to conduct a program of any description. The Executive Committee are reviewing pathways and options that can be taken as we aim towards giving young girls (and boys if there is interest) the opportunity to experience our great sport at Fawkner Park and beyond. The eventual program will be implemented with an aim to progress the growth in participation of junior softballers, whilst developing the individuals' life and softball knowledge and skills.

CANTEEN

MSA has continued to operate the canteen during 2015. Thank you to Nicola Rutherford, Kerri-Anne Duyvestyn, Neil Duyvestyn and Elaine Duyvestyn for their great assistance during the softball season.

Our sincere thanks are extended to our Clubs, for providing members for duty roster in the mornings and afternoons. This support and assistance is greatly appreciated.

PROMOTION OF SOFTBALL

The Association continues to develop and implement a marketing strategy. We also continue in our endeavours to develop the awareness of our sport amongst educational institutions, the corporate sector and the general community.

Again, effort is being put in by a small group of volunteers in spreading the ‘softball’ word for what sometimes seems to be for very small rewards. Our promotion strategy is all encompassing by spreading the word “softball for everyone” and encouraging all to “join in” as best suits them and experience the sport we all love.

Some of the marketing strategies developed specifically for MSA by two La Trobe University students, as part of their studies, are being and will continue to be implemented. Evaluation will be conducted and reported upon in due course.

The Executive committee have been working, with professional designers, on an updated brand to assist in the promotion of MSA. You will note, as a start to the campaign, the new modern logo that has been recently introduced.

Website/Social Media

MSA continues to improve our web page as it is used as a key communication tool for our members with news and calendar items added frequently to promote current events and activities and the draws/results section reflecting competition status.

The website has had a focus of not only providing information for our current members but also as a marketing tool used to entice “new” members into the park.

To continue spreading the word we have also linked our site to numerous other sites such as ‘Active Melbourne’, ‘Kidspot’, ‘City of Melbourne’, ‘True Local’, “That’s Me!bourne”, “Only Melbourne” and again this has been successful in producing enquiries.

Clubs are encouraged to develop and use their own website to be, not only of benefit to their club and its members, but also as a promotional tool for softball at Fawkner Park and the wider community. Statistics show many visits to pages on our websites.

We have created and maintain an app that allows our members ready access to up-to date information about the MSA and its competitions. We’ve also further cemented our presence on social media with a Facebook page that provides our members with not only local current softball information but also state, national and international news.

We also have a thriving social group on Facebook where our members are encouraged to engage with each other and enjoy the social aspects that softball can bring.

MSA’s website, Facebook page and Instagram feeds contain lots of photographs depicting our softball activities. As well as being of interest to our members and others it is a great promotional tool.

Thanks are extended to our Executive member, Danielle Senyschyn who maintains our presence via the internet.

Community Engagement

We again held Come ‘n Try Days in April in a lead up to the Metro League and we had a small turnout at each session which not only gave these individuals the opportunity to experience our great sport, but also proved that our marketing strategy was, to a degree, working.

We have continued to support the City of Melbourne by being involved in their ‘Sports and Recreation Expo for International Students’ which targeted in the main university students from Melbourne and metro areas.

Special Events

In November 2015, Melbourne again hosted the **Australian Corporate Games**, softball and cricket components, at Fawkner Park in November. This has seen many participants and supporters at Fawkner Park, in our clubrooms and at our canteen.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

We acknowledge members of Red Devils Softball Club for their ongoing support of the Special Olympics. Red Devils and others who assist from time to time are indicative of the community support and the spirit and attitude that Melbourne Softball Association strives to attain towards the Melbourne Community as a whole and softball in particular.

The effort in supporting the Special Olympics is invaluable to the athletes, their families and supporters and softball as a whole.

On Saturday 9 April 2016 members of the Red Devils played in the Special Olympics (State Summer Games), held in Canterbury Park, Eaglehawk, Bendigo. This game was used to select the Victorian squad to compete in the 2016 Special Olympics National Games.

GENERAL

Whilst every year, a report is presented to you, the members, for adoption and hopefully prosperity, it is really important to note that we again acknowledge a very small dedicated group of people work on your behalf for twelve months of the year.

It is extremely important that all positions are filled so that the workload is spread and that those members taking on voluntary positions also enjoy their administrative roles.

There are numerous tasks that need to be performed to ensure the ongoing success of Melbourne Softball Association and we can do with all types of assistance. Thank you to those members who have helped out from time to time. Every bit helps in sharing the load.

In closing, I wish to thank all members, especially Club Administrators and team officials and, our very loyal band of umpires led by Scott Rutherford, for their continued support and commitment to our Association.

Finally, to the Executive members for their dedication and commitment to the Melbourne Softball Association – thank you.

Danielle Senyschyn
Secretary
on behalf of the Melbourne Softball Association

2015 ALL STAR TEAM LISTS

A Division

Hana Barbaro (*Eastern Raiders*)
Melissa Blair (*Wingers Red*)
Alex Boydell (*Eastern Raiders*)
Sherin Breed (*Wingers Blue*)
Alyssa Casten (*Panthers*)
Jessica Chomley (*Wingers Blue*)
Dee Duncan (*Wingers Blue*)
Rebecca Kent (*Wingers Red*)
Eliza Le Brocq (*Wingers Red*)
Catie Quinn (*Panthers*)
Meaghan Rae (*Panthers*)
Sheree Wood (*Eastern Raiders*)

Coaches: **Brendan Lenahan** (*Panthers*) / **Neil Duyvestyn** (*Wingers Red*)

A Reserve Division

Kimberley Barratt (*Red Devils*)
Elise Chisholm (*Melbourne University Angels*)
Elizabeth Chu (*Melbourne University Angels*)
Holly Hayes (*Red Devils*)
Sophia Huilani (*Red Devils*)
Connie Inturrisi (*Melbourne Warriors*)
Jessica Lew (*Melbourne University Angels*)
Chelsea Owen-Smith (*Melbourne University Angels*)
Jacqui Parker (*Melbourne Warriors*)
Renee Tierney (*Red Devils*)
Joy Votersen (*Melbourne Warriors*)
Kathryn White (*Melbourne Warriors*)

Coaches: **Jeff Barratt** (*Red Devils*) / **Leigh Mawby** (*Melbourne Warriors*)

B Division

Chathurani Abeyratne (*Melbourne University Raptors*)
Ashlyn Allen (*Melbourne University Dragons*)
Emily Fry (*Monash*)
Tegan Haering (*Melbourne University Dragons*)
Julia Knight (*Melbourne University Raptors*)
Caitlin Laird (*Monash*)
Paula Laudani (*Monash*)
Jodie Lim (*Melbourne University Dragons*)
Ally McAlpine (*Melbourne University Raptors*)
Kirstyn MacDonald (*Monash*)
Amanda Shipp (*Melbourne University Raptors*)
Claire Straw (*Melbourne University Dragons*)

Coaches: **Kerry Laird** (*Monash*) / **Hugh Holds** (*Melbourne University Dragons*)

REPORT

Tassie Fastpitch Classic – 23-25 October 2015, Ulverstone, Tasmania

On Friday 23rd October, MSA Panthers caught a quick 45 minute flight over the Bass Strait to play in the inaugural Tassie Fastpitch Classic. After a minor flight delay and a quick drive from Launceston airport to Ulverstone, we arrived ready for a big weekend of softball. In total, we played six games over the weekend, but unfortunately the results didn't end in our favour. Despite the results, MSA Panthers had a fantastic time and tournament. I would like to note the following members who participated in the Tassie Fastpitch Classic; Dannielle Casten, Alyssa Casten, Trisha Bennett, Kathy Bedwell, Belinda Rae, Sue Donaldson, Wenda Donaldson, Catie Quinn, Jodie Davis, Rosie Hawkins, Rosie Grimm, Claire Conlon, Hayley Lenahan and Melissa Leopold, and Trish Rae as scorer. Congratulations to Claire Conlon, Belinda Rae and Rosie Grimm who were selected in the All Star Tournament Team for the weekend.

A special mention and thank you to Scott Rutherford who attended as our umpire. Over the course of the tournament, Scott umpired a total of 10 out of 12 rounds in both the women and men. While the rest of us were able to fit in some sight seeing of Tasmania, Scott continued to umpire long after we had finished. Without his help we would not have been able to attend this tournament, so once again we thank you as you showed those Tasmanian umpires a thing or two.

We thank the committee and members of Melbourne Softball for their support in our fundraising and offering their best wishes for this tournament.



Report prepared by:

Belinda Rae

Secretary

Panthers Softball Club

OUR CLUBS



Eastern Raiders
Softball Club



Fawkner Park
Pandas



Melbourne Warriors
Softball Club



Melbourne University
Softball Club



Monash
Softball Club



Panthers
Softball Club



Red Devils
Softball Club



Scrumshis Slices
Softball Club



Wingers
Softball Club



Vicsens
Softball Club