Munster Cricket Union

Cricket Operations Committee 2024

League Tables Update – 6 September 2024

With two weeks of cricket remaining in the 2024 season, the six adult league competitions are rapidly coming to a close. The identity of the league champions is already known in some cases but for the remainder, it will be a tense and exciting finish. The league tables and permutations for all Divisions are outlined below.

Premier Division

While three teams can still mathematically win the league, Cork Harlequins would require an unlikely combination of results to pip County Galway and Cork County to the title at this point. The Lydican based side host County Kerry this weekend before finishing their season at the Mardyke in what is likely to be a title-decider. Cork County's bonus point tally sees them sitting just ahead of the Connacht team currently and they will head to Adare on Sunday hoping to remain in that position. Either way, Saturday 14th September's fixture between the top two looks set to decide the fate of the Premier Division title for 2024.

CRICKET	MCU Premier Division									
	Round 11									
₹	Team	─ Played ──	Won =	Lost =	Tied =	NR =	BPs -	₹ TP ₹	% =	
®	Cork County CC 1st XI	8	4	1	0	3	22	102	82%	
	County Galway CC 1st XI	8	6	1	0	1	16	136	78%	
	Cork Harlequins CC 1st XI	8	5	2	0	1	12	112	64%	
	Limerick CC 1st XI	7	2	5	0	0	13	53	30%	
	Midleton CC 1st XI	9	1	5	0	3	15	35	23%	
	County Kerry CC 1st XI	8	1	5	0	2	0	12	8%	

Division 1

After two full bonus point wins for the title contenders last weekend, it all comes down to the last round of Division 1 fixtures this coming Saturday. Limerick 2 have now done all they can, losing just once en route to 83.3% (229 points) and finishing their season with a 10 wicket victory over Cork Harlequins 2 on Saturday. Cork County 2 travel to Farmers Cross on the last day of the season in top spot on 83.7% but they know that 21 points are still required to retain their Division 1 title. In the unlikely event that adverse weather were to intervene, the Cork side would prevail by the barest of margins but the forecast is presently set fair and should make for an exciting end to the Division 1 season.

CRÍCKET				MCU Div	ision 1						
			Round 11								
	Team	PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	NR	ВР	TP	%		
@	Cork County CC 2nd XI	11	9	1	0	1	24	204	82%		
	Limerick CC 2nd XI	12	10	1	0	1	24	224	81%		
®	Cork Harlequins CC 2nd XI	11	5	5	0	1	29	129	52%		
<u></u>	Clare CC 1st XI	10	4	3	0	3	9	89	51%		
440	Limerick Blasters CC 1st XI	11	5	6	0	0	26	126	46%		
	Midleton CC 2nd XI	11	3	6	0	2	0	85	38%		
●	County Kerry CC 2nd XI	10	3	6	0	1	0	82	36%		
	Nenagh CC 1st XI	11	2	7	0	2	0	63	28%		
(2)	UCC CC 1st XI	9	1	7	0	1	0	33	17%		

Division 2A

Cork County 3 are the inaugural winners of the newly formed Division 2A, having beaten UC Clonmel in Tipperary on Sunday last. They have lost just one game of the eleven played thus far and will be hoping to finish their season in style on Sunday against Limerick 3 before being presented with the league trophy. UC Clonmel's recent loss has consigned them to bottom spot in the league standings and relegation to Division 2B for the 2025 season in what has been a tough campaign for them. Nenagh 2's dramatic win over Limerick Blasters 2 last weekend consolidated their position in second place but Blasters can still finish in the runners-up position if results go their way.

CRICKET	MCU Division 2A									
	Round 8									
	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	NR	BPs	TP	%	
(3)	Cork County CC 3rd XI	11	9	1	0	1	33	213	85%	
	Nenagh CC 2nd XI	11	7	3	0	1	25	165	66%	
¢ (f/\$)	Limerick Blasters CC 2nd XI	10	5	4	0	1	29	129	57%	
	Limerick CC 3rd XI	10	2	6	0	2	14	54	27%	
<u>@</u>	United Cricket Clonmel 1st XI	10	0	9	0	1	12	12	5%	

Division 2B

This is the tightest of all league competitions in Munster this year with just two wins separating top spot and bottom spot. Clare 2 and Cork Harlequins 3 are locked in a battle for the title and promotion with both teams effectively level on percentages and with two games remaining. The title contenders face off this Sunday at Farmers Cross with the victorious side highly likely to take the league honours after the final round of fixtures on 15th September.

CRICKET	MCU Division 2B									
	Round 8									
	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	NR	BPs	TP	%	
<u> </u>	Clare CC 2nd XI	10	5	3	0	2	17	117	59%	
	Cork Harlequins CC 3rd XI	10	5	3	0	2	17	117	59%	
6	County Kerry CC 3rd XI	12	4	4	0	4	18	98	49%	
	Midleton CC 3rd XI	10	3	4	0	3	19	79	45%	
	Waterford & District CC 1st XI	10	3	6	0	1	29	89	40%	

Division 3A

UC Clonmel 2 wrapped up the league with a comprehensive victory over Cork County 4 recently and finished comfortably ahead of the chasing pack in a league campaign where they were beaten just once. The battle to avoid relegation to Division 3B is still ongoing with games remaining for both Cork Harlequins 4 and Limerick 4, but it is Limerick Blasters 3 who are in the most precarious position having lost six matches. They will need assistance from other results to retain their place in 3A for 2025.

GRICKET	MCU Division 3A									
	Round 10									
	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	NR	BPs	TP	%	
<u> </u>	United Cricket Clonmel 2nd XI	10	8	1	0	1	33	193	86%	
3	Cork County CC 4th XI	9	5	3	0	1	23	123	62%	
	County Kerry CC 4th XI	10	3	4	0	3	14	74	42%	
8	Cork Harlequins CC 4th XI	8	2	3	0	3	11	51	41%	
2 (/3	Limerick Blasters CC 3rd XI	10	2	6	0	2	20	60	30%	

Division 3B

The first league trophy won in the province this year was in Ballyeighan where Nenagh 3's dominance was clear for all to see. They have a perfect record after seven games and will complete an unbeaten league season if they beat Cork Harlequins 5 on Saturday. With promotion already secured, the remaining teams are just playing for pride. Lismore 1 host Clare 3 in a straight shootout for second position.

CRICKET	MCU Division 3B										
		Round 6									
	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	NR	BPs	TP	%		
	Nenagh CC 3rd XI	7	7	0	0	0	21	161	92%		
<u>©</u>	Clare CC 3rd XI	7	5	2	0	0	15	115	66%		
	Lismore CC 1st XI	7	4	3	0	0	28	108	62%		
(8)	Midleton CC 4th XI	8	1	6	0	1	8	28	16%		
8	Cork Harlequins CC 5th XI	7	0	6	0	1	8	8	5%		