



2013 SEASON HALF-WAY NEWSLETTER NO.11: JUNE 29

Chester go top as three Premier teams draw blank

CHESTER Boughton Hall went top of the ECB Premier League at the season's half-way stage on Saturday with a convincing eight wickets home victory over Oxton. Their Wirral visitors were one of three teams to draw a blank on a day of low scores after heavy rain over the previous 48 hours.

Oxton, whose five previous games had resulted WDWWW, were bowled out for 125, their top scorer being number eight batsman Chris Cashin with 28 as they fell under the spell of spinner Harry Killoran. The youngster claimed 5-31 off 17.2 overs. Chester replied with 127-2 in 23 overs, Warren Goodwin continuing his recent fluent form with 59 not out.

Oxton took the field without fast bowler Martyn Evans, suspended for one week by the club for dissent during a home match against Didsbury the previous week

Neston suffered their second successive batting collapse to concede defeat at Grappenhall - and the leadership. D Williams, 64 and Luke Camden, 47 were their only run scorers in a tally with subsided from 127-3 to 175 all out against the bowling of Steve Southward, 3-29 and Josh McClelland, 3-43. Grappenhall, who have surprised even their own sceptical supporters this summer replied with a hard-fought 175-7, James McCoy 50, Andy Clarke doing his best to turn the game around with an impressive 5-47.

Another team to draw a blank were the erratic Marple in an unusually low scoring match at home to Bowdon. Marple struggled to post 120-9 in 55 overs, their top run-scorer being last-in batsman Andy Greasley with 23 not out. The remainder fell to the spin of Gareth Edwards, 3-18 and Simon Marshall, 3-37. Bowdon's response of 121-2 in 25 overs was led by two impressive innings of 59 by Mark Leathley and Trent McCormack. A slight consolation: the teas prepared by Christine Hall was rated Superb.

The last of the nil points brigade were bottom club Macclesfield, who completed the first half of the campaign without a victory - the only club in the League to do so with Bollington securing their first 25-pointer at Alvanley in Division Two.

Danny Cranmer wins Performance of Month award

HYDE all-rounder Danny Cranmer has been named by the Cricket Committee as winner of the season's first Performance of the Month award covering April and May.

Danny will receive a Canterbury of New Zealand sports voucher and certificate for his major contribution to Hyde's rain-affected draw at Chester Boughton Hall on April 27 when he bowled 27 overs unchanged to take 6-130 before playing a match-saving innings of 55.

MACC ALL AT SEA. Now 25 points adrift at the foot of the table, Macclesfield were all at sea at home against Hyde, mustering a meagre tally of 81, top scorer Tom Parfett, 27 against fine bowling by part-timer James Duffy with 5-37 and Tom Young, 3-33. Hyde, now in a handy fourth place, had the match won inside an hour at 83-1, Danny Berry 50, Chris Tipper 30, both not out. Tea was take at the end of play: 4 p.m.

Nantwich lost their fifth game - more than in all last season - by six wickets at Toft and will have to pull up their socks between now and mid-September if they are to make it four titles in a row. The Dabbers mustered 161, Rob Cook-Sievwright 47, Jimmy Lomas again bowling unchanged to take 5-57 aided by Rob Jones 3-35. Future England prospect Jones then led the Toft reply of 163-4, with a sound 56 aided by Pat Roberts' 43 not out.

Alderley Edge profited from the two best individual performances of the day to win by 123 runs at Didsbury, whose form continues to disappoint. Calum Rowe led the way with a fine innings of 76 in a tally of 218-8, aided by Jon Steele's 42, with Simon Normanton 4-59. Charlie Reid's leg spin then came in useful as he helped himself to 5-33 to dismiss the home side for 95, to which all-rounder Normanton contributed 37.

LONG MAY IT LAST ...Of 198 Premier League, First and Second Division fixtures scheduled in the first half of the season from April 20 to June 29, only one was rained-off: Macclesfield v Toft back on May. 11. What will the second half have in store?

DIVISION 1

Urmston – Sale tie

THE season's first tied game resulted in 16 points each for fast-improving Urmston and promotion rivals Sale at the UCG.

Urmston totalled a good-looking 245-8 by tea, Chris Watson 86, Chris Turner 45, and Sale replied with 245 all out, their last batsman falling off the penultimate delivery of a fine game. Chris Canning top-scored with 46 for Sale, while Calum Turner took a vital 4-29 with his first bowl of the season.

There was another tense finish at Little Heath, where Christleton shaded the draw points 14-8 against neighbours Oulton Park. Iroshan De Silva, 91 and Ben Paterson, 56 enjoyed a second wicket stand worth 156 which helped Christleton post 236-7. Oulton replied with 235-8. Rick Moore, 105 and Craig Douglas, 61 putting on 108 for the fifth wicket, but the tail couldn't quite push through to victory. The day's only centurion in any division. Moore hit eight fours and two sixes in his fine innings.

Bramhall remain 30 points high and dry at the top after a five wickets win at home to Bredbury St. Mark's, their visitors totalling 184-5 batting first, Peter Zybrands 76, Paul Wood 63. Bramhall replied with 185-5 with two overs to spare led by Matt Begbie, 48, Jack Harris, 34 not out and Matt Jamieson 31.

Brooklands stay second thanks to a 115 runs win at Widnes, whose form has dipped alarmingly. John Grewar top-scored with 97 in Brooklands' handsome 263-9, Danny Moore 4-59. Widnes improved on their tally of 49 the previous week, but mustered only 148, Danny Naughton 52, Alex Robinson 4-9.

Middlewich ended a six week winless spell with a five wickets victory which confirmed Heaton Mersey as wooden spoonists. 'Mersey mustered 147, Gavin Tomlinson 4-35, to which Middlewich replied with 148-5 thanks almost entirely to a sparkling knock of 81 from Stephen Parry.

The derby clash between Cheadle and Cheadle Hulme at Kingsway went the way of the visitors, but only by two wickets in a tight, bowler friendly affair. Cheadle recovered from 48-7 to post 141 thanks to talented tail-enders Adam Wadsworth, 46 and Will Holmes, 30 while it was Rana Malook who caused the damage with 7-45 of accurate seam bowling.. 'Hulme lost wickets after skipper Adam Wilde was out for 51 and needed the experience of Ewan McCray, 31 to see help them through at 143-8. Aussie left-arm paceman Simon O'Brien, who must take the longest run up in League cricket – from near the sight-screen - took 5-50 off 20 fiery overs.

DIVISION 2

Here come Congleton

AFTER losing their first two games to - Timperley and Warrington - Congleton have recorded eight wins and a draw, their latest 25 pointer being at the expense of Stockport Georgians at Booth street.

Georgians were all out for 153, N Johnson 36, John Copeland 5-14, Kevin Waterhouse 3-50, after which Congleton were in trouble at 28-4. New Zealand all-rounder Jerry Lamb then came to their rescue once more with 62 and helped by 35 from John Higginbottom, both not out, they made it by five wickets.

Says Congleton scorer Mike Kitton: "We've got Timperley at home next week when we shall find out how good we really are".

The aforementioned runaway leaders by 42 points, Timperley made it 10 wins out of 11 with another barn-storming performance, this time at Poynton, whom they bowled out for 93, Damien Stringer 49 not out. Chris P age took 5-29, his third successive five wickets plus haul. Timperley knocked off the runs at 95-2.

Bollington registered their first win in 13 games since September 8 last season, when they won by 78 runs at Davenham. Rick Hough top-scored with 43 in Bolly's 200-9 after which the Butcher's Stile men were bowled out for 122 by S Khan who claimed 6-39 off 11 lethal overs.

Irby also ended a losing streak with a 48 runs victory over Alvanley in the Wirral after posting 207-8, Greg Shillinglaw 45, David Shewring 5-50. Alvanley were dismissed for 159, Shillinglaw 4-20, T. Gibson 4-46. .

Weaverham pulled off their best performance since re entering the league with a 114 runs win at Stockport. Former Northwich Vics centre-half Steve Woods, 91 and Ian Eaton, 74 featured in Weaverham's tally of 214-5. Stockport were then bowled out for 100, the wickets being shared between Wilden Cornwall and Keith Douglas.

Aussie paceman Kyle Adams took 7-37 for Warrington at Tattenhall, but his side had to be content with a 9-5 points draw in an unusually low-scoring game. Warrington appeared to be on a loser at 130-8 at tea, Paul Farrar 48, Dan Power 3-18, but Tattenhall could only come up with 101-9 in reply, John Gibbon (32 not out) being the only batsman to shut out the League's 2012 Second Division record breaker.

ECB PREMIER LEAGUE DETAILS

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (won toss, 25 pts.) beat OXTON (0 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Oxton 125 (50 overs: C Cashin 28, H Killoran 5-32);
Chester 127-2 (23 overs: W. Goodwin 59no).

DIDSBURY (toss, 3 pts.) lost to ALDERLEY EDGE (25 pts.) by 123 runs:

Alderley Edge 218-8 (55 overs: C Rowe 76, J. Steele 42, J. Whittaker 31no, S Normanton 4-59);
Didsbury 95 (34 overs: S Normanton 37, C. Reid 5-38, J. Whittaker 3-42). *Result not telephoned*

GRAPPENHALL (25 pts.) beat NESTON (toss, 5 pts.) by 3 wickets:

Neston 174 (51 overs: D Williams 64, L Camden 47, S Southward 3-29, J. McClelland 3-43);
Grappenhall 175-7 (43 overs: J McCoy 50, A. Clarke 5-47).

MACCLESFIELD (0 pts.) lost to HYDE (toss, 25 pts.) by 9 wickets:

Macclesfield 81 (39 overs: J Duffy 5-37, T Young 3-33);
Hyde 83-1 (16 overs: D Berry 50no, C Tipper 30no).

MARPLE (toss, 0 pts.) lost to BOWDON (25 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Marple 120-9 (55 overs: A. Greasley 23no @ no 11, G Edwards 3-18, S Marshall 3-37);
Bowdon 121-2 (25 overs: T. McCormick 59, M Leathley 59).

TOFT (toss, 25 pts.) beat NANTWICH (65 pts.) by 6 wickets:

Nantwich 161 (53 overs: R. Cook-Sievwright 47, J. Lomas 5-57, R Jones 3-50);
Toft 163-4 (48 overs: R Jones 56, P Roberts 43no).

DIVISION 1

BRAMHALL (won toss, 25 pts.) beat v BREDBURY ST. MARK's (8 pts.) by 5 wickets:

Bredbury 184-5 (50 overs: P Zybrands 76, P Wood 63);
Bramhall 185-5 (48 overs: M Begbie 48, J Harris 34no, M. Jamieson 31. *Result not telephoned.*

CHEADLE (toss, 7 pts.) lost to CHEADLE HULME (25 pts.) by 2 wickets

Cheadle 141 (48 overs: J Wadsworth 46, W Holmes 30, R Malook 7-45);
Cheadle Hulme 143-8 (39 overs: A Wilde 51, E McCray 31, S O'Brien 5-50).

CHRISTLETON (14 pts.) drew with OULTON PARK (toss, 8 pts.)

Christleton 236-7 (50 overs: I De Silva 91, B. Patterson 71 = 2nd wicket stand of 156);
Oulton Park 235-8 (50 overs: R Moore 106, C. Douglas 61, G Newell 3-24, I De Silva 3-70).

HEATON MERSEY (6 pts.) lost to MIDDLEWICH (toss, 25 pts.) by 5 wickets

Heaton Mersey 147 (47 overs: R Greenhough 38, J Williamson 36, G Tomlinson 4-35);
Middlewich 148-5 (40 overs: S Parry 81, R Amin 3-24).

URMSTON (16 pts.) tied with SALE (toss, 16 pts.)

Urmston 245-8 (50 overs: C Watson 86, C Turner 55, L Jackson 35);
Sale 245 all out (49.5 overs: C Canning 40, I Dixon 46, J Benzafar 45no, C Turner 4-29).

WIDNES (toss, 6 pts.) lost to BROOKLANDS (25 pts.) by 115 runs:

Brooklands 263-9 (50 overs: J. Grewar 97, J. Birchall 36, T Holloway 36, D Moore 4-59).
Widnes 148 (35 overs: D Naughton 52, A Robinson 4-9).

DIVISION 2 RESULTS

CONGLETON (25 pts.) beat STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (won toss, 6 pts.) by 5 wickets:

Stockport Georgians 153 (45 overs: N Johnson 36, J Copeland 5-14, K Waterhouse 3-50);

Congleton 155-5 (43 overs: J Lamb 62no, J Higginbottom 35no).

DAVENHAM (toss, 5pts.) lost to BOLLINGTON (25 pts.) by 78 runs:

Bollington 200-9 (50 overs: R. Hough 43, J Loubser 3-47);

Davenham 122 (34 overs: S Khan 6-39).

IRBY (25 pts.) beat ALVANLEY (toss, 5 pts.) by 48 runs:

Irby 207-8 (50 overs: G Shillinglaw 45, M Evans 38, D Newman 38, S Renshaw 38, D. Shewring 5-50);

Alvanley 159 (46 overs: G Shillinglaw 4-20, T Gibson 4-46).

POYNTON (0 pts.) lost by 8 wickets to TIMPERLEY (toss, 25 pts.)

Poynton 93 (- overs: D Stringer 49no, C Page 5-29);

Timperley 95-2 (overs: M. Brown 36no, M Macquet 34).

STOCKPORT (toss, 2 pts.) lost by 114 runs to WEAVERHAM (25 pts.)

Weaverham 214-5 (50 overs: S. Woods 91, I. Eaton 74);

Stockport 100 (31 overs: W. Cornwall 5- , K Douglas 4-).

TATTENHALL (toss, 5 pts.) drew with WARRINGTON (9 pts.)

Warrington 130-8 (50 overs: P. Farrar 48, D. Power 3-18);

Tattenhall 101-9 (50 overs: J Gibbon 32no, R. Mulvihill 29, K Adams 7-37).

PICK OF WEEK (o = overseas)

ECB Premier League

Batting: Calum Rowe (Alderley Edge) 76 v Didsbury

Bowling: Charlie Reid (Alderley Edge) v Didsbury

First Division

Batting: Rick Moore (Oulton Park) 105 v Christleton

Bowling: Rana Malook (Cheadle Hulme) 7-45 v Cheadle

Second Division

Batting: Steve Woods (Weaverham) 91 v Stockport

Bowling: oKyle Adams (Warrington) 7-37 v Tattenhall

LEADING LEAGUE STATS TO JUNE 22

ECB PREMIER LEAGUE

Batting: Goodwin (CBH) 568 runs; W. Evans (Neston) 518; Marshall (Bowdon) 474; Tipper (Hyde) 452; Roylance (Grappenhall) 450. **Bowling:** Lomas (Toft) 32 wickets; oFernando (Oxton) 31; Cranmer (Hyde) 29; M Evans (Oxton) and Greasley (Marple) both 28. **Wicket-keeping:** Makin (Hyde) 19 victims.

FIRST DIVISION

Batting: oAyre (Heaton Mersey) 521; oBegbie (Bramhall) 450; De Silva (Christleton) 413; Grewer (Sale) 403; P Wood (Bredbury) 354. **Bowling:** Tharsan (Sale) 33; oNissan (Cheadle Hulme) 31; Wilkinson (Bramhall) 30; Kitzinger (Bramhall) 29; Holmes (Cheadle) 26. **Wicket-keeping:** Jackson (Urmston) 17 victims.

SECOND DIVISION

Batting: oManning (Stockport) 479; oCornwall (Weaverham) 421; Loveridge (Davenham) 383; Ashling (Timperley) 370; C. Grindley (Urmston) 358. **Bowling:** oAdams (Warrington) 347; Page (Timperley) 35; oLoubser (Davenham) 27; oMacquet (Timperley) 25; McMillan (Weaverham) and oCornwall (Weaverham) both 24. **Wicket-keeping:** Ashling (Timperley) 22 victims.

How they stand at half-way mark

ECB PREMIER	W (25)	T (16)	WD (3)	RD (2)	LD (1)	C (7)	L	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	7	0	1	1	0	0	2	21	11	212
NESTON (8)	7	0	1	0	1	0	2	15	13	199
GRAPPENHALL	5	0	2	1	0	0	3	42	10	185
HYDE	5	0	1	1	3	0	1	31	15	179
TOFT	5	0	0	0	0	1	5	27	12	171
ALDERLEY EDGE	5	0	1	0	2	0	3	22	16	168
OXTON	5	0	0	0	1	0	5	16	15	157
MARPLE	4	0	2	0	0	0	5	30	15	151
NANTWICH	4	0	1	0	1	0	5	26	16	146
BOWDON	3	0	1	1	0	0	6	30	21	131
DIDSBURY	2	0	0	0	1	0	8	34	13	98
MACCLESFIELD	0	0	1	0	2	1	7	39	22	73

Neston 8 points deducted for slow over rate. This is subject an appeal.

DIVISION 1

BRAMHALL	8	0	1	0	1	0	1	20	9	233
BROOKLANDS	7	0	1	0	1	0	2	14	10	203
URMSTON	6	1	0	0	1	0	3	21	6	194
CHEADLE HULME	5	0	2	0	1	0	3	27	19	178
SALE	5	1	1	0	0	0	4	24	8	176
OULTON PARK	4	0	1	1	2	0	3	34	20	161
WIDNES	3	0	2	0	0	0	6	35	19	135
MIDDLEWICH	3	0	1	0	3	0	4	22	22	125
CHRISTLETON	2	0	2	0	1	0	6	42	22	121
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	3	0	0	0	1	0	7	29	15	120
CHEADLE	2	0	2	1	2	0	4	31	27	118
HEATON MERSEY	2	0	1	0	1	0	7	26	22	102

DIVISION 2

TIMPERLEY	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	4	257
CONGLETON	8	0	1	0	0	0	2	9	3	215
TATTENHALL	7	0	0	0	1	0	3	7	12	195
STOCKPORT	6	0	1	0	0	0	4	20	11	184
WARRINGTON	6	0	1	0	1	0	3	9	13	176
DAVENHAM	5	0	2	0	0	0	4	26	19	176
POYNTON	4	0	1	0	0	0	6	23	20	146
WEAVERHAM	3	0	2	0	2	0	4	38	24	145
ALVANLEY	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	13	15	103
IRBY	2	0	0	0	2	0	7	25	16	93
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	1	0	1	0	1	0	8	33	19	81
BOLLINGTON	1	0	1	0	2	0	7	27	21	78

Forties bowler Goodwin takes 4 in 4

BEST individual performance of the season in the **Over 40s section** helped Woodley beat Macclesfield by six wickets in the South-East group on Wednesday last week.

It came from all-rounder Lee Goodwin, known by his team-mates as The Man with No Knees, who took four wickets in four balls in a spin bowling stint of 4-1-3-5, then later retired with an innings of 30 not out.

On a short holiday from Australia, former Poynton and Cheshire paceman Charlie Lamb turned out for the Legends against Bollington Veterans – Bollington won by 32 runs.

In the Central Group, Toft suffered their first defeat, by nine wickets at Bowdon Vale Vikings, while Grappenhall won by 59 runs at Mobberley, where former England batsman Neil Fairbrother charmed a larger than usual crowd with an unbeaten 31. Due to play at home on Thursday, Alsager Dabbers were handed the points by Ashley who could not raise a team. Alsager are reminded that they must give an undertaking to play home matches on Wednesdays in 2014 otherwise they must stand down.

Irby stay top in the West group after an eight wickets win at Upton.

Urmston lead the North-East group ahead of Cheadle Hulme, who tied with Cheadle. Sale Silverbacks conceded at Warrington.

Two results were notified after the Saturday deadline and one not at all, apart from the website. Don't run up these fines, gents.

WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY. JUNE 26/27 RESULTS

West Group

CALDY lost to TATTENHALL WRECKERS (4 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Caldy 148-5; Tattenhall 150-2. *From website: no information telephoned.*

NESTON (4 pts.) beat OXTON by 4 wickets:

Oxton 91-9 (Filer 30, Egerton 3-17); Neston 92-6 (Beaver 24).

UPTON lost to IRBY (4 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Upton 74-5 (Jarvis 30, D. Newman 3-8); Irby 75-2 (Lea 30).

Central Group

BOWDON VALE VIKINGS (4 pts.) beat TOFT by 9 wickets:

Toft 119-5 (Sheldon 32, Ashley 27, Hope 25, Hunter 2-19); Vikings 123-1 (Webb 33, Jessop 33, Bottomley 25no).

DAVENHAM lost to BOWDON (4 pts.) by 25 runs:

Bowdon 150-5 (Thompson 34, Shenkman 32); Davenham 125-3 (Hudson 33, Bentley 30).

MOBBERLEY lost to GRAPPENHALL (4 pts.) by 59 runs:

Grappenhall 121-4 (Fairbrother 31, Slater 31, Sharp 25); Mobberley 62-8 (Preist 2-12).

Thursday: ALSAGER DABBERS (4 pts.) v ASHLEY conceded.

North-East Group

ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS lost to CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE (4 pts.) by 4 wickets:

Alderley Edge 110 (Cheatham 33, Leonard 32, Hooton 3-8, Newton 3-19); Ladybridge 111-6.

CHEADLE HULME (3 pts.) tied with CHEADLE (3 pts.)

Cheadle Hulme 104-6; Cheadle 104-7.

URMSTON TIGERS (4 pts.) beat BROOKLANDS by 20 runs:

Urmston 161-2 (Turner 33, Cartwright 33, Higginbottom 31, Sethi 27, Dartnell 22); Brooklands 141-6 (Higgins 32, Collins 30, Wilson 25, Sethi 2-23, Cartwright 2-23).

WARRINGTON (4 pts) v SALE SILVERBACKS conceded

South-East Group

BRAMHALL (4 pts.) beat MARPLE by 32 runs:

Bramhall 127-5 (Stoneman 30, Tittle 30, Robinson 27); Marple 95-8 (Wilkinson 2-16, Merryfield 2-18).

OFFERTON lost to BREDBURY SAINTS (4 pts.) by 9 wickets:

Offerton 77 (four run outs); Bredbury 79-1 (Bashford 31).

POYNTON LEGENDS lost to BOLLINGTON VETERANS (4 pts.) by 32 runs:

Bollington 121; Poynton 89.

WOODLEY (4 pts.) beat MACCLESFIELD by 6 wickets:

Macclesfield 65-8 (Towle 30, Goodwin 4-1-3-5); Woodley 69-4 (Goodwin 30).

Missing result from June 19: Poynton Legends lost to Bredbury Saints (4 pts.) by 8 wickets.

Latest Over 40s tables

<u>West group</u>	P	W (4)	T (3)	C (2)	L	Points
IRBY	7	5	0	1	1	22
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	7	4	0	2	1	20
OXTON	7	4	0	0	3	16
NESTON	7	3	0	2	2	16
CALDY	7	3	0	1	3	14
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	6	1	0	0	5	4
UPTON	7	1	0	0	6	4

Chester and Upton have each conceded one game.

Central group

ALSAGER DABBERS	8	5	1	2	0	27
GRAPPENHALL	8	5	1	2	0	27
TOFT	8	3	2	2	1	22
BOWDON	8	4	0	2	2	20
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	8	3	0	2	3	16
DAVENHAM	8	1	0	2	5	8
MOBBERLEY	8	1	0	2	5	8
ASHLEY	8	0	0	2	6	4

Ashley, Mobberley and Davenham have each have conceded one game.

North-East group

URMSTON	8	6	0	2	0	28
CHEADLE HULME	8	5	1	2	0	27
CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE	8	3	0	1	4	14
SALE SILVERBACKS	8	3	0	1	4	14
WARRINGTON	8	3	0	1	4	14
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	8	2	0	2	4	12
CHEADLE	8	1	1	2	4	11
BROOKLANDS	8	2	0	1	5	10

Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge have conceded three games and Sale one game.

South-East group

BREDBURY SAINTS	8	7	0	1	0	30
BRAMHALL	8	5	0	2	1	24
MACCLESFIELD	8	3	0	2	3	16
WOODLEY	8	4	0	0	4	16
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	8	2	0	2	4	12
POYNTON LEGENDS	8	2	0	2	4	12
MARPLE	8	2	0	1	5	10
OFFERTON	8	1	0	2	5	8

Marple and Poynton have each conceded one game

OVER 40s GROUP FIXTURES on Wednesday, July 3 (6 pm)

WEST: Chester Boughton Hall v Caldby; Oxtton v Upton; Tattenhall Wreckers v Neston. .Open date: Irby.

CENTRAL: Bowdon Vale Vikings v Ashley; Bowdon v Alsager Dabbers; Grappenhall v Davenham (*not Grappenhall v Bowdon as in handbook*); Toft v Mobberley

NORTH-EAST: Brooklands v Cheadle Hulme; Cheadle v Warrington; Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge v Urmston Tigers; Sale Silverbacks v Alderley Edge Wizards.

SOUTH-EAST: Bollington Veterans v Offerton; Bredbury Saints v Bramhall; Macclesfield v Poynton Legends; Marple v Woodley.

RedInsure T20 play-off postponed

THE **RedInsure T20** group play-off between Urmston and Neston last Thursday was rained off and has been re-arranged for the fall-back date of Thursday, July 4 (6.30 p.m).

The winners will host Alderley Edge the following week.

QUARTER-FINAL FIXTURES (Thursday, July 11, 6 p.m.; reserve date Thursday, July 18)

HYDE v MACCLESFIELD

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v OXTON

PLAY-OFF WINNERS v ALDERLEY EDGE

TIMPERLEY v NANTWICH

O There will be a new draw made prior to the Finals Days' play at Timperley on Sunday, July 28 starting at 12 noon.

O Home clubs must telephone the results and highlights to the Competition Secretary immediately after the match and submit a result sheet (no ground marks required) ASAP. There are also the usual website requirements.

Bowdon in Kingfisher Cup last 32

BOWDON beat Wallasey by eight runs in the **Kingfisher Beers Cup** (aka National Club knock out) Group 6 final at South Downs Road on Sunday, June 23. Scores: Bowdon 203-8 (Chris Ashling 40, Nick Thomas 28); Wallasey 195 (Stephen Ball 3-24).

In the first National round, Bowdon will visit the Group 8 winners, which could be old Birmingham League rivals Barnt Green, on Sunday, July 14.

June 22 ground marks

UMPIRES' League ground marks and other reports from games played on Saturday, June 22 were as follows:

ECB Premier League. Alderley Edge v Macclesfield pitch 13 outfield 18 (result sheet late); Hyde v Toft pitch 16 outfield 20; Grappenhall v Chester 18 – 19; Nantwich v Marple 17- 20; Neston v Bowdon 18 – 20; Oxtan v Didsbury no figures yet available;

First Division: Bredbury v Cheadle 18 – 17; Brooklands v Urmston 17 – 19; Cheadle Hulme v Widnes 17 – 19; Christleton v Heaton Mersey 19 – 20; Middlewich v Bramhall 17 – 18; Oulton Park v Sale 18 – 18.

Second Division: Alvanley v Bollington 18 – 20; Irby v Congleton 16 – 18; Stockport Georgians v Poynton 17 – 18; Timperley v Tattenhall 18 – 20; Warrington v Stockport 18 – 19; Weaverham v Davenham 19 – 20.

All captains' reports were received by co ordinator Ken Spilsbury.

UP-DATES:

O Nantwich's 85 v Marple was their second lowest score of season, three more than when beating Oxtan at home (82-77) on May 18; Marple wicket-keeper Sam Hudson took 5 catches;

O Widnes had no scorer at Cheadle Hulme

O Sale took two points from their eight wickets defeat at Oulton Park not zero as reported

O Irby v Congleton result was telephoned late and result sheet was received late and incorrectly filled in;

O In Stockport's win at Warrington, K. Gavin scored 60. Stockport had no scorer.

O Former Northwich Vics centre-half Steve Woods scored 52 for Weaverham in their losing draw at home to Davenham.

O Missing result sheets from earlier weeks (please submit soonest as they are required for ground assessment): Cheadle v Widnes May 11; Cheadle v Middlewich June 15.

TACS Cheshire League leaders beaten

LEADERS Northwich lost by four wickets at Malpas on Saturday and had their advantage at the top of the **TACS-sponsored Cheshire Cricket League** reduced to 17 points. Mobberley beat Prestbury and Upton were held to a losing draw at Runcorn .

RESULTS of Division 1 games: Ashton on Mersey 129-5 Oakmere 125; Hale Barns v Romiley cancelled, ground unfit; Malpas 165-6 Northwich 164-7 inn. closed; Mobberley 133-1 Prestbury 129; Runcorn 180-3 inn. closed Upton 178-7; Winnington Park 175-7 inn. closed Chester County Officers 176-5

PLACINGS up to Saturday, June 29: 1. Northwich 218; 2. Mobberley 201; 3. Upton 194; 4. Malpas 188; 5. Romiley 178; 6. Ashton on Mersey 172; 7. Chester County Officers 167; 8. Runcorn 152; 9. Hale Barns 150; 10. Oakmere 108; 11. Winnington Park 104; 12. Prestbury 77. Division 2 leaders: 1. Mere 230; 2. Lindow 219; 3. Woodford 209. Division 3: leaders: 1. Over Peover 222; 2. Barrow 215; 3. Disley 196.

FIXTURES in Division 1 on Saturday, July 6 (1.30 pm.): Ashton on Mersey v Northwich; Chester County Officers v Runcorn; Hale Barns v Oakmere; Malpas v Prestbury; Mobberley v Upton; Winnington Park v Romiley.

Now Cheshire beat Wiltshire

WITH only two overs remaining at the end of a tense third day, Cheshire wrapped up an impressive 24-point 34-run victory in their **Minor Counties championship** match against Wiltshire at Chester Boughton Hall on Tuesday last week.

After a rain-hit first morning, Cheshire batted well, piling up 307-6, led by Chester's Warren Goodwin with a quality 104, sharing a 150 stand with Khalid Sawas, 62. With 62 coming from Lee Dixon and 51 by Danny Berry, Cheshire closed on 394.

Oxford replied with 315 after their mid-order had put up stiff opposition, Adam Syddall had the best bowling figures with 4-69. In their second innings, Cheshire were not so fluent and were bowled out for 174, Goodwin (63) again leading the way to set the visitors a target of 254 in the final innings on day three.

With the score on 101-4 Cheshire sensed victory, but the mid order again resisted strongly. Wickets eventually fell with skipper Danny Wood and Jack Williams bowling in spin tandem and it with some relief that the last man was out at 219 with 12 deliveries left. Woods ended with a splendid 6-47 and afterwards paid tribute for a fine victory to an all-round team effort.

He told scorer and committeeman Jim Law: "It was very pleasing to win as we had to work hard and the second two days were very long and we had to dig deep to get them out".

After winning their first two games, Cheshire will travel with confidence to Bournemouth for their outing against bottom team Dorset from Sunday – Tuesday, July 7 – 9.

WEST DIVISION PLACINGS

West division table after two games: 1. Wales 47 pts. 2; Berkshire 46; 3. Cheshire 46; 4. Shropshire 46; 5 Devon 28; 6. Oxford 27; 7. Wiltshire 15; 8. Cornwall 11; 9. Hereford 10; Dorset 4.

O While playing for Cheshire on Sunday, Danny Woods' Yorkshire League club York lost their grip on the Kingfisher Beers (National Club ko) Cup which they had won in 2012. Their group final against Doncaster was halted by rain with their opponents leading by 0.1 on run rate.

O Welcome visitor at Chester on Monday was one of Wiltshire's finest Old Boys, John Savin. Chairman of the League while still an active Bowdon player from 1979- 86, John is now living in retirement in North Wales and enjoys golf and gardening, in that order

BOB TAYLOR SPEAKS. Former Derbyshire and England wicket-keeper Bob Taylor gave a talk to an enraptured audience at Chester during lunch on Monday in a club event organised by Jim Gillson and Brian Gresty. .

Bob, now 71 and a leading ambassador for Duke cricket balls, told of the day he reached his best Test score – 97 against Australia at Adelaide in 1981 before 'walking' when he felt he got a touch to a ball going down the leg side. "The ump, who didn't give me out, came into the dressing-room later to thank me", recalled the modest Potteries man.

They don't make them like that any more.

DEVELOPMENT XI v Durham Academy at Warrington on Wednesday & Thursday last week: no information available.

Nextmatch v Lancashire Under 19s at Heywood on Wednesday, Thursday, July 24, 25.

Mixed fortune for Vets

CHESHIRE continued their improvement with a 124 runs wickets victory over Durham at Cheadle Hulme in the **Spitfire 60 Plus county championship** on Tuesday last week and now seem well set for a play-off place.

Next outing is against Lancashire at Neston on Tuesday this week (1 pm).

Scores: Cheshire 225-4 (Andy Hurworth 66, Alan Hitchmough 62no, Nick Sharp 48); Durham 101 (Alan Hitchmough 3-19, Howard Norris 2-12, Chris Lees 2-17).

A setback was suffered by Cheshire in their quest for a **50 Plus County championship** play-off place when they lost by seven wickets to a strong Lancashire team at Timperley last Wednesday.

Cheshire totalled 180, the highlight being a 101 stand for the fourth wicket between skipper Gary Cash, 68 and Gary Dixon, 37, Rawtenstall's legendary all-rounder Mike Ingham taking 5-25. In reply Lancashire recovered from 56-3 to coast home without further loss at 184-3 inside 40 overs, Mike Cushion 2-38.

Cheshire are without a game on Wednesday this week, Cumbria having conceded their fixture at Alderley Edge. Cheshire are next in action on their NE tour the following week against Northumberland and Durham

UMPS MEET

THE League Umpires & Scorers Association's mid-season meeting is at Toft Cricket Club on Monday, July 1 at 8 p.m..

Panel umpire Jim Whitehead has a new mobile tel. as follows: 07526 160 288.

Five share Fair Play lead

FIVE clubs – four of them from the First Division – share top place in the League Fair Play table drawn up by coordinator John Lofthouse from marks submitted by umpires after each match (maximum 4) up to Week 10 on Saturday, June 22.

Three clubs at the foot of the table are all from the ECB Premier League and with marks below 3.50 are in need of improvement.

PLACINGS ON JUNE 22

1=	4.00	Bredbury St. Mark's, Brooklands, Christleton, Heaton Mersey, Tattenhall
6=	3.95	Cheadle Hulme, Hyde, Oulton Park, Poynton
10=	3.90	Bramhall, Cheadle, Irby, Marple, Urmston, Weaverham
16=	3.85	Alvanley, Neston, Sale, Stockport Georgians, Widnes
23=	3.80	Alderley Edge, Stockport, Warrington
24	3.75	Bollington
25	3.72	Macclesfield
26=	3.70	Congleton, Grappenhall
28	3.67	Toft
29=	3.65	Bowdon, Chester Boughton Hall, Middlewich
32	3.60	Davenham
33	3.55	Timperley
34.	3.45	Nantwich
35	3.40	Didsbury
36	3.30	Oxton

WEEK 11: Alistair Davies's Umpires Quiz

LAST WEEK'S POSER: A Wide Ball is called. The ball is then deflected by the wicket-keeper onto a fielder's helmet placed on the ground within the field of play. In the meantime, the batsmen have attempted a run, but have not crossed when the ball hits the helmet. They subsequently complete the run. What ruling applies?

ANSWER: One run is scored for the wide ball, plus five penalty runs when the ball makes contact with the helmet. The ball is already dead when the batsmen cross, so that run does not count. Six runs in total are therefore scored.

THIS WEEK: There is only one umpire available for the match. That umpire miscounts the number of valid balls in an over. For the seventh delivery he calls it as a no ball, then realises he has miscounted. What should the umpire do next next?

Cheshire Shield results and draw

RESULTS of second round games in **the Cheshire Shield** played on Sunday were:

Bramhall 275-8 (M. Jamieson 107, M. Hughes 71. M. Begbie 59no); Weaverham 48 (S. Wilkinson 5-18, N. Bell 4-21). Cheadle Hulme 278-5 (R Battye 144, O Potts 36) Offerton 54 (J Locke 5-27); Ashley 128 Ashton on Mersey 130-2; Bollington 172 (R Hough 56, T. Barrass 43) Romiley 191 (M Imran 3-12); Sandbach 170 Davenham 176-9; Tranmere Vics 154 Runcorn 293.

To be played on Sunday, July 7: Hawk Green v Wilmslow Wayfarers; Port Sdunlight v Birkenhead St. Mswry's

Draw for quarter-finals on Sunday, July 21: Bramhall v Hawk Green or Wilmslow Wayfarers; Cheadle Hulme v Ashton on Mersey; Romiley v Davenham; Port Sunlight or Birkenhead St. Mary's v Runcorn.

HYDE, UPTON WIN IN CHESHIRE CUP

FOURTH round results in the **Cheshire Cup** on Sunday:

Parkfield Liscard 214-7 (R Ahmed 101no) Hyde 215-3 (D Berry 93no, T. Twiney 64) played at Hyde; Upton 211-7 (A Cotter 38) Urmston 165 (L Jackson 57, M Ingram 3-23).

Revised draw for quarter-finals (Sunday, July 14): Wallasey v Birkenhead Park; Chester Boughton Hall v Hyde; Alderley Edge v Macclesfield; New Brighton v Upton.

CHEADLE: 150 NOT OUT

JOINT Editor Andrew Taylor launched the handsome new history of Cheadle Cricket Club entitled “*150 Not Out*” during Saturday’s First Division game against local rivals Cheadle Hulme at Kingsway.

For the first time and after extensive research, Andrew has established that the club was founded in 1863 and the book traces its history from the Victoria era to the present day in a clear and concise style.

He has written and edited the handsome soft-backed tome in conjunction with club captain Paul Sperring and together they have added appendices with detailed reports of all tours from 1949 – 2012, a special report on Over 40s cricket - contributed by chairman Tony Brady and together they have selected an All Time Best Cheadle XI – their very own Dream Team.

The book has 412 pages and has been professionally designed and printed with numerous photographs both in black and white and colour. A total of 300 copies have been printed and are available at £20 from Andrew Taylor on 07545 644 826.

A commemorative picture of the team was taken on Saturday with the Editors and chairman holding copies of the of the book.

Anniversary celebrations

Cheadle will mark their 150th years with a series of events during the week August 5 – 10, culminating in an Anniversary Ball at on the evening of Saturday, August 10. This will include a four course meal, a talk by well known Australian speaker Rodney Hogg followed by music and dancing. The cost is £40 per person.

A Cricket Week includes games on Monday, August 5: Cheadle v Cheadle Hulme T20; Tuesday: Cheadle 2004 v Cheadle 2013; Wednesday: Cheadle U 15 v District U 15; followed by Cheadle Over 40s v Chairman’s Over 40s; Thursday: Cheadle v MCC; followed by Charity Ladies Night.

MTB writes: I attended the book launch on Saturday to offer congratulations to Messrs Taylor and Sperring for their excellent work, having made a contribution to their research plus a foreword.

Touring the ground I was impressed by on-field improvements rendered by groundsman Ian Barber and the many pavilion modifications introduced by chairman Colin Brady and his hard-working committee.

The ground must now rank among the most pleasant on which to watch cricket anywhere in the county.

Cheshire Under 15s final

GRAPPENHALL stage the ECB-sponsored **Cheshire Under 15s Cup final** on Thursday (6.15 pm.)

The identity of the finalists is not yet known, one semi-final this week being Haslingden v Nantwich while the second group features the winners of Alderley Edge v Hyde v Neston. Competition organiser is Mike Tyerman of Grappenhall CC.

Test Legends at Grappers

GRAPPENHALL are preparing to hold a major T20 double header on Tuesday, July 30.

Large crowds are expected with tickets selling fast for two T20 games to be played that day, starting with a testimonial for Ben Westwood between Warrington Wolves RL team and a Grappenhall XI at 12 noon.

The main event is an England v Australian Legends game at 4 p.m. which features many of the most famous names in the game from yesteryear. Booked to appear are home club man Neil Fairbrother, Andrew Flintoff, Mark Ramprakash, Devon Malcolm, Andy Caddick, Shaun Udal, Dominic Cork, John Embury and Phil DeFreitas, while the Aussie names have yet to be confirmed.

Tickets are available from the Warrington Wolves Stadium from the wolfware shop opening 9 a.m. to 5 pm at £27 (grandstand), £20 (stand) and £15 under 16s ground.

For further details contact GCC secretary Paul Tyerman on ptyerman@warrington.gov.uk or by tel. on 07912 966 236.

Poynton development

THERE are major development plans afoot at Poynton Sports Chub where developers Emmerson are looking to purchase the entire London Road site at an initial offer price of £4.5 million.

In the latest issue of the club Newsletter *The Dazzler*, Editor Martin Saxon says Emmerson’s previous interest was in purchasing the area round the squash courts at a rough figure of £1M, but they now have bigger plans.

He says most cricket section members consider the price offered is too low and they are alarmed at the likely reaction of the local public to the loss of a major village centre sports facility.

Views on the proposal are being accepted from members and non members by chairman Brian Kingham on brian.kingham@m-real.com or by secretary John Marsden on secretarypoyntoncc@yahoo.co.uk

FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY, JULY 6

ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v ALDERLEY EDGE
DIDSBURY v HYDE
GRAPPENHALL v OXTON
MACCLESFIELD v NANTWICH
NESTON v MARPLE (12 noon)
TOFT v BOWDON

David Moss & Phil Prince
Chris Smith & Geoff Wellsted
Trevor Burnett & Jon Hacking
Barrie Burns & Ian Drury
Alistair Davies & Neville Kent
Don Flanagan & Ian Greensmith

First Division (1 p.m.)

BRAMHALL v CHEADLE HULME
CHEADLE v BROOKLANDS
CHRISTLETON v MIDDLEWICH
HEATON MERSEY v BREDBURY ST. MARK'S
OULTON PARK v URMSTON
WIDNES v SALE

Glyn Roberts & Mark Turner
Steve Duckers & Dave Goulding
Brian Jones & John Lowe
Bob Cunningham & Tony Morris
Wyn Harris & Clive Rice
David Tate & Gary Zimmer

Second Division (1 p.m.)

ALVANLEY v DAVENHAM
CONGLETON v TIMPERLEY
IRBY v STOCKPORT GEORGIANS
POYNTON v WARRINGTON
STOCKPORT v BOLLINGTON
TATTENHALL v WEAVERHAM

Martin Howe & Dion Kelly
Paul Herring & Tom Spencer
Martin Roberts & Ken Rothwell
Stan Davies & David Gane
Howard Briggs & Ian Wilson
Steve Kirkbright & Ken Simpson

2nd XI Premier Division (1 p.m.)

ALDERLEY EDGE v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL
HYDE v DIDSBURY
MIDDLEWICH v GRAPPENHALL
NANTWICH v MACCLESFIELD
SALE v TOFT
URMSTON v NESTON

Simon Smith -
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Ray Prescott -
- -
- -
- Club umpire

Last word ...

An early reminder ... new Surrey county cricket supremo and former England Test wicket-keeper/batsman Alec Stewart is to be the guest speaker at the League's 38th annual Presentation Dinner at The Mere – aka Mere Golf & Country Club. Book the date in your diaries now: Friday, October 4 @ 7 pm. at an unchanged £30.

Organiser John Bygate urgently needs offers of raffle prizes from clubs and invites contact on john@bygate.fslife.co.uk