



**2013 SEASON NEWSLETTER NO. 20: AUGUST 31**

## **Neston take 12 points lead**

THE defining moment in the current **ECB Premier League** championship could have taken place at Parkgate on Saturday when Neston captured the final Chester Boughton Hall wicket to complete a 97 runs (25 points to 4) victory. Neston consequently surged into a 12 points lead with just two games remaining – at Bowdon next Saturday, then in front of their own expectant supporters against Grappenhall on September 14.

Completing a notable double over their rivals, neither of whom has yet won the Premiership, Neston fully merited their 14<sup>th</sup> win of the season after opting to bat first on a grassless pitch which encouraged spin from the start. Which was why an opening partnership of 127 between Will Evans, 80 and skipper David Hurst, 59 was to prove crucial with runs becoming increasingly scarce. Only Andy Murphy, 33 of the later batsmen looked safe as Chester took a grip and reduced their hosts from 155-3 to a containable closing tally of 242-8. It was significant that 16 year-old off spinner Harry Killoran took 4-66 while more experienced legger Jack Williams had figures of 1-76.

Chester began well, yet opener Mark Rowland's 45 proved to be their highest individual contribution as the runs dried up. After Lee Dixon was out for a breezy 34, Jordan Clark dithered for 90 minutes and 69 balls over 20 as the versatile Andy Clarke switched from pace at one end to leg spin at the other. Wickets began to fall regularly and the Clarke with an 'e' enjoyed a match-winning final return of 5-52 off 15.2 overs, the last five CBH wickets falling for 12 runs in an all out tally of 145. Mention should also be made of the holding ability of veteran SLA bowler Paul Stimson with 2-52 off 19 overs in the absence of the injured Chris Finegan, who will miss the rest of the season.

The Neston ground looked superb in the sunshine on a day when the Third XI won their title on the 'back pitch' – and paraded round the main ground in a lap of honour.

However, for David Hurst's team there are still two weeks to go and Chester will feel that with Grappenhall at home and Oxton away on their agenda, they can yet turn the tables.

### **Bowdon relief**

Bowdon's relegation worries are at an end after a fine 112 runs win at Nantwich, highlighted by 79 runs from Mark Chilton 79 and a 6-48 blast by pace bowler Chris Ashling which reduced the retiring champions to 95 all out.

Didsbury gave a reminder that they are not yet dead and buried with an unexpected win at Grappenhall where their Phil Critchley was run out for 99 and Simon Normanton took 5-65.

Marple continue to look over their shoulders after another poor performance when they were beaten by 103 runs at Hyde. James Duffy, scored a superb unbeaten 116 and Danny Berry 63 and with Tom Young taking 4-36 for the winners while Marple have lost Beau Webster, who has returned Down Under..

Marple lie 24 points above Didsbury and 20 better off than Macclesfield who lost at Oxton by 63 runs. Currently winding up on a high, Oxton scored 233, Martyn Evans 83, with Barney Cutbill claiming 6-87, before Macc faltered to 170.all out.

Meanwhile, in the safety of mid-table, Alderley Edge proved too strong for Toft in a 75 runs home victory led by a quality innings of 91 by Calum Rowe and a 4-59 return from Jason Whittaker, currently bowling as well as ever.

### ***Chester win Cheshire Cup final***

CHESTER Boughton Hall got over their Saturday woes when they beat Liverpool Competition hosts New Brighton by 68 runs to retain the **Cheshire Cup** on Sunday after amassing 311-7. Jordan Clark's classic innings of 119 earned him the Man of the Match award. Fuller report on page 6.

## **Bramhall are up**

BRAMHALL's five wickets win at Christleton was sufficient to ensure them promotion from **Division One** to the Premier League in 2014, although they will have to wait to clinch the title.

Christleton were dismissed for 134 at Little Heath, Martin Astbury 41, Simon Wilkinson, 3-35 and Rupes Kitzinger, 3-60 continuing their superb partnership. Matt Hughes' unbeaten 62 after tea saw Nick Cantello's men home in 33 overs.

Cheadle Hulme, third, beat Urmston, second, by one wicket in a tense finish at Grove Park cutting Urmies' lead to 11 points.

Urmston batted well to total 203, Chris Watson 83, Lewis Jackson 60, Ewan McCray 4-65. To which the Grove Park men responded with 204-9 thanks chiefly to their outstanding Aussie all-rounder Kris Nissen, with 95 and a vital late unbeaten 30 from Chris Beckley. Adam Syddall took 3-48.

Sale's Tyrone Lawrence rattled up the highest divisional batting tally of 120 not out in his side's 259 total in a winning drawn derby at Brooklands. The home side responded with 188-6, John Grewar 70 not out, John Hall 3-15.

### ***Bentley stars***

Oulton Park moved significantly up-table with a 99 runs home win over Heaton Mersey at Little Budworth where the adjoining hostelry The Egerton Arms has thrown open its doors again after too long a closure. Lou Bentley smote 102 and Roger Thompson and Nick James both 51 as Park ran up 292-6, Waqar Rashid 4-85. 'Mersey reached 193 in reply thanks chiefly to Aussie star Aaron Ayre, 77, Bentley having the last word with 3-2 off three lethal overs.

Bredbury St. Mark's stay at the foot of the table after losing by 130 runs at home to Widnes, who compiled a massive 265-7, thanks to Danny Naughton, 89 and Sean Moore 52. Bredbury were bowled out for 134, M. Nuttall 39, Damien Moore returning fine figures of 6-37.

Middlewich's decline continued when they were humbled by 188 runs at home by Cheadle, who were put in and totalled 273- Greg Dixon 109. "Sheer lack of application" – the words of chairman Gavin Tomlinson – was the reason for the home side's feeble response of 85 all out, Simon O'Brian taking 5-50 and Will Holmes 3-5.

## **Title for Timperley**

CONGRATUATIONS are in order for Timperley, undisputed champions of **Division Two** after racking up their 16<sup>th</sup> victory at the expense of closest challengers Stockport.

Stockport were inserted in what proved to be a low-scoring game: bowled out for 113, top scorer G Barber with 37, while the spin of Ian Grindley earned him 4-16 off 12 accurate overs. Mike Stephens top-scored with 50 and Mike Ness 44 not out in Timperley's triumphant reply of 116-4 in 24 overs.

Now 69 points clear with two games to go, Timperley allowed themselves to celebrate after the game when there were cheers all round for skipper Steve Bramhall and chairman Adam Horan.

Tattenhall continued their upsurge and with a 59 runs win at Stockport Georgians currently lie only 17 points behind Stockport and host Timperley next Saturday. Ollie Griffiths scored a splendid 130 not out - and later took three catches - in Tatters' 252-5 declared off 44 overs, Dan Power, 64 helping him to put on 146 for the second wicket, while Jeremy Devlin took 3-69. Georgians put up a sturdy fight to reach 193, Nick Johnson 83, but Dave Shrewring, 4-57, was too wily for them.

### ***Georgians' fear***

Georgians now fear their immediate days in the League may be numbered as close rivals Alvanley chalked up a crucial one run win at home to Congleton and now lead them in 10<sup>th</sup> place by 36 points. Alvanley posted an improved 216-9, Steve Charles 81, Kevin Waterhouse 4-68, Congleton responding with 215 all out, one run short off the penultimate delivery, Lee Ainsworth 3-37, Ed Speakman 3-74.

Said delighted Alvanley skipper Andy Bennion: "That was a superb game and Congleton went all the way (well he would say that, wouldn't he?).

Bollington also lost, albeit only by 11 runs after a sturdy fight at Weaverham and they are also contemplate relegation. Weaverham totalled 154-9, Rob McMillan 47, Stuart Plant 5-53 and Bolly came up with 143, Rick Hough 58, Stuart Hayes 4-24. There is a huge gap of 122 points between Weaverham and ninth-placed Irby after the Wirral men lost at home by four wickets to Poynton, yet they still claimed 10 points and are virtually safe from the drop. Irby scored 201-4, Andy Williams 73 not out before Poynton responded with 202-6, Danny Williams 66.

Davenham's winning run was halted at Warrington and they had to be content with 14 draw points, hardly enough to enhance hopes of promotion in their first season. Davenham closed on 230-7 after being 81-6, Chris Hornby hitting a memorable unbeaten 98 in a seventh wicket stand worth 142, while the consistent Kyle Adams claimed 7-91. Warrington were content to hold out at 125-8, Chris Kirby 41, Dean Jackson 4-42.

***ECB PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS***

**ALDERLEY EDGE (25 pts.) beat TOFT (won toss, 5 pts.) by 75 runs:**

Alderley Edge 241-7 (55 overs: C Rowe 91, A Worrall 39, M Currie 36, T Forman 35);  
Toft 166 (54 overs: J Hancock 59, R Jones 50no, J. Whittaker 4-59).

**GRAPPENHALL (7 pts.) lost to DIDSBURY (toss, 25 pts.) by 7 wickets:**

Grappenhall 204-9 (55 overs: L Parkinson 47no, J McCoy 35, M Sambell 34, S. Normanton 5-65);  
Didsbury 205-3 (53 overs: P Critchley 99, C Kaye 43no, A. Quasim 41, S. Southward 3-25).

**HYDE (toss 25 pts.) beat MARPLE ( 3 pts.) by 103 runs:**

Hyde 289-4 (55 overs: J Duffy 116no, D Berry 63, C Tipper 43);  
Marple 186 (51 overs: J Ormond 56, B Webster 35, T Young 4-36, S Kirwin 3-68).

**NANTWICH (3 pts.) lost to BOWDON (toss, 25 pts.):**

Bowdon 207-7 (55 overs: M. Chilton 79, J McDougall 44, L Livingstone 3-31, O Griffiths 3-85);  
Nantwich 95 (24 overs: C Ashling 6-48).

**NESTON (toss, 25 pts.) beat CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (4 pts.) by 97 runs:**

Neston 242-8 (55 overs: W Evans 80, D. Hurst 59, A Murphy 33, H.Killoran 4-46);  
Chester 145 (43 overs: M Rowland 43, L Dixon 34, A Clarke 5-52).

**OXTON (25 pts.) beat MACCLESFIELD (toss, 6 pts.) by 63 runs:**

Oxton 233 (43 overs: M Evans 83, S. Stokes 64, B Cutbill 6-87);  
Macclesfield 170 ( overs: A Winslow 35, G. Fernando 3-35, M Evans 3-48).

***DIVISION ONE***

**BREDBURY ST MARK'S (won toss, 4 pts.) lost to WIDNES (25 pts.) by 130 runs:**

Widnes 265-7 (50 overs: D Naughton 89, S. Moore 52, C Wood 3-52);  
Bredbury 135 (34 overs: M. Nuttall 39, C. Wood 30, D Moore 6-37).

**BROOKLANDS (toss, 8 pts.) drew with SALE (13 pts.)**

Sale 259 (44 overs: T. Lawrence 120no, J Benzafar 50, J Birchall 3-38, C. Potter 3-79);  
Brooklands 188-6 (56 overs: J Grewar 70no, A Platt 43, J Hall 3-12).

**CHEADLE HULME (toss, 25 pts.) beat URMSTON (7 pts.) by 1 wicket:**

Urmston 203 (41 overs: C Watson 83, L Jackson 60, E. McCray 4-65);  
Cheadle Hulme 204-9 ( overs: K Nissen 95, C. Beckley 30no, A. Syddall 3-48).

**CHRISTLETON (toss, 4 pts.) lost to BRAMHALL (25 pts.) by 5 wickets:**

Christleton 134 (37 overs: M Astbury 41, S. Wilkinson 3-35, R Kitzinger 3-60);  
Bramhall 135- (33 overs: M Hughes 62no).

**MIDDLEWICH (toss, 2 pts.) lost to CHEADLE (25 pts.) by 188 runs:**

Cheadle 273-5 (50 overs: G Dixon 109);  
Middlewich 85 (21 overs: S O'Brian 5-50, W Holmes 3-5).

**OULTON PARK (toss, 25 pts.) beat HEATON MERSEY (5 pts.) by 99 runs:**

Oulton Park 292-6 (50 overs: L Bentley 102, N James 51, R Thompson 51, M. East 33, W Rashid 4-85);  
Heaton Mersey 193 (45 overs: A Ayre 77, L Bentley 3-2).

***DIVISION 2 RESULTS***

**ALVANLEY (won toss, 25 pts.) beat CONGLETON (8 pts.) by 1 run:**

Alvanley 216-9 (50 overs: S. Charles 81, K Waterhouse 4-68);

Congleton 215 (49.5 overs: .J Higginbottom 40, A Browe 32, J Wilshaw 32no, L Ainsworth 3-37, E Speakman 3-74).

**IRBY (10 pts.) lost to POYNTON (toss, 25 pts.) by 4 wickets:**

Irby 201-4 (50 overs: A. Williams 73no);

Poynton 202-6 (46 overs: D Williams 66).

**STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (toss, 5 pts.) lost to TATTENHALL (25 pts.) by 59 runs:**

Tattenhall 252-5 dec. (44 overs: O Thompson 130no, D. Power 64, J. Devlin 3-69);

Stockport Georgians 183 (48 overs: N Johnson 83, D Shewring 4-57, C. Wilson 3-18).

**TIMPERLEY (toss, 25 pts.) beat STOCKPORT (3 pts.) by 6 wickets**

Stockport 113 (39 overs: G Barber 37, I. Grindley 4-16);

Timperley 116-4 (24 overs: M Stephens 50, M Ness 44no).

**WARRINGTON (toss, 4 pts.) drew with DAVENHAM (14 pts.)**

Davenham 230-7 (50 overs: C Hornby 98, K Adams 7-91);

Warrington 125-8 (50 overs: C Kirby 41, D. Jackson 4-42).

**WEAVERHAM (toss, 25 pts.) beat BOLLINGTON (6 pts.) by 11 runs:**

Weaverham 154-9 (50 overs: R McMillan 47no, S. Plant 5-53);

Bollington 143 ( overs: R Hough 58, S. Hayes 4-24, W Cornwall 3-12).

***PICK OF WEEK***

**ECB Premier League**

Batting: James Duffy (Hyde) 116 v Marple; Bowling: Chris Ashling (Bowdon) 6-48 v Nantwich

**First Division**

Batting: Tyrone Lawrence (Sale) 120no v Brooklands Bowling: Damien Moore (Widnes) 6-37 v Bredbury

**Second Division**

Batting: Ollie Thompson (Tattenhall) 130no v Stockport Georgians., Bowling: Kyle Adams (Warrington) 7-91 v Davenham

***Leading individual stats at August 24 (o = overseas)***

**PREMIER LEAGUE BATTING:** Goodwin (CBH) 1,045 runs; Evans (Neston) 899; Marshall (Bowdon) 828; Tipper (Hyde) 819.

**BOWLING:** Lomas (Toft) 64 wickets; Clarke (Neston) 54; oFernando (Oxton) 50; Whittaker (Alderley Edge) 47.

**WICKET-KEEPING:** Makin (Hyde) 22c & 7 st and Worrall (Alderley Edge) 25c & 4st = 29 victims.

**FIRST DIVISION BATTING:** oAyre (Heaton Mersey) 1,010 runs; De Silva (Christleton) 850; Moore (Oulton Park) 825; oFlowers (Sale) 806.

**BOWLING:** oNissan (Cheadle Hulme) 66 wickets; Wilkinson (Bramhall) 56; Tharsen (Sale) 48; De Silva (Christleton) 45.

**WICKET-KEEPING:** Jackson (Urmston) 29c & 2 st = 31 victims.

**SECOND DIVISION BATTING:** oCornwall (Weaverham) 761 runs; oManning (Stockport) 747; oLamb (Congleton) 727; Ashling (Timperley) 691.

**BOWLING:** oAdams (Warrington) 77 wickets; oCornwall (Weaverham) 61; Page (Timperley) 54; oLoubser (Davenham) 46.

**WICKET-KEEPING:** Edwards 25c & 5 st = 30 victims.

**How they stand after 20 games ... 2 to go**

<b>ECB PREMIER</b>	<b>WIN (25)</b>	<b>TIE (16)</b>	<b>WD (3)</b>	<b>RD (2)</b>	<b>LD (1)</b>	<b>C/AB (7)</b>	<b>LOST</b>	<b>Bat</b>	<b>Bowl</b>	<b>Total pts.</b>
NESTON (8)	14	0	2	1	1	0	2	26	21	398
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	13	0	2	1	0	0	4	32	21	386
HYDE	10	0	1	2	4	0	3	46	26	333
OXTON	10	0	0	1	1	0	8	31	24	308
GRAPPENHALL	8	0	2	2	0	0	8	71	21	302
ALDERLEY EDGE	9	0	1	0	2	1	7	31	23	291
TOFT	8	0	1	0	0	2	9	47	23	287
NANTWICH	7	0	1	0	1	1	10	42	26	254
BOWDON	6	0	1	2	0	0	11	56	35	248
MARPLE	5	0	2	1	1	0	11	60	30	224
MACCLESFIELD	4	0	1	0	3	1	11	63	28	204
DIDSBURY	4	0	0	1	1	0	14	63	34	200

Neston 8 points deducted for slow over rate.

**DIVISION 1**

BRAMHALL	14	1	1	1	1	0	2	32	16	420 prom
URMSTON	13	1	0	0	1	0	5	27	10	379
CHEADLE HULME	12	0	2	0	2	0	4	34	26	368
OULTON PARK	8	0	2	2	2	0	6	52	35	299
SALE	7	2	3	1	0	0	7	63	18	299
BROOKLANDS	9	0	1	0	2	0	8	32	26	288
WIDNES	8	0	2	0	0	0	10	47	24	277
CHEADLE	7	0	2	1	2	0	8	44	38	267
CHRISTLETON	5	0	4	0	2	0	9	78	34	251
MIDDLEWICH	5	0	1	0	5	0	9	35	38	206
HEATON MERSEY	3	0	3	0	1	0	13	55	46	186
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	3	0	0	0	3	1	13	58	30	173

**DIVISION 2**

TIMPERLEY	16	0	1	0	1	0	2	10	15	429 ch
STOCKPORT	12	1	1	0	0	1	5	22	12	360
TATTENHALL	12	0	1	0	1	0	6	24	21	349
DAVENHAM	10	0	4	0	1	0	5	51	31	345
WARRINGTON	11	0	1	0	3	0	5	20	25	326
POYNTON	9	1	1	1	1	0	7	39	29	315
CONGLETON	10	0	2	0	0	0	8	33	25	314
WEAVERHAM	9	0	2	0	3	0	6	50	29	313
IRBY	4	0	0	1	2	0	13	56	31	191
ALVANLEY	4	0	0	1	1	0	14	48	28	179
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	1	1	2	0	1	0	15	55	40	143
BOLLINGTON	2	0	2	0	2	0	14	46	36	140

## **Chester retain Cheshire Cup**

CHESTER Boughton Hall threw off the disappointment of losing the ECB Premier League leadership at Neston the previous day when they won by 68 runs at New Brighton in the **Cheshire Cup final** on Sunday. It was their fourth success since the competition started in 1973.

Lancashire batsman Jordan Clark deservedly won the Man of the Match award for an innings of 119 of the highest order, which helped Chester rout their Liverpool Competition opposition bowling to total 311-7 off 45 overs. Clark (112 balls, 11 fours, two sixes) was assisted by Lee Dixon's 87 (64 balls, 10 fours five sixes) in a third wicket partnership worth 143. This after a sound opening knock of 55 from Mark Rowland.

New Brighton suffered pre-match blows when their Lancashire all-rounder Luke Proctor cried off with injury and the return to South Africa of their overseas star De Villiers.

The New Brighton reply began in the doldrums in the face of their massive task until the arrival of Mike Hale. He cheered the unusually quiet home crowd by hammering the Chester bowling for 94 off 70 balls and his team were eventually able to close on a respectable 243-8.

Warren Goodwin had the best bowling return with 3-29 and Alex Kegg 2-37.

The MofM award was presented by Vivio Cheshire County League president Ian Brown and the trophies handed out by Peter Davies, chairman of the Cheshire 4Cs Cricket committee. He thanked tournament organiser Rick Davis for his excellent work organising the cup and shield throughout the summer.

### **MATCH CARD**

#### **CHESTER**

M Rowland	c Wilson b J. Horrocks	55
W Goodwin	b Ghaus	4
J. Clark	b Wilson	119
L Dixon	c Hughes b Wilson	87
R Dixon	c D While b Nawab	1
S Ogilby	run out	8
J Williams	not out	8
M Griffiths	b Ghaus	0
H Killoran	not out	0
Extras		28
<b>Total (for 7 wickets, 45 overs)</b>		<b>311</b>

Did not bat: I Linwood, A. Kegg

#### **NEW BRIGHTON**

L Botes	c Ogilby b Linwood	19
T Horrocks	lbw Kegg	6
D While	c Clark b Kegg	12
M Hale	c Williams b Goodwin	96
J. While	c L Dixon b Killoran	48
M Climo	c R. Dixon b Williams	8
M Hughes	b Goodwin	17
A Ghaus	c Rowland b Goodwin	25
A Nawab	not out	2
J Horrocks	not out	0
Extras		10
<b>Total (for 8 wickets, 45 overs)</b>		<b>243</b>

Did not bat: L. Wilson.

New Brighton bowling: Ghaus 9-0-43-2; Hale 6-0-51-0; Wilson 7-0-70-2; J.Horrocks 6-0-34-1; D. While 9-0-64-0; Nawab 8-0-41-1.

Chester bowling: Linwood 9-0-37-1; Kegg 9-0-37-2; Williams 9-0-39-1; Killoran 9-0-39-1; Goodwin 5-0-29-3; Rowland 3-0-28-0.

Umpires: Dion Kelly and Trevor Burnett (CCL Umpires & Scorers Assn.).

*Stats by courtesy of Don Speakman*

O BOUGHTON Hall will be hoping to add to their stock of trophies when they host Bootle in the **Liverpool Echo Cup** final on Sunday, September 15. This is two innings x 20 overs match and starts at 11 a.m.

## **Cheshire 60s in semi finals**

HOLDERS of the **Spitfire 60 Plus county championship** title, Cheshire meet Wales at Grappenhall in the semi-final on Tuesday, this week (1 p.m.).

Meanwhile, Cheshire Over 60s 2nd XI have progressed to the **National Plate semi-finals** and meet Worcestershire at Cheadle Hulme on Thursday (1 p.m.). The team have enjoyed a successful first season of competitive cricket under skipper Jim Wilde of Poynton.



## **TWIN END OF SEASON MEETINGS**

OVER 40 section clubs are reminded about the end of season Special Meeting at Warrington Sports Club on Wednesday, October 16 (7 pm).

Alsager Dabbers report that they will be playing home matches on Wednesdays in 2014, while interest in joining has been shown by Ashton on Mersey and Compstall.

Urmston may seek a place for a 2nd XI as they have so many senior members wishing to play mid-week cricket.

### **Third XI proposals**

THE annual meeting of Third XI club representatives will also be held on Wednesday, October 16 at Warrington starting at 8 p.m.

This meeting takes on extra importance due to major proposals which have been circulated recommending regionalisation of Sunday cricket and a reduction in total overs.

Voting on all proposals agreed at both meetings will be taken at the January, 2014 management meeting.

Cheshire Alliance club Haslington have indicated their interest in joining the Sunday set up.

### ***Didsbury thirds' batting record***

DIDSBURY set up a new Third XI batting record on Sunday when they totalled 368-7 in a Division One game against New Brighton, which was switched the Rakers' alternative ground at Oxtun Wayfarers. This beat Hyde's 363-3 against Grappenhall in 1998.

According to Didsbury scorer James Emmerson, New Brighton replied with 200 runs in 30 overs, giving a total aggregate for the match of 568 runs – including 402 in boundaries.

### **Umpires' courses**

The ECB ACO are to hold two Level One umpires courses during the close season, both over six weeks at a total cost of £40 per person..Details are as follows:

1. Tuesday evenings, 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. from October 1 at HALE BARNES
2. Wednesday evenings, 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. from at January 15 at OAKMERE

Contact Geoff Young, tel. 01352 755 881; e-mail curzon99@tiscali.co.uk or Dave Lawson tel. 01606 76587; e-mail Lmaureen4@aol.com

### ***Charity Cricket Dinner***

BRAMHALL Golf Club is to stage a Charity Cricket Dinner in aid of McMillan Nurses and the Royal Corps of Nursing in the clubhouse at Ladythorn Road, Bramhall on Wednesday, October 30.

One of the organisers is Dehrne Hancock, wife of former Cheadle Hulme player and chairman, currently president of Staffs CCC David Hancock, both of keen golfers at Bramhall.

The guest speaker is to be England selector and former Cheshire all-rounder Geoff Miller

Further information about tickets, which cost £30 per head, is available from Jim Alexander on 0161 439 0400

### **PENALTY POINTS**

A Vivio Cheshire County League table currently appearing on play-cricket.com and in at least one national cricket newspaper, lists several clubs as having 5 points deducted.

This is not correct. Only one club has had points deducted (for a slow over rate) and this is shown in the ECB Premiership table on page 5 of this edition of *Newsletter*.

## **Pitch & ground marks: August 24**

UMPIRES' ground marks from games played on Saturday, August 24 were as follows:

**ECB Premier League:** Bowdon v Hyde: pitch 14 outfield 19; Didsbury v Chester 14 – 20; Macclesfield v Grappenhall 17 – 19; Marple v Alderley Edge no result sheet received; Nantwich v Neston 15 – 18; Toft v Oxton 14 – 19;

**First Division:** Bramhall v Heaton Mersey 16 – 18; Brooklands v Oulton Park 15 – 18; Cheadle v Christlerton 16 – 16; Sale v Cheadle Hulme 14 – 14; Urmston v Bredbury 19 – 18; Widnes v Middlewich 15 – 20;

**Second Division:** Bollington v Warrington 16 – 16; Davenham v Timperley 13 – 18; Poynton v Congleton 16 – 17; Stockport v Stockport Georgians no result sheet received; Tattenhall v Irby 18 – 19; Weaverham v Alvanley 18 – 19.

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

### **IN RETROSPECT ...**

O In the Bowdon innings of 78 all out at home to Hyde, opener Simon Marshall scored 37 and the following individual scores were 0,3,0,0,5,6,9,0,0 and 4 not out. Hyde did not fare much better after three scores in the teens they followed with 4,8,9,0,6no,4no. A total of 157 runs were scored for the loss of 17 wickets in 55 overs and the game ended at 4.10 p.m.

O Didsbury had no scorer in their home match against Chester.

O Oxton at Toft had a third wicket stand worth 101 between Simon Stokes and Saaq Choudhry. Toft's innings reached 136-2, then eight wickets fell for 20 further runs.

O Bramhall wicket-keeper Matt Begbie took a catch and two stumpings in his side's home win against Heaton Mersey. Mersey had three scorers in the teens and six other batsmen failed to score in an all out tally of 55

O The same day Bramhall confirmed a 23 points lead at the top of Division One, they had to concede a 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Division One fixture at Congleton due to shortage of players.

O Oulton Park wicket-keeper Ben Kettle took 4 catches and a stumping in his side's win at Brooklands, who had no scorer.

O At Urmston, Bredbury collapsed from 66-2 to 95 all out, their last four batsmen all failing to register.

O Middlewich wicket-keeper K Clowes took 3 catches and a stumping st Widnes. Middlewich's last batting pair later put on 58 in a losing cause.

O The Davenham v Timperley game produced only 160 runs from 70 overs, only the losers' Steve Bramhall reaching 30.

Timperley wicket-keeper Pat Ashling had 3 catches and a stumping.

## **LATEST TACS CHESHIRE LEAGUE NEWS**

THE top three clubs all won in the First Division of the **TACS-sponsored Cheshire Cricket League** on Saturday which leaves Mobberley and Upton in the two promotion positions and Northwich trailing by 14 points, all with two games to go

**RESULTS:** Chester County Officers 144 Hale Barns 224-5 dec.; Northwich 192-7 dec. Runcorn 138; Oakmere 134 Mobberley 135-3; Prestbury 158 Upton 162-5; Romiley 210 Malpas 143; Winnington Park 146-8 dec. Ashton on Mersey 148-7.

Upton beat Mere by 22 runs to win the league's T20 final at Barrow on Sunday. Scores: Upton 134-9; Mere 112. Upton's 16 year-old bowler Liam Sundve was awarded the Man of the Match award for a 3-15 return.

**LATEST PLACINGS:** 1. Mobberley 416; 2. Upton 388; 3. Northwich 374; 4. Ashton on Mersey 325; 5. Romiley 324; 6. Malpas 314; 7. Hale Barns 293; 8. Oakmere 246; 9. CCO 243; 10. Runcorn 229; 11. Prestbury 177; 12. Winnington Park 170. Division 2 leaders: 1. Mere 406; 2. Lindow 386; 3. Woodford 353. Mere cannot be promoted (no Clubmark)...

**FIXTURES** in Division 1 on Saturday, September 7 (1 p.m.): Ashton on Mersey v Romiley; Hale Barns v Winnington Park; Malpas v Oakmere; Mobberley v Northwich; Romiley v Hale Barns; Upton v Runcorn.

*Information supplied by Graham Coull, Cheshire Cricket League vice chairman.*

**ALLIANCE PLAYER SUSPENDED.** Bowdon Vale 2nd XI captain Gareth Roberts has been suspended for using racially abusive language during a recent **Cheshire Alliance** game. An internal disciplinary panel at Bowdon Vale, associate members of the Cheshire County League, have imposed a ban which runs from Monday, August 12 until Monday, September 16, 2013 then from Monday, April 14 to Monday, May 5, 2014. The second date may move due to the 2014 fixtures. The player waived his right to appeal.

Gareth Roberts should not play for any Cheshire County League club during the period of his suspension and not appear for the club in League Over 40s cricket.



## **Cheshire in play-off**

CHESHIRE will meet Eastern division champions Cambridgeshire at Wisbech in the four-day **Minor Counties championship play-off** from Sunday to Wednesday, September 8 to 11 (10.30 a.m. daily).

Neston all-rounder Andy Clarke will make his debut in place of James Duffy (Hyde), who is not available due to duties at a new school.

Team: Danny Woods (York, captain), Jonny Kettle (Nantwich, wicket-keeper), Scott Kirwin, Danny Berry (Hyde), Andy Clarke (Neston), Jack Williams, Warren Goodwin, Lee Dixon (Chester Boughton Hall), Rick Moore (Oulton Park), Khalid Sawas (Macclesfield), Adam Syddall (Urmston).

**DEVELOPMENT XI.** Cheshire's Developers beat Shropshire by two wickets at Barnton in their final match on Tuesday last week.. Scores: Shropshire 255; Cheshire 258-8. The previous game against Staffs at Knypersley was cancelled.

**SCOTLAND DRAW.** Alderley Edge staged a 3-day drawn friendly between Lancashire 2nd and Scotland A last week. Scores: Scotland 133 (Kyle Jarvis 5-31, Oliver Newby 3-22) and 381-9 dec. Lancashire 252 (Newby 68) and 236-4 (Haseeb Hameed 104, Jordan Clark 41).

### ***Alistair Davies's Umpires Quiz: Week 20***

**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:** A right-handed batsman plays a ball pitched outside his leg stump. He employs a reverse sweep, but misses the ball which hits him on the pad. There is an appeal .....is it possible for the batsman to be given out lbw?

**ANSWER:** A right-handed batsman remains a right-handed batsman under these circumstances. As the ball is pitched outside his leg stump he should not be given out lbw. **Laws 36.1 & 36.3**

**NEW POSER:** The batsman is not ready when the bowler starts his run up. However, the bowler delivers the ball. The batsman attempts to play it, makes contact with the ball which is caught by a fielder without the ball touching the ground. There is an appeal. Is the batsman out?

## ***Neston lead Aggregate table***

UP to and including games on Saturday, August 24 – i.e. with three games remaining – Neston topped the **Aggregate table**, the only club to have recorded more than 700 points from 1st and 2nd XI games combined..

The Top 12 on August 24 were:

	<b>1st XI pts.</b>	<b>2nd XI pts</b>	<b>Total pts.</b>
1. NESTON	373	376	749
2. CHESTER BO. HALL	382	311	693
3. TATTENHALL	324	356	680
4. TIMPERLEY	404	266	670
5. STOCKPORT	357	305	662
6. GRAPPENHALL	295	359	654
7. CHEADLE	242	408	650
8. DAVENHAM	331	316	647
9. HYDE	308	316	624
10. ALDERLEY EDGE	266	350	616

**MATCH DAY PROGRAMME.** Are Neston the only club to produce a match day programme? The excellent Parkgate production is the work of Mark Garrett and Ritchie Palmer.

## **FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

### **ECB Premier League (note 12 noon starts)**

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

Alistair Davies & Glyn Roberts  
Jon Hacking & Dion Kelly  
Steve Duckers & Jim Whitehead  
Ian Greensmith & Phil Prince  
David Goulding & Paul Herring  
Barrie Burns & Geoff Wellstead

### **First Division (note 12.30 p.m. starts)**

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

Steve Kirkbright & Martin Roberts  
Ken Simpson & Gary Zimmer  
Trevor Burnett & David Gane  
Neville Abberley & Ken Rothwell  
Tony Morris & Mark Turner  
Ged Kinsey & Ray Prescott

### **Second Division (note 12.30 p.m. starts)**

BOLLINGTON v ALVANLEY  
CONGLETON v IRBY  
DAVENHAM v WEAVERHAM (12 noon)  
POYNTON v STOCKPORT GEORGIANS  
STOCKPORT v WARRINGTON  
TATTENHALL v TIMPERLEY

Chris Smith & David Stoter  
Wyn Harris & David Tate  
Ankit Jain & Clive Rice  
Bob Cunningham & Allan Lewis  
Howard Briggs & Garry Hambleton  
Peter Hanaby & David Williams

### **2nd XI Premier Division (12.30 p.m.)**

There are no panel umpires available.

### *Last Word ...*

BLUSHES it may cause, but the following e-mail from former Marple stalwart Stuart Graham earns this week's final slot. Stuart writes:

"Just a small note to say a big 'thank you' for the magnificent job you do putting out the Cheshire County League Newsletter weekly during the season and monthly in winter.

I spend a lot of my time on the west coast of Islay right out here on the edge of the Atlantic in Scotland. It is a marvellous place full of wildlife ...and whisky!

The one thing I really miss is my cricket. With luck (and reasonable weather) I usually see a handful of games at Marple and Mark Brook sends me his weekly reports which is also a fine way of keeping in touch with the doings and dramas of the local season. The Newsletter is a credit to you and the League. Best wishes, by the way, to all who remember me"

O For the record, the **Newsletter** is e-mailed weekly to 600 non-paying subscribers in 10 countries, plus many more which are passed on internally