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Rain gives Chester lifeline; 20 points separates bottom 4

WHILE Hyde's home game against Nantwich was the only one in the **ECB Premier League** to be prevented from starting by weather on a generally wet Saturday, Chester Boughton Hall reduced the deficit behind the leaders from 36 to 17 points with a three wickets win over Urmston.

Hyde need a maximum of 34 points to clinch their first title in the last two weeks of the season when their opponents are relegation-threatened Urmston away and mid-table neighbours Marple at home. Chester's remaining games from which they need maximum points to continue their challenge are at Marple and at home to bottom team Oxton.

Chester, who have enjoyed some great feats in various undefeated cup competitions this season, had a struggle to overcome a spirited Urmston side at Filkins Lane, although their visitors mustered only 142, Chris Turner 39, Josh Henderson 4-42.

Chester needed a typical swash-buckling knock of 76 from skipper Lee Dixon to see them through at 143-7, his innings of 52 balls bringing him eight fours and four sixes, while his opposite number and Cheshire teammate Adam Syddall did his best to stem the tide with 4-39.

Third placed Toft suffered a surprise seven wickets home defeat at the hands of Bowdon which revitalises the situation at the foot of the table. Toft were bowled out for 132 (Henry Hughes 54) largely by the pace of Lancashire's Oliver Newby, who took 4-42. Then young Aussie Mark Phelan came good with the bat, scoring a rare half century for his side, 60 not out, in a winning reply of 134-3.

Oxton back at bottom

Oxton slid back to the bottom of the table following a 195 runs mauling at Bramhall, who ran up 290-5 after recovering from 67-5. Matt Jamieson scored 119 and skipper Nick Cantello 100 in a magnificent unbroken sixth wicket partnership worth 223 which floored their Wirral visitors, after Gayan Fernando, 4-76 had made the early inroads. Oxton, who are suffering from injuries, non-availability and suspensions, were bundled out for 95, number nine batsman Mike McCreary top scoring with 28, while Dan Law took 4-17 and Simon Wilkinson 4-21. This was Bramhall's fourth win in a row.

Urmston are now in 11th place, one below Bowdon, while Nantwich are still very much in the relegation mix after their game at Hyde was called off.

So 20 points currently separate the bottom four with plenty of cricket yet to be played.

Improving Neston continue to pull clear after a thrilling 12 - 6 points draw at home to Marple, a match reduced to 100 overs after a late start. Neston posted 197-6, David Hurst 52, Richard Wilkinson 46 not out, Andy Greasley 4-67. To which Marple responded with a tantalisingly close 195-7 Andrew Hall 69, Paul Wood 51 putting on 109 for the fourth wicket. Veteran Chris Finegan claimed 3-21 off 13 tight overs to prevent Marple crossing the line.

Grappenhall finally ended their seven match losing run with a commendable draw at home to Alderley Edge, who batted first to post 244-7. Mark Currie dropped down to number six and came up with a sound knock of 76 and with Charlie Reid, 78, put on 117 for the seventh wicket. Grappers came up with 196-5, Richard Green 81, James McCoy 52.

CHESTER v MACC IN CHESHIRE CUP FINAL

HOLDERS Chester Boughton Hall beat Oxton by eight wickets in the Wirral on Sunday to reach the final of the **Cheshire Cup** and will host Macclesfield on Sunday, September 7.

This is just two days before their big **ECB National Club t20 Finals Day** at Northampton.

For fuller story see page 6.

DIVISION 1

Rain gives Sale lift

WHILE the top three clubs in the **First Division** were restricted to seven points each by rain, Sale gave themselves an outside chance of promotion with a 10-runs win at Middlewich and they move up to a threatening third place.

Sale were bowled out for a modest 118, to which Matt Spells contributed 60, Pat Hurley taking 6-48. But Middlewich managed to only 108 in reply, Jamie Williams 32, Sale leg spinner Rick Halkon enjoying another field day with figures of 6 –32, aided by Ben Watkin 3-32.

The key clash between Didsbury and Macclesfield was washed out while Cheadle looked in dire trouble at home to Timperley when the elements intervened. Timperley had posted 216-7, with 45 runs each from Mike Ness and Dave Haworth, Chris Moore taking 3-36 and Paul Sperring 3-49. But Cheadle batsmen were all at sea after tea and at 96-7 they were content to see the rain intervene, although Chris Moore was going well with an uneaten 47.

Oulton Park kept up their late run with a rapid nine wickets home victory over Widnes, who are in dire danger of completing a full season without a victory. They were sent back for 97, opener Mike Byrne top-scoring with 21, while Tom Hyslop enjoyed his third successive five wickets haul with figures of 5-31, helped by Martyn East, 3-31. Big-hitting Rick Moore went to town after tea with 67 off 48 balls including nine fours and three sixes, while fellow opener Danny Leech enjoyed a more sedate 29 not out in a response of 98-1.

Christleton collected sufficient points to virtually clear themselves of relegation danger before their game at Davenham was ended by rain. They scored 135 including a remarkable knock by Ifti Naseer with 86 in an opening stand of 104 off 45 balls (five fours and nine sixes). When he was out, Christleton fell to the wiles of left arm spinner Danny Hancock whose figures of 7-41 were the best of the day. Davenham were 89-7 when rain arrived, Kendal Fleming 32, Iro De Silva 5-34

Cheadle Hulme beat Brooklands by 121 runs in a one-sided game at Grove Park after piling up 190-5, Dan Fish hitting a quality 86. Brooklands' mini-revival came to a stuttering end when they were routed for 69 by Jonathan Burton and Rana Malook, bowling unchanged to return 7-24 and 3-36 respectively.

DIVISION 2:

Weaverham promoted, but Poynton down

WEAVERHAM clinched promotion **from Division Two** – although not yet the title – with their 13th victory of the season, at Alvanley. Meanwhile, the cancellation of Poynton's game at Upton means they are relegated from the League for the first time since their admission from the then Lancashire & Cheshire League in 1981.

After taking full points at Alvanley, Weaverham cannot be overtaken for at least the runners-up spot although they still need 13 points to clinch the title in only their second season as members. Stockport, now 78 points behind the leaders with two games left, could yet overhaul second-placed Tattenhall.

Weaverham were much too good for Alvanley whom they dismissed for 138, John Suckley 56, Kevin Douglas 5-26, Wilden Cornwall 3-67. Weaverham replied with 139-3 in 22 overs with Kevin Waterhouse hitting 83 not out in as hurry, aided by Antiguan Cornwall's 39.

Tattenhall kept up their superb form with a three wickets home victory over Bredbury St. Mark's, whom they dismissed for 84, Ollie Williamson 6-34, Dave Shewring 3-26. It was jitters for Tatters after tea before running out at 85-7, an innings of 34 not out from Andy Richards pulling them through.

Stockport were not looking too bright when their home game against Warrington was halted by rain. Their visitors had run up 145 before tea (Dave Chadderton 37, Tom Kidd 4-24 off 16 overs), but the Cale Green batsmen men failed to put their innings together and were holding on at 92-8 with 22 overs remaining when rain came.

Congleton collected 13 points from another truncated game, at home to Northwich which gives them a boost in a crowded relegation situation. Congleton scored 214-7, Aaron Browe 75, Tom Blease 64, then reduced Northwich to 155-7 in a reply reduced to 43 overs by rain breaks. Andy Sephton scored 39 and Sam Shepherd 38 not out as Northwich earned a seven points share. Paul Beaumont took 3-43.

The key relegation clash between Heaton Mersey and Irby was another to fall foul of the weather. With both clubs urgently needing points, they had to be content with seven each. Irby were restricted to 126-8, Martyn Smith 28, Ian Hughes 3-14, Hassan Rashid 3-50. 'Mersey got to 60-5, Major Khan 24, Greg Shillinglaw 3-27 from 26 overs by the early close.

Poynton's game at Upton did not get started because of a waterlogged outfield. This means they are definitely down as they can now muster only a maximum of 203 points, which would still leave Jimmy Williams and his team behind their closest rivals.

SATURDAY'S MATCH DETAILS

ECB Premier League

BOWDON (25 pts.) beat TOFT (won toss, 3 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Toft 132 (42 overs: H Hughes 54, O Newby 4-42);
Bowdon 134-3 (38 overs: M Phelan 60no, P McKeown 32).

BRAMHALL (toss, 25 pts.) beat OXTON (2 pts.) by 195 runs:

Bramhall 290-5 (55 overs: M Jamieson 119no, N Cantello 100no = 223* for 6th wicket. G Fernando 4-76);
Oxton 95 (25 overs, M McCreary 28, D Lamb 4-17, S Wilkinson 4-21).

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (25 pts.) beat URMSTON (5 pts.) by 3 wickets:

Urmston 142 (40 overs: C Turner 39, M Downes 30, J. Henderson 4-42);
Chester 143-7 (28 overs: L Dixon 76, A. Rowland 36, A. Syddall 4-39).

GRAPPENHALL (8 pts.) v ALDERLEY EDGE (12 pts.): match abandoned due to rain

Alderley Edge 244-7 (55 overs: C.Reid 78no, M. Currie 76, J Steele 48no, J McClelland 3-64);
Grappenhall 196-5 (51 overs: R Green 81, J McCoy 52, A. Windle 3-79).

HYDE v NANTWICH:

Match cancelled due to rain: 7 pts. each

NESTON (12 pts.) drew with MARPLE (toss, 6 pts.)

Neston 197-6 (50 overs: D Hurst 52, R. Wilkinson 46no, W Evans 35, A Greasley 4-67);
Marple 196-7 (50 overs: A Hall 69, P Wood 51, C. Finegan 3-21).
Match reduced to 100 overs after late start.

Leading Premiership players at August 23

BATTING: o Jake Hancock (Toft) 862 runs @ 66.30; o Matt Begbie (Bramhall) 785 @ 60.61
BOWLING: o Matt Hanna (Hyde) 53 wickets @ 19.09; Matthew Parkinson (Urmston) 49 @ 20.46
o = overseas

Division One

CHEADLE (won toss, 7 pts.) drew with TIMPERLEY (13 pts.): match abandoned due to rain:

Timperley 216-7 (50 overs: M. Ness 45, D. Haworth 45, C Grindley 38, P Sperring 3-49, C Moore 3-56);
Cheadle 96-7 (25 overs: C Moore 36no.)

CHEADLE HULME (25 pts.) beat BROOKLANDS (toss, 2 pts.) by 121 runs:

Cheadle Hulme 190-5 (50 overs, D. Fish 86);
Brooklands 69 (25 overs: J. Burton 7-24, R. Malook 3-36).

DAVENHAM (toss, 7 pts.) drew with CHRISTLETON (7 pts.): match abandoned due to rain.

Christleton 135 (32 overs: I. Naseer 86, D Hancock 7-41);
Davenham 89-7 (33 overs: K. Fleming 32, I de Silva 5-34).

DIDSBURY v MACCLESFIELD:

Match cancelled due to rain: 7 pts. each

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Division 1 contd

MIDDLEWICH (toss, 4 pts.) lost to SALE (25 pts.) by 10 runs:

Sale 118 (49 overs: M Spells 60, P Hurley 6-48, J Gibbens 3-49);
Middlewich 108 (46 overs: J Williams 32, R Halkon 6-32, B Watkins 3-31).

OULTON PARK (25 pts.) beat WIDNES (toss, 0 pts.) by 9 wickets:

Widnes 97 (31 overs: M Byrne 21, T Hyslop 5-32, M. East 3-31);
Oulton Park 98-1 (17 overs: R Moore 67, D. Leach 29no).

Leading Division 1 stats to August 23:

BATTING : o Nick Ross (Macclesfield) 888 runs @ 74 Rick Moore (Oulton Park) @ 55.50.

BOWLING: o Jonathan Burton (Cheadle Hulme) 51 wickets @15.74; Tyrone Lawrence (Sale) 48 wickets @ 15.04

o = overseas.

Division Two

ALVANLEY (3 pts.) lost to WEAVERHAM (won toss, 25 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Alvanley 138 (47 overs: J. Suckley 56, K Douglas 5-26, W Cornwall 3-67);
Weaverham 139-3 (22 overs: K Waterhouse 83no, W. Cornwall 39).

CONGLETON (13 pts.) drew with NORTHWICH (toss, 7 pts.)

Congleton 214-7 (50 overs: A. Browe 75, T. Blease 64);
Northwich 255-7 (reduced to 43 overs: A Sephton 39, S. Shepherd 38no, P Beaumont 3-40).

HEATON MERSEY (toss, 7 pts.) v IRBY (7 pts.): match abandoned due to rain:

Irby 126-8 (50 overs: M. Smith 27, I Hughes 3-14, H Rashid 3-50);
Heaton Mersey 60-5 (26 overs: M Khan 24, G Shillinglaw 3-27).

STOCKPORT (toss, 7 pts.) v WARRINGTON (9 pts.): match abandoned due to rain:

Warrington 145 (50 overs: D Chadderton 37, T Kidd 4-24);
Stockport 92-8 (28 overs: D Shanawaz 33, A Scholes 3-26, K Adams 3-34).

TATTENHALL (25 pts.) beat BREDBURY ST. MARK'S (toss, 3 pts.) by 3 wickets:

Bredbury 84 (43 overs: O. Williamson 6-34, D. Shewring 3-26);
Tattenhall 85-7 (37 overs: I Richards 34no, V Muslaporam 3-18).

UPTON v POYNTON:

Match cancelled due to waterlogged outfield: 7 pts. each

Division 2 stats to August 23

BATTING: o Josh Manning (Stockport) 813 runs @ 62.53; o Wilden Cornwall (Weaverham) 694 @ 53.38

BOWLING: o Kyle Adams (Warrington) 58 wickets @ 12.36; Sam Shepherd (Northwich) 52 @ 9.38

o = overseas.

Tables including games on August 30 - Week 20

ECB Premier League	Won (25)	Tied (16)	WD (3)	RD (2)	LD (1)	A/C (7)	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
HYDE	12	0	1	0	2	4	1	19	12	364
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	12	0	0	0	1	3	4	13	12	347
* TOFT (2)	9	0	2	0	1	2	6	44	17	305
* BRAMHALL (3)	9	0	0	1	1	4	5	9	21	283
MARPLE	7	0	1	0	2	4	6	19	30	257
*ALDERLEY EDGE (3)	6	0	0	2	1	4	7	50	20	250
GRAPPENHALL	7	0	0	1	0	1	11	31	22	237
NESTON	6	0	2	0	2	1	9	40	31	236
NANTWICH	5	0	1	2	0	5	7	26	19	212
BOWDON	5	0	2	0	0	3	10	26	32	210
URMSTON	4	0	1	1	3	3	8	41	33	203
* OXTON (3)	4	0	3	0	0	1	12	50	29	192

* Points deducted for slow over rates

First Division	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
MACCLESFIELD	12	0	0	1	1	4	2	15	11	357
CHEADLE	11	0	0	0	0	7	2	1	8	333
SALE	10	0	2	0	1	4	3	24	12	321
DIDSBURY	9	0	2	1	0	5	3	24	21	313
OULTON PARK	8	0	1	0	2	4	5	24	23	280
TIMPERLEY	7	0	0	2	1	4	6	37	20	265
CHEADLE HULME	7	0	0	0	1	4	8	28	22	254
DAVENHAM	6	0	1	0	0	6	7	24	18	237
CHRISTLETON	3	0	1	0	1	5	10	44	26	184
MIDDLEWICH	3	0	1	0	1	5	10	31	27	172
WIDNES	0	0	2	1	0	6	11	67	29	146
BROOKLANDS	2	0	1	0	3	3	11	36	24	137

Second Division	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
WEAVERHAM	13	0	3	0	1	1	2	28	21	391 prom
TATTENHALL	10	0	5	1	1	2	1	48	23	353
STOCKPORT	9	0	2	1	4	3	1	33	22	313
ALVANLEY	8	0	3	1	2	2	4	42	15	284
*WARRINGTON (3)	6	1	3	1	1	3	5	38	30	264
UPTON	6	0	1	1	0	2	10	40	28	237
NORTHWICH	6	0	0	2	2	4	6	19	20	223
IRBY	4	0	1	0	2	2	11	50	37	206
CONGLETON	5	0	0	3	1	1	10	34	32	205
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	5	0	1	0	3	2	9	29	30	204
* HEATON MERSEY (4)	3	1	1	1	1	5	8	36	25	189
POYNTON	3	0	0	0	2	4	11	23	25	153 rel

*Points deducted for slow over rates.

Chester to stage Cheshire Cup final

HOLDERS Chester Boughton Hall have won a toss of the coin and will host Division One leaders Macclesfield in the final of the **Cheshire Cup** on Sunday, September 7 (12.30 p.m.).

CBH qualified when winning by eight wickets in a delayed semi-final at Oxton on Sunday when they dismissed their hosts for 62 after a late start following heavy overnight rain which reduced the match to 30 overs each.

Oxton were all out for 62 in 22 overs, Luke Filer 15, Harry Killoran 4-18. Chester replied with 64-2 from 21 overs.

Also holders of the **Liverpool Echo Invitational Cup**, Chester are to play Wallasey at home in the two innings final on Sunday, September 14 (11 noon).

Before then they appear in the **ECB t20 National Finals Day** at Wantage road, the HQ of Northants CCC on Tuesday, September 9, an event which will be televised live on Sky. Chester have laid on a coach on Monday for players and officials prior to an overnight stay on Monday and Tuesday. A supporters coach will travel down on the morning of the match.

The draw is: Chester v Great Ayton (North Yorks & South Durham League) provisionally at 11.15 a.m.

Ashstead (Surrey Championship, First division) v Peterborough Town (Northants Premier League) at 2 p.m. The winners meet in the final.

CHESHIRE SHIELD: the final of the **Cheshire Shield** is also to be played on Sunday, September 7 between Ashton on Mersey and Hawk Green, at Ashton on Mersey (12.30 p.m.)

O Holders Chester – who have not lost a cup game in any competition this season - host Liverpool Competition club, Wallasey, in the final of the *Liverpool Echo* invitational on the season's final day, Sunday, September 14.

League Pitch & outfield marks: Saturday, August 23

Premier League

Alderley Edge v Hyde: pitch 18; outfield 20

Bowdon v Bramhall: 14 – 20;

Marple v Oxton: 16 – 19;

Nantwich v Chester: 16 – 19;

Toft v Grappenhall: 15 – 20;

Urmston v Neston: 15 – 19.

First Division:

Brooklands v Oulton Park: 18 – 19;

Cheadle v Didsbury: late sheet

Christleton v Macclesfield: 19 – 19;

Sale v Davenham: 18 - 8

Timperley v Cheadle Hulme: 15 – 20;

Widnes v Middlewich: match cancelled

Second Division

Alvanley v Heaton Mersey: 20 - 20 (full house!)

Bredbury v Irby: 19 – 20;

Northwich v Stockport: 16 – 18;

Poynton v Tattenhall: 16 – 20.

Warrington v Upton: 17 - 17

Weaverham v Congleton: 15 – 20;

O CAPTAINS' reports on umpires were not received at all or late from the following clubs: Cheadle, Cheadle Hulme, Christleton, Grappenhall, Heaton Mersey, Sale and Upton.

o MISSING RESULT SHEETS TO DATE: June 21: Cheadle v Brooklands; July 12: Cheadle v Christleton; July 26: Cheadle v Davenham; August 2: Irby v Northwich. August 23: Cheadle v Didsbury.

These reports are needed for end of season pitch and outfield summaries

Toft win Over 40s final

TOFT won the **Chapel Press Over 40s play-off** for the first time when they beat holders Urmston Tigers by 37 runs in the final at Chester Boughton Hall on Sunday.

Toft were in prime form throughout a long day's cricket, beating Cheadle by 22 runs in the semi-final, after scoring 131-5 (Drummond 33, Locke 31, Davies 2-19). Cheadle were all out for 109 (Wallace 30, Davies 24, Drummond 5-21, including three wickets in four balls).

Urmston beat Alsager Dabbers by three wickets in their semi-final. They replied with 120-7 (Cartwright 23, Newnes 2-24, after Steve Espley had hit sixes off the first two balls of the last over. Alsager had compiled 116-8 (Welsh 39, Armitage 28, Tootell 3-17, Espley 2-2).

The final was played in brilliant sunshine, Toft compiling a well above par 161-2, Simon Locke and Toby Drummond both retiring on 31. Urmston were hit by injuries and mustered a disappointing 124-6, Steve Cartwright 30, Andy Newton 27, with three Toft bowlers enjoying two wicket returns.

The Man of the Match award went to Toft's Chris Hind for an tone-setting spell of 2-16, while the Champagne Moment prize went to his colleague John Sheldon for a fine outfield catch.

Competition organiser Mike Talbot-Butler praised all four finalists for their consistently good cricket over the season and League President Ian Brown presented the trophy to Toft captain Dave Ward, adding kind words for the host club, the caterers and the umpires.

SCORECARD

TOFT			URMSTON		
M Hope	run out	9	C Ridler	lbw Murray	4
S. Locke	retired	31	S. Allcock	st Ward b Hind	8
T Drummond	retired	31	S Cartwright	retired	30
D Cook	c Ridler b Newton	14	S Higginbottom	c Sheldon b Hind	7
G. Sparrow	not out	23	A Newton	b Murray	27
P Mitchell	not out	29	R Tootell	c & b Cook	1
Extras		24	K Edginton	c Sheldon b Cook	7
Total (for 2 wickets)		161	J Pollard	not out	22
Did not bat: J Sheldon, A Poole, D Ward, C. Hinds,			C. Wilson	not out	3
K. Murray			Extras		16
Urmston bowling: Edginton 4-0-3-0; Tootell			Total (for 6 wickets)		124
4-0-26-0; Wilson 4-0-32-1; Pollard 4-0-19-0;			Did not bat: S Espley, D Elwood.		
Espley 1-0-14-0; Newton 3-0-27-1.			Toft bowling: Murray 4-1-27 -2; Hind 4-0-16-2;		
			Sheldon 4-0-19-0; Drummond 4-0-25-0; Locke 4-0-34-2;		

Umpires: Ankit Jain and Alistair Davies. Semi-final umpires: Jain, Davies, Barrie Burns and Jon Hacking.

O There is a Special meeting of Over 40 club reps at Warrington on Wednesday, October 15 (7 p.m.) to discuss problems which have arisen through the season and to map out a programme for 2015. Alsager Dabbers have resigned and Chester Boughton Hall are likely to follow suit. Any other clubs who wish to withdraw, enter and/or merge for 2015 are invited to contact the Competition secretary prior to the meeting.

TOFT WIN JACK GARDNER 3rd XI TROPHY

Toft completed a notable double on Sunday when they beat Urmston at Urmston to win the Jack Gardner 3rd XI Trophy final. Chester Boughton Hall and Macclesfield were the defeated semi-finalists.

TOFT MARK VILLAGE TRIUMPH

TOFT marked the 25th anniversary of their famous Lord's victory in the 1989 Village Cup final with a celebration dinner in the pavilion at Booth's Park on Saturday, August 23.

Every member of the Lord's team was present except Adam Caro, including Bob Ashley (Toft 2nd and Cheshire Over 60s) the only player still appearing regularly in club cricket.

Q & A @ UMPIRES' MEETING

There will be two highlights to the League Umpires & Scorers Association end-of-season meeting at Sale on Wednesday, September 17. One is a delicious hot pot, the other a Q&A session with a group of an as yet unnamed club captains.

The meeting starts at 8 p.m. and is being organised by secretary Glyn Roberts who needs the names in advance of all those attending.

News from around the League

COBRAS SEEK FIXTURES

Cheshire's visually-impaired cricket team, the COBRAS, who have arranged games at Westminster Park on August 27 and at Hawarden on September 7, are seeking further fixtures on Sundays, September 14 and/or 21. Any club or organisation interested should contact organiser David Ellingham on djellingham1974@hotmail.com

The Cobras gave an exhibition before Cheshire's final Unicorns county match at Nantwich on August 17

HANDBOOK AID

Further help in collating the League's revamped 2015 handbook is required. Anyone interested should contact Deputy chairman Brian Boys.

TROPHIES NEEDED

Clubs who won trophies in 2013 are asked to return them clean and engraved to date to League secretary Geoff Wellstead ASAP – or face fines.

PRESENTATION DINNER

Arrangements are in hand for the League's 40th Presentation dinner at The Mere on Friday, October 3 when former New Zealand Test player Jeremy Coney will be the main speaker. The donation of raffle prizes will be welcomed – contact Rob Sproston.

WIDNES' 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Widnes are making plans to mark the 150th anniversary of their foundation with a series of events during the 2015 season.

The highlight will be a series of major events leading up to the week-end of July 4 / 5.

LIVINGSTONE TO SUB PRO

League sanction has been given for Nantwich's Lancashire contracted player Liam Livingstone to act as sub-pro for Monton & Weaste in the Central Lancashire League on Sunday, September 7.

CONFERENCE MEET @ NANTWICH

The autumn meeting of the League Cricket Conference, a body of which the League have been members since 1975, is to be held at Nantwich Cricket Club on Saturday, September 27, at 2 p.m.

Sixties' last eight home tie

CHESHIRE recorded an overwhelming 104 runs victory over Cambridge & Hunts at Neston on Tuesday last week to enter the quarter-finals of the **National 60 Plus county championship**.

They now take on Hertfordshire or Lancashire, provisionally at Toft on Tuesday this week (1 p.m.).

John Edwards was the star at Neston in a match which started late after two hours' work by the groundstaff preparing a new strip on a saturated square. Edwards scored his second century in a month, with 120 off 100 balls including 13 fours and three sixes and with Colin Norbury's 93 not out (86 balls: seven fours one six) he headed a partnership of 157. Cheshire totalled 255-4 off a reduced number of 40 overs. Their visitors were bowled out for 151 all out, seven batsmen falling to catches, including a spectacular aerial effort by skipper Chris Lees. Best bowlers were Andy Hayes 2-12, Brian Bishop 2-22 and Ted Williams 2-32.

NOT to be outdone, Cheshire beat Yorkshire at Ackworth – where Geoffrey Boycott played as a boy - to reach the semi-finals of the **Over 60s 2nd XI county championship** last Thursday.

Cheshire totalled a below par 156-8, David Cain 54 not out, then faced defeat when Yorkshire required five runs off the last over with two wickets in hand. However, Ken Crofton took a wicket followed by a run out and Yorkshire were all out for 153, losing by three runs.

Cheshire now meet Kent or Gloucestershire at home in the semi-finals on Tuesday this week. If it's Kent they will waive ground advantage and agree on a mid-way venue.

All six home teams lose in TACS Cheshire League

ALL six home teams lost in the First Division of the TACS Partnership Cheshire Cricket League on Saturday. Mobberley and Bollington remain in the top two places and are strong candidates for a return to the County League. At the foot of the table, Oakmere are relegated and Chester County Officers must prepare for the same fate.

Division 1 results

Chester County Officers 64 lost to Runcorn 65-5
Hale Barns 146-7 lost to Romiley 149-5
Lindow 103-9 lost to Ashton on Mersey 104-2
Oakmere 101 lost to Mobberley 104-6
Prestbury 136 lost to Malpas 140-5
Stockport Georgians 97 lost to Bollington 99-4.

Latest placings

1.	<u>Mobberley</u>	368 pts.
2.	<u>Bollington</u>	348
3.	Ashton on Mersey	340
4.	Romiley	336
5.	Stockport Georgians	315
6.	Runcorn	295
7.	Malpas	256
8.	Lindow	207
9.	Hale Barns	192
10.	<u>Prestbury</u>	191
11.	Chester Country Officers	169
12.	Oakmere	141

Division 2 leaders: 1. Disley 346; 2. Barrow 329; 3. Wodford 311..

Division 1 fixtures on Saturday, September 6 (1 p.m.)

Ashton on Mersey v Hale Barns
Bollington v Prestbury
Malpas v Oakmere
Mobberley v Chester County Officers
Romiley v Stockport Georgians
Runcorn v Lindow

**LEAGUE FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR WEEK 21:
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
(note starting times)**

ECB Premier League (12 noon)

ALDERLEY EDGE v BOWDON
MARPLE v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL
NANTWICH v GRAPPENHALL
OXTON v NESTON
TOFT v BRAMHALL
URMSTON v HYDE

Alistair Davies & David Goulding
Trevor Burnett & Chris Smith
Don Flanagan & Graham Harris
Paul Herring & Phil Prince
Barrie Burns & Steve Duckers
Ian Greensmith & Steve Walton

First Division (12.30 p.m.)

BROOKLANDS v CHEADLE
CHRISTLETON v MIDDLEWICH
MACCLESFIELD v DAVENHAM
SALE v OULTON PARK
TIMPERLEY v DIDSBURY
WIDNES v CHEADLE HULME

Ken Rothwell & Simon Smith
Steve Kirkbright & Graham Pugh
Peter Davies & Martin Roberts
Ankit Jain & Ken Simpson
Howard Briggs & Ray Prescott
Neville Kent & David Williams

Second Division (12.30 p.m.)

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S v UPTON
IRBY v TATTENHALL
NORTHWICH v ALVANLEY
POYNTON v STOCKPORT
WARRINGTON v CONGLETON
WEAVERHAM v HEATON MERSEY

Nigel Simms & Steve Wilkinson
Peter Hanaby & Brian Jones
Clive Rice & David Stoter
Tony Morris & Ian Wilson
Bob Cunningham & John Lowe
Darrin Clark & Jon Hacking

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

CHEADLE v ALDERLEY EDGE
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v MARPLE
DIDSBURY v TOFT
GRAPPENHALL v NANTWICH
HYDE v URMSTON
NESTON v MACCLESFIELD

No panel umpire available & Allan Lewis
Club umpire & Neville Abberley
Garry Hambleton & David Gane
No panel umpire available & Gary Zimmer
Club umpire & Liam Spires
Club umpire & Mark Turner

Macclesfield lead Aggregate table

MACCLESFIELD are new leaders of the **Aggregate Trophy** table (1st and 2nd XI points combined) after games played on Saturday, August 23.

Previous leaders Toft mustered only seven points from their rained off 2nd XI game at Grappenhall, the circumstances of which are being investigated by the League. Toft currently share second place with Stockport, with three weeks remaining.

TOP FIVE POINTS ON AUGUST 23

1. Macclesfield	1st XI	350	2nd XI	270	620
2= Stockport	1st XI	306	2nd XI	311	617
2= Toft	1st XI	302	2nd XI	315	617
4. Bramhall	1st XI	258	2nd XI	329	587
5. Cheadle	1st XI	326	2nd XI	257	583

10 Years Ago

Highlights from *Newsletter of September 4, 2004*

IT was a good week-end for Bowdon, who won the **Cheshire Cup** for the fourth time the day after regaining the lead in the **ECB Premier League**.

In the cup final played in scorching heat in front of a large crowd at Werneth Low, Hyde totalled 182, James Duffy 73, Guy Emmett 3-30. Bowdon countered with 185-3 with five overs to spare thanks to a superb innings of 84 not out by Jon Bean, backed by 57 from Stephen Ball which won him the Man of Match award, having earlier taken a mean 2-37.

Twenty-four hours earlier, Bowdon recorded a 137-runs home victory over Macclesfield with 89 from Antony Crozier after which 18 year old spinner Danny Woods took 6-31 and veteran Gary Yates 4-26. Oulton Park dropped to second spot when they lost at Hyde and trailed by 14 points with two games remaining.

CHRISTLETON ensured promotion from **Division One** for the first time despite failing to beat Cheadle Hulme at Little Heath. Their visitors scored 200-6 (Adam Wilde 54) and Christleton got close at 197-7, Maroof Khan 60, Ewan McCray 5-27.

CHEADLE were favourites to win **Division Two** after a six wickets win on the ground of season-long leaders Heaton Mersey, whom they bowled out for 114. With a 5-56 return, Cheadle's Aussie paceman Peter Manser took his tally to 66 wickets.

NANTWICH beat Chester Boughton Hall by seven runs to win the **Cheshire Under 21 Cup** at Filkins Lane, Ollie Sadler winning the MofM with a knock of 87, which outranked a fluent 81 from the losers' Warren Goodwin .

BROOKLANDS collected the **John North Under 17 Cup** after beating hosts Congleton by five wickets in a last-over finish. Scores: Congleton 97-9; Brooklands 98-5.