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## ***June 2 Newsletter: 2012 season***

### **EX-TEST MAN'S DEBUT AS GREASLEY TAKES HAT-TRICK FOR MARPLE**

## **Oxton show their worth on day of six Premiership winners**

ALL six ECB Premier League games produced positive results as leaders Oxton showed their quality with a 10 wickets derby win over Neston on a day when a former England Test player made a winning debut for Marple, but had his thunder stolen by an Andy Greasley hat-trick.

There was a Oxton & Neston Old Boys luncheon at Townfield Lane before the teams met and for the visitors who stayed to watch there were some red faces when they saw the leaders score a runaway 25 – 2 points victory over their Parkgate rivals. Beaten only once in their previous six games, Neston mustered only 161-9, Chris Hackett 28, Ross Dixon 3-19, Guyan Fernando 3-54. To which Oxton replied with 160-0 in 32 overs, Chris Davies 92, Simon Stokes 66. With their star turn, ex-Kiwi Test player Lou Vincent contributing only one wicket and one catch, this was a fine win for Oxton, who continued their best start to a Premiership season - five wins and a draw in seven games.

Hyde remain 19 points behind after a similar whitewashing of Nantwich at Whitehouse Lane where the Dabbers looked anything but two-times champions. After opting to bat first on what proved to be a seamers' paradise, they never recovered from losing Jonny Kettle, Louis Bentley and Ollie Law for a total of 11 runs and only posted a modest 126 thanks to doughty efforts from promising teenager Sam Hunt (28 not out and skipper Andy Newton (26). Lively bowling from Greg Lomax, 4-21 and Scott Kirwin, 4-54, backed up typically keen fielding, proved a lethal cocktail. After tea, the new-look, ultra-positive Tom Twiney (77) outbatted his in-form skipper Danny Berry (54) as the pair knocked off the runs in 22 overs for a 25 – 0 points return.

### **Ormond debut, but honours go to Greasley**

Appointed club coach during the winter, former Leicestershire, Surrey and England paceman Jimmy Ormond made his debut for Marple in an eight wickets win at Chester Boughton Hall. It was actually spinner Andy Greasley, with the day's best bowling figures of 6-65, who was instrumental in restricting CBH to 163-8 in a reduced overs game with Warren Goodwin, 64, top-scoring on his return after a bad hand injury. Greasley claimed a hat-trick, taking the wickets of Matt Griffiths, George Robinson and Jack Williams with the home total at 162.

There were figures of 6-1-23-1 for the still pacy 36 year-old Ormond, who famously took two wickets in a two-match Test career, those of Ricky Ponting and Rahul Dravid, - both of whom went on to score 12,000 Test runs for their countries!

Marple replied with an impressive 169-2 in 32 overs, Andrew Hall 51 not out, Jon Marshall 43, James Crisall 36, Andy McGuinness 34 not out. Those who suggested Marple would struggle in the Premier league may be having second thoughts.

Macclesfield's outstanding batsman Khalid Sawas followed innings of 98, 63 not out and 142 not out with a splendid 119 off 141 balls at Alderley Edge. His side totalled 220-9, Jason Whittaker 5-99, but this proved insufficient against the resurgent home side who responded with 221-5, Mark Currie, 102 and Alan Day, 47 enjoying an opening partnership worth 151, to win by five wickets, Rob Porter 3-62.

After 14 games without a win, Toft pulled off their second successive 25 pointer, by three wickets at the expense of Urmston at Booth Park. Openers Chris Watson, 72 and Nick Fawcett, 60 put on 100 plus for the second week running for Urmston who closed on 231 with spinners Nigel Muirhead, 4-55 and Robin Jones, 4-96, preventing them from running riot. Toft responded with 233-7, teenager Henry Hughes leading the way with 64 and Shaun Madalige 45, while Neil Parkinson claimed 3-60 and Adam Syddall 3-63.

Last season's First Division champions Widnes plunged to bottom place when they suffered their fourth successive defeat, by nine wickets at Didsbury. This despite an improved batting performance to post 211, Mike Nalesnyk 49 and Steve Webb 44, against Jonny Fawcett, 5-72 and Nick Anderson, 3-72. Didsbury's batsmen were in control after tea, particularly Phil Critchley, 73 and Pat Moors, 66 not out, who opened up with a stand of 123, while Jan Van Schalkwyk hammered a merciless unbeaten 68 off 35 balls. This young Bloemfontein batsman is certainly going to liven the division up this summer.

## **Division One's Big Three**

GRAPPENHALL, Sale and Bowdon are beginning to pull away at the top of the **First Division**, with the first third of the season completed.

Opponents are asking who is to stop Grappenhall, winners of their seventh straight game, by 50 runs at Grove Park against a useful Cheadle Hulme side. Put in, Grappenhall slumped to 71-6 before recovering well thanks to skipper Liam Parkinson's unbeaten 75. Three wickets each were taken by Phil Balderson, Ewan McCray and Tom Briscoe. The division's top all rounder, Aussie Jason Smith then took 4-39 to reduce Cheadle Hulme's batting line-up after tea, helped by Garry Burns, 3-19 as they were bowled out for 149.

Sale needed two runs off the final delivery of a fine game at Dane Road with their last batsman at the crease to beat Christleton. Iroshan de Silva, 117 not out and Ifti Naseer, 83 helped Christleton close on a daunting 237-5, Willem Lubbe 3-67. Then Calvin Flowers, 48 and Danny Halkon, 38 looked like winning it for Sale until Christleton claimed a rush of wickets and it needed steady nerves from the last pair for Sale to win at 239-9.

### ***Mark Chilton back at Bowdon***

Mark Chilton, the Hale-based Lancashire batsman who retired from first class cricket last September, scored an unbeaten 83 on his maiden league appearance of the season for Bowdon, against old club Brooklands at South Downs Road. A.J.Hart, with 52 batting at eight, top-scored in Brooklands' 157 all out, 17 year-old Matt Tully taking 4-32. Bowdon replied with 158-1, Chilton being helped by 50 from Aussie Glenn Parker in an unbroken 133 partnership for the second wicket.

A sparkling innings of 118 by Josh Ainscough almost helped Heaton Mersey claim their first win of the season in a high-scoring game at Bollington, who racked up 257-6 batting first, Mike Rixon 79, Mo Ali 59, Waqar Rasdid 3-59. 'Mersey got to 254-7 in their 52 overs reply, Ainscough being helped by Pieter Vermeulen with a fine 54 while Mo Jahangir claimed 4-65 for Bolly who ended up 13 – 8 points ahead..

Oulton Park could not part Bramhall's last pair in another spirited game at Little Budworth and had to be content with a 14 – 8 draw. Martyn East top-scored with 70 not out, Danny Leech 45 and Pat Roberts 42 in Park's 219-5, Simon Wilkinson 3-76. Bramhall got to 202-9, Travis Dean 56, Ian Jamieson 37, Rick Moore 4-48, Craig Williamson 3-34.

Irby's struggle went on when they hosted Bredbury St. Mark's, their visitors dominating the game, especially before tea when Darren Carr's fine 102 helped them close on 239-6, Rob Keyworth, 63, Rob Houghton 3-57. Irby got to 123-7 in reply, Josh Mallichan top-scoring with 28 while Chris Nuttall took 3-26.

## **Poynton lead Division 2**

POYNTON top **Division Two** for the first time after posting their fourth win in five games at the expense of Stockport at Cale Green. Stockport totalled 198-8, Sam Edwards 56, Ricky Clark 3-45. Damien Stringer, with 66, went on to lead Poynton to an impressive six wickets success. Such a contrast to last September when Paul Gould's men were relegated after a wretched season.

Middlewich's game at Warrington was reduced to 84 overs by rain and ended in a tense draw. With 42, James Cornford top-scored as Middlewich posted 129-8, Tom Poole 5-63. Warrington held out at 117-9, Paul Farrar 47, Gavin Tomlinson 4-27.

Likewise, Congleton were unable to oust the Malpas tail at Booth Street, having to be content with a 13 – 4 draw. Tom Blease was unbeaten with 90 and Kevin Waterhouse with 67 as Congleton totted up 225-2. Malpas managed to avoid defeat for the first time this season with a spirited response of 166-8, R. Ward 63 not out, John Suckley 48, Ian Slinger 3-9.

### **Shewring boosts Alvanley**

Alvanley registered a welcome victory against fellow strugglers Upton, by 106 runs at Frodsham Road after posting an improved 207-6, Nick Geddis 47. Upton were all out for 101, Matt Smith 30, David Shewring following up a useful innings of 30 with a 4-18 spin return.

Stockport Georgians' struggle deepened when they lost by five wickets at Tattenhall – 'Fortress Flacca' as scorer Geoff Beddow describes it. Kiwi skipper Tom Hyslop top-scored with 76 not out in Tattenhall's impressive 199-5 which came in reply to an all out 196 from Georgians, Simon Normanton returning to form with 53, against Robin Mulvihill 5-51.

Timperley were in trouble before a lusty 61 from number 7 batsman C. Howarth changed their fortunes at Cheadle. With Matt Macquet scoring 58, Timperley reached 222-9, Paul Sperring 3-51. Cheadle clung on at 173-9, Greg Dixon 65, Ian Grindley taking 5-67 off 18 overs and Nick Brown 4-26.

## **Saturday's score-lines**

### **ECB PREMIER LEAGUE**

#### **ALDERLEY EDGE v MACCLESFIELD (won toss)**

Macclesfield 220-9 (55 overs: K. Sawas 119, J. Whittaker 5-98);

Alderley Edge 221-5 (45 overs: M. Currie 103, A. Day 47 = 151 for first wicket .

**Alderley Edge (25 pts.) beat Macclesfield (10 pts.) by 5 wickets.**

#### **CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v MARPLE (toss)**

Chester 163-8 (38 overs: W. Goodwin 64, G. Robinson 37, A.Greasley 6-65,inc. hat-trick);

Marple 169-2 (31 overs: A. Hall 51no, J Marshall 43, J Crisall 36, A. McGuinness 34no). *Game reduced to 76 overs.*

**Marple (25 pts.) beat Chester Boughton Hall (8 pts.) by 8 wickets.**

#### **DIDSBURY (toss) v WIDNES**

Widnes 211 (52 overs: M. Nalesnyik 49, S. Webb 44, J. Fawcett 5-72, N. Anderson 3-72);

Didsbury 212-1 (48 overs: P. Critchley 73, P Moors 66no, J Van Schalkwyk 68no).

**Didsbury (25 pts.) beat Widnes (6 pts.) by 9 wickets.**

#### **NANTWICH (toss) v HYDE**

Nantwich 126 (45 overs: S Hunt 26, G. Lomax 4-21, S. Kirwin 4-54);

Hyde 130-0 (22 overs: T. Twiney 72no, D. Berry 54no).

**Hyde (25 pts.) beat Nantwich (0) pts. by 10 wickets**

#### **OXTON (toss) v NESTON**

Neston 161-9 (55 overs: C. Hackett 28, R. Dixon 3-19, G. Fernando 3-54);

Oxton 162-0 (32 overs: C. Davies 92no, S. Stokes 66no).

**Oxton (25 pts.) beat Neston (2 pts.) by 10 wickets.**

#### **TOFT (toss) v URMSTON**

Urmston 231 ( - overs: C. Watson 72, N. Fawcett 60, K. Dickenson 43, N. Muirhead 4-55, R. Jones 4-90);

Toft 233-7 ( - overs: H. Hughes 64, S. Mudalige 45, N. Parkinson 3-60, A. Syddall 3-63).

**Toft (25 pts.) beat Urmston (11 pts.) by 3 wickets.**

### **FIRST DIVISION**

#### **BOLLINGTON v HEATON MERSEY (won toss)**

Bollington 257-6 dec. (48 overs: M Rixon 79, M. Ali 59, W. Rashid 3-59);

Heaton Mersey 254-7 (52 overs: J. Ainscough 118, P. Vermeulen 54, M. Jahangir 4-65).

**Match drawn: Bollington 13 pts., Heaton Mersey 8.**

#### **BOWDON (toss) v BROOKLANDS**

Brooklands 157 (50 overs: A.J Hart 53, M. Tully 4-32);

Bowdon 158-1 (37 overs: M. Chilton 83no, G. Parker 50no = 133 unbroken for second wicket).

**Bowdon (25 pts.) beat Brooklands (2 pts.) by 9 wickets.**

#### **CHEADLE HULME (toss) v GRAPPENHALL**

Grappenhall 199-9 (50 overs: L. Parkinson 75no, P. Balderson 3-30, E. McCray 3-56, T. Briscoe 3-82);

Cheadle Hulme 149 (45 overs: E. McCray 36, S. Smith 4-39, G. Burns 3-19, D. Hawke 3-31).

**Grappenhall (25 pts.) beat Cheadle Hulme (8 pts.) by 50 runs**

#### **IRBY (toss) v BREDBURY ST. MARK'S**

Bredbury 239-6 (50 overs: D. Carr 102, R. Keyworth 63, R. Houghton 3-57)

Irby 123-7 (50 overs: J. Mallichan 28, C. Nuttall 3-26)

**Match drawn: Bredbury 13 pts., Irby 4.**

#### **OULTON PARK v BRAMHALL (toss)**

Oulton Park 219-5 (50 overs: S. Wiulkinson 3-67).

Bramhall 202-9 (50 overs: T. Dean 56, N. Cantello 39, I. Jamieson 37, R. Moore 4-48, C. Williamson 3-34).

**Match drawn: Oulton Park 14 pts., Bramhall 8.**

#### **SALE (toss) v CHRISTLETON**

Christleton 237-5 (50 overs: I. De Silva 117no, I. Naseer 83, V. Klubbe 3-67);

Sale 238-9 (50 overs: C Flowers 48, D. Halkon 38, S. Whiston 35, V. Sood 3-45).

**Sale (25pts.) beat Christleton (12 pts.) by 1 wicket**

**SECOND DIVISION**

**ALVANLEY v UPTON (toss)**

Alvanley 207-6 (50 overs: N Geddis 47, S. Charles 40, Shewring 30);  
Upton 101 (42 overs: M. Smith 30, D. Shewring 4-18, R. Fisher 3-25).

**Alvanley (25 pts.) beat Upton (2 pts.) by 106 runs**

**CHEADLE v TIMPERLEY (toss)**

Timperley 222-9 (50 overs: C Howarth 61, M. Macquet 58, P. Sperring 3-31, C. Brady 3-56);  
Cheadle 173-9 (50 overs: G. Dixon 65, I. Grindley 5-67, N. Brown 4-26).

**Match drawn: Timperley 14 pts., Cheadle .8.**

**CONGLETON v MALPAS (toss)**

Congleton 225-2 (50 overs: T. Blease 90no, K Waterhouse 67no, S. Bailey 39)  
Malpas 166-8 (50 overs: R. Ward 63no, J. Suckley 48, I. Slinger 3-9, J. Higginbotham 3-26).

**Match drawn: Congleton 13 pts., Malpas 4.**

**STOCKPORT (toss) v POYNTON**

Stockport 198-8 (50 overs: S. Edwards 50, D. Barber 36, R. Clark 3-45);  
Poynton 199-4 (49 overs: D. Stringer 66, J. Turner 49.)

**Poynton (25 pts.) beat Stockport (7 pts.) by 6 wickets.**

**TATTENHALL v STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (toss)**

Stockport Georgians 196 (50 overs: S. Normanton 53, N. Johnson 38, R. M Ivihill 5-52, M. Dobson 3-46);  
Tattenhall 199-5 (46 overs: T. Hyslop 76no, J. Leggett 4-69).

**Tattenhall (25 pts.) beat Stockport Georgians (8 pts.) by 5 wickets.**

**WARRINGTON (toss) v MIDDLEWICH**

Middlewich 129-8 (42 overs: J. Cornford 41, T. Poole 5-63, K. Adams 3-35);  
Warrington 117-9 (42 overs: P. Farrar 47, G. Tomlinson 4-27). *Game reduced to 84 overs.*

**Match drawn: Middlewich 8 pts., Warrington 6.**

**PICK OF WEEK ...**

**Premier League**

Batting: Khalid Sawas (Macclesfield) 119 v Alderley Edge; Bowling: Andy Greasley (Marple) 6-65 v Chester Boughton Hall including hat-trick..

**First Division**

Batting: Josh Ainscough (Heaton Mersey) 118 v Bollington; Bowling: Matt Tully (Bowdon) 4-32 v Brooklands;

**Second Division**

Batting: o Tom Hyslop (Tattenhall) 76no v Stockport Georgians; Robin Mulvihill (Tattenhall) 5-51 in same game.

**Leading individual stats to May 26 (o = overseas player)**

**PREMIER LEAGUE** (top five batsmen): Sawas (Macclesfield) 327 runs; oMcGuinness 317; Naughton (Widnes) 261; Duffy (Hyde) 243; Day (Alderley Edge) 240.

Bowlers: Birley (Oxton) and Warrington (Nantwich) both 23 wickets; Williams (CBH) 19; Porter (Macclesfield) 18; Whittaker (Alderley Edge) 17.

**FIRST DIVISION** batting: Moore (Oulton Park) 288 runs; oSmith (Grappenhall) 224; S. Ball (Bowdon) 204; oLubbe (Sale) 198.

Bowling: R. Halkon (Sale) 230 wickets; oSmith (Grappenhall) 17; Guest (Grappenhall) and Houghton (Irby) both 16; Williamson (Oulton Park) 14. .

**SECOND DIVISION** batting: R. Barber (Stockport) 274 runs; oMacquet (Timperley) 255; Williams (Middlewich) 187; G. Barber (Stockport) 183; Waterhouse (Congleton) 172.

Bowling: oAdams (Warrington) 18 wickets; Fisher (Alvanley) 17; I. Grindley (Timperley) 16; Facer (Stockport) and Waterhouse (Congleton) both 14..

**Tables after Week 7**

<u>ECB Premier</u>	P	W (25)	D (2)	C (7)	L	BAT	BOWL	TOTAL
OXTON	7	5	1	0	1	8	7	142
HYDE	7	4	1	0	2	13	8	123
MARPLE	7	4	1	1	1	4	3	116
ALDERLEY EDGE	7	3	2	1	1	15	9	110
MACCLESFIELD	7	3	0	0	4	14	9	98
NESTON	7	3	1	1	2	6	5	95
DIDSBURY	7	3	0	0	4	4	7	86
NANTWICH	7	2	1	0	4	11	14	77
CHESTER BO. HALL	7	2	1	0	4	15	9	76
URMSTON	7	2	1	0	4	16	7	75
TOFT	7	2	1	0	4	7	12	71
WIDNES	7	2	0	1	4	6	6	69

<u>Division 1</u>	P	W (25)	D (2)	C (7)	L	BAT	BOWL	TOTAL
GRAPPENHALL	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	175
SALE	7	5	2	0	0	6	5	140
BOWDON	7	5	0	1	1	2	2	136
OULTON PARK	7	3	1	1	2	10	5	99
CHEADLE HULME	7	3	0	1	3	9	7	98
BREDBURY ST MK.	7	1	3	0	3	28	18	77
CHRISTLETON	7	1	1	2	3	22	9	72
BOLLINGTON	7	1	2	1	3	18	11	65
BROOKLANDS	7	1	2	1	3	7	13	56
BRAMHALL	7	1	1	1	4	8	9	51
IRBY	7	1	1	1	4	6	11	51
HEATON MERSEY	7	0	3	1	3	7	15	35

<u>Division 2</u>	P	W (25)	D (2)	C (7)	L	BAT	BOWL	TOTAL
POYNTON	7	4	1	2	0	4	4	124
MIDDLEWICH	7	4	3	0	0	3	12	121
CHEADLE	7	4	2	1	0	2	7	120
CONGLETON	7	3	3	0	1	18	12	111
WARRINGTON	7	3	1	1	2	6	9	99
STOCKPORT	7	2	3	0	2	26	13	95
TATTENHALL	7	3	1	0	3	1	6	84
TIMPERLEY	7	2	1	1	3	8	11	78
ALVANLEY	7	2	0	0	5	6	12	68
STOCKPORT GEO.	7	1	2	1	3	8	12	56
UPTON	7	1	2	0	4	10	13	52
MALPAS	7	0	1	0	6	8	12	22



## **It's Cheshire v Dorset at Toft**

CHESHIRE's reward for finishing top of their group in the **Minor Counties Knock out Cup** is a home tie against Dorset in the quarter-finals on Sunday, June 17. The match will be at Toft starting at 11 a.m. Remainder of the quarter-final draw is: Cornwall v Cumberland; Wiltshire v Devon; Staffordshire v Suffolk. Should Cheshire beat Dorset, they will host Cornwall or Cumberland in the semi-finals on Sunday, July 1, while Staffs or Suffolk will be at home to Wilts or Devon. The final is at Wormsley on Wednesday, August 29.

Due to the non-availability of James Duffy, Cheshire will be captained by Urmston's Adam Syddall when they meet Shropshire at Bridgnorth in their opening **Minor Counties championship** match from Sunday – Tuesday, June 10 -12 (11 a.m. daily). The team is:

Syddall (Urmston), Jonny Kettle (Nantwich), Chris Tipper, Danny Berry, Scott Kirwin (Hyde), Lee Dixon (Chester Boughton Hall), Khalid Sawas (Macclesfield), Calum Rowe (Alderley Edge), Jonny Fawcett (Didsbury), Danny Woods (York), Andy Birley (Oxton). 12th man: Ross Dixon (Oxton).

## **Cheshire Cup delays**

LATE results from the third round of the **Cheshire Cup** played on Sunday, May 27:

Hyde 345-5 (D. Berry 110, D. Fitzsimmons 69); Northwich 2177 (M. Walker 52).

Toft 240-6 (P. Ashling 57, H. Hughes 51, R. Jones 41no, G. Fernando 3-35); Oxton 232-8 (G. Cashin 5,2, W. Lamb 41, G. Fernando 37).

Due to be played on Sunday, June 3, Port Sunlight v Grappenhall was rained off and is re-scheduled for Monday, June 4. Middlewich v Warrington is to be rearranged

Games on Sunday, June 10: Alderley Edge v New Brighton; Wallasey v Timperley

### **ROUND 4 DRAW (June 17):**

CBH v Port Sunlight or Grappenhall; Urmston v Cheadle Hulme; Toft v Alderley Edge or New Brighton (prov. on June 24); Bollington v Neston; Marple v Hyde; Nantwich v Middlewich or Warrington; Macclesfield v Elworth; Sale v Wallasey or Timperley.

*Information provided by Cheshire Cup organiser Rick Davis.*

## **Durham Vets do the double**

CHESHIRE lost by eight wickets against a strong Durham side in the **ECB 50 Plus county championship** at Alderley Edge on Wednesday last week.

Cheshire batted well enough to post 218-7 in their 45 overs, Steve Yates being run out for 32, then Phil Thomas added 56 while Timperley's Phil Prickett built an innings while others were falling round him to post an unbeaten 79.

Cheshire's bowlers struggled to find their line, conceding a flurry of wides and boundaries after taking an early wicket. Andy McIlroy did well with 9-4-24-1, but others were not up to the mark and catches were dropped. This enabled Durham to reply with 222-2, their talented captain Tony Birbeck finishing with 106 not out.

The next game is against Yorkshire on Wednesday, June 13 at the revised venue of Clifton Alliance CC at York.

WINNERS of the **Spitfire 60 Plus** county title for the past two seasons, Cheshire let themselves down with a below par bowling and fielding display against Durham at Cheadle Hulme on Tuesday last week, losing by five wickets.

Cheshire did well to post 283-4, their top scorer being host club player Ian Brown, who had reached 72 when he collapsed at the wicket with severe dehydration. An ambulance was called and Ian took no further part in the game after treatment from paramedics, but has since recovered. Other good innings came from Richard Powell, 57 not out and skipper Andy Hurworth, 54.

Durham let fly after a modest start and finished with a flurry of boundaries on 286-5 with five balls of the last over to spare. Only Chris Lees, 4-49 was able to bowl a consistent line and length.

Cheshire's next scheduled game against old rivals Lancashire at Grappenhall on Tuesday, June 12 has been cancelled with news that the Red Rose county have pulled out of the competition due to shortage of players. Cheshire currently lead their group with Yorkshire second. The Tykes become Cheshire's next opponents, at Marple on Tuesday, June 19 (1.30 p.m.).

## **RedInsure T20 update**

THIRD round games in the League's **RedInsure T20** should be arranged as soon as possible.

When fixtures have been agreed, the home captains should contact tournament co ordinator Jon Hacking (01244 814 110; jhacking@gmail.com) who will appoint umpires.

Home clubs are reminded that they must telephone the results and details of all games ASAP after close of play to Competition Secretary Mike Talbot-Butler and follow up with a result sheet (posted, faxed or e-mailed) within 72 hours. Umpires' ground reports and captains' reports on umpires are not required for cup games.

### **ROUND 3 DRAW**

*(games to be played by Monday, June 25)*

SALE v DIDSBURY  
MARPLE v BROOKLANDS  
ALDERLEY EDGE v HYDE  
MACCLESFIELD v BREDBURY ST. MARK'S  
GRAPPENHALL v CONGLETON  
MIDDLEWICH v OULTON PARK  
IRBY v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL  
OXTON v NESTON

### **T20 PLATE ROUND 1 DRAW**

*(games to be played by Friday, June 8):*

TIMPERLEY v URMSTON	Thursday, June 7 @ 6 pm
TOFT v BOWDON	Friday, June 8 @ 6.30 pm
POYNTON v CHEADLE	Thursday, June 7 @ 6 pm
CHEADLE HULME v STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	TBA

ROUND 2 games (limit date Friday, June 29) should also be arranged when both opponents are known, then contact Jon Hacking in normal way: Draw:

LOSERS of TIMPERLEY v URMSTON v HEATON MERSEY  
LOSERS of TOFT v BOWDON v BRAMHALL  
LOSERS of POYNTON v CHEADLE v STOCKPORT  
LOSERS of CHEADLE HULME v STOKPORT GEORGIANS v BOLLINGTON  
NANTWICH v MALPAS  
WARRINGTON v TATTENHALL  
CHRISTLETON v UPTON  
ALVANLEY v WIDNES

### **National knock-out resume**

ALDERLEY EDGE did well to win by 40 runs on the ground of North Staffs & South Cheshire premiership champions Leek in a **Kingfisher Beers National Club championship** 2nd round game on Sunday, May 27.

#### **GROUP 6: ROUND 3 ON SUNDAY, JUNE 10**

Farnworth v Marple;  
Bramhall v Bamford Fieldhouse

#### **GROUP 7: ROUND RESULT 2**

Alderley Edge 259-8 (J Steele 69, A. Worrall 59, J. Whittaker 43); Leek 219 (J. Steele 3-33).

#### **GROUP 7 ROUND 3 ON SUNDAY, JUNE 10**

Alderley Edge v Chester Boughton Hall  
Neston v Bootle

## **Over 40s results on May 30**

WINNERS of all 10 Central group games in the **Over 40s section** last season before losing in the play-off semi-finals, Grappenhall met their match on the ground of newcomers Alsager Dabbers last Thursday, losing by eight wickets. Toft top this group after their third win in four games, at Davenham.

Overall champions in 2011, Sale Silverbacks lost their third game in a row at home to Cheadle Hulme in the North-East group where the lead is shared four ways.

With three wins from games played, Neston are looking strong at the top of the West group.

Likewise Poynton Legends, leaders of the South-East group, though with Bollington Veterans also looking strong. The Over 40s section is sponsored by TailorMade Group pensions.

### **West group:**

Tattenhall Wreckers (eight men) 79-4 (Hill 31); Irby 150-5 (D.Newman 30, M. Newman 27, O'Neill 2-23).

**IRBY won by 71 runs: 4 – 0 pts.**

Neston 92-2 (Egerton 30); Chester Boughton Hall 88 (Yardley 3-5).

**NESTON won by 8 wickets: 4 – 0 pts.**

Upton 107-5 (McGowan 28, Boelema 2-16); Warrington 103-8 (Sonny 32, Burns 3-13).

**UPTON won by 5 wickets: 4 – 0 pts.**

**Open: Oxton**

### **Central group:**

Bowdon 134-8 (Gray 32, Cranmer 30, Sinclair 30, Eadie 3-22); Ashley 115-7 (Breene 31, Rice 30, Kenna 3-7).

**BOWDON won by 19 runs: 4 – 0 pts.**

Bowdon Vale Vikings 102-4 (Hunter 30); Mobberley 101-5 (Leech 31, Beaumont 30, Crowson 2-10).

**BOWDON VALE VIKINGS won by 6 wickets: 4 – 0 pts.**

Davenham 85-5 (Murray 2-13); Toft 86-0 (Poole 30).

**TOFT won by 10 wickets: 4 – 0 pts.**

Played on Thursday: Alsager Dabbers 88-2 (Armitage 33); Grappenhall 87 (Slater 30, Newton 2-12).

**ALSAGER DABBERS won by 8 wickets: 4 – 0 pts.**

### **North-East group:**

Brooklands 137-3 (Higgins 30, Wilson 30, Roberts 2-20); Alderley Edge Wizards 133-4 (Cheetham 30, Wilson 2-19).

**BROOKLANDS won by 7 wickets: 4 – 0 pts.**

Sale Silverbacks 104 (Gleghorn 30, Battersby 30); Cheadle Hulme 116-6.

**CHEADLE HULME won by 12 runs: 4 – 0 pts.** *This result was not reported*

Urmston Tigers 86-1 (Ridler 32, Fenton 30); Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge 83-8 (Clark e 31, Honkey 24, Sethi 3-3, Edginton 2-18, Pollard 2-23).

**URMSTON TIGERS won by 9 wickets: 4 – 0 pts.**

**Open: Cheadle**

### **South East group:**

Macclesfield 159-5 (Towle 32, Whittingham 31, Cowan 31); Woodley 147-3 (Oldland 32, Middleham 32, Hotson 31, Towle 2-11).

**MACCLESFIELD won by 12 runs: 4 – 0 pts.**

Marple 127-5 (Hayward 30, Mountford 2-7); Bredbury Saints 137-6 (C. Wood 35, Clarke 31, Lees 3-18, Potter 2-24, Major 2-42).

**BREDBURY SAINTS won by 10 runs: 4 - -0 pts.** *This result was not reported.*

Poynton Legends 114-2 (Martin 31, Thompson 27, Stendall 2-13); Bramhall 113-8 (Stoneman 30, Patel 26).

**POYNTON LEGENDS won by 8 wickets: 4 – 0 pts.**

**Open: Bollington Veterans.**

### **Late result from May 23:**

Woodley 91-9 (Cocks 30, Stringer 4-16, Heath 3-16); Poynton 92-0 (Wilde 31, Mark 31).

**POYNTON LEGENDS won by 10 wickets.** *This result was reported by Poynton.*



## **.....Latest 40s placings**

<u>West Group</u>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PTS.</b>
NESTON	4	3	1	0	14
IRBY	3	2	1	0	10
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	3	2	0	1	8
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	4	1	1	2	6
UPTON	4	1	1	2	6
OXTON	3	0	1	2	2
WARRINGTON	3	0	1	2	2

<u>Central Group</u>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PTS.</b>
TOFT	4	3	1	0	14
ALSAGER DABBERS	4	2	2	0	12
ASHLEY	4	2	1	1	10
GRAPPENHALL	4	2	1	1	10
BOWDON	4	1	2	1	8
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	4	1	1	2	6
DAVENHAM	4	0	1	3	2
MOBBERLEY	4	0	1	3	2

<u>North-East group</u>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PTS.</b>
CHEADLE	3	2	1	0	10
CHEADLE HULME	3	2	1	0	10
CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE	4	2	1	1	10
URMSTON TIGERS	3	2	1	0	10
BROOKLANDS	4	1	1	2	6
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	4	0	1	3	2
SALE SILVERBACKS	3	0	0	3	0

<u>South-East group</u>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PTS.</b>
POYNTON LEGENDS	4	3	1	0	14
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	3	2	1	0	10
BREDBURY SAINTS	3	1	1	1	6
MACCLESFIELD	4	1	1	2	6
MARPLE	4	1	1	2	6
WOODLEY	3	1	0	2	4
BRAMHALL	3	0	1	2	2

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6 FIXTURES (6.15 p.m.)**

**West group:** Chester Boughton Hall v Irby; Tattenhall Wreckers v Oxton; Warrington v Neston. Open: Upton

**Central group:** Ashley v Grappenhall; Bowdon v Toft; Bowdon Vale Vikings v Alsager Dabbers; Mobberley v Davenham.

**North-East group:** Cheadle v Sale Silverbacks; Cheadle Hulme v Urmston Tigers; Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge v Brooklands.

**South-East group:** Bramhall v Macclesfield; Marple v Bollington Veterans; Woodley v Bredbury Saints. Open: Poynton Legends.

O Home clubs must submit results and brief match details (or cancellations) to the Competition Secretary by telephone; fax or e-mail ASAP after the game and by Saturday at the latest to avoid a £15 fine.

## **Hon. Sec. goes Dutch**

AN avid Lancashire follower for many years, League secretary Geoff Wellstead visited pastures new to watch the Red Rose team's first appearance in Holland for a CB40 game on Monday last week.

Geoff rose from his Caldy bed at 3 a.m., picked up a couple of friends, then took the 6 a.m. flight from Liverpool Airport to Amsterdam. Meeting up with Manchester-based supporters including Ashley's Brian Birtles, Max Fundke of Malpas and Ian Wilkinson of Sale, they took two taxis for the 60 km, hour-long drive to Rotterdam to watch the match. This was played on a ground which Geoff described as "rather like Northern CC; very pleasant, with nice trees and a decent batting wicket". More than 1,000 cricket fans were admitted free as Holland continued their bid to popularise the game in their country. Unfortunately for Lancashire and their small band of followers, Holland won a thrilling, low-scoring game by one run.

After a meal, the intrepid travellers bundled themselves back into their taxis for the drive back to Amsterdam, caught the 10 p.m. plane - and arrived back at 10 p.m. taking Euro time into account. Geoff dropped off his passengers, drove back to Caldy and after a nightcap, crashed into bed before midnight.

Says Geoff, who also followed England to Dubai and Abu Dhabi in January: "It was a fascinating day: I would do it again, especially as the return fare was only £69. I hope the Dutch dig their heels in and reject an ECB plan to force them to play home games in the UK in future".

## **May 26 pitch & outfield reports**

### **PREMIER LEAGUE:**

CBH v Oxton: Pitch 5-4-5-3 = 17; Outfield 4-5-4-5 = 18;  
Hyde v Alderley Edge: 4-4-3-4 = 15; 4-4-4-5 = 17.  
Macclesfield v Didsbury: 4-4-4-4 = 16; 5-4-5-3 = 17.  
Neston v Nantwich: 5-5-5-4 = 19; 5-5-5-5 = 20.  
Urmston v Marple: 5-5-5-5 = 20; 4-5-5-5 = 19.

### **FIRST DIVISION:**

Bramhall v Heaton Mersey: 4-4-5-4 = 17; 5-5-5-5 = 20.  
Bredbury v Bowdon: 4-4-4-4 = 16; 5-5-5-5 = 20.  
Brooklands v Sale: 4-3-4-4 = 15; 4-5-4-4 = 17.  
Christleton v Cheadle Hulme: 5-4-4-4 = 19; 5-5-5-5 = 20.  
Grappenhall v Bollington : 5-5-5-5 = 20; 4-3-5-5 = 17.  
Oulton Park v Irby: 4-5-5-4 = 18; 4-5-4-5 = 18.

### **SECOND DIVISION:**

Congleton v Cheadle: 4-4-4-4 = 16; 5-5-4-5 = 19;  
Malpas v Middlewich: 4-4-4-4 = 16; 3-5-4-4 = 16  
Poynton v Warrington: 4-4-2 (carry & bounce) – 4 = 14; 3-4-3-5 = 15.  
Stockport Georgians v Alvanley: 4-5-3-5 = 17; 4-4-5-5 = 18.  
Timperley v Tattenhall: 5-5-5-4 = 19; 4-5-5-5 = 19.  
Upton v Stockport: 3-4-3-4 = 14; 5-5-4-5 = 19.

- All umpires' reports from these game have been submitted to co ordinator Ken Spilsbury.
- There was only one umpire at Bredbury v Bowdon, due to an official being misdirected to another game.
- The Cheadle v Malpas Division 2 result sheet from May 19 is still missing.

## **Overseas player no. 33**

THE 33rd – and last – overseas player to be registered by the May 31 deadline was Jared van Heerden at Upton.

A South African batting all-rounder, Van Heerden, is 19 and in November, 2011 won the Durban High Schools Best Cricketer Award for the second year in a row, an achievement only previously achieved by Test player to be Hashim Amla. He had scored 956 runs and took 25 wickets. Van Heerden plays for the Dolphins Provincial ODI side in Kwa Zulu Natal.

## **Player suspended**

HYDE 2nd XI player Daniel Humphreys has been suspended for three weeks from May 22 for an incident involving the abuse of an opponents in match against Toft 2<sup>nd</sup> on May 12.

The suspension period of a 1st XI player in Division One is being reviewed by the League Discipline committee before being announced.

## **Meller Braggins Cheshire League round-up**

RESULTS of Saturday's games in the First Division of the **Meller Braggins Cheshire League** were:

Hale Barns 172-9 Davenham 185-7 dec.; Mobberley v Ashley late; Northwich 143 Prestbury 144-3;  
Runcorn 205-6 dec. Lindow 123; Weaverham 70-7 Ashton on Mersey 67; Winnington Park 184-8 Oakmere 200-5 dec.

Placings after seven games:

1. Weaverham 149 pts.; 2. Davenham 120; 3. Prestbury 94; 4. Runcorn 89; 5. Northwich 85; 6. Hale Barns 82; 7. Ashton on Mersey 81; 8. Winnington Park 77; 9. Mobberley 74 (one result short); 10. Lindow 67; 11. Oakmere 64; 12. Ashley 56 (one result short).

Fixtures on Saturday, June 9 (1.30 p.m.):

Ashley v Runcorn; Ashton on Mersey v Mobberley; Davenham v Northwich; Lindow v Winnington Park; Oakmere v Hale Barns; Prestbury v Weaverham.

# **Fixtures & umpires for Saturday, June 9**

## **ECB PREMIER LEAGUE (12.30 p.m.)**

**HYDE v OXTON**  
**MACCLESFIELD v NANTWICH**  
**MARPLE v TOFT**  
**NESTON v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL**  
**URMSTON v DIDSBURY**  
**WIDNES v ALDERLEY EDGE**

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Trevor Burnett is standing in a Liverpool Competition match*

Barrie Burns & Alistair Davies  
Graham Harris & Chris Smith  
Wyn Harris & John Lofthouse  
Ian Greensmith & Neville Kent  
Ian Drury & Stan Davies  
Derick van Rensburg & \*Eric Hadfield

## **DIVISION 1 (1 p.m.)**

**BRAMHALL v BOLLINGTON**  
**BREDBURY ST. MARK'S v OULTON PARK**  
**BROOKLANDS v IRBY**  
**CHRISTLETON v BOWDON**  
**GRAPPENHALL v SALE**  
**HEATON MERSEY v CHEADLE HULME**

Steve Duckers & Tom Park  
Stuart Anderson & Paul Herring  
David Moss & Gary Zimmer  
Jon Hacking & Clive Rice  
Bob Cunningham & Ged Kinsey  
David Goulding & Allan Lewis

## **DIVISION 2 (1 p.m.)**

**MALPAS v WARRINGTON**  
**MIDDLEWICH v STOCKPORT**  
**POYNTON v ALVANLEY**  
**STOCKPORT GEORGIANS v CHEADLE**  
**TIMPERLEY v CONGLETON**  
**UPTON v TATTENHALL**

Dion Kelly & Steve Kirkbright  
Don Flanagan & Ray Prescott  
Ken Rothwell & Jim Whitehead  
Garry Hambleton & Clive Heylin  
Howard Briggs & Geoff Wellstead  
Brian Jones & Steve Walton

## **2ND XI PREMIER DIVISION (1 p.m.)**

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

John Lowe & Chris Moore  
David Stoter & No panel umpire available  
Not available & Club umpire  
Not available & Club umpire  
Ken Simpson & Club umpire  
Club umpire & Not available

## **Last word**

“Generally speaking, the people out on the pitch are the ones who know how to play the game, not the people who are commentating and writing about it”.

Former England opener Marcus Trescothick

