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Cheshire County Cricket League

2014 NEWSLETTER NO. 7: SATURDAY, MAY 31

Hyde 19 points clear as Chester lose again

WHILE Hyde were improving their bid to win the **ECB Premier** League title with a victory at Toft to take a 19 points lead, reigning champions Chester Boughton Hall lost for the second time in four outings at Alderley Edge.

No total seems too large for Hyde's powerful batting line-up and Saturday was no exception after Toft had run up a daunting 277-4, Aussie Jake Hancock (112) carrying his bat. He was helped in a 132 opening stand by James Drummond (56), then by Oxford Brookes University's Henry Hughes with a sparkling knock of 81 in a partnership of 136.

Hyde lost Khalid Sawas for a duck, but the next wicket fell at 166 when skipper Danny Berry was out for 96. Chris Tipper went on to 111 and despite a late burst from of 4-85 from Lancashire spinner Rob Jones, Hyde passed the post with four wickets and almost three overs to spare. It is worth noting that a match which contained 555 runs from 104 overs was played on a pitch which gained maximum marks – and finished before 7 p.m.

Alderley edged into second place by virtue of their surprise four wickets home win over Chester, whom they dismissed for 113, Aussie paceman Simon O'Brien - who took 51 wickets for Cheadle last season - proving their destroyer with a 6-28 return from 15 fiery overs. Alderley were in trouble at 23-4 and 68-5 in reply, but coasted home on 114-6 with Adam Worrall unbeaten with 54

Oxton still waiting

Oxton remain the only team yet to win although they gave another improved batting performance in a high-scoring game at Urmston running up a solid 212-7, Alex Money 66, Shaiq Choudhry 47 and Alex Hughes 45. Unfortunately, their bowlers ran up against Aussie big hitter Adam Turrell in imperious form. He contributed the season's highest individual score of 143 not out which included 20 fours and three sixes out of 215-2 in 39 overs,

Grappenhall ended a barren patch after they bowled Bowdon out for 98 at South Downs Road to win by 70 runs, Sam Guest 3-42, Grappenhall had earlier totalled 168, Josh McClelland 49, teenage quickie Mark Tully enjoying another fruitful burst of 5-52.

Ollie Griffiths was the star of Nantwich's 50 runs home victory over Neston, who continue to be let down by their batsmen and now share the two bottom spots with their Wirral compatriots.

Griffiths top scored with an unbeaten 31 batting at 10 after his side had recovered from 131-8 to reach 168 against Paul Stimson, 5-65 and Chris Finegan, 3-38. Neston mustered just 118, David Hurst 25, with Griffiths taking 4-22 from 16 accurate overs.

Bramhall scored an impressive 68 runs win at Marple after posting 182-8, Matt Begbie 56, former England Test paceman Jimmy Ormond 6-39. Apart from Mark Bennett, 37, Marple's response had no answer to the aggression of Rupes Kitzinger, who took 5-49 and they were all out for 115.

DIVISION 1: Top four all win

THE Top Four teams in **Division One** are going to take some shifting in their promotion bids this season

Cheadle, Didsbury, Timperley and Davenham all won handsomely, Cheadle staying top by 12 points after a 10 wicket demolition of Cheadle Hulme at Kingsway. Chris Moore, with 5-40 routed the Grove Park men for 81 and Cheadle replied with 82 without loss inside 20 overs, Joe Prince 44, Greg Dixon 35.

Didsbury were equally impressive winners by 146 runs at Christleton where they dominated with bat and ball, running up 221, Josh Beal 47, Phil Critchley 43, while Iro de Silva took 5-51. Nick Anderson decimated the top of the Christleton batting by dismissing the first three with a spectacular hat-trick - including debutant Overseas player Uzair Walters. Matt Astbury batted solidly for 33, but Christleton were bowled out for 75, Anderson finishing with 7-28.

Timperley beat Oulton Park by 16 runs at Stockport Road in one of the day's best games after posting 208-9, Rob Matthews 56 not out, Matt Macquet 50, Guy Emmett 6-88. Oulton replied with 192, Lou Bentley 51, the ever-consistent Chris Page 5-46.

Davenham kept up their fine start with a 51 runs win at Widnes after posting 231-8, Aussie teenager Kendal Fleming 75, Danny Moore 4-43. Widnes reached 180, to which Luke McCoy contributed 77. Left-arm spinner Danny Hancock returned a magnificent 8-69 after Ben Gough had removed the two openers.

Macclesfield lost by 20 runs at Sale after the home side had closed on 170-9. They replied with 150, Nick Ross 75, Tyrone Lawrence 6-41.

Brooklands remain rooted to bottom spot still seeking a win after losing by 35 runs at home to Middlewich – previously without a victory themselves. The 'Witch scored 142-9 batting first (Jamie Williams 41, Rob Leech 4-41) and Brooklands mustered only 107 in reply, Jordie Gibbons 4-41.

DIVISION 2: Many low scores

ALVANLEY continued their fine start in **Division Two** with a nine wickets demolition of Congleton after sending their visitors back for 113, Jamie Ecclestone 4-14, Jon Suckley 4-46, teenage wicket keeper Bon Tonge snapping up five victims and umpire Don Flanagan was specially impressed by Tonge: "He was so good I chucked him a couple of my favourite sweets!". Stephen Charles stroked an unbeaten 76 in Alvanley's winning response.

Northwich edged up to second spot with another low-scoring victory, this time against fellow promotees Upton at Moss Farm. Tom Coppenhall, 32 - in Northwich's all out 123 - was the highest innings of the game, Ged Keegan taking 6-29. The destroyer in Upton's feeble reply of 55 was again seamer Sam Shepherd, whose figures of 6-26 brings his tally in five games to 33.

Poynton recorded their first victory, by nine wickets at home to Irby, whom they dismissed for 76, Jamie Williams 5-28. Mark Coram, 36 and Paul Lombardi, 32, both out out, steered Poynton home after tea.

Stockport's winning run ended at Weaverham, the home side winding up 13 – 7 ahead on draw points after posting 177. Stockport got to 147-9

Bredbury St. Mark's upward trend continued with a home win over Heaton Mersey whom they routed for 70, Graham Barlow 3-1 John Usher 3-24. Chris Smith later top scored with an unbeaten 31 in an eight wickets victory

Warrington outplayed Tattenhall at Walton Lea, but had to be content with 11 – 5 draw points. Liam Heaphy, 49 and Chris Kirby, 48 helped Warrington close on 193-6, to which Tattenhall responded with 142-6, John Gibbon 34, Kyle Adams 4-40.

That May 24 wash out...

FOLLOWING the cancellation or abandonment of all matches on Saturday, May 24 due to rain, the Cricket Committee will make a decision on the possible wholesale re-arrangement of that day's fixtures to a date later in the season, at their next meeting on Wednesday, June 18.

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Close of play score: 33 overseas players

TWO more Overseas players were registered to play in the league by the closing date on May 31.

They were CHARLES COVENTRY (Nantwich), a 31 year-old Zimbabwe right hand batsman and leg spinner who has been transferred from Central Lancashire League club Oldham and is expected to make his debut next Saturday.

UZAIR WALTERS (Christleton), 24, a South African right hand batsman and left arm bowler.

Thus brings the total overseas players to 33, the only clubs without them being Alvanley, Heaton Mersey and Neston.

The league have refused Timperley permission to register Lancashire batsman Angela Agathangelou as a contracted player as he was not eligible to play for England.

SATURDAY'S ECB PREMIERSHIP SCORES

ALDERLEY EDGE (won toss, 25 pts.) beat CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (2 pts.) by 4 wickets

Chester 113 (41 overs: S. O'Brien 6-25);

Alderley Edge 114-6 (33 overs: A Worrall 54no, J Clark 3-42).

BOWDON (4 pts.) lost to v GRAPPENHALL (toss, 25 pts.) by 70 runs:

Grappenhall 168 (55 overs: J. McClelland 49, A Tetlow 39, M Tully 5-51).

Bowdon 98 (49 overs: S Ball 36, S Guest 3-52).

MARPLE (toss, 3 pts.) lost to BRAMHALL (25 pts.) by 67 runs:

Bramhall 182-8 (55 overs: M Begbie 56, V. Trepathi 34, J. Ormond 6-38);

Marple 115 (33 overs: M Bennett 37, R Kitzinger 5-49).

NANTWICH (25 pts.) beat NESTON (toss, 4 pts.) by 50 runs:

Nantwich 168 (50 overs: O. Griffiths 31, P Stimson 5-65, C. Finegan 3-38);

Neston 118 (47 overs: O. Griffiths 4-22).

TOFT (10 pts.) lost to v HYDE (toss, 25 pts.) by 4 wickets:

Toft 277-4 (55 overs: J Hancock 112no, H. Hughes 86, J Drummond 58);

Hyde 278-6 (53 overs: C Tipper 111, D Berry 96 = 166 for 2nd wicket, R. Jones 4-88).

URMSTON (toss, 25 pts) beat OXTON (8 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Oxton 212-7 (55 overs: A Money 66, S.Choudhry 47, A Hughes 45, M. DeBrabender 30)

Urmston 215-2 (39 overs: A. Turrell 143no, C Turner 37).

Division 1

BROOKLANDS (won toss, 4 pts.) lost to MIDDLEWICH (25 pts.) by 35 runs:

Middlewich 142-9 (50 overs: J. Williams 41, R. Leech 4-41, R. Singh 3-34);

Brooklands 107 (48 overs: R. Palmer 33, J. Gibbens 4-41, P. Parry 3-27).

CHEADLE (toss, 25 pts.) beat v CHEADLE HULME (0 pts.) by 10 wickets:

Cheadle Hulme 81 (27 overs: C Beckley 22, C Moore 5-40, P Sperring 3-13);

Cheadle 82-0 (10 overs: J. Prince 44no, G Dixon 35no).

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Division 1 results continued

CHRISTLETON (toss, 4 pts.) lost to DIDSBURY (25 pts.) by 146 runs

Didsbury 221 (50 overs: J Beal 47, P Critchley 43, C Van Staten 34, I.De Silva 5-51);

Christleton 75 (26 overs: M Astbury 33, N Anderson 7-28 inc. hat-trick).

SALE (25 pts.) beat v MACCLESFIELD (toss, 6 pts.) by 20 runs:

Sale 170-9 (50 overs: I Dixon 35, S. Raja 3-41);

Macclesfield 150 (overs: N Ross 75, T Lawrence 6-41).

TIMPERLEY (25 pts.) beat v OULTON PARK (toss, 7 pts.) by 16 runs:

Timperley 208-9 (50 overs: R Matthews 56, M Macquet 50, D. Stringer 30, G Emmett 6-88);

Oulton Park 192 (49 overs: L Bentley 51, C. Page 5-46).

WIDNES (toss, 6 pts.) lost to DAVENHAM (25 pts.) by 51 runs:

Davenham 231-8 (50 overs: K Fleming 75, J. Loveridge 41, C. Hornby 36, D Moore 4-62);

Widnes 180 (47 overs: L McCoy 77, D Hancock 8-69).

Division 2

ALVANLEY (won toss, 25 pts.) beat CONGLETON (2 pts.) by 9 wickets:

Congleton 113 (35 overs: T. Leese 29, J/. Ecclestone 4-14, J Suckley 4-46, B. Tonge 5 wicket-keeping catches);

Alvanley 115-1 (25 overs: S Charles 75no).

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S (toss, 25 pts.) beat HEATON MERSEY (0 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Heaton Mersey 70 (29 overs: G Barlow 3-1, J Usher 3-24);

Bredbury 74-2 (18 overs: C Smith 31no).

NORTHWICH (toss, 25 pts.) beat UPTON (4 pts.) by 68 runs:

Northwich 123 (43 overs: T Coppenhall 32, G Keenan 6-29, R Potter 3-46);

Upton 55 (23 overs: S.Shepherd 6-26, M. Whitehead 3-20).

POYNTON (toss, 25 pts.) beat v IRBY (0 pts.) by 9 wickets:

Irby 76 (43 overs: Mark Newman 22no, Mike Newman 22, J. Williams 5-28, J Nell 3-23);

Poynton 80-1 (25 overs: S Coram 36no, P. Lombardi 32no).

WARRINGTON (11 pts.) drew with TATTENHALL (toss, 5 pts.)

Warrington 193-6 (50 overs: L.Heaphy 49, C Kirby 48, A. Brock 3-48);

Tattenhall 142-6 (50 overs: J Gibbon 35, D. Power 30, K Adams 4-40).

WEAVERHAM (13 pts.) drew with STOCKPORT (toss, 7 pts.)

Weaverham 177 (50 overs: M Clarke 34, J Denley 3-21);

Stockport 147-9 (50 overs: S Edwards 32, W.Cornwall 3-22, K Douglas 3-39).

Latest tables all played 7 games

ECB Premier League	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
	(25)	(16)	(3)	(2)	(1)	(7)				
HYDE	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	139
*ALDERLEY EDGE (3)	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	6	3	120
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	6	113
MARPLE	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	7	97
BOWDON	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	8	94
TOFT	2	0	1	0	1	1	2	20	8	89
GRAPPENHALL	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	1	85
*BRAMHALL (3)	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	4	12	77
URMSTON	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	10	75
NANTWICH	2	0	0	1	0	1	3	10	2	71
NESTON	1	0	0	0	1	1	4	9	14	56
OXTON	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	16	12	38

* Points deducted for slow over rates

First Division	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
CHEADLE	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	139
DIDSBURY	4	0	1	0	0	2	0	6	4	127
TIMPERLEY	4	0	0	1	1	1	0	9	6	125
DAVENHAM	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	3	121
MACCLESFIELD	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	6	98
SALE	2	0	1	0	1	2	1	9	8	85
CHEADLE HULME	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	8	6	71
MIDDLEWICH	1	0	1	0	0	1	4	18	10	63
OULTON PARK	1	0	0	0	1	2	3	11	10	61
CHRISTLETON	1	0	0	0	0	2	4	8	8	55
WIDNES	0	0	1	1	0	1	4	31	12	55
BROOKLANDS	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	13	10	38

Second Division	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
ALVANLEY	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	12	4	128
NORTHWICH	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	3	119
WEAVERHAM	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	8	12	106
STOCKPORT	3	0	0	1	2	1	0	10	6	102
CONGLETON	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	4	88
* HEATON MERSEY (4)	2	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	80
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	7	74
TATTENHALL	1	0	2	0	1	2	1	16	10	72
* WARRINGTON (3)	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	6	8	69
UPTON	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	20	10	62
IRBY	1	0	0	0	1	1	4	4	13	50
POYNTON	1	0	0	0	0	2	4	2	9	50

* Points deducted for slow over rates.

Second win for Toft in RedInsure T20

THERE was only one **RedInsure T20** game scheduled last week, Toft beating Didsbury in a high-scoring game at Booths Park which makes them hot favourites to win Group 7 and qualify for a quarter-final place.

Toft's Jason Hancock (69) and James Drummond (39) put on 72 for the first wicket and the total went on to reach 153-4,

With Josh Beal top-scoring on 29, Didsbury mustered only 135-8 in response.

GROUP 7

Toft (2 pts.) beat v Didsbury by 18 runs:

Toft 153-4 (20 overs: J. Hancock 69, J Drummond 39, N Anderson 2-25); Didsbury 135-8 (20 overs: J Beal 29, J. Lomas 2-20, N Muirhead 2-21).

This week's fixtures & umpires (6 p.m.)

GROUP 1: TUESDAY, JUNE 3

DAVENHAM v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL

Barrie Burns & John Lewis

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

NORTHWICH v WARRINGTON

Alistair Davies & Martin Roberts

GROUP 3: THURSDAY

CHEADLE HULME v STOCKPORT

David Goulding & Simon Smith

MARPLE v HYDE

Graham Harris & Martin Howe

GROUP 5: THURSDAY

IRBY v UPTON

Jon Hacking & Dion Kelly

OXTON v WIDNES

Neville Kent & Darrin Clark

GROUP 7: MONDAY, JUNE 2

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S v POYNTON

Howard Briggs & Steve Kirkbright

T20 tables to May 27

GROUP 1

	P	W	C/Ab	L	POINTS
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	1	1	0	0	2
DAVENHAM	1	1	0	0	2
NORTHWICH	1	0	0	1	0
WARRINGTON	1	0	0	1	0

GROUP 2

OULTON PARK	1	1	0	0	2
NESTON	1	0	1	0	1
TATTENHALL	1	0	1	0	1
ALVANLEY	1	0	0	1	0

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T20 tables continued

GROUP 3

HYDE	1	1	0	0	2
STOCKPORT	1	1	0	0	2
CHEADLE HULME	1	0	0	1	0
MARPLE	1	0	0	1	0

GROUP 4

SALE	1	1	0	0	2
ALDERLEY EDGE	1	0	1	0	1
TIMPERLEY	1	0	1	0	1
BRAMHALL	1	0	0	1	0

GROUP 5

OXTON	1	1	0	0	2
WIDNES	1	1	0	0	2
IRBY	1	0	0	1	0
UPTON	1	0	0	1	0

GROUP 6

CHEADLE	1	1	0	0	2
URMSTON	1	1	0	0	2
BROOKLANDS	1	0	0	1	0
GRAPPENHALL	1	0	0	1	0

GROUP 7

TOFT	2	2	0	0	4
DIDSBURY	2	1	0	1	2
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	1	0	0	1	0
POYNTON	1	0	0	1	0

GROUP 8

NANTWICH	1	1	0	0	2
CONGLETON	1	0	1	0	1
MACCLESFIELD	1	0	1	0	1
MIDDLEWICH	1	0	0	1	0

Fifties' game off

CHESHIRE's visit to Formby to play Lancashire on Wednesday last week in the **ECB 50 Plus County championship** was postponed due to rain and has been re-vamped for Wednesday, July 16.

The re-arranged game away to Cumbria on Wednesday this week is at Shirehead & Forton CC.

IN the **Spitfire 60 Plus county championship**, Cheshire's next outing is against Lincolnshire at distant Skegness on Tuesday this week.

Only three O40s games survive

ONLY three **Over Forties section** games survived the foul weather on Wednesday last week, Poynton Legends winning at Offerton and Bramhall at Woodley, both in a South-East group game, while Sale Silverbacks lost at home to Brooklands. All home clubs are to be congratulated on getting their grounds fit for play.

Ashton on Mersey also pocketed four points as a result of Cheadle Hulme conceding a NE group game and Chester. Boughton Hall conceded a home game against Warrington re-arranged for Tuesday this week.

Details:

WEST GROUP

Caldy v Neston: cancelled 2 pts. each

Irby v Upton: cancelled 2 pts. each

Tattenhall Wreckers v Oxton: No information. Presumed cancelled 2 pts. each . £15 fine.

Chester Boughton Hall v Warrington (4 pts.) re-arranged to Tuesday, June 2 conceded by Chester.

CENTRAL: GROUP

Alsager Dabbers v Toft: cancelled 2 pts. each

Ashley v Bowdon Vale Vikings: cancelled 2 pts. each

Bowdon v Mobberley: No information. Presume cancelled 2 pts. each. £15 fine.

Grappenhall v Davenham: cancelled 2 pts. each

NORTH EAST GROUP:

Ashton on Mersey (4 pts.) v Cheadle Hulme conceded.

Sale Silverbacks lost to Brooklands (4 pts.) by 15 runs:

Brooklands 130-7 (Mitchell 30); Sale 115-7 (Holland 31, Scott 3-21).

Urmston Tigers v Alderley Edge Wizards: cancelled 2 pts. each

Timperley v Cheadle: cancelled 2 pts. each

SOUTH-EAST GROUP

Bollington Veterans v Macclesfield: cancelled 2 pts. each

Marple v Bredbury Saints: cancelled 2 pts. each

Offerton lost to Poynton Legends (4 pts.) by 10 wickets:

Offerton 82-7 (Pickles 28, Turnbull 3-23); Poynton 83-0 (Kingham 34, Berzins 27).

Woodley lost to Bramhall (4 pts.) by 7 runs:

Bramhall 117-5 (Duffy 29, Patel 26, Dakins 3-19); Woodley 110-7 (Coffey 31, Turner 30, Bridgman 2-13).

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Latest Forties tables

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

Central group

ALSAGER DABBERS	4	3	1	0	14
TOFT	4	3	1	0	14
GRAPPENHALL	4	2	1	1	10
ASHLEY	4	1	1	2	6
BOWDON	4	1	1	2	6
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	4	1	1	2	6
DAVENHAM	4	1	1	2	6
MOBBERLEY	4	0	1	3	2

North-East group

ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	4	2	2	0	12
BROOKLANDS	4	3	0	1	12
URMSTON TIGERS	4	2	2	0	12
CHEADLE	4	1	2	1	8
CHEADLE HULME	4	1	1	2	6
SALE SILVERBACKS	4	1	1	2	6
TIMPERLEY	4	0	2	2	4
ASHTON ON MERSEY	4	1	0	3	4

South-East group

BREDBURY SAINTS	4	3	1	0	14
MARPLE	4	3	1	0	14
POYNTON LEGENDS	4	3	0	1	12
MACCLESFIELD	4	2	1	1	10
BRAMHALL	4	2	0	2	8
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	4	1	1	2	6
OFFERTON	4	0	0	4	0
WOODLEY	4	0	0	4	0

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 FIXTURES (6.15 p.m.)

WEST GROUP: Caldby v Tattenhall Wreckers; Irby v Chester Boughton Hall; Neston v Warrington; Oxton v Upton.

CENTRAL GROUP: Bowdon v Ashley; Davenham v Bowdon Vale Vikings; Grappenhall v Alsager Dabbers; Toft v Mobberley.

NORTH-EAST GROUP: Ashton on Mersey v Sale Silverbacks; Brooklands v Cheadle; Cheadle Hulme v Urmston Tigers; Timperley v Alderley Edge Wizards.

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

Brooklands ko Neston in Cheshire Cup

RESULTS of **Cheshire Cup** round 2 games played on Sunday:

Timperley v Nantwich: Sunday, June 8.

Urmston v Weaverham: Weaverham conceded.

Oxton v Upton: Upton 183-7 (R. Potter 100no); Oxton 184-7 (G Cashin 55no).

Widnes v Hale Barns: Widnes conceded

Chester Boughton Hall v Elworth: Elworth 130 (Y Ali 33, R. Evans 3-16, R. Dixon 3-40); CBH 131-7 (M Rowland 28

Wallasey lost to Alderley Edge on May 25.

Grappenhall v Oulton Park: Oulton Park 282-6 (L Bentley 70, R Moore 59); Grappenhall 263-9. (A Roylance 105).

Davenham v Bollington: Bollington 233-9 (M Kouris 4-37); Davenham 175 (C Hornby 41).

Didsbury v Bowdon: Bowdon 103 (S Normanton 6-28); Didsbury 104-2 (S.Normanton 40, J. Beal 39no).

Macclesfield beat Congleton

Toft v Bramhall: Toft 224-9 (A Jackson 46, J Lomas 46no, V. Tripathi 6-50); Bramhall 222-7 (M Hughes 101, V. Tripathi 49).

Wilmslow Wayfarers v Marple: Wilmslow 80 (M. Whittaker 4-23, R. Clarke 3-19); Marple 85-0 (M Whittaker 40no, M Makin 31no).

Hyde v Birkenhead Park: Birkenhead 77 (J. Whittaker 3-17) Hyde 78-0 (R Brierley 42no, D. Fitzsimmons 32no).

Romiley lost to New Brighton

Brooklands v Neston: Brooklands 181-9 (D Madden 67, A.Bucknet 66no, J. Hawley 4-29, J. Crick 4-24); Neston 165 (D Manchett 52, D. Williams 37).

Stockport beat Parkfield Liscard:

ROUND 3 (Sunday, June 15): Timperley or Nantwich v Urmston; Oxton v Hale Barns; CBH v Alderley Edge; Oulton Park v Bollington; Didsbury v Macclesfield; Toft v Marple; Hyde v New Brighton; Brooklands v Stockport.

CHESHIRE SHIELD ROUND 1: Warrington v Bredbury St. Mark's: Bredbury 98 Warrington 100-2. Stockport Trinity v Ashton on Mersey (June 8); Port Sunlight v Disley (June 15)

Information provided by competition organiser Barrie Burns.

Unicorn counties championship begins

REIGNING champions Cheshire begin their six-match programme in the West zone of the newly-entitled **Unicorns county championship** when they meet Herefordshire at Colwall from Sunday to Tuesday, June 8 – 10 (11 a.m. daily) Their 12 man squad will be captained by York's Danny Woods in the absence of the unavailable James Duffy.

TACS LEAGUE LATEST

The top six teams in the First Division of the **TACS Partnership Cheshire Cricket League** all won on Saturday, leaving Stockport Georgians ahead by 33 points from Ashton on Mersey. Results:

Ashton on Mersey 241-8 dec. Oakmere 46; Bollington 127-6 Lindow 126; Mobberley 232-6 dec. Prestbury 63; Romiley 263-2 dec. Chester County Officers 101; Runcorn 143-4 Malpas 138; Stockport Georgians 109 Hale Barns 62

Division 1 points to date: Stockport Georgians 152 Ashton on Mersey 119; Mobberley 113; Romiley 111; Bollington 101; Runcorn 89; Malpas 80; Hale Barns 68; CCO 64; Oakmere 64; Prestbury 58; Lindow 46. .

Division 1 fixtures on Saturday, June 7 (1.30 p.m.): Chester County Officers v Ashton on Mersey; Hale Barns v Bollington; Lindow v Romiley; Malpas v Mobberley; Oakmere v Runcorn; Prestbury v Stockport Georgians.

Information provided by Cheshire League chairman Graham Coull.

LEAGUE FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR WEEK 8: SATURDAY, JUNE 7

ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)

BRAMHALL v BOWDON	Paul Herring & Neville Kent
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v NANTWICH	Don Flanagan & Ged Kinsey
GRAPPENHALL v TOFT	Howard Briggs & Chris Smith
HYDE v ALDERLEY EDGE	Trevor Burnett & Ian Greensmith
NESTON v URMSTON	Barrie Burns & David Gane
OXTON v MARPLE	Steve Duckers & Steve Walton

First Division (1 p.m.)

CHEADLE HULME v TIMPERLEY	Martin Howe & Simon Smith
DAVENHAM v SALE	Brian Boys & Ankit Jain
DIDSBURY v CHEADLE	Alistair Davies & Alan Hay
MACCLESFIELD v CHRISTLETON	Ken Simpson & Gary Zimmer
MIDDLEWICH v WIDNES	Ray Prescott & David Williams
OULTON PARK v BROOKLANDS	Jon Hacking & John Lofthouse

Second Division (1 p.m.)

CONGLETON v WEAVERHAM	John Lowe & Clive Rice
HEATON MERSEY v ALVANLEY	Allan Lewis & Graham Pugh
IRBY v BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	Dion Kelly & Mark Turner
STOCKPORT v NORTHWICH	Neville Abberley & Graham Harris
TATTENHALL v POYNTON	Peter Davies & Martin Roberts
UPTON v WARRINGTON	Darrin Clark & Steve Kirkbright

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

ALDERLEY EDGE v HYDE	Wyn Harris & Club umpire
CHEADLE v DIDSBURY	David Stoter & panel umpire n/a
MARPLE v MACCLESFIELD	Phil Prince & panel umpire n/a
NANTWICH v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	David Tate & Club umpire
TOFT v GRAPPENHALL	Panel ump n/a & Ken Rothwell
URMSTON v NESTON	Panel umpire n/a & Club umpire

Missing result sheets:

LEAGUE: Oxtan v Nantwich (Premier League, May 24); Warrington v Bredbury (Division 2, May 24)

REDINSURE T20: Chester Bo. Hall v Warrington; Oulton Park v Alvanley; Tattenhall v Neston; Cheadle v Grappenhall (all May 22);

NOTE: Fully completed result sheets (minus ground marks) are required for all matches in which play takes place, including abandoned games. A 'phone call is sufficient for cancelled games.

Nantwich exit National ko

AFTER pulling off a fine victory over Bootle on Bank Holiday Monday, Nantwich lost at home to Ormskirk on Sunday in the **National Club championship** group 6 semi-final.

Versus Bootle: Nantwich 203 (Liam Livingstone 67, Rob Cook-Sievwright 52); Bootle 70 (Ashley Shaw 3-13, Scott Wardley 3-15).

Versus Ormskirk: Ormskirk 147 (Jimmy Warrington 3-18); Nantwich 111

Chester Boughton Hall visit Northern in a Group 6 semi-final on Sunday, June 8.

10 Years Ago

From *Newsletter of June 5, 2004*

HEATON Mersey groundsman Nick James took a sensational hat-trick to help Cheshire beat Northumberland by five runs in an ECB 50 Plus county game at Warrington. Cheshire posted 161-8 and the Geordies had reached 125-2 in response before collapsing to 156 all out when second teamer Nick stepped in to claim 6-33 - all his hat-trick victims being clean bowled

THERE was a remarkably low-scoring Premier League game at Macclesfield where the home side were routed for 74 (Mike Fell 5-33 in his first senior appearance of the summer), then bowled Oxon out for 51. Aussie Sam McTaggart with 5-25 and Mark Hillaby 4-17 did the damage.

BROOKLANDS celebrated their first Division One win in style chasing Grappenhall's 184-9. John Birchall scorched 118 and Neil Ogden 59 as Brooklands replied with 190 without loss.

IRBY recorded their first win in Division Two by eight wickets at Stockport Georgians whom they bowled out for 158. Skipper Dave Newman scored an unbeaten 66 for the Wirralians

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Nigel Peel recovering

FORMER Bowdon and Cheshire fast bowler Nigel Peel has undergone an operation to remove a brain tumour and is in the recovery process, reports his wife Sian in a message to *Newsletter*.