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Grappenhall only winners in top six: It's half-way

GRAPPENHALL were the big winners on Saturday when they were the only club in the top six to win, hoisting themselves up to second place in the **ECB Premier League**, albeit 28 points behind leaders Hyde at the season's half-way mark

Rain doused the region again and many games were reduced, such as at Urmston where a maximum of only 70 overs' play was possible. Urmston scored 180-4 off 35 after being inserted, Lewis Jackson 61 not out. Grappenhall replied with an impressive 181-3 in rapid time, James McCoy 65 and Liam Parkinson 44. Grappenhall have now won as many games (six) as the leaders.

Up at the top, meanwhile, Hyde failed to take the 10th wicket at Marple and had to be content with 11 draw points, opting to bat first and totalling 177, Rob Brierley 55, Dave Fitzsimmons 50, Andy Greasley 4-36, Andy Wylie 4-43. Marple replied with 155-9, Mark Bennett 36, Andy Mummery 34, number nine batsman Matt Whittaker holding out for a match-saving 28. Jason Whittaker claimed 4-55 and Matt Hanna 4-72.

Toft leaped up to third place with an impressive five wickets home win in a high-scoring game against Alderley Edge, who posted an impressive 236-9, Alan Day 85, Calum Rowe 47, James Drummond 3-19. The in-form Rob Jones lead Toft's charge after tea to reach 237-5 off 51 overs with an unbeaten 85 – see paragraph below for irony - aided by James Drummond's 55.

There was a sporting incident in the first innings when Toft's Jones had to leave the field after damaging his leg. Alderley skipper Alan Day, who was batting at the time, immediately offered a sub fielder throughout the Toft player's absence, which lasted 28 overs. The gesture was highly commended by his Toft counterpart Toby Drummond who commented. "Sadly, we get far too few of these sporting gestures nowadays"

More trouble for CBH

Inconsistent Chester Boughton Hall came near to their fifth defeat and need to pull their socks up in the season's second half if they are to successfully defend their title. They were roundly outplayed by bottom club Oxton to the tune of 14 – 4 points in a rain induced draw over 70 overs. Oxton posted 159-6, Saaq Choudhry 88, Alex Money 44, to which CBH responded with 84-8, top scorer Steve Ogilby with 29. Their batsmen had little answer to the experienced attack of Glenn Querl, 4-34 and Gayan Fernando, 4-35.

There is no respite for Neston, whose performances resolutely fail to improve to the concern of skipper David Hurst et al. They lost by 71 runs at home to Bramhall in a 74 overs game, their visitors knocking up 207-6, Matt Begbie 88, Matthew Jamieson 41. Neston started well at 76-1, but two disastrous (aren't they always?) run outs changed their fortunes and they were all out for 136. Richard Wilkinson top-scored with 36, while Vishal Tripathi took 3-39 and Simon Wilkinson 3-50

Nantwich are moving away from danger with an improved run of form, illustrated by a seven wickets home victory over Bowdon. Only Oliver Newby, 60 came off in Bowdon's tally of 142, Jimmy Warrington 5-41, Ollie Griffiths 4-44. Man of the moment Liam Livingstone stroked a lively, unbeaten 89 as the Dabbers coasted home by seven wickets.

DIVISION 1

Timperley close up on leaders

WITH leaders Cheadle rained off at Widnes and Didsbury losing their first game since relegation at Davenham, Timperley closed up in third place with a 76 runs **Division One** victory over Brooklands

Rock-bottom Brooklands conceded 183-8 at home to Timperley, for whom Mike Ness scored 53. Brooklands were then bowled out for 107, Matt Macquet and Nick Brown both taking 3-24.

Didsbury must have fancied victory at Davenham after dismissing the home side for 145, Kendal Fleming 61, Nick Anderson 4-53. But the Didsbury batsmen failed and were bowled over for 114, Simon Normanton 32, Ben Gough claiming 4-32 and Dan Hancock 4-33.

Well-in-the-reckoning Macclesfield completed an eight wickets demolition of Middlewich after dismissing their visitors for 84, Jack Ward 5-30. First XI debutant Jason Knight top-scored with 37 in Macc's reply of 88-2.

There was some good action concentrated into 60 overs after a 3.20 p.m. start at Little Heath where the fire-damaged Christleton club's morale was raised by a two runs victory over Oulton Park. Christleton struggled to post 113-6 (Iro De Silva 52, Andy Hards 4-45) and it seemed plain sailing for Oulton. But their strong batting line up underestimated the accuracy and guile of little-known seamer Steve Johnson on a helpful pitch and were bowled out for 111. Martyn East was lbw for a dogged 32 off Johnson's penultimate delivery as he finished with 6-42 and Ifti Naseer 3-21

Plaudits to Christleton for struggling on manfully without the use of half their pavilion following a disastrous fire and with no electricity or post-match drinks. They are pondering the installation of temporary refreshment accommodation for the remainder of the season and, in the long term, whether to plan a total reconstruction of their ageing pavilion.

Sale emerged 14 – 7 points in credit from a drawn game against Cheadle Hulme at Dane road. Sale totalled 220-8, Mike Barrington-Smith 79, Rana Malook 4-86 and the Grove Park batsmen got as far as 190-7 in response, Adam Wilde 51.

DIVISION 2

Weaverham rout Northwich for 31

WEAVERHAM lie 24 points clear at the top of the **Second Division** after a remarkable 10 wickets demolition of neighbours Northwich at Moss Farm.

Beaten only once previously since their promotion, Northwich, were all out in 18th overs - top scorer Sam Stoneley with nine - none managing to master the swing and control of Kevin Waterhouse, whose career best figures were 9 – 5 – 20 – 8, including seven bowled. Weaverhams knocked the runs off in five overs before an early tea leaving skipper Mark Walker in shock. "Our batsmen are going to have to get a grip, myself included", he admitted

Northwich's tally beat the previous lowest score in any division of the league this season which was 37 by Congleton at Upton on May 10.

Stockport are up to second place and looking good for a promotion spot after a four wickets win at Bredbury, dismissing their neighbours for 152, Chris Smith 60, Tom Facer 4-36. Jack Briggs, aged 16 top scored with an mature unbeaten 46 as Stockport eased home on 156-6 after being 72-5.

Tattenhall beat Heaton Mersey by four wickets at The Flacca after dismissing their visitors for 139, Major Khan 37, Ollie Thompson 5-14. Sam Green led the way after tea with 66 out of 140-6.

Warrington outplayed Alvanley at Walton Lea and closed 15 – 2 points in credit in one of many reduced overs games. Warrington hit 184-4, Will Fleetwood 75 not out and Alvanley responded with 113-9, Steve Charles 30, Bev McIntosh 3-22, Kyle Adams 3-30.

Congleton ended a poor run with a hard-earned two wicket win at bottom team Poynton. Extras top scored with 17 in Poynton's struggle to reach 93 from 41 overs, Matthew Stretch 3-9, John Copeland 3-19. Congleton also found runs difficult at 36-6 before crawling home on 94-8 from 52 overs, thanks to Jacob Wilshaw's 33 not out. There was another heroic performance from Poynton skipper Jimmy Williams with figures of 21 – 14 – 20 – 2.

Upton were in control of their derby visit to Irby, but had to be content with 14-4 draw points from a 76 overs game. Matt Ingram, 59 not out highlighted Upton's 195-3, to which Irby came back with 126-7, Simon Renshaw 41, Ingram 3-27.

SATURDAY'S SCORELINES

ECB Premiership

MARPLE (6 pts.) drew with HYDE (won toss, 11 pts.)

Hyde 177 (52 overs: R Brierley 55, D Fitzsimmons 50, A.Greasley 4-36, A Wylie 4-43);
Marple 155-9 (58 overs: M Bennett 36, A Mummery 34, J Whittaker 4-55, M Hanna 4-72).

NANTWICH (toss, 25 pts.) beat BOWDON (3 pts.) by 7 wickets

Bowdon 142 (54 overs: O Newby 60, J Warrington 5-41, O Griffiths 4-44).
Nantwich 146-3 (35 overs: L Livingstone 89no)

NESTON (4 pts.) lost to BRAMHALL (toss, 25 pts.) by 71 runs

Bramhall 207-6 (37 overs: M Begbie 88, M.Jamieson 41, V Tripathi 36);
Neston 136 (36.1 overs: R Wilkinson 36, V Tripathi 3-39, S. Wilkinson 3-50). *This was a 74 overs game.*

OXTON (14 pts.) drew with CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (toss, 4 pts)

Oxton 159-6 (35 overs: S Choudhry 88, A Money 44);
Chester 94-8 (35 overs: S Ogilby 29, G Querl 4-34, G Fernando 4-35). *This was a 70 overs game.*

TOFT (toss, 25 pts.) beat ALDERLEY EDGE (10 pts) by 5 wickets

Alderley Edge 236-9 (55 overs: A Day 85, C.Rowe 47, T Foreman 44, J. Drummond 3-19);
Toft 237-5 (51 overs: R. Jones 85no, J Drummond 55, S O'Brien 3-69).

URMSTON (9pts.) lost to GRAPPENHALL (toss, 25 pts.) by 7 wickets

Urmston 180-4 (35 overs: L Jackson 61, S. Panda 37, A. Turrell 35);
Grappenhall 181-3 (29 overs: J McCoy 65, L Parkinson 44). *This was a 70 overs game.*

Division 1

BROOKLANDS (won toss, 3 pts.) lost to TIMPERLEY (25 pts.) by 76 runs

Timperley 183-8 (50 overs: M. Ness 53, M. Porthouse 46, J. Hampson 37, A J Hart 3-37);
Brooklands 107 (41 overs: C. Hart 20, N Brown 3-24, M Macquet 3-24).

CHRISTLETON (25 pts.) beat OULTON PARK (toss, 4 pts.) by 2 runs

Christleton 113-6 (30 overs: I. De Silva 52, A. Hards 4-45);
Oulton Park 111 (29.5 overs: M East 34, S Johnson 6-42, I Naseer 3-21). *This was a 60 overs match*

DAVENHAM (25 pts.) beat DIDSBURY (toss, 5 pts.) by 31 runs

Davenham 145 (49 overs: K. Fleming 61, N Anderson 4-53, J Fawcett 3-11);
Didsbury 114 (41 overs: S Normanton 32, B Gough 4-32, D. Hancock 4-33).

MACCLESFIELD (toss, 25 pts.) beat MIDDLEWICH (0 pts.) by 8 wickets

Middlewich 84 (28 overs: J Ward 5-30, I Tate 3-27);
Macclesfield 88-2 (18 overs: J Knight 37, J. Birchall 29).

SALE (14 pts.) drew with CHEADLE HULME (toss, 7 pts.)

Sale 220-8 (50 overs: M. Barrington-Smith 79, C Canning 50, T Lawrence 38, R. Malook 4-86, J Burton 3-48);
Cheadle Hulme 190-7 (50 overs: A Wilde 51, R Batty 37, B. Watkin 3-26, T Lawrence 3-51).

WIDNES v CHEADLE: match cancelled due to waterlogged ground: 7 pts. each

Division 2

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S (6 pts.) lost to STOCKPORT (25 pts.) by 4 wickets:

Bredbury 152 (46 overs: C Smith 60, T Facer 4-26, M Eley 3-15);
Stockport 156-6 (38 overs: J Briggs 46no, T Kidd 42, C Davies 32, C Nuttall 3-35).

IRBY (4 pts.) drew with UPTON (toss, 14 pts.)

Upton 195-3 (dec. (34 overs: M Ingram 59no);
Irby 126-7 (42 overs: S. Renshaw 41, M Ingram 3-27). *This was a 76 overs game.*

NORTHWICH (0 pts.) lost to WEAVERHAM (toss, 25 pts.) by 10 wickets

Northwich 31 (18 overs: S Stoneley 9, K Waterhouse 8-20);
Weaverham 32-0 (5 overs: A.Nash 17no, R McMillan 11no).

POYNTON (3 pts.) lost to CONGLETON (toss, 25 pts.) by 2 wickets

Poynton 93 (41 overs: Extras 17, S Dunn 15, M Stretch 3-9, J Copeland 3-19);
Congleton 94-8 (52 overs: J. Wilshaw 33no, J Williams 21-14-20-2).

TATTENHALL (toss, 25 pts.) beat HEATON MERSEY (4 pts.) by 4 wickets

Heaton Mersey 139 (38 overs: M Khan 37, H. Shah 34, O. Thompson 5-14);
Tattenhall 143-6 (40 overs: S Green 66, S. Hussain 3-44).

WARRINGTON (15 pts.) drew with ALVANLEY (toss, 2 pts.)

Warrington 184-4 (43 overs: W. Fleetwood 75no, J Rudd 43no);
Alvanley 113-9 (43 overs: S. Charles 39, B. McIntosh 3-22, K Adams 3-30. *This was an 86 overs match.*

THREE PLAYERS SUSPENDED

THE following suspensions have been announced by League Disciplinary chairman Ian Greensmith following games played over the week-end June 21 / 22:

Ashley Shaw (Nantwich) : 2 weeks for a level 1C offence

Chris Heppell (Bramhall 2nd) 2 weeks for a level 1C offence.

Waqar Malik (Stockport Trinity) 6 weeks, 2 suspended, for a level 2f offence.

All the suspensions were imposed by the clubs under the normal disciplinary procedure.

Northwich raise £5,000 for charities

AN estimated £5,000, with money still coming in, was raised for three charities by the largest crowd ever to watch cricket at Northwich's relatively new Moss Farm home, on Sunday.

An MPs' XI containing six Members of Parliament captained by Graham Evans (Weaver Vale) took on an Emmerdale All-Stars team in a 60 overs match and while the result faded into insignificance, a near-500 crowd enjoyed a memorable afternoon in brilliant sunshine.

Organiser and home club chairman Darren Sutcliffe, who doubles up as the League website supremo, commented: "We had worked on this for weeks and achieved everything we set out to do; bring cricket to Moss Farm; give families a good day out and, most importantly, raise cash for charity".

The trophy was presented jointly to the two captains by recording DJ and railway archivist Peter Waterman, while former Northwich CC captain Mike Talbot-Butler named television star Nick Hancock as Man of the match and handed the Champagne Moment Award to Emmerdale actor Chris Chittell - for losing his trousers while running up to bowl.

The charities to benefit are Winsford St. Luke's Hospice, Halton Haven Hospice and the Joshua Tree Foundation

Half-way tables all played 11 games

ECB Premier League	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
	(25)	(16)	(3)	(2)	(1)	(7)				
HYDE	6	0	1	0	0	3	1	12	7	193
GRAPPENHALL	6	0	0	0	0	1	4	6	2	165
TOFT	4	0	2	0	1	1	3	34	11	159
MARPLE	5	0	0	0	1	2	3	2	14	156
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	5	0	0	0	1	2	3	5	10	155
*ALDERLEY EDGE (3)	4	0	0	0	1	3	3	21	11	151
URMSTON	4	0	1	0	0	2	4	17	15	149
* BRAMHALL (3)	4	0	0	0	1	3	3	6	15	140
NANTWICH	4	0	0	1	0	2	4	12	4	132
BOWDON	3	0	1	0	0	2	5	14	15	121
NESTON	2	0	0	0	2	1	6	14	20	93
OXTON	0	0	2	0	0	1	8	34	20	67

* Points deducted for slow over rates

First Division	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
CHEADLE	7	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	203
DIDSBURY	5	0	1	1	0	3	1	10	12	173
TIMPERLEY	5	0	0	1	1	2	2	17	9	168
MACCLESFIELD	5	0	0	1	1	2	2	15	11	168
DAVENHAM	5	0	0	0	0	3	3	12	7	165
OULTON PARK	4	0	0	0	1	2	4	13	12	140
SALE	3	0	2	0	1	3	2	23	11	137
CHEADLE HULME	4	0	0	0	1	2	4	11	9	135
CHRISTLETON	3	0	1	0	0	2	5	22	11	125
MIDDLEWICH	2	0	1	0	0	2	6	22	13	102
WIDNES	0	0	1	1	0	3	6	47	15	88
BROOKLANDS	0	0	0	0	1	2	8	19	15	49

Second Division	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
WEAVERHAM	6	0	2	0	1	1	1	16	15	195
STOCKPORT	5	0	1	1	2	2	0	16	9	171
ALVANLEY	4	0	2	1	2	2	0	22	9	155
TATTENHALL	3	0	4	0	1	2	1	32	18	152
UPTON	4	0	1	0	0	1	5	28	13	151
NORTHWICH	4	0	0	1	1	3	2	9	9	142
CONGLETON	4	0	0	1	0	1	5	9	11	129
* WARRINGTON (3)	2	1	2	0	1	2	3	23	17	124
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	3	0	0	0	1	2	5	13	14	117
* HEATON MERSEY (4)	2	1	0	0	0	3	5	10	13	105
IRBY	2	0	0	0	2	1	6	18	20	97
POYNTON	1	0	0	0	1	2	7	5	17	62

* Points deducted for slow over rates.

WTB

League pitch reports: Saturday, June 21

ECB Premier League:

Bowdon v Alderley Edge: pitch 18; outfield 20;
Bramhall v Toft: 14-20: * This result sheet was received late.
Chester Boughton Hall v Marple: 18 – 20;
Grappenhall v Nantwich: 20 – 20 (full house)
Hyde v Urmston: 18 – 20;
Neston v Oxton: 17 – 20;

First Division:

Cheadle v Brooklands: late sheet
Cheadle Hulme v Widnes: 18 – 20;
Davenham v Macclesfield: 18 – 18;
Didsbury v Timperley: 18 – 20;
Middlewich v Christleton: 19 – 20;
Oulton Park v Sale: 18 – 19;

Second Division:

Alvanley v Northwich: 10 – 19;
Congleton v Warrington: 16 – 16;
Heaton Mersey v Weaverham: 19 – 20;
Stockport v Poynton: 18 – 20;
Tattenhall v Irby: 20 – 20 (full house). *This result sheet was received late.
Upton v Bredbury 16 – 20;
All reports on umpires were received by co ordinator Ken Spilsbury

IN BRIEF ...

O Early issues of last week's *Newsletter* failed to carry the correct statistics about Liam Livingstone's match-winning performance for Nantwich at Grappenhall. He scored 88 as reported, but his bowling figures were 7-114 and included in that was a hat-trick. Livingstone has recently had the interesting experience of playing alongside Andrew Flintoff in his county comeback for Lancashire 2nd XI.

O Because of the heavy (15 pages including a picture) content of last week's *Newsletter*, some copies did not arrive. Please contact the Editor if your copy is noticeably late in future.

SURVEY TAKES 700 + HITS

THE National Cricket survey run by the Cheshire Board had attracted 700 'hits' up to June 24 – compared to a total of 1,200 for all last year – with almost three weeks still to go, according to the Board's Marketing & Communications manager Gareth Moorhouse. He points out that there is a prize of £250 worth of cricket equipment for the Cheshire club who generate most responses. Up to the time of writing the leaders were Alvanley, with 13.

Players, officials and anyone else interested in the development of the game is urged to make his or her views known via the website <http://www/cricketsurveys.com/s/the-national-cricket-playing-survey-2014>.

O LEAGUE knock out Final Days this season are as follows: 1st XI RedInsure T20 at Upton on Sunday, July 27; 2nd XI RedInsure at Neston on Sunday, August 10; 3rd XI Jack Gardner Trophy at Urmston on Sunday, August 31; Over 40s at Chester Boughton Hall on Bank Holiday Monday, August 25

O THE mid-season meeting of the League Umpires & Scorers Association planned for Toft on Monday, June 30 was cancelled due to insufficient business.

O FORMER Elworth, Fodens and Winnington Park left arm spinner and engaging personality Bill Dutton has died aged 74. Bill lived at Sandbach for most of his life.

O WORCESTERSHIRE all-rounder Shaaiq Choudhry who has not often been available for Oxton this season, scored 151 in a 2nd XI championship match against Glamorgan recently.

O CHESTER Boughton Hall 4th XI captain Phil Evans has a new e-mail address: phillevans2014@outlook.com

O A FLATTERING article about Urmston's outstanding 17 year-old leg-spinner Matthew Parkinson appeared in *The Cricket Paper* dated Friday, June 27. This £1.50 weekly offers an ideal way to keep in touch with the game at club level throughout the UK. The *Newsletter* Editor does not receive a free copy.

Cheshire spin trio do trick

SPINNERS Harry Killoran (seven wickets) skipper Danny Woods (six) and debutant Robert Jones (three) led Cheshire to a 40 runs victory over Cornwall in their 3-day **Unicorns Counties championship** game at Alderley Edge from Sunday to Tuesday last week.

Cheshire totalled 280-9 in their first innings, the highlight being a fine 122 by Oulton Park's Rick Moore which earned him his county cap. Former Pakistan Test spinner Shakil Ahmed took 5-88. Cornwall replied with 158, Chester teenager Killoran returning his best figures of 5-66 and Woods 3-36. In their second dig, Cheshire struggled to total 135, Lee Dixon contributing a key 54 and at the close on Monday Cornwall were on 72-4, needing to total 257 for victory.

A win looked on while Christian Purchase was hitting out lustily, but when he was dismissed for 91, the innings collapsed to 217 all out, Woods 3-72, Killoran 2-39 and Jones coming on to pick up 3-25 to make the Toft and Lancashire Academician's debut worthwhile

Cheshire's next championship game is against Devon at Sidmouth from Sunday – Tuesday, July 6-8.

Appreciation is expressed to Jim Law for providing information material.

FOR their **Unicorns knock out semi-final** against Devon on the same ground on Sunday, July 13, Cheshire plan to convey players, officials and some spectators by coach from Toft leaving at 7.30 pm. on Saturday. There are seats available at £25 (hotel accommodation needs to be booked separately) and the coach will return immediately after the game. Those wishing to go should contact Elise Scrimgeour on 0161 432 0381 or by email on elisecscrimgeour@yahoo.co.uk by Friday, July 4. They should note that there is a reserve day on Monday, July 14 in case of rain.

Clubs with players involved in this game are being asked to start their matches early to enable players to get to Toft by 7.30 pm.

Cheshire Development XI lost by eight wickets against Durham Academy at Brandon on Wednesday and Thursday last week.

Scores: Cheshire 161 (Ben Marsden 53) and 173 (Calum Turner 44, Jack Ward 40); Durham 245-7 dec. and 92-2.

Team: Jonny Fawcett captain, Simon Normantron (Didsbury), Guy Dunbavand (Chester), Jack Ward, Ben Marsden (Macclesfield), Alex Money (Oxton), Matt Ingram (Upton), George Harding (Crewe), Dan Williams, Ben Alcock (Hyde, wicket-keeper), Calum Turner (Urmston).

The additional Development fixture against Warwickshire Academy at Cheadle on Tuesday this week has been cancelled as the midland county could not raise a team.

£38,000 Sport England grant for Grappenhall

AFTER months of hard work by the management committee Grappenhall secretary Paul Tyerman reveals to *Newsletter* that the club have received a £38,000 grant to replace their outfield in the autumn.

Paul writes: "We have been successful in our application through Sport England's 'Protecting Playing Fields' fund to replace the entire outfield to the tune of £38,000. The outfield has been at the lower end of the League's table for the past few years and following a number of assessments we felt something had to be done. The replacement will help safeguard the club's future by allowing the senior and junior players to play and train on a high quality flat outfield for many years to com. It is hoped that work will start as soon as the 2014 season ends in mid-September".

Paul says the club have also been successful with a loan application to the ECB to enable them to purchase a new £16,000 Autoguide Roller, the same model as that used at Lord's and other Test grounds. This should be in use by the end of July. "It's been s busy few months for the committee, but it looks as if it's been worth it", he ends.

'BUMBLE' AT NANTWICH

NANTWICH are staging 'An Evening with David Lloyd' at the town's Civic Hall on Thursday, August 28 which they hope will prove to be a major money spinner.

The cost of tickets which includes a three course meal plus coffee and a talk by the popular 'Bumble' who promises a frank Q&A session is £37.50.

Applications to Rob Sproston on 07968 03701 and / or to Andy Newton 07970 834 812.

MACCLESFIELD invite entries for an **Under Sevens Six a side Festival** on their ground on Sunday, August 31.

Event organiser Danny Ackerley can be contacted on 07730 269 328 or danackerley@btinternet.com

T20 quarter-final qualifiers

THE eight qualifiers for the **RedInsure T20** quarter-finals include 2013 winners Hyde and reigning League champions and Cheshire Cup holders Chester Boughton Hall. Also through are Grappenhall, Nantwich, Oxton and Toft from the ECB Premiership and they are joined by Oulton Park and Sale representing Division One.

In the last round of group games on Thursday, Grappenhall and Nantwich both qualified on run rate, as Chester had done the previous week.

There was a surprise result at Alvanley who beat Premiership Neston with a bye off the last ball in Group 2. This was topped by Oulton Park after a comfortable victory at Tattenhall. Timperley outplayed Premiership Bramhall to win by eight wickets.

LAST EIGHT DRAW

OULTON PARK v OXTON

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v TOFT (Thursday, July 10)

GRAPPENHALL v SALE

NANTWICH v HYDE (holders)

Games to be played on Sunday, July 6, Thursday, July 10 or Sunday, July 13. The Competition secretary should be notified ASAP of dates chosen.

The Finals Day's play for the four winners is at Upton on Sunday, July 27 (12 noon). The champions there go on to represent the League in the National T20 Area finals on the ground of the Birmingham League representatives on Sunday, August 10

THURSDAY, JUNE 27 RESULTS

GROUP 2:

ALVANLEY (2 pts.) beat NESTON by 2 wickets:

Neston 136-8 (20 overs: D. Williams 42, K. Rowlands 2-23, K. Roberts 2-23, S. Charles 2-27);

Alvanley 137-8 (20 overs: J Suckley 40, S Charles 26, J. Hawley 3-28, M Stewart 2-27).

TATTENHALL lost to OULTON PARK (2 pts.) by 43 runs:

Oulton Park 139-8 (20 overs);

Tattenhall 96-9 (20 overs). *This result was not telephoned on night*

GROUP 4:

ALDERLEY EDGE (2 pts.) beat SALE by 9 wickets:

Sale 131-8 (20 overs: M Spells 28, A Day 4-30, M. Warnes 2-27);

Alderley Edge 131-1 (13.2 overs: C Rowe 62no, A Worrall 39no)

BRAMHALL lost to TIMPERLEY (2 pts.) by 83 runs:

Timperley 171-6 (20 overs: M Macquet 34, C Grindley 31, N Bell 3-19, V Tripathi 2-35);

Bramhall 88 (18.4 overs: A. Siddall 20, I. Grindley 3-13, C Page 3-21, D Ashling 2-20).

GROUP 6:

BROOKLANDS lost to CHEADLE (2 pts.) by 2 wickets:

Brooklands 89 (19 overs: M Singh 14, W Holmes 4-16, P. Sperring 3-11);

Cheadle 92-8 (16.2 overs: D McGinley 19no, C. Potter 4-23).

GRAPPENHALL (2 pts.) beat URMSTON by 5 wickets:

Urmston 125-6 (20 overs: A Syddall 36, J Skelley 33);

Grappenhall 127-5 (16.2 overs: I Barnes 30no).

GROUP 8

MACCLESFIELD (2 pts.) beat NANTWICH by 5 wickets:

Nantwich 156-4 (20 overs: S Hunt 53, R. Cook-Sievwright 40, O Griffiths 39no);

Macclesfield 159-5 (18.3 overs: N Ross 84no, J. Cross 28, S Wardley 2-24, J Warrington 2-41).

MIDDLEWICH (2 pts.) beat CONGLETON by 9 wickets

Congleton 132-4 (20 overs: M. Stretch 42, T. Leese 40, J. Cornford 2-29);

Middlewich 133-1 (12 overs: K Clowes 78).

T20 group final tables

GROUP 1	P	W	C/Ab	L	PTS.
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	3	2	1	0	5 (9.39 runs per over)
DAVENHAM	3	2	1	0	5 (6.89 runs per over)
NORTHWICH	3	1	0	2	2
WARRINGTON	3	0	0	3	0

GROUP 2	P	W	C/Ab	L	PTS.
OULTON PARK	3	3	0	0	6
TATTENHALL	3	1	1	1	3
ALVANLEY	3	1	0	1	2
NESTON	3	0	1	2	1

GROUP 3	P	W	C/Ab	L	PTS.
HYDE	3	2	1	0	5
STOCKPORT	3	2	0	1	4
MARPLE	3	1	1	1	3
CHEADLE HULME	3	0	0	3	0

GROUP 4	P	W	C/Ab	L	PTS.
SALE	3	2	0	1	4
ALDERLEY EDGE	3	1	1	1	3
TIMPERLEY	3	1	1	1	3
BRAMHALL	3	1	0	2	2

GROUP 5	P	W	C/Ab	L	PTS.
OXTON	3	3	0	0	6
UPTON	3	2	0	1	4
WIDNES	3	1	0	2	2
IRBY	3	0	0	3	0

GROUP 6	P	W	C/Ab	L	PTS.
GRAPPENHALL	3	2	0	1	4 (7.79 runs per over)
CHEADLE	3	2	0	1	4 (7.11 runs per over)
URMSTON	3	2	0	1	4 (7.03 runs per over)
BROOKLANDS	3	0	0	3	0

GROUP 7	P	W	C/Ab	L	PTS.
TOFT	3	3	0	0	6
DIDSBURY	3	2	0	1	4
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	3	0	1	2	1
POYNTON	3	0	1	2	1

GROUP 8	P	W	C/Ab	L	PTS.
NANTWICH	3	2	0	1	4 (7.59 runs per over)
MIDDLEWICH	3	2	0	1	4 (7.24 runs per over)
MACCLESFIELD	3	1	1	1	3
CONGLETON	3	0	1	2	1

Forties tables take shape

TATTENHALL Wreckers inflicted the season's first defeat on Neston in the **Over 40s section** West group on Wednesday last week and, with six games remaining, these two clubs look certain to figure in the play-offs.

After beating Grappenhall off the last ball thanks to a thrilling Chris Sheldon boundary catch, Toft are two points clear of Alsager in the Central Group with the remaining teams trailing. Alsager have indicated their intention to resign at the end of the season as they have been disappointed at the number of fixtures conceded to them.

Reigning champions Urmston Tigers were left idle after Timperley conceded, but seem likely to top the North-East group after Alderley Edge Wizards surprisingly lost to Cheadle. Another concession was by Cheadle Hulme away to Sale Silverbacks.

Marple lead the South-East section by four points after a key victory against Poynton Legends Their three closest challengers all remain in the reckoning for the second play-off spot.

JUNE 18 RESULTS

WEST GROUP

Caldy lost to Oxtun (4 pts.) by 17 runs:

Oxtun 125-6 (Wimpenny 30, Perry 25, Money 23, Mellor 3-22); Caldly 108 (Mellor 35, Brown 30, Gorman 3-10).

Chester Boughton Hall (3 pts.) tied with Upton (3 pts.):

Upton 126-6 (Warburton 31); Chester 126-5 (Gillson 31, Robinson 31).

Irby (4 pts.) beat Warrington by 8 wickets:

Warrington 95-3 (Sleigh 33); Irby 96-2 (Lea 31, Mahi 29).

Tattenhall Wreckers (4 pts.) beat Neston by 7 wickets:

Neston 123-6 (Hackett 31, Donelan 30, Forster 2-11); Tattenhall 124-3 (Kettle 30, Salt 27).

CENTRAL GROUP

Alsager (4 pts.) beat Davenham by 74 runs:

Alsager 152-1 (Moore 31, Bason 30, Price 30); Davenham 78-4.

Ashley lost to Mobberley (4 pts.) by 20 runs:

Mobberley 130-2; Ashley 110-7 (Busby 30, Alves 30).

Bowdon (4 pts.) beat Bowdon Vale Vikings by 45 runs:

Bowdon 136-6 (Walker 32, Thompson 30, Hopton 4-27); Bowdon Vale 91 (Hunter 30, Burgess 3-13).

Grappenhall lost to Toft (4 pts.) by 1 run:

Toft 119-5 (Cook 30); Grappenhall 118-7 (Fairbrother 34, C Sheldon 4-8).

NORTH EAST GROUP:

Alderley Edge Wizards lost to Cheadle (4 pts.) by 5 wickets

Alderley Edge 137 (Manton 33, Bolton 29, Hutchinson 20); Cheadle 138 -5 (Bardsley 31, Clayton 29, Blood 23).

Ashton on Mersey lost to Brooklands (4 pts.) by 6 wickets:

Ashton on Mersey 101-8 (Griffiths 26, Horsfield 4-18); Brooklands 105-4 (Horsfield 33, Mitchell 32, Miners 3-25).

Sale Silverbacks (4 pts.) walk over v Cheadle Hulme conceded.

Timperley conceded to Urmston Tigers (4 pts.)

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SOUTH-EAST GROUP

Bollington Veterans (4 pts.) beat Bramhall by 3 wickets:

Bramhall 121-5 (Tittensor 33, Bridgeman 31); Bollington 122-7 (Madden 25, Stoneman 2-8).

Offerton lost to Bredbury Saints (4 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Offerton 90-6; Bredbury 94-2 (Bashford 32).

Marple (4 pts.) beat Poynton Legends by ? wickets:

Poynton 123-? (Kingham 30, Berzins 30); Marple 125-? (Littler 32, Hayward 29, Bradley 25).

Woodley lost to Macclesfield (4 pts.) by 5 wickets:

Woodley 110-5 (Oldfield 26, Middleton 26, Mclellan 2-12); Macclesfield 113-5 (Hanaghan 34, Towle 27, Gregory 25).

Latest tables

<u>West group</u>	P	W	T	C/A	L	PTS.
NESTON	8	6	0	1	1	26
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	8	6	0	1	1	26
IRBY	8	5	0	1	2	22
WARRINGTON	8	4	0	0	4	16
UPTON	8	2	1	2	3	15
OXTON	8	2	0	2	4	12
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	8	2	1	0	5	11
CALDY	8	0	0	1	7	2
<u>Central group</u>						
TOFT	8	7	0	1	0	30
ALSAGER	8	6	0	2	0	28
GRAPPENHALL	8	4	0	2	2	20
BOWDON	8	3	0	1	4	14
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	8	2	0	2	4	12
DAVENHAM	8	2	0	2	4	12
ASHLEY	8	1	0	1	6	6
MOBBERLEY	8	1	0	1	6	6
<u>North-East group</u>						
URMSTON TIGERS	8	5	0	3	0	26
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	8	4	0	3	1	22
BROOKLANDS	8	4	0	1	3	18
CHEADLE HULME	8	3	0	2	3	16
SALE SILVERBACKS	8	3	0	2	3	16
CHEADLE	8	2	0	3	3	14
TIMPERLEY	8	1	0	3	4	10
ASHTON ON MERSEY	8	1	0	1	6	6

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South-East group

MARPLE	8	6	0	2	0	28
BREDBURY SAINTS	8	5	0	2	1	24
POYNTON LEGENDS	8	5	0	1	2	22
MACCLESFIELD	8	4	0	2	2	20
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	8	3	0	2	3	16
BRAMHALL	8	2	0	1	5	10
OFFERTON	8	1	0	1	6	6
WOODLEY	8	0	0	1	7	2

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 FIXTURES (6.15 p.m.)

WEST GROUP: Neston v Irby; Oxton v Chester; Upton v Caldy; Warrington v Tattenhall.

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

NE GROUP: Brooklands v Alderley Edge; Cheadle v Ashton on Mersey; Cheadle Hulme v Timperley; Urmston v Sale

SE GROUP: Bramhall v Offerton; Bredbury v Bollington; Macclesfield v Marple; Poynton v Woodley.

Cheshire Cup: holders through, Hyde out

REMAINING third round games in the **Cheshire Cup** played on Sunday resulted as follows:

Timperley 107 (J. Hampson 49, C.Turner 3-22) lost to Urmston 110-1 (A Turrell 59); Chester Boughton Hall 295-8 (G Dunbavand 95, L Dixon 84, M Rowland 59) beat Alderley Edge 243 (M Currie 60, A. Worrall 57, J. Henderson 4-40);

Macclesfield 192 (N Ross 64) beat Didsbury 140 (S. Normanton 45, J Birchall 4-16); New Brighton 155 (A Clarke 61, L. Botes 46, M. Hanna 4-48) won at Hyde 130.

Draw for quarter-finals on Sunday, July 27: Urmston v Oxton; Chester (holders) v Bollington; Macclesfield v Toft; New Brighton v Brooklands

SHIELD ROUND 2 RESULTS: Cheadle 238-7 (W. Holmes 58) lost to Ashton on Mersey 241-7 (P. Kumar 61, J. Lines 57, M Roberts 3-35); Disley 181-8 (K. Adams 4-22) lost to Warrington 185-5 (B.McIntosh 57).

Northwich v Rode Park & Lawton; Hawk Green v Ashley on Sunday, July 6. .

Information provided by competition organiser Barrie Burns.

TACS Cheshire League update

PRESTBURY and Runcorn were the only winners in the First Division of the **TACS Partnership Cheshire League**.

Stockport Georgians had a winning draw at Ashton on Mersey and top the table by six points from Mobberley, who failed to beat bottom team Lindow.

Division 1 results: Ashton on Mersey 136-8 Stockport Georgians 167-8 dec.; Malpas 220-5 dec. Chester County Officers 125-8; Mobberley 226-4 dec. Lindow 163-8; Oakmere 115 Prestbury 203-5 dec.; Romiley 209-9 dec. Bollington 175-7; Runcorn 87-5 Hale Barns 86. Latest placings:

1. Stockport Georgians	192 pts.
2. Mobberley	186
3. Romiley	184
4. Ashton on Mersey	177
5. Bollington	169
6. Runcorn	166
7. Malpas	145
8. Prestbury	112
9. Hale Barns	91
10. CCO	89
11. Oakmere	87
12. Lindow	76

Division 1 fixtures on Saturday, July 5 (1.30 p.m.): Ashton on Mersey v Bollington; Malpas v Lindow; Mobberley v Hale Barns; Oakmere v CCO; Prestbury v Romiley; Runcorn v Stockport Georgians

Information provided by Cheshire League chairman Graham Coull.

LEAGUE FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY, JULY 5

ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)

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

Glyn Roberts & Gary Zimmer
Alistair Davies & Geoff Wellsted
Paul Herring & Ged Kinsey
Barrie Burns & Chris Smith
Don Flanagan & Dion Kelly
John Lofthouse & Martin Roberts

First Division (1 p.m.)

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

Darrin Clark & Brian Jones
Ken Simpson & David Tate
Allan Lewis & Steve Walton
Howard Briggs & David Stoter
Jon Hacking & Mark Turner
Ian Greensmith & Ken Rothwell

Second Division (1 p.m.)

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

Bran Boys & Tom Spencer
David Gane & Simon Smith
Bob Cunningham & Clive Rice
Wyn Harris & Alan Hay
Ankin Jain & John Lowe
Tony Morris & David Williams

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

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

Graham Pugh & no panel umpire available
Trevor Burnett & no panel umpire available
Club Umpire & Club umpire
Peter Hanaby & Peter Davies
Club umpire & Neville Kent
Ray Prescott & no panel umpire available

Fair Play table to June 21

THE **Fair Play table** compiled by John Lofthouse from umpires' reports up to and including games on Saturday, June 21, is jointly led by seven clubs – none of them from the Premier League. Here are the marks:

1 =	mark of 4.00	Alvanley, Christleton, Congleton, Oulton Park, Poynton, Sale, Warrington
8=	3.94	Cheadle Hulme, Macclesfield, Marple, Neston, Widnes
13=	3.93	Alderley Edge, Hyde
15=	3.89	Bredbury St. Mark's, Tattenhall
17=	3.88	Bowdon, Brooklands
19=	3.83	Grappenhall, Irby, Toft
22	3.81	Chester Boughton Hall
23	3.79	Bramhall
24=	3.72	Upton, Urmston
26.	3.71	Didsbury
27=	3.69	Cheadle, Middlewich
29	3.67	Weaverham
30	3.63	Stockport
31.	3.56	Northwich
32=	3.50	Heaton Mersey, Timperley
34	3.38	Nantwich
35	3.25	Davenham
36	3.17	Oxton

10 Years Ago

From *Newsletter of July 4, 2004*

MOST Premier League runs at the 2004 season's halfway mark had been scored by Tim Maher (Didsbury) with 439 and most wickets by Robin Fisher (CBH), 34.

Oulton Park led the mid-way table by 39 points after beating Macclesfield by seven wickets, Danny Jones 4-31

SHOCK result in Division 1 was the 70 runs defeat of second-placed Christleton by relegation-threatened Warrington for whom Tim Johnson took 5-51 and Paul Agar 4-59.

Top batsman at half way was Andrew Hall (Bramhall), 639 and leading bowler Cornes (Toft), 29 wickets.

TIMPERLEY beat Bollington by 54 runs to halt their Division 2 promotion push, thanks to all-rounder Mark Leathley. He scored 52, then took 5-35.

Top batsman at the end of June was South African Farhaan Behardien ('Mersey) with 573 runs, with Cheadle's Aussie paceman Peter Manser, 40, leading the wicket-takers

THE League Conference game at Silverdale was washed out with the League on 59-2 (Neil Cross 32 not out) against North Staffs & District. A replay was planned at Chester seven days later.

Mixed fortune for Vets

CHESHIRE extended their winning run in the **National 50 plus county championship** with a tight 10-runs win against Cumbria at Appleby in Eden on Wednesday last week.

Highlight of Cheshire's impressive tally of 233-5 was an opening partnership worth 134 in 29 overs between Steve Yates, 88 not out and Phil Catterall, 66. Dave Smith later added a crucial 27 not out

Cumbria started badly at 11-3, but picked up when Alan Whinn came to the wicket. He went on to score a magnificent unbeaten 108 out of 223-7 in reply, Cumbria being foiled by two fine outfield catches taken by Colin Ridler and Phil Catterall. The best bowling was by Ben Cagna, 2-16 and Andy McIlroy 1-16, both off nine overs.

Cheshire next meet Yorkshire at Clifton on Wednesday this week (1.30 pm.)

BLOW FOR SIXTIES

Cheshire's Spitfire 60 Plus group-winning hopes suffered a setback with a three-run defeat at the hands of Yorkshire at Cheadle Hulme last Tuesday.

Yorkshire totalled 179-8 (Howard Morris 4-27, Ted Williams 2-26, Chris Lees 2-42) and Cheshire wound up just short on 176-9, John Edwards contributing 39 and Andy Hurworth 31.

Cheshire next meet Shropshire at Tattenhall on Tuesday this week (1.30 pm).

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