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Andy Clarke 100no and 5-69 keeps Neston at top

WITH the first third of the season's fixtures now completed, Neston continue to set a fast pace at the top of the **ECB Premier League**, Didsbury becoming their fifth victims in a match dominated by former MCC Young Cricketer Andy Clarke.

After skipper David Hurst, 69 and successful newcomer Will Evans, 58 had put on 113 for the second wicket, young Clarke came in and panned the Didsbury bowling to all corners of the Wilmslow road ground, reaching an unbeaten 100 off 89 deliveries with nine fours and five sixes out of a closing tally of 269-3.

Didsbury batted consistently in reply, but their top scorer was Sri Lankan Dinindu Jayatillake with a modest 35 as they closed on 204 against the bowling of the tireless Clarke, 5-69 and Paul Stimson, 4-54 off 21 overs each to wrap up a 65 runs win with three balls of the last over remaining.

Chester Boughton Hall remain on Neston's tail (17 points behind) after a five wickets win after being set to top Macclesfield's impressive 276-6. Skipper Ben Morrison 78, back to form Khalid Sawas, 60 and Rob Porter, 53 helped pile up Macc's tally. But Chester aim to reach any target set them these days and did so with five wickets and 15 balls to spare thanks to Lancashire's Jordan Clark, 83, skipper Steve Ogilby, 72 and back to form Lee Dixon with 55 not out. Earlier Dixon's part-time bowling (3-48 had come in useful). Clark was to top score with 72 for defeated Lancashire against Durham in the YB 40 next day.

Improving Alderley Edge won by three wickets at Bowdon, whose continued sluggish start is puzzling for a team with such talented players. Bowdon totalled 212-9, Trent McCormick 56 and Simon Marshall 43, with steady left-armed Mark Warnes claiming an impressive 5-67. After tea, Mark Currie produced one of his whiz-bang innings of the highest class, closing on an unbeaten 99 as he steered his side to 213-7 with two balls of the final over remaining. Marshall took 4-82.

Luke Williams turns game at Toft

Grappenhall were the day's only other winners, by three wickets in a remarkable game at Toft who opted to bat first, and reached 186-1 only to close on 198-9. Aussie Jake Hancock remained unbeaten with exactly 100 while Rob Jones hit 51 and James Drummond 34. For Grappenhall, Luke Williams took 5-60 after a fiery late spell. In reply, Grappenhall reached their target at 199-7 with four overs left, thanks to a fine captain's innings of 71 not out from Richard Green and 58 by James McCoy. Toft's Jimmy Lomas again bowled through to claim 4-97 off 26 overs.

Marple's recent run of victories was halted by Oxton tail-enders at Bowden Lane. Marple totalled a modest 182-8, Mark Bennett 56, James Ormond 36 not out, Gayan Fernando 3-38, James Fennah 3-44. A solid 42 from skipper Simon Stokes opened possibilities in Oxton's reply, but they were pegged back by fine spin bowling from young Joe Cash. He closed with 6-71 off 22 overs as Oxton wound up on a tantalisingly close 178-9.

There was high-scoring, but no definite result on a good Nantwich wicket where the champions saw their three-win run ended by Hyde. Fielding five players due to play for Cheshire next day, Hyde reached 274-6, Danny Berry, 95 leading the way with Tom Twiney, 60, Chris Tipper, 50 and James Duffy, 44 all in fine fettle. Teenager Jack Goode, who is at Northants Academy, claimed 3-66.

Nantwich were on course while Liam Livingstone, 62 and Jonny Kettle, 54 were together, but when both were dismissed in one over their chance went. With Tipper taking 3-19 and Danny Cranmer an expensive 3-106, Nantwich tail-enders Goode and Ollie Griffiths clung on at 194-9. Hyde finished 15 – 6 points to the good, just about right. .

O CHESHIRE DEVELOPMENT XII to meet Lancashire 2nd in their opening fixture at Sale on Thursday (11 a.m.) contains some of the best young talent from the County League. It is: Ross Dixon captain, Jack Williams (CBH), Adam Roylance (Grappenhall), Charlie Reid (Alderley Edge), Matt Foakes (Bowdon), Simon Normanton (Didsbury), Andrew Clarke, Ashley Davis (Neston), Dan Cranmer (Hyde), Taz Tharsen (Sale), Jay Riley (Broadbottom), Tom Marsland (Upton). .

LEADING STATS TO END OF MAY (o = overseas)

ECB Premier League batting: Goodwin (CBH) 404 runs; Roylance (Grappenhall) 358; Evans (Neston) 342; oWebster (Marple) 315; Duffy (Hyde) 297. **Bowling:** Cranmer (Hyde) 23 wickets; oFernando (Oxton) 21; Greasley (Marple) and Lomas (Toft) 20; Evans (Oxton) 19. **Wicket-keeping:** Makin (Hyde) 14 victims.

Division 1 batting: oAyre (Heaton Mersey) 334 runs; Grewer (Sale) 300; Birchall (Brooklands) 280; Bentley (Oulton Park) 270; De Silva (Christleton) 268. **Bowling:** Tharsen (Sale) 24 wickets; Kitzinger (Bramhall) 23; Wilkinson (Bramhall) 17; Tomlinson (Middlewich) and Holmes (Cheadle) 15. **Wicket-keeping:** Keyworth (Bredbury) 13 victims.

Division 2 batting: Ashling (Timperley) 279 runs; Stevens (Timperley) 271; oManning (Stockport) 254; oPower (Tattenhall) 224; Waterhouse (Congleton) 219. **Bowling:** Page (Timperley) 19 wickets; Green (Stockport) and oAdams (Warrington) 18; oLamb (Congleton), oMacquet (Timperley), Mulvihill (Tattenhall) and Williams (Poynton) all 16. **Wicket-keeping:** Ashling (Timperley) 12 victims.

First defeat for Brooklands – first win for Christleton

WITH Brooklands losing at home to Cheadle Hulme, Bramhall eased into a handy 18 points lead in **Division One**.

Bramhall dismissed Oulton Park for 171, Ben Kettle 57, Simon Wilkinson 4-47, then knocked the runs off for the loss of two wickets, Nick Cantello 69, Mark Begbie 64, both not out.

Brooklands were bowled out for 115 at home to Cheadle Hulme, for whom Rana Malook took 5-51 and Karl Nissen 4-43. Adam Wilde's fine 64 – the only innings over 12 – saw his side safely home, John Grewer 4-21.

Sale beat Bredbury St. Mark's by 56 runs at Dane road after declaring on 251-4, Tyrone Lawrence hitting a career-best 135, and Chris Canning 71. Bredbury rached 195 in reply, Peter Zybrands 67, while the prolific Taz Tharsen claimed another big haul with 6-63.

Middlewich's slump continued when they lost by 10 wickets at Urmston after stuttering to only 157-7, James Cornford 59. Openers Callum Turner, 77 and Chris Watson, 72 knocked off the runs in 26 overs.

There were twin centuries for skipper Paul Sperring and Marcus Fisher for Cheadle in their overwhelming home victory over Heaton Mersey, who go bottom. Both scored 101 in a second wicket stand worth 163 in a declared tally of 240-4. Mersey were all out for 137, Simon O'Brien 4-21.

Plaudits to Christleton for their first victory of the summer, thanks to skipper Guy Newell with a remarkable spell of leg spin bowling. Iroshan de Silva, 87 and Iftikhar Naseer, 50 helped Christleton post 218-7. Widnes looked on course at 169-6 before Newell came on to take 5-25 in 8.3 overs and dismiss the home side for 198, a total to which opener Danny Naughton contributed a magnificent 110, before being last out.

Timperley survive another scare

TIMPERLEY recorded their seventh straight win to stay well out at the top of **Division Two**, but they were again given a scare, this time by lowly Bollington.

Timperley needed a last wicket stand worth 50 between Ian Grindley, 21 and Chris Page, 25 not out to reach a modest 160, Stuart Plant 4-35. Bolly were then bowled out for 120, Mo Ali 44, Ian Grindley 4-40.

Stockport are up to second after a two wickets home win over Irby, who struggled to post 165-6 batting first, Dave Newman 51. Stockport replied with 166-8, Tom Facer 44.

Increasingly impressive newcomers Davenham trounced bottom club Stockport Georgians by 10 wickets at Butcher's Stile. Georgians mustered just 86 against South African off spinner Johann Lousser, who claimed 7-36 and Davenham responded with 89-0, John Loveridge leading the way with an unbeaten 53.

Danny Williams was the star of Poynton's five wickets home win over Alvanley. He took 3-43 in Alvanley's 151-8 (Andy Bennion 71 not out), then led the home reply with 54 out of 154-5.

Warrington returned to winning ways at Weaverham - off the last ball of a fine game. Weaverham mustered 176-9, Wilden Cornwall 48, Sam Baxter 4-30, Kyle Adams 4-63. Warrington replied with 177-7, Chris Kirby 52, skipper Richard Heaney 59, West Indian Cornwall, 4-56 again coming good with the sun at last on his back.

Congleton's upsurge went on when they won by 122 runs at Tattenhall after posting 226-9, Jerry Lamb 77, Alan Brick 3-29. Tatters mustered just 104, Robin Mulvihill 33, a fine piece of bowling by Paul Beaumont 6-27,27 proving the match-winner.

ECB PREMIER LEAGUE DETAILS

BOWDON (won toss) v ALDERLEY EDGE

Bowdon 212-9 (55 overs: T. McCormick 56, S Marshall 43, M Warnes 5-67);
Alderley Edge 213-7 (54.4 overs: M Currie 99no, A Jackson 39, S Marshall 4-82).

Alderley Edge (25 pts.) beat Bowdon (9 pts.) by 3 wickets

DIDSBURY v NESTON (toss)

Neston 269-3 (55 overs: A. Clarke 100no, D Hurst 69, W. Evans 58);
Didsbury 204 (56.3 overs: D. Jayatillake 35, P Moors 34, J Fawcett 32, A Clarke 5-69, A. Stimson 4-54).

Neston (25 pts.) beat Didsbury (4 pts.) by 65 runs

MACCLESFIELD v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (toss)

Macclesfield 276-6 (55 overs: B Morrison 76, K Sawas 60, R. Porter 53, L. Dixon 3-48);
CBH 278-5 (52.3 overs: J Clark 83, S. Ogilby 72, L Dixon 55no).

Chester Boughton Hall (25 pts.) beat Macclesfield (10 pts.) by 5 wickets.

MARPLE (toss) v OXTON

Marple 182-8 (55 overs: M Bennett 56, J Ormond 36no, G Fernando 3-38, J. Fennah 3-44);
Oxton 178-9 (55 overs: S Stokes 42, A. Money 32, J. Cash 6-71).

Match drawn: Marple 11 pts. Oxton 6 pts.

NANTWICH (toss) v HYDE

Hyde 274-6 (55 overs: D. Berry 95, T Twiney 6 0, C. Tipper 50, J. Duffy 44, J. Goode 3-66);
Nantwich 194-9 (55 overs: L Livingstone 62, J. Kettle 54, C Tipper 3-19, D Cranmer 3-106).

Match drawn: Hyde 15 pts. Nantwich 6 pts.

TOFT (toss) v GRAPPENHALL

Toft 198-9 (55 overs: J Hancock 100no, R. Jones 51, J Drummond 36, L. Williams 5-60, J. McClelland 3-28).
Grappenhall 199-7 (51 overs: R Green 71no, J.McClelland 58, J. Lomas 4-97).

Grappenhall (25 pts.) beat Toft (9 pts.) by 3 wickets.

DIVISION 1

BRAMHALL (won toss) v OULTON PARK

Oulton Park 171 (46 overs: B Kettle 57, S. Wilkinson 4-47, R. Kitzinger 3-41);
Bramhall 174-2 (46 overs: N. Camtello 69no, M Begbie 64no).

Bramhall (25 pts.) beat Oulton Park (6 pts.) by 8 wickets.

BROOKLANDS v CHEADLE HULME (toss)

Brooklands 115 (41 overs: A Platt 33, R Malook 5-51, K Nissen 4-43);
Cheadle Hulme 119-7 (32 overs: A Wilde 64, J Grewer 4-32).

Cheadle Hulme (25 pts.) beat Brooklands (5pts.) by 3 wickets.

CHEADLE (toss) v HEATON MERSEY

Cheadle 240-4 dec. (49 overs: P Sperring 101no, M. Fisher 101 = 163 for 2nd wicket);
Heaton Mersey 137 (40 overs: S O'Brien 4-21, W. Holmes 3-58).

Cheadle (25 pts.) beat Heaton Mersey (2 pts.) by 103 runs.

SALE v BREDBURY ST. MARK'S (toss)

Sale 251-4 (50 overs: T Lawrence 135, C. Canning 71, I Dixon 40no);
Bredbury 195 (48 overs: P Zybrands 67, C. Wood 39, T. Tharsen 6-63, C. Flowers 3-34).

Sale (25 pts.) beat Bredbury St. Mark's (4 pts.) by 56 runs

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URMSTON v MIDDLEWICH (toss)

Middlewich 157-7 (50 overs: J. Cornford 59, A. Cole 31);
Urmston 159-0 (26 overs: C. Turner 77no, C. Watson 72no).

Urmston (25 pts.) beat Middlewich (4 pts.) by 10 wickets.

WIDNES (toss) v CHRISTLETON

Christleton 218 -7 (50 overs: I. De Silva 87, I. Naseer 50);
Widnes 198 (47 overs: D Naughton 110, G Newell 5-25).

Christleton (25 pts.) beat Widnes (6 pts.) bb 20 runs.

DIVISION 2

BOLLINGTON v TIMPERLEY (won toss)

Timperley 160 (48 overs: M Stevens 39, S Plant 4-34, H. Imran 3-38);
Bollington 120 (34 overs: M Ali 44, I Grindley 4-40).

Timperley (25 pts.) beat Bollington (5 pts.) by 40 runs

DAVENHAM (toss) v STOCKPORT GEORGIANS

Georgians 86 (34 overs: J Lousser 7-36);
Davenham 89-0 (22 overs: J. Loveridge 53no, J O'Sullivan 26no).

Davenham (25 pts.) beat Stockport Georgians (0 pts.) by 10 wickets.

POYNTON (toss) v ALVANLEY

Alvanley 151-8 (50 overs: A Bennion 71no, D. Williams 3-43);
Poynton 154-5 (40 overs: D. Williams 54, J. Longhorn 45, B Shewring 3-37).

Poynton (25 pts.) beat Alvanley (6 pts.) by 5 wickets.

STOCKPORT v IRBY (toss)

Irby 165-6 (50 overs: D Newman 51, J Denly 3-36);
Stockport 166-8 (46 overs: T Facer 44).

Stockport (25 pts.) beat Irby (7 pts.) by 2 wickets.

TATTENHALL v CONGLETON (toss)

Congleton 226-9 (50 overs: J Lamb 77, R. Booth 42, A. Brock 3-29);
Tattenhall 104 (42 overs: R Mulvihill 33, P Beaumont 6-27).

Congleton (25 pts.) beat Tattenhall (4 pts.) by 122 runs

WEAVERHAM v WARRINGTON (toss)

Weaverham 176-9 (50 overs: W Cornwall 48, S. Baxter 4-30, K Adams 4-63);
Warrington 177-7 (50 overs – last ball: R. Heaney 59, C Kirby 52, W. Cornwall 4-56).

Warrington (25 pts.) beat Weaverham (9 pts.) by 3 wickets.

PICK OF WEEK (o = overseas)

ECB Premier League batting: oJake Hancock (Toft) 100no v Grappenhall & Andy Clarke (Neston) 100no v Didsbury

Bowling: Mark Warnes (Alderley Edge) 5-67 v Bowdon.

First Division batting: Tyrone Lawrence (Sale) 135 v Bredbury.

Bowling: Taz Tharsen (Sale) 6-63 v Bredbury

Second Division batting: oJerrym Lamb (Congleton) 77 v Tattenhall

Bowling: oJohann Lousser (Davenham) 7-36 v Stockport Georgians.

Tables after 7 games

ECB PREMIER	W (25)	WD (3)	RD (2)	LD (1)	C (7)	L	Bat bonus	Bowl bonus	Total pts.
NESTON	5	1	0	1	0	0	12	6	147
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	4	1	1	0	0	1	17	8	130
MARPLE	3	2	0	0	0	2	20	12	113
NANTWICH	3	1	0	1	0	2	20	10	109
GRAPPENHALL	2	2	1	0	0	2	36	9	103
TOFT	3	0	0	0	1	3	17	9	108
HYDE	2	1	1	2	0	1	27	15	99
ALDERLEY EDGE	2	1	0	2	0	2	20	12	87
DIDSBURY	2	0	0	1	0	4	26	6	83
OXTON	2	0	0	1	0	4	16	15	82
BOWDON	1	0	1	0	0	5	20	16	63
MACCLESFIELD	0	1	0	2	1	3	28	15	55

DIVISION 1

BRAMHALL	6	0	0	0	0	1	8	3	161
BROOKLANDS	5	1	0	0	0	1	10	5	143
SALE	5	0	0	0	0	2	8	2	135
CHEADLE HULME	3	2	0	0	0	2	22	12	115
OULTON PARK	3	0	1	1	0	2	19	11	108
URMSTON	3	0	0	1	0	3	21	6	103
WIDNES	2	1	0	0	0	4	25	11	89
CHEADLE	2	1	1	1	0	2	15	13	84
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	2	0	0	1	0	4	20	9	80
MIDDLEWICH	2	1	0	1	0	3	15	10	79
CHRISTLETON	1	0	0	0	0	6	23	12	60
HEATON MERSEY	1	0	0	1	0	5	13	12	51

DIVISION 2

TIMPERLEY	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175
STOCKPORT	5	0	0	0	0	2	10	5	140
TATTENHALL	5	0	0	0	0	2	6	7	138
WARRINGTON	5	0	0	0	0	2	4	2	131
DAVENHAM	4	0	0	0	0	3	9	8	117
CONGLETON	4	1	0	0	0	2	9	3	115
POYNTON	3	1	0	0	0	3	18	14	110
WEAVERHAM	1	1	0	1	0	4	26	18	73
ALVANLEY	2	0	0	0	0	5	10	9	69
IRBY	1	0	0	2	0	4	13	15	55
BOLLINGTON	0	1	0	1	0	5	20	16	40
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	0	1	0	1	0	5	19	14	37

POINTS: All wins: 25 pts. ; winning draw (WD) 3 pts. , losing draw (LD) 1 pt.; in drawn games where rain reduces second innings (RD):2 pts.. Cancelled matches 7 pts. each.

Poor old Forties !

THE **Over 40s section** suffered their second Bad Weather Week in four on Wednesday, May 25 when only two games were played, 11 were cancelled and the remaining two conceded, by Chester Boughton Hall at Upton and Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge at Warrington. Ladybridge are struggling to get 11 players out and will make a decision about the remainder of the season this week. They are strongly urged to continue if possible

Sale Silverbacks beat Brooklands by seven wickets in the NE group and Bredbury Saints beat Woodley by 37 runs which takes them into top spot

RESULTS

West Group

IRBY v TATTENHALL WRECKERS: cancelled – 2 pts. each.

NESTON v CALDY: cancelled – 2 pts. each

UPTON v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL: Upton won by default when CBH conceded - 4 pts.

Open: Oxton

Central Group

BOWDON v TOFT: cancelled – 2 pts. each

DAVENHAM v ASHLEY: cancelled – 2 pts. each

MOBBERLEY v BOWDON VALE VIKINGS: cancelled – 2 pts. each

ALSAGER DABBERS v GRAPPENHALL (Thursday): cancelled – 2 pts. each

North-East Group

CHEADLE v ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS: cancelled – 2 pts. each

CHEADLE HULME v URMSTON TIGERS: cancelled – 2 pts. each

SALE SILVERBACKS (4 pts.) beat BROOKLANDS by 7 wickets:

Brooklands 120-4 (Wilson 33); Sale 122-3 (Battersby 30, Harrop 26).

WARRINGTON v CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE: Warrington won by default when Ladybridge conceded – 4 pts.

South-East Group

BRAMHALL v MACCLESFIELD: cancelled – 2 pts. each

BREDBURY SAINTS (4 pts.) beat WOODLEY by 37 runs:

Bredbury 138-3 (Lakin 30, Usher 30); Woodley 101-8 (Hotson 32, Mountford 4-30).

MARPLE v BOLLINGTON VETS : cancelled – 2 pts. each

OFFERTON v POYNTON LEGENDS: cancelled – 2 pts. each

Over 40s tables

<u>West group</u>	P	W	C	L	Pts.
OXTON	3	3	0	0	12
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	4	2	2	0	12
NESTON	4	1	2	1	8
IRBY	3	1	1	1	6
CALDY	3	1	1	1	6
UPTON	4	1	0	3	4
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	3	0	0	3	0

CBH and Upton have conceded one game each.

Central group

ALSAGER DABBERS	4	2	2	0	12
GRAPPENHALL	4	2	2	0	12
TOFT	4	2	2	0	12
BOWDON	4	1	2	1	8
MOBBERLEY	4	1	2	1	8
ASHLEY	4	0	2	2	4
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	4	0	2	2	4
DAVENHAM	4	0	2	2	4

Mobberley have conceded one game.

North-East group

CHEADLE HULME	4	2	2	0	12
URMSTON	4	2	2	0	12
SALE SILVERBACKS	4	2	1	1	10
WARRINGTON	4	2	1	1	10
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	4	1	2	1	8
BROOKLANDS	4	1	1	2	6
CHEADLE	4	0	2	2	4
CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE	4	0	1	3	2

Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge have conceded two games.

South-East group

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

OVER 40s GROUP FIXTURES on Wednesday, June 5 (6 p.m.)

WEST: Caldly v Upton; CBH v Irby; Tattenhall Wreckers v Oxton. Open : Neston.

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

NORTH-EAST: Alderley Edge Wizards v Cheadle Hulme; Brooklands v Cheadle; Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge v Sale Silverbacks; Urmston Tigers v Warrington .

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

RedInsure T20 latest

SLIGHTLY better weather enabled four of seven games to be played in the latest round of the **RedInsure T20** on Tuesday and Wednesday last week.

Oxton became the first club to win two games when they beat Widnes by six wickets at Townfield Lane in Group 6, while rivals Alvanley improved their chances with a victory at Irby, despite 68 from Greg Shillinglaw

In the three-team Group 2 Hyde got under way with an impressive eight wickets win over Bredbury St. Mark's inspired by two fine innings from Chris Tipper, 59 and James Duffy, 48 not out.

Both games were called off in Group 4, while in Group 8, Stockport recorded an impressive 14 runs home win over Urmston.

RESULTS

Group 2:

HYDE (2 pts.) beat BREDBURY ST. MARK's by 8 wickets:

Bredbury 132-4 (20 overs: P. Zybrands 62no);

Hyde 133-2 (16.1 overs: C. Tipper 59, J. Duffy 48no).

Open: Cheadle

Group 4

TOFT v MACCLESFIELD (Tuesday, May 28); cancelled due to rain - 1 pt. each.

BRAMHALL v BOLLINGTON: cancelled due to rain – 1 pt. each

Group 6:

IRBY lost to ALVANLEY (2 pts.) by 8 wickets.

Irby 109-7 (20 overs: G Shillinglaw 68, J. Eccleston 4-28);

Alvanley 110-2 (18 overs: A Bennion 42, F. Gee 25no).

OXTON (2 pts.) beat WIDNES by 6 wickets:

Widnes 110-4 (16 overs: K Brick 34);

Oxton 113-4 (14.2 overs: M. Debrabender 47no). Game reduced to 16 overs each due to late start.

Group 8:

CHEADLE HULME v DIDSBUURY: cancelled due to rain – 2 pts. each

STOCKPORT (2 pts.) beat URMSTON by 14 runs

Stockport 106 (20 overs);

Urmston 92 (18 overs: J. Manning 4-21).

QUARTER-FINALS (Thursday, July 11)

Group 2 winners v Group 4 winners; Group 3 winners v Group 6 winners; Winners of Group 8 / 9 play-off v Group 7 winners;
Group 5 winners v Group 1 winners

REMINDER: Home clubs should telephone the results and highlights to the Competition Secretary immediately after the match and post, fax or e-mail a result sheet (no ground marks required) ASAP after match day. There are also website requirements.

Early result sheets missing : Group 2: Bredbury v Cheadle (abandoned) May 14; Group 4: May 16: Bollington v Toft. Group 7: Sale v Brooklands May 23

T20 group tables

<u>Group 1</u>	P	W	C	L	Pts,
MIDDLEWICH	1	1	0	0	2
NANTWICH	1	1	0	0	2
CONGLETON	1	0	0	1	0
OULTON PARK	1	0	0	1	0
<u>Group 2</u>					
HYDE	1	1	0	0	2
CHEADLE	1	0	1	0	1
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	2	0	1	1	1
CHEADLE	1	0	1	0	1
<u>Group 3</u>					
CHESTER BO. HALL	1	1	0	0	2
GRAPPENHALL	1	1	0	0	2
DAVENHAM	1	0	0	1	0
WARRINGTON	1	0	0	1	0
<u>Group 4</u>					
MACCLESFIELD	2	1	1	0	3
TOFT	2	1	1	0	3
BOLLINGTON	2	0	1	1	1
BRAMHALL	2	0	1	1	1
<u>Group 5</u>					
TIMPERLEY	1	1	0	0	2
HEATON MERSEY	1	0	1	0	1
MARPLE	1	0	1	0	1
BOWDON	1	0	0	1	0
<u>Group 6</u>					
OXTON	2	2	0	0	4
ALVANLEY	2	1	0	1	2
IRBY	2	1	0	1	2
WIDNES	2	0	0	2	0
<u>Group 7</u>					
SALE	1	1	0	0	2
ALDERLEY EDGE	1	0	1	0	1
POYNTON	1	0	1	0	1
BROOKLANDS	1	0	0	1	0
<u>Group 8</u>					
DIDSBURY	2	1	1	0	3
STOCKPORT	2	1	0	1	2
URMSTON	2	1	0	1	2
CHEADLE HULME	2	0	1	1	1
<u>Group 9</u>					
TATTENHALL	1	1	0	0	2
WEAVERHAM	1	0	0	1	0
NESTON	0	0	0	0	0

FIXTURES & UMPIRES: THURSDAY, JUNE 6 (6 pm)

GROUP 1:	CONGLETON v MIDDLEWICH	(Neville Kent & Ian Wilson)
	OULTON PARK v NANTWICH	(Steve Walton & Gary Zimmer)
GROUP 3:	CHESTER BO. HALL v WARRINGTON	(Jon Hacking & Dion Kelly)
	GRAPPENHALL v DAVENHAM	(Alistair Davies & Allan Lewis)
GROUP 5:	MARPLE v BOWDON	(Graham Harris & John Lofthouse): Match cancelled
	TIMPERLEY v HEATON MERSEY	(Ian Greensmith & David Moss)
GROUP 7	ALDERLEY EDGE v SALE	(Steve Kirkbright & Martin Roberts)
	BROOKLANDS v POYNTON	(Martin Howe & Ken Rothwell)
GROUP 9	TATTENHALL v NESTON	(Neville Abberley & Ray Prescott)
	Bye: Weaverham	

Kingers calls it a day - except for 40s

ONE of the best batsman to have blessed Cheshire cricket in the past 30 years, Poynton's Brian Kingham has hung up his Saturday bat and plans to wind down his fine career in the Over 40s.

Martin Saxon records in his latest Poynton Newsletter *The Dazzler* that Brian captained the 1st XI for seven seasons in three spells, 1987-88, 1991-2 and 1997-9; he played in the treble-winning side of 1995 when Poynton scooped the League title, Cheshire Cup and George Newton Trophy, also helping the club win the Division 2 trophy in 2002, the Division 1 trophy in 2003, more Newton trophies in 1990, 1991, 1993 and 1994 and the League Six a side trophy in 1987, 1988 and 1989.

Brian scored 26 League centuries including 152 not out against Heaton Mersey in 2003, the highest individual score since the club entered the league in 1981. He scored 1,079 League runs in 1989 and 1,075 in 1990, aggregates beaten only by West Indian Derwen Thompson in 2002 in Poynton history.

Cashie wins battle

MTB adds: "Brian is now chairman at Poynton and is keeping himself occupied following his teams on a Saturday. I am honoured to regard him as a friend ever since I got to know him when he captained the League Colts team in the 80s and I knew his wonderful father Peter before him.

Brian has held a long-running personal battle with Gary Cash to finish at the top of the League all-time run-scorers table. It looks like 'Cashie' may now be able to retire with a sigh of relief. Brian scored a total of 16,962 runs, all for Poynton, from his debut in 1985 until the end of last season. Up to that time Gary had scored 17,682 runs for Cheadle and Marple from 1977 – 2012 and has added another 86 this season, totalling 17,772. I doubt that will ever be bettered.

We should all wish Brian well and thank him for his rich contribution to senior cricket in the league which has always been in the best sporting spirit. This will happily continue and I am sure he will enjoy continuing to score runs for the Legends.

HYDE TEAS MAKE IT TO LORD'S

HYDE have made the final four of **The Great Cricket Tea Challenge** sponsored by Yorkshire Tea, after first team player Rob Brierley and tea supremo Nick Brown entered for a lark several months ago.

As part of reaching the final, a film crew will attend a future home game and capture Nick in culinary action. He will attend the final in the Long Room at Lord's on Monday, June 24 when a panel of judges including former England captain Michael Vaughan will decide the winner. There will be coverage on Channel 5 during an Ashes highlights programme later in the summer.

Says Nick: "It's fantastic that we have made the final. Jo and I love preparing the teas at Werneth Low and we always try and serve up a treat for all".

Yorkshire Tea have put up a magnificent prize of a £10,000 fully fitted kitchen for the winner plus three runners up prizes of £1,000 in kitchen appliances ...and free Yorkshire tea, of course.

May 18 ground reports

UMPIRES' League ground marks and other reports from games played on Saturday, May 25 were as follows:

ECB Premier League. Alderley Edge v Nantwich: no result sheet ; Chester Boughton Hall v Toft: pitch 20 outfield 20 (full house); Didsbury v Macclesfield 16 – 19; Grappenhall v Marple 18 – 19; Neston v Hyde 20 – 19; Oxton v Bowdon 18 – 19
First Division: Bramhall v Cheadle 16 – 20; Bredbury v Brooklands 16 – 18; Christleton v Urmston 18 – 20; Heaton Mersey v Widnes 16 – 20; Middlewich v Sale 20 – 20 (full house); Oulton Park v Cheadle Hulme 19 - 19.

Second Division: Alvanley v Warrington: 17 – 20; Congleton v Stockport 15 – 16; Irby v Davenham 18 – 19; Poynton v Tattenhall 12 (inconsistent bounce) - 18; Stockport Georgians v Bollington 16 – 18; Timperley v Weaverham 18 – 20

O All captains' umpires marks were received on time by co ordinator Ken Spilsbury.

O FINES: CBH v Toft result not 'phoned; Alderley Edge v Nantwich result sheet not received; Oulton Park v Cheadle Hulme result sheet received late. Overdue result sheet: Cheadle v Widnes Division One on May 5.

Gary Dixon runs 55 miles marathon in SA

PLAUDITS to Upton and Cheshire 50s all-rounder Gary Dixon for completing the World's longest marathon, over a massive 55 miles, all uphill from Durban to Pietermaritzburg in South Africa over the weekend.

Gary completed the demanding course, started at 5.30 a.m. run in 28 degrees heat, in 10 hours, 9.28 minutes and admits to being 'totally exhausted – as were the other 18,000 runners' – at the end when he collected a well-earned bronze medal. He now reckons he has raised £7,000 for the McMillan Nurses charity during the marathon season.

He plans to be back in the UK for Cheshire 50s' next match against Yorkshire.

CHESHIRE CUP THRILLER @ ELWORTH

Grappenhall overcome brilliant Yasir Ali

ARGUABLY the best all-round cricketer currently playing anywhere in the county, Elworth professional Yasir Ali almost won Sunday's **Cheshire Cup** third round thriller on his own before Grappenhall's superior teamwork finally won through..

Pakistani Ali hit 11 magnificent sixes right out of the beautiful south-Cheshire ground in an awe-inspiring innings of 126 out of Elworth's modest 177, Gaz Burns 3-14. Ali then tore into the strong Grappenhall batting line-up and had taken 5-34 to reduce them to 160-9 when his allotted nine overs were completed.

Grappenhall's last pair dug in and with an unbeaten 30 from wicket-keeper Liam Parkinson – who on Sunday plays for Cumberland in a Minor Counties match against Staffs – they knocked the runs off to deservedly edge home by one wicket against their NS&SC Premier League hosts.

The same afternoon there were exits for Toft at Parkfield Liscard, Warrington at home to Birkenhead Park and Cheadle at home to New Brighton, but holders Chester Boughton Hall went through comfortably against Rode Park & Lawton.

Sunday's results

Elworth 177 (Y.Ali 126, G Burns 3-24); Grappenhall 179-9 (J. McCoy 32, L McCoy 31, R. Green 31, L. Parkinson 30no, Y Ali 5-34).

Birkenhead Park 212 (I Cooper 63); Warrington 160-7 (J Rudd 46no, M. Rudd 43).

Toft 212-9 (J Hancock 50, A. Green 47); Parkfield Liscard 213-3 (G. Radcliffe 74, R. Ahmed 67).

Rode Park & Lawton 143 (S Patel 3-12, R. Dixon 3-29); Chester Boughton Hall 144-5.

New Brighton 210-7 (E.J. De Villiers – brother of AB – 84); Cheadle 198 (N. Reid 45, W. Holmes 45).

DRAW for round 4 on Sunday, June 16) is: Oulton Park v Wallasey; Widnes v Birkenhead Park; Didsbury v Chester Boughton Hall (holders); Hyde v Parkfield Liscard; Alderley Edge v Neston; Mere v Macclesfield; New Brighton v Grappenhall; Upton v Urmston.

Additional information from cup organiser Rick Davis.

ROUND THE CLUBS

O URMSTON have registered the League's 29th Overseas player in Jack Hill, a Sydney based Australian batsman. Hill scored 839 runs for Sydney University in premier grade cricket in 2012-13.

O CALUM ROWE has been transferred to Alderley Edge from Notts Premier League club Clifton Village

O JOSH BAILEY (Weston, North Staffs & South-Cheshire Premier League) has joined Nantwich.

O DARREN Cook has moved from Nantwich to Middlewich

O NESTON are expecting a large crowd for the T20 2nd XI Trophy fixture between Lancashire and Durham at Parkgate on Tuesday, June 18. Two separate games start at 11.30 am. and 3 pm. Admission is £3 for adults and £1 children. There is free parking.

O FORMER Warrington, Lancashire and England batsman John Crawley is now Head of Cricket at Oakham Public School. According to *The Cricket Paper*, John recently declined an invitation to become President of the England Schools Cricket Association.

O HAPPY memories of the life of the late Bredbury St. Mark's stalwart Bert Crutchley will be revived on Friday, June 7 at a special Cricket Tea. Members and non-members are welcome to attend at the clubhouse from 4 p.m. to 7 pm. for the function, laid on by Bert's family.

League Registration secretary Tony Morris is away until June 13 and his business should be directed to Competition Secretary Mike Talbot-Butler

WEEK 7: Alastair Davies' Umpires Quiz

LAST WEEK'S POSER: The striker makes no attempt to strike a fair delivery, but simply allows the ball to hit him. The ball goes into the outfield where the fielder stops it with his cap. What action should the umpire take?

UMPIRE'S ACTION: The ball has been illegally fielded. The ball is dead. However, no runs are to be scored due to the action of the striker. (Law 26.3).

THIS WEEK: After time has been called for a drinks break, a fielder appeals for a catch taken low in the slips. In the umpire's opinion it was caught legitimately . What should be the outcome?

Cheshire humbled by Geordies

CHESHIRE lost by 103 runs to Northumberland before a large crowd at Hyde on Sunday to wind up their **Minor Counties Cup** group fixtures without a victory.

Northumberland accelerated after posting a cautious 70-1 from the first 20 overs to close on 308-5, Danny Young leading the way with 94. Adam Syddall (Urmston) was the most successful bowler with 3-69.

Cheshire's reply was dominated by skipper James Duffy, the Hyde left-hander contributing a defiant 104 to a disappointing all out tally of 205. After 27 by Chester's Warren Goodwin, none of the remaining nine batsmen scored more than 10 runs against an incisive attack led by Chris Harding, 5-37.

Wicket-keeper Pat Roberts (Toft) deputising for the injured Jonny Kettle, Jack Williams of Chester and Hyde's Danny Cranmer all made their debuts.

Cheshire open their **Minor Counties championship** programme with a visit to Oxfordshire at Great & Little Tew next Sunday – Tuesday, 11 a.m. daily. Skipper Duffy is unavailable and the team is: Danny Woods (York) captain, Warren Goodwin, Jack Williams (CBH), Jonny Kettle (Nantwich), Rick Moore (Oulton Park), Khalid Sawas (Macclesfield), Danny Berry, Scott Kirwin, Chris Tipper, Danny Cranmer (Hyde), Adam Syddall (Urmston). 12th man: Pat Roberts (Toft).

FINAL GROUP TABLE

	P	W	L	Ab	pts
Cambridgeshire	4	3	1	0	6
Northumberland	4	3	1	0	6
Herefordshire	4	2	2	0	4
Cumberland	4	1	2	1	3
Cheshire	4	0	3	1	1

Cambridgeshire and Northumberland have qualified for the quarter-finals.

NESTON EXIT NATIONAL

NESTON lost by six wickets at Shrewsbury on Sunday in the fourth round of the **Kingfisher Beers Cup**, the National Club championship.

Neston totalled an impressive 230-9, with skipper David Hurst scoring 108, but the Birmingham League team containing seven Shropshire county players, replied with a comfortable 231-4,

Marple lost to Denton West in a re-arranged third round game the previous week..

O TATTENHALL beat Alvanley and will now meet Northop Hall in the final of the Cheshire & North Wales group of the **National Village knock out**.

Northwich top TACS Cheshire League

NORTHWICH went top of the **TACS Cheshire League** Division 1 with an eight wickets win at Prestbury, while Mobberley share 137 points with them following a win over Winnington Park. Upton beat Oakmere by five wickets in the Wirral and lie third. Upton visit Northwich in a key fixture on Saturday.

RESULTS: Ashton on Mersey 266-3 dec. Chester County Officers 185-5; Malpas 264-7 dec. Hale Barns 163; Mobberley 196-9 dec. Winnington Park 91; Prestbury 162-8 dec. Northwich 164-2; Runcorn 234-8 dec. Romiley 123; Upton 79-5 Oakmere 76.

PLACINGS in Division 1 after seven games: 1. Northwich 137; 2. Mobberley 137; 3. Upton 133; 4. Malpas 122; 5. Hale Barns 105; 6. Romiley 104; 7. CCO 102; 8. Runcorn 100; 9. Ashton on Mersey 98; 10. Winnington Park 74; 11. Oakmere 63; 12. Prestbury 61. Division 2 leaders: 1. Mere 148; 2. Lindow 133; 3. Woodford 132. Division 3: 1. Over Peover 147; 2. Disley 140; 3. Barrow 125.

FIXTURES in Division 1 on Saturday, June 8 (1.30 p.m.): Chester County Officers v Prestbury; Hale Barns v Ashton on Mersey; Northwich v Upton; Oakmere v Runcorn; Romiley v Mobberley; Winnington Park v Malpas.

FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 8

ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)

ALDERLEY EDGE v MARPLE	Steve Burnett & Steve Duckers
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v DIDSBURY	Barrie Burns & Ged Kinsey
GRAPPENHALL v MACCLESFIELD	Ankit Jain & Phil Prince
HYDE v BOWDON	Ian Drury & Paul Herring
NESTON v NANTWICH	Jon Hacking & Ian Greensmith
OXTON v TOFT	Geoff Wellsteed & Gary Zimmer

First Division (1 p.m.)

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S v URMSTON	David Goulding & David Tate
CHEADLE HULME v SALE	David Humpage & Chris Smith
CHRISTLETON v CHEADLE	Ray Prescott & Steve Walton
HEATON MERSEY v BRAMHALL	Stan Davies & Ken Rothwell
MIDDLEWICH v WIDNES	Don Flanagan & Allan Lewis
OULTON PARK v BROOKLANDS	Neville Abberley & Martin Roberts

Second Division (1 p.m.)

ALVANLEY v WEAVERHAM	Howard Briggs & Mark Turner
CONGLETON v POYNTON	Wyn Harris & David Stoter
IRBY v TATTENHALL	Brian Jones & Dion Kelly
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS v STOCKPORT	Graham Harris & Steve Kirkbright
TIMPERLEY v DAVENHAM	John Lofthouse & Clive Rice
BOLLINGTON v WARRINGTON	Neville Kent & Tom Spencer

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

DIDSBURY v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	Simon Smith	NA
MACCLESFIELD v GRAPPENHALL	NA	NA
NANTWICH v NESTON	NA	Club Umpire
SALE v HYDE	NA	NA
TOFT v MIDDLEWICH	NA	NA
URMSTON v ALDERLEY EDGE	NA	NA

Last word ...

Clubs are reminded of the request to display the striking VIVIO sponsorship banners which have been distributed to them during the past two weeks.

The League's new sponsors request that clubs take pictures of the banner in situ and supply them with an image on line at ccl@vivio.co.uk

A brand new Smartphone will be sent to the club deemed to have taken the best picture.