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**2012 season: May 5-6 Newsletter**

## **Aussie Hancock hits first Premier century; Williams takes 8-66 for CBH**

THE season's third week brought firmer pitches and more runs, Toft's Aussie batsman Jake Hancock from Melbourne earning the distinction of recording the first **ECB Premier League** century in his side's winning draw at home to Neston.

Hancock – a well-known name at Toft, but no relation – scored an unbeaten 104 to carry his side to a useful 180-8, David Hurst 3-13. Runaway winners against Urmston the previous week, Neston held out at 159-9, Andy Murphy 55, Joe Lomas' 4-32 edging the points 10-6 in his side's favour.

If Hancock took the batting honours, the bowler of the day was surely Chester Boughton Hall's fast-rising young leg-spinner Jack Williams with a magnificent 8-66 in a six wickets win at Didsbury.

Williams, who had claimed 6-58 against Toft the previous week, enjoyed total mastery over the Didsbury batsman and earned rich praise from opposing skipper Nick Anderson, who said he was "simply superb". Didsbury were dismissed for 180, number seven batsman Jonny Fawcett top-scoring with 44 while Williams reeled off figures of 21.3-3-66-8. Chester replied with 184-4, Lee Dixon top-scoring with a rapid 80 which included nine fours and six sixes – 72 in boundaries - while skipper Steve Ogilby (39 not out) looked on. Anderson had decent figures of 3-44.

### **Champions get going**

Double champions Nantwich registered their first win, beating newly-promoted Marple by 99 runs at Whitehouse lane after posting a best-yet tally of 251-4 in 53 overs. Ray Doyle scored 60 not out, Sam Hunt 53, Jonny Kettle 51, Ollie Law 39 and Jimmy Warrington a rapid, unbeaten 36.

Despite a fine knock of 53 from Andrew Hall, Marple were all out for 152, Jimmy Warrington following up his batting with 4-42.

Oxton made it three wins in a row, by five wickets at Alderley Edge to top the table with a maximum 75 points. Alderley posted 190-8, Charlie Reid 60, Calum Rowe 41, Gyan Fernando 3-58. Steve McGinity top-scored with 64 and Andy Gibson an unbeaten 60 as Oxton coasted home by five wickets, with only minor contributions from star players Lou Vincent and Gareth Andrew.

Hyde were in a hurry at Urmston where they had 25 points wrapped up in double quick time after dismissing their hosts for 139, Chris Watson 41, Chris Tipper 3-26, Scott Kirwin 3-57. Hyde knocked off the runs at 141-1 inside 20 overs, James Duffy contributing an unbeaten 72 off 44 balls including 13 fours and three sixes and the usually sedate Tom Twiney 66 from 60 balls including 12 fours and a six. The pair put on 122 in an unbroken second wicket stand.

Widnes sent Macclesfield to the foot of the first table with a 35 runs win in a game at Beaconsfield road in which the bowlers were generally on top.

Widnes managed only 145, Danny Naughton 60, Rob Porter 5-15, but this was 35 too many for Macclesfield, whose batting again let hem down - Rob Keen, 60 apart. They were dismissed for 110, Widnes' new Aussie off-spinner Michael Nalesnyik capturing 7-51.

## **Trio set First Division pace**

EARLY indications are that Grappenhall, Oulton Park and Sale will be setting a hot pace at the top of **Division One** this season, all three again winning impressively.

Grappenhall's third success was at the expense of Christleton at Broad lane, Rick Green scoring a fine unbeaten 105 and Luke McCoy 62 to earn an early declaration at 240-2. Poor Christleton, had who been rained off the first two weeks, were short of batting practice and were all out for 126, Iroshan Naseer contributing a brisk 46 off six overs. The damage was done by Jason Smith, 4-12 and Sam Guest, 3-42.

Sale are also on maximum points after beating Irby in a lower scoring game at Dane road. Sale were bowled out for 142, V. Klubbe 77, Rob Houghton 5-27. Irby then mustered 98, Houghton 40 as leggie Rick Halkon again cast his spell with 24-8-41-6

Oulton Park's batting looks strong enough to get them out of a jam and they needed it to top Cheadle Hulme's impressive 228-5 at Grove park, Ewen McCray 58 not out, Gautam Narayanan 56, Adam Wilde 52. Spinner Craig Williamson wheeled away for 20 overs to return 2-115. Skipper Danny Leech led the way after tea with a fluent 65, aided by Rick Moore (54) who had played in the Bradford/Leeds UCCE team which had beaten Sussex in a first-class fixture at Weetwood in mid-week. Other good knocks came from Andy Mills, 41 and Pat Roberts 33 not out as Oulton closed on 229-4. McCray took 3-84.

Registering their first since promotion, Brooklands batted well to post 229 at Heaton Mersey, number 8 batsman Chris Potter scoring a breezy 49 after John Birchall had opened up with 45. Waqar Rashid claimed 4-61 and Tamor Malik 4-84. 'Mersey were then bowled out for 98, Hassan Shah top scoring with 53 not out against Caleb Jones, 4-23 and A.J. Hart, 4-29.

Bowdon beat old rivals Bramhall by four wickets at South Downs road after restricting their visitors to 161-6, M. Hughes 49 as skipper Gareth Edwards bowled unchanged to claim 4-70. Bowdon coasted home at 163-6 after a 77 opening stand between Stephen Ball, 47 and James McDougall, 31. Impressive Aussie Glen Parker came in to finish the innings off with an unbeaten 35, but Rupert Kitzinger, 4-60 made it difficult.

Bollington beat Bredbury St. Mark's by five wickets after bowling their visitors out for 114, Mohammed Jahangir taking an impressive 6-37 off 17 overs, Chris Wood 44. Bollington replied with 116-5, Tom Barrass 46.

## **Poynton back in touch**

AFTER having their opening two games washed out after relegation to the **Second Division**, nine of Poynton's batsmen failed to get to the wicket against Upton at Stockport road.

But that was because they recorded an overwhelming 10 wickets win. Upton mustered a miserable 76 against Danny Williams 3-8 and Matt Heathcote 2-6 and the runs were knocked off in 31 overs by openers Tom Berzins, 39 and Damien Stringer, 29.

Returning Cheadle skipper Paul Sperring looks to have mustered a useful side, but the four wickets win they achieved at Alvanley was not as comfortable as it looks. Alvanley totalled 159, Luke Ainsworth 50, Andy Bennion 30, Adam Wadsworth 4-29, Chris Brady 3-27. Cheadle then lost six cheap wickets before Dan Brown, 93 and Brady 35 put together an unbroken century stand. Brown is at Bristol University and may not be available until late June. Alvanley's smart, bright ground looked a treat and is a tribute to a hard-working committee and especially to groundsman Ian Charles.

Middlewich were runaway nine wickets home winners over Stockport Georgians, who mustered just 56, Gavin Tomlinson 4-4 Stuart Price 4-29. J. Williams' unbeaten 41 then saw his side home early. .

Tattenhall's last pair scraped a one wicket win against south Cheshire neighbours Malpas at The Flacca. Malpas' batting again let them down with a tally of just 138-7 from 50 overs. However, they reduced Tattenhall to 110-9 (Tom Hyslop 43) before 10<sup>th</sup> wicket pairing of Alan Brock and Roy Stanford knocked off the runs. Phil Johnson, with 5-49, almost won it for spirited Malpas reported home scorer Geoff Beddow who greatly enjoyed the game .

Congleton's bright start continued with a four wickets win at Cale Green against Stockport who were bowled out for 138. Kevin Waterhouse played a match-winning innings of 48 when Congleton replied with 139-6

Warrington's Matt Adams produced a match-winning performance to subdue Timperley at Walton Lea, his 6-26 return resulting in the visitors being tumbled for 107, Nathan Wood 40 after opting to bat. Skipper Richard Heaney, 37 and Chris Kirby, 33 sped Warrington to a reply of 108-2 in 22 overs.

## **Saturday's scorelines**

### **ECB PREMIER LEAGUE**

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

Alderley Edge 190-8 innings closed (55 overs: C Reid 60, C. Rowe 41, G Fernando 3-58);  
Oxton 191-5 ( - overs: S. McGenity 64, A. Gibson 60no).

**Oxton (25 pts.) beat Alderley Edge (6 pts.) by 5 wickets.**

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

Didsbury 180 (52 overs: J. Fawcett 44, P. Critchley 39, J. Williams 8-66);  
Chester 184-4 (54 overs: L. Dixon 80, S. Ogilby 39no, N. Anderson 3-44).

**Chester Boughton Hall (25 pts.) beat Didsbury (5 pts.) by 6 wickets.**

#### **NANTWICH (won toss) v MARPLE**

Nantwich 241-4 dec. (53 overs: R Doyle 60no, S. Hunt 53, J. Kettle 51, J. Warrington 36no);  
Marple 152 (54 overs: A. Hall 53, J. Warrington 4-42).

**Nantwich (25 pts.) beat Marple (1 pt.) by 99 runs.**

#### **TOFT (toss) v NESTON**

Toft 180-8 innings closed ( 55 overs: J.Hancock 104no, D. Hurst 3-13);  
Neston 159-9 (55 overs: A. Murphy 55, J. Lomas 4-32).

**Match drawn: Toft 10 pts. Neston 5.**

#### **URMSTON v HYDE (toss)**

Urmston 139 (52 overs: C. Watson 41, C.Tipper 3-26, S. Kirwin 3-57);  
Hyde 141-1 (20 overs: J. Duffy 71no, T. Twiney 66no).

**Hyde (25 pts.) beat Urmston (0 pts.) by 9 wickets.**

#### **WIDNES v MACCLESFIELD (toss)**

Widnes 145 ( 44 overs: D Naughton 60, R. Porter 5-17, I. Tate 3 -53 );  
Macclesfield 110 (41 overs: R. Keen 60, M. Nalesnyik 7-51.). *This result was not telephoned.*

**Widnes (25 pts.) beat Macclesfield (4 pts.) by 35 runs.**

### **FIRST DIVISION**

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

Bredbury 114 (44 overs: C. Wood 44, M. Jahangir 6-37);  
Bollington 116-5 (42 overs: T Barrass 46).

**Bollington (25 pts.) beat Bredbury (2 pts.) by 5 wickets.**

#### **BOWDON (toss) v BRAMHALL**

Bramhall 161-6 innings closed (50 overs: M. Hughes 4, G. Edwards 4-70);  
Bowdon 162-6 (48 overs: S. Ball 47, G. Parker 35no, J. McDougall 31).

**Bowdon (25 pts.) beat Bramhall (6 pts.) by 4 wickets.**

#### **CHEADLE HULME v OULTON PARK (toss)**

Cheadle Hulme 228-5 innings closed (50 overs: E. McCray 58no, G. Narayanan 56, A Wilde 52);  
Oulton Park 119-4 (47 overs: D. Leech 65, R. Moore 54, A Mills 41, P. Roberts 33no, E. McCray 3-84).

**Oulton Park (25 pts.) beat Cheadle Hulme (9 pts.) by 6 wickets**

#### **GRAPPENHALL v CHRISTLETON (toss)**

Grappenhall 240-2 dec. (47 overs: R. Green 105no, L. McCoy 62, J. Smith 39no);  
Christleton 126 (29 overs: I. Naseer 46, J. Smith 4-12, S. Guest 3-42).

**Grappenhall (25 pts.) beat Christleton (0 pts.) by 114 runs.**

#### **HEATON MERSEY (toss) v BROOKLANDS**

Brooklands 229 (50 overs: C Potter 49, J. Birchall 44, Naveed Din 30, W. Rashid 4-61, T. Malik 4-84);  
Heaton Mersey 98 (47 overs: H. Shah 43no, C Jones 4-28, A.J. Hart 4-29)..

**Brooklands (25 pts.) beat Heaton Mersey (4 pts.) by 131 runs.**

#### **SALE v IRBY ( toss)**

Sale 142 (42 overs: V. Lubbe 7, R. Houghton 5-27);  
Irby 98 (49 overs: R. Houghton 40, R.Halkon 6-41).

**Sale (25 pts.) beat Irby (4 pts.) by 44 runs**

**SECOND DIVISION**

**ALVANLEY v CHEADLE (won toss)**

Alvanley 159 (50 overs: L Ainsworth 50, A. Bennion 30, A. Wadsworth 4-29, C. Brady 3-27);  
Cheadle 160-6 (47 overs: D. Brown 93no, C. Brady 35no, D. Shewring 3-64). *This result was not telephoned.*

**Cheadle (25 pts.) beat Alvanley (4 pts.) by 4 wickets**

**MIDDLEWICH (toss) v STOCKPORT GEORGIANS**

Stockport Georgians 56 ( - overs: G Tomlinson 4-4, S. Price 4-29);  
Middlewich 57-1 ( - overs: J Williams 41no).

**Middlewich (25 pts.) beat Stockport Georgians (0 pts.) by 9 wickets.**

**POYNTON (toss) v UPTON**

Upton 76 (34 overs: M. Ingram 21, D. Williams 3-8);  
Poynton 77-0 (31 overs: T. Berzins 39no, D. Stringer 29no).

**Poynton (25 pts.) beat Upton (0 pts.) by 10 wickets.**

**STOCKPORT v CONGLETON (toss)**

Stockport 138 (50 overs);  
Congleton 139-6 (40 overs: K. Waterhouse 46). *This result was not telephoned.*

**Congleton (25 pts.) beat Stockport (2 pts.) by 4 wickets.**

**TATTENHALL (toss) v MALPAS**

Malpas 138-7 innings closed (50 overs: K Rickett 26)  
Tattenhall 140-9 (41 overs: T. Hyslop 43, P. Johnson 5-48).

**Tattenhall (25 pts.) beat Malpas (4 pts.) by 1 wicket.**

**WARRINGTON v TIMPERLEY (toss)**

Timperley 107 (38 overs: N. Wood 40, M. Adams 6-26);  
Warrington 108-2 (22 overs: R. Heaney 37, C. Kirby 33). *This result was not telephoned.*

**Warrington (25 pts.) beat Timperley (0 pts.) by 8 wickets.**

**PICK OF WEEK:**

**Premier League**

Batting: oJ. Hancock (Toft) 104no v Neston  
Bowling: Jack Williams (CBH) 8-66 v Didisbury.  
All-rounder: Jimmy Warrington (Nantwich) 36 no and 4-42 v Marple.

**First Division:**

Batting: Richard Green (Grappenhall) 105no v Christleton  
Bowling: Rick Halkon (Sale) 6-41 v Irby  
All-rounder: Rob Houghton (Irby) 40 and 5-27 v Sale.

**Second Division**

Batting: Dan Brown (Cheadle) 93no v Alvanley;  
Bowling: Matt Adams (Warrington) 6-26 v Timperley.  
All-rounder: Chris Brady (Cheadle) 35no and 3-27 v Alvanley.

**Appeal to clubs**

THE composition of this *Newsletter* was made much more difficult by the failure of Widnes, Alvanley, Stockport and Warrington to telephone their results after the close of play, while only half a message was received from Cheadle Hulme.

It is the aim of the League to post all the 1st XI scores and points on the League website by 10 p.m. on Saturdays to provide an up-to-date service now that other sources are not available. This is impossible if captains – or those they delegate – fail to do their part.

These clubs will be fined as per rule, but they are letting many people down, not least the Editor, by not observing this one small, fortnightly duty.

**Tables after three games**

<u>ECB Premier</u>	P	W (25)	D (2)	C (7)	L	BAT	BOWL	TOTAL
OXTON	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	75
HYDE	3	2	0	0	1	8	2	60
WIDNES	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	57
CHESTER BO. HALL	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	51
NANTWICH	3	1	1	0	1	8	6	41
NESTON	3	1	1	1	0	0	3	37
MARPLE	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	33
DIDSBURY	3	1	0	0	2	4	1	30
URMSTON	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	25
ALDERLEY EDGE	3	0	1	1	1	7	6	22
TOFT	3	0	1	0	2	5	11	18
MACCLESFIELD	3	0	0	0	3	6	7	13

<u>Division 1</u>	P	W (25)	D (2)	C (7)	L	BAT	BOWL	TOTAL
GRAPPENHALL	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	75
SALE	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	75
OULTON PARK	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	57
CHEADLE HULME	3	1	0	1	1	8	1	41
BOWDON	3	1	0	1	1	2	2	36
BROOKLANDS	3	1	0	1	1	0	3	35
BOLLINGTON	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	32
BREDBURY ST. MK.	3	0	1	0	2	8	9	19
HEATON MERSEY	3	0	1	1	1	2	6	17
BRAMHALL	3	0	0	1	2	4	4	15
CHRISTLETON	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	14
IRBY	3	0	0	1	2	0	4	11

<u>Division 2</u>	P	W (25)	D (2)	C (7)	L	BAT	BOWL	TOTAL
CONGLETON	3	2	1	0	0	0	4	56
MIDDLEWICH	3	2	1	0	0	0	4	56
TATTENHALL	3	2	0	0	1	0	2	52
POYNTON	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	39
STOCKPORT	3	1	1	0	1	6	5	38
CHEADLE	3	1	1	1	0	0	3	37
WARRINGTON	3	1	0	1	1	0	4	36
UPTON	3	1	1	0	1	4	3	34
ALVANLEY	3	1	0	0	2	2	6	33
STOCKPORT GEO.	3	0	1	1	1	1	3	13
TIMPERLEY	3	0	0	1	2	0	3	10
MALPAS	3	0	0	0	3	0	7	7

## **Cheshire win thriller by one run**

AFTER the postponement of their opening **Minor Counties Cup** game against Northumberland, Cheshire enjoyed better weather on Sunday when they beat Cumberland by one run in a high-scoring thriller at Christleton.

Cheshire seemed odds-on to record a big victory when they amassed 312-4 in 50 overs after being inserted on a perfect wicket. New skipper James Duffy (Hyde) celebrated with a fluent 100 off 101 balls including four fours and seven sixes. But Macclesfield debutant Khalid Sawas did even better to compile a spectacular unbeaten 119 off just 89 deliveries with 11 fours and seven sixes. The later part of his innings was slowed down by a groin strain and he took no further part in the game, but he looks like being a fixture in this season's line-ups.

After a slow start, Cumberland piled on the pressure and with an unbeaten 105 from former England 12<sup>th</sup> man and Durham left-hander Gary Pratt, they needed 11 runs off the last over bowled by Urmston's Adam Syddall. The first ball went for four, but Syddall's line and length were immaculate and the Cumberland batsmen managed only five runs off the remaining five deliveries, closing on 311-5. Syddall finished with 0-50, but his final over could hardly be faulted. Cheshire wicket-takers were spinners Danny Woods (York) 2-72 and another debutant Mark Rowland (Chester Boughton Hall) with 2-64. Also making his first appearance for the county was Alderley Edge batsman Calum Rowe, who impressed with a brief, unbeaten 18.

Cheshire next visit Cambridgeshire at Saffron Walden on Sunday, May 13 (11 a.m.) seeking to cement a place in the quarter-finals.

O The County Club have produced a handsome 52-page Yearbook and offer it for sale at a price of "at least £3". The joint editors are Derrick Hastings, Peter Babbage and David Sharp, any of whom who can be contacted for copies.

## **CHESHIRE CUP 1ST ROUND**

RESULTS of first round games in the **Cheshire Cup** played on Sunday, May 6:

Port Sunlight wo Birkenhead St. Mary's

Oulton Park 84 (M. East 31, A. Hards 5-18); Grappenhall 87-5

Upton 154 (D. Warburton 42no; Malpas 156-5 (H. Wilson-Theaker 42).

Caldy 118-7; Chester County Officers 119-2.

Northwich 194-9 (B. Elliott 43, G. Cherlan 43, M. Walker 39, R. Massey 5-42); Davenham 2175 (J. O'Sullivan 34, J. Plant 3-28).

Chelford 119 (A. Palazzo 5-24); Bollington 120-2 (T. Barrass 46, A. Sykes 37no).

Brooklands walk over Bredbury St. Mark's

Stockport 65 (C. Grindley 5-18); Tinperley 69-0 (N. Wood 35no, C. Grindley 25no).

Wilmslow Wayfarers 64 (S. Parry 4-20); Middlewich 66-2.

Sandbach 165; Heaton Mersey 157

Rode Park & Lawton 140 (J Locke 4-18); Cheadle Hulme 132-4 (A Wilde 64, G. Narayanan 43).

Bowdon v Cheadle: no information

Lindow v Romiley: no information.

To be played on BH Monday, May 7:

Poynton Sale

Sunday, May 13:

Warrington Birkenhead Park;

Parkfield Liscard Wallasey;

Bramhall Congleton;

Ashley v Hale Barns (provisionally on May 20);

Elworth v Ashton on Mersey (May 20).

*Information kindly provided by Cheshire Cup organiser Rick Davis.*

## **New cricket newspaper**

AN eagerly-awaited addition to the world of cricket journalism is to be launched on Wednesday, May 16 in the shape of *The Cricket Paper*, a weekly publication covering the game at all levels from Test matches to the village green and promises to centre special focus on the country's 25 Premier Leagues.

Costing £1.50, it will be available at most newsagents and supermarkets.

*The Cricket Paper* already receive weekly copies of the League Newsletter and news from the League will feature regularly in the publication.

The Wimbledon-based publication's editor in chief is David Emery and their website is [www.thecricketpaper.com](http://www.thecricketpaper.com)

The news editor can be contacted via [craig.chisnall@greenwayspublishing.com](mailto:craig.chisnall@greenwayspublishing.com)

O The Stockport Cricket Scene is being covered regularly by Andy Searle on Pure FM. Tune in to hear Andy interview local cricket personalities weekly on FM 107.8 from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. on Fridays.



## **RedInsure Cup gets under way**

ALL games in the first round of the RedInsure T20 were played on Thursday, May 3 when the wet weather at last relented. The winners were Sale, Urmston, Alderley Edge and Cheadle

In Sale's win at Heaton Mersey, the umpires ended the Sale innings after 19 overs when 75 minutes' play had elapsed, thus allowing 'Mersey only 19 overs batting in the second innings.

### **HEATON MERSEY lost to SALE (toss) by 8 runs**

Sale 142-9 (19 overs: W Lubbe 78, R. Amin 3-20, T Malik 3-21); Heaton Mersey 134-5 (19 overs: P. Vermeulen 62no, R. Halkon 3-22).

### **BRAMHALL (toss) lost to URMSTON by 6 wickets.**

Bramhall 96-9 (20 overs: R Kitzinger 22, A. Siddall 2-8); Urmston 100-4 (18.5 overs: R Malook 25, N. Bell 2-22).

### **ALDERLEY EDGE (toss) beat STOCKPORT by 41 runs.**

Alderley Edge 118-6 (20 overs: J. Steele 24, M. Eley 3-22); Stockport 77 (19.4 overs: C Reid 3-13).

### **CHEADLE (toss) beat BOLLINGTON by 8 wickets**

Bollington 113 (19.2 overs: M. Rixon 58, M. Samuels 3-25); Cheadle 115-2 (17.2 overs: G. Dixon 69no, M. Jahangir 2-20). *The result of this match was not telephoned.*

## **Round 2 draw (limit date: Monday, May 28):**

All second round games shown below should be arranged without delay. Home clubs must then inform the competition organiser Jon Hacking (01244 814 110; jhacking@gmail.com) who will appoint umpires.

Sale v Timperley

Urmston v Didsbury

Marple v Toft

Bowdon v Brooklands

Alderley Edge v Poynton

Cheadle v Hyde

Cheadle Hulme v Macclesfield

Bredbury St. Mark's v Stockport Georgians

Thursday, May 17 @ 6 pm.

Grappenhall v Nantwich

Malpas v Congleton

Sunday, May 27 @ 2 pm

Middlewich v Warrington

Oulton Park v Tattenhall

Tuesday, May 8 @ 6 pm

Christleton v Irby

Sunday, May 13 @ 2pm

Upton v Chester Boughton Hall

Tuesday, May 8 @ 6 pm

Alvanley v Oxton

Wednesday, May 23 @ 6 pm

Widnes v Neston.

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

TATTENHALL beat Halkyn on Sunday in the first round of the National Village championship.

## **New sponsors for Over 40s**

TAILORMADE Group will be sponsoring Over 40s cricket when the season gets under way on Wednesday, May 9.

The Warrington-based company who major in Self-Invested Personal Pensions, have generously agreed to underwrite the expense of the Finals Day play-offs which will be staged at Urmston on Bank Holiday Monday, August 27

A record 30 teams will be competing in four geographical sections, the top four playing -off. Four newcomers are Alsager Dabbers, who will play their home games on Thursdays at Alsager, together with Ashley, Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge and Woodley.

### **OPENING FIXTURES**

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

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

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

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

O Home clubs should submit results to the Competition secretary ASAP by telephone; fax or e-mail.

## **National knock out results**

THE League's first winners in the opening round of the **Kingfisher Beer National Club knock out** were Grappenhall, who beat Bolton League Astley & Tyldesley by five wickets at Broad Lane on Thursday, May 3. In a T20 game, Astley & Tyldesley were restricted to 129-7 and Grappenhall replied with 130-5 in 19.2 overs, Richard Green 73. The winners are at home to Farnworth or Leigh in round 2.

Urmston lost by 53 runs at Blackrod in a first round game played on Sunday, April 15. Scores: Blackrod 226-2; Urmston 173-7 (Lewis Jackson 73).

Other first round games due to be played on Sunday, May 6: Bamford Fieldhouse v Bowdon (no information); Bramhall 211-8 (N. Jameson 92, M. Morris 3-36) beat Hyde 124; Chester Boughton Hall 173-8 (M. Robinson 33) beat Moddershall 126; Kearsley v Marple (no information); Neston v Colwyn Bay (no information); Oxton 236-5 (W. Lamb 105no, S. Stokes 54) beat Sefton Park 229-6 (A. Money 3-30); Wavertree 106 (M. Warnes 4-16, A. Day 3-28) lost to v Alderley Edge 108-2 (M. Currie 33).

### **April 28 pitch reports**

#### **PREMIER LEAGUE**

Chester v Toft. Ground 4-5-4-4 = 17; Outfield: 5-5-5-5 = 20.

Hyde v Widnes: 3-4-3-4 = 14; 4-3-5-5 = 17.

Nantwich v Alderley Edge: 3-4-3-4 = 14; 3-3-5-5 = 16.

Neston v Urmston: 4-4-5-4 = 17; 4-5-5-5 = 19.

Marple v Macclesfield: 3-4-4-3 = 14; 3-5-5-5 = 18.

Oxton v Urmston: 4-4-4-4 = 16; 4-4-4-4 = 16.

#### **DIVISION 1**

Bowdon v Sale: 4-4-4-4 = 16; 3-4-5-5 = 17.

Bramhall v Christleton: cancelled

Bredbury v Heaton Mersey: 4-4-4-4 = 16; 3-4-5-4 = 16.

Brooklands v Grappenhall: 4-4-3-4 = 15; 5-4-3-5 = 17.

Irby v Cheadle Hulme: 4-4-4-5 = 17; 5-5-5-5 = 20.

Oulton Park v Bollington: 4-4-3-3 = 14; 4-4-3-5 = 16.

#### **DIVISION 2**

Cheadle v Stockport: 3-4-3-4 = 14; 5-5-5-4 = 19

Congleton v Warrington: 4-3-3-3 = 13; 4-5-5-3 = 17.

Malpas v Upton: 4-4-4-3 = 15; 4-4-3-3 = 14.

Stockport Georgians v Poynton : cancelled

Tattenhall v Alvanley: 5-5-3-3 = 16; 3-4-5-3 = 15.

Timperley v Middlewich: 3-4-4-4 = 15; 3-5-5-3 = 18.

All pitch reports on April 21 were discounted because of wet weather.

All captains' reports on umpires were notified to co-ordinator Ken Spilsbury.

**FINES:** Fines of £15 will be imposed on Hyde and Cheadle for failing to tender results by telephone on Saturday, April 28. Cheadle are fined a further £15 for being late in submitting a result sheet.

**REGISTRATION:** Associate members Woodford have registered Sri Lankan bowler Ashan Somathilake, a second year student at Manchester Metropolitan University, as an Overseas player. Ashan will play in the Woodford team best suited to his ability, which may be in the League's 3rd XI in Division 4 East.

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

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

Davenham 169-8 dec. Prestbury 68; Hale Barns 185-4 Runcorn 75; Northwich 83 Mobberley 107; Oakmere 90 Ashton on Mersey 165-7 dec.; Weaverham 196-5 dec. Lindow 111; Winnington Park 126-7 Ashley 125-8 dec.

Latest placings: 1. Davenham 57 pts. 2. Weaverham 57; 3. Mobberley 51; 4. Hale Barns 44; 5. Ashton on Mersey 37; 6. Winnington 34; 7. Runcorn 29; 8. Northwich 28; 9. Ashley 22; 10. Oakmere 18; 11. Prestbury 18; 12. Lindow 15.

Fixtures on Saturday, May 12 (1.30 p.m.): Ashley v Hale Barns; Ashton on Mersey v Winnington Park; Lindow v Davenham; Mobberley v Weaverham; Prestbury v Oakmere; Runcorn v Northwich,.

### **2012 Handbook correction (please amend your copy)**

PAGE 152. Cheadle Treasurer and 3rd XI captain Andrew Taylor mobile 07545 644 826; e-mail andrewtaylor1957@hotmail.com.

**Further corrections and amendments should be notified to the Editor. Additional copies of the Handbook are available at £1 full members and £3 associates plus postage.**



# **Fixtures & umpires for Saturday, May 12**

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

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v ALDERLEY EDGE	Jon Hacking & Wyn Harris
HYDE v TOFT	Stan Davies & Dave Goulding
MACCLESFIELD v URMSTON	Ian Drury & Glen Roberts
MARPLE v WIDNES	Trevor Burnett & John Lofthouse
NESTON v DIDSBURY	Ian Greensmith & Ged Kinsey
OXTON v NANTWICH	Barrie Burns & Geoff Wellstead

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

BRAMHALL v GRAPPENHALL	Chris Moore & Chris Smith
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S v CHEADLE HULME	Robert Dowson & Graham Harris
BROOKLANDS v BOLLINGTON	Stuart Anderson & Neville Kent
CHRISTLETON v HEATON MERSEY	Dion Kelly & Ken Rothwell
IRBY v BOWDON	Nigel Hardern & Derick van Rensburg
OULTON PARK v SALE	Tom Park & Ray Prescott

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

CHEADLE v TATTENHALL	Howard Briggs & Tony Morris
CONGLETON v ALVANLEY	Phil Prince & Ken Simpson
MALPAS v POYNTON	Allan Lewis & Gary Zimmer
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS v WARRINGTON	David Stoter & Jim Whitehead
TIMPERLEY v STOCKPORT	Steve Duckers & Garry Hambleton
UPTON v MIDDLEWICH	Peter Hanaby & John Lowe

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

ALDERLEY EDGE v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	TBA & panel umpire not available
DIDSBURY v NESTON	Not available & Club umpire
GRAPPENHALL v BRAMHALL	Brian Jones & Not available
NANTWICH v CHEADLE	Steve Kirkbright & Not available
TOFT v HYDE	Club umpire & Not available
URMSTON v MACCLESFIELD	Club umpire & Club umpire

### **MACCLESFIELD WARNING:**

Macclesfield CC warn that the Victoria Road entrance to their ground will be closed for re-surfacing over the week-end May 13 -14. Access to the ground will be via the gate off the car park of the orthopaedic unit of Macclesfield General Hospital next door to the ground. Access is via Fieldbarn Road, off Chester Road, postcode SK11 8PK. A temporary parking permit is obtainable from the clubhouse 15 metres from the car park, so visitors need to pop in to collect before leaving their cars. Contact: [simon.griffiths20@ntlworld.com](mailto:simon.griffiths20@ntlworld.com)

## **Last word .....**

“I’ll tell you what pressure is. Pressure is a Messerschmidt up your backside. Playing cricket is not pressure”.

Former Aussie Great all-rounder Keith Miller (ex-RAAF, MC & bar).

