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Six Premier League centuries as ...

NESTON MAKE IT 3 WINS IN 3

SIX centuries were scored in the **ECB Premier League** on Bank Holiday Saturday as wickets firmed up, one of them coming from the bat of Welsh newcomer Will Evans who played a major role in helping Neston beat Toft and become the only top flight club to win their first three games.

Former Mochdre wicket-keeper and left-hand batsman Evans hit a fine 143, including 19 fours and two sixes as his side ran up the runs at Booth's Park. Neston slumped from 50-1 to 54-4 before Evans and impressive 17 year-old Cheshire Youth all-rounder Dane Williams, 74, put on 182 for the sixth wicket en route to a daunting tally of 298. Toft left arm spinner Jimmy Lomas put in another marathon stint, bowling unchanged to return 7-131 off 27.2 overs, but lacked support, notably from an accurate opener.

After Aussie Jason Hancock had been run out for 26 – he scored tons in both innings against Neston in 2012 – Toft's top scorer was skipper Toby Drummond with a modest contribution of 31 towards a final tally of 201, Paul Stimson 4-47.

Toft can take major credit from the rapid improvement in the quality of their square, much hard work during the winter and spring clearly having paid off.

The season's highest runs tally was posted by promoted Grappenhall who reached 356-7 off 53 overs after being put in at Hyde. Adam Roylance contributed 136 (11 fours and 11 sixes), helped by James McCoy, 61 as his side ran up their huge score, Scott Kirwin 3-91. Grappenhall's tally was only seven runs short of the Premier League record of 363-6 set up by Oulton Park v Alderley Edge in 2007.

Never known to turn down a challenge, Hyde did their best and thanks to James Duffy's unbeaten 109 (18 fours and two sixes), they reached a respectable 255-7 to pocket eight points to their visitors' 14 – a fair return from a match which realised 611 runs for the loss of only 14 wickets.

Match-winner Normanton: 6-69

Didsbury registered their second win – and inflicted Bowdon's second defeat – by 28 runs in a much lower-scoring game at South Downs Road. Nick Anderson's solid 66 and from 45 from Paul Slattery helped Didsbury close on 175-7, to which Bowdon replied with 147 all out, Mike Bryan-Jones 43. They had no answer to fine bowling from Simon Normanton, their winter signing from Stockport Georgians taking 6-69 off 22.3 admirable overs.

Champions Nantwich continue to struggle – as they did in the first half of the 2012 campaign – losing by two wickets at home to Chester Boughton Hall. Lou Livingstone top-scored with 79 in the Dabbers' 203-9, his Lancashire colleague Jordan Clark taking 4-31. Chester had to work hard, but crossed the line at 204-8, Warren Goodwin top-scoring with 44, while Ollie Griffiths took 3-72.

After opening with twin defeats, Oxton did better to win by eight wickets at Alderley Edge after the home side closed on 199-9, Charlie Reid unbeaten on 102, while Saaq Choudhury claimed 4-43. A magnificent knock of 122 by stand-in skipper Simon Stokes (18 fours and three sixes) helped Oxton coast home on 201-2 with 12 overs to spare, Andy Gibson 67 not out. Oxton lost opener Alex Hughes injured and the first wicket did not fall until the score had reached 179

Marple and Macclesfield both remain without victories after their drawn game at Bowden Lane. Marple closed on 226-6, James Crisall 109 not out, John Foreman 50. Macc got to 168-7, Rob Porter 49 and Jack Williams a key unbeaten 30 as they fended off the spin twins Andy Greasley 5-53 and Joe Cash 2-17.

DIVISION 1: Brooklands out on own

BROOKLANDS stand proud at the top of **Division One** with maximum points from three games after completing an impressive eight wickets home victory over Heaton Mersey.

‘Mersey were restricted to 193-8, Aaron Ayre 78, Rob Greenhough 51, to which Brooklands confidently replied with 197-2 in 45 overs, Chris Hart scoring an impressive and unbeaten 105, aided by the ever-consistent John Birchall, 61 not out in an unbroken third wicket stand worth 118.

Another eight wickets win was clocked up by Bramhall after they had bowled Sale out for 159, Rupe Kitzinger 4-59. Young batsmen Matt Hughes, 67 and Matt Jamieson, 50 played leading roles in a reply of 160-2 in only 36 overs.

Widnes' 265-7 not enough

Oulton Park were set a huge task when Widnes posted 265-7 after being invited to bat at Beaconsfield road. Skipper Ian Spencer, 61 and Sean Moore, 60 put on 101 for the sixth wicket with Matt Brick, 53 also in the runs, while Guy Emmett wheeled away for a stoic 3-95.

Oulton were up for it after tea with fine knocks from Martyn East, 88 and Craig Williamson, 52 who added 138 for the third wicket, then Ben Tomlinson, 54 hit out lustily to bring victory by four wickets with three balls remaining. Aussie Alex Graham, who had scored a century on his debut the previous week, this time conceded 117 runs taking three wickets.

Last season's Second Division champions Middlewich lost only their second League game in 25 outings when a spirited run chase at Bredbury St. Mark's fell 14 runs short. Bredbury piled up 272-6, Chris Wood 81, Darren Carr 71, Paul Wood 51, Stuart Price 4-64. Middlewich set about their task with 85 from Matt Gill and 77 to Phil Parry, but ran out of wickets at 258, S. Akram taking 4-61.

Cheadle Hulme leaped up the table with a 54 runs win against Christleton at Grove Park. They posted 238-4, Adam Wilde, 77 and C. Nissen, 64 putting on 161 for the first wicket. Christleton were bowled out for 184, Ifti Naseer 80, Ewan McCray 5-45, James Locke 4-74.

Cheadle enjoyed a 14-6 winning draw at Urmston after piling up 232-6 before tea, John Prince 51, David Wilson 45, Paul Sperring 40 not out. Urmston reached 195-6, Lewis Jackson 63, Dave Dooler claiming 3-15 in a rare senior appearance.

THREE SHARE *Division 2* LEAD

TATTENHALL, Timperley and Warrington have all scored three straight wins and share the lead in **Division Two** after their first three outings.

Tattenhall look increasingly impressive, inflicting the first defeat on League new boys Davenham's first defeat, by 103 runs at Butcher's Stile. Kiwis Tom Hyslop, 52 and Dan Power, 48 took Tattenhall's tally to an impressive 191-9, Johan Loubser 4-34. This was too much for Davenham, who could muster only 88, Dave Ashley 25, Alan Brock 5-47, skipper Robin Mulvihill 3-36.

Ashling century off 86 balls

Timperley were on top with bat and ball against Stockport Georgians, winning by 148 runs. They closed on 283-4 thanks largely to a remarkable innings by wicket-keeper Pat Ashling. He smote 153 not out, his century coming off 86 balls and his third 50 off just 21 deliveries. Mike Ness, 70 gave good support in a third wicket stand worth 196. Georgians were all out for 135, John Devlin 50, Chris Page 4-28.

Warrington beat Irby by six wickets at Walton Lea after restricting visitors to 149-6, skipper Martyn Smith 32. Warrington coasted home at 152-4.

Congleton registered their first victory, by 27 runs at Weaverham, after totalling 171, Kevin Waterhouse 65, Rob McMillian 6-43. Weaverham were all out for 134, Joe Lamb 4-32.

Stockport made short work of beating Alvanley by nine wickets at Cale Green, dismissing their visitors for 82, Tom Facer 5-35. Josh Manning contributed an unbeaten 46 as Stockport coasted home after tea in 22 overs.

Relegated Bollington are finding the going tough, suffering their third straight defeat at home to Poynton after mustering only 105 runs, Jimmy Williams 5-26. Poynton also struggled to 108-7 in reply, H. Imran 5-43, but still collected 25 points to their hosts' meagre three.

ECB PREMIER LEAGUE SCORES

ALDERLEY EDGE v OXTON (won toss)

Alderley Edge 199-9 (55 overs: C. Reid 102no, S. Choudhury 4-43, M Evans 3-32);

Oxton 201-2 (43 overs: S Stokes 122, A. Gibson 67).

Oxton won by 8 wickets: Oxton 25 pts., Alderley Edge 6 pts.

BOWDON (toss) v DIDSBURY

Didsbury 175-7 (55 overs: N Anderson 66, P. Slattery 45, S. Normanton 31);

Bowdon 147 (49 overs: M. Bryan-Jones 43, J. McDougall 32, T McCormick 31, S. Normanton 6-69). *This result was not telephoned.*

Didsbury won by 28 runs: Didsbury 25 pts., Bowdon 5 pts.

HYDE (toss) v GRAPPENHALL

Grappenhall 356-7 dec. (53 overs: A Roylance 136, J. McCoy 61, M Sambell 40, L. McCoy 32, S Kirwin 3-91).

Hyde 255-7 (57overs: J Duffy 113, R Brierley 36, G Burns 3-46).

Match drawn: Grappenhall 14 pts., Hyde 8 pts.

MARPLE (toss) v MACCLESFIELD

Marple 226-6 (55 overs: J Crisall 109no, J Foreman 50);

Macclesfield 168-7 (55 overs: R Porter 49, R Kean 35, J. Williams 30no, A. Greasley 5-53).

Match drawn: Marple 14 pts. Macclesfield 5 pts.

NANTWICH v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (toss)

Nantwich 203-9 (55 overs: L. Livingstone 79, O Law 38, J Clark 4-31);

Chester 204-8 (45 overs: W. Goodwin 45, R. Dixon 35, O. Griffiths 3-72).

Chester Boughton Hall won by 2 wickets: CBH 25 pts., Nantwich 9 pts.

TOFT v NESTON (toss)

Neston 298 (55 overs: W. Evans 134, D. Williams 74, C. Hackett 42, J. Lomas 7-131);

Toft 201 (52 overs: T Drummond 31, P Stimson 4-47).

Neston won by 97 runs: Neston 25 pts., Toft 7 pts.

DIVISION 1 RESULTS

BREDBURY ST MARK'S v MIDDLEWICH (won toss)

Bredbury 272-6 (50 overs: C. Wood 81, D Carr 71, P Wood 51, P Zybrands 39, S. Price 4-64);

Middlewich 258 (48 overs: M Gill 85, P. Parry 77, D Bates 33, S. Akram 4-61).

Bredbury St. Mark's won by 14 runs: Bredbury 25 pts., Middlewich 6 pts.

BROOKLANDS v HEATON MERSEY (toss)

Heaton Mersey 193-8 (50 overs: A. Ayre 78, R. Greenhough 51);

Brooklands 197-2 (45 overs: C Hart 102no, J. Birchall 61no.)

Brooklands won by 8 wickets: Brooklands 25 pts., Heaton Mersey 6 pts.

CHEADLE HULME (toss) v CHRISTLETON

Cheadle Hulme 238-4 (50 overs: C Nissen 74, A Wilde 77 = 167 for first wicket);

Christleton 184 (33 overs: I. Naseer 80, I. De Silva 31, E. McCray 5-45, J. Locke 4-71).

Cheadle Hulme won by 54 runs: Cheadle Hulme 25 pts., Christleton 4 pts.

SALE v BRAMHALL (toss)

Sale 159 (48 overs: R Kitzinger 4-59);

Bramhall 160-2 (36 overs: M Hughes 67, M. Jamieson 50).

Bramhall won by 8 wickets: Bramhall 25 pts., Sale 4 pts.

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WIDNES v OULTON PARK (toss)

Widnes 265-7 (50 overs: I. Spencer 61, S. Moore 60, M Brick 53, B Hewitt 36, G. Emmett 3-95);

Oulton Park 269-6 (49.3 overs: M. East 88, C. Williamson 52, B Tomlinson 54, C. Douglas 36no, A. Graham 3-117)

Oulton Park won by 4 wickets: Oulton Park 25 pts., Widnes 10 pts.

DIVISION 2 RESULTS

BOLLINGTON v POYNTON (won toss)

Bollington 105 (46 overs: J. Williams 5-26);

Poynton 108-7 (31 overs: J Longhorn 29no, H. Imran 5-43).

Poynton won by 3 wickets: Poynton 25 pts., Bollington 3 pts.

DAVENHAM (toss) v TATTENHALL

Tattenhall 191-9 (50 overs: T Hyslop 52, D Power 48, J Loubser 4-34);

Davenham 88 (26 overs: D. Ashley 26, A Brock 5-47, R. Mulvihill 3-36).

Tattenhall won by 103 runs: Tattenhall 25 pts., Davenham 4 pts.

STOCKPORT (toss) v ALVANLEY

Alvanley 82 (38 overs: W Speakman 26, T Facer 5-35);

Stockport 83-1 (22 overs: J Manning 46no, G. Barber 32no).

Stockport won by 9 wickets: Stockport 25 pts., Alvanley 0 pts.

TIMPERLEY v STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (toss)

Timperley 283-4 dec. (43 overs: P Ashling 153no, M. Ness 70 = 196 for 4th wicket, J. Leggett 3-76);

Stockport Georgians 135 (45 overs: J Devlin 50, C. Page 4-28).

Timperley won by 148 runs: Timperley 25 pts., Stockport Georgians 2 pts.

WARRINGTON v IRBY (toss)

Irby 149-6 (50 overs: M. Newman 41, M. Smith 32, K. Adams 6-21);

Warrington 152-4 (R. Heaney 32, G. Shillinglaw 3-23)

Warrington won by 6 wickets: Warrington 25 pts., Irby 5 pts.

WEAVERHAM v CONGLETON (toss)

Congleton 171 (48 overs: K Whitehouse 65, T. Blease 46, R. McMillan 6-43, W. Cornwall 3-58);

Weaverham 134 (46 overs: J. Lamb 4-32, K. Waterhouse 3-16).

Congleton won by 37 runs: Congleton 25 pts., Weaverham 5 pts.

PICK OF WEEK (o = overseas player)

ECB Premier League batting: Will Evans (Neston) 143 v Toft.

Bowling: Simon Normanton (Didsbury) 6-69 v Bowdon

Division 1 batting: Chris Hart (Brooklands) 104no v Heaton Mersey

Bowling: Ewan McCray (Cheadle Hulme) 5-45 v Christleton

Division 2 batting: Pat Ashling (Timperley) 153no v Stockport Georgians

Bowling: Kyle Adams (Warrington) 6-21 v Irby.

Tables after 3 games

ECB PREMIER	W (25)	WD (3)	RD (2)	LD (1)	C (7)	L	Bat bonus	Bowl bonus	Total pts.
NESTON	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
DIDSBURY	2	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	57
TOFT	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	57
GRAPPENHALL	1	2	0	0	0	0	16	7	54
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	1	1	1	0	0	0	16	5	51
HYDE	1	0	1	1	0	0	8	6	42
OXTON	1	0	0	0	0	2	12	4	41
BOWDON	1	0	0	0	0	2	5	7	37
NANTWICH	0	1	0	0	0	2	17	8	28
MARPLE	0	1	0	0	0	2	16	8	27
MACCLESFIELD	0	0	0	2	0	1	12	6	20
ALDERLEY EDGE	0	0	0	2	0	1	11	5	18

DIVISION 1

BROOKLANDS	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
BRAMHALL	2	0	0	0	0	1	8	3	61
OULTON PARK	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	56
BREDBURY ST. MARK's	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	53
CHEADLE HULME	1	1	0	0	0	1	12	5	45
MIDDLEWICH	1	1	0	0	0	1	10	6	44
CHEADLE	1	1	0	0	0	1	9	7	44
WIDNES	1	0	0	0	0	2	12	2	39
HEATON MERSEY	1	0	0	1	0	1	8	3	37
SALE	1	0	0	0	0	2	8	2	35
URMSTON	0	0	0	1	0	2	19	6	26
CHRISTLETON	0	0	0	0	0	3	11	6	17

DIVISION 2

TATTENHALL	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
TIMPERLEY	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
WARRINGTON	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
STOCKPORT	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	56
DAVENHAM	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	54
POYNTON	1	1	0	0	0	1	14	6	48
ALVANLEY	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	31
CONGLETON	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	27
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	0	1	0	0	0	2	13	8	24
WEAVERHAM	0	0	0	1	0	2	11	8	20
IRBY	0	0	0	1	0	2	7	6	14
BOLLINGTON	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	6	11

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

Bonus points in Premier League: batting at 130; 160; 190; 220 runs. . In Divisions 1 & 2 at 110, 140, 170 and 200 runs. Doubled up points continue for teams who draw or lose batting first. Bowling bonus points in all divisions at the fall of 3,5,7 and 9 wickets. Batting and bowling bonus points available through entire innings (55 overs Premier League; 50 overs First & Second Divisions).

Cheshire lose to Cambridgeshire

CHESHIRE lost their second successive **Minor Counties Cup** game when Cambridgeshire won by four wickets at Tattenhall on Sunday and they now face the possibility of elimination before the group quarter-finals.

Despite playing on a near flawless wicket in front of a large home crowd, Cheshire's batting let them down. Winning the toss, they slipped from a promising 111-3 to 138-6 when Chris Tipper was dismissed for a top-scoring 44. Next highest was his Hyde team-mate Danny Berry with 24 as the innings subsided to 185 all out off 47 overs.

Cambridge opened with a rapid 87 partnership dominated by former Northants left-hander Benny Howgego. The talented ex-Stowe School batsman went on to score 70 and although the East Midlands stuttered to 138-6, they possessed a mid-order stonewall in Jimmy Williams, who steered his side home with an unbeaten 51 at 186-6 with the best part of seven overs to spare. .

Cheshire's only wicket-taking bowlers were Danny Woods (York) with an immaculate 3-14 off 10 overs which contained few bad balls and Hyde all-rounder Scott Kirwin, 3-58 from 10 more expensive overs.

Tattenhall were praised by Cheshire officials and spectators for the splendid presentation of their first county game and head groundsman Brian Jarrard drew special praise. He said: "Staging games like this makes all the hard work worthwhile".

After losing their opening group match against Herefordshire, Cheshire lie bottom of their group with two games remaining, against cup holders Cumberland at Kendal on Sunday, May 19 and Northumberland at Hyde on Sunday, June 2. They must win both to have any chance of progressing and that could depend on other results.

Beware ground thefts

ECB Non-First Class Cricket chairman Paul Bedford contacts *Newsletter* to issue a warning to all clubs to beware of possible ground machinery equipment thefts after a recent serious raid on a village club in North Wales.

He had been contacted by Ron Pearson, head groundsman at Gwersyllt Park CC near Wrexham after a raid in which steel gates and padlocks were broken on Monday, April 22 by intruders who got away with a new Massport 20 inch multicut wicket mower and grassbox; a Webb 30 – 36 inch. square mower and grass box with detachable rear seat; also a power roller containing a new engine. Total value is estimated at £8,000.

Mr. Bedford urges any club approached to purchase this type of machinery to check with their local police or contact Mr. Pearson at 01978 720 357.

A similar raid left Toft without machinery valued at up to £10,000 last season. Clubs have been warned,

Running for charity

THE admiration of us all goes to marathon runners who continue to raise money for charity

Bramhall 2nd XI vice captain Tim Wood recently ran in the Greater Manchester Marathon, finishing the course in 3 hours 47 minutes to raise £1,000 for clubmate Peter Babbage's special Christie Hospital Appeal.

Upton's Gary Dixon ran in the same race to raise money for McMillan Nurses, clearing the course in 4 hours 25 minutes.

TACS Cheshire League Division 1 round-up

RESULTS of games in the **TACS Cheshire Cricket League** played on Saturday, May 4:

Mobberley 194 Chester County Officers 192-9; Northwich 209-2 dec. Winnington Park 94; Oakmere 78 Romiley 218-5 dec. ; Prestbury 223-7 Hale Barns 225-6 dec.; Runcorn 165 Malpas 209; Upton 213-4 dec. Ashton on Mersey 212-7.

PLACINGS after three games: 1.Hale Barns 66; 2. Malpas 57; 3. Romiley 53; 4. CCO 53; 5. Mobberley 51; 6. Upton 51; 7. Northwich 42; 8. Ashton on Mersey 37; 9. Winnington Park 26; 10. Runcorn 26; 11. Oakmere 24; 12. Prestbury 23.

FIXTURES on Saturday, May 11 (1.30 p.m.): Ashton on Mersey v Runcorn; Chester County Officers v Oakmere; Hale Barns v Upton; Malpas v Mobberley; Romiley v Northwich; Winnington Park v Prestbury.

April 27 ground reports

UMPIRES' League ground marks on Saturday, April 27 were as follows:

ECB Premier League. Chester v Hyde: Pitch 18 Outfield 16; Didsbury v Nantwich: 18 – 18; Grappenhall v Alderley Edge 18-18; Macclesfield v Bowdon: 18 – 18; Neston v Oxton 17 – 19; Toft v Marple 18 – 20.

O The Macclesfield and Toft results were not telephoned: £15 fines according to rule.

First Division: Bramhall v Brooklands: Pitch 17 Outfield 19; Cheadle v Sale 17 – 18; Christleton v Bredbury 20 – 20 full house; Heaton Mersey v Cheadle Hulme 16 – 18; Oulton Park v Middlewich 15 – 14; Widnes v Urmston 16 – 19.

Second Division: Alvanley v Stockport Georgians: Pitch 18 Outfield 20; Congleton v Warrington 17 – 15; Irby v Timperley 18 – 19 (one umpire only stood in this match); Poynton v Weaverham 14 – 16 (one umpire only also stood in this match); Stockport v Davenham 18 – 17; Tattenhall v Bollington: 19 – 19.

O The Tattenhall result sheet was received late: £15 fine.

All captains tendered their umpires marks to coordinator Ken Spilsbury within the time allowed.

O SINGLE UMPIRES' EXPENSES. Following the item in last week's *Newsletter* about expenses paid in cases where only one panel umpire officiates in a game, it should be noted that clubs may vary the payments made by mutual agreement with the umpire concerned, as in the past.

Kingfisher Beers Cup

RESUME of 2nd round games in the Kingfisher Beers Cup played on Sunday, April 28:

GROUP 5: Chorley beat URMSTON by 64 runs: Chorley 179-6 (M. Parkinson 4-26); Urmston 115 (S. Patel 41).

GROUP 6: Astley & Tyldesley lost to MARPLE: BOWDON beat Sefton Park: Bootle beat BRAMHALL: OXTON beat Colwyn Bay: Wallasey beat HYDE: Roe Green lost to GRAPPENHALL by 1 wicket: Roe Green 191-7; Grappenhall 193-9 (W Sharp 52, L. McCoy 31).

GROUP 7: Shrewsbury v CHESTER match abandoned: Chester then conceded on Sunday, May 5; Stone lost to NANTWICH: NESTON beat Moddershall ; ALDERLEY EDGE lost to Dunstall:

Draw for round 3 on Sunday, May 11 (1 p.m.). Group 6: MARPLE v Denton West; Farnworth v BOWDON; Bootle v OXTON; Wallasey v GRAPPENHALL. Group 7: Shrewsbury v NANTWICH; NESTON v Audley; Leek or Ticknall v Tamworth; Ockbrook & Borrowash v Dunstall.

Sunday's Cheshire Cup 2nd round results

Stockport Trinity 165 (J. Bagshaw 3-11); Brooklands 169-1 (J Grewar 81no, R. Lambert 54no)

Stockport 152-9 (J. Manning 94); Bollington 92 (J. Dunley 4-18).

Timperley 252; Romiley 174.

Urmston 425-3 (Calum Turner aged 16, scored 166, S. Panda 126); Offerton 111 (R. Shetty 3-16). **This was a record score for a one-day match at UCC.*

Congleton 212 (K. Waterhouse 60, A. Browe 56, L. Clark 3-38, J. Day 3-41); Bramhall 108 (M. Hughes 75, L. Booth 3-18).

Cheadle walk over v Hale Barns.

Mere 263-7 (J. Iqbal 77); Heaton Mersey 203 (A. Ayre 130).

Tranmere Vics 132; Birkenhead Park 136-1

Weaverham 211 (W Cornwall 53, G. Emmett 4-19); Oulton Park 212-3 (L. Bentley 94no).

Upton 316-7 (A Roberts 111, T. Marsland 56); Davenham 201-7 (J Loveridge 55).

Runcorn 190 (R Cherian 3-23); Northwich 193-3 (L Evans 81, R. Cherian 57).

Warrington walk over v Bunbury

Birkenhead St. Mary's 199-9 (S. Bliss 4-25); Middlewich 202-9.

Widnes 201; Port Sunlight 185.

Cheadle Hulme v Sale: result not in.

To be played on Sunday, May 12: Caldby v Parkfield Liscard; Rode Park & Lawton v Ashton on Mersey.

DRAW for round 3 (Sunday, May 28, 1.30 p.m.):

Oulton Park v Northwich; Wallasey v Oxton; Brooklands v Widnes; Warrington v Birkenhead Park; Stockport v Didsbury; Chester Boughton Hall (holders) v Rode Park or Ashton on Mersey; Hyde v Marple; Caldby or Parkfield v Toft; Cheadle Hulme or Sale v Alderley Edge; Middlewich v Neston; Nantwich v Mere; Macclesfield v Bowdon; Cheadle v New Brighton; Elworth v Grappenhall; Upton v Congleton; Urmston v Timperley.

O Information provided by Cheshire Cup organiser Rick Davis.

Over 40s start on Wednesday

OPENING fixtures in the **Over 40s section** on Wednesday, May 8 (6.15 pm.) are:

WEST group: Irby v Upton; Oxton v Neston; Tattenhall Wreckers v Caldy. Open: Chester Boughton Hall.

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

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

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

RedInsure T20 begins on May 14

FIRST game in the new-style RedInsureT20 is on Tuesday, May 14. Almost all others will be on Thursdays. These are the first fixtures (6 p.m. starts):

GROUP 2: Tuesday, May 14: Bredbury St. Mark's v Cheadle. Hyde open week..

GROUP 4: Thursday, May 16: Macclesfield v Bramhall; Bollington v Toft.

GROUP 6: Thursday, May 16: Widnes v Irby; Alvanley v Oxton.

GROUP 8: Thursday, May 16: Urmston v Cheadle Hulme; Didsbury v Stockport.

Other groups begin on Thursday, May 23

Umpires' appointments will be notified by Jon Hacking.

Cheshire 60s lose first game

WINNERS of the **National Spitfire 60 Plus county championship** for the past three seasons, Cheshire made a losing start to the 2013 campaign with a five wickets defeat to Yorkshire at Acomb on Tuesday, April 30. Scores: Cheshire 190-6 (45 overs: Nick Sharp 41); Yorkshire 193-5 (44.1 overs: Chris Lees 3-26). Cheshire are next in action against old rivals Derbyshire at Chester Boughton Hall on Tuesday, May 7 (1 p.m.).

CHESHIRE Over 50s play a friendly against Staffordshire on Wednesday, May 8, followed by their first ECB County championship game against Lancashire at Timperley on Wednesday, May 15 (1.30 p.m.).

Handbook corrections & amendments

PLEASE make the following further corrections to your copy of the 2013 League Handbook

PAGE 6: E-mail address of Cheshire Cricket Board secretary David Sharp is: david.sharp@cheshirecricketboard.co.uk

PAGES 132- 133: Cheadle Hulme 4th XI Sunday captain is now Howard Read. For personal details see CWO and Juniors organiser, but new e-mail is: h.g.read13@gmail.com. For all Juniors officers see details in Junior handbook.

PAGE 137: New mobile tel. for Grappenhall captain Richard Green is 07792 357 637.

PAGE 146: New e-mail address for chairman Mark Cashin: mark.cashin@bopenworld.com

PAGE 154: Black 5 Books advertisement: Fourth line under Railway & Cricket Specialists to read: Children's, History, Literature, Military, Maritime

PAGE 176: Add to Umpires panel: DAVID TATE: 01625 872 868 (h); 07779 776 850 (m). e-mail: david.tate74@btinternet.com

PAGE 196: Overseas Investment Properties advertisement: e-mail should read: ken@simpsonoverseas.com

O Correct e-mail address of 2nd XI Results secretary Brian Boys on the yellow result sheet is: brian@mvirtual.net
Brian is no longer available by fax.

O Any further amendments should be notified to the Editor.

ALASTAIR DAVIES' UMPIRES QUIZ

LAST WEEK'S POSER: The batsmen have completed one run when the ball, thrown to the wicket-keeper, hits the batsman on the head. He then leaves his ground in clear distress. There is an appeal ... what would you expect the umpire's decision to be?

ANSWER: The batsman, having made his ground, is protected if he then leaves it in order to avoid injury or because of injury. . The decision should be Not out (Law 38.2 (a))

THIS WEEK: The striker is standing on the popping crease. He misses a fair delivery and the ball strikes the helmet of the wicket-keeper standing up. The ball rebounds directly on to the stumps. The striker has not moved. There is an appeal. If you were umpiring how would you react?

FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY, MAY 11

ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v BOWDON
DIDSBURY v MARPLE
GRAPPENHALL v NANTWICH
MACCLESFIELD v TOFT
NESTON v ALDERLEY EDGE
OXTON v HYDE

Barrie Burns & Ankit Jain
Dion Kelly & Geoff Wellstead
Trevor Burnett & Jim Whitehead
Neville Kent & Ged Kinsey
Chris Smith & Gary Zimmer
Phil Prince & Steve Walton

First Division (1 p.m.)

BRAMHALL v URMSTON
CHEADLE v WIDNES
CHRISTLETON v BROOKLANDS
HEATON MERSEY v SALE
MIDDLEWICH v CHEADLE HULME
OULTON PARK v BREDBURY ST. MARK'S

Ken Rothwell & David Stoter
Howard Briggs & Ian Drury
Clive Rice & David Williams
Wyn Harris & Martin Howe
Neville Abberley & Steve Kirkbright
Brian Jones & Ken Simpson

Second Division (1 p.m.)

ALVANLEY v TIMPERLEY
CONGLETON v BOLLINGTON
IRBY v WEAVERHAM
POYNTON v DAVENHAM
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS v WARRINGTON
TATTENHALL v STOCKPORT

Alastair Davies & John Lowe
Stan Davies & Graham Harris
Jon Hacking & Martin Roberts
Glyn Roberts & Tom Spencer
David Gane & John Lofthouse
Ray Prescott & Mark Turner

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

ALDERLEY EDGE v NESTON
HYDE v MIDDLEWICH
NANTWICH v GRAPPENHALL
SALE v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL
TOFT v MACCLESFIELD
URMSTON v DIDSBURY

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Kitz has Last Word...

NEWSLETTER has this week been permitted to 'eavesdrop' on an email sent by Bramhall's experienced coach and Minor Counties fast bowler Rupert Kitzinger to Sale captain Rick Halkon after his team's eight wickets win against Sale at Georges Road on Saturday.

Rupert mailed: "I thought the sportsmanship of both sides was excellent and great credit is due to your team for playing in such a generous spirit, despite the way the game went. I am often disheartened on Saturday afternoons by the aggression and mouthiness of some opponents, but the Sale players reaffirmed to me that there are teams out there still playing the game as it should be played. Let more of us try and achieve this".