



2013 SEASON: OCTOBER DINNER NEWSLETTER

Full house to hear Ramps speak at League Dinner

THE highest attendance on record at any of the League's 39 annual Presentation Dinners was entertained by former England batsman Mark Ramprakesh at The Mere on Friday, October 4, after the scheduled A-list speaker Alec Stewart pulled out 48 hours earlier.

The one-time England wicket-keeper was unable to make the trip as his wife had been rushed to hospital for an emergency operation. Rob Sproston got to work on his agency list and came up with an attractive late stand-in.

Introduced as 'Ramps', the scorer of 114 first class centuries, with 52 England caps and awarded the MBE in 2012, the former Middlesex and Surrey batsman proved to be an engaging personality.

He told his audience of 353 sponsors, guests, players and officials stories about cricket at home and abroad and – equally engagingly - from the world of the dance floor when he won the BBC tv's 'Strictly Come Dancing' award before 11M viewers in 2007. This, he admitted, had added a new phase to his career. "When I got 40 out of 40 from the judges for my salsa to win the final dance-off, it was like scoring a ton for England", he said, adding that he had been goaded to equal the feat of his Yorkshire buddy, Darren Gough, a year earlier.

Ramps, 44 also talked about his work as a Level 4 coach with the England Lions squad with whom had been enjoying a session at Loughborough University that day. "Be assured", he said, "these young men have been hand-picked from the counties and are being carefully nurtured . The ECB have gathered a talented squad and I have no doubt that there are future England cricketers among them".

Chester skipper speaks out

Chester Boughton Hall captain Steve Ogilby was presented with the ECB Premier League Trophy (and new flag) by James Wright, Director of the League's new principal sponsors, Vivio.

Responding, the Chester skipper said his club had had to wait a long time to finish top of the table. "We last did it in the club's Liverpool Competition days back in 1994. We have been in the Cheshire County League since 1998 so this is a first. Perhaps we have Nantwich's Andy Newton to thank for that 'rallying-cry' here last year, but whatever, we have played some positive cricket with a winning mentality. Neston ran us all the way and I'm sure they will come hard at us again next year".

The Chester skipper had a friendly dig at umpires: "I keep getting calls from Disciplinary chairman Ian Greensmith urging us should smarten up our act. But I've told him the umpires just don't understand us. After all, I'm Irish and four of my players are from Birkenhead!"

He also claimed to have a young team , pointing out that only Alex Kegg had been alive when Mike Talbot-Butler brought out his first League handbook in 1975.

James Wright also presented a prize to Didsbury for the best photograph of the new VIVIO banner displayed on any ground.

A toast to the League was proposed by Timperley chairman Adam Horan who stressed the importance of members rallying round their clubs and offering services for key tasks. "My club and yours don't run themselves", he said. "so why not stick up your hand and offer to serve on a committee or volunteer for a task . Don't leave it to the faithful few".

Sponsors praised

Master of Ceremonies Sproston thanked sponsors Vivio, RedInsure, Canterbury of New Zealand, TailorMade Group, Readers and Delmar Press for their outstanding support.

He introduced guests John Pickup, Tony Percival and Derrick Hastings (County Club), Peter Davies (Cheshire Board and TACS Cheshire League). Graham Coull (TACS Cheshire League) and Jim Rafferty (Cheshire Alliance).

Mr. Sproston remarked on the fine work done by the League officers and congratulated Competition Secretary Mike Talbot-Butler on his award of the BEM in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to cricket administration in the county.

O Many hours' work was put in tracing, cleaning and engraving a glittering array of prizes lined up on the stage by Secretary Geoff Wellsted, prior to their presentation by League president Ian Brown. Also on show was the Minor Counties championship shield and flag won by the Cheshire team, many of whose players were present.

Players of Year voting figures

CHESTER Boughton Hall batsman **WARREN GOODWIN** won the ECB Premier League Player of the Year award – the Keith Belfield Memorial Trophy –for the third time, having done so previously in 2009 and 2010.

All 12 clubs submitted votes and Goodwin, who passed 1,000 runs for the fourth time in five seasons as well as scoring 565 runs for the triumphant Cheshire Minor Counties team also topped the bowling averages. He led the poll with 69 out of 133 votes cast, which was more than 55 per cent of the total. Runner-up was Neston newcomer Will Evans with 18 votes. Significantly, Overseas players gained only four votes and county contracted players two. This is how the voting went (one club lodged 12 votes):

69 – Goodwin (Chester)
18 – Will Evans (Neston)
8 – James Duffy (Hyde)
7 – Simon Normanton (Didsbury)
6 – cJordan Clark (Chester)
5 – Andy Clarke (Neston)
3 – oJosh McClelland (Grappenhall), Jason Whittaker (Alderley Edge)
2 – Andy Greasley (Marple), cLiam Livingstone (Nantwich); Jon Steele (Alderley Edge)
1 – Nick Anderson (Didsbury), Lee Dixon (Chester), oGayan Fernando (Oxton), oJosh Hancock (Toft), James Hawley (Didsbury), oNick Ross (Macclesfield), Adam Roylance (Grappenhall), Mark Warnes (Alderley Edge).

AARON AYRE, Heaton Mersey's 20 year-old Aussie wicket-keeper/batsman won the First Division award, the Mark Alcroft Trophy, at the first time of asking, also polling double those of his nearest rival.

Ayre, who scored more runs (1,121) than any other league batsman and also claimed 29 wicket-keeping victims, gained 40 votes, 22 more than runner-up Iroshan De Silva of Christleton, one of the league's top all-rounders.

All 12 clubs cast their votes, one offering only eight nominations, another six votes and a third two votes, giving a total of 115.

Overseas players received a total of 60 votes. The polling resulted

40 – oAyre (Heaton Mersey)
18 – Iroshan De Silva (Christleton)
16 – Rick Moore (Oulton Park)
13 – Rupes Kitzinger (Bramhall)
8 – oKris Nissan (Cheadle Hulme), oCalvin Flowers (Sale)
4 – oMatt Begbie (Bramhall)
2 – Simon Wilkinson (Bramhall)
1 – Lou Bentley; Martyn East (both Oulton Park), Tyrone Lawrence (Sale); Rana Malook (Cheadle Hulme), orIfti Naseer (Christleton); Chris Watson (Urmston). (or = ordinarily resident).

TWO outstanding Overseas players dominated voting for the Second Division's Mike Talbot-Butler Statuette

Eleven clubs returned their polling papers, only Stockport failing to do so. This provided a total of 121 votes, of which Weaverham's Antiguan all-rounder **WILDEN CORNWALL** mustered 45. Newcomer Cornwall scored 804 runs and took 67 wickets. Runner-up with 33 votes was Warrington's Australian fast bowler Kyle Adams, who took a League record 93 wickets. This is how the voting (91 to Overseas players) went:

45 – oCornwall (Weaverham)
33 – oK.Adams (Warrington)
8 – Ollie Thompson (Tattenhall)
6 – Pat Ashling (Timperley); oJosh Manning (Stockport); Kevin Waterhouse (Congleton);
4 – Chris Page (Timperley)
3 – oJerrym Lamb (Congleton)
2 – Mike Green (Stockport); oDan Power (Tattenhall)
1 – Andy Bennion (Alvanley); Adam Browe (Congleton); oJohan Loubser (Davenham); oMatt Macquet (Timperley); Steve Woods (Weaverham); O. Wilkinson (Tattenhall).

Matt Parkinson is Young Player of Year

HONOURED recently by the Lancashire County Club, Urmston leg-spinner **MATTHEW PARKINSON** was rewarded for a fine maiden season in Urmston's 1st XI I by winning the John North Young Player of the Year Trophy at the Presentation Dinner. Matthew, who won the Red Rose club's Cedric Rhoades Trophy as the most promising player under 19 at Old Trafford, received the John North award for his outstanding work helping Urmston gain promotion from the First Division.

He finished seventh in the divisional bowling averages with figures of 226 overs, 48 maidens; 846 runs and 48 wickets at an average of 17.63. He took five wickets twice and his best analysis was 7-77 versus Brooklands.

10-FOR BOWLERS REWARDED

TWO bowlers who took all 10 wickets in games during the last four weeks of the season, received separate Performance of the Month awards donated by Canterbury of New Zealand, at the Dinner.

Recently relegated from the league, Bollington's **SYED KHAN** had figures of 15.4 – 4 – 40 – 10 in a Second Division game which his side won by 46 runs at home to Warrington on August 24. These were the best figures ever produced in a 1st XI match.

Then, on the final day of the season, **ALEXANDER** (call me A.J.) **HART** had a return of 12.3 – 2 – 43 – 10 for Brooklands at Widnes, who went on to win by 18 runs.

Ankit Jain is Umpire of Year

WINNER of the Terry Hill Memorial Trophy for the Umpire of the Year is **ANKIT JAIN**, who received his award from Umpires & Scorers Association chairman Ian Greensmith at the Dinner.

Mr. Greensmith said of the fourth recipient of the award (following Trevor Burnett, Neville Kent and Dion Kelly): "Ankit was promoted to the County League panel from the Meller Braggins League in 2013 under the Cheshire Promotion Scheme and did extremely well, umpiring a number of premiership matches with distinction. He was also chosen to stand in an ECB under 17 two-day game. He is now taking his Level 2 exams".

Ankit, 34, who originally hails from Mumbai in India, works as a fraud analyst at Chester and formerly played for Marchweil in the North Wales League. He still enjoys playing in the Chester Mid-Week League.

Clubs praised for supporting Dinner

LEAGUE Dinner organiser John Bygate has praised the excellent turn out of clubs at Friday's 39th annual event.

He said: "We managed to get 35 out of 36 full members there, with Macclesfield disappointingly crying off at late notice. They will have to put £90 into the kitty".

John added: "It was a squeeze to get more than 350 people in the space allocated as there was a wedding reception also booked at Mere on Friday evening. I thank all those people who generously donated prizes for the raffle, which helped us meet part of the expense of the event.

"It was a pity our top man Alec Stewart was not available, but a first-class stand in was obtained by Rob Sproston on Thursday and I hope that the other revamps we introduced will make people want to come again next year for our 40th."

NESTON ARE MOST IMPROVED CLUB

NESTON won the prestigious Henderson Rose Bowl as the League's Most Improved Club, with Timperley and Tattenhall mentioned in despatches.

Neston rocketed up to win the Aggregate table, while their 1st XI was pipped for both the Premiership and RedInsure T20 titles; the 2nd and 3rd XIs both carried off their respective championships and the Forties were play-off finalists, to indicate strength in depth.

While the second ground at Parkgate now has a fine new pavilion, the main ground again figures highly in the pitch and outfield tables thanks to the good work of Graham Scurr and it continues to stage Lancashire 2nd XI games.

Neston's junior section continues to thrive and they are one of the few - if not only - remaining clubs in the league who produce a match day programme, for which Mark Garrett and Ritchie Palmer merit great praise.

Reminder of final tables

(figures in parentheses are 2012 placings)

ECB PREMIER	W (25)	T (16)	WD (3)	RD (2)	LD (1)	C/AB (7)	L	Bat	Bowl	Total pts
1. CHESTER BO. HALL (3)	15	0	2	1	0	0	4	32	21	436
2. *NESTON (9)	15	0	2	1	1	0	3	26	22	424
3. HYDE (2)	12	0	1	2	4	0	3	46	26	383
4. ALDERLEY EDGE (7)	11	0	1	0	2	1	7	31	23	341
5. OXTON (6)	10	0	0	1	1	0	10	35	31	319
6. GRAPPENHALL (-)	8	0	2	2	0	0	10	79	24	313
7. BOWDON (-)	8	0	1	2	0	0	11	56	35	298
8. TOFT (10)	8	0	1	0	1	2	10	51	25	294
9. NANTWICH (1)	8	0	2	0	1	1	10	50	30	294
10. MARPLE (5)	5	0	2	1	1	0	13	63	36	233
11. DIDSBURY (8)	5	0	0	1	1	0	15	65	37	230
12. MACCLESFIELD (4)	4	0	1	0	3	1	13	71	33	217

* Neston 8 points deducted for slow over rate.

Champions: CHESTER; runners-up: NESTON Relegated to Division 1: DIDSBURY & MACCLESFIELD.

DIVISION 1

1. BRAMHALL (3)	15	1	1	1	1	0	3	33	20	450
2. URMSTON (-)	15	1	0	0	1	0	5	31	10	433
3. CHEADLE HULME (8)	13	0	2	0	2	0	5	38	27	398
4. OULTON PARK (4)	8	0	2	2	3	0	7	61	41	315
5. WIDNES (-)	9	0	2	0	0	0	11	55	27	313
6. SALE (7)	7	2	4	1	0	0	8	69	21	311
7. CHEADLE (-)	8	0	3	1	2	0	8	52	40	305
8. CHRISTLETON (5)	7	0	4	0	2	0	9	78	34	301
9. BROOKLANDS (10)	9	0	1	0	2	0	10	36	32	298
10. MIDDLEWICH (-)	6	0	1	0	5	0	10	37	39	234
11. BREDBURY ST. MK. (6)	4	0	0	0	4	1	13	62	31	204
12. HEATON MERSEY (9)	3	0	3	0	1	0	15	56	51	192

Champions: and promoted to Premier League: BRAMHALL; runners-up and promoted: URMSTON. Relegated to Division 2: HEATON MERSEY & BREDBURY ST. MARK'S.

DIVISION 2

1. TIMPERLEY (6)	18	0	1	0	1	0	2	10	15	479
2. DAVENHAM (-)	12	0	4	0	1	0	5	51	31	395
3. STOCKPORT (7)	13	1	1	0	0	1	6	22	14	387
4. TATTENHALL (10)	13	0	1	0	1	0	7	28	21	378
5. WARRINGTON (4)	12	0	1	0	3	0	6	21	29	356
6. CONGLETON (5)	11	0	2	0	0	0	9	37	27	345
7. POYNTON (3)	10	1	1	1	1	0	8	41	31	344
8. WEAVERHAM (-)	9	0	2	0	3	0	8	54	31	319
9. IRBY (-)	6	0	0	1	2	0	13	56	31	241
10. ALVANLEY (9)	4	0	0	1	1	0	16	58	33	194
11. BOLLINGTON (-)	3	0	2	0	2	0	15	52	40	175
12. STOCKPORT GEO. (8)	1	1	2	0	1	0	17	65	42	155

Champions and promoted to Division 1: TIMPERLEY; runners-up and promoted: DAVENHAM.

Relegated to TACS Cheshire League: STOCKPORT GEORGIANS & BOLLINGTON

Promotion slot goes to Northwich

THE TACS-sponsored Cheshire Cricket League have promoted Northwich, originally placed third, alongside champions Upton to join the County League in 2014.

This results from a meeting of the league management committee on September 26 which overturned an original decision by the executive to deduct only 12 points from Mobberley's record for fielding player Matthew Cornish whom they considered 'not fully registered' in seven games.

A motion was approved by 18 votes to 11 with five abstentions and two clubs missing, that player Cornish was ineligible to play in the seven matches for Mobberley and the club were deducted a total of 170 points. This effectively dropped them from second place to seventh and earned Northwich the runners-up position and second promotion slot. Mobberley were also fined £150.

Relegated from the County League in 2012, Upton return at the first time of asking as champions.

REVISED FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	AB	L	PTS. DEDUCTED	TOTAL PTS.
1. UPTON	22	14	6	0	2	0	438 champions & promoted
2. NORTHWICH	22	14	3	0	5	0	428 runners-up and promoted
3. ROMILEY	22	10	6	1	5	7	365
4. MALPAS	22	12	3	1	6	0	343
5. ASHTON on MERSEY	22	9	7	0	6	0	334
6. HALE BARNES	22	7	4	2	9	10	315
7. MOBBERLEY	22	16	1	0	5	174	276
8. OAKMERE	22	7	3	0	12	0	275
9. CHESTER CO. OFF.	22	6	4	0	12	0	267
10. RUNCORN.	22	5	6	0	11	0	258
11. PRESTBURY	22	2	4	0	16	0	194
12. WINNINGTON PARK	22	3	0	14	16	0	188 relegated

Only Winnington Park are relegated as Division 2 champions Mere do not have Clubmark and cannot be promoted. Runners-up Lindow are promoted.

Alderley Park and The Groves lose their places in the league and drop into the Cheshire Alliance, being replaced by Wilmslow Wayfarers and Haslington.. .

BACK AFTER 17 YEARS

Founder members of the County League in 1975, Northwich were voted out in 1996 after a long period of problems with the quality of their square at Vicarage road. They were eventually obliged to play in the Cheshire Alliance and have won a series of promotions through the Alliance and Cheshire League to return to the top level in the pyramid..

They now play at Moss Farm and their pitch and facilities were viewed by a County League inspection team in August and approved for potential promotion.

Club captain at Northwich is former Alderley Edge all-rounder Mark Walker who commented: "Some might say we're going up by default, but I would dispute that. It's not about being lucky or making the most of someone else's misfortune, but about what's right. The player was plainly not eligible. We are just enjoying this moment before turning our attention to next season".

Upton retain Under 17 Trophy

UPTON beat Prestbury by four runs to retain the **John North Under 17 Trophy** in a thrilling final at Greasby on Sunday, September 22, which went to the last ball. .

Upton scored 158-5 in their 20 overs, Tim Hughes 40 and Prestbury replied with 154-7, Harry Blackwell 41, Will Hodgson 40, Ryan Wynne 2-36.

Umpires Jon Hacking & Barrie Burns named Prestbury's Hodgson as man of the match after which Upton President Harry Sharrock presented the trophy, remarking that the future of Cheshire cricket was bright with such talented young men playing for teams outside the top three divisions of the pyramid.

Semi-final results: Upton 135-3 (H. Cross 42, T. Hughes 31) Haslington 95-9 (L Sundve 3-19).

Neston 134 (D. Williams 43, T. Scott 3-19) Prestbury 136-3 (A. Phillips 43, W. Hodgson 38 not out).

Neston win new Scrimgeour Aggregate Bowl

STRUGGLING in 26th place in 2012, **NESTON** rose to top the Aggregate table to win the newly-named Sandy Scrimgeour Bowl at Friday's Dinner.

The presentation was performed by his widow Elise, who told her audience that she was delighted the League had marked Sandy's memory with such a splendid trophy and she was proud his work would be commemorated in this way.

The Aggregate table is a combination of all league points gained by 1st and 2nd XIs, Neston finishing runners-up in the ECB Premier League with 424 points and winning the 2nd XI Premiership with 410, totalling 834 points. This was 22 more than runners-up Chester Boughton Hall (13th in 2012) who finished first and fourth respectively in the two tables. Other major improvements were made by Timperley, up from 28th to third equal, Tattenhall, 32nd to fifth, Stockport 23rd to eighth and Urmston 25th to 11th.

FINAL PLACINGS

CLUB	1st XI	2nd XI	TOTAL	2012 POSITION & POINTS	
1. NESTON	424	410	834	26th	475
2. CHESTER BO. HALL	436	376	812	13th	370
3= CHEADLE	305	483	788	14th	563
3= TIMPERLEY	479 (<i>record</i>)	309	788	28th	463
5 TATTENHALL	378	408	786	32nd	429
6 HYDE	383	391	774	8th	647
7 DAVENHAM	395	349	747	-	-
8 STOCKPORT	387	339	726	23rd	489
9 GRAPPENHALL	313	406	719	2nd	695
10. ALDERLEY EDGE	341	370	711	16 th	544
11 URMSTON	433	261	694	25th	483
12 CHEADLE HULME	398	288	686	18th	532
13 BRAMHALL	450	233	683	22nd	506
14 BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	202	462	664	15th	555
15 WARRINGTON	356	307	663	7th	658
16 TOFT	294	338	632	12th	578
17= BROOKLANDS	298	327	625	29th	551
17= MARPLE	233	392	625	10th	562
19 CONGLETON	345	268	613	3rd	688
20 OXTON	319	283	601	4th	670
21 HEATON MERSEY	192	401	593	21st	507
22 BOWDON	298	286	584	5th	667
23 NANTWICH	294	279	573	17th	544
24 DIDSBURY	230	333	563	11th	562
25. CHRISTLETON	301	254	555	24th	487
26 WIDNES	313	225	538	34th	379
27. STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	155	366	527	31st	436
28 POYNTON	344	180	524	10th	666
29. WEAVERHAM	319	176	495	-	-
30 MIDDLEWICH	234	250	484	1st	721
31. MACCLESFIELD	217	261	478	19th	581
32. BOLLINGTON	175	292	467	33rd	391
33 ALVANLEY	194	272	466	36th	367
34. OULTON PARK	315	139	454	27th	464
35. IRBY	241	203	444	20th	522
36. SALE	311	113	424	9th	643

Fair play award shared by demoted clubs

FOR the first time, there have been joint winners in the Fair Play table, with the two clubs demoted from the First Division - **BREDBURY ST. MARK'S** and **HEATON MERSEY** - sharing the Eddie Howard Memorial Shield.

Coordinator John Lofthouse comments: "Hats off to the respective captains Paul Wood and Bobby Sachar, who managed blemish-free seasons. It is a notable effort by these clubs, diminishing the popular belief that behaviour degenerates as teams struggle on the field".

John adds a warning: "The trend for Premier League clubs to figure at foot of the table continues, with four in the bottom six. It should be noted that these stats are passed to the ECB and there will be disappointment expressed by those who control the game – and contribute financially to helping Premier league clubs."

HOW THEY 'FAIRED'

1 =	mark averaged 4.00	- Bredbury St. Mark's, Heaton Mersey
3 =	3.98	- Cheadle Hulme, Christleton, Oulton Park
6.	3.93	- Hyde
7.	3.91	- Poynton
8.	3.88	- Bramhall
9=	3.86	- Tattenhall, Urmston
11=	3.84	- Sale, Stockport
13.	3.83	- Macclesfield
14=	3.82	- Bowdon, Brooklands, Cheadle, Irby, Stockport Georgians
19=	3.80	- Alderley Edge, Marple, Middlewich
22.	3.77	- Grappenhall
23.	3.76	- Toft
24.	3.75	- Warrington
15.	3.71	- Congleton
26=	3.68	- Alvanley, Neston, Weaverham, Widnes
30.	3.66	- Bollington
31.	3.59	- Chester Boughton Hall
32=	3.57	- Davenham, Didsbury
34.	32.48	- Timperley
35.	3.41	- Nantwich
36.	3.35	- Oxton

Trio have top pitches

THE end of season stats drawn up by Grounds chairman John Bygate from umpires' reports again indicate the high standard attained by groundsmen in 2013, when they were helped by fine weather.

The ECB Premier League's top-rated pitch was at Grappenhall, where an average mark of 18.27 (maximum 20) was attained, followed jointly by Chester and Neston, both 17.81 and Oxton, 17.44. At the foot of the table were Premier League trio Alderley Edge, 16.27, Bowdon, 15.90 and Marple, 15.20.

Christleton gained an average of 19.36 points in Division One, the best in the league, followed by Urmston 17.82 and Oulton Park 17.60. At the bottom were Cheadle Hulme 15.82 and Brooklands 15.73.

Best pitch in Division Two was at Stockport, with an average of 18, followed by Tattenhall, 17.73 and Irby, 17.50. New clubs Weaverham and Davenham both finished below the halfway mark with 16.18 and 14.91 respectively.

The best outfield in the Premier Division was at Oxton, 19.67. The bottom mark strangely went to pitch leaders Grappenhall, 17.73, who had major drainage problems.

In Division One, Christleton gained a maximum mark of 20 with faultless reports from all 11 games. The lowest went to Brooklands, 16.91

In Division Two the best outfield was at Tattenhall, 19.64 and the least impressive at Bollington, 16.28. Full tables have been compiled by John Bygate and will be e-mailed to all clubs.

LEADING AVERAGES

& OTHER STATS (*o* = overseas player; *c* = county contracted player)

Premier League batting

	Inns.	no	Hst	Total	Avg.	50s	100s	strike rate
J. Duffy (Hyde)	21	6	116no	1,011	67.40	7	3	75.3
J. Clark (Chester Bo. Hall)	18	4	106no	835	59.64	5	1	89.1
W. Goodwin (Chester Bo. Hall)	22	3	164no	1,093	57.33	8	2	85.3
L. Camden (Neston)	20	7	82no	744	57.23	8	0	67.5
o J. Hancock (Toft)	20	3	113no	918	54.00	7	3	60

Premier League bowling

	O	M	R	Wkts	Avg.	5 wkts.	BB	runspover
W. Goodwin (Chester Bo. Hall)	136	26	437	32	13.66	0	4-13	3.2
c S. Choudhry (Oxton)	179	28	522	35	14.91	4	6-40	2.9
M. Evans (Oxton)	226	53	780	46	16.96	3	6-32	3.4
J Whittaker (Alderley Edge)	336	82	1,022	60	17.03	4	7-38	3.0
oG. Fernando (Oxton)	332	68	1,079	62	17.40	4	7-70	3.2

MOST RUNS: Warren Goodwin (CBH) 1,093; **HIGHEST INNINGS:** Goodwin 164no v Macclesfield;

MOST CENTURIES: James Duffy (Hyde) and oJOSH HANCOCK (Toft) both 3; **FASTEST CENTURY:** Rob Cook-Sievwright (Nantwich) 65 balls v Alderley Edge; **TOTAL CENTURIES:** 36 (record); **HIGHEST TEAM TOTAL** Grappenhall 356-7 dec. v Hyde. **LOWEST TOTAL:** Grappenhall: 58 v Neston.

MOST WICKETS: oGayan Fernando (Oxton) 62; **BEST BOWLING:** Mark Warnes (Alderley Edge) 9-49 v Marple; **MOST 6 WICKET HAULS:** Jimmy Lomas (Toft), Ollie Griffiths (Nantwich), Jason Whittaker (Alderley Edge) all 3; **HAT-TRICKS:** nil. **TOP WICKET-KEEPER:** Adam Worrall (Alderley Edge) 30c 5 st = 35 victims. **MOST OUTFIELD CATCHES:** David Hurst (Neston) 21.

First Division batting

	Inns.	no	Hst	Total	Avg.	50s	100s	strike rate
R. Moore (Oulton Park)	18	2	118*	945	59.06	3	5	72.3
oA. Ayre (Heaton Mersey)	21	0	205	1,121	53.38	7	2	105.9
I. De Silva (Christleton)	22	3	100	927	48.79	8	1	59
oM. Begbie (Bramhall)	22	7	72	690	46.00	8	0	74.9
L Bentley (Oulton Park)	21	1	114	904	45.20	5	3	97.3

First Division bowling

	O	M	R	Wkts	Avg.	5wkts	BB	runspover
S. Panda (Urmston)	168	31	571	39	14.64	3	6-38	3.4
R Kitzinger (Bramhall)	259	65	754	51	14.78	2	7-57	2.9
S Wilkinson (Bramhall)	246	86	1,022	67	15.25	4	7-27	3.0
R Amin (Heaton Mersey)	156	41	462	30	15.40	1	5-63	3.0
oK Nissen (Cheadle Hulme)	322	48	1,211	70	17.30	6	6-126	3.8

MOST RUNS: oAARON AYRE (Heaton Mersey) 1,121; **HIGHEST INNINGS:** oAyre (Heaton Mersey) 205 v Cheadle Hulme; **MOST CENTURIES:** Rick Moore (Oulton Park) 5 (plus a 99); **TOTAL CENTURIES:** 30. **FASTEST CENTURY:** Joe Prince (Cheadle) 54 balls v Oulton Park; **HIGHEST TEAM TOTAL** Sale 331-8 v Bredbury (Division 1 record). **LOWEST TOTAL** Widnes 49 v Cheadle Hulme.

MOST WICKETS: oKris Nissen (Cheadle Hulme) 70; **BEST BOWLING:** Alex Hart (Brooklands) 10-43 v Widnes; **MOST 6-WICKET HAULS:** Simon Wilkinson (Bramhall) 3. **HAT-TRICKS (3):** Rashid Amir (Heaton Mersey) v Christleton; Andy Hards (Oulton Park) v Brooklands; Sulli Raja (Bredbury) v Christleton.

BEST WICKET-KEEPER: Lewis Jackson (Urmston) 29c 2 st =- 31 victims. **MOST OUTFIELD CATCHES:** Nick Cantello (Bramhall) 19.

Averages continued**Second Division batting**

	Inns.	no	Hst	Total	Avg.	50s	100s	strike rate
oJ. Manning (Stockport)	22	5	117no	802	47.18	6	1	65.1
O. Thompson (Tattenhall)	22	8	130no	898	44.90	7	1	68.4
oW. Cornwall (Weaverham)	22	3	107	804	42.32	4	2	101.7
P Ashling (Timperley)	22	4	153no	761	42.28	5	1	117.1
oJ. Lamb (Congleton)	22	2	86	813	40.65	8	0	76.8

Second Division bowling

	O	M	R	Wkts.	Avg.	5wkts	BB	runspover
C. Page (Timperley)	259	73	748	63	11.87	5	7-26	2.9
o J Loubser (Davenham)	257	71	744	56	13.29	2	7-38	2.6
I Grindley (Timperley)	212	52	586	45	13.02	4	5-26	2.8
o K. Adams (Warrington)	399	87	1,249	93rec	13.43	9	7-37	3.1
o W Cornwall (Weaverham)	256	29	902	67	13.46	5	8-63	3.5

rec= Adams' haul of 93 wickets was a League record.

MOST RUNS: Ollie Thompson (Tattenhall) 898; **HIGHEST INNINGS:** Pat Ashling (Timperley) v Stockport Georgians and Danny Williams (Poynton) v Bollington, both 153no; **MOST CENTURIES:** Wilden Cornwall (Weaverham) 2. **TOTAL CENTURIES:** 8; **HIGHEST TEAM TOTAL:** Weaverham 293-4 v Irby. **LOWEST TOTAL:** Irby 37 v Timperley. . . : **MOST WICKETS:** oKyle Adams (Warrington) 93; **MOST 6-WICKET HAULS:** oKyle Adams (Warrington) and Syed Khan (Bollington) both 3. **HAT-TRICK (1)** Chris Page (Timperley) v Stockport.

BEST WICKET-KEEPER: Pat Ashling (Timperley) 30c 4 st = 34 victims. **MOST OUTFIELD CATCHES:** Josh Manning (Stockport) 19.

2nd XI RECORDS FOR BOB EVANS

CHESTER Boughton Hall batsman Bob Evans created a new 2nd XI record in 2013 with a tally of 1,119 runs at an average of 62.17 including two centuries. It was the first time a 2nd XI batsman had topped four figures since Widnes' Tim Wearden posted 1,074 in 1998.

Bob Evans now holds the 2nd XI records for aggregate runs in a season and the highest innings compiled in all CCL cricket - 218 not out at Alderley Edge in 2010.

Key end-of-season meetings

ASHLEY have confirmed their application to join the League's Third XI Saturday Second Division next season. They are to play home games on Timperley's second ground. Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge have expressed an interest in joining the Sunday set-up.

The special end of season meeting of Third XI club representatives is at Warrington Sports Club on Wednesday, October 16 (8 p.m.). Clubs will get the opportunity to discuss the revised and widely-circulated Cricket Committee proposals to regionalise Sunday cricket in 2014 and reduce the length of matches.

OVER FORTIES section clubs are also reminded about their end of season meeting at Warrington on Wednesday, October 16 (7 pm). Alsager Dabbers will be playing home matches on Wednesdays in 2014, Timperley have confirmed their return while Ashton on Mersey have formally applied to enter and Compstall have expressed an interest. Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge have resigned.

All clubs wishing to leave or join are asked to contact the Competition Secretary prior to the meeting.

O Recommendations made at the two meetings will be formulated at the Management Committee meeting at Timperley on Wednesday, November 20, then voted upon at the Management meeting at Bowdon on Wednesday, January 22. The AGM will be held the same evening.

8-WEEK BAN FOR SIMON MARSHALL

BOWDON batsmen Simon Marshall has been suspended from all ECB-affiliated cricket for the first eight weeks of the 2014 season.

At an Appeal hearing at Warrington on September 19, Marshall was found, on the balance of probability, to have made a racist remark to an Oxton player, contrary to the League Disciplinary Code of Conduct.

The decision of the original Discipline Commission earlier in September, to impose a ban of four weeks for verbal abuse, was set aside.

The incident occurred during an ECB Premier League match between Oxton and Bowdon on Saturday, August 19.

O Formerly with Neston, Bamford Fieldhouse and Lancashire, Marshall played a key role in keeping Bowdon in the Premiership last season, finishing as their leading scorer with 994 runs at 47.33, including one century and eight other innings over 50.

'Phenomenal' century for Rob Jones

TOFT's Young England all-rounder Rob Jones was congratulated on a 'phenomenal innings' by his coaches after scoring a century against Sri Lanka in a recent game at Loughborough

The former League and Cheshire Youth Cricket Player of the Year, Rob scored 100 not out off 110 balls for England in the last game of an ODI series – which his team lost.

Rob continues at the Lancashire Academy this winter and is selected to tour abroad with England Age Group teams.

O Heaton Mersey are holding a President's Charity Balloon Race with all funds for Christie Cancer Research at The Heaton on Saturday, October 12. Balloons will be released from the sports field and supporters are requested to buy a balloon with a suggested donation of £2. Tickets can also be bought from Nicola Bennett or via <http://www/justgiving.com/thehsballoonrace>.

O Nicola is to stand down as long-serving 'Mersey secretary at the club's AGM.

September 14 ground marks

GROUND marks awarded by umpires for games played in the last week of the season on Saturday, September 14 were as follows:

ECB Premier League: Alderley Edge v Didsbury: pitch 16 outfield 18; Bowdon v Marple 13 – 18; Hyde v Macclesfield 17 – 20; Nantwich v Toft 16 – 18; Neston v Grappenhall 17 – 20; Oxton v Chester result sheet not received.

First Division: Bredbury v Bramhall 15 – 17; Brooklands v Widnes 16 – 17; Cheadle Hulme v Cheadle 17 – 19; Middlewich v Heaton Mersey 19 – 20 (Heaton Mersey had no scorer); Oulton Park v Christleton 19 – 18; Sale v Urmston 14 – 17.

Second Division: Alvanley v Irby 18 – 19; Bollington v Davenham 14 – 12; Stockport Georgians v Congleton 14 – 18 (Garry Hambleton was only umpire); Timperley v Poynton 15 – 19; Warrington v Tattenhall 15 – 19; Weaverham v Stockport 16 – 17.

ELSEWHERE IN 2013 ...

ELWORTH finished bottom and were relegated from the North Staffs & South-Cheshire League premier division.

Better news for Elworth is that hopes of raising £40,000 to purchase their ground are rising thanks to in-club fund-raising and the promise of a Town Council grant, while outstanding Pakistani professional Yasir Ali has agreed to return for a fourth season in 2014.

Leek won the NS&SCL Premiership title while Alsager were relegated from the First Division.

West Indian Cavaliers beat Ealing by six wickets in the final of the Kingfisher Beers Cup (formerly National Club knock out) at Chester le Street. Scores: Ealing 210; Cavaliers 219-4.

Other Premier League champions included

BIRMINGHAM: Shrewsbury

EAST ANGLIA: Swardeston

LEICESTERSHIRE: Kibworth

LINCOLNSHIRE: Sleaford

LIVERPOOL COMPETITION: Northern

NORTH-EAST: Stockton

NORTH WALES: Llandudno

NORTH YORKS & SOUTH DURHAM: Richmondshire

NORTHAMPTON: Peterborough Town

NOTTINGHAM: West Indian Cavaliers

SURREY CHAMPIONSHIP: Wimbledon

YORKSHIRE: York (with Cheshire captain Danny Woods taking record 91 wickets).

Boughton Hall – champions for first time



Chester Boughton Hall skipper Steve Ogilby virtually disappears behind the Vivio Cheshire County League's ECB Premier League trophy and flag which were presented by League chairman David Humpage with the sun setting on the season at Oxton on September 14.

Clubs are invited to submit news and pictures for winter issues of the Newsletter and for the 2014 edition of the League handbook (winning teams, individual awards etc.)

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Hot off press Dinner picture

***Steve Ogilby with the League championship trophy
and flag at Friday's Presentation Dinner.***

Picture by Geoff Wellsted.

