



## Hope for Didsbury after beating Hyde

WITHOUT a win since May 4, Didsbury created the surprise of the day in the **ECB Premier League** when they beat Hyde at Wilmslow Road to give themselves new hope of rising out of the relegation places.

So far untried by the Cheshire selectors, Simon Normanton was the match-winner shining with bat and ball. He top scored with 60 in Didsbury's decent tally of 213, aided by Dinindu Jayathillake, 58 and Jonny Fawcett, 46. Hyde's best bowlers were Tom Young with a quality 3-36 aided by Dan Cranmer, 4-93.

Beaten only once this season – at home to Alderley Edge on May 18 - Hyde's usually strong batting let them down and they closed at 177, their lowest all out tally of the summer, James Duffy 50, Chris Tipper 43. Off spinner Normanton again did well with 4-56, while Jibram Khan took 3-15.

Bowdon lost by five wickets at Toft and lie an uneasy 17 points ahead of Didsbury. They might have expected to do better than post 220-9 after being 183-5 when Simon Marshall was out for a classy 90, only Matt Tully, 35 of the later batsmen looking the part. Toft's Mr. Reliable Jimmy Lomas again bowled through with figures of 28-3-95-6. Toft opened with a 119-runs partnership between Aussie Jake Hancock, 61 and Lancashire Academician James Drummond, 58, but when both were out they struggled against a battery of spinners. Henry Hughes had to go off with a leg injury and he was replaced by Adam Green and the game turned as he hit out for a lusty, unbeaten 37 and in the company of his skipper Toby Drummond, led his side to their sixth win – and fourth place - by five wickets.

There was a pleasantly large audience to see a fine game played in typically lovely Toft conditions on the stylish picket-fenced, tree lined ground which can have little parallel anywhere in the country. .

### **CBH still lead by nine points**

Chester Boughton Hall retained their nine points lead over Neston on a day when the top three all won comfortably.

Chester had veteran Alex Kegg back opening the bowling against Alderley Edge at Filkins Lane, but it was leg-spinner Jack Williams (5-56) who did the main damage in dismissing the visitors for 177, Charlie Reid 54. CBH replied with 181-4, Warren Goodwin 79, Lee Dixon 59. Both received awards at the club's Summer Ball later that evening.

Neston were back to form and comfortable four wickets winners against Marple before a fine crowd and in typically ideal Parkgate conditions. A delightful innings of 99 by former Cheshire skipper Andrew Hall (he was lbw to Andy Clarke) helped Marple total 230-9, Paul Stimson producing a stoic 4-103 from 22 overs. Neston responded with 233-6, Luke Camden, with a forcing 78 and Clarke, 41 enjoying a key partnership of 94. Andy Greasley took 3-67.

Grappenhall's Brisbane-based all-rounder Josh McClelland was the star of their comfortable 126 runs home win over an Oxtan side which has gone off the boil. McClelland top-scored with 77 in Grappers' 243-8, Martyn Evans 3-74, then took 6-34 off just nine overs as Oxtan were bundled out for 117, Marc Debrabender contributing 42.

Macclesfield remain the only team in the league without a win after losing by eight wickets at home to Nantwich. Rob Porter, 45, top scored in Macc's modest 149, seam duo Ollie Griffiths taking 5-21 and Jimmy Warrington, 5-64. Jonny Kettle, 55 not out and Liam Livingstone, 48 then saw Nantwich through to victory at 150-2 in just 29 overs.

### ***Triple century record for ex-Widnes batsman***

INDIAN-born batsman Samridh Agarwal, who did his best to keep Widnes in the Premier League last season with 306 runs in 10 games, topped that total with a Varsity record innings of 313 not out for Oxford against Cambridge at Fenners last week.

Queens College undergraduate Agarwal, 22, with another Widnes player, local lad Ben Williams, alongside him, became the first Varsity batsman to score a triple century, batting for seven hours to help compile a total of 550-7, enough to win by an innings.

Also in the Oxford team helping Sam in a partnership of 194, were former Cheadle Hulme Schoolboy Matt Winter and John Marsden, a King's Macclesfield old boy.

Says Widnes League rep. Steve Duckers: "We could do with Sam and Ben just now to help us back into the premiership, but neither is available this season".

**QUERY:** Is 313 the highest first class – or any other class - innings ever played by a past or present batsman who has appeared in the Cheshire County League? Answers by e-mail, please

**DIVISION 1**

## **Whatever happened to Oulton Park?**

OULTON Park's normally strong batting line-up caved in against Urmston in their **First Division game** at Little Budworth when they were bowled out for 65 in a 10 wickets defeat, six players failing to score

Zeephan Assi and Cheshire's Adam Syddall were their destroyers with 6-21 and 4-10 respectively, only Martyn East, 34, getting into his stride. The duck collectors, several of them normally heavy scorers, were Rick Moore, Nick James, Craig Douglas, Craig Williamson, Mark Johnson and Andy Hards

Urmston replied with 67-0, Calum Turner racing to 53 in 8.4 overs.

With seven victories and a tie in their last eight outings, Urmston lie only 24 points behind leaders Bramhall, who lost at home to neighbours Cheadle Hulme by one wicket in a tight finish. Matt Jamieson, 65 and Nick Cantello, 51 helped Bramhall reach 187, Ewan McCray 4-44. Cheadle Hulme replied with 188-9 to continue their recent upsurge. Aussie Kris Nissen, who had taken 3-53 before tea, top scored with 73. 'Hulme lost their eighth and ninth wickets with the scores level, then their last pair survived a near run out to scamper the winning single

### ***Cheadle move up***

Brooklands' challenge slipped when they lost by four wickets in another tight finish, at Cheadle. Prolific South African batsman John Grewar top-scored with 82 in Brooklands' 195-8 after which Cheadle edged home and moved up several places in the table reaching 196-6 in the last over. Marcus Fisher, 76 and Joe Prince, 68 added a crucial 98 for the second wicket.

Yet another tense finale was Chistleton v Middlewich, which ended in a 14-8 draw favouring the Little Heath men. Batting first, Chistleton's Ben Patterson hit 64 out of 203, Tom Shepherd 5-64. Middlewich were 175-3 then 181-7, closing on 196-7, with Steve Parry 57, Jamie Williams 53, James Cornford 40. Iroshan De Silva took 6-34 to deny the Wichers victory. .

Umpires Brian Jones and John Lowe report that they marked groundsman Brian Wareing's facilities 20-20. Said Jones: "I was a member at Leicestershire in the 1990s, but can never remember seeing Grace Road in such first-class condition. It was a credit to Brian and his staff and the League".

Heaton Mersey dominated their home game against Bredbury St. Mark's before having to be content with a 15 – 7 draw. Aaron Ayre, 65 and James Williamson 51 led the way in 'Mersey's 248-5, Bredbury later holding out at 211-9, Chris Wood, 81 and Peter Zybrands, 73 enjoying a stand of 129 for the fourth wicket. Amir Rashid bowled well to return 4-54.

Erratic Widnes had one of their better days against Sale at Beaconsfield road, winning a high-scoring game by six wickets. Sale totalled 204, Danny Moore 4-18 and Widnes replied with 208-4 led by Aussie Alex Graham, 94 not out .

**DIVISION 2**

## **Timperley fend off rivals**

TIMPERLEY held off a strong challenge by **Second Division** title rivals Congleton to win a key game by 23 runs at Booth Street. They now lead by 60 points and remain the only unbeaten team in the League.

Colin Grindley led the way with 85 and number 9 batsman Chris Page a crucial 33 as Timperley closed on 195-9, Paul Beaumont 3-19, Jerrym Lamb 3-35. Congleton conceded 33 extras which was to prove more than their margin of their defeat several hours later after they had been bowled out for 172. Adam Browe top-scored with 79, while Dace Ashling claimed 3-31 and Matt Macquet 3-24.

At the other end of the table, Bollington lost by nine wickets at Stockport and need to show a marked improvement to save their status. They were all out for 107, Mark Eley 4-20 and Stockport had the match won in 23 overs at 108-4, A. Hope 39 not out.

### ***Key win for Irby***

Stockport Georgians accompany Bolly in the current relegation zone after losing by three wickets at Irby. Georgians totalled 206, Mark Johnson 64, Ifti Hussain 55, but Irby topped that at 209-7, A Williams 80, John Leggett 4-92.

Poynton ended a bad patch with an impressive five wickets home win over Warrington after their visitors had posted 195-6, Chris Kirby 54, Damien Stringer 3-50 off 21 accurate overs. Tom Berzins, 57 and Chris Oake, 46, both unbeaten, saw Jimmy Williams' team home at 196-5 with six balls left.

Davenham edged into the top half with a two wickets win at Alvanley after their hosts had posted 170, Chris Charles 49. Davenham replied with 174-8, John O'Sullivan 46, Johan Loubser 45, Mark Greaves 41, David Shewring 4-56.

There was a high-scoring draw at The Flacca where Tattenhall posted the day's highest tally - 252-5- thanks to a hurricane unbeaten 86 from number nine batsman Sam Green, aided by Dan Power 79. Weaverham's reply went downhill from 133-1 to close on a tight 250-7, Rob McMillan making a major late impact with 82, following Steve Woods' 57 and Ken Douglas 49 not out. Tom Hyslop took 3-66. Tatters more than shaded the draw points by 14 – 7, but the league new boys made a real go of a fine match.

## **ECB PREMIER LEAGUE DETAILS**

**CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (won toss, 25 pts.) beat ALDERLEY EDGE (5 pts.) by 6 wickets**

Alderley Edge 177 (54 overs: C Reid 54, J. Williams 5-56);

Chester 181-4 (36 overs: W Goodwin 79, L.Dixon 59).

**DIDSBURY (25 pts.) beat HYDE (toss, 6 pts.) by 42 runs**

Didsbury 213 (55 overs: S Normanton 60, J Jayathillake 58, J Fawcett 46, J Duffy 4-93, T. Young 3-36);

Hyde 171 (47 overs: J Duffy 50, C Tipper 43, S Normanton 4-56, J. Khan 3-15, N Anderson 3-27).

**GRAPPENHALL (toss, 25 pts.) beat OXTON (3 pts.) by 127 runs:**

Grappenhall 243-8 (55 overs: J McClelland 77, L Parkinson 35, M Sambell 31);

Oxton 117 (32 overs: M Debrabender 42, J. McClelland 6-34).

**MACCLESFIELD (toss, 2 pts.) lost to NANTWICH (25 pts.) by 8 wickets**

Macclesfield 149 (52 overs: R Porter 44, K Sawas 37, O Griffiths 5-21, J Warrington 5-64).

Nantwich 150-2 (29 overs: J Kettle 55no, L Livingstone 48no).

**NESTON (toss, 25 pts.) beat MARPLE (10pts.) by 4 wickets:**

Marple 230-9 (55 overs: A Hall 99, J. Ormond 33, B Webster 30, P. Stimson 4-103);

Neston 233-6 (50 overs: L Camden 78, A Clarke 41, D Hurst 32, A Greasley 3-67). *This result was not telephoned.*

**TOFT (25 pts.) beat BOWDON (toss, 10 pts) by 5 wickets**

Bowdon 220-9 (55 overs: S. Marshall 90, M Tully 35, J. Lomax 6-95);

Toft 222-5 (52 overs: J. Hancock 61, J Drummond 58, A Green 37no, G. Edwards 3-70). *This result was not telephoned.*

## **DIVISION 1**

**BRAMHALL (10 pts.) lost to9 CHEADLE HULME (won toss, 25 pts.) by 1 wicket**

Bramhall 187 (50 overs: M. Jamieson 65, N Cantello 51,J. Hsrris 31, E. McCray 4-44, K. Nissen 3-53);

Cheadle Hulme 188-9 (49 overs: K Nissen 73, A West 3-55, S Wilkinson 3-84).

**CHEADLE (toss, 25pts.) beat BROOKLANDS ( 8 pts.) by 4 wickets**

Brooklands 195-8 ( 50 overs: J Grewar 82, A. Platt 33, D Brown 3-50);

Cheadle 196-6 (49.3 overs: M Fisher 76, J. Prince 68, A. Robinson 3-88).

**CHRISTLETON (toss, 14 pts.) drew with MIDDLEWICH (8 pts.)**

Christleton 203 (49 overs: B Patterson 64, I. De Silva 30, T. Shepherd 5-64);

Middlewich 195-8 (51 overs: S Parry 57, J. Williams 53, J. Cornford 40, I. De Silva 6-34).

**HEATON MERSEY (toss, 15 pts.) drew with BREDBURY ST. MARK's (7 pts.)**

Heaton Mersey 248-5 (50 overs: A Ayre 65, J. Williamson 51, R Greenhough 41);

Bredbury 211-9 (50 overs: C Wood 81, P Zybrands 73, A.Rashid 4-54).

**OULTON PARK (0 pts.) lost to URMSTON (toss, 25 pts.) by 10 wickets**

Oulton Park 65 (27 overs: M East 34, six batsmen scored nought, Z. Assi 6-21, A Siddall 4-19);

Urmston 67-0 (8.4 overs: C Turner 54no, C Watson 14 no.)

**WIDNES (toss, 25 pts.) beat SALE (9 pts.) by 6 wickets**

Sale 204 ( overs, D. Moore 4-18)

Widnes 208-4 ( overs: A. Graham 94no, P Hewitt 75).

## **DIVISION 2 RESULTS**

**ALVANLEY (won toss, 9pts.) lost to DAVENHAM (25 pts.) by 2 wickets**

Alvanley 170 (50 overs: C Charles 49, R. Blackie 3-32, D. Hancock 3-49)

Davenham 174-8 (49 overs: J O'Sullivan 45, J Loubser 45, M Greaves 41, D. Shewring 4-56).

**CONGLETON (7 pts.) lost to TIMPERLEY (toss, 25 pts.) by 23 runs**

Timperley 195-9 (50 overs: C Grindley 85, C Page 33, P Beaumont 3-19, J Lamb 3-37);

Congleton 172 (48 overs: A Browe 79, D Moore 33, P. Wilshaw 32, D. Ashling 3-31, M Macquet 3-34).

**IRBY (toss, 54 pts.) beat STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (11 pts.) by 3 wickets**

Georgians 206 (50 overs: M Johnson 65, I Hussain 55);

Irby 209-7 (49 overs: A Williams 80, J. Leggett 4-92).

**POYNTON (toss, 25 pts.) beat WARRINGTON 8 pts.) by 5 wickets**

Warrington 195-6 (50 overs: C Kirby 54, P Farrar 36, S. Baxter 34, D Stringer 3-50);

Poynton 196-5 (49 overs: T Berzins 57no, C Oake 45no).

**STOCKPORT ( 25 pts.) beat BOLLINGTON (toss, 1 pt.) by 6 wickets**

Bollington 107 (39 overs: M Eley 4-20);

Stockport 108-4 (23 overs: A. Hope 39no)

**TATTENHALL (toss, 14 pts.) drew with WEAVERHAM (7 pts.)**

Tattenhall 252-5 (50 overs: S Green 86no, D. Power 79);

Weaverham 250-7 (50 overs: R McMillan 82, S Woods 57, K. Douglas 49no, T Hyslop 3-366, A.Brock 3-83)

## **PICK OF WEEK (o = overseas)**

### **ECB Premier League**

Batting: Simon Marshall (Bowdon) 90 v Toft

Bowling: oJosh McClelland (Grappenhall) 6-34 v Oxton

All-rounder: o Josh McClelland (Grappenhall) 77 and 6-34 v Oxton

### **First Division**

Batting: oAlex Graham (Widnes) 94no v Sale

Bowling: Zeeshan Assi ( Urmston) 6-21 v Oulton Park

All-rounder: oKris Nissen (Cheadle Hulme) 73 and 3-53 v Bramhall.

### **Second Division**

Batting: Sam Green (Tattenhall) 86 no (56 balls) v Weaverham

Bowling: Mike Eley (Stockport) 4-20 v Bollington

All-rounder: none recorded.

**How they stand after 12 games**

| <b>ECB PREMIER</b>    | <b>W</b><br>(25) | <b>T</b><br>(16) | <b>WD</b><br>(3) | <b>RD</b><br>(2) | <b>LD</b><br>(1) | <b>C</b><br>(7) | <b>L</b> | <b>Bat</b> | <b>Bowl</b> | <b>Pts.</b> |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL | 8                | 0                | 1                | 1                | 0                | 0               | 2        | 21         | 11          | 237         |
| NESTON (8)            | 8                | 0                | 1                | 0                | 1                | 0               | 2        | 17         | 13          | 226         |
| GRAPPENHALL           | 6                | 0                | 2                | 1                | 0                | 0               | 3        | 42         | 10          | 210         |
| TOFT                  | 6                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 1               | 5        | 27         | 12          | 196         |
| HYDE                  | 5                | 0                | 1                | 1                | 3                | 0               | 2        | 32         | 19          | 185         |
| ALDERLEY EDGE         | 5                | 0                | 1                | 0                | 2                | 0               | 4        | 26         | 17          | 173         |
| NANTWICH              | 5                | 0                | 1                | 0                | 1                | 0               | 5        | 26         | 16          | 171         |
| MARPLE                | 4                | 0                | 2                | 0                | 0                | 0               | 6        | 38         | 17          | 161         |
| OXTON                 | 5                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 1                | 0               | 6        | 16         | 18          | 160         |
| BOWDON                | 3                | 0                | 1                | 1                | 0                | 0               | 7        | 38         | 23          | 141         |
| DIDSBURY              | 3                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 1                | 0               | 8        | 34         | 14          | 124         |
| MACCLESFIELD          | 0                | 0                | 1                | 0                | 2                | 1               | 8        | 41         | 22          | 75          |

Neston 8 points deducted for slow over rate. This is subject to appeal.

**DIVISION 1**

|                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |     |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| BRAMHALL            | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 26 | 13 | 243 |
| URMSTON             | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 21 | 6  | 219 |
| BROOKLANDS          | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 20 | 12 | 211 |
| CHEADLE HULME       | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 27 | 19 | 203 |
| SALE                | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 32 | 9  | 185 |
| OULTON PARK         | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 34 | 20 | 161 |
| WIDNES              | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 35 | 19 | 160 |
| CHEADLE             | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 31 | 27 | 143 |
| CHRISTLETON         | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 50 | 25 | 135 |
| MI DDLEWICH         | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 25 | 26 | 133 |
| BREDBURY ST. MARK'S | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 33 | 17 | 127 |
| HEATON MERSEY       | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 34 | 26 | 117 |

**DIVISION 2**

|                     |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |     |
|---------------------|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| TIMPERLEY           | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2  | 4  | 282 |
| CONGLETON           | 8  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 7  | 222 |
| TATTENHALL          | 7  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 15 | 209 |
| STOCKPORT           | 7  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 20 | 11 | 209 |
| DAVENHAM            | 6  | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 26 | 19 | 201 |
| WARRINGTON          | 6  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 15 | 15 | 184 |
| POYNTON             | 5  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 23 | 20 | 171 |
| WEAVERHAM           | 3  | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 42 | 26 | 152 |
| IRBY                | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 25 | 16 | 118 |
| ALVANLEY            | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 19 | 18 | 112 |
| STOCKPORT GEORGIANS | 1  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 41 | 22 | 92  |
| BOLLINGTON          | 1  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 27 | 22 | 79  |

**WTB**

## **Key date for Forties rivals**

TIGHTEST finish in the **Over 40s section** looks like being in the Central group where 2012 winners Alsager Dabbers are logging it out with Grappenhall with identical records.

In their latest games, Dabbers won by 10 wickets at Bowdon, while Grappenhall beat Davenham by nine wickets at Broad lane. All could be decided when the teams meet on July 17. Toft skipper Dave Ward completed his 300 miles cycle ride from London to Paris for the Alzheimer's Society. Anyone wishing to boost his charity should tap into [www.justgiving.com/dave-ward3](http://www.justgiving.com/dave-ward3).

Irby have a two points lead and a match in hand of Neston at the top of the West Zone.

Unbeaten last season and so far this term, reigning North-East group champions Urmston Tigers enjoy a one point advantage over Cheadle Hulme.

Bredbury Saints are a full 10 points clear of closest rivals Bramhall in the South-East group. Beaten at Bredbury, Bramhall lost their last four wickets for three runs off the final three balls of the match, one being a wide.

Warrington conceded the season's 12<sup>th</sup> fixture when they were unable to fulfil their NE visit to Cheadle.

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 3 RESULTS**

#### **West Group**

**CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL lost to CALDY (4 pts.) by 4 wickets:**

Chester 116; Caldby 119-6.

**OXTON lost to UPTON (4 pts.) by 8 wickets:**

Oxton 129-3 (Edwards 31, Benson 30, Kumar 27, Winder 2-24); Upton 132-3 (N. Sharrock 32, Charles 32, Jarvis 30).

**TATTENHALL WRECKERS lost to NESTON (4 pts.) by 9 wickets:**

Tattenhall 128-4 (Salt 33, Kettle 31); Neston 131-1 (G. Lea-Swain 33, Egerton 31). *Taken from website. £15 fine*

#### **Central Group**

**BOWDON lost to ALSAGER DABBERS (4 pts.) by 10 wickets:**

Bowdon 90; Alsager Dabbers 91-0.

**BOWDON VALE VIKINGS (4 pts.) beat ASHLEY by 9 wickets:**

Ashley 125-7 (Busby 22, Brewster 21, Shakespeare 2-12, Hunter 2-14); Bowdon Vale 127-1 (Jessop 31, Dean 30, Hunter 25, Thorpe 20)

**GRAPPENHALL (4 pts.) beat DAVENHAM by 9 wickets:**

Davenham 94-2 (Bentley 32, Spalding 30, Nicholson 2-10); Grappenhall 95-1 (Anderson 31, Newell 30).

**TOFT (4 pts.) beat MOBBERLEY by 6 wickets:**

Mobberley 57-7 (Green 2-7); Toft 59-4 (Hope 22, Litherland 2-7).

#### **North-East Group**

**BROOKLANDS v CHEADLE HULME: result not in. £15 fine**

**CHEADLE (4 pts.) beat WARRINGTON who conceded.**

**CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE lost to URMSTON TIGERS (4 pts.) by 9 wickets:**

Ladybridge 95-9 (Stuart 32, Cartwright 2-11, Sethi 2-19); Urmston 95-1 (Dartnell 30, Ridler 30, Higginbottom 27).

**SALE SILVERBACKS (4 pts.) beat ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS by 8 wickets:**

Alderley Edge 104-5 (Bolton 30); Sale 106-2 (Davenport 33, Rowe 30, Gleghorn 25).

#### **South-East Group**

**BOLLINGTON VETERANS (4 pts.) beat OFFERTON by 41 runs:**

Bollington 108 (Paterson 32, Bradshaw 30, Hooton 2-19); Offerton 67 (Bradshaw 3-7).

**BREDBURY SAINTS (4 pts.) beat BRAMHALL by 5 wickets:**

Bramhall 147-8 (Patel 31, Milligan 30, Burton 2-18); Bredbury 149-5 (Barlow 30, Lakin 28, C. Wood 27, Evans 2-18).

**MACCLESFIELD lost to POYNTON LEGENDS (4 pts.) by 30 runs:**

Poynton 114-6 (Thompson 36, Turnbull 30, Cowan 2-24); Macclesfield 84-5 (Kingham 2-7, Maltman 2-20)..

**MARPLE lost to WOODLEY (4 pts.) by 20 runs:**

Woodley 122-5 (Walsh 34, Abbott 33, Hotson 21); Marple 92-6 (Stringer 20, Hotson 2-11, Dykins 2-36).

**Latest Over 40s tables**

| <u>West group</u>     | P | W (4) | T (3) | C (2) | L | Points |
|-----------------------|---|-------|-------|-------|---|--------|
| IRBY                  | 7 | 5     | 0     | 1     | 1 | 22     |
| NESTON                | 8 | 4     | 0     | 2     | 2 | 20     |
| TATTENHALL WRECKERS   | 8 | 4     | 0     | 2     | 2 | 20     |
| CALDY                 | 8 | 4     | 0     | 1     | 3 | 18     |
| OXTON                 | 8 | 4     | 0     | 0     | 4 | 16     |
| UPTON                 | 8 | 2     | 0     | 0     | 6 | 8      |
| CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL | 7 | 1     | 0     | 0     | 6 | 4      |

Chester and Upton have each conceded one game.

**Central group**

|                     |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| ALSAGER DABBERS     | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 31 |
| GRAPPENHALL         | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 31 |
| TOFT                | 9 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 26 |
| BOWDON              | 9 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 20 |
| BOWDON VALE VIKINGS | 9 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 20 |
| DAVENHAM            | 9 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 8  |
| MOBBERLEY           | 9 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 8  |
| ASHLEY              | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 4  |

Ashley, Mobberley and Davenham have each have conceded one game.

**North-East group**

|                          |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| URMSTON                  | 9 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 32 |
| *CHEADLE HULME           | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 27 |
| SALE SILVERBACKS         | 9 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 18 |
| CHEADLE                  | 9 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 15 |
| CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE | 9 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| WARRINGTON               | 9 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS    | 9 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 12 |
| *BROOKLANDS              | 8 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 10 |

Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge have conceded three games, Sale one game and Warrington one game

**South-East group**

|                     |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| BREDBURY SAINTS     | 9 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 34 |
| BRAMHALL            | 9 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 24 |
| WOODLEY             | 9 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 20 |
| BOLLINGTON VETERANS | 9 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 16 |
| MACCLESFIELD        | 9 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 16 |
| POYNTON LEGENDS     | 9 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 16 |
| MARPLE              | 9 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 10 |
| OFFERTON            | 9 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 8  |

Marple and Poynton have each conceded one game

**OVER 40s GROUP FIXTURES: Wednesday, July 10 (6 pm)**

WEST: Irby v Oxtan; Neston v Chester Boughton Hall; Upton v Tattenhall Wreckers. Open: Caldly.

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

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

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

## **Hurst ton as Neston win T20 play-off**

HELPED by a fine century from skipper David Hurst, Neston progressed to the quarter-finals of the **RedInsure T20** last Thursday, winning their play-off game at Urmston by 60 runs.

The trophy holders made light of their long evening trip, running up 193-6 in 20 overs, David Hurst becoming only the second batsman to top three figures in the competition this season. He scored 105 and Andy Clarke 52.

Urmston replied with 133-8, Calum Turner 31, John Crick 3-36.

They now host Alderley Edge on Thursday, July 11, when all eight clubs in the quarters - except undefeated Division Two leaders Timperley - hail from the Premier League.

O The first T20 century this season was the record 162 posted by Heaton Mersey's Canberra star Aaron Ayre against Bowdon on June 20.

### **QUARTER-FINAL FIXTURES & UMPIRES (Thursday, July 11, 6 p.m.; reserve date Thursday, July 18)**

HYDE v MACCLESFIELD

David Moss & Phil Prince

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v OXTON

Jon Hacking & Geoff Wellstead

NESTON v ALDERLEY EDGE

Barrie Burns & Dion Kelly

TIMPERLEY v NANTWICH

Glyn Roberts & Chris Smith

O All games must be played on the set date

O There will be a new draw made prior to Finals Days' play at Timperley on Sunday, July 28, starting at 12 noon.

O Home clubs must telephone the results and highlights to the Competition Secretary immediately after the matches and submit a result sheet (no ground marks required) ASAP. The usual website requirements also apply.

## **June 29 pitch & ground marks**

UMPIRES' League ground marks and other reports from games played on Saturday, June 29 were as follows:

**ECB Premier League.** Chester v Oxton pitch 18 outfield 19; Didsbury v Alderley Edge 14 – 20; Mcclesfield v Hyde 18 – 17; Grappenhall v Neston 18 – 129; Marple v Bowdon 18 – 18; Toft v Nantwich 18 – 18;

**First Division:** Bramhall v Bredbury 18 – 18; Cheadle v Cheadle Hulme late sheet; Christleton v Oulton Park 20 – 20 (full house!); Heaton Mersey v Middlewich 17 – 20; Urmston v Sale 19 – 20; Widnes v Brooklands 17 – 19.

**Second Division:** Congleton v Stockport Georgians 15 – 16; Davenham v Bollington 15 – 17; Irby v Alvanley 16 – 19; Poynton v Timperley 15 – 16; Stockport v Weaverham 18 – 20; Tattenhall v Warrington 15 – 20;

All captains' reports were received by co ordinator Ken Spilsbury.

### **UP-DATES:**

O Didsbury scored 4 pts. in their home defeat by Alderley Edge, not 3 as reported. Alderley had no scorer.

O Neston scored 7 pts. in their defeat at Grappenhall, not 5 as reported.

Both due to errors in transmission

O Hyde had no scorer at Macclesfield.

O Bramhall v Bredbury result was not telephoned

O Brooklands had no scorer at Widnes

O Cheadle v Cheadle Hulme result sheet not yet received.

## **TACS Cheshire League**

LEADERS Northwich lost by eight wickets at Ashton on Mersey in the First Division of the **TACS-sponsored Cheshire Cricket League** on Saturday. . Mobberley beat Upton by nine wickets and lie only three points behind Northwich.

**RESULTS** of Division 1 games: Ashton on Mersey 193-2 Northwich 189-5 inn. closed; Chester County Officers 263-8 inn. closed Runcorn 146-8; Hale Barns 157-6 inn. closed Oakmere 158-6; Malpas 260-3 Prestbury 256-8 inn. closed; Mobberley 208-1 Upton 206; Winnington Park 179-9 inn. closed Romiley 155.

**PLACINGS** up to Saturday, July 6: 1. Northwich 229 pts.; 2. Mobberley 226; 3. Upton 205; 4. Malpas 203; 5. Ashton on Mersey 197; 6. Romiley 186; 7. Chester County Officers 183; 8. Runcorn 161; 9. Hale Barns 159; 10. Winnington Park 129; 11. Oakmere 128; 12. Prestbury 89. Division 2 leaders: 1. Mere 250 pts.; 2. Woodford 229; 3. Lindow 228. Division 3 top and bottom: 1. Barrow 240 pts. 2; Over Peover 238; 3. Disley 205; 11. Wirral 121; 12. Alderley Park 112.

**FIXTURES** in Division 1 on Saturday, July 13 (1.30 pm.): Northwich v Hale Barns; Oakmere v Winnington Park; Prestbury v Ashton on Mersey; Romiley v Chester County Officers; Runcorn v Mobberley; Upton v Malpas.



## **Sawas century by seaside**

MACCLESFIELD batsman Khalid Sawas scored a fine century when Cheshire began their **Minor Counties championship** game against Dorset starting at Bournemouth on Sunday.

Sawas threw off a run of low League scores to rescue Cheshire from a modest return after winning the toss and batting on the former Hampshire CCC ground at Dean Park. . At lunch they were 127-4, openers Jonny Kettle (58) and Warren Goodwin (34) having scored 65 together.

The innings declined, then picked up when Sawas (121) was joined by Adam Syddall (33), the pair adding 105 for the eighth wicket by the declaration at 312-8 on 90 overs. Bramhall paceman Rupes Kitinger opened the Dorset attack but did not bowl after an early spell of 7-5-9-0.

Dorset had replied with 78 –1 from 20 overs by the close of play, Syddall 1-21.

Play continues on Monday and Tuesday, 11 a.m. daily.

Cheshire were again led by York's Danny Woods following the unavailability of James Duffy. With him are: Warren Goodwin, Lee Dixon, Jack Williams (Chester Boughton Hall), Rick Moore (Oulton Park), Chris Tipper, Danny Berry, Scott Kirwin (Hyde), Adam Syddall (Urmston), Jonny Kettle (Nantwich), Khalid Sawas (Macclesfield).

**DEVELOPMENT XI** v Durham Academy at Warrington on June 26 – 27: match drawn after rain on second day. no further information available.

Next match v Lancashire Under 19s at Heywood on Wednesday, Thursday, July 24, 25.

## **Over 50s on tour**

CHESHIRE embark on their eagerly-awaited North-East tour this week when they play a double header against Northumberland at Warkworth Castle on Wednesday and Durham at Barnard Castle 24 hours later (both 1.30 p.m.)

After Cumbria conceded last week's match, Cheshire secretary-manager Paul Freedman believes one victory will be sufficient to earn Cheshire side a place in the **National Over 50s county championship** play-offs..

### **Latest placings in Group One**

|                 | <b>P</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>Ab</b> | <b>Pts.</b> |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| Cheshire        | 5        | 4        | 1        | 0        | 0         | 16          |
| Lancashire      | 5        | 4        | 1        | 0        | 0         | 16          |
| Durham          | 5        | 3        | 1        | 1        | 0         | 13          |
| Yorkshire       | 5        | 3        | 1        | 0        | 1         | 13          |
| Northumberland  | 4        | 1        | 2        | 0        | 1         | 5           |
| Nottinghamshire | 3        | 0        | 2        | 1        | 0         | 1           |
| Cumbria         | 4        | 0        | 4        | 0        | 0         | 0           |
| Derbyshire      | 3        | 0        | 3        | 0        | 0         | 0           |

Team for tour: Garry Cash captain (Marple), Bernie Bishop (Crewe), Mike Cushion (Oakmere), Gary Dixon (Upton), John Edwards, Colin Ridler (Cheadle Hulme), Tim Jackson (Alderley Edge, wicket keeper), Andy McIlroy (Bomere Heath), Chris Moore (Brooklands), Phil Catterall (Widnes) on debut, Steve Yates (Nantwich). Umpire: John Lofthouse. Scorer: Pat Sutton. The **Spitfire Over 60s county championship** match between Cheshire and Lancashire at Neston last Tuesday was abandoned due to rain. A re-play date and venue is being sought. Scores (reduced to 30 overs each): Lancashire 125-7 (Howard Morris 3-17, John Edwards 2-30); Cheshire 29-0 (5.3 overs).

## **IN BRIEF ...**

O TOURING the UK later this month, Singapore Cricket Club are seeking a fixture with a club in the League on Sunday, July 28 Any club who fancy taking on the tourists should contact former Bramhall and Stockport all-rounder Bob Cooke on bobcooke43@googlemail.com

O PANEL umpire Jim Whitehead has a new mobile tel: 07526 160 288.

O NEW Chester Boughton Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> XI captain is David Fisher, tel. 07711 375 907; e-mail: david@tl-leasing.co.uk

O FOR their Ashes Legends XI T20 at Broad Lane on Tuesday, July 30, Grappenhall have received confirmation about the appearances of Aussies Simon Katich, Ian Harvey, Jason Gillespie, David Hussey and Jeff Thomson

## **Nantwich win Cheshire Under 15s final**

NANTWICH beat Neston by six runs to win the final of the ECB-sponsored **Cheshire Under 15s Cup** at Grappenhall last Thursday.

Nantwich scored 130-2 (Ben Johnson 40, George Newton 36) and Neston fell six runs short at 124-7 after needing to score 12 to win off the last over. Brian Meredith scored 50 retired, George Newton took 2-14 and his younger brother, spinner Harry Newton, who had been playing for Cheshire Under 12s earlier in the day against Lancashire at Clifton, claimed 2-26. Both are the sons of Cheshire Board's Cricket Director Richard Newton.

The winners go on to host the Nottinghamshire champions on Sunday, July 21.

The trophy was presented by tournament organiser Mike Tyerman, who said it had been a pleasure to watch such a sporting game played between so many talented young players.

### **UNDER 13s' TURN**

FINAL of the **Cheshire Under 13s Cup** is between Tattenhall and Bramhall at The Flacca on Tuesday, July 9 (6.15 p.m.).

The winners will be away against the Worcestershire champions on Sunday, July 14.

### **Bowdon at Barnt Green**

GROUP winners Bowdon visit Birmingham League club Barnt Green in the sixth round of the **Kingfisher Beers Cup** (formerly National Club knock out) on Sunday, 1 p.m.

The Bowdon party plan to make the trip by coach to meet a team which will include their former all-rounder Richard Wilkinson who went on to join Alderley Edge and play Minor Counties cricket for Cheshire.

### ***WEEK 12: Alistair Davies's Umpires Quiz***

**LAST WEEK'S POSER:** There is only one umpire available for the match. That umpire miscounts the number of valid balls in an over. For the seventh delivery he calls it as a no ball, then realises he has miscounted. What should the umpire do next next?

**ANSWER:** As the umpire has realised his mistake, he should call over. There would be no extra ball for the No ball. (Law 22.5 (b)).

**THIS WEEK:** The front foot of a bowler, delivering right arm over, lands beyond the middle stump at his end. The ball is then delivered. What action should be taken?

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**TEST TICKET:** Alistair Davies has a spare £70 ticket for the first day of the England v Australia Test Match at Trent Bridge on Wednesday, July 10. The seat is in the Fox Road stand. Contact tel. 07889 831 986

### **Cheshire Cup quarters on Sunday**

QUARTER-FINAL games in the **Cheshire Cup** to be played on Sunday (1.30 p.m.) involve four clubs from outside the County League. The line-up is: Wallasey v Birkenhead Park; Chester Boughton Hall (holders) v Hyde; Alderley Edge v Macclesfield; New Brighton v Upton.

### **SHIELD LATEST**

RESULTS of outstanding second round games in the **Cheshire Shield** played on Sunday:

Hawk Green 228 Wilmslow Wayfarers 187; Birkenhead St. Mary's 218 Port Sunlight 219-8.

Draw for quarter-finals on Sunday, July 21: Bramhall v Hawk Green; Cheadle Hulme v Ashton on Mersey; Romiley v Davenham; Port Sunlight v Runcorn.

*Information provided by Competition organiser Rick Davis.*

## **FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY, JULY 13**

### **ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)**

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

Dion Kelly & Geoff Wellsted  
Alistair Davies & Steve Duckers  
Neville Kent & David Moss  
Trevor Burnett & Dave Goulding  
Ian Drury & Ankit Jain  
Ian Greensmith & Glyn Roberts

### **First Division (1 p.m.)**

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

Tom Spencer & David Stoter  
Brian Jones & David Tate  
Clive Rice & Ken Rothwell  
Bob Cunningham & Chris Smith  
Barrie Burns & Martin Howe  
Allan Lewis & John Lowe

### **Second Division (1 p.m.)**

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

Phil Prince & Ken Simpson  
Ray Prescott & David Williams  
Tony Morris & Martin Roberts  
Stan Davies & Jon Hacking  
Neville Abberley & Gary Zimmer  
Don Flanagan & Mark Turner

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

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

Steve Kirkbright            —  
Howard Briggs               —  
—                               —  
—                               —  
Club umpire                 —  
David Gane                   —

### *Last word ...*

FROM one sport to another ... congratulations to (Sir) Andy Murray on Sunday's straight sets Wimbledon tennis championship final victory over World Number One Novak Djokovic.

It was inspiring stuff. – and well worth staying in for on a boiling hot Sunday. .