

**2014 NEWSLETTER NO. 12: SATURDAY, JULY 5****Oxton outplay leaders, while
Neston losing run continues**

BOTTOM club Oxton performed the considerable feat of outplaying **ECB Premiership** leaders Hyde at Townfield Lane on Saturday, but failed to win, while Neston lost their seventh game to Chester Boughton Hall, to render the latest table grim reading for the two Wirral clubs.

Oxton ran up 290-7 after being inserted by Hyde, their top contributors being the well-travelled Glenn Querl, 110 not out and skipper Simon Stokes, 77 with a fifth wicket partnership worth 149. The thought that Oxton had batted too long lingered when Hyde struggled to 204-9 in reply, James Duffy 66, Chris Tipper 52, Querl completing a fine match with 5-49, aided by Gayan Fernando's 5-49.

Oxton have still to win a match and prop up the table by 13 points, yet continue to show improvement. Something which cannot be said of Neston. They were all out for 136 at home to the champions, Dane Williams top scoring with 43. Seven other batsmen were dismissed for single figures before last pair Chris Finegan, 29 and Paul Stimson, 21 not out, added 47. Francis Robson, 4-44 and Jack Williams, 3-28 did their stuff for CBH who knocked off the runs at 127-2 in 17 overs, Lee Dixon 64 and Guy Dunbavand, 48 not out, enjoying an unbroken third wicket partnership worth 116.

Grappenhall last pair swing it

Hyde's poor return at Oxton has enabled Grappenhall to pull up to within 10 points of the leaders, but they had to fight hard to keep up their winning run at Marple. In the only match to be affected by morning rain – it was reduced to 100 overs – Marple totted up 195-7 thanks to Andy Hall, 77 and Paul Wood, 73, with Sam Guest taking 5-83. Grappenhall started well with Josh McClelland scoring 53, but they struggled against fine bowling from Aussie Matthew Whittaker who took 7-70 from his 15 overs. In fact, Grappenhall needed two runs from their last pair to clinch it and closed on 198-9.

Toft kept up their recent momentum with a tense, four runs win at Nantwich after posting 188, Atif Bajwa 53, Ollie Griffiths 5-46. Nantwich, for whom Haseeb Hameed top-scored with 44, lost their last man at 184, Jimmy Lomas delivering 23.2 overs to claim 7-60, including the last three wickets for one run

Bramhall beat Alderley Edge by five runs in another close finish at Church Lane after posting 214, the premiership's top batsman Matt Begbie scoring 65 and Matt Jamieson 50. Alderley responded with 209 all out after Adam Worrall had posted a lively 54 and Ollie Wildig 48. Simon Wilkinson took the last three Alderley wickets in one over for one run when they needed seven to win. He closed with 5-43 and Rupe Kitzinger with 4-43.

Bowdon emerged 13 – 7 points to the good from an entertaining drawn game at Urmston. They scored 208-9 batting first, Paddy McKeown 55, Mark Turner 4-32. Urmston had their last pair at the crease at the close on 177-9, opener Calum Turner carrying his bat for 87 to save the day. No mean feat against the pace and aggression of Lancashire's Oliver Newby, who took 5-62.

DIVISION 1

First defeat for Cheadle

THE situation at the top of **Division One** has opened up with the first defeat suffered by Cheadle, while leading challengers Didsbury, Timperley and Macclesfield all won to step up the pressure.

Cheadle's fall from grace came when they were bowled out for 92 at Sale, whose number 10 batsman Will Holmes top-scored with 24 not out. Rick Halkon claimed 5-23, and Tyrone Lawrence 4-41. Earlier, Sale had totted up 162, Ben Watkins 34, Mike Barrington-Smith 32, Chris Moore 4-45.

Didsbury are only nine points behind after a six wickets win at home to Brooklands, whom they dismissed for 112. To this total A.J. Hart contributed 62, while Nick Anderson took 4-34. Josh Beal hit a breezy 52 as Didsbury went on to win by six wickets.

Timperley are five points further back after a comfortable six wickets win at Widnes, chasing 198-9 (Sean Moore 75, Ben Hewitt 54). Timperley replied with 199-4, led by Damien Stringer's 56.

Macclesfield squeezed home by one run in a low-scoring game at home to Oulton Park which was a tale of two lots of tail-enders. Macc recovered from 76-8 to 137, thanks to Peter Barron 44 not out and Sultan Raja, 24 who put together a ninth wicket stand worth 50. Lou Bentley took 3-35 and Martyn East 3-51. For the second week in succession Oulton were coasting, then lost their grip. Poised on 135-7, their last three wickets fell without further score. Earlier Lou Bentley had compiled a fine 91, but six other batsmen failed to trouble the scorers against John Birchall, 5-61.

Davenham had the better (14 points to six) of their drawn mid-Cheshire derby against Middlewich at Butcher's Stile, posting a useful 201-7, Ben Gough 58, Gav Tomlinson 3-35. Aussie Jordie Gibbens again shone with a sparkling innings of 96 for the 'Witch, but his colleagues were not up to it and the innings closed well short, on 168-8, Ryan Blackie 3-18.

Cheadle Hulme won by 14 runs at Christleton after posting 185-9, Jordan Potts and Richard Batty both scoring 35, Ifti Naseer 5-45. Christleton reached 171 in reply, Harry Peel contributing a dashing 65 not out as Jon Burton claimed 6-84 and full points for his team.

DIVISION 2

Paul Gould back = second win for Poynton

POYNTON gave a much-improved performance in **Division Two** to beat high-flying Alvanley by eight wickets and record their second win of the season at Stockport road, spurred by the return of former skipper and opening batsman Paul Gould.

Fading after a bright first half of the season, Alvanley were restricted to 139-9, Andy Bennion 43, Jimmy Williams 4-41. Poynton replied with 140-2, Gould contributing an unbeaten 61.

Poynton stay bottom, but now only 21 points behind Heaton Mersey who lost by 109 runs at home to Northwich, who recovered their batting form after being routed for 31 by Weaverham a week earlier. Skipper Mark Walker set the example with an unbeaten 57 out of 219-6. 'Mersey were then bowled out for 110, Major Khan 39. Without key bowler Sam Shepherd, Andy Duffy, 5-25 and Glyn Cherian, 4-19 produced the goods.

Irby edged out of the bottom two with a winning draw at home to second-placed Stockport for whom seven points was a poor return. Dave Newman, 69 and Martyn Smith, 63, helped Irby post 206-8, Josh Manning 6-54. The Cale Green men – now the only unbeaten club in the league - reached 177-9 in reply, C. Davies 51.

Weaverham – now with more points than any other club in all three divisions - went 42 clear at the top with a 93 runs victory over a lack lustre Warrington side on a batting paradise at Walton Lea. After being just 80-2 at halfway, Weaverham went on to total 250-6, James Lewis knocking an exciting unbeaten 74 off 46 balls to augment Wilden Cornwall's 65, with Kyle Adams claiming 4-87. Warrington had no such batting in depth after they, too, were decently poised at 78-3 after 25 overs, Brad McIntosh 34. It went downhill after that and they were bowled out for 157, by Rob McMillan, 4-40 and Kevin Waterhouse, 3-38.

Tattenhall can claim to be among the promotion challengers after a five wickets home win against Upton, who batted well to reach 217-8, Rick Potter 88, Alan Brock 4-46, Dave Shewring 4-59. The in-form Stu Sadler hit 90 as Tatters went on to win by five wickets with nine overs in the bank.

Bredbury St. Mark's beat Congleton by 19 runs at Pennine road with a good all-round effort, posting 183-9, Ryan Murphy 58, Paul Beaumont 6-42. Congleton got to 164 before losing their last wicket.

SATURDAY'S SCORELINES

ECB Premiership

BRAMHALL (won toss, 25 pts.) beat ALDERLEY EDGE (7 pts.) by 5 runs:

Bramhall 214 (55 overs: M Begbie 65, M Jamieson 50, A West 35, C Reid 3-59);
Alderley Edge 209 (54 overs: A Worrall 54, O Wildig 48, J Steele 42, S Wilkinson 5-64, R Kitzinger 4-43).
This result was not telephoned.

MARPLE (toss, 10 pts.) lost to GRAPPENHALL (25 pts.) by 1 wicket:

Marple 195-7 (50 overs: A Hall 77, P Wood 72, S. Guest 5-83);
Grappenhall 198-9 (43 overs: J. McClelland 53, M. Whittaker 7-70. *Game reduced to 100 overs.*

NANTWICH (8 pts.) lost to TOFT (25 pts.) by 4 runs:

Toft 188 (55 overs: S. Bajwa 53, J Hancock 40, O. Griffiths 5-46, J. Warrington 3-59);
Nantwich 184 (54 overs: H Haneeb 44, F Farrington 33, J. Lomas 7-60.

NESTON (2 pts.) lost to CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (toss, 25 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Neston 136 (48 overs: D Williams 43, F. Robson 4-44, J Williams 3-28);
Chester 137-2 (17 overs: L Dixon 64no, G. Dunbavand 48no).

OXTON (15 pts.) drew with HYDE (toss, 7 pts.)

Oxton 290-7 (55 overs: G. Querl 110no, S Stokes 77 =149 for 5th wicket, M Hanna 3-65);
Hyde 204-9 (55 overs: J Duffy 66, C. Tipper 52, G Querl 5-49, G. Fernando 3-34).

URMSTON (7 pts.) drew with BOWDON (toss, 13 pts.)

Bowdon 208-9 (55 overs: P McKeown 43, M Phelan 40, M Turner 4-32, M. Parkinson 3-72);
Urmston 177-9 (55 overs: C Turner 87no, O Newby 5-63).

Division 1

CHRISTLETON (won toss, 7 pts.) lost to CHEADLE HULME (25 pts.) by 14 runs:

Cheadle Hulme 185-9 (50 overs: J. Potts 35, R Battye 35, I Naseer 5-45);
Christleton 171 (37 overs: H. Peel 65, I Naseer 38, J. Burton 6-84, A. Shaw 3-11.

DAVENHAM (toss, 14 pts.) drew with MIDDLEWICH (6 pts.)

Davenham 201-7 (50 overs: B Gough 58, M Greaves 40, G/Tomlinson 3-35);
Middlewich 168-8 (50 overs: J Gibbens 96, P Parry 30, R.Blackie 3-18).

DIDSBURY (toss, 25 pts.) beat BROOKLANDS (3 pts.) by 6 wickets

Brooklands 112 (46 overs: A.J. Hart 65, N. Anderson 4-36, C.van Staden 3-26, S. Normanton 3-38);
Didsbury 113-4 (20 overs: J Beal 52).

MACCLESFIELD (25 pts.) beat OULTON PARK (toss, 5 pts.) by 1 run

Macclesfield 137 (50 overs: P Barron 44no, S. Raja 24, L Bentley 3-35, M East 3-51);
Oulton Park 136 (- overs: L. Bentley 91, J. Birchall 5-61, I Tate 3-37).

SALE (25 pts.) beat CHEADLE (toss, 4 pts.) by 70 runs:

Sale 162 (50 overs: B. Watkins 34, M. Barrington-Smith 32, C Moore 4-35, A. Wadsworth 3-31);
Cheadle 92 (- overs: R Halkon 5-23, T. Lawrence 4-41).

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WIDNES (7 pts.) lost to TIMPERLEY (toss, 25 pts.) by 6 wickets:

Widnes 198-9 (50 overs: S. Moore 75, B Hewitt 54, I. Grindley 5-55, C. Page 3-24);
Timperley 199-4 (45 overs: D Stringer 56, J Hampson 45).

Division 2

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S (25 pts.) beat CONGLETON (won toss, 6 pts.) by 19 runs:

Bredbury 183-9 (50 overs: R Murphy 58, W Hayes 42, C Nuttall 32, P Beaumont 6-42);
Congleton 164 (44 overs: T Leese 31, J Wilshaw 31, R Booth 30, D. Moors 30, C Smith 3-16, G Barlow 3-44).

HEATON MERSEY (3 pts.) lost to NORTHWICH (toss, 25 pts.) by 109 runs:

Northwich 219-6 (50 overs: M Walker 57no, J Gittings 43);
Heaton Mersey 110 (35 overs: M Khan 39, A Duffy 5-25, G Cherian 4-29).

IRBY (toss, 15 pts.) drew with STOCKPORT (7 pts.)

Irby 206-8 (50 overs: D Newman 69, M Smith 63, J Manning 6-54);
Stockport 177-9 (50 overs: C. Davies 51, KPedie 3-32, G/Shuttleworth 3-75).

POYNTON (25 pts.) beat ALVANLEY (toss, 2 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Alvanley 139-9 (50 overs: A Bennion 43, J Williams 4-41);
Poynton 140-2 (39 overs: P Gould 61no).

TATTENHALL (toss, 25 pts.) beat UPTON (10 pts.) by 5 wickets:

Upton 217-8 (50 overs: R Potter 88, D Warburton 43, C Stowell-Smith 34, A Brock 4-56, D Shewring 4-59);
Tattenhall 220-5 (41 overs: S Sadler 90, G Coppack 32, L. Sundve 4-46).

WARRINGTON (4 pts.) lost to WEAVERHAM (toss, 25 pts.) by 93 runs:

Weaverham 250-6 (50 overs: J Lewis 74no, W Cornwall 65, A. Nash 47, K. Adams 4-87);
Warrington 157 (48 overs: R McIntosh 34, R McMillan 4-40, K Waterhouse 3-38).

LEADING STATS AT HALF - WAY

THE following were the leading individual stats at the season's half-way mark on Saturday, June 26.

ECB Premier League batting: oMatt Begbie (Bramhall) 545 runs; oJake Hancock (Toft) 459; Rob Jones (Toft) 434; oAdam Turrell (Urmston) 373; cLiam Livingstone (Nantwich) 364.

Bowling: Matthew Parkinson (Urmston) 38 wickets; oSimon O'Brien (Alderley Edge) 29; James Lomas (Toft) 27; oMatt Hanna (Hyde) 26; Simon Wilkinson (Bramhall) 22.

First Division batting: o Nick Ross (Macclesfield) 521 runs; Danny Naughton (Widnes) 415; Rick Moore Oulton Park) 401; Lou Bentley (Oulton Park) 335; oMatt Macquet (Timperley) 335.

Bowling: Nick Anderson (Didsbury) 30 wickets; Chris Page (Timperley) 28; Danny Hancock (Davenham) 27; John Burton (Cheadle Hulme) 26; Rana Malook (Cheadle Hulme) and Tyrone Lawrence (Sale) both 22.

Second Division batting: oJosh Manning (Stockport) 438 runs; oWilden Cornwall (Weaverham) 340; Stuart Sadler (Tattenhall) 316; Matt Ingram (Upton) 298; Ollie Thompson (Tattenhall) 290.

Bowling: Sam Shepherd (Northwich) 40 wickets; oKyle Adams (Warrington) 34; Jimmy Williams (Poynton) 25; David Shewring (Tattenhall) 23; John Copeland (Congleton) 20.

o = overseas player; c = county contracted player.

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Tables including games on July 5: all played 12

ECB Premier League	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
	(25)	(16)	(3)	(2)	(1)	(7)				
HYDE	6	0	1	0	1	3	1	15	10	200
GRAPPENHALL	7	0	0	0	0	1	4	6	2	190
TOFT	5	0	2	0	1	1	3	34	11	184
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	6	0	0	0	1	2	3	5	10	180
MARPLE	5	0	0	0	1	2	4	8	18	166
* BRAMHALL (3)	5	0	0	0	1	3	3	6	15	165
*ALDERLEY EDGE (3)	4	0	0	0	1	3	4	24	15	158
URMSTON	4	0	1	0	1	2	4	19	19	156
NANTWICH	4	0	0	1	0	2	5	14	8	138
BOWDON	3	0	2	0	0	2	5	20	19	134
NESTON	2	0	0	0	2	1	7	16	20	95
OXTON	0	0	3	0	0	1	8	42	24	82

** Points deducted for slow over rates*

First Division	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
CHEADLE	7	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	4	207
DIDSBURY	6	0	1	1	0	3	1	10	12	198
TIMPERLEY	6	0	0	1	1	2	2	17	9	193
MACCLESFIELD	6	0	0	1	1	2	2	15	11	193
DAVENHAM	5	0	1	0	0	3	3	20	10	179
SALE	4	0	2	0	1	3	2	23	11	162
CHEADLE HULME	5	0	0	0	1	2	4	11	9	160
OULTON PARK	4	0	0	0	1	2	5	14	16	145
CHRISTLETON	3	0	1	0	0	2	6	25	15	132
MIDDLEWICH	2	0	1	0	1	2	6	24	16	108
WIDNES	0	0	1	1	0	3	7	53	16	95
BROOKLANDS	0	0	0	0	1	2	9	21	16	52

Second Division	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
WEAVERHAM	7	0	2	0	1	1	1	16	15	220
STOCKPORT	5	0	1	1	3	2	0	19	12	178
TATTENHALL	4	0	4	0	1	2	1	32	18	177
NORTHWICH	5	0	0	1	1	3	2	9	9	167
UPTON	4	0	1	0	0	1	6	36	15	161
ALVANLEY	4	0	2	1	2	2	1	24	9	157
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	4	0	0	0	1	2	5	13	14	142
CONGLETON	4	0	0	1	0	1	6	11	15	135
*WARRINGTON (3)	2	1	2	0	1	2	4	25	19	128
IRBY	2	0	1	0	2	1	6	26	24	112
*HEATON MERSEY (4)	2	1	0	0	0	3	6	11	15	109
POYNTON	2	0	0	0	1	2	7	5	17	87

** Points deducted for slow over rates.*

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League pitch reports: Saturday, June 28

ECB Premier League:

Marple v Hyde: pitch 17 outfield 18;
Nantwich v Bowdon: 19 – 20
Neston v Bramhall 18 – 20;
Toft v Alderley Edge: 17 – 19;
Oxton v Chester: 17 – 19.

First Division:

Brooklands v Timperley: 14 – 14;
Christleton v Oulton Park: 18 – 20;
Davenham v Didsbury: 15 – 18
Macclesfield v Middlewich 16 – 18
Sale v Cheadle Hulme: 17 – 20;
Widnes v Cheadle: match cancelled

Second Division:

Bredbury v Stockport: 19 – 19
Irby v Upton: 19 – 20;
Northwich v Weaverham: 13 – 19;
Poynton v Congleton: 16 – 15;
Tattenhall v Heaton Mersey: 18 – 19
Warrington v Alvanley: 19 – 19. late sheet

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

O THE Warrington v Alvanley match was incorrectly reported in last week's *Newsletter*. Scores: Warrington 184-4; Alvanley 113-9. Points: 15 – 3.

O NEW Didsbury 2nd XI captain is Shahbaz Qasim. E-mail: sqasim161@gmail.com. He takes over from Steve Whiteside, who has left to work in Australia..

O TATTENHALL are planning to seat 350 for a marquee lunch on Sunday, July 13 when the International Lashings XI visit The Flacca to help mark the club's 125th anniversary season. Lashings recently made a successful second appearance at Oxton inside 12 months, when a near full house saw a superb afternoon's cricket.

O DRAW for the quarter-finals of the RedInsure 2nd XI Cup is: Hyde v Urmston; Macclesfield v Toft (Tuesday, July 8, 6 p.m.); Oxton v Warrington; Chester Boughton Hall v Neston. Games to be played by July 28.

O FORMER Bowdon and Cheshire paceman Nigel Peel e-mails *Newsletter* to say he is recovering from a second brain operation and has been put on a course of treatment. His ambition is to visit South Downs road before the season ends.

JEREMY CONEY SPEAKS

FORMER New Zealand all-rounder Jeremy Coney is to be guest speaker at the League's 40th anniversary Presentation Dinner at The Mere on Friday, October 3.

Coney, OBE, who played in 52 Tests and 88 ODIs for the Black Caps, is well-known for his forthright views on Sky television and Test Match Special. Also on the bill is top line comedian Rod Woodward, who has been personally booked by the League's generous main sponsor VIVIO.

A notice-board dinner poster has been sent out to all clubs which they are asked to display prominently.

Death of Sheila Kelly

THE death occurred on Thursday, July 3 at her home in Altrincham Road, Wilmslow, of Sheila Kelly aged 84. Sheila was the widow of Patrick Kelly, the well-known former Alderley Edge and Cheshire cricketer, who died in 2002.

T20 quarter-final dates

DATES of **RedInsure T20** quarter-final games have been agreed, as follows:

OULTON PARK v OXTON (Thursday, July 10, 6 p.m.)

Umpires: Jon Hacking and Chris Smith

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v TOFT (Thursday, July 10, 6 p.m.)

Umpires: Barrie Burns and Ankit Jain

GRAPPENHALL v SALE (Sunday, July 13, 2 p.m.)

Umpires yet to be appointed.

NANTWICH v HYDE (Tuesday, July 15, 6.30 p.m.), by special dispensation. Umpires yet to be appointed.

The approval given to Nantwich v Hyde to play outside the limit date - due principally to Cheshire commitments - means that the other three matches may be re-played on or before July 15 in the event of rain preventing play on the original dates.

A semi-final draw will be made before the four winners meet on Finals Day at Upton on Sunday, July 27 (12 noon).

Cheshire 288 ahead in Devon

CHESHIRE batted well on the first day of their **Unicorns county championship** match against Devon at Sidmouth on Sunday, running up 349, then reducing Devon to 61-3 by close of play.

A stand worth 146 between emergency openers Calum Rowe, 69 and wicket-keeper Pat Roberts, 62, paved the way for Cheshire to plough on with 61 from Lee Dixon and 56 by Rick Moore, before the innings closed at 349 all out from 88 overs. Devon replied with 61-3, Moore 2-33, Harry Killoran 1-6. Devon advanced to 123-4 in the first hour on Monday, Adam Syddall taking his first wicket. Play ends on Tuesday.

Cheshire line-up: Dan Woods captain (York), Calum Rowe (Alderley Edge), Pat Roberts, Rick Moore (Oulton Park), Rob Jones (Toft), Lee Dixon, Jack Williams, Harry Killoran (Chester), Danny Berry (Hyde), Adam Syddall (Urmston), Andy Clarke (New Brighton).

O Cheshire return to Sidmouth next Sunday for their **Unicorns knock out** semi-final (11 a.m.).

Cheshire Cup quarter-finals

QUARTER-FINALS of the **Cheshire Cup** to be played on Sunday, July 27, or on dates to be agreed, are:

Urmston v Oxtou; Chester Boughton Hall (holders) v Bollington; Macclesfield v Toft; New Brighton v Brooklands.

CHESHIRE SHIELD round 2: Northwich v Rode Park & Lawton ; Hawk Green v Ashley. Results not yet in.

Draw for the semi-finals to be made later.

UNDER 15s FINAL @ GRAPPENHALL

FINAL of the **ECB Cheshire Under 15s cup** is at Grappenhall on Thursday this week between Alderley Edge and Nantwich (6.15 pm.). The winners will visit the Lancashire champions in the first national knock out round

John Edwards hits 132 for Cheshire 60s

HIGHLIGHT of Cheshire's overwhelming 137 runs victory over Shropshire at Tattenhall last Tuesday in the **National 60 Plus county championship** was a fine innings of 132 by John Edwards.

Hitting 15 fours and four sixes, he partnered Steve Yates, 51 in a second wicket stand worth 114 which helped Cheshire post 260-3 off 45 overs.

Edwards then opened the bowling and reeled off nine overs in a row to take 2-29 and help dismiss Shropshire for 123. Even better figures came from Andy Hayes, 3-29 and Ted Williams, 2-13.

Skipper Chris Lees was taken with the excellence of the Tattenhall ground, commenting: "I had never played there before and was very impressed by the excellent pitch, the warm welcome and the superb surroundings. It's was a pleasure to play there".

Cheshire take a rest this week, then host Lincolnshire at Grappenhall on Tuesday, July 15

Fifties lose unbeaten record

CHESHIRE met their match in the **ECB 50 Plus county championship** at Clifton on Wednesday last week, losing by nine wickets.

In a clash of the group's unbeaten teams, Yorkshire restricted Cheshire to 165, Phil Catterall carrying his bat for a defiant 96.

Yorkshire fielded South African-born and former Derbyshire batsman Kevin Bradley and he played a magnificent innings of 112 not out to steer his side home at 166-1. The lone bowler to shine was Andy McIlroy with a typically mean 1-30 off nine overs.

Cheshire need to return to winning ways when they host Derbyshire at Hyde on Wednesday this week in their penultimate group game (1.30 p.m.).

First Forties win for Woodley

WOODLEY recorded their first win of the season to dent Poynton Legends' hopes of a play-off place in the South-East group of the **Over 40s section** on Wednesday last week.

Woodley replied with 139-3 to Poynton's 138-3 and while the winners remain at the foot of the table, Poynton are left scrambling to catch up with pacemakers Marple and Bredbury Saints, who both won.

Alderley Edge Wizards lost for the second week in a row in the North-East group, this time to Brooklands, who share second place, both eight points behind runaway leaders Urmston Tigers, conquerors of Sale Silverbacks.

In the Central zone, leaders Toft beat Ashley and Alsager won at Bowdon Vale Wizards, leaving Grappenhall trailing in third spot despite winning at Mobberley.

On another evening of lovely weather, there was disappointment in the West zone when Irby found themselves with only six players and conceded their trip to leaders Neston, leaving the home club with loads of wasted food.

Chester Boughton Hall were similarly short for their visit to Oxton, but turned up and two teams mixed with players young and old enjoyed an impromptu game. Oxton are awarded the points, although they offered to share them with Chester for their sportsmanship.

JULY 2 RESULTS

WEST GROUP

Neston (4 pts.): Irby conceded

Oxton (4 pts.): Chester Boughton Hall conceded

Upton (4 pts.) beat Caldby by 5 wickets:

Caldby 114-6 (Pilly 34, Prescott 4-16); Upton 115-5 (Warburton 32).

Warrington lost to Tattenhall Wreckers (4 pts.) by 43 runs:

Tattenhall 133-6 (Kettle 31, Sleigh 2-15, Gilbert 2-16); Warrington 90-7 (Sleigh 23, Knight 3-8).

CENTRAL GROUP

Bowdon Vale Vikings lost to Alsager (4 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Bowdon Vale 109-6 (Thorpe 30); Alsager 110-2 (Price 33, Younis 31, Hutton 2-6).

Davenham (4 pts.) beat Bowdon by 6 wickets:

Bowdon 121-5 (Walker 35, Sinclair 30, Kupersarevic 30); Davenham 123-4 (Goff 34, Hudson 31).

Mobberley lost to Grappenhall (4 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Mobberley 114-6 (O'Shea 28, Cartilage 22, Harper 21); Grappenhall 115-2 (Newell 30, Clissold 25, Slater 24).

Toft (4 pts.) beat Ashley by 59 runs:

Toft 145-4 (Mitchell 30, T. Drummond 30); Ashley 86-6 (Noble 38, Cooke 3-14).

NORTH EAST GROUP:

Brooklands (4 pts.) beat Alderley Edge Wizards by 8 wickets:

Alderley Edge 144-2 (Cheetham 33, Brannigan 32, Hutchinson 30); Brooklands 145-2 (Willard 30, Bianchi 2-29).

Cheadle (4 pts.) beat Ashton on Mersey by 57 runs:

Cheadle 121-7 (Roberts 32, Tipping 27, Pomfret 3-8); Ashton on Mersey 64 (Cunningham 20, Dooley 4-27, Zarrer 2-4, Tipping 2-7, White 2-20).

Cheadle Hulme (4 pts.) beat Timperley by 10 wickets:

Timperley 113-5; Cheadle Hulme 114-0 (Battye 30, Das Gupta 30, Stringer 30).

Urmston Tigers (4 pts.) beat Sale Silverbacks by 39 runs:

Urmston 134-8 (Fenton 27, Espley 21, Hanrahan 3-17, Harrop 2-20); Sale 95-9 (Harrop 32, Sethi 2-16, Wilson 2-17).

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SOUTH-EAST GROUP

Bramhall (4 pts.) beat Offerton by 9 wickets:

Offerton 99-7 (Ryleys 31, Stoneman 2-11, Evans 2-27); Bramhall 100-1 (Tittensor 30, Addy 30, Patel 27).

Bredbury Saints (4 pts.) beat Bollington Veterans by 9 wickets:

Bollington 113-5 Murdoch 31, Madden 30); Bredbury 117-1 (Bashford 33, Clarke 32).

Macclesfield lost to Marple (4 pts.) by 13 runs:

Marple 163-3 (Stringer 33, Bradley 30, Thompson 28); Macclesfield 150-4 (Hanaghan 35, Whittingham 32, Ashton 2-41);

Poynton Legends lost to Woodley (4 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Poynton 138-3 (Bowden 30, Bowler 22); Woodley 139-3 Middleton 32, Rippon 30, Parry 29, Coffee 27).

Latest tables

<u>West group</u>	P	W	T	C/A	L	PTS.
NESTON	9	7	0	1	1	30
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	9	7	0	1	1	30
IRBY	9	5	0	1	3	22
UPTON	9	3	1	2	3	19
WARRINGTON	9	4	0	0	5	16
OXTON	9	3	0	2	4	16
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	9	2	1	0	6	11
CALDY	9	0	0	1	8	2

Central group

TOFT	9	8	0	1	0	34
ALSAGER	9	7	0	2	0	32
GRAPPENHALL	9	5	0	2	2	24
DAVENHAM	9	3	0	2	4	16
BOWDON	9	3	0	1	5	14
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	9	2	0	2	5	12
ASHLEY	9	1	0	1	7	6
MOBBERLEY	9	1	0	1	7	6

North-East group

URMSTON TIGERS	9	6	0	3	0	30
BROOKLANDS	9	5	0	1	3	22
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	9	4	0	3	2	22
CHEADLE HULME	9	4	0	2	3	20
CHEADLE	9	3	0	3	3	18
SALE SILVERBACKS	9	3	0	2	4	16
TIMPERLEY	9	1	0	3	5	10
ASHTON ON MERSEY	9	1	0	1	7	6

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South-East group

MARPLE	9	7	0	2	0	32
BREDBURY SAINTS	9	6	0	2	1	28
POYNTON LEGENDS	9	5	0	1	3	22
MACCLESFIELD	9	4	0	2	3	20
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	9	3	0	2	4	16
BRAMHALL	9	3	0	1	5	14
OFFERTON	9	1	0	1	7	6
WOODLEY	9	1	0	1	7	6

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 FIXTURES (6.15 p.m.)

WEST GROUP: Caldy v Warrington; Chester Boughton Hall v Neston; Irby v Oxton; Tattenhall Wreckers v Upton.

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

NORTH-EAST GROUP: Alderley Edge Wizards v Cheadle Hulme; Ashton on Mersey v Urmston Tigers; Sale Silverbacks v Cheadle; Timperley v Brooklands.

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

Mobberley lead TACS Cheshire League

NEW leaders of the **TACS Partnership Cheshire League** are Mobberley who beat Hale Barns to go seven points above Stockport Georgians in the First Division.

Division 1 results: Ashton on Mersey 158-8 lost to Bollington 159-8; Malpas 192-5 beat Lindow 191; Mobberley 235-7 beat Hale Barns 185; Oakmere 68 lost to Chester County Officers 123; Prestbury 180-8 drew with Romiley 204-7; Runcorn 137-8 drew with Stockport Georgians 156.

Latest placings:

1. Mobberley	211 pts.
2. Stockport Georgians	204
3. Romiley	199
4. Bollington	194
5. Ashton on Mersey	187
6. Runcorn	175
7. Malpas	165
8. Prestbury	123
9. CCO	114
10. Hale Barns	100
11. Oakmere	92
12. Lindow	90

Disley lead Division 2 from Barnton. .

Newcomers Haslington top Division 3 with Wilmslow Wayfarers in second place.

Division 1 fixtures on Saturday, July 12 (1.30 p.m.): Bollington v Runcorn; Chester County Officers v Prestbury; Hale Barns v Malpas; Lindow v Oakmere; Romiley v Ashton on Mersey; Stockport Georgians v Mobberley.

Information provided by Cheshire League chairman Graham Coull.

**LEAGUE FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR
SATURDAY, JULY 12: Week 12**

ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m. unless stated)

ALDERLEY EDGE v NANTWICH
BOWDON v MARPLE
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v BRAMHALL (11.30 a.m.)
GRAPPENHALL v OXTON
HYDE v NESTON (12 noon)
TOFT v URMSTON (12 noon)

David Gane & Steve Walton
Barrie Burns & Ankit Jain
Steve Duckers & Don Flanagan
Ian Greensmith & Paul Herring
Trevor Burnett & Neville Kent
Dion Kelly & Chris Smith

First Division (1 p.m. unless stated)

BROOKLANDS v WIDNES
CHEADLE v CHRISTLETON
CHEADLE HULME v MACCLESFIELD
MIDDLEWICH v DIDSBURY
OULTON PARK v DAVENHAM (12 noon)
TIMPERLEY v SALE

Howard Briggs & Peter Davies
Wyn Harris & Ken Simpson
Phil Prince & TBA
John Lofthouse & Simon Smith
Jon Hacking & Gary Zimmer
Tony Morris & Clive Rice

Second Division (all 1 p.m.)

ALVANLEY v BREDBURY ST. MARK'S
CONGLETON v IRBY
NORTHWICH v WARRINGTON
STOCKPORT v TATTENHALL
UPTON v HEATON MERSEY
WEAVERHAM v POYNTON

Ray Prescott & Martin Roberts
Garry Hambleton & David Tate
Neville Abberley & Steve Kirkbright
Graham Pugh & David Stoter
Darrin Clark & Brian Jones
Bob Cunningham & Ken Rothwell

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

DIDSBURY v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL
MACCLESFIELD v GRAPPENHALL
MARPLE v CHEADLE
NANTWICH v ALDERLEY EDGE
NESTON v HYDE
URMSTON v TOFT

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** The earlier starts in the ECB Premier League and First Division are by the agreement of clubs to assist Cheshire players catch an evening coach to Sidmouth for a Unicorns Knock out semi-final against Devon starting at 11 a.m. the following day.*

**SUNDAY, JULY 13
National Club championship round 5**

CHORLEY (Northern League) v BOWDON (1 p.m.)

'Alfie' Garnett is Coach of Year

MACCLESFIELD's popular Stewart 'Alfie' Garnett has been named Cheshire's ECB Coach of the Year. Among his rewards is a ticket for this week's England v India Test match at Trent Bridge.

Stewart began coaching in 2003, a year after his retirement as an outstanding Macclesfield medium pace bowler which had earned him a regular Cheshire Minor Counties place.

He soon became Head Coach of the Macclesfield Academy, which was formed when the club and neighbouring Parkside merged. His inspiring creation was to organise weekly nets at Tytherington School from, January to April each year for 7 – 15 year-olds, who hold him in high regard for his patience, energy - and good temper.

Stewart, who has the backing of a keen coaching staff, also enjoys working with adult cricketers and his objective remains to guide players from the junior ranks to 1st and 2nd XI cricket and in this he has been very successful.

Says long-term Macclesfield club colleague Barney Cutbill: "We're very proud and fond of Alfie and regard his honour as well deserved".

10 Years Ago

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ROCK-BOTTOM of the ECB Premier League, Poynton's batsmen came off with a huge score of 267-6 against Hyde led by Barbadian Derwen Thompson, 124 and Jason Rudge, 102 . Hyde struggled to 197-9.

TOFT lost their first league match for 12 months by 31 runs in Division One at Cheadle Hulme for whom Ewan McCray turned in a fine all-round performance. He took 4-35 and scored 51 not out.

YOUNG skipper Matthew Norbury continued to inspire Heaton Mersey at the top of Division Two, their latest win being by eight wickets at Stockport Georgians, Norbury himself hit 63 not out and Nick Cantello 60.

THE League XI rattled up 295-5 in their Conference first round replay against North Staffs & District at Chester, thanks to Neil Cross, 89 and Adam Crozier, 81. Staffs replied with 273-6, Minor Counties star Dave Proffitt hitting out to reach 169.

WHEN the League Under 18s beat Merseyside Competition in the NW Colts Trophy at Birkenhead St. Mary's, Ollie Sadler (Nantwich) hit 121 and Warren Goodwin (CBH) 93. Hyde's Danny Berry went on to take 6-28..

SALE planned to mark their 150th anniversary season with a Cricket Week at Dane road, including a match against a Lancashire Board XI crammed with Test and county stars