



**2013 SEASON NEWSLETTER NO. 8: JUNE 8**

## **Mark Warnes' 9-49 lifts Alderley Edge**

WITH figures of 22.3-4-49-9 against Marple, left-arm spinner Mark Warnes produced the performance of a lifetime to hoist Alderley Edge into the top half of the **ECB Premier League**.

Marple, best-known for the quality of their spin bowling, were completely outplayed, compiling only 145 in 52 overs against the wiles and accuracy of Warnes whose all-10 hopes were scuppered when Jason Whittaker had Garry Cash lbw.

Alderley replied with 150-5 in 39 overs, Jon Steele contributing 68 and Calum Rowe 39, while Aussie Beau Webster, who had earlier top-scored for Marple with 29, claimed 3-26.

Warnes' performance, which makes him a strong candidate to win the Canterbury-sponsored Performance of Month award for June, was inside the top 20 best bowling figures since the League's 1975 foundation.

Meanwhile, Neston cruised on at the top of the table, winning their sixth game, by six wickets at home to struggling champions Nantwich, whom they dismissed for 157 at Parkgate, Sam Hunt 39, Jordan Free 3-12, Paul Stimson 3-70 from 26 overs. Neston replied with 159-4 in 35 overs, David Hurst 54, Will Evans 33.

Chester Boughton Hall who, like Neston, have never won the Premier League title, stay 17 points behind after registering their fifth win, by five wickets at home to Didsbury who were sent back for 150, Phil Critchley 53, Nick Anderson 35.

Chester's ever-improving young spinners Jack Williams and Harry Killoran claimed 5-49 from 20.3 and 4-29 from 15 overs respectively. Lee Dixon, 54 and Warren Goodwin, 43 top-scored in CBH's reply of 152-5, Jonny Fawcett 3-64.

### **Grappenhall third**

Grappenhall leaped up to third place thanks to a four wickets home victory over Macclesfield, who stay bottom. Macc batted well enough to post 229-7, Rob Kean 55, but Grappenhall topped that at 230-6, Luke McCoy 74, Adam Roylance 38.

The umpires reported that Oxton's ground was in superb condition for their game against Toft which the Wirral club won comfortably by five wickets. Toft were ousted for 173, Ed Stubbs 36, Toby Drummond 35, Martyn Evans 5-56 after which Oxton rattled up 174-5, Simon Stokes 55

Bowdon enjoyed a winning draw in the day's highest scoring game, at Hyde, but remain in the bottom two. Simon Marshall's splendid unbeaten innings of 157 helped Bowdon rack up 297-2, James McDougall, 56 helping him in a second wicket stand worth 159. As ever, Hyde had a go for the runs and closed tantalisingly close on 283-7, after a memorable knock of 92 not out off 77 balls by Dave Fitzsimmons.

Before him Chris Tipper had scored 50 while Trent McCormick's steady 4-82 was key in helping Bowdon wind up with a 14-5 points advantage.

**KEY FIXTURE ON SATURDAY: Chester Boughton Hall v Neston**

**DIVISION 1**

**Only one winner**

BRAMHALL's run of five **First Division** victories was halted at Heaton Mersey although the visitors now top the table by 18 points and the hosts prop it up by eight..

A fine innings of 100 by James Williamson took 'Mersey to 227-6, with 13 year-old former Woodford spinner Lewis Clarke claiming 4-65 on his debut in the absence of Rupe Kitzinger and Simon Wilkinson. Bramhall batted well in reply, but closed on 218-9 (Luke Smith 56) against accurate bowling from the player with the famous name, Nasser Hussain, 4-70.

Brooklands' bowlers took a pasting at Oulton Park where they went for 315-5, home openers Ben Tomlinson, 116 and Rick Moore, 110 enjoying a fluent partnership of 197. Brooklands made a big effort and reached 277-9. John Birchall 65, Mal Singh 52, John Grewer 50. The comparative steadiness of Craig Williamson, 5-98 and Guy Emmett, 3-66 earned Oulton the superior draw points at 14 – 7.

Fast-rising Urmston were the only winners in the division, claiming full points at Bredbury St. Mark's whom they dismissed for 102, Matt Parkinson 4-32. Sumit Panda, 41 not out and Chris Watson, 32, led Urmston to 106-3 after tea.

Christleton emerged 14 – 7 to the good from a close game against Cheadle at Little Heath. Christleton posted 215-8, Iroshan de Silva 43, Guy Newell 42 not out. Cheadle replied with 199-8, Andy Wilson 45, Ifti Naseer 5-49.

The Cheadle Hulme v Sale game was similarly well-balanced at Grove Park, Sale edging the draw points 14 – 7 after being put in and closing on 205-8, Calvin Flowers 56, Keith Wellings 50, Kris Nissen 4-62. After a poor start, 'Hulme went on to reach 191-7, Ewan McCray 53. Flowers took 3-54 and divisional leading wicket-taker Taz Tharsen 3-82.

Widnes enjoyed a 15 – 8 winning draw at Middlewich who managed to halt a run of defeats at Haddon Field. John Webb top-scored with 94 and Sean Moore 77 in Widnes' imposing 270-9, Gavin Tomlinson 5-81. Skipper James Cornford dug typically deep after tea and his unbeaten 64 helped Middlewich close on 179-9. Alex Graham took 3-47 and Danny Moore 3-56.

**KEY FIXTURE NEXT SATURDAY: Sale v Brooklands.**

**DIVISION 2**

**Congleton are form team**

FORM team in **Division Two** are Congleton who won their fifth game in the last six by 126 runs against Poynton at Booth Street.

New Zealanders Jerrym (correct spelling) Lamb top-scored with 70 and Kevin Waterhouse 64 as Congleton ran up an imposing 241-9 against the wiles of Rick Clarke, 6-57. Poynton were bowled out for 115, Damien Stringer 56 not out, all-rounder Waterhouse 5-36.

Timperley remain unbeaten at the top of the table, but are not having things all their own way just now. Improving visitors Davenham ran up 210 with 72 from Mark Greaves and Ian Grindley taking 5-52. Timperley mustered 162-7 in response, Matt Macquet contributing a typically whizz-bang 88.

Tattenhall returned to winning ways with a seven wickets victory at Irby, who produced a fine wicket with pace and bounce. Their Sydneysider Andy Williams, with 88 not out, enjoyed batting on it, helping his side to a decent tally of 204-6. Then Ollie Thompson cracked 88 and Kiwi Dan Power 58 as Tattenhall replied with a comfortable 207-3 with five overs to spare.

Stockport also look like making a real promotion bid, their latest victory being by seven wickets on the ground of neighbours Georgians, who are struggling Georgians were bowled out for 177, Nick Johnson 46, Mike Eley 6-33 after which the Cale Green men coasted home at 178-3, Josh Manning 88.

Warrington were back to their impressive best in a nine wickets demolition of Bollington at Walton Lea. Bolly mustered just 88 against the formidable Adams duo (no relations), Kyle taking 6-41 and Matt 3-33. Chris Kirby and James Hughes were unbeaten with 38 and 35 respectively as Warrington knocked off 91-1 quickly after tea.

Weaverham enjoyed their best day since re-entering the league with a convincing victory on the ground of old rivals Alvanley. After rattling up 255-5, Wilden Cornwall 70, Ian Eaton 55 not out, Weaverham dismissed their hosts for 119, Chris Charles 36, Andy Bennion 35, Rob McMillan 3-13 and Cornwall 3-17.

**KEY FIXTURE ON SATURDAY: Stockport v Timperley**

**CHESHIRE CUP ROUND 4** games on Sunday, June 16 (1.30 pm.) are: Oulton Park v Wallasey; Widnes v Birkenhead :Park; Didsbury v Chester (holders); Hyde v Parkfield Liscard; Alderley Edge v Neston; Mere v Macclesfield; New Brighton v Grappenhall; Upton v Urmston.

## **ECB PREMIER LEAGUE DETAILS**

**ALDERLEY EDGE (won toss, 25 pts.) beat MARPLE (3 pts.) by 5 wickets.**

Marple 145 (52 overs: B Webster 29, M. Warnes 22.3-4-49-9);  
Alderley Edge 150-5 (39 overs: J Steele 68, C Rowe 39, B. Webster 3-26).

**CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (toss, 25 pts. ) beat DIDSBURY (4pts.) by 5 wickets**

Didsbury 150 (50 overs: P Critchley 53, N Anderson 35, J Williams 5-49, H Killoran 4-29);  
Chester 152-5 (33 overs: L Dixon 54, W Goodwin 43, J Fawcett 3-64).

**GRAPPENHALL (toss, 25 pts.) beat MACCLESFIELD (10 pts.) by 4 wickets**

Macclesfield 229-7 (55 overs: R Kean 55, A Ross 39, B. Morrison 30);  
Grappenhall 230-6 ( overs: L McCoy 72, A. Roylance 38, G Burns 33).

**HYDE (toss, 5 pts.) drew with BOWDON (14 pts.)**

Bowdon 297-2 (55 overs: S Marshall 157no, J. McDougall 56 = 159 for 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket, M Foakes 43no, T McCormick 32);  
Hyde 283-7 (55 overs: D. Fitzsimmons 92no, C Tipper 50, T.Twiney 44, T. McCormick 4-82).

**NESTON (25 pts.) beat NANTWICH (toss, 3 pts.) by 6 wickets**

Nantwich 157 (55 overs: S Hunt 35, J Free 3-12, P Stimson 3-70);  
Neston 159-4 (35 overs: D Hurst 54, W. Evans 33).

**OXTON (toss, 25 pts.) beat TOFT (6pts.) by 5 wickets.**

Toft 173 (53 overs: E. Stubbs 36, T.Drummond 35, M. Evans 5-56);  
Oxton 174-5 (51 overs: S Stokes 55, J Fennah 34no, A Hughes 34).

## **DIVISION 1**

**BREDBURY ST. MARK's (1 pt.) lost to URMSTON (won toss, 25 pts.) by 7 wickets**

Bollington 102 (36 overs: A.Hilder 34, M Parkinson 4-32, S Panda 3-21);  
Urmston 106-3 (21 overs: S Panda 41no, C. Watson 32).

**CHEADLE HULME (toss, 7 pts.) drew with SALE (14 pts.)**

Sale 205-8 (50 overs: C. Flowers 56, K Wellings 50, C. Canning 30, K Nissen 4-62, E McCray 3-64);  
Cheadle Hulme 191-7 (50 overs: E McCray 53, J Potts 36, C Flowers 3-54, T Tharsen 3-84).

**CHRISTLETON (14 pts.) drew with CHEADLE (toss, 7 pts.)**

Christleton 215-8 (50 overs: I De Silva 43, G Newell 42no, B Patterson 39, N. O'Connor 30, W Lamb 3-45);  
Cheadle 199-8 (50 overs: A. Wilson 45, G Dixon 39, M Fisher 33, M. Spells 30, I. Naseer 5-49).

**HEATON MERSEY (toss, 15 pts.) drew with v BRAMHALL (7 pts.)**

Heaton Mersey 227-6 (50 overs: J. Williamson 100, A. Ayre 35, L. Clarke 4-65);  
Bramhall 219-9 (50 overs: L Smith 56, C. Heppell 31, N Hussain 4-70).

**MIDDLEWICH (8 pts.) drew with WIDNES (toss, 15 pts.)**

Widnes 270-9 (50 overs: J. Webb 94, S. Moore 77, G. Tomlinson 5-81);  
Middlewich 179-9 (50 overs: J Cornford 64no, A. Graham 3-47, D. Moore 3-56).

**OULTON PARK (14 pts.) drew with BROOKLANDS (7 pts.)**

Oulton Park 314-5 (50- overs: B Tomlinson 116, R Moore 110 = opening stand of 197, M East 30, A Robinson 3-95);  
Brooklands 277-9 (50 overs: J. Birchall 65, M Singh 52, J. Grewer 50, A.J. Hart 33, C. Williamson 5-98, G Emmett 3-66).

**DIVISION 2**

**ALVANLEY (won toss, 3 pts.) lost to WEAVERHAM (25 pts.) by 136 runs**

Weaverham 255-4 (50 overs: W Cornwall 70, I. Eaton 55no, J Lewis 34);  
Alvanley 119 (28 overs: C Charles 36, A Bennion 35, R McMillan 3-13, J Cornwall 3-17).

**CONGLETON (toss, 25 pts.) beat POYNTON (5 pts.) by 126 runs.**

Congleton 241-9 (50 overs: J Lamb 70, K. Waterhouse 64, A Browe 33, R Clark 6-57);  
Poynton 115 (35 overs: D Stringer 46no, K Waterhouse 5-36, J Higginbotham 3-39). *Poynton no scorer: £15 fine*

**IRBY (toss, 9 pts.) lost to TATTENHALL (25 pts.)**

Irby 204-6 (50 overs: A. Williams 88, M. Newman 36);  
Tattenhall 207-3 (45 overs: O Thmpson 88, D. Power 58).

**STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (7 pts.) lost to STOCKPORT (toss, 25 pts.) by 7 wickets.**

Stockport Georgians 177 (50 overs: N Johnson 46, M Eley 6-33);  
Stockport 178-3 (41 overs: J. Manning 88, I Hussain 3-46).

**TIMPERLEY (7 pts.) drew with DAVENHAM (toss, 14 pts.)**

Davenham 210 (50 overs: M. Greaves 72, I Grindley 5-52).  
Timperley 162-7 (50 overs: M. Macquet 88)

**WARRINGTON (25 pts.) beat BOLLINGTON (toss, 0 pts.) by 9 wickets**

Bollington 88 (31 overs: R Hough 24, K Adams 6-41, M. Adams 3-33);  
Warrington 90-21 (23 overs: C Kirby 38no, J. Hughes 35no).

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

**ECB Premier League**

Batting: Simon Marshall 157no v Hyde  
Bowling: Mark Warnes (Alderley Edge) 9-49 v Marple

**First Division**

Batting: Ben Tomlinson (Oulton Park) 116 v Brooklands  
Bowling: Ifti Naseer (Christleton) 5-49 v Cheadle:

**Second Division**

Bstting: oJosh Manning (Stockport) 88 v Stockport Georgians  
Bowling: Mike Eley (Stockport) 6-33 v Stockport Georgians.

**Tables after 8 games**

<b>ECB PREMIER</b>	<b>W</b> <b>(25)</b>	<b>WD</b> <b>(3)</b>	<b>RD</b> <b>(2)</b>	<b>LD</b> <b>(1)</b>	<b>C</b> <b>(7)</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Bat</b> <b>bonus</b>	<b>Bowl</b> <b>bonus</b>	<b>Total pts.</b>
NESTON	6	1	0	1	0	0	12	6	172
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	5	1	1	0	0	1	17	8	155
GRAPPENHALL	3	2	1	0	0	2	36	9	128
MARPLE	3	2	0	0	0	3	22	14	117
TOFT	3	0	0	0	1	4	21	11	114
ALDERLEY EDGE	3	1	0	2	0	2	20	12	112
NANTWICH	3	1	0	1	0	3	22	112	112
OXTON	3	0	0	1	0	4	16	15	107
HYDE	2	1	1	3	0	1	31	15	104
DIDSBURY	2	0	0	1	0	5	28	6	87
BOWDON	1	1	1	0	0	5	28	19	77
MACCLESFIELD	0	1	0	2	1	4	36	17	65

**DIVISION 1**

BRAMHALL	6	0	0	1	0	1	12	5	168
BROOKLANDS	5	1	0	1	0	1	14	7	150
SALE	5	1	0	0	0	2	16	5	149
URMSTON	4	0	0	1	0	3	21	6	128
OULTON PARK	3	1	1	1	0	2	27	15	123
CHEADLE HULME	3	2	0	1	0	2	25	15	122
WIDNES	2	2	0	0	0	4	33	15	104
CHEADLE	2	1	1	2	0	2	18	14	91
MIDDLEWICH	2	1	0	2	0	3	18	14	87
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	2	0	0	1	0	5	20	10	81
CHRISTLETON	1	1	0	0	0	6	31	15	74
HEATON MERSEY	1	1	0	1	0	5	21	16	66

**DIVISION 2**

TIMPERLEY	7	0	0	1	0	0	2	4	182
STOCKPORT	6	0	0	0	0	2	10	5	165
TATTENHALL	6	0	0	0	0	2	6	7	163
WARRINGTON	6	0	0	0	0	2	4	2	156
CONGLETON	5	1	0	0	0	2	9	3	140
DAVENHAM	4	1	0	0	0	3	17	11	131
POYNTON	3	1	0	0	0	4	19	18	115
WEAVERHAM	2	1	0	1	0	4	26	18	98
ALVANLEY	2	0	0	0	0	6	11	10	71
IRBY	1	0	0	2	0	5	21	16	64
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	0	1	0	1	0	6	25	15	44
BOLLINGTON	0	1	0	1	0	6	20	16	40

**POINTS:** All wins: 25 pts; winning draw (WD) 3 pts., losing draw (LD) 1 pt; in drawn games where rain reduces second innings (RD) 2 pts.. Cancelled matches 7 pts. each.

A tied game is one in where the scores finish level and the team batting second is all out = 16 pts. each. A level scores draw is a match where the team batting second is not all out. In this case the team batting first gets normal bonus and draw points and the team batting second gets 16 pts.

## **Ladybridge 40s to carry on**

DESPITE conceding their third consecutive **Over 40s** fixture (to Sale Vikings) , Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge assert that they will be able to fulfil the remainder of their North-East group fixtures.

Two other games conceded because of insufficient players available were by Marple at Macclesfield and Poynton Legends at home to Bramhall. Poynton chairman Brian Kingham contends that the unusually long school half term in the Stockport area has resulted in many early summer holidays being taken with cricketing parents being away.

Plaudits to Warrington for fulfilling their NE group game at Urmston Tigers with eight players.

Match of the week resulted in a tie between Toft and Grappenhall in the Central group.

Bob Knight took 6-12 off his four overs to help Tattenhall Wreckers inflict the first defeat on Oxton and go top of the West group.

### **WEDNESDAY. JUNE 5 RESULTS**

#### **West Group**

##### **CALDY (4 pts.) beat UPTON by 63 runs**

Caldy 153-6 (Rennie 33, Pilley 31, Luxon 30, Scragg 3-22); Upton 90-9 (I Sharrock 28, Chapman 21, Wilde 3-31).

##### **CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL lost to IRBY (4 pts.) by 16 runs.**

Irby 154-5 (D Newman 32, A. Hurworth 30); CBH 138-4 (R Fisher 30, J Gillson 30, K Steadman 30).

##### **TATTENHALL WRECKERS (4 pts.) beat OXTON by 13 runs**

Tattenhall 130-6 (Kettle 35, Salt 30, Williams 2-11); Oxton 117-9 (Tiler 34, Corran 22, Knight 6-12).

#### **Central Group**

##### **ASHLEY lost to BOWDON (4 pts.) by 10 wickets**

Ashley 100 (Sohail 30, Busby 24); Bowdon 101-0 (Sinclair 30, Cranmer 29).

##### **BOWDON VALE VIKINGS (4 pts.) beat DAVENHAM by 8 wickets.**

Davenham 108-4 (Gough 33, Spalding 30); Bowdon Vale Vikings 110-2 (Phillips 32, Webb 28, Goulding 2-11).

##### **MOBBERLEY lost to ALSAGER DABBERS (4 pts.) by 9 wickets.**

Mobberley 88-6 (Dutton 2-10); Alsager Dabbers 91-1 (Bason 31, Moores 25).

##### **TOFT (3 pts.) tied with v GRAPPENHALL (3 pts.)**

Toft 89-6 (Hope 28, Wernham 4-9); Grappenhall 89-7 (Fairbrother 29, Hodgson 3-10).

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

##### **ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS lost to CHEADLE HULME (4 pts.) by 68 runs.**

Cheadle Hulme 162-2 (Oldfield 33, Dare 31, Swindells 30); Alderley Edge Wizards 94-7 (Chandra 3-23).

##### **BROOKLANDS lost to CHEADLE (4 pts.) by 5 wickets**

Brooklands 117-6 (Tipping 2-36); Cheadle 118-5 (Rocky 31, Terry 2-24).

##### **CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE conceded to SALE SILVERBACKS (4 pts.).**

##### **URMSTON TIGERS (4 pts.) beat WARRINGTON by 9 wickets.**

Warrington 81-3 (Baxter 33, Sleigh 30, Sethi 2-8); Urmston Tigers 84-1 (Higginbottom 30, Fenton 24).

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

##### **BOLLINGTON VETERANS lost to v BREDBURY SAINTS (4 pts.) by 5 wickets.**

Bollington Veterans 87-7 (Burns 30, Spray 24, Barlow 3-16, Martin 3-22); Bredbury Saints 88-5 (Clarke 31, Burns 2-1).

##### **MACCLESFIELD conceded to MARPLE (4 pts.).**

##### **POYNTON LEGENDS conceded to BRAMHALL (4 pts.).**

##### **WOODLEY lost to OFFERTON (2 pts.) by 39 runs.**

Offerton 148-5; Woodley 109-5. *Late result: £15 fine*

**Over 40s tables**

<u>West group</u>	P	W (4)	T (3)	C (2)	L	Points
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	5	3	0	2	0	16
OXTON	4	3	0	0	1	12
CALDY	4	2	0	1	1	10
IRBY	4	2	0	1	1	10
NESTON	4	1	0	2	1	8
UPTON	5	1	0	0	4	4
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	4	0	0	0	4	0

CBH and Upton have conceded one game each.

**Central group**

ALSAGER DABBERS	5	3	0	2	0	16
GRAPPENHALL	5	2	1	2	0	15
TOFT	5	2	1	2	0	15
BOWDON	5	2	0	2	1	12
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	5	1	0	2	2	8
MOBBERLEY	5	1	0	2	2	8
ASHLEY	5	0	0	2	3	4
DAVENHAM	5	0	0	2	3	4

Mobberley have conceded one game.

**North-East group**

CHEADLE HULME	5	3	0	2	0	16
URMSTON	5	3	0	2	0	16
SALE SILVERBACKS	5	3	0	1	1	14
WARRINGTON	5	2	0	1	2	10
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	5	1	0	2	2	8
CHEADLE	5	1	0	2	2	8
BROOKLANDS	5	1	0	1	3	6
CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE	5	0	0	1	4	2

Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge have conceded three games.

**South-East group**

BREDBURY SAINTS	5	4	0	1	0	18
BRAMHALL	5	3	0	2	0	16
MACCLESFIELD	5	3	0	2	0	16
OFFERTON	5	1	0	2	2	8
POYNTON LEGENDS	5	1	0	2	2	8
MARPLE	5	1	0	1	3	6
WOODLEY	5	1	0	0	4	4
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	5	0	0	2	3	4

Marple and Poynton have conceded one game each.

**OVER 40s GROUP FIXTURES on Wednesday, June 12 (6 p.m.)**

**WEST:** Irby v Caldby; Neston v Upton; Oxtton v Chester Boughton Hall. Open: Tattenhall Wreckers.

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

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

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

## **Two games conceded in T20**

CLUBS are urged to do their utmost to fulfil all remaining **RedInsure T20** group commitments after Bowdon and Heaton Mersey both conceded in Group 5 fixtures on Thursday, June 6 due to their declared inability to raise teams for 6 p.m.starts.

Bowdon and Heaton Mersey had failed to win their opening games and there is a danger that so-called 'dead' groups could result in further concessions. Clubs should remember the Spirit of Cricket and do their best to fulfil all scheduled fixtures as clubs can lose considerable income when matches are called off at short notice. £15 fines are apparently not sufficient deterrent.

In Thursday's games played in superb evening sunshine, Nantwich recorded their second win in Group 1 as did Chester in Group 3., where Davenham scored a surprise win at Grappenhall.

Holders Neston started with a narrow, five runs win at Tattenhall.

A number of players who had figured in the Cheshire Development XI's fine victory against Lancashire 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sale earlier in the day dashed away to play for their clubs and are to be commended on their spirit.

### **THURSDAY. JUNE 6 RESULTS**

#### **Group 1:**

**CONGLETON (2 pts.) beat MIDDLEWICH by 6 wickets.**

Middlewich 115 (20 overs: D Bates 26, S Cardall 3-15, J. Higginbotham 3-19); Congleton 116-4 (16 overs: J. Lamb 54).

*Middlewich no scorer: £15 fine.*

**OULTON PARK lost to NANTWICH (2 pts.) by 26 runs.**

Nantwich 132-7 (20 overs: S Hunt 31, M Bentham 26no, D. Leech 2-13, G Emmett 2-35); Oulton Park 106-9 (20 overs: C Williamson 46, L. Bentley 30, J Goode 4-26, O. Griffiths 2-24)

#### **Group 3**

**CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (2 pts.) beat WARRINGTON by 8 wickets.**

Warrington 115 (20 overs: R Heaney 39 retired hurt, S. Patel 3-25); CBH 121-2 (16.4 overs: W Goodwin 50, R. Dixon 38, S. Pennington 2-25).

**GRAPPENHALL lost to DAVENHAM ( 2 pts.) by 7 wickets.**

Grappenhall 134-9 (20 overs); Davenham 137-3 (19 overs).

#### **Group 5:**

**MARPLE v BOWDON: Bowdon conceded – Marple 2 pts. Bowdon £15 fine**

**TIMPERLEY v HEATON MERSEY: Heaton Mersey conceded – Timperley 2 pts. Heaton Mersey £15 fine.**

#### **Group 7:**

**ALDERLEY EDGE (2 pts.) beat v SALE by 95 runs**

Alderley Edge 149-7 (20 overs: A Day 39, M. Currie 38, I. Dixon 4-20); Sale 54 (10.3 overs: M Warnes 4-3, A. Jackson 3-2).

**BROOKLANDS (2 pts.) beat v POYNTON by 108 runs**

Brooklands 178-3 (20 overs: J Birchall 65no, C. Hart 44, M. Singh 40); Poynton 70 (14.1 overs: R. Leach 4-17, M Singh 4-27).

#### **Group 9**

**TATTENHALL lost to NESTON ( 2 pts.) by 5 runs:**

Neston 151-8 (20 overs: D Hurst 43, D. Manchett 39no, O. Thompson 4-29); Tattenhall 146-6 (20 overs: S Green 59, L. Camden 3-21).

Open: Weaverham

#### **REMINDER:**

Home clubs should telephone the results and highlights to the Competition Secretary immediately after the match and post, fax or e-mail a result sheet (no ground marks required) ASAP after match day. There are also website requirements.

Result sheets missing : May 14: Bredbury v Cheadle (abandoned); May 16: Bollington v Toft. May 23: Sale v Brooklands. May 30: Irby v Alvanley. June 6: Congleton v Middlewich; Grappenhall v Davenham (also no phone and late website); Oulton Park v Nantwich (no phone); Tattenhall v Neston (no phone);



**Latest T20 group tables**

<u>Group 1</u>	P	W	C	L	Pts,
NANTWICH	2	2	0	0	4
MIDDLEWICH	2	1	0	1	2
CONGLETON	2	1	0	1	2
OULTON PARK	2	0	0	2	0
<u>Group 2</u>					
HYDE	1	1	0	0	2
CHEADLE	1	0	1	0	1
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	2	0	1	1	1
CHEADLE	1	0	1	0	1
<u>Group 3</u>					
CHESTER BO. HALL	2	2	0	0	4
DAVENHAM	2	1	0	1	2
GRAPPENHALL	2	1	0	1	2
WARRINGTON	2	0	0	2	0
<u>Group 4</u>					
MACCLESFIELD	2	1	1	0	3
TOFT	2	1	1	0	3
BOLLINGTON	2	0	1	1	1
BRAMHALL	2	0	1	1	1
<u>Group 5</u>					
TIMPERLEY	2	2	0	0	4
MARPLE	2	1	1	0	3
HEATON MERSEY	2	0	1	1	1
BOWDON	2	0	0	2	0
<u>Group 6</u>					
OXTON	2	2	0	0	4
ALVANLEY	2	1	0	1	2
IRBY	2	1	0	1	2
WIDNES	2	0	0	2	0
<u>Group 7</u>					
ALDERLEY EDGE	2	1	1	0	3
BROOKLANDS	2	1	0	1	2
SALE	2	1	0	1	2
POYNTON	2	0	1	1	1
<u>Group 8</u>					
DIDSBURY	2	1	1	0	3
STOCKPORT	2	1	0	1	2
URMSTON	2	1	0	1	2
CHEADLE HULME	2	0	1	1	1
<u>Group 9</u>					
NESTON	1	1	0	0	2
TATTENHALL	2	1	0	1	2
WEAVERHAM	1	0	0	1	0

**FIXTURES & UMPIRES: THURSDAY, JUNE 13 (6 pm)**

<b>GROUP 2:</b>	CHEADLE v HYDE	David Goulding & Allan Lewis
	Bredbury St. Mark's open	
<b>GROUP 4:</b>	BRAMHALL v TOFT	Dion Kelly & John Lowe
	MACCLESFIELD v BOLLINGTON	Neville Abberley & Gary Zimmer
<b>GROUP 6:</b>	ALVANLEY v WIDNES	Alastair Davies & Ged Kinsey
	OXTON v IRBY	Barrie Burns & Jon Hacking
<b>GROUP 8</b>	CHEADLE HULME v STOCKPORT	Garry Hambleton & Martin Howe
	URMSTON v DIDSBURY	Paul Herring & Martin Roberts

## **May 25 ground reports**

UMPIRES' League ground marks and other reports from games played on Saturday, May 25 were as follows:

**ECB Premier League.** Bowdon v Alderley Edge: pitch 18, outfield 19; Didsbury v Neston 18 – 18; Macclesfield v Chester 17 – 18; Marple v Oxton 15 - 19; Nantwich v Hyde 19 – 20; Toft v Grappenhall 18 – 18;

**Division One:** Bramhall v Oulton Park 18 – 19; Brooklands v Cheadle Hulme 14 – 17; Cheadle v Heaton Mersey 16 – 19; Sale v Bredbury 18 – 18; Urmston v Middleswich 18 – 20; Widnes v Christleton 17 – 20.

**Division Two:** Bollington v Timperley 13 - 15; Davenham v Georgians 13 (poor carry & bounce) - 16; Poynton v Alvanley 14 – 18; Stockport v Irby 17 – 20; Tattenhall v Congleton 17 – 20; Weaverham v Warrington 14 - 18

O All captains' umpires marks were received on time by co ordinator Ken Spilsbury.

O Fines: Urmston v Middleswich result phoned late; Bollington v Timperley result sheet late..

Overdue result sheet: Cheadle v Widnes Division One on May 5.

## **Round the clubs**

O TICKETS are available for Grappenhall's Betfred Big Bash event at Broad lane on Tuesday, July 30 at £27.50 (grandstand), £20 (adult ground) and £15 (under 16 ground). For that money spectators will be able to see a charity match between a Club XI and a Warrington Wolves RL XI (12 noon), followed by England v Australia Legends with many famous players, at 4 p.m.

O ALSAGER have a few £20 tickets left for their Evening with ex-Aussie paceman Jeff Thomson in the pavilion on Friday, June 28 at 7.30 pm The event will include a Q&A session a pie n' peas supper. Contact Steve Armitage on 07803 041 619.

O TOFT Over 40s captain Dave Ward is planning a 4-day, 300 mile charity bike ride from London to Paris and back from Wednesday, June 19 when he hopes to raise cash for the Alzheimer's Fund. To boost the fund tap into justgiving.comdave-ward3.

O NESTON expect a large crowd for the T20 2nd XI Trophy fixture between Lancashire and Durham at Parkgate on Tuesday, June 18. Two separate games start at 11.30 am. and 3 pm. Admission is £3 for adults and £1 children.

Another big event at Neston is on Sunday, July 14 when they stage Dick Greenwood's famous Wooden Spoon Charity Cricket match between legends of the Rugby Union and Rugby League worlds at 2 p.m. Entry is £5, children free.

O TATTENHALL invite all and sundry to attend their pavilion on Saturday, June 22 at 11 a.m. to watch the first British Lions v Australia RU Test match on a giant screen in the lounge. Mike Reece is the host.

The club's annual fixture book carries advertisements from 60 sponsors.

O SALE have acquired former Pakistan first-class cricketer Jibran Khan to play from mid-June. Jibran played top cricket in his native country from 1984 – 2008 before becoming domiciled in the UK.

O CHESHIRE League sponsors TACS Partnership are offering tax support should any clubs need expert advice following HMRC inspections. HMRC are currently visiting Cheshire clubs on a regular basis to check on their compliance with employment law.

The company can be contacted via the Cheshire Board on <http://www.cheshirecricketboard.co.uk/ClubmarkNewsboard.html>.

## **WEEK 8: Alastair Davies' Umpires Quiz**

**LAST WEEK'S POSER:** After time has been called for a drinks break, a fielder appeals for a catch taken low in the slips. In the umpire's opinion it was caught legitimately. What should be the outcome?

**ANSWER:** I am sure you all got this right: Once 'time' has been called, the appeal is too late. The response should be 'Not out'.

**THIS WEEK:** A short-pitched delivery bounces over the head of the striker who is standing upright at the crease. The ball, without going to ground, lands on top of the flag marking the boundary. How many runs should be scored?

## **Third XI cricket revamp?**

A League Cricket Committee sub-group is currently exploring the possibility of a major revamp of Sunday Third XI cricket next season following many problems currently arising. These include games being called off due to shortage of players, and many qualification snags.

Among ideas being considered are wholly localised divisions with play reduced to 40 overs per innings and a restriction on individual overs bowled.

The matter will be further discussed at the June Cricket Committee at Warrington on Tuesday, June 16.

## **Charlie Reid century sees off Lancs**

A REMARKABLE innings of 107 off 108 balls by Alderley Edge's Charlie Reid helped **Cheshire Development XI** record their first victory over Lancashire 2nd in a high-scoring friendly match at Sale last Thursday.

In superb conditions which reflected great credit on the thriving Sale club, Lancashire rattled up 275-9 off their 45 allotted overs, first team squad member Luke Procter leading the way with 88 and skipper Aaron Lilley with 78 as the Cheshire bowlers toiled. Best return was by leg-spinner Reid with 2-38 off eight overs.

Cheshire set about their task vigorously with Adam Roylance (Grappenhall) scoring 32 and skipper Ross Dixon (Chester) 38 proving the groundwork. But it was all-rounder Reid whose sparkling knock gave his side impetus until he was out for 107 with time running out. Needing seven off the final over, Cheshire reached their target with the help of a no ball, closing on 276-8 to win their first fixture of the summer by two wickets.

The squad was Ross Dixon captain, Jack Williams (CBH), Adam Roylance (Grappenhall), Simon Normanton (Didsbury), Andy Clarke, Ashley Davis (Neston), Martin Foakes (Bowdon), Charlie Reid (Alderley Edge), Danny Cranmer (Hyde), Tom Marsland (Upton), Taz Tharsen (Sale). Jye Bailey (Broadbottom).

O Next match is against Durham Academy at Warrington on Wednesday – Thursday, June 26 – 27.

## **Cheshire do well at Oxford**

CHESHIRE ended the opening day of their first **Minor Counties championship** match against Oxfordshire at Great & Little Tew on Sunday in a decent position.

Put in, Cheshire totalled 233 from 73 overs, leading scorers being Jonny Kettle, 63, Jack Williams and Rick Moore, both 37 and Danny Cranmer, 25. Oxford opened smartly to take their reply to 76-0 before spinners Williams and Danny Woods got to work. They took five quick wickets and Oxford declined to 86-5 before closing on 105-5 from 40 overs. On his three-day debut Williams took 3-18 and Woods 2-15.

Play was due to resume at 11 a.m. on Monday, continuing on Tuesday.

The team is: Danny Woods (York) captain, Warren Goodwin, Jack Williams (Chester Boughton Hall), Jonny Kettle (Nantwich), Rick Moore (Oulton Park), Khalid Sawas (Macclesfield), Danny Berry, Scott Kirwin, Chris Tipper, Danny Cranmer (Hyde), Adam Syddall (Urmston). 12th man: Pat Roberts (Toft).

## **Mixed fortune for Vets**

CHESHIRE Over 50s beat Shropshire by three wickets in their **Eric Marsh Trophy** friendly at Congleton on Wednesday last week. Scores: Shropshire 212 (Mike Cushion 3-45, Chris Moore 3-30); Cheshire 215-7 (Adrian Walker 57, Garry Cash 39).

**Next match is in the National Over 50s championship against Yorkshire at Chester on Wednesday, June 12 (1.30 p.m.)**  
HOLDERS Cheshire lost their second **Spitfire Over 60s championship** game by four wickets against Yorkshire at Marple on Tuesday last week. Scores: Cheshire 124-9 (Nick Sharp 35, Chris Lees 28); Yorkshire 124-6 (Richard Powell 2-22)

Cheshire were due to visit Derbyshire in their latest fixture on Tuesday this week (1.30 p.m.).

## **NATIONAL KO GROUP FINAL**

BOWDON beat Denton West by seven wickets to reach the group final of the **Kingfisher Beers Cup** (the National Club ko) on Sunday, June 2. Scores: Denton West 171 (Chris Ashling 4-7, Gareth Edwards 2-13); Bowdon 172-3 (Simon Marshall 69).

Bowdon now visit Wallasey provisionally on Sunday, June 16.

## **Upton lose in TACS Cheshire League**

WITHOUT two key players suspended, Upton lost their first game since being demoted to the **TACS Cheshire League** when Division One leaders Northwich beat them by 47 runs at Moss Farm to go 15 points clear.

**RESULTS:** Chester County Officers 235-6 inn. closed Prestbury 236-5; Hale Barns 136 Ashton on Mersey 185-7 dec.; Northwich 144-9 inn. closed Upton 97; Oakmere 159-6 Runcorn 158; Romiley 159-6 Mobberley 154; Winnington Park 147 Malpas 148-2.

**PLACINGS** in Division 1 after eight games: 1. Northwich 162 pts.; 2. Malpas 147; 3. Mobberley 146; 4. Upton 138; 5. Romiley 129; 6. Ashton on Mersey 123; 7. CCO 115; 8. Hale Barns 110; 9. Runcorn 109; 10. Oakmere 88; 9. Winnington Park 81; 12. Prestbury 69.

**FIXTURES** in Division 1 on Saturday, June 15 (1.30 p.m.): Ashton on Mersey v Winnington Park; Hale Barns v Chester County Officers; Malpas v Romiley; Mobberley v Oakmere; Runcorn v Northwich; Upton v Prestbury.

## **FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 15**

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

BOWDON v NANTWICH (12 noon)  
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v NESTON  
DIDSBURY v GRAPPENHALL  
MACCLESFIELD v OXTON  
MARPLE v HYDE  
TOFT v ALDERLEY EDGE

Trevor Burnett & Geoff Wellsted  
John Lofthouse & Steve Walton  
Dion Kelly & Neville Kent  
Don Flanagan & Paul Herring  
Ian Greensmith & Phil Prince  
Barrie Burns & Chris Smith

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

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

David Gouding & Steve Kirkbright  
Stan Davies & Martin Howe  
David Gane & Graham Harris  
Ankit Jain & Mark Turner  
Ged Kinsey & Ray Prescott  
Brian Jones & Clive Rice

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

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

Ken Rothwell & David Stoter  
Alastair Davies & Martin Roberts  
Neville Abberley & Wyn Harris  
Howard Briggs & Garry Hambleton  
John Lowe & \* Paul Lawday  
\*\* Brian Coneeny & Jon Hacking

\* Lawday tels. 01625 532 547 (h); 07851 391 839 (m).

\*\* Coneeny tels. 01925 265 426 (h); 07793 516 652 (m).

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

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

Simon Smith -  
- -  
- -  
- -  
- -  
Club Umpire -

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

BROOKLANDS' Bill Brown may be the oldest active cricketer in the League (he's 83), but he retains a sharp and critical mind.

Bill writes to *Newsletter*: "In spite of my self-imposed retirement, I have played in Over 40s games and umpired 2<sup>nd</sup> XI cricket recently. I am often puzzled by the groundsmen's placement of the stumps, in the wrong position behind the back end of the return or bowling crease instead of in the centre of the line. What puzzles me is why the league don't pick up on this because groundsmen have a habit of sticking the stumps in where they shouldn't be. There is a diagram on page 234 in the League handbook which should be followed. Have a look for yourself next time you go out to the middle".