

**2014 NEWSLETTER NO. 21: SEPTEMBER 6 / 7**

Hyde need nine points; Urmston and Oxtton down

HYDE'S 13th victory of the season, at Urmston, had the dual effect of taking them within nine points of their first **ECB Premier League** title and of relegating their hosts after one season back in the top flight.

In a match reduced to 88 overs by mid-day rain, Hyde opted to bat and scored a modest 158 from 40 overs, Chris Tipper 61, Khalid Sawas 42, Matthew Parkinson 5-53, Samit Panda 4-44. But the Urmston batting, brittle all season, collapsed to 97 all out against fine fast bowling from Aussie Matthew Hanna, who claimed 7-55 to take his tally for the season to 60, and Jason Whittaker, 3-47.

Their latest 25 points haul means Hyde need just nine from their final game at home to Marple next Saturday – whatever Chester may achieve - while it is curtains for Urmston who cannot catch nearest rivals, Bowdon.

The South Downs Road club pulled off their second successive win - and third in four games - just when it was needed. It was at Alderley Edge where they dismissed the home side for 173, Charlie Reid 84, Chris Ashling a superb 6-36. Bowdon responded well with 176-7, sibling Pat Ashling hitting a fine 81, while Simon O'Brien took 4-67.

Second-placed Chester Boughton Hall kept up the chase with a seven wickets win at Marple in an encounter reduced to 80 overs by rain. Put in to bat, Marple mustered only 123-9 from their 40 overs against the pace and accuracy of Aussie Josh Henderson, 7-50. Warren Goodwin top scored with 31 as Chester coasted home at 124-3.

Neston complete Wirral double

Oxtton are also relegated after being soundly beaten at home by Wirral rivals Neston, who themselves looked in deep trouble in mid-season, but now nestle in the table's top half. Neston totalled 214-4 with Richard Wilkinson 91 not out, W. Sykes 53 not out, Gayan Fernando 3-80. Oxtton were then dismissed for 125, James Fennah with an unbeaten 47 not showing defiance against the pace of Ash Davis, who enjoyed a 5-20 burst to help complete the double over their neighbours.

Nantwich pocketed 25 points to ensure remaining in the top flight, beating Grappenhall by 141 runs in a match dominated by young Lancashire batsman Liam Livingstone. He contributed 135 to his side's tally of 214, an innings containing 18 fours and six sixes. Next highest scorer was Ash Shaw, 26, while Ian Barnes took a creditable 5-68. Grappenhall went on to suffer the eighth defeat in the last nine games when they were bowled out for 73, opener Adam Roynance top-scoring with 16. Their destroyers were Ollie Griffiths, 4-19 and Jimmy Warrington, 3-30.

Bramhall are keen to snatch third place from Toft in the final table after winning a thrilling game by five runs at Booth's Park. Bramhall opted to bat and ran up 210-9, Danny Lamb 57, Vishal Tripathi 36, Jimmy Lomas 7-67. Toft's spirited chase got them to 205 before losing their last wicket off the third ball of the final over, Rob Jones 53, Jake Hancock 38, Henry Hughes 31, debutant wicket-keeper Sam Hacker 29, The visitors' match-winners were eventually Tripathi, 3-46 and Simon Wilkinson, 3-80. Only four points separates the two clubs who have both enjoyed excellent seasons.

BITTER SWEET WEEK-END FOR MACC

MACCLESFIELD had a week-end to remember, clinching promotion back to the **ECB Premier League** when they trounced Davenham on Saturday, only to lose by 10 wickets to rampant holders Chester Boughton Hall in the **Cheshire Cup final** 24 hours later.

For fuller details see pages 2 and 6

DIVISION 1

Macc are up Brooklands are down

TWELVE months after being relegated as Premier League wooden-spoonists, Macclesfield are back in the top flight, a convincing eight wickets home victory over Davenham clinching their return, although not necessarily yet as **First Division** champions.

Cheadle also won and need six points from their final game to go up alongside them.

Davenham, whose fall from grace since mid-season has been alarming with only one win since June 28, were bowled out for 93 at Macclesfield, Ian Tait's pace earning him 5-23. The home side coasted home at 94-2, with inspiring skipper Nick Ross on 33.

Cheadle beat Brooklands by 63 runs at Georges Road after declaring on 207-7 from 45 overs, Chris Moore 59, Nick Reid 48. Brooklands reached 146 in reply, A.J. Hart 60, with outstanding Aussie all-rounder Moore completing a good day with 7-56. This means that Brooklands are relegated

Outside promotion-battlers Didsbury amassed 306 all out in 43 hectic overs at Timperley, Josh Beal, 114 and Phil Critchley, 72 adding 131 for the second wicket, after which Nick Anderson chipped in with a lively 60 and Dan Ashling claimed a career-best 7-90. Timperley got to 244 in reply, Craig Grindley 92, R. Davenport 4-64.

Warm plaudits are due to Widnes for shedding the League's last remaining No Wins record, with a 25-pointer at home to Cheadle Hulme. Widnes posted 205, Sean Moore 74, Akhil Shah 5-48, then dismissed their visitors for 166, Adam Wilde 59, Ben Hewitt 4-29.

Widnes are not down yet, although they will find it difficult after Middlewich's vital two wickets win at Christleton. The Little Heath men mustered 125, Ben Paterson 64, Jordie Gibbens 6-46 after which Middlewich scraped home at 126-8, thanks to a priceless, unbeaten 44 from skipper Nick Gill and 44 earlier from Gibbens. Matt Parkinson took 5-47.

Form team Oulton Park (six wins and a drawn since July 5) won by six wickets at Sale after dismissing their hosts for 143, Guy Emmett 5-38. In-form Rick Moore scored 58 and Danny Leech 40 as Park replied with an untroubled 144-4, Rob Grant 3-43.

DIVISION 2:

Weaverham and Tattenhall promoted

CONTRASTING reactions greeted the final ball of the Weaverham v Heaton Mersey game at Wallerscote road, the host's nine wickets victory clinching the **Second Division** title and promotion to the highest level in the club's 131 years' history.

A point-less defeat for 'Mersey on the other hand endangers 40 seasons of achievement in the League since the club became founder-members in 1975, including a top division title in 1986. Irby now need just two points from their last game at Upton and even an unlikely Heaton Mersey victory against Tattenhall will not save them from dropping into the TACS Partnership Cheshire League. This would be in company with Poynton, whose fate was sealed the previous week.

Weaverham - without star man Wilden Cornwall who has returned to bid for a major cricket post in his native Antigua - celebrated with champagne on the outfield after their 14th victory of the summer.

This was achieved after just 43 overs' play against poor opposition. 'Mersey's top scorer was opener Jordan Barnett with 14, only one other batsman reaching double figures against a rampant home attack on a helpful wicket. Left arm quickie Kevin Douglas was their main destroyer with 15-6-21-6, including three wickets in one over, while Mike Clarke backed him with 12-6-21-3.

Tea was not ready at 2.45 pm so the game continued and Weaverham knocked off the runs in 11 overs, Rob McMillan showing how to attack with a forcing 36 not out.

Meanwhile, the second promotion spot was clinched by Tattenhall who won by three wickets at Irby and cannot be caught by third-placed Stockport.

Irby, who have improved in recent weeks after looking likely to go down, were restricted to 145, Dave Newman 52, chiefly by Dave Shewring enjoying himself with 6-20. Tatters again got the jitters after tea before closing on 148-7, Ollie Thompson 55, Dan Power 42, while Greg Shillinglaw (6-62) continued his fine run with the ball

Stockport won by 161 runs at Poynton to give their hosts an idea of the work that needs to be done throughout the club if they are to regain their place in the pyramid's top sphere. Tom Kidd hit 65 not out and Danny Barber 61 not out in Stockport's 241-6. Poynton were then hustled out for 79, Simon Dunn 25, James Dunley 3-13.

Alvanley will finish a creditable fourth following a useful three wickets win at Northwich whose batting improved with a tally of 182-9, Lee Evans top-scoring with 55, while Chris Charles took 4-45. Steven Gee, 64 and Mike Rowland, 37 led the Alvanley reply, but they had to fight hard to keep out Sam Shepherd, 4-75, who again impressed as one of the division's best bowlers.

Lower order teams Bredbury St. Mark's and Congleton both registered useful victories: Bredbury won by six wickets at Upton after bowling their visitors out for 134, Hassan Nasir 4-32 and Chris Smith 4-43. Darren Carr, 42, top-scored in St. Mark's response of 138-4.

Congleton won a close affair at Warrington after running up 180-7 (Aaron Browe 46, Matt Stretch 46, Kyle Adams 4-54). Warrington got to 174, losing by six runs, Liam Heaphy 40 not out, Ryan Booth 5-27.

SATURDAY'S MATCH DETAILS

ECB Premier League

ALDERLEY EDGE (7 pts.) lost to BOWDON (won toss, 25 pts.) by 3 wickets.

Alderley Edge 173 (55 overs: C Reid 84, C. Ashling 6-36);

Bowdon 176-7 (52 overs: P. Ashling 81, S. O'Brien 4-67).

MARPLE (5 pts.) lost to CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (toss, 25 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Marple 123-9 (40 overs: M. Whittaker 49no, M Bennett 38, J Henderson 7-50);

Chester 124-3 (25 overs: W Goodwin 31, J. Clark 29).

This was an 80 overs match

NANTWICH (toss, 25 pts.) beat GRAPPENHALL (4 pts.) by 141 runs:

Nantwich 214 (53 overs: L Livingstone 135, I Barnes 5-68);

Grappenhall 73 (32 overs: A Roylance 26, O. Griffiths 4-10, J Warrington 3-30).

OXTON (toss, 1 pt.) lost to NESTON (25 pts.) by 89 runs:

Neston 214-4 (55 overs: R Wilkinson 91no, W Sykes 58no, G Fernando 3-80);

Oxton 125 (overs: J Fennah 47no, A Davis 5-20).

TOFT (7 pts.) lost to BRAMHALL (won toss, 25 pts.) by 5 runs:

Bramhall 210-9 (55 overs: D Law 57, V Tripathi 36, J Lomas 7-67);

Toft 205 (54.3 overs: R Jones 53, J Hancock 38, H Hughes 31, V. Tripathi 3-46, S Wilkinson 3-80).

URMSTON (4 pts.) lost to HYDE (toss, 25 pts.) by 61 runs:

Hyde 158 (40 overs: C Tipper 61, K Sawas 42, M Parkinson 5-93, S Panda 4-44);

Urmston 97 (33 overs: C Turner 29, M Hanna 7-55, J Whittaker 3-47).

This was an 88 overs match.

Leading Premiership players at August 30

BATTING: o Jake Hancock (Toft) 871 runs @ 62.61; o Matt Begbie (Bramhall) 832 @ 59.42

BOWLING: o Matt Hanna (Hyde) 53 wickets @ 19.09; o Gayan Fernando (Oxton) 50 @ 19.62

o = overseas

Division One

BROOKLANDS (won toss, 5 pts.) lost to CHEADLE (25 pts.) by 61 runs:

Cheadle 207-7 dec. (45 overs: C. More 59no, N.Reid 48, E Bullock 38);

Brooklands 146 (overs: AJ Hart 60, C Moore 7-56)

CHRISTLETON (5 pts.) lost to MIDDLEWICH (toss, 25 pts.) by 2 wickets:

Christleton 125 (42 overs: B. Paterson 64, I. Naseer 26, J Gibbens 6-46);

Middlewich 126-8 (47 overs: N Gill 44no, J Gibbens 44, M Parkinson 5-47).

MACCLESFIELD (toss, 25 pts.) beat DAVENHAM (0 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Davenham 93 (26 overs: I Tate 5-23);

Macclesfield 94-2 (16 overs: N Ross 38no, J Birchall 26).

SALE (7 pts.) lost to OULTON PARK (toss, 25 pts.) by 6 wickets:

Sale 143 (39 overs: K Wellings 33, G Emmett 5-38);

Oulton Park 144-4 (33 overs: R Moore 58, D. Leech 40, R. Grant 3-43).

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Division 1 contd ...

TIMPERLEY (toss, 8 pts.) lost to DIDSBURY (25 pts.) by 62 runs:

Didsbury 306 (44 overs: J Beal 114, P. Critchley 72, N Anderson 60, D. Ashling 7-90);
Timperley 244 (49 overs: C Grindley 92, M Rudd 31, R. Davenport 4-64).

WIDNES (25 pts.) beat CHEADLE HULME (toss, 6 pts.) by 31 runs:

Widnes 205 (50 overs: S Moore 74, M. Burns 32, P. Catterall 31, A. Shah 5-48, R Malook 3-75).
Cheadle Hulme 166 (45): A Wilde 59, D Fish 30, B Hewitt 4-29i).

Leading Division 1 stats to August 30:

BATTING : o Nick Ross (Macclesfield) 888 runs @ 74; Rick Moore (Oulton Park) 733 @ 56.38

BOWLING: o Jonathan Burton (Cheadle Hulme) 58 wickets @14.43; ; Danny Hancock (Davenham) 48 @ 11.25; Tyrone Lawrence (Sale) 48 wickets @ 15.75

o = overseas.

Division Two

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S (won toss, 25 pts.) beat UPTON (5 pts.) by 6 wickets:

Upton 134 (32 overs: A Robinson 37no, H Nazir 4-32, C Smith 4-43);
Bredbury 138-4 (43 overs: J. Barber 44, D Carr 42, W. Hayes 34no).
This was a 76 overs match.

IRBY (7 pts.) lost to TATTENHALL (25 pts.) by 3 wickets:

Irby 145 (50 overs: D Newman 42, D Shewring 6-20);
Tattenhall 148-7 (46 overs: O Griffiths 55, D. Power 42, G Shillinglaw 6-62).

NORTHWICH (9 pts.) lost to ALVANLEY (toss, 25 pts.) by 3 wickets:

Northwich 182-9 (50 overs: L. Evans 55, A. Sephton 30, C. Charles 4-45);
Alvanley 185-7 (46 overs: S Gee 64, M Rowland 37, S. Shepherd 4-75).

POYNTON (2 pts.) lost to STOCKPORT (toss, 25 pts.) by 162 runs:

Stockport 241-6 (50 overs: T. Kidd 65no, D Barber 61no, J Denley 43);
Poynton 79 (31 overs: S. Dunn 25, J. Denley 3-13).

WARRINGTON (toss, 6 pts.) lost to CONGLETON (25 pts.) by 6 runs:

Congleton 180-7 (50 overs: A. Browe 46, M Stretch 44, K Adams 4-54);
Warrington 174 (47 overs: L Heaphy 40no, A Kirby 33, R. Booth 5-27).

WEAVERHAM (toss, 25 pts.) beat HEATON MERSEY (0 pts.) by 9 wickets:

Heaton Mersey 60 (32 overs: J. Barnett 14, K Douglas 6-21, M Clarke 3-21);
Weaverham 62-1 (11 overs: R McMillan 36no).

Division 2 stats to August 30

BATTING: o Josh Manning (Stockport) 827 runs @ 59.07; Ollie Thompson 698 @ 41.05

BOWLING: o Kyle Adams (Warrington) 71 wickets @ 12.32; Sam Shepherd (Northwich) 54 @ 9.72

o = overseas.

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ECB Premier League	Won (25)	Tied (16)	WD (3)	RD (2)	LD (1)	A/C (7)	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
HYDE	13	0	1	0	2	4	1	19	12	389
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	13	0	0	0	1	3	4	13	12	372
* TOFT (2)	9	0	2	0	1	2	7	47	21	312
* BRAMHALL (3)	10	0	0	1	1	4	5	9	21	308
MARPLE	7	0	1	0	2	4	7	23	32	262
NESTON	7	0	2	0	2	1	9	40	31	261
*ALDERLEY EDGE (3)	6	0	0	2	1	4	8	54	23	257
GRAPPENHALL	7	0	0	1	0	1	12	31	26	241
NANTWICH	6	0	1	2	0	5	7	26	19	237
BOWDON	6	0	2	0	0	3	10	26	32	235
URMSTON	4	0	1	1	3	3	9	41	37	207 rel
* OXTON (3)	4	0	3	0	0	1	13	50	30	193 rel

** Points deducted for slow over rates*

First Division	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
MACCLESFIELD	13	0	0	1	1	4	2	15	11	382 prom
CHEADLE	12	0	0	0	0	7	2	1	8	358
DIDSBURY	10	0	2	1	0	5	3	24	21	338
SALE	10	0	2	0	1	4	4	30	13	328
OULTON PARK	9	0	1	0	2	4	5	24	23	305
TIMPERLEY	7	0	0	2	1	4	7	41	24	273
CHEADLE HULME	7	0	0	0	1	4	9	30	26	260
DAVENHAM	6	0	1	0	0	6	8	4	18	237
MIDDLEWICH	4	0	1	0	1	5	10	31	27	197
CHRISTLETON	3	0	1	0	1	5	11	46	29	189
WIDNES	1	0	2	1	0	6	11	67	29	171
BROOKLANDS	2	0	1	0	3	3	12	38	27	142 rel

Second Division	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
WEAVERHAM	14	0	3	0	1	1	2	28	21	416 champ
TATTENHALL	11	0	5	1	1	2	1	48	23	378 prom
STOCKPORT	10	0	2	1	4	3	1	33	22	338
ALVANLEY	9	0	3	1	2	2	4	42	15	309
*WARRINGTON (3)	6	1	3	1	1	3	6	41	33	270
UPTON	6	0	1	1	0	2	11	44	29	242
NORTHWICH	6	0	0	2	2	4	7	25	23	232
CONGLETON	6	0	0	3	1	1	10	34	32	230
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	6	0	1	0	3	2	9	29	30	229
IRBY	4	0	1	0	2	2	12	54	40	213
* HEATON MERSEY (4)	3	1	1	1	1	5	9	36	25	189
POYNTON	3	0	0	0	2	4	12	23	27	155 rel

**Points deducted for slow over rates.*

Record fifth Cheshire Cup win for CBH

CHESTER Boughton Hall won the **Cheshire Cup** for a record fifth time when they completed a hat-trick of victories in 2012-13-14 by 10 wickets against Macclesfield at Filkins Lane on Sunday.

Macclesfield opted to bat first, but soon lost key batsmen John Birchall, for 14 and skipper Nick Ross, for 29 – brilliantly run out by Warren Goodwin before staggering on to 103 all out in the 38th over. Chester were superb in the field and never let their newly-promoted visitors off the hook, teenage spinner Harry Killoran taking 4-13 off 50 deliveries and Aussie paceman Josh Henderson 2-19 off 54.

As if determined to knock off the runs ASAP to tune up for Tuesday's big ECB t20 final, Chester reached their target in 14.5 overs, Mark Rowland scoring a fluent 68 and Warren Goodwin 38. Rowland was named Man of the Match as he also kept wicket superbly.

The trophies were presented by Peter Davies, chairman of the Cheshire 4Cs cup committee, who praised Barrie Burns for organising the competition so well in his first season.

SCORECARD

MACCLESFIELD

J Birchall	b Clark	14
B. Marsden	c Rowland b Henderson	2
J. Ward	b Goodwin	17
N. Ross	run out Goodwin	29
R Porter	b Henderson	1
T Parfett	st Rowland b Williams	2
J. Cross	lbw Killoran	1
P Barron	lbw Killoran	5
C Moores	not out	13
S. Raja	c & b Killoran	0
I Tait	b Killoran	9
Extras		10
Total (all out, 37.2 overs)		103

CHESTER

W Goodwin	not out	38
M Rowland	not out	68
Extras		0
Total (for 0 wickets, 14.2 overs)		106
Did not bat: L Dixon (captain), J. Clark, O. Law, R. Dixon, J Gillson, S. Ogilby, J. Williams, H Killoran, J Henderson.		
Chester bowling: Clark 3-0-15-1; Henderson 9-5-19-2; Goodwin 5-11-16-1; Williams 9-0-20-1; R Dixon 3-0-8-0; Killoran 8.2-3-13-4.		
Macclesfield bowling: Tait 4-0-30-0; Birchall 3.2-0-30-0; Porter 1-0-3-0; Raja 2-0-19-0; Ward 4-2-19-0.		

Umpires: Phil Prince & Paul Herring (County League Umpires & Scorers Association).

O Another cup final resolved by 10 wickets on Sunday was the Davidstow National Village knock out at Lord's when Woodhouse Grange (York) beat Great and Little Tew (Oxfordshire).

SKY PULL PLUG ON T20 FINALS COVERAGE

SKY television have pulled out of covering Chester's **ECB t20 National Finals Day** at Northants CCC on Tuesday.

The broadcasters are switching their facilities to cover the possible county championship title decider between Notts and Yorkshire from Tuesday to Friday at Trent Bridge.. Sky promise to give updates from Northampton during their cricket coverage on Tuesday and to put together a highlights package to be shown at some future time.

Chester have laid on a coach on Monday for players and officials prior to overnight stays on Monday and Tuesday. A supporters coach will travel down on the morning of the match.

The draw is: Chester v Great Ayton (North Yorks & South Durham League) at 11.15 a.m.

Ashstead (Surrey Championship, First division) v Peterborough Town (Northants Premier League) at 2 p.m. The winners meet in the final under floodlights.

O The only defeat in any cup competition suffered by Chester this season was in the third round of the **Royal London National Club knock out** against Northern in June.

AonM win Cheshire Shield thriller

THE final of the **Cheshire Shield**, also played on Sunday at Ashton on Mersey, was a closer affair, going down to the last ball before a large crowd. Hawk Green scored 180 and Ashton on Mersey replied with 181-9 to win by one wicket.

The trophy and medals were presented by Cheshire 4Cs chairman David Humpage.

Cheshire 60s in two semis

CESHIRE beat Hertfordshire by seven wickets at Toft on Friday in a hastily-arranged **Sevent National Over 60s championship** quarter-final. They now take on Somerset in the semi-final at Marple on Tuesday this week (September 9), 12.30 p.m.

Herts were restricted to a below par 160-8 by tight bowling from Mike Cushion, 3-24, Bob Yardley, 2-17 and Andy Hayes, 2-28, helped by fine catches by Yardley and Hayes.

A third wicket stand worth 99 between Chris Leech (78 not out) and Colin Norbury (48) almost took Cheshire past the post and they closed at 161-3 in the 38th over.

Cheshire 2nd XI captained by Jim Wilde, take on Gloucestershire at Cheadle Hulme on Wednesday in their National semi-final (1 p.m.).

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League pitch & outfield marks: Saturday, August 30

Premier League

Bowdon v Toft: pitch 15; outfield 19.

Bramhall v Oxton: 17 – 20;

Chester v Urmston: 16 – 20;

Grappenhall v Alderley Edge: 18 – 20;

Hyde v Nantwich: match cancelled

Neston v Marple: 16 – 20

First Division:

Cheadle v Timperley: 17 – 18;

Cheadle Hulme v Brooklands: 14 – 18;

Davenham v Christleton: 16 – 20;

Didsbury v Macclesfield: match cancelled

Middlewich v Sale: 19 – 20;

Oulton Park v Widnes: 15 – 16;

Second Division

Alvanley v Weaverham: 18 – 19;

Congleton v Northwich 18 – 18;

Heaton Mersey v Irby: 15 – 19;

Stockport v Warrington : 17 – 18;

Tattenhall v Bredbury: 15 – 20 (received late)

Upton v Poynton: match cancelled

o CAPTAINS' reports on umpires: no information yet received.

o MISSING RESULT SHEETS TO DATE: June 21: Cheadle v Brooklands; August 2: Irby v Northwich.

These reports are needed for end of season pitch and outfield summaries

PLAYER of YEAR FORMS

Players' Player of the Year forms have been sent out to all 36 full clubs, inviting their players to cast votes for the player of their choice. The awards will be presented at the League Dinner at The Mere on Friday, October 3.

The first clubs to return completed forms are Congleton, Davenham, Urmston and Weaverham. Keep them coming and if your club has not received a form, please notify MTB soonest.

Arrangements are going ahead full steam for the Dinner when another large turnout is expected to hear former New Zealand Test player Jeremy Coney offer his views. Numbers are required by Gary Dixon ASAP and raffle prizes are required - please contact Rob Sproston.

Trophies won during the 2013 season must be returned to Secretary Geoff Wellsted without further delay and should be cleaned and engraved to date. There is a fine for defaulters.

FORTIES' MEETING

A Special meeting of Over Forties' club reps will be held at Warrington on Wednesday, October 15 (7 p.m.) to discuss problems which have arisen through the season and to map out a programme for 2015. Alsager Dabbers have resigned and Chester Boughton Hall have indicated that they will also be leaving.

Any other clubs who wish to withdraw, merge or enter for 2015 are invited to contact the Competition Secretary prior to the meeting.

URMSTON WIN THIRD XI CUP

In the Jack Gardner 3rd XI Trophy final played at Urmston on Sunday, August 31, Urmston beat Toft by nine wickets.

Scores: Toft 106-6; Urmston 107-1 (16 overs). Man of the match was 17 year-old Aaron Lawton who scored 40 not out and bowled well. *Newsletter* last week incorrectly reported that Toft had beaten Urmston in the final.

A special meeting of Third XI club reps is to be held at Warrington on Wednesday, October 15 – at 8 pm.

Q & A @ UMPIRES' MEETING

Highlights of the League Umpires & Scorers Association end-of-season meeting at Sale on Wednesday, September 17 (8 p.m.) will be a hot pot and a Q&A session with a panel of club captains.

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SALE SEEK NEW COACH

THE progressive Sale club wish to recruit a new Coaching and Development Officer and invite applicants to contact them by the closing date on Monday, September 29.

Men or women applying need a minimum qualification of UKCC Level 2 and a valid CRB / DBS.

Contact should be made to Alexandra Moore on 07980 690 181, while further information can also be obtained from the club website. www.salesportsclub.com

Sale plan to stage their first Beer Festival over the weekend of September 19 – 20. Tickets are £5 per head which includes a glass and three half-pints of the your choice. Contact Rob Moore or go by the same website.

Mobberley up from Cheshire League

MOBBERLEY clinched promotion from the **TACS Partnership Cheshire League** with a 90 runs home victory over Chester County Officers and need six points from their final game next Saturday against neighbours Lindow to clinch the title.

Bollington beat Prestbury by eight wickets to stay second, but are only by eight points ahead of Ashton on Mersey and Bolly have a tough fixture against fourth-placed Romiley to wind up.

Oakmere go down and are likely to be joined by Chester County Officers.

Disley have won Division Two with Barrow almost certain to go up with them.

Haslington will be promoted from Division Three at the end of their first season, with Stockport Trinity their partners. It looks likely that Trafford MV and Pott Shrigley will be dropping into the Alliance.

Division 1 results

Ashton on Mersey 118-3 beat Hale Barns 116

Bollington 87-2 beat Prestbury 81

Malpas 214 drew with Oakmere 210-8

Mobberley 249-4 beat Chester County Officers 159

Romiley 183-8 beat Stockport Georgians 170

Runcorn 150-8 drew with Lindow 223-6.

Latest placings

1.	<u>Mobberley</u>	393 pts.
2.	<u>Bollington</u>	373
3.	Ashton on Mersey	365
4.	Romiley	361
5.	Stockport Georgians	323
6.	Runcorn	303
7.	Malpas	272
8.	Lindow	223
9.	Hale Barns	196
10.	<u>Prestbury</u>	192
11.	Chester Country Officers	174
12.	Oakmere	153

Division 2 leaders: 1. Disley 366; 2. Barrow 349; 3. Woodford 325

Division 3 leaders: 1. Haslington 346; 2. Stockport Trinity 344; 3. Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge 294.

The League T20 Knock out finals were played at Runcorn. 1st XI: Barrow 161-4 beat Romiley 77 by 84 runs. 2nd XI: Stockport Georgians 124-3 lost by 3 wickets to Winnington Park 126-7.

Final Division 1 fixtures on Saturday, September 13 (12.30 p.m.)

Bollington v Romiley

Chester County Officers v Malpas

Hale Barns v Runcorn

Lindow v Mobberley

Prestbury v Oakmere

Stockport Georgians v Ashton on Mersey

TOFT LOSE GIANT TREE

A GIANT sycamore tree, reckoned to be more than 100 years old, came crashing down to earth during a junior practice evening at Toft's Booth's Park ground last week.

No one was hurt, but some equipment was damaged and a large pile of rubble now lies just beyond the boundary within 20 yards of the scoreboard.

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LEAGUE FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR FINAL WEEK 22:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

(note starting times)

ECB Premier League (12 noon)

ALDERLEY EDGE v TOFT
BOWDON v NANTWICH
BRAMHALL v NESTON
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v OXTON
GRAPPENHALL v URMSTON
HYDE v MARPLE

Ian Greensmith & Mark Turner
Trevor Burnett & Paul Herring
Graham Harris & David Moss
Alistair Davies & Steve Walton
Ged Kinsey & Phil Prince
Barrie Burns & Dion Kelly

First Division (12.30 p.m.)

CHEADLE v WIDNES
CHEADLE HULME v SALE
DIDSBURY v DAVENHAM
MIDDLEWICH v MACCLESFIELD
OULTON PARK v CHRISTLETON
TIMPERLEY v BROOKLANDS

Howard Briggs & Peter Davies
Chris Smith & Steve Wilkinson
Ron Bedson & John Lowe
Don Flanagan & Ankit Jain
Allan Lewis & Ken Rothwell
Brian Boys & Clive Rice

Second Division (12.30 p.m.)

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

Neville Abberley & Liam Spires
Martin Roberts & David Tate
David Gane & Ian Wilson
David Goulding & Simon Smith
Jon Hacking & Graham Pugh
Ray Preccott & Gary Zimmer

2nd XI Premier Division (12.30 p.m.)

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

Steve Kirkbright & club umpire
Panel umpire not available & club umpire
Ken Simpson & panel umpire not available
Club umpire & David Williams
Bob Cunningham & panel umpire not available
No panel umpires available

O Sincere thanks are expressed to Jon Hacking for the provision for publication in Newsletter of umpiring appointments for all League and RedInsure T20 cup games played throughout the season.

SUNDAY

Liverpool Echo Invitation Cup final (11.30 a.m. – two innings)

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v WALLASEY

Aggregate table up-date

GRAPPENHALL lost their appeal against the deduction of points following the unilateral cancellation of their 2nd XI Premier Division home game against Toft on Saturday, August 23.

The upshot is that Toft take 25 points from the match and Grappenhall lose the seven points originally allotted for a cancelled fixture, plus a 10 points deduction as per rule. All clubs are warned that matches can only be called off by mutual agreement between the captains and not by a third party.

The following were the top eight placed clubs in the **Aggregate table** (1st and 2nd XI points combined) after games played on Saturday, August 30:

1. TOFT	305	381	686
2. STOCKPORT	313	336	649
3. BRAMHALL	283	354	637
4. MACCLESFIELD	357	274	631
5. HYDE	364	245	609
6. CHESTER BO. HALL	347	259	606
7. DIDSBURY	313	289	602
8. CHEADLE HULME	254	345	599

Roger's three tons in three weeks

VETERAN Oulton Park batsman Roger Thompson scored 101 not out in a 2nd XI Division 2 game against Poynton at Little Budworth on Saturday, his third successive century.

Roger had scored 144 and 131 not out the two previous weeks and also topped three figures in a match earlier in the season.

Now the father of five children, Roger is a "Ramsbottom Babe" having been introduced to the club 27 years ago as a schoolboy by the then chairman Roy Ramsbottom

10 Years Ago

Highlights from *Newsletter of September 11, 2004*

WITH fading Oulton Park losing by nine wickets at Oxtan, Bowdon needed only six points from their last game at home to Poynton to retain the **ECB Premier League** title. Oulton were undone by Oxtan's Aussie Damien Wallace who scored his second successive century with 141 not out in a comfortable win. Bowdon could only draw at bottom-of-the-table Didsbury, which ended a nine match winning run despite Gary Yates' taking 5-45.

CHRISTLETON clinched the **First Division** title and equalled Poynton's feat in 2002-03 by rising from Division Two to the top layer in successive seasons. They won by nine wickets at Winnington Park, the influential Maroof Khan scoring 61 not out. Toft were promoted as runners-up following a big win at Alsager, star men Jamie Noble 76, Nigel Muirhead 5-26.

CHEADLE went 15 points clear at the top of **Division Two** after a three wickets win at Stockport Georgians, who were relegated, along with Weaverham - after just one season in the pyramid's top flight.

THE **Fred Graham Trophy Knock out** final on the last Sunday of the season lined up Alderley Edge versus Bowdon at neutral Oulton Park, umpires Messrs. Hill and Rylatt.

IN **2nd XI cricket**, Chester Boughton Hall, 312 points, led Neston, 308 and Alderley Edge, 303, with one game to go in the Premier division. Widnes topped Division One from Timperley and Oulton Park had already won the Second Division title with Poynton also promoted.