

**2014 NEWSLETTER NO. 17: SATURDAY, AUGUST 9**

# Only three clubs can win title; defeats for bottom two

**WITH the sunshine returning – 24 hours before the arrival of Hurricane Bertha – Saturday’s ECB Premier League results mean that only the current top three clubs – Hyde, holders Chester Boughton Hall and Toft – still have realistic chances of winning the title.**

With five games remaining, Hyde have the best opportunity as they lead by 35 points following a comprehensive dismantling of Bowdon at South Downs road. With only one defeat in 17 games, 10 of which they have won, Hyde are playing positive cricket and have the added incentive of never yet having won the title.

At Bowdon, they rattled up 242-7 after winning the toss, Danny Berry scoring 88 and James Duffy 48, while home skipper Gareth Edwards wheeled away spiritedly to return 3-105. His batsmen were once again all at sea, however, and mustered only 97, to which opener Stephen Ball contributed 28, while Kyle O’Reilly claimed 3-15.

Second-placed Chester are in the midst of a massive fixture pile-up after winning at New Brighton in the *Liverpool Echo* Invitational on Friday evening and having their ECB t20 Regional Finals Day at Barnt Green on Sunday postponed. Playing at Toft, they recorded an impressive six wickets win to inflict a setback on their high-flying hosts. Aussie Josh Hancock carried his bat for a quality 123 in Toft’s 206-9, Harry Killoran 5-56. But this was well within CBH’s compass and with Mark Rowland hitting 105 from 121 balls, they coasted home at 209-4 with 13 overs to spare.

### **Nantwich beat Oxton by 10 wickets**

Just above Bowdon at the foot of the table, Oxton suffered a setback after recent improvements. They mustered nil points at Nantwich after being roundly outplayed and scoring only 88, Marc De Brabender 23. Bowling unchanged, Jimmy Warrington was back to his best with 6-39, partnered by Ashley Shaw, 4-49. The Dabbers knocked the runs off without loss at 90-0 in 18 overs, Shaw contributing 60 and was thus on the field throughout the game.

Neston lie 10 points ahead of Oxton after suffering a comprehensive five wickets defeat at Alderley Edge. Dane Williams, 63, again batted well for Neston, but others did less well in an all-out tally of 155, Simon O’Brien claiming 4-54. Hero of Cheshire’s Minor Counties victory at Wiltshire in mid-week, Calum Rowe top-scored with 62 in Alderley’s winning reply of 158-5.

Bramhall breathed a sigh of relief when they registered their first win since July 5 at Grappenhall. Bramhall posted 213-6 (top scorers Matthew Hughes 47, Vishal Tripathi 45), then dismissed Grappers for 189 (Ben Bodha 51), while Ashley West returned true match-winning figures of 6-40 off 12 overs.

The day’s only draw was on the superb wicket at Urmston where Marple wound up with a 14 – 7 points advantage. They posted 236-9, Mark Bennett 54, Andrew Hall 51, Paul Wood 41, Jibra Khan 5-58 and Matt Parkinson 4-88 on the day the young man was presented with the League Performance of the Month award for June. Urmston responded with 187-8, Sumit Panda 71 not out, Andy Whyley 3-58.

**TEST FOR LIVINGSTONE.** Nantwich and Lancashire 2nd all-rounder Liam Livingstone acted as 12<sup>th</sup> man for England’s injured Stuart Broad during the second Indian innings in the fourth Test at Old Trafford on Saturday.

## **DIVISION 1**

### **Brooklands' first win for 12 months**

BROOKLANDS enjoyed their first **Division One** victory in 22 games since beating Bredbury on August 10, 2013 when they overcame Davenham by 45 runs at Georges Road.

Mark Law top-scored with 65 and Don While 56 as Brooklands piled up 207-8, Dean Jackson 5-86. Davenham's losing run continued after a reply of 162, Make Sambell 36, Christian Potter proving the match-winner with 5-56 off 12 overs.

Brooklands still trail safety by 50 points after 10<sup>th</sup> placed Middlewich pulled off a rare win by three wickets at Timperley, dismissing their hosts for 160, Nathan Brown 68, Phil Parry 3-10, Steven Bliss 3-53. A fine innings of 77 not out by James Cornford saw Middlewich post 162-7 in reply.

This game ended late at 7.53 p.m. after umpires Brian Jones and Graham Pugh were presented with problems. They report: "The second innings was extended by several incidents of player-misbehaviour and reports are being submitted. The captains did their best in difficult circumstances".

Widnes lost by 50 runs at home to Macclesfield and are now the only team in the League yet to record a victory. Macc confirmed their leadership rights with an impressive all round performance again led by skipper Nick Ross, whose 68 improves his chance of topping the 1,000-runs mark. He and Tom Parfitt, 43, helped Macc post 220-8, Ben Hewitt 5-35. Widnes were bowled out for 170, Hewitt 35, Jack Ward 3-30, Ian Tate 3-43.

Didsbury won by 25 runs at Cheadle Hulme and edged back into joint second place. They scored 158 before dismissing their hosts for 133, Simon Normanton 5-46, Jonny Fawcett 4-39.

Cheadle were beaten at home by Oulton Park in a low-scoring encounter. Park mustered only 145, Andy Mills 57, Will Holmes 5-36. Cheadle were reduced to 108-9 in reply before a last wicket stand took them to 138, Greg Dixon 35. Rick Moore 4-31 and Tom Hyslop 3-36 had the last word and Cheadle were all out for 138.

The division's most improved team, Sale beat Christleton by three wickets and have put themselves into the promotion contention. Christleton were all out for 121, Rick Halkon 4-32, Tyrone Lawrence 4-51. After tea, Sale descended to 56-7, but wound up with 122-7 thanks to eighth wicket pair Alistair Barrowman, 33 and Rob Greenhough 28, both not out.

Sunday's re-arranged game, Oulton Park v Cheadle Hulme, was cancelled due to rain with 7 points each allotted.

## **DIVISION 2**

### **521 runs in Congleton - 'Mersey draw**

**MATCH of the Day in Division Two** proved to be between strugglers Congleton and Heaton Mersey which produced 521 runs for the loss of 12 wickets and a 'winning draw' for the visitors which helps their gathering efforts to survive the drop.

'Mersey racked up their highest score of the season 266-6, with 110 not out from Shery Hassan and 67 to Hassan Rashid (113 for the second wicket), while Dave Moors took 3-37. Congleton put their heart and soul into a victory bid and with Aaron Browe hitting 130 and Tom Blease 71 in an opening stand worth 170, they were on course, only to stumble and close on 255-6.

Congleton scorer and former president Mike Kitton said: "I've not been so excited by a cricket match for years; it was just marvellous stuff all day and neither side deserved to lose – or to go down".

Both clubs will be buoyed by the results of their rivals, bottom team Poynton losing by seven wickets at home to Bredbury St. Mark's after posting a decent 179-7 (Paul Lombardi 47, Hassan Nasir 5-41). Bredbury came good with 181-3, Chris Smith 79, Will Hayes 57 not out.

Meanwhile, Irby lost by six wickets at Warrington after posting a modest 170, Brad McIntosh 5-35. With Chris Kirby top scoring on 73 not out Warrington coasted home at 173-4.

These results leave Poynton adrift by 48 points from Irby, who themselves trail Heaton Mersey by three and Congleton by 16. Meanwhile, the top three teams all won and it seems clear that the promotion spots will go to two of Weaverham, Stockport and Tattenhall. Weaverham thumped Upton by nine wickets at Wallerscote road. Upton were routed for 68, Chris Stowell-Smith 28, Kevin Douglas 5-25 and Wilden Cornwall 3-36. Kevin Waterhouse showed no mercy when he scored 10 fours in an unbeaten 41 to wrap it in 11 overs at 69-1.

Stockport, the League's only unbeaten team, again won impressively, by nine wickets at Alvanley after dismissing their hosts for 145. Coming on third change, Tom Facer claimed 6-25 off nine overs, Mark Rowlands top-scoring with 32. Aussie Josh Manning mangled the Alvanley bowling after tea with an unbeaten 70.

Tattenhall looked impressive recording an eight wickets win at Northwich, whose batting remains poor, only skipper Mark Walker, 36, showing any quality in an all out tally of 124, Ollie Williamson 3-16. Arguably the division's best home-grown batsman Ollie Thompson stroked an unbeaten 56 as his side coasted home at 126-3. Northwich owe their mid-table position to the fine deeds of seam bowler Sam Shepherd who managed only 1-31 on this occasion and still needs two for his half century.

## **SATURDAY'S MATCH DETAILS**

### **ECB Premier League**

**ALDERLEY EDGE (won toss, 25 pts.) beat NESTON (4 pts.) by 5 wickets:**

Neston 155 (46 overs: D. Williams 53, S. O'Brien 4-54);  
Alderley Edge 158-5 (42 overs: C Rowe 62, A Day 33)

**BOWDON (3 pts.) lost to HYDE (toss, 25 pts.) by 145 runs:**

Hyde 242-7 (55 overs: D Berry 88, J. Duffy 48, C. Tipper 39, M. Hanna 30, G. Edwards 3-105);  
Bowdon 97 (46 overs: S Ball 28, K. O'Reilly 3-15).

**GRAPPENHALL (4 pts.) lost to BRAMHALL (toss, 25 pts.) by 24 runs:**

Bramhall 213-6 (55 overs: M. Hughes 47, V. Tripathi 45, D Law 37, N Cantello 36no);  
Grappenhall 189 (54 overs: B. Bodha 51, G Burns 40, A. West 6-40).

**NANTWICH (toss, 25 pts.) beat OXTON (0 pts.) by 10 wickets**

Oxton 88 (27 overs: M. De Brabender 23, J. Warrington 6-38, A. Shaw 4-39);  
Nantwich 90-0 (18 overs: A Shaw 60no, G. Farrington 15no).

**TOFT (7 pts.) lost to CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (toss, 25 pts.) by 6 wickets:**

Toft 206-9 (55 overs: J. Hancock 123no, H Killoran 5-56);  
Chester 209-4 (42 overs: M Rowland 105, L Dixon 36).

**URMSTON (7 pts.) drew with MARPLE (toss, 14 pts.).**

Marple 236-9 (55 overs: M Bennett 54, A. Hall 51, P Wood 41, J. Khan 5-58, M Parkinson 4-88);  
Urmston 187-8 (55 overs: S Panda 71no, A. Wyley 3-58).

### **Division One: Saturday**

**BROOKLANDS (25 pts.) beat DAVENHAM (toss, 5 pts.) by 45 runs:**

Brooklands 207-8 (50 overs: M Law 65, D. Whiley 53, D Jackson 5-83, D Hancock 3-61);  
Davenham 162 (44 overs: M Sambell 36, D Hancock 34, D Jackson 30, C. Potter 5-46).

**CHEADLE (5 pts.) lost to OULTON PARK (toss, 25 pts.) by 7 runs:**

Oulton Park 145 (35 overs: A Mills 56, K Berrington 30, W. Holmes 5-36);  
Cheadle 138 (54.5 overs: G Dixon 35, R Moore 4-31, T Hyslop 3-36.)

**CHEADLE HULME (toss, 5 pts.) lost to DIDSBURY (25 pts.) by 25 runs:**

Didsbury 158 (46 overs: J Beal 41, S. Wilson 3-33, J Burton 3-41);  
Cheadle Hulme 133 (47 overs: S. Leech 36, S Normanton 5-46, J. Fawcett 4-39).

**SALE (toss, 25 pts.) beat CHRISTLETON (5 pts.) by 3 wickets**

Christleton 121 (50 overs: M Coulson 24, R Halkon 4-33, T. Lawrence 4-51);  
Sale 122-7 (41 overs: A Barrowman 33no, R Greenhough 28no, M. Parkinson 6-53).

**TIMPERLEY (7 pts.) lost to MIDDLEWICH (toss, 25 pts.) by 3 wickets:**

Timperley 160 (48 overs: N Brown 68, C. Page 32, P. Parry 3-10, S. Bliss 3-53);  
Middlewich 162-7 (49.4 overs: J Cornford 77no, C Page 3-44, N Brown 3-50).

**WIDNES (toss, 6 pts.) lost to MACCLESFIELD (25 pts.) by 50 runs:**

Macclesfield 220-8 (50 overs: N Ross 68, T. Parfitt 43, B. Hewitt 5-35);  
Widnes 170 (46 overs: B. Hewitt 35, J Ward 3-30, I. Tate 3-43).

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### ***Division 1 results contd ....***

### **Sunday**

#### **OULTON PARK v CHEADLE HULME:**

Match cancelled due to rain – 7 pts. each

### **Division Two**

#### **ALVANLEY (won toss, 4 pts.) lost to STOCKPORT (25 pts.)**

Alvanley 145 (49 overs: M Rowlands 32, T Facer 6-25);

Stockport 146-1 (35 overs: J Manning 70no).

#### **CONGLETON (toss, 7 pts.) drew with HEATON MERSEY (13 pts.)**

Heaton Mersey 266-6 (50 overs: S Hassan 110no, H Rashid 67, D Moors 3-37);

Congleton 255-6 (50 overs: A. Browe 130, T Blease 71, T. Leese 31, H Khan 4-59).

#### **NORTHWICH (toss, 3 pts.) lost to TATTENHALL (25pts.) by 7 wickets:**

Northwich 124 (46 overs: M. Walker 36, O Williamson 3-16);

Tattenhall 126 –3 (38 overs: O Thompson 56no, G. Coppack 39).

#### **POYNTON (7 pts.) lost to BREDBURY ST. MARK's (25pts.) by 7 wickets:**

Poynton 179-7 ( 50 overs: P Lombardi 41, T Berzins 30, P Gould 30, H. Nasir 5-41);

Bredbury 181-3 (42 overs: C. Smith 67, W Hayes 57no).

#### **WARRINGTON (toss, 25 pts.) beat IRBY (7pts.) by 6 wickets:**

Irby 170 (50 overs: B. McIntosh 5-35);

Warrington 173-4 ( 50 overs: C Kirby 73no, L Heaphy 39).

#### **WEAVERHAM (25 pts.) beat UPTON (toss, 0 pts.) by 9 wickets:**

Upton 68 (21 overs: C Stowell-Smith 28, K Douglas 5-25, W. Cornwall 3-36, M. Clarke 2-6);

Weaverham 69-1 (11 overs: K Waterhouse 41no).

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### **League's leading players (inc. Saturday, August 2)**

**PREMIER LEAGUE BATTING:** oMatt Begbie (Bramhall) 681 runs.

**BOWLING:** Matt Parkinson (Urmston) 45 wickets.

**DIVISION 1 BATTING:** oNick Ross (Macclesfield) 787 runs;

**BOWLING:** oChris Moore (Cheadle) 40 wickets;

**DIVISION 2 BATTING:** oWilden Cornwall (Weaverham) 676 runs;

**BOWLING:** oKyle Adams (Warrington) 57 wickets.

*o = overseas player (all but one ARE overseas players).*

**Tables including games on August 9/10 – Week 17**

<b>ECB Premier League</b>	<b>Won</b> (25)	<b>Tied</b> (16)	<b>WD</b> (3)	<b>RD</b> (2)	<b>LD</b> (1)	<b>A/C</b> (7)	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Bat</b>	<b>Bowl</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
HYDE	10	0	1	0	2	3	1	19	12	307
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	9	0	0	0	1	3	4	13	12	272
**TOFT (2)	8	0	2	0	1	2	4	40	12	271
*ALDERLEY EDGE (3)	6	0	0	1	1	4	5	34	17	229
MARPLE	6	0	1	0	1	4	5	16	24	222
GRAPPENHALL	7	0	0	0	0	1	9	18	15	215
*BRAMHALL (3)	6	0	0	1	1	4	5	9	21	208
NANTWICH	5	0	1	2	0	4	5	24	16	200
URMSTON	4	0	1	1	3	3	5	33	27	189
NESTON	4	0	1	0	2	1	9	34	28	174
**OXTON (3)	3	0	3	0	0	1	10	50	26	164
BOWDON	3	0	2	0	0	3	9	24	30	156

\* Points deducted for slow over rates

\*\* Toft (from 4 to 2) and Oxton (5 to 3) have had points deductions reduced on Appeal.

<b>First Division</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Tied</b>	<b>WD</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>A/C</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Bat</b>	<b>Bowl</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
MACCLESFIELD	10	0	0	1	1	3	2	15	11	300
CHEADLE	9	0	0	0	0	6	2	1	8	276
DIDSBURY	8	0	2	1	0	4	2	22	18	276
SALE	8	0	2	0	1	4	2	23	11	269
TIMPERLEY	6	0	0	1	1	4	5	27	15	223
OULTON PARK	6	0	0	0	2	4	5	16	20	216
CHEADLE HULME	6	0	0	0	1	4	6	20	17	216
DAVENHAM	5	0	1	0	0	5	6	24	17	204
CHRISTLETON	3	0	1	0	1	4	8	35	24	166
MIDDLEWICH	3	0	1	0	1	4	8	28	20	155
WIDNES	0	0	2	1	0	5	9	67	25	135
BROOKLANDS	1	0	1	0	2	3	10	32	22	105

<b>Second Division</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Tied</b>	<b>WD</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>A/C</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Bat</b>	<b>Bowl</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
WEAVERHAM	10	0	3	0	1	1	2	28	21	316
STOCKPORT	9	0	1	1	4	2	0	21	15	284
TATTENHALL	7	0	5	1	1	2	1	48	23	278
ALVANLEY	6	0	3	1	2	2	3	39	14	230
*WARRINGTON (3)	5	1	3	0	1	3	4	33	23	225
NORTHWICH	6	0	0	1	1	4	5	15	14	210
UPTON	5	0	1	1	0	1	9	40	25	202
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	5	0	0	0	3	2	7	21	21	184
CONGLETON	5	0	0	2	1	1	8	24	21	182
*HEATON MERSEY (4)	3	1	1	1	0	4	7	28	21	169
IRBY	3	0	1	0	2	1	10	46	33	166
POYNTON	2	0	0	0	2	3	10	21	24	118

\*Points deducted for slow over rates.

## **New ECB t20 date gives Chester problems**

RAIN caused the postponement of Sunday's **ECB t20 Regional Finals Day** at Barnt Green in south-Birmingham and the event will now be provisionally staged next Sunday, August 17.

This clashes with Cheshire's key Unicorns' county championship match against Oxfordshire at Nantwich and means League representatives Chester Boughton Hall could be without Warren Goodwin, Lee Dixon, Jack Williams and Harry Killoran.

### **The line-up at Barnt Green is:**

**Semi-final 1 (10.30 a.m.): Barnt Green (Birmingham Premier League) v Stone (North Staffs & South Cheshire Premier League).**

**Semi-final 2 (1.30 p.m.): Chester Boughton Hall v Menai Bridge (North Wales Premier League).**

**The winners meet in the final at 4.30 p.m.**

The champions at Barnt Green qualify for the Regional Final on Sunday, August 24 on an as yet unnamed ground.

The winners there go on to the National Finals Day at Wantage Road, Northampton on Tuesday, September 9 which is expected to be televised live by Sky. This date clashes with the Unicorns county championship play-off from September 7 – 10.

The big ECB t20 prize this year is a trip to the La Manga Sports Complex in Spain to play the winners of the Royal London Clubs T20. This is from October 8 – 13 and will have all travel and hotel expenses covered.

## **Back in *Echo* cup final**

TROPHY holders Chester Boughton Hall scored an impressive 88 runs victory at New Brighton on Friday evening in the semi-final of the *Liverpool Echo* Invitational Trophy

Winning the toss, Chester rattled up 173-3 in their 20 overs, led by Lee Dixon's 66, which included six mighty sixes, aided by Mark Rowland, 32 and Warren Goodwin, 28. New Brighton were bowled out for 86, notably by Josh Henderson, 4-27 and Jack Williams, 2-17.

Chester will host another Liverpool Competition club, Wallasey in the final on a date yet to be set.

## **OVER 60 TEAMS BUSY**

CHESHIRE visited Yorkshire at East Bierley on Tuesday last week in the **National Over 60s championship**. Result not to hand. They wind up their group games against Lincolnshire at Sleaford on Tuesday, August 13 in the knowledge that they have already qualified for the Last 16 play-offs.

Cheshire Over 60s 2nd XI face a double header against Gloucestershire and Devon on Wednesday and Thursday, August 13 and 14 at Kingsholm, Bristol. The latest information suggests they need to win one game to qualify for the Last Eight.

### **Alvanley lead Fair Play table**

THE League **Fair Play table** compiled by John Lofthouse, up to and including week 15 – games on Saturday, July 26 – places Second Division Alvanley out on their own at the top with an average mark of 4. Details:

1st with score of 4.00 – Alvanley; 2nd= mark of 3.96 – Cheadle Hulme, Macclesfield, Marple, Sale, Warrington; 7th mark of 3.95 – Widnes; 8th= mark of 3.93 – Bredbury, Tattenhall; 10th= mark of 3.92 – Christleton, Hyde, Poynton; 13th mark of 3.89 – Congleton; 14th mark of 3.88 – Oulton Park; 15th mark of 3.86 – Bramhall; 16th mark of 3.83 – Alderley Edge; 17th mark of 3.82 – Neston; 18th= mark of 3.81 – Bowdon, Toft, Urmston; 21st mark of 3.79 – Weaverham; 22nd= mark of 3.77 – Cheadle, Didsbury; 24th= mark of 3.75 – Brooklands, Grappenhall, Irby; 27th mark of 3.73 – Stockport; 28th = mark of 3.71 – Middlewich, Upton; 30th= mark of 3.63 – Heaton Mersey, Northwich; 32nd mark of 3.62 – Chester; 33rd mark of 3.46 – Timperley; 34th mark of 3.42 – Nantwich; 35th mark of 3.33 – Davenham; 36th with mark of 3.14 Oxtan.

## **UNDER 7s LINE-UP AT MACC**

THE **SAS Daniels Under 7s Cricket Festival** is to be staged at Macclesfield on Sunday, August 31.

Six clubs will be taking part will be: Macclesfield, Prestbury, Poynton, Congleton, Ashley and Romiley, the winners receiving the SAS Daniels Trophy.

England coach Peter Moores – the host club's most famous Old Boy - has promised to attend and present the awards.

The event is being organised by Macclesfield Under 7s coach Danny Ackerley.



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### Cheshire go top with one game to go

BY inflicting the season's first defeat on Wiltshire at Salisbury last week, Cheshire have put themselves within reach of retaining the **Unicorns County championship Western group** title

With one game remaining – against winless Oxfordshire at Nantwich next Sunday to Tuesday (11 a.m. daily), Cheshire currently lead the table with 85 points, followed by Wiltshire, 84 and Hereford, 81. Previously favourites, Devon surprisingly lost to Shropshire at Exmouth last week and lie fifth.

Cheshire are in this favourable position after recording their third successive victory, at South Wilts CC, by the margin of 226 runs. In their first innings, Cheshire were saved from a low score at 23-5 by Rick Moore (Oulton Park) who hit 119 out of 227. Wilts replied with 174 (York's Dan Woods 3-43, late Upton debutant Matt Ingram 2-21). Cheshire then amassed 382-4 declared in their second dig, the highlight being a fine innings of 155 not out by Calum Rowe of Alderley Edge who put on 160 for the second wicket with Moore, 76, after which Chester's Lee Dixon added a breezy 60. Wilts were then bowled out for 207 on the third afternoon despite a rain stoppage, Moore winding up a memorable match with 3-45 and Jack Williams 2-4.

o Currently top of the **Eastern group** are Cheshire's neighbours Staffordshire with 106 points, followed by Cumberland, 92 and Cambridgeshire, 82. Staffs go to Cambridge in their final game starting on Sunday.

LATEST WEST TABLE	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Cheshire	5	3	2	0	85
Wiltshire	5	3	1	1	84
Herefordshire	5	3	1	1	81
Shropshire	5	3	0	2	74
Devon	5	2	2	1	73
Dorset	5	2	1	2	61
Wales	5	1	2	2	51
Cornwall	5	1	1	3	42
Oxfordshire	5	0	2	3	37
Berkshire	5	0	2	3	31

### League Pitch marks: Saturday, August 2

#### Premier League

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

#### First Division:

Christleton v Widnes: cancelled  
Davenham v Timperley: cancelled:  
Didsbury v Sale: 18 – 19;  
Macclesfield v Brooklands: 18 – 19  
Middlewich v Cheadle: abandoned after 13 overs  
*Oulton Park v Cheadle Hulme : August 10*

#### Second Division

Bredbury v Warrington: 18 – 19;  
Heaton Mersey v Poynton: 19 – 20;  
Irby v Northwich: late sheet  
Stockport v Congleton: 14 – 20;  
Tattenhall v Weaverham: 20 – 20 (full house!)  
Upton v Alvanley: 18 – 19.

o UMPIRES MARKS were not received from the following captains: Heaton Mersey, Weaverham.

o MISSING RESULT SHEETS: June 21: Cheadle v Brooklands; July 5: Didsbury v Brooklands; July 12: Cheadle v Christleton; July 26: Cheadle v Davenham; August 2: Irby v Northwich. These are needed for end of season pitch and outfield summaries

## **Over 40s play-offs confirmed**

NESTON and Tattenhall Wreckers finished joint top of the **Over 40s section** Western group and a toss of the coin was needed to part them, the Parkgate men calling correctly. This means they become champions and will host Central runners-up Alsager in the quarter-finals, with runners-up Tattenhall visiting Central champions Toft.

The other groups were more comfortably resolved, Toft completing all 14 games without defeat to top the Central zone by six points from Alsager; overall holders Urmston Tigers topped the North East group again, 12 points ahead of Cheadle, who take the other play-off place. The second unbeaten team, Marple topped runners-up Bredbury Saints by nine points after a fine season in the South East group.

Only one game was conceded on the final Wednesday of the campaign, by Ashley at home to luckless Alsager.

There will a special meeting of clubs on a date yet to be decided in October to tackle problems which have arisen this season and to consider the format for 2015. Any clubs who wish to withdraw, amalgamate or join should contact the Competition secretary.

### **QUARTER-FINALS DRAW**

Neston v Alsager (TBA)

Toft v Tattenhall Wreckers (Wednesday, August 13, 6 p.m.)

Urmston Tigers v Bredbury Saints (Friday, August 15, 6 p.m.)

Marple v Cheadle (Wednesday, August 13, 5.45 p.m.)

### **AUGUST 6 RESULTS**

#### WEST GROUP

**Caldy lost to Irby (4 pts.) by 18 runs:**

Irby 123-6 (D Newman 30); Caldly 105 (Mellor 35).

**Neston (4 pts.) beat Oxton by 23 runs:**

Neston 135-6 (James 30, Hackett 25, Beaver 25); Oxton 112-7 (E Filer 30, Mitchell 20, Hackett 2-12, Yardley 2-28).

**Tattenhall Wreckers (4 pts.) beat Chester Boughton Hall by 9 wickets:**

Chester 131-5; Tattenhall 132-1.

**Upton (4 pts.) beat Warrington by 21 runs:**

Upton 119-7 (Warburton 30); Warrington 98-7 (Sleigh 30).

#### CENTRAL GROUP

**Ashley v Alsager (4 pts.): Ashley conceded.**

**Davenham lost to Toft (4 pts.) by 29 runs:**

Toft 129-5 (Jones 32, B. Locke 31); Davenham 100-3 (Goff 30).

**Grappenhall (4 pts.) beat Bowdon by 76 runs**

Grappenhall 152-6 (Clissold 31, Newell 30); Bowdon 76 (Shenkman 30, Critchley 29).

**Mobberley lost to Bowdon Vale Vikings (4 pts.) by 10 runs:**

Bowdon Vale 144-3 (Dean 31, Bottomley 30, Webb 22, Whitby 2-29); Mobberley 134-6 (Cartlidge 30, Whitley 22, Crowson 2-16).

#### NORTH EAST GROUP:

**Alderley Edge Wizards lost to Sale Silverbacks (4 pts.) by 32 runs:**

Sale 144-5 (Davenport 34); Alderley Edge 113 (Chan 33).

**Ashton on Mersey (4 pts.) beat Timperley by 42 runs:**

Ashton on Mersey 151-6 (Arora 33, Farjad 32, Tutt 30, Warner 29, Maddocks 4-30); Timperley 109-7 (Maddocks 29, Knowles 3-9)

**Cheadle lost to Urmston Tigers (4 pts.) by 42 runs:**

Urmston 123-7 (Cartwright 31, Higginbottom 30, Oaks 3-17; Whitley 3-28); Cheadle 81-9 (Pollard 3-17, Sethi 2-10).

**Cheadle Hulme (4 pts.) beat Brooklands by 56 runs:**

Cheadle Hulme 145-1 (GasGupa 31, Dare 30, Battye 30); Brooklands 89 (Stringer 34, Unsworth 2-20, Russell 2-26).



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### ***O40s results continued ...***

#### **SOUTH-EAST GROUP**

##### **Bollington Veterans lost to Marple (4 pts.) by 6 wickets:**

Bollington 121-2 (McKernan 31, Paterson 31); Marple 122-4 (Heywood 32, Stringer 31, Bradshaw 3-12).

##### **Bramhall lost to Macclesfield (4 pts.) by 45 runs:**

Macclesfield 138-2 (Stevens 30); Bramhall 93-6 (Driscoll 30, Moores 3-14).

##### **Bredbury Saints (3 pts.) tied with Poynton Legends (3 pts.):**

Poynton 118-7 (Thompson 31, Burton 2-17, Martin 2-13); Bredbury 118-8 (Usher 28, Clarke 23, Heath 2-14, Owens 2-25).

##### **Offerton (4 pts.) beat Woodley by 6 wickets:**

Woodley 115-5 (Parry 32); Offerton 116-4 (Jeffrey 31, Bates 29).

#### **Final tables**

<b><u>West group</u></b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>C/A</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PTS.</b>
<b>NESTON</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50 champions; play-offs</b>
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	14	12	0	1	1	50 play offs
IRBY	14	9	0	1	4	38
OXTON	14	5	0	2	7	24
WARRINGTON	14	6	0	0	8	24
UPTON	14	4	1	2	7	23
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	14	2	1	0	11	11
CALDY	14	1	0	1	12	6

#### **Central group**

<b>TOFT</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54 champions; play-offs</b>
ALSAGER	14	11	0	2	1	48 play-offs
GRAPPENHALL	14	9	0	2	3	40
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	14	5	0	2	7	24
DAVENHAM	14	5	0	2	7	24
BOWDON	14	5	0	1	8	22
ASHLEY	14	1	0	1	12	6
MOBBERLEY	14	1	0	1	12	6

#### **North-East group**

<b>URMSTON TIGERS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>46 champions; play-offs</b>
CHEADLE	14	7	0	3	4	34 play-offs
CHEADLE HULME	14	7	0	2	5	32
SALE SILVERBACKS	14	7	0	2	5	32
BROOKLANDS	14	7	0	1	6	30
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	14	5	0	3	6	26
ASHTON on MERSEY	14	3	0	1	10	14
TIMPERLEY	14	1	0	3	10	10

#### **South-East group**

<b>MARPLE</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52 champions; play-offs</b>
BREDBURY SAINTS	14	9	1	2	2	43 play-offs
POYNTON LEGENDS	14	7	1	1	5	33
MACCLESFIELD	14	7	0	2	5	32
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	14	6	0	2	6	28
BRAMHALL	14	3	0	1	10	14
OFFERTON	14	3	0	1	10	14
WOODLEY	14	2	0	1	11	10

## **Rain again delays Cheshire Cup**

THE already slow progress of the **Cheshire Cup** was stalled further by rain on Sunday.

No play was possible in the first semi-final between Macclesfield and New Brighton, which goes back to Sunday, August 24.

The quarter-final between Urmston and Oxton was also postponed and will now be on August 17, with the winners at home to holders Chester Boughton Hall in the second semi on August 24.

The final date remains Sunday, August 31 with a toss of coin for the venue.

### **CHESHIRE SHIELD FINAL**

HAWK GREEN will stage the final of the **Cheshire Shield** against Ashton on Mersey on Sunday, August 17 (1.30 p.m.).

## **Bolly lead TACS Cheshire League**

DEMOTED last September, Bollington currently lead the **TACS Partnership Cheshire League** by three points after a 10 wickets win at Chester County Officers. They have deposed Mobberley who lost by two wickets at Runcorn.

Division 1 results: Ashton on Mersey 276-2 dec. drew with Malpas 274-9; Bollington 142-0 beat Chester County Officers 137-6 dec; Hale Barns 131-1 beat Prestbury 130-9 dec.; Romiley 170-4 beat Oakmere 166-9 dec. ; Runcorn 213-8 beat Mobberley 210-9 dec.; Stockport Georgians 139-8 beat Lindow 135-9 dec.

### **Latest placings**

1. Bollington	296 pts.
2. <u>Mobberley</u>	<u>293</u>
3. Ashton on Mersey	275
4. Romiley	271
5. Stockport Georgians	263
6. Runcorn	230
7. Malpas	217
8. Lindow	180
9. Prestbury	176
10. <u>Hale Barns</u>	<u>167</u>
11. Chester Country Officers	148
12. Oakmere	126

Division 2 leaders are Disley with 308 pts. second Barrow 289. Division 3 leaders are Haslington, 277, followed by Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge 261.

Division 1 fixtures on Saturday, August 16 (1.30 p.m.): Chester County Officers v Romiley; Hale Barns v Stockport Georgians; Lindow v Bollington; Malpas v Runcorn; Oakmere v Ashton on Mersey; Prestbury v Mobberley

GUEST SPEAKER at the League's Presentation Dinner at the Cresta Court Hotel, Altrincham, on Friday, October 17 is to be former Kent skipper Dave Fulton.

*Information provided by TACS chairman Graham Coull.*

## **Alvanley win £250 Board survey prize**

ALVANLEY have won £250 in cricket equipment from the Cheshire Board for persuading most members to respond to the recent ECB Players' Survey.

This is largely down to the hard work of 1<sup>st</sup> XI batsman 'Sergeant Major' Andy Bennion who was successful in rustling up interest within the club.

## **CLUBS BEWARE OF PICKPOCKET**

NORTH-WEST clubs are being urged to take precautions to foil a pickpocket who is doing the rounds of clubs in Lancashire and getting away with large hauls of cash and belongings, especially mobile phones.

Lancashire police are on the trail of a male, in his early sixties, who goes by the name of Alan Philip Tighe, of no known address, who has been raiding clubs in the Blackpool and St. Annes areas and whom the police expect to divert attention to North Manchester and Cheshire. His modus operandi is to target away dressing-rooms which, historically, are less likely to be locked while players are in the field.

Information about the thefts can be found on the Lancashire Cricket Board website via Lancashire County Cricket Club.

**LEAGUE FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR WEEK 17:  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16**

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

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

Ankit Jain & Phil Prince  
Ged Kinsey & Dion Kelly  
Barrie Burns & Chris Smith  
Alistair Davies & Don Flanagan  
Glyn Roberts & Steve Walton  
Trevor Burnett & Neville Kent

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

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

Tom Spencer & Ian Wilson  
Brian Boys & Tony Morris  
Wyn Harris & Nigel Simms  
John Lowe & Ken Rothwell  
Allan Lewis & Ken Simpson  
Neville Abberley & Brian Jones

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

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

Paul Herring & Simon Smith  
Liam Spires & David Tate  
Peter Davies & Mark Turner  
Martin Roberts & Steve Wilkinson  
Ray Prescott & Graham Pugh  
Darrin Clark & Jon Hacking

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

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

Ron Bedson & club umpire  
Howard Briggs & no panel umpire available  
David Goulding & no panel umpire available  
Graham Harris & club umpire  
Clive Rice & club umpire  
David Stoter & no panel umpire available

## **Liam Parkinson for England U17s**

URMSTON chairman Rob Arnold is thrilled at the call-up of the club's young leg-spinner Liam Parkinson for England Under 17s after a string of fine performances in representative and club cricket.

Liam has been chosen to play for England in two series which involve one and three-day games against South Africa and Pakistan at Loughborough University.

Says Rob: "Young Liam has come on in leaps and bounds this season and is the Premier League's leading wicket taker including an 8-86 against Hyde. He has also taken 15 wickets in his debut season for Staffordshire in the Minor Counties. We have high hopes that he will go on to even greater things".

The League's current Young Player of the Year, Liam recently played for Lancashire 2nd against Glamorgan 2<sup>nd</sup> at Cardiff's Swalec Stadium and took 6-28, so could have a future at Old Trafford.

Liam told *The Cricket Paper*: "I feared England might keep the same squad which played Under 16 cricket last season, but they have decided to bring in some new faces – including mine. It will be good test playing against these country's best and quite different from Saturday afternoons".

O Toft's Rob Jones is currently playing for England against South Africa in an Under 19s series and performing well with runs and wickets.

### **10 Years Ago**

#### **From the *Newsletter of August 14, 2004***

BOTTOM of the table Macclesfield were docked 16 points for fielding ineligible player Tom Parfitt-Manning in a Premier League game against Neston. He made his appearance three days before transfer formalities with his previous club Alderley Edge were completed.

Timperley were docked seven Division Two points and Heaton Mersey two for slow over rates

POYNTON's outstanding Barbadian Derwen Thompson won the Performance of the Month award for July for scoring 114 and taking 5-10 in a Premier League game against Oulton Park.

BURNAGE's ground was inspected and provisionally approved should they finish in the Meller Braggins Cheshire League's top two. However, Burnage were told they needed to make improvements to their sight screens, covers, scoreboard and dressing-rooms by the time of a second inspection in September.

BOWDON routed Widnes for 70 in the Premier League to keep up pressure on leaders Oulton Park, Gary Yates taking 4-16.

ANDREW HALL became the first batsman to top 1,000 runs in 2004 with an innings of 36 in Bramhall's First Division draw at Cheadle Hulme. The Cheshire captain had so far hit three centuries and seven other scores of over 50.

A SEVEN wickets win at Mobberley took Heaton Mersey top of Division Two thanks to Nick Cantello's vigorous 57, taking his aggregate to 770.