



2013 SEASON NEWSLETTER NO. 4: MAY 11

Only one match off on day of rain

Alderley Edge dent Neston record

THE last club with a 100 per cent record in the **ECB Premier League**, Neston were held to a draw in a tight finish by a much-improved performance from Alderley Edge at Parkgate.

Alderley rattled up an impressive 241-6 in a match reduced by rain to 106 overs, Adam Wildig 84, Jon Steele 50, Andy Clarke 4-57. With skipper David Hurst and Luke Camden both going well Neston were on course for a fourth straight win until both were dismissed, for 78 and 53 respectively and with part time spinner Alan Day weighing in with 4-29 Neston were obliged to hang on at 234-9 which earned them only seven points to their visitors' 15

Chester Boughton Hall inflicted the third defeat on promoted Bowdon at Filkins Lane after restricting their visitors to 172-8, a tally which would have been notably smaller but for a fine innings of 97 from Simon Marshall. Jack Williams claimed 4-63.

Despite five stoppages for rain, Chester coasted home at 174-4 in 35 overs, Lancashire's big-hitter Jordan Clark scoring 65 and skipper Steve Ogilby an unbeaten 30.

First win for champions

Champions Nantwich registered an overdue first victory, by an impressive eight wickets margin at Grappenhall, hitherto unbeaten since promotion.

Grappenhall were bowled out for 181, Adam Roylance 63, J. Grewer 3-30. The Dabbers' teenager Sam Hunt, 79 and Old Trafford starlet Lou Livingstone, 65 not out, knocked off the runs at 182-2 in 38 overs.

Marple also recorded a maiden victory, by eight wickets at Didsbury, whose form is up and down. Didsbury were restricted to 192-8, their Sri Lankan batsman Dinidu Jayatillake top-scoring with an impressive 62 and Simon Normanton 52, while Andy Greasley turned in an immaculate 4-55 off 15 overs. Marple stormed to 193-2 in 35 overs, a top-form Jonny Marshall contributing 69 and Beau Webster a run-a-ball 63 not out.

Danny Cranmer, who played little last season due to a hand injury, was the star of Hyde's 64 runs win at Oxton. Batting at seven, he top-scored with 47, following up James Duffy's 45 in a tally of 194 against fine bowling from another Sri Lankan, Gayan Fernando, who returned 7-70 off 22 overs. Oxton were all out for 130 in reply, Alex Money 45, Cranmer taking a key 5-33 and Greg Lomax 3-13.

Rain interrupted every game to various degrees and clubs, umpires and groundsmen are to be commended for getting in as much cricket as they did.

At Macclesfield, however, it was impossible to make a start due to heavy downpours and their fixture against Toft became the first casualty of the 2013 weather.

O KEY FIXTURE next Saturday: a clash of promoted clubs Bowdon and Grappenhall at South Downs Road.

LASHINGS (OF SIXES) AT OXTON

SOME of the best-known personalities in cricket will be on view at Oxton when the Wirral club play a Lashings International X! at Townfield Lane on Friday, June 21, gates open at 2 p.m..

Among those booked to appear are Devon Malcolm, Courtney Walsh, Saqlain Mushtaq and Lou Vincent, plus other Test stars yet to be named.

Admission is £5 for adults, £2 concessions and £1 for children.

Four wins in row for Brooklands

CHRISTLETON became Brooklands' fourth victims - and suffered their fourth successive defeat - when the south Manchester side won by six wickets at Little Heath to stay top of **Division One**.

Local men Matt Astbury, 92 and Ben Patterson, 42 scored the bulk of Christleton's decent tally of 188-6. To which Brooklands responded with 189-4, John Grewer 85, John Birchall 60.

There is close chasing pack of two comprising Bramhall and Oulton Park, both with three wins out of four. Bramhall played impressively to beat Urmston by nine wickets at Church lane, after dismissing their visitors for 103, Simon Wilkinson's splendid 6-36 being aided by 4-63 from Rupe Kitzinger as the pair bowled unchanged. Matt Begbie was unbeaten with 54 as Bramhall hit 104-1 in 25 overs.

Bredbury St. Mark's good start was halted at Oulton Park, who are hard to beat batting second. Peter Zybrands, 61 and Chris Wood, 50 helped Bredbury total 194-5 in a game restricted to 78 overs after a series of hailstorms. Oulton got home with five balls of the last over to spare when Craig Douglas hit a six to win the match. Unfortunately, this left his partner Nick James high and dry on 99 not out !

Sale's form is up and down, but they had one of their better days to win by nine wickets at Heaton Mersey. They dismissed their hosts for 82, Taz.Tharsen a fine 7-52 bowling unchanged for 17 overs. . Sale responded with 83-1 in nine over, Aussie Calvin Flowers a rapid unbeaten 55.

There was a much closer finish at Middlewich where Cheadle Hulme managed only 113, Adam Wilde 33, Stuart Price 4-22, Phil Parry 3-36. . Middlewich found Aussie paceman Kris Nissen hard to handle and his 4-54 had them in trouble, aided by 3-28 from Ewan McCray. But last season's Division 2 champs made it with their last pair together at 114-9.

Widnes rattled up 251-8 and went on to score a winning draw at Cheadle Mark Brick scored 68 and Alex Graham 61 in the Widnes tally of 251-8, Will Holmes 5-29. Cheadle's last pair then held out at 164-9, Mark. Fisher 68, Danny Moore 5-32.

KEY FIXTURE NEXT SATURDAY: Leaders Brooklands at home to last season's Division 2 champions Middlewich

Timperley, Warrington share Division 2 lead

WITH Tattenhall losing at home to Stockport, there are now only two teams with 100 pc records at the top of **Division Two**.

Timperley maintained their fine form with an eight wickets win at Alvanley after dismissing the mid-Cheshire side for 157, Ian Grindley 5-51. Matt Macquet biffed the ball to all parts of the ground to run up an unbeaten 80 as Timperley replied with 159-3 in 23 overs.

Alvanley consolation comes in the shape of praise from umpires John Lowe and Alastair Davies, who reported: "A very pleasurable day: lovely tea, wonderful facilities, friendly people: Alvanley a credit to the League".

Warrington's fourth straight win was by seven wickets at Stockport Georgians, who were held to 141-8, Mark Vincent 30, Kyle Adams 4-39. Paul Farrar top-scored with 64 and Mike Rudd 50, both not out, as Warrington cruised to 142-3 off 32 overs.

It was cold on the wide open stretches at Tattenhall as Stockport worked their way to a two wickets win with four balls of a closely-contested game remaining. Tatters closed a full 50 overs innings on 186-9, Ollie Thompson 59, Mike Green 4-77, Josh Manning 4-46. To which the Cale Green men replied with 187-8, 18 year old Aussie all-rounder Manning scoring 55 and Tom Kidd a key 41 not out at number seven.

Weaverham hit 293-6

Weaverham posted a massive 293-6 before declaring after off 45 overs at Irby, Steve Woods, 88 and James Lewis, 84 adding 125 for the second wicket, then Lewis and West Indian Wilden Cornwall, 84 put on 117 for the third wicket. Irby struggled to 160-7, Chris Caswell 44, Greg Shillinglaw 36, Stuart Heyes 4-22. Weaverham earned 14 useful points, but Irby only five.

Fellow newcomers Davenham lost by five wickets at Poynton, but managed to pick up 10 points. Davenham scored 168-8, Jack Loveridge 82 and Poynton got home on 172-5 in the 38th over, Danny Williams 61.

Bollington remain rooted to the bottom, but managed to avoid defeat for the first time, at Congleton. The Booth Street men ran up 190-8, Jerry Lamb 60, S. Khan 6-53. Bollington got to 140-6, Tom Barrass scoring a useful 41 and Rick Hough 36, while Kiwi all-rounder Lamb followed up with 4-33.

KEY FIXTURE NEXT SATURDAY: 100 per centers Warrington v Timperley at Walton Lea – something has to give.

ECB PREMIER LEAGUE SCORES

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (won toss) v BOWDON

Bowdon 172-8 (47overs: S Marshall 92, J. Williams 4-63);

Chester 174-4 (35 overs: J. Clark 68, W Goodwin 59, S Ogilby 30no). *Game reduced to 94 overs.*

Chester Boughton Hall (25 pts.) beat Bowdon (7 pts.) by 6 wickets.

DIDSBURY (toss) v MARPLE

Didsbury 192-8 (45 overs: D. Jayatillake 62, S Normanton 52, P Critchley 41, A Greasley 4-55);

Marple 193-2 (35 overs: J Marshall 69, B Webster 63no). *Game reduced to 90 overs.*

Marple (25 pts.) beat Didsbury (8 pts.) by 8 wickets.

GRAPPENHALL (toss) v NANTWICH

Grappenhall 181 (A. Roylance 63, J. McClelland 35no, M. Sambell 32, J. Grewer 3-30);

Nantwich 182-2 (S. Hunt 79, L.Livingstone 65no).

Nantwich (25 pts.) beat Grappenhall (4 pts.) by 8 wickets.

MACCLESFIELD v TOFT

Match cancelled due to rain: 7 pts. each.

NESTON (toss) v ALDERLEY EDGE

Alderley Edge 241-6 (53 overs: A Wildig 84, J Steele 50, C. Reid 44, A. Clarke 4-57);

Neston 234-9 (53 overs: D Hurst 78, L Camden 53, A. Murphy 31, A Day 4-29, B. Davis 3-58). *Game reduced to 106 overs.*

Match drawn: Alderley Edge 15 pts. Neston 7 pts

OXTON (toss) v HYDE

Hyde 194 (52 overs: D Cranmer 47, J. Duffy 45, G. Fernando 7-70);

Oxton 130 (40 overs: A. Money 45, A. Gibson 30, D. Cranmer 5-33, G Lomax 3-13). *Game reduced to 104 overs.*

Hyde (25 pts.) beat Oxton (6 pts.) by 64 runs

DIVISION 1 SCORES

BRAMHALL (won toss) v URMSTON

Urmston 103 (40 overs: S Wilkinson 6-36, R. Kitzinger 4-63);

Bramhall 104-1 (25 overs: M Begbie 54no). *Game reduced to 80 overs.*

Bramhall (25 pts.) beat Urmston (2 pts.) by 9 wickets.

CHEADLE (toss) v WIDNES

Widnes 251-8 (45 overs: M Brick 68, A. Graham 61, K Maher 44, W Holmes 5-29);

Cheadle 164-9 (45 overs: M Fisher 68, D. Moore 5-32) *Game reduced to 90 overs.*

Match drawn: Widnes 15 pts., Cheadle 7 pts.

CHRISTLETON (toss) v BROOKLANDS

Christleton 188-6 (48 overs: M Astbury 92, B Patterson 42);

Brooklands 189-4 (40 overs: J Grewer 85, J. Birchall 60). *Game reduced to 96 overs.*

Brooklands (25 pts.) beat Christleton (7 pts.) by 6 wickets.

HEATON MERSEY v SALE (toss)

Heaton Mersey 82 (33 overs: T Tharsen 7-52);

Sale 83-1 (9 overs: C Flowers 55no). *Game reduced to 92 overs.*

Sale (35 pts.) beat Heaton Mersey (0 pts.) by 9 wickets.

MIDDLEWICH v CHEADLE HULME (toss)

Cheadle Hulme 113 (34 overs: A Wilde 33, S. Price 4-22, P Parry 3-36);

Middlewich 114-9 (43 overs: T Nissen 4-54, E. McCray 3-28).

Middlewich (25 pts.) beat Cheadle Hulme (6 pts.) by 1 wicket

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OULTON PARK v BREDBURY ST. MARK'S (toss)

Bredbury 194-5 (39 overs: P Zybrands 61, C. Wood 50);

Oulton Park 195-5 (37 overs: N. James 99no, L. Bentley 37). *Game reduced to 78 overs - by hailstorm*

Oulton Park (25 pts.) beat Bredbury St. Mark's (10 pts.) by 5 wickets.

DIVISION 2 SCORES

ALVANLEY v TIMPERLEY (won toss)

Alvanley 157 (48 overs: I. Grindley 5-51);

Timperley 159-2 (23 overs: M. Macquet 80no, M. Stevens 44). *Game reduced to 96 overs.*

Timperley (25 pts.) beat Alvanley (4 pts.) by 8 wickets.

CONGLETON v BOLLINGTON (toss)

Congleton 190-8 dec. (29 overs: J. Lamb 60, A. Browe 30, S. Khan 6-53);

Bollington 140-6 (37 overs: T. Barrass 41, R. Hough 36, J. Lamb 4-33). *Game reduced to 66 overs.*

Congleton (13 pts.) drew with Bollington (8 pts.)

IRBY v WEAVERHAM (toss)

Weaverham 293-6 dec. (45 overs: S. Woods 88, J. Lewis 84, W. Cornwall 84);

Irby 150-7 (55 overs: C. Carswell 44, G. Shillinglaw 36, S. Hayes 4-22).

Match drawn: Weaverham 14 pts., Irby 5 pts.

POYNTON (toss) v DAVENHAM

Davenham 168-8 (38 overs: J Loveridge 82, D Williams 3-43, D. Stringer 3-46);

Poynton 172-5 (37.1 overs: 5 balls remaining: D. Williams 61). *Game reduced to 76 overs.*

Poynton (25 pts.) beat Davenham (10 pts.) by 5 wickets.

STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (toss) v WARRINGTON

Stockport Georgians 141-8 (45 overs: M Vincent 30, K. Adams 4-39);

Warrington 142-3 (32 overs: M. Farrar 65no, M. Rudd 50no). *Game reduced to 90 overs.*

Warrington (25 pts.) beat Stockport Georgians (5 pts.) by 7 wickets.

TATTENHALL v STOCKPORT (toss)

Tattenhall 186-9 (50 overs: O Thompson 59, D. Power 33, J Manning 4-46, D Green 4-77);

Stockport 187-8 (45.2 overs: 4 balls left: J. Manning 55, T Kidd 41no, O. Williamson 3-33). *5 overs lost in second inns.*

Stockport (25 pts.) beat Tattenhall (9 pts.) by 2 wickets.

PICK OF WEEK (o = overseas player)

ECB Premier League batting: Simon Marshall (Bowdon) 97; Bowling: oGayan Fernando (Oxton) 7-70 v Hyde.

Division 1 batting: Nick James (Oulton Park) 99no v Bredbury; Bowling: Taz Tharsen (Sale) 7-52 v Heaton Mersey

Division 2 batting: Steve Woods. (Weaverham) 88 v Irby; Bowling: S. Khan (Bollington) 6-53 v Congleton. .

WARNING FOR UMPIRE

LEAGUE panel umpire Alastair Davies has been warned as to his future conduct following an incident after the ECB Premier League game between Macclesfield and Bowdon on Saturday, April 27.

The Umpires & Scorers Association wish to join Alastair in apologising to the Macclesfield and Bowdon clubs for his behaviour.

Tables after 4 games

ECB PREMIER	W (25)	WD (3)	RD (2)	LD (1)	C (7)	L	Bat bonus	Bowl bonus	Total pts.
NESTON	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	2	82
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	2	1	1	0	0	0	16	5	76
HYDE	2	0	1	1	0	0	8	6	67
DIDSBURY	2	0	0	0	0	2	14	1	65
TOFT	2	0	0	0	1	1	3	4	64
GRAPPENHALL	1	2	0	0	0	1	20	7	58
NANTWICH	1	1	0	0	0	2	17	8	53
MARPLE	1	1	0	0	0	2	16	8	52
OXTON	1	0	0	0	0	3	14	8	47
BOWDON	1	0	0	0	0	3	11	8	44
ALDERLEY EDGE	0	1	0	2	0	1	19	9	33
MACCLESFIELD	0	0	0	2	1	1	12	6	27

DIVISION 1

BROOKLANDS	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
BRAMHALL	3	0	0	0	0	1	8	3	86
OULTON PARK	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	81
MIDDLEWICH	2	1	0	0	0	1	10	6	69
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	2	0	0	0	0	2	10	3	63
SALE	2	0	0	0	0	2	8	2	60
WIDNES	1	1	0	0	0	2	20	6	54
CHEADLE	1	1	0	1	0	1	12	10	51
CHEADLE HULME	1	1	0	0	0	2	14	9	51
HEATON MERSEY	1	0	0	1	0	2	8	3	37
URMSTON	0	0	0	1	0	3	21	6	28
CHRISTLETON	0	0	0	0	0	4	17	7	24

DIVISION 2

TIMPERLEY	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
WARRINGTON	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
TATTENHALL	3	0	0	0	0	1	6	3	84
STOCKPORT	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	81
POYNTON	2	1	0	0	0	1	14	6	73
DAVENHAM	2	0	0	0	0	2	8	6	64
CONGLETON	1	1	0	0	0	2	9	3	40
ALVANLEY	1	0	0	0	0	3	6	4	35
WEAVERHAM	0	1	0	1	0	2	19	11	34
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	0	1	0	0	0	3	17	9	29
IRBY	0	0	0	2	0	2	9	8	19
BOLLINGTON	0	0	0	1	0	3	9	9	19

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

Bonus points in Premier League: batting at 130; 160; 190; 220 runs. In Divisions 1 & 2 at 110, 140, 170 and 200 runs. Doubled up points for teams who draw or lose batting first. Bowling bonus points in all divisions at the fall of 3,5,7 and 9 wickets.

Batting and bowling bonus points available through entire innings (55 overs Premier League; 50 overs First & Second Divisions).

First Over 40s results

NEW clubs Caldby and Offerton both lost their opening games in the **Over 40s section** on Wednesday last week, yet gave good accounts of themselves before losing at home to Tattenhall Wreckers and away to Bredbury Saints..

Bramhall beat Marple to record their first victory since rejoining in May, 2012, while Warrington edged home by one run at Sale Silverbacks after winning only once throughout 2012.

Joint holders of the Chapel Press Play-off Trophy, Alsager Dabbers and Urmston Tigers both recorded impressive victories.

WEST GROUP RESULTS:

Irby beat Upton by 35 runs: Irby 4 pts.

Irby 135-1 (Lea 31, D. Newman 30); Upton 100-8 (N Sharrock 30).

Oxton beat Neston by 4 wickets: Oxton 4 pts.

Neston 85 (Egerton 29, Benson 2-7); Oxton 88-6 (Tiler 27, Malkin 2-14, Egerton 2-17, Smith 2-18);

Tattenhall Wreckers beat Caldby by 6 wickets: Tattenhall 4 pts.

Caldby 130-9 (Pillely 33, Mellor 25, Knight 3-12, Hill 3-40); Tattenhall Wreckers 131-4 (Dearling 30, Hope 29, Hunter 2-22).

Open: Chester Boughton Hall

CENTRAL GROUP:

Ashley lost to Alsager Dabbers by 9 wickets: Alsager Dabbers 4 pts.

Ashley 103-6 (Busby 33); Alsager Dabbers 109-1 (Jinks 32, Forster 32).

Bowdon beat Davenham by 7 runs: Bowdon 4 pts.

Bowdon 95-9; Davenham 88. This result was received late.

Grappenhall beat Mobberley by default: Grappenhall 4 pts. Mobberley could not raise a team.

Toft beat Bowdon Vale by 20 runs: Toft 4 pts.

Toft 135-4 (Hope 32, Cook 27, Thorpe 2-21); Bowdon Vale Vikings 115-6 (Bottomley 31, Dean 30, Thorpe 29).

NORTH-EAST GROUP:

Brooklands lost to Urmston Tigers by 8 wickets: Urmston 4 pts.

Brooklands 128-4 (Wilson 33, Mitchell 31, Jones 29); Urmston Tigers 129-2 (Fenton 30, Turner 29, Dartnell 25, Sethi 25);

Cheadle lost to Cheadle Hulme by 31 runs: Cheadle Hulme 4 pts.

Cheadle Hulme 138-5 (Unsworth 33, McCray 32, Oldfield 30); Cheadle 107 (Bardsley 31, Crossley 31, Dabegton 3-9).

Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge lost to Alderley Edge Vikings by 13 runs. Alderley Edge 4 pts.

Alderley Edge 119 (Khan 32, Bianchi 31, Hawkes 3-22); Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge 106-8 (Lomas 31, Bianchi 3-28).

Sale Silverbacks lost to Warrington by 1 run: Warrington 4 pts.

Warrington 119-5 (Baxter 31); Sale Silverbacks 118-6 (Harrop 30, Gleghorn 28).

SOUTH-EAST GROUP

Bollington Veterans lost to Poynton Legends by 2 runs: Poynton 4 pts.

Poynton Legends 130-3 (Kingham 34, Peart 32, Stringer 30, Mullaney 29, Rowe 2-15); Bollington Veterans 128-6 (Burns 33, Jones 31, McKernan 25, Stringer 3-23).

Bredbury Saints beat Offerton by 8 wickets: Bredbury 4 pts.

Offerton 119-5 (Taylor 30, Potter 26); Bredbury 122-2 (Lakin 33, Bass 26, Martin 3-18).

Macclesfield beat Woodley by 110 runs: Macclesfield 4 pts.

Macclesfield 183-0 (Cowan 33, Whittingham 33, Towle 33, Sayers 32); Woodley 73-8.

Marple lost to Bramhall by 17 runs: Bramhall 4 pts.

Bramhall 127-8 (Tittle 30, Stoneman 30, Bell 3-33, Smith 2-16, Potter 2-31); Marple 107 (Ashton 32, Milligan 4-214, Tittle 2-7).

FIXTURES for Wednesday, May 15

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

CENTRAL: Ashley v Bowdon Vale Vikings (switched by agreement); Davenham v Grappenhall; Mobberley v Toft. Thursday: Alsager Dabbers v Bowdon.

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

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

RedInsure T20 begins on Tuesday

THE new-look **RedInsureT20** competition begins this week with games in groups 2, 4, 6 and 8. Fixtures with appointed umpires (all 6 p.m.) are:

GROUP 2: Tuesday, May 14

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S v CHEADLE

Graham Harris & David Moss

Open date: HYDE

GROUP 4: Thursday, May 16

BOLLINGTON v TOFT

Garry Hambleton & Steve Kirkbright

MACCLESFIELD v BRAMHALL

Phil Prince & John Lowe

GROUP 6: Thursday, May 26

ALVANLEY v OXTON

Barrie Burns & Dion Kelly

WIDNES v IRBY

Alastair Davies & Neville Kent

GROUP 8: Thursday, May 26

DIDSBURY v STOCKPORT

Martin Howe & John Lofthouse

URMSTON v CHEADLE HULME`

Paul Herring & Glyn Roberts

Fixtures in Groups 1,3,5,7 and 9 begin on Thursday, May 23

Saturday, May 4 ground reports

UMPIRES' League ground marks and other reports from games played on Saturday, May 4 are as follows:

ECB Premier League. Alderley Edge v Oxtton: Pitch 17 Outfield 19; Bowdon v Didsbury 12 – 19; Hyde v Grappenhall 18 – 19; Marple v Macclesfield 18 – 19; Nantwich v CBH16 – 20; Toft v Neston 18 – 20.

O Bowdon v Didsbury result was not telephoned.

Division 1 : Bredbury v Brooklands 18 – 12 (only one sight-screen at one end); Brooklands v Heaton Mersey 17 – 18; Cheadle Hulme v Christleton 16 – 20; Sale v Bramhall 19 – 19; Urmston v Cheadle 20 – 20 (full house); Widnes v Oulton Park 19 – 19.

Division 2: Bollington v Poynton 15 – 17; Davenham v Tattenhall 14 – 17; Stockport v Alvanley 18 – 15; Timperley v Stockport Georgians 16 – 19; X Warrington v Irby ; Weaverham v Congleton 16 – 18.

X Warrington v Irby result sheet not received.

O All captains tendered their umpires marks to coordinator Ken Spilsbury within the time allowed.

O Clubs are urgently requested to improve the quality of their Saturday evening phone-ins. Many messages on Saturday, May 4 were barely audible and others were gabbled, hence some important details were omitted from *Newsletter*.

Cheshire Cup up-date

SECOND round **Cheshire Cup** results on Sunday, May 12 were:

Caldy conceded to Parkfield Liscard; Sale beat Cheadle Hulme on bowl out after rain; Rode Park & Lawton v Ashton on Mersey. postponed to Sunday, May 19.

DRAW for round 3 (Sunday, May 26, 1.30 p.m.): Oulton Park v Northwich; Wallasey v Oxtton; Brooklands v Widnes; Warrington v Birkenhead Park (Sunday, June 2); ; Stockport v Didsbury; Chester Boughton Hall v Rode Park or Ashton on Mersey; Hyde v Marple; Parkfield v Toft; Sale v Alderley Edge; Middlewich v Neston; Nantwich v Mere; Macclesfield v Bowdon; Cheadle v New Brighton; Elworth v Grappenhall (Sunday, June 2); Upton v Congleton; Urmston v Timperley.

Cheshire Shield draw

DRAW for the first round of the **Cheshire Shield** on Sunday, June 26: A.Rode Park & Lawton or Ashton on Mersey v Stockport Trinity; B. Romiley v Heaton Mersey.

Round 3 (Sunday, June 30): Bramhall v Weaverham; Hawk Green v Wilmslow Wayfarers; Offerton v Cheadle; Ashley v winners of game A; Bollington v winners of game B; Sandbach v Davenham; Port Sunlight v Birkenhead St. Mary's; Tranmere Vics v Runcorn.

O Information provided by Cheshire Cup organiser Rick Davis.

Over 60s trounce old rivals

WINNERS of the **National Spitfire 60 Plus county championship** for the past three seasons, Cheshire made up for an opening day defeat when they trounced old rivals Derbyshire by eight wickets at Chester Boughton Hall last Tuesday.

Derbyshire were restricted to 130-9, Rick Powell 2-17, Howard Morris 2-24, John Edwards 2-26. Cheshire replied to win by eight wickets at 131-2, Nick Sharp 49, Andy Hurworth 29, Steve Yates 20 not out.

Cheshire are next in action against Shropshire at Oswestry on Tuesday, May 14 (1 p.m.).

CHESHIRE OVER 50s beat Staffordshire by 51 runs under new skipper Gary Cash in a friendly at Whitmore on Wednesday last week. Scores: Cheshire 233-8 (Colin Norbury 72); Staffs 182-7 (Steve Yates 2-21, Chris Moore 1-16 off nine overs).

Their first ECB County championship game is against Lancashire at Timperley on Wednesday, May 15 (1.30 p.m.).

HARD TASK FOR CHESHIRE There is more Minor Counties Cup action for Cheshire on Sunday, May 19, against holders Cumberland at Kendal in their third Knock out group game (11 a.m.). Cheshire must win to stand any chance of progressing to the quarter-finals. Team: James Duffy captain, Chris Tipper, Danny Berry, Scott Kirwin (all Hyde), Warren Goodwin (Chester), Jonny Kettle (Nantwich), Khalid Sawas, Ian Tait (Macclesfield), Adam Syddall (Urmston), Rick Moore (Oulton Park) Danny Woods (York). 12th man: Past Roberts (Toft). Scorer: Jim Law.

Former Hyde and Cheshire all-rounder Rob Woolley has had his Cheshire registration cancelled by mutual agreement and may now join Cambridgeshire. He is currently playing for Unicorns in the YB40 and for Peterborough club Castor & Ailchurch in the Cambs and Huntingdonshire Premier League. .

Cheshire Development XI announce two 2013 fixture changes. The two-day game against Lancashire U19 is at Heywood on July 24 – 25 and a one dayer against Shropshire on August 27 is at Barnton.

BOB TAYLOR AT CHESTER. When Cheshire play Wiltshire at Chester Boughton Hall on Sunday – Tuesday, June 23 – 25, former England wicket-keeper Bob Taylor will give a talk and host a Q&A session during lunch on the Monday. Tickets to hear him at £20 are available from Brian Gresty and / or Jim Gillson at CBH.

Handbook corrections & amendments

PLEASE make the following further corrections to your copy of the 2013 League Handbook

PAGE 6: E-mail address of Cheshire Cricket Board secretary David Sharp is: david.sharp@cheshirecricketboard.co.uk

PAGE 137: Mobile tel. for Grappenhall captain Richard Green: 07792 357 637.

PAGE 146: E-mail address for Oxtton chairman Mark Cashin: mark.cashin@bopenworld.com

PAGE 196: Overseas Investment Properties advertisement: e-mail should read: ken@simpsonoverseas.com

O Any further amendments should be notified to the Editor.

Alastair Davies' Umpires Quiz: Week 4

LAST WEEK'S POSER: The striker is standing on the popping crease. He misses a fair delivery and the ball strikes the helmet of the wicket-keeper standing up. The ball rebounds directly on to the stumps. The striker has not moved. There is an appeal. If you were umpiring how would you react?

ANSWER: *As the ball has made contact with the wicket-keeper's helmet and there has been no further contact by any fielder, the striker is Not out (Law 39.2 (a) (i) (b)).*

THIS WEEK: The striker is hit on the pad in a position which meets the requirements for him to be given out lbw. The ball is then deflected off his bat and is caught by a close fielder, without going to ground. There is an appeal . . what should be the outcome?

In Brief ...

TONY ELLWOOD, chairman of Southport & Birkdale Cricket Club, who plays mid-week cricket for Toft Over 40s, says tickets are available for Lancashire v Hampshire at Southport from August 28 – 31 and for the PGA Masters Golf on September 6 by contacting www.sandbsportsclub.co.uk/cricket

O MARATHON runner Gary Dixon's latest outing was at Milton Keynes where he completed the 26 miles course in blistering heat in 4 hours 13 minutes. Gary, who runs for McMillan Nurses Charity, is next in action at Windermere on Sunday, May 19

O TOFT chairman Nigel Muirhead has produced a remarkable Fixture Handbook in which all the club's 40 sponsors have taken advertising space.

O ROB DRAPER, aged 17, carried his bat for 144 through the Nantwich 3rd XI innings in a Jack Gardner Trophy game in which they beat Tattenhall at Whitehouse Lane on Bank Holiday Monday.

CENTENARY YEAR AT BREDBURY

FOUNDED in 1913, Bredbury St. Mark's Centenary celebrations have begun with the unveiling of the club's new electronic scoreboard which is now up and running, *says secretary Jan Amison.*

The club's Centenary Booklet, which is available for purchase from any committee member reveals that the next event is a Children's Gala and Fair at the ground in Pennine Road on Bank Holiday Monday, May 27, from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Two exhibition matches have been arranged for August Bank Holiday, August 26: Past v Present will take place from 11.30 a.m. followed by Bredbury A team v Bredbury Saints Over 40s XI at 3 p.m.

A Centenary Dinner is planned at Stockport Sports Village on the evening of Saturday, September 21.

Earlier in the day, Down Memory Lane – a collection of old pictures, scorebooks, committee minutes from 1913 and other memorabilia will be on display in the clubhouse from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This will give members past and present and others interested an opportunity to browse and reminisce.

The late Bert Crutchley

The following tribute has been submitted by Janet Amison following the recent death, aged 87 of club president Bert Crutchley, which was briefly reported in an earlier issue of *Newsletter*:

A long-playing, enthusiastic and committed cricketer and club member, Bert in his heyday was a wicket-keeper and opening batsman. His batting was unorthodox but very effective, especially his square cut which occasionally went for six.

He received an award at Lord's in 1998 aged 72, for being one of the oldest players in the UK to score a century in a competitive game. As a keeper, he was renowned for his very loud appealing which could be heard from the boundary – and well beyond.

As a primary school deputy headmaster he was committed to giving young players opportunities both academically and on the sports field and was instrumental in organising many activities at Bredbury including junior team coaching, fund raising, player development and primary school liaison and coaching prior to the ECB and NatWest Bank's initiative 'Chance to Shine'.

He was chairman of the Stockport Cricket Development group and became instrumental in negotiating rate reductions for many sports clubs within the Stockport Municipal area.

His personality and presence are sadly missed by family, friends and by all at BStMCC who knew and admired him.

Kingfisher Beers Cup latest

RESULTS of third round games played in the **Kingfisher Beers Cup** (aka National Club knock-out) on Sunday, May 12 were:

Group 6: Marple 42-1 v Denton West, abandoned due to rain. To be replayed on Sunday, May 26.

Farnworth v Bowdon; Bootle v Oxton: no information.

Group 7: Nantwich 136 (Ray Doyle 73no); Shrewsbury 139-9 (Jimmy Warrington 3-16, Ollie Griffiths 3-20). Shrewsbury won by 1 wicket.

Neston 388-6 (Will Evans 156, David Hurst 90 – added 175 for third wicket); Audley 176-8. Neston won by 212 runs.

TACS CHESHIRE LEAGUE ROUND-UP

RESULTS of First Division games in the **TACS-sponsored Cheshire Cricket League** on Saturday, May 11 were as follows:

Ashton on Mersey 168-7 Runcorn 218-8 dec.; Chester County Officers 141-5 Oakmere 140-9 inn. closed; Hale Barns 172 Upton 173-9; Malpas 104 Mobberley 106-5; Romiley 167-7 Northwich 171-5; Winnington Park 183-5 dec. Prestbury 93-8.

PLACINGS after four games: 1. CCO 78 pts. 2; Hale Barns 77; 3. Mobberley 77; 4. Upton 76; 5. Northwich 67; 6. Romiley 64; 7. Malpas 62; 8. Ashton on Mersey 47; 9. Winnington Park 43; 10. Runcorn 42; 11. Oakmere 32. 12. Prestbury 28. Division 2 leaders: 1. Lindow; 2. Chelford. Division 3 leaders: 1. Over Peover; 2. Barrow.

FIXTURES on Saturday, May 18 (1.30 p.m.): Malpas v Chester County Officers; Mobberley v Ashton on Mersey; Northwich v Oakmere; Prestbury v Romiley; Runcorn v Hale Barns; Upton v Winnington Park

FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY, MAY 18

ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)

BOWDON v GRAPPENHALL	Dion Kelly & John Lofthouse
HYDE v ALDERLEY EDGE	Jon Hacking & Ged Kinsey
MACCLESFIELD v NESTON	Don Flanagan & Paul Herring
MARPLE v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	Ian Greensmith & Steve Walton
NANTWICH v OXTON	Alastair Davies & Chris Smith
TOFT v DIDSBURY	Ian Drury & Steve Duckers

First Division (1 p.m.)

BROOKLANDS v MIDDLEWICH	Howard Briggs & Jim Whitehead
CHEADLE v OULTON PARK	Trevor Burnett & Ken Rothwell
CHEADLE HULME v BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	Ron Bedson & Glyn Roberts
SALE v CHRISTLETON	Bob Cunningham & Graham Harris
URMSTON v HEATON MERSEY	Steve Kirkbright & Neville Kent
WIDNES v BRAMHALL	Mark Turner & Geoff Wellsted

Second Division (1 p.m.)

BOLLINGTON v IRBY	David Gane & Ankit Jain
DAVENHAM v CONGLETON	Allan Lewis & Gary Zimmer
STOCKPORT v POYNTON	John Lowe & Phil Prince
TATTENHALL v ALVANLEY	Neville Abberley & Ken Simpson
WARRINGTON v TIMPERLEY	Brian Jones & Martin Roberts
WEAVERHAM v STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	Ray Prescott & Clive Rice

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

ALDERLEY EDGE v HYDE	Tom Spencer	-
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v URMSTON	David Stoter	-
DIDSBURY v TOFT	David Tate	-
GRAPPENHALL v SALE	Wyn Harris	-
MIDDLEWICH v NANTWICH	Stan Davies	-
NESTON v MACCLESFIELD	Club umpire	-

Last word ...

Oh! Woe What a difference a year makes

Man U win league back and appoint bright new manager;

Man C finish second in league, fail to turn up in FA Cup final and sack manager.

What will 2013-14 have in store?