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July 14 Newsletter: 2012 season

Winners with one ball left: do Oxton have title touch?

TO win an evenly-balanced game with one ball to spare suggests that things are going your way and that's the feeling that **ECB Premier League** leaders Oxton must have had after their late, late win at Didsbury on Saturday.

On a day when five out of six scheduled fixtures were played – although several after late starts – Oxton were stretched to the limit at Didsbury after having the good fortune to win the toss and bowl first on a responsive pitch. Didsbury batted well to post 214-7 in 50 overs, skipper Nick Anderson, 52 and Johan van Schalkwyck, 45, adding 80 for the third wicket. Andy Birley, 3-56 was the best bowler. Oxton were given a boost by a fine third wicket stand worth 130 between former Kiwi Test player Lou Vincent, 77, who produced one of his best innings and Simon Stokes, 59. Ross Dixon then scored a cameo 24 to help his side over the line at 218-6 with one ball remaining. Andy Windle took 3-48.

There was an equally tight finish to Macclesfield v Marple with Macc opting to bat first and total a troubled 152-8 thanks to James Crosthwaite, 43 and Khalid Sawas, 30 who had to concentrate hard against the accurate spin of Andy Greasley, 4-55. Marple were helped on their way by Andy McGuinness 38, James Crisall 34 and Mark Bennett 31, but suffered a break down from 138-4 to 147-9. With one over remaining and six runs needed Malpas – and former England paceman Jimmy Ormond 31 not out - opted to block out to a losing draw, collecting five points to their hosts' six. Rob Porter, 5-45 was the bowler who stopped Marple in their tracks. Macclesfield stay in second place.

CBH end Toft run

Chester Boughton Hall continued their good form when they ended Toft's own good run at Booth's Park by 53 runs and now lie fourth in the table.

CBH posted 186-9, Lee Dixon 39, Steve Ogilby 32, Danny Hancock 3-32, Jimmy Lomas 3-86. In reply, Toft mustered 133, the consistent Shaun Mudalige closing on 41 not out, with the spinners winning the day for Chester: Mark Rowland claiming 5-51 and Jack Williams 3-44.

Reigning champions Nantwich did their hopes of a late season surge a power of good by winning a 78 overs match at Alderley Edge, who finally managed to get in some cricket on their monsoon-hit ground. Put in on a helpful pitch, Alderley could make nothing of Nantwich paceman Jimmy Warrington, who recently became the proud father of twins. Bowling Alderley out for 125 (Adam Worrall 32), Warrington returned the remarkable figures of 19.3-3-54-8, being partnered unchanged by Alex Matthews, with 19-3-65-2. They were helped by wicket-keeper Jonny Kettle who claimed six victims (4c & 2st).. The Dabbers went on to win by four wickets at 127-6, Louis Bentley showing his skill with a hard-earned 50 and Ray Doyle 33 not out, while Jason Whittaker toiled away to good effect with 3-56.

Nantwich move back into the top half of the table, 61 points behind the leaders – to make up the ground will be a tall order to complete a hat-trick of titles.

Neston won a low-scoring game at Urmston by 16 runs to keep their Manchester hosts at the foot of the table. This seemed unlikely when Neston had posted an all-out 121 at tea, Luke Camden 56, Adam Syddall being virtually unplayable with a return of 23.1-6-49-8. But the Urmston batting – Lewis Jackson (49) apart, again let them down and they were all out for 105, teenage leg spinner James Crick taking 5-26 off 16 well controlled overs.

The Widnes v Hyde match at Beaconsfield Road fell foul to week of heavy rain, a flooded area near the scoreboard persuading the umpires that play would be too dangerous despite both teams wishing to start. Seven points apiece leaves Widnes in an unhealthy 11th position and sees Hyde - like Widnes, kept idle for the third time in the last six weeks - still in third place

Bowdon crush Sale

THE second half of the **First Division** season could become a two-horse race after leaders Bowdon inflicted third-placed Sale's first defeat, by a 10 wickets margin at Dane Road

Sale mustered just 77 off 33 overs, Calvin Flowers 34, having no answer to the seam of Zafir Patel, 4-36 and Mark Leathley, 3-35. Simon Marshall, 39 and Stephen Ball, 38, knocked off the runs in 11 overs after tea..

There was a 30 overs late start at Grappenhall where Brooklands were bowled out for 94 after being inserted. Former Lancashire seamer Steve Titchard and teenager Sam Guest bowled unchanged for 35 overs, Guest taking 2-62, while Titch returned the spectacular figures of 7-27 including a hat-trick – a caught, lbw and stumped. Brooklands lost their last five wickets for two runs. Grappenhall replied with 96-3, Luke McCoy 27, A.J. Hart 3-41 as newly-promoted Brooklands drop to bottom place.

Oulton Park lost further ground when they took only seven points from a drawn game at Bollington (nine), who totalled 179 batting first. This was largely down to the best innings of the day, 88 not out from Matt Dawson against Guy Emmett 3-44. Park replied with 140-8, Pat Roberts 41, Mo Ali 4-28.

Briscoe stars for Cheadle Hulme

Cheadle Hulme recorded an impressive five wickets win against Irby at Grove Park after their inserted visitors had totalled 181, Alex Hughes 64, Phil Balderson 5-64, Tom Briscoe 4-35. Aussie Briscoe then top-scored with 51 as the home side piled up 184-5

Christleton's upsurge continued when they beat Bramhall by eight wickets at Little Heath. Bramhall were ousted for 139, Mark Jamieson 52, Iroshan de Silva 3-24, Matt Parkinson 3-41. Sri Lankan all-rounder De Silva then rattled up an unbeaten 77 and Ben Patterson 43 in the home side's winning reply.

Heaton Mersey recorded their second successive win to move up to ninth spot, at home to Bredbury St. Mark's. Mersey totalled 167-8, James Williamson 60, Sulli Raja 3-32 after which Bredbury's normally strong batting collapsed to 91 all out, Rashid Amin 5-26, Hassan Rashid 3-55.

Middlewich last unbeaten club

TWO days after going out of the RedInsure T20 at Grappenhall, **Division Two** leaders Middlewich bowled Timperley out for 45, won by five wickets and celebrated becoming the last unbeaten team in the three First XI championships

Their match-winner was Victoria-based paceman Dylan Freitag, who took 8-20 bowling unchanged alongside Gavin Tomlinson, 2-10, both off 12 overs. Freitag took 46 wickets playing for Ashley in the Meller Braggins Cheshire League last season.

Middlewich, who had lost their toss, struggled in reply with a shaky 48-5, Chris Page 4-23, but look in a strong position to earn promotion.

Warrington lost for the second time this season to Congleton, who gave an impressive all-round performance to win by 126 runs at Walton Lea. Aussie batsman Jye Bailey hit the day's only century, an unbeaten 133, to hoist Congleton to a tally of 246-6, being particularly severe on his countryman Kyle Adams, the division's leading wicket-taker, who took 3-80. Warrington were all out for 120, Paul Farrar 32, the wickets being shared, with teenager Sam Booth helping himself to 2-5, following his 7-14 against the same opposition in April.

Cheadle were another club to maintain their promotion hopes with a 57 runs win at Stockport. Cheadle posted 178-6, then bowled their Cale Green hosts out for 121.

All hot air at Upton

Upton hired a hot air blowing machine to render their square fit for play for the key relegation battle against Malpas at Old Greasby Road. After four hours' hard work and with the co-operation of the visitors and umpires they agreed on an 80 overs game which Upton went on to win by six wickets, taking 25 crucial points to five by Malpas, who closed on 138-9, Colin Tynsley 43, Gary Dixon 3-40. Upton replied with 143-4, Jan Van Heeren 50 not out, Darren Warburton 46.

Poynton enhanced their promotion chances, with a five wickets win against Stockport Georgians whom they bowled out for 95, Hayden Bailey 32 not out, Damien Stringer and Rick Clark both 3-18. Poynton responded with 96-5, Tom Berzins 42, Simon Normanton 3-21.

Available only occasionally, former Lancashire batsman Andy Hayhurst scored a quality 51 to help Alvanley bank eight useful draw points against Tattenhall at Frodsham Road. Kiwi Tom Hyslop top scored with 77 in Tatters' respectable 221-7, Ollie Thompson contributing 52 to mark his transfer from Chester Boughton Hall. Alvanley reached 191-7 in response.

All Saturday's scorelines

ECB PREMIER LEAGUE

ALDERLEY EDGE v NANTWICH:

Alderley Edge 125 (39 overs: A. Worrall 32, J. Warrington 8-54, J. Kettle 6 wicket-keeping victims);
Nantwich 127-6 (- overs: L. Bentley 50, R. Doyle 33no, J. Whittaker 3-56). *78 overs game*

Nantwich (25 pts.) beat Alderley Edge (6 pts.) by 4 wickets.

DIDSBURY v OXTON (toss)

Didsbury 214-7 (50 overs: N. Anderson 52, J. Van Schalkwyck 45, M Marfani 36, A. Birley 3-56);
Oxton 218-6 (49.5 overs: L. Vincent 77, S. Stokes 59 = 130 for third wicket, A. Windle 3-48). *100 overs game*

Oxton (25 pts.) beat Didsbury (8 pts.) by 4 wickets.

MACCLESFIELD (toss) v MARPLE:

Macclesfield 152-8 (55 overs: J. Crosthwaite 43, K. Sawas 30, A. Greasley 4-55);
Marple 147-9 (50 overs: A McGuinness 38, J. Crisall 34, J. Ormond 30no, R.Porter 5-45, B. Cutbill 3-46). *Five overs lost to rain.*

Macclesfield (6 pts.) drew with Marple (5pts.).

TOFT (toss) v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL

Chester 186-9 (55 overs: L. Dixon 39, S. Ogilby 32, D. Hancock 3-32, J. Lomas 3-86);
Toft 133 (- overs: S. Mudalige 41no, T. Drummond 33, M. Rowland 5-51, J. Williams 3-44).

Chester Boughton Hall (25 pts.) beat Toft (4 pts.) by 53 runs

URMSTON (toss) v NESTON

Neston 121 (47 overs: L. Camden 56, A. Syddall 8-49);
Urmston 105 (45 overs: L. Jackson 49, J. Crick 5-26, A. Davis 3-32). *96 overs game*

Neston (25 pts.) beat Urmston (4 pts.) by 16 runs

WIDNES v HYDE: This information was not telephoned

Cancelled: 7 pts. each

FIRST DIVISION

BOLLINGTON v OULTON PARK (toss)

Bollington 179 (50 overs: M. Dawson 88no, G. Emmett 3-44);
Oulton Park 140-8 (50 overs: P. Roberts 41, M. Ali 4-28).

Bollington (9 pts) drew with Oulton Park (7 pts.)

CHEADLE HULME (toss) v IRBY

Irby 181 (49 overs: A. Hughes 64, C. Foran 39, J. Mallichan 36, P. Balderson 5-64, T. Berzins 4-35);
Cheadle Hulme 184-5 (42 overs: T. Briscoe 51, E. McCray 34no, S. Leach 30). Irby had no scorer.

Cheadle Hulme (25 pts.) beat Irby (8 pts.) by 5 wickets.

CHRISTLETON (toss) v BRAMHALL

Bramhall 139 (50 overs: M. Jamieson 52, I. De Silva 3-24, M. Parkinson 3-41);
Christleton 143-2 (48 overs: I. De Silva 77no, B. Patterson 42).

Christleton (25 pts.) beat Bramhall (0 pts.) by 8 wickets.

GRAPPENHALL (toss) v BROOKLANDS

Brooklands 94 (35 overs: J. Birchall 24, S. Titchard 7-26 inc. hat-trick, S. Guest 2-62);
Grappenhall 96-3 (- overs: L McCoy 27, R. Green 36, A.J. Hart 3-41). *70 overs game.*

Grappenhall (25 pts.) beat Brooklands (1 pt.) by 7 wickets.

HEATON MERSEY (toss) v BREDBURY ST. MARK'S

Heaton Mersey 167-8 (50 overs: J. Williamson 60, R. Amin 36, S. Raja 3-32);
Bredbury 91 (32 overs: C. Wood 27, R. Amin 5-26, H. Rashid 3-55).

Heaton Mersey (25 pts.) beat Bredbury St. Mark's (3 pts.) by 76 runs.

SALE v BOWDON (toss)

Sale 77 (33 overs: C. Flowers 34, Z. Patel 4-36, M. Leathley 3-35);
Bowdon 80-0 (11 overs: S. Marshall 39no, S. Ball 38no).

Bowdon (25 pts.) beat Sale (0 pts.) by 10 wickets.

SECOND DIVISION

ALVANLEY (won toss) v TATTENHALL:

Tattenhall 221-7 (50 overs: T. Hyslop 77, O. Thompson 52, R. Mulvihill 33no);

Alvanley 191-7 (50 overs: A. Hayhurst 50, A. Bennion 35).

Alvanley (8 pts.) drew with Tattenhall (13 pts.)

MIDDLEWICH v TIMPERLEY (toss)

Timperley 47 (25 overs: D. Freitag 8-20 inc. hat-trick; G. Tomlinson 2-10);

Middlewich 48-5 (24 overs: C. Page 4-23).

Middlewich (25 pts.) beat Timperley (2 pts.) by 5 wickets

POYNTON v STOCKPORT GEORGIANS

Stockport Georgians 95 (42 overs: H Bailey 32no, R. Clark 3-28, D. Stringer 3-18);

Poynton 96-5 (24 overs: T Berzins 42, S. Normanton 3-21). *86 overs game.*

Poynton (25 pts.) beat Stockport Georgians (2 pts.) by 5 wickets.

STOCKPORT v CHEADLE:

Cheadle 178-6 (50 overs);

Stockport 121 (48 overs). This result was not telephoned.

Cheadle (25 pts.) beat Stockport (2 pts.) by 57 runs

UPTON (toss) v MALPAS:

Malpas 138-9 (40 overs: C. Tinsley 43, G. Dixon 3-40)

Upton 143-4 (32 overs: J. Van Heeren 50no, D. Warburton 46). *80 overs game.*

Upton (25 pts.) beat Malpas (5 pts.) by 6 wickets.

WARRINGTON (toss) v CONGLETON

Congleton 246-6 (50 overs: J. Bailey 133no, K. Adams 3-80);

Warrington 120 (- overs: P. Farrar 32) . This result was not telephoned.

Congleton (25 pts.) beat Warrington (2 pts.) by 126 runs

PICK OF WEEK

Premier League

Batting: oLou Vincent (Oxton) 77 v Didsbury. Bowling: Adam Syddall (Urmston) 8-49 v Neston.

First Division

Batting: Matt Dawson (Bollington) 88no v Oulton Park. Bowling: Steve Titchard (Grappenhall) 7-26 inc. hat-trick v Brooklands.

Second Division

o J. Bailey (Congleton) 133no v Warrington. Bowling: oDylan Freitag (Middlewich) 8-20 v Timperley.

Leading individual stats at July 7 (o = overseas player)

PREMIER LEAGUE (top five batsmen): K..Sawas (Macclesfield) 673 runs; L. Dixon (CBH) 410; T. Twiney (Hyde) 406; A. Day (Alderley Edge) 392; oA. McGuinness (Marple) 368.

Top five bowlers: A. Birley (Oxton) 37 wickets; J. Whittaker (Alderley Edge) 31; oG. Fernando (Oxton) 29; R. Porter (Macclesfield) and J. Warrington (Nantwich) both 26.

Wicket-keeper: J. Melrose (Macclesfield) 14c & 2 st = 16; A. Worrall (Alderley Edge) 11 c & 5 st = 16. .

FIRST DIVISION batting: R. Moore (Oulton Park) 470; I. De Silva (Christleton) 373; oW. Lubbe (Sale) 368; oG. Parker (Bowdon) 353; J. Birchall (Brooklands) 321.

Bowling: R. Halkon (Sale) 34; oV. Sood (Christleton) 30; C. Williamson (Oulton Park) 26; oR. Smith (Grappenhall) 25; R. Houghton (Irby) 24

Wicket-keeper: R. Wood (Brooklands) 8 c & 5 st = 13.

SECOND DIVISION batting: oM. Macquet (Timperley) 416 runs; G. Barber (Stockport) 369; R. Barber (Stockport) 326; J. Cornford (Middlewich) 301; oJ. Bailey (Congleton) 297. .

Bowling: oK. Adams (Warrington) 38 wickets; I. Grindley (Timperley) 33; R. Fisher (Alvanley) 31; T. Facer (Stockport) and P. Sperring (Cheadle) both 25.

Wicket-keepers: C. Fletcher (Alvanley) 9 c & 3 st = 12; M. Rudd (Warrington) 12 c = 12.

Tables after 13 games

<u>ECB Premier</u>	P	W (25)	D (2)	C (7)	L	BAT	BOWL	TOTAL
OXTON	13	7	1	3	2	8	8	214
MACCLESFIELD	13	6	1	2	4	14	13	193
HYDE	13	5	1	3	4	25	13	186
CHESTER BO. HALL	13	6	2	0	5	16	14	184
MARPLE	13	4	3	4	2	8	12	154
NANTWICH	13	4	2	3	4	11	17	153
NESTON	13	4	2	3	4	10	14	149
ALDERLEY EDGE	13	3	4	3	3	22	20	146
TOFT	13	4	3	1	5	7	24	144
DIDSBURY	13	3	2	3	5	20	16	136
WIDNES	13	3	0	4	6	10	10	123
URMSTON	13	2	2	2	7	32	16	116

<u>Division 1</u>	P	W (25)	T (18)	D (7)	C	L	BAT	BOWL	TOTAL
BOWDON	13	9	0	0	3	1	2	2	250
GRAPPENHALL	13	9	0	0	3	1	1	1	248
SALE	13	6	0	3	3	1	6	9	192
OULTON PARK	13	4	0	3	2	4	27	17	164
CHEADLE HULME	13	4	0	1	3	5	13	16	152
CHRISTLETON	13	3	0	2	3	5	22	18	140
BREDBURY ST. MK.	13	2	0	5	2	4	40	26	140
BRAMHALL	13	2	1	2	3	5	8	13	114
HEATON MERSEY	13	2	0	4	3	4	9	21	109
IRBY	13	1	0	3	3	6	34	21	107
BOLLINGTON	13	1	0	4	4	4	28	16	105
BROOKLANDS	13	2	0	5	1	5	8	24	99

*Bredbury St. Mark's v Bramhall on June 16 resulted in a level scores draw
Bredbury St. Mark's 11 pts. Bramhall 18 tie pts.*

<u>Division 2</u>	P	W (25)	D (2)	C (7)	L	BAT	BOWL	TOTAL
MIDDLEWICH	13	8	4	1	0	3	16	234
POYNTON	13	6	2	4	1	10	12	204
WARRINGTON	13	6	2	2	3	14	14	196
CHEADLE	13	6	2	4	1	4	8	194
CONGLETON	13	5	3	3	2	26	14	192
STOCKPORT	13	3	5	1	4	33	21	146
STOCKPORT GEO.	13	3	2	4	4	8	14	129
TIMPERLEY	13	3	1	3	6	11	19	128
TATTENHALL	13	3	3	2	5	10	14	119
ALVANLEY	13	2	2	1	8	21	26	108
UPTON	13	2	2	3	6	10	18	103
MALPAS	13	1	3	1	8	19	19	76

Be sparing with heavy roller

HEATON Mersey's Nick James, chairman of **Cheshire Association of Groundsmen**, writes to *Newsletter* to issue the following words of warning:

"Your piece on the efforts of the groundsmen's teams at grounds last week was, I am sure, much appreciated by all concerned. It does, however, highlight an important point regarding the appropriate use of the heavy roller when preparing pitches in wet conditions. If pitches are rolled when too wet, long-term damage can occur within the structure of the pitch. The most likely outcome is damage to the root structure, namely root shear, which is not immediately apparent, but can manifest itself in later years.

We are all aware of the need to try and get in as many games as possible in the current appalling weather, but the damage caused could result in deterioration or inconsistency in pace and bounce over the medium term and oblige clubs to re invest vital funds to remedy the problems caused.

I would therefore urge all ground committees to refer to the ECB guidelines for rolling cricket pitches. A link is available via the Cheshire Association of Groundsmen website on www.cag.org.uk", he concludes.

Open Day at Macclesfield

MACCLESFIELD are staging an **Open Day** at their Victoria Road ground on Saturday, July 21.

The club's Operations manager Gary Foy says that to keep everybody updated about their plans, the club are extending an invitation to all members past and present

He says: "We are conscious that we may have lost contact with people who have made huge contributions to the club's success. Without the commitment of previous members we would not exist to-day and we invite all these good folk to come along together with family and friends".

During the day, not only will visitors be able to watch the Premier League game against Widnes, but see the Under 9 and Under 13s in action; also a Coaches / Lads pairs competition; take part in a Throwing the Cricket Ball contest and pit their wits against a bowling machine.

Food and drink will be available all day and the event will be covered by Mark Blackman broadcasting from site on Cheshire Silk 106.9FM..=

For further information contact Gary Foy on 07581 791 960 or by e-mail on mgf100@hotmail.co.uk

League's Under 15 double

URMSTON equalled Alderley Edge's feat in winning the Cheshire Under 15 Cup when they won the **Lancashire Under 15** title, beating Clitheroe by 52 runs in the final.

Scores: Urmston 134-2 (Callum Parkinson 50, Matt Downes 37); Clitheroe 82-9 (Matt Dickenson 3-8).

Urmston now host Yorkshire champions West Betton on Sunday, July 22

Cheshire champions Alderley Edge have since gone on to win their National first round game on the ground of Derbyshire winners Glossop and now visit Nottinghamshire or Lincolnshire on July 22. .

Nantwich beat New Brighton at Tattenhall in the **Cheshire Under 13 cup** final, then eliminated Shropshire champions Whitchurch in the regional round. Nantwich scored 145-2, then bowled their opponents out for 14, Max Perry taking 5-3 and George Newton 3-0. They now go on to the regional finals at Leamington Spa on July 24.

The two Cheshire age group competitions are run by Mike Tyerman and Jane Williams respectively on behalf of Cheshire Youth Cricket and the Cheshire County Board.

Latest transfers

ANDREW HARDS: (Grappenhall to original club Oulton Park). July 10.

OLIVER GRIFFITHS (Chester Boughton Hall to Tattenhall). July 12.

Meller Braggins Cheshire League round-up

FIRST DIVISION results in the **Meller Braggins Cheshire League** on Saturday, July 14:

Davenham 189-6 inn. closed Ashton on Mersey 84; Hale Barns v Mobberley cancelled; Northwich 84 Weaverham 130-9 inn. closed; Oakmere 189-7 Ashley 188-8 inn. closed; Prestbury 186-6 inn. closed Lindow 144; Winnington Park 214-3 inn. closed Runcorn 173-5.

PLACINGS after 13 games: 1. Weaverham 254 pts.; 2. Davenham 234; 3. Prestbury 176; 4. Hale Barns 162; 5. Runcorn 158; 6. Ashton on Mersey 153; 7. Ashley 139; 8. Winnington Park 136; 9. Oakmere 128; 10. Northwich 127; 11. Mobberley 117; 12. Lindow 104.

FIXTURES in Division 1 on Saturday, July 21 (1.30 p.m.): Ashley v Winnington Park; Ashton on Mersey v Oakmere; Lindow v Weaverham; Mobberley v Northwich; Prestbury v Davenham; Runcorn v Hale Barns.

Neston exit Kingfisher Cup

AFTER dismissing Birmingham League visitors Kidderminster Victoria for 114 at Parkgate on Sunday, Neston mustered only 62 and lost their **Kingfisher Beers Cup** 6th round game by 52 runs.

Chris Finegan took 4-40 and Luke Camden 2-17 to help bowl out Kidderminster in 34 overs. But this was too many for Neston's out of form batting line-up in which only Camden (11) and Andy Murphy (10) reached double figures. Mark Mansell was their chief tormentor with a 4-7 return.

Neston merit plaudits on being the only Cheshire County League club to reach the last 16 in all England knock out competition

Kidderminster will be at home to Bamford Fieldhouse (Saddleworth League) in the quarter-finals on July 29.

O NESTON are to stage their fourth annual Old England match on Thursday, July 26 (2 pm.). A team including former Test players John Lever, Paul Jarvis, Richard Ellison, Neal Radford and Wayne Larkins will take on a Neston Select XI to raise money for North-West Cancer Research.

The event is again being organised by Neston's Bob Cooke.

No play in Cheshire v Dorset

NO PLAY was possible in Cheshire's first home **Minor Counties championship** match, against Dorset at Alderley Edge from Sunday – Tuesday last week after persistent rain. Both counties took eight points.

This was the third time in successive seasons that a three-day game at unlucky Alderley Edge had been abandoned without a ball being bowled.

.....BY COACH TO TRURO

CHESHIRE will travel by coach to Truro to play Cornwall in their next Minor Counties match from Sunday – Tuesday, July 22 - 24

The transport is being organised by Cricket chairman David Bailey, who says seats are available for supporters, although they will need to arrange their own accommodation.

For full information about the coach, contact David Bailey on 07889 774 218 or on sales:hangitframers.co.uk or secretary Derrick Hastings: 07989 114 691.

Team: James Duffy captain, Danny Berry, Scott Kirwin (Hyde), Jonny Kettle (Nantwich), Ian Tait, Khalid Sawas (Macclesfield), Warren Goodwin, Lee Dixon (CBH), Danny Woods (York), Adam Syddall (Urmston), Calum Rowe (Alderley Edge). 12th man: Ross Dixon (Oxton).

O CHESHIRE'S Development XI are next in action against their Staffordshire counterparts at Bignall End on Tuesday, July 17 (11 a.m.).

Cheshire Cup update

SUNDAY's **Cheshire Cup** 4th round result: Macclesfield 112; Elworth 189-9 (L. Morris 71, L. Markie 4-37).

Quarter-finals: Chester Boughton Hall 280-6 (L. Dixon 88, K Sarna 69, M. Rowland 51) Urmston 128-8 (S Panda 37, J. Williams 3-38); Hyde 281-4 (C. Tipper 129no, D. Berry 52, J. Warrington 3-33) Nantwich 180 (S. Hunt 44, O. Law 42, C. Whiteman 3-55)

Remaining quarter-final (Sunday, July 22): Elworth v Timperley

Semi-finals (Sunday, August 5): CBH v Toft; Hyde v Elworth or Timperley

CHESHIRE SHIELD

SECOND round results in the **Cheshire Shield** on Sunday:

Congleton 219-9 Hale Barns 149 (K. Waterhouse 4-17 inc. hat-trick); Ashton on Mersey 172 Wilmslow Wayfarers 174-5; Lindow 59 (B Allott 4-35, H. George 3-3) Bowdon 64-1 (Z. Patel 42no).

Quarter-final draw (July 22): Congleton v Stockport; Bowdon v Heaton Mersey; Wilmslow Wayfarers v Oulton Park; Upton v Parkfield Liscard

Information kindly provided by Cheshire Cup/ Shield organiser Rick Davis.

Vets news

WINNERS of the **Spitfire 60 Plus county championship** for the past two seasons, Cheshire have again qualified for the last 16. They did so by beating a weakened Lincolnshire team and will top their qualifying group if they defeat Durham/Northumberland at Shotley Bridge.

CHESHIRE's key **ECB 50 Plus County championship** game against Lancashire at Denton West on Wednesday, July 11 was postponed due to rain. It has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, July 18 (1.30 p.m.). Latest table:

	P	W	L	AB	Pts.
Derbyshire	6	4	1	1	9
Durham	6	4	1	1	9
CHESHIRE	6	4	2	0	8
Lancashire	5	4	1	0	8
Yorkshire	5	3	2	0	6
Notts	4	1	3	0	2
Cumbria	5	0	5	0	0
Northumberland	5	0	5	0	0

RedInsure T20 Finals line-up

FIRST Division leaders Grappenhall are the only non-Premiership side to make the League's **RedInsure T20 Finals Day** on Neston's two handsome grounds at Parkgate on Sunday, July 29. from 12 noon.

Grappenhall qualified by eliminating unbeaten Division 2 leaders Middlewich by 33 runs on a busy - and thankfully rain-free - quarter-finals night on Thursday at Broad Lane. In the semi-final, they will take on host club Neston, who won by the comfortable margin of five wickets at Irby.

In the top half of the draw, Premiership Didsbury beat Marple by nine wickets and now face the considerable task of taking on holders Hyde, whom they beat in a league match in May.

If it rains at Neston on July 29, there will be a bowl out to decide the winners, who go forward to represent the League in the **ECB National Club t20 Area Finals** on a North Wales Premiership ground the following Sunday, August 5.

That draw has resulted: Match 1: North Wales Premier winners v Birmingham Premier winners; Match 2: Cheshire County winners v North Staffs & South Cheshire Premier winners. The two winners then play-off for the right to enter the Regional Finals on Sunday, August 19.

National Finals day is on the Warwickshire county ground at Edgbaston on Sunday, September 6.

QUARTER-FINAL RESULTS

HYDE beat MACCLESFIELD by 18 runs on Thursday, June 28:

Hyde 140-6 (20 overs: D. Berry 42, J. Duffy 32); Macclesfield 122 (19 overs: K. Sawas 38).

DIDSBURY beat MARPLE by 9 wickets:

Marple 92-9 (20 overs: A. Hall 22, N. Anderson 3-10, J. Hawley 2-16); Didsbury 93-1 (12 overs: N. Anderson 22no, J. Van Scharwyck 18no).

GRAPPENHALL beat MIDDLEWICH by 33 runs:

Grappenhall 135 (20 overs: L. McCoy 51, A. Roylance 41, D. Freitag 4-24); Middlewich 102-6 (20 overs: J. Cornford 25no in 15 overs, no boundaries).

IRBY lost to NESTON by 5 wickets:

Irby 100-8 (20 overs: D Thomas 26no, P. Stimson 3-19); Neston 103-5 (18 overs: L. Camden 29, A. Murphy 20no, A. Cumming 2-17).

Plate quarter-finals

PREMIER League club Toft, Christleton (First Division) and Cheadle and Tattenhall from Division Two are the four semi-finalists in the **T20 Plate**.

RESULTS

CHRISTLETON beat ALVANLEY by 4 wickets on Tuesday last week:

Alvanley 70-8 (20 overs: I. De Silva 4-3); Christleton 71-6 (16 overs).

TIMPERLEY lost TOFT by 19 runs on Thursday:

Toft 103-5 (20 overs: P. Ashling 35no, C. Page 3-12, O. Bevan 2-13); Timperley 84 (18 overs: M. Macquet 21, J. Lomas 3-13, D. Hancock 3-22).

CHEADLE beat BOLLINGTON by 5 wickets on Thursday:

Bollington 101-7 (20 overs: T. Gower 26, N Reid 2-16, P. Sperring 2-18); Cheadle 103-5 (18 overs: D. Brown 27).

MALPAS lost to TATTENHALL on Friday by 4-3 in a bowl out after rain.

SEMI-FINALS (to be played by Friday, July 20)

TOFT v CHEADLE

Monday, July 16

TATTENHALL v CHRISTLETON

TBA

The winners will meet in the final at Neston on Sunday, July 29 (approx. 3 p.m.).

Wasim lights up Over 40s

FORMER Lancashire and Pakistan fast bowler Wasim Akram made his first appearance of the season to enliven Grappenhall's bid for Central group honours in the **Over 40s section** on Wednesday last week.

Wasim, who owns a home in Cheshire, failed to take a wicket against Bowdon at South Downs Road, but scored an unbeaten 30 to help his side – which also included former Red Rose colleague Neil Fairbrother – score a 62 runs victory. .

Wasim will be available for Grappenhall's key game against group leaders Alsager Dabbers at Broad Lane on Wednesday. Alsager stayed four points clear after Moberley conceded last Thursday's game due to lack of players. Also in this group, Bowdon Vale Vikings scored a last ball win against Toft.

Bollington Veterans virtually clinched the South-East group with a five wickets win at challengers Bredbury Saints. They won with three balls to spare after Ged McKernan had smote 6-1-6 in the last over. Congrats to Geoff Mountford and his Bredbury colleagues for their hard work rendering the pitch fit for play.

Neston lead the West group by six points from rivals, Chester Boughton Hall whom they visit on Wednesday. Chester stayed in the reckoning when a single off the last ball earned them the points at Upton

Urmston Tigers are hot favourites to top the North-East section after winning by 10 wickets on the ground of last season's overall champions Sale Silverbacks.

The Over 40s section this season is sponsored by TailorMade Group Pensions. .

O NOTE: *All results - and cancellations, please ladies & gents - should be notified by the home club to Competition secretary Mike Talbot-Butler by telephone, fax or preferably e-mail, as soon as possible after close of play and by Saturday am at the latest. £15 fines will be imposed on the laggards.*

West group:

IRBY OXTON: Oxtton 90 (Benson 32); Irby 91-4 (A. Hurworth 20no).

Irby (4 pts.) won by 6 wickets

NESTON TATTENHALL WRECKERS: Neston 173-5 (Egerton 33, Scriven 30, Lea-Swain 30); Tattenhall 99 (Kettle 30, Jones 30).

Neston (4 pts.) won by 74 runs

UPTON v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL: Upton 115-7 (Charles 31, Baker 2-17); Chester 116-6 (Baker 33, Kegg 31, I. Sharrock 2-16).

Chester Boughton Hall (4 pts.) won by 4 wickets

UPTON v OXTON on June 27 originally to be re-arranged now declared cancelled: 2 pts. each.

Central group:

BOWDON v GRAPPENHALL: Grappenhall 149-8 (Fairbrother 34, Newell 33, Akram 30); Bowdon 87-3.

Grappenhall (4 pts.) won by 62 runs

BOWDON VALE VIKINGS v TOFT: Toft 102-6 (Sheldon 32, Thorpe 2-18, Shakespeare 2-33); Bowdon Vale 106-6 (Nicholas 30, Hawley 30, Sheldon 3-22).

Bowdon Vale Vikings (4 pts.) won by 4 wickets.

DAVENHAM v ASHLEY:

Cancelled: 2 pts. each

ALSAGER DABBERS v MOBBERLEY (Thursday): :Moberley could not raise team

Alsager Dabbers (4 pts.) won by default

North-East group:

ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS v CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE:

Cancelled: 2 pts. each

BROOKLANDS v CHEADLE: Cheadle 130-6 (Oldfield 30, Bardsley 29, Stanworth 3-21, Brooke 2-20); Brooklands 121-6 (Wilson 32, Lewis 28, Oakes 3-23).

Cheadle (4 pts.) won by 9 runs.

SALE SILVERBACKS v URMSTON TIGERS: Sale 78-9 (Harrop 22, Newton 4-19); Urmston 79-0 (Ridler 31, Cartwright 28).

Urmston (4 pts.) won by 10 wickets

South-East group

BREDBURY SAINTS v BOLLINGTON VETERANS: Bredbury 120-5 (Bass 32, C. Wood 31, Bashford 25);
Bollington 122-5 (McKernan 31, Hart 3-).

Bollington Veterans (4 pts.) won by 5 wickets.

MACCLESFIELD MARPLE:

Cancelled: 2 pts. each

POYNTON LEGENDS v WOODLEY:

Cancelled 2 pts. each

Latest placings

<u>West Group</u>	P	W	C	L	PTS.
NESTON	9	6	3	0	30
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	8	5	2	1	24
IRBY	8	4	3	1	22
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	8	3	1	4	14
OXTON	9	1	3	5	10
WARRINGTON	8	0	4	4	8
UPTON	8	1	2	5	8

<u>Central Group</u>	P	W	C	L	PTS.
ALSAGER DABBERS	10	7	3	0	34
GRAPPENHALL	10	6	3	1	30
TOFT	10	4	3	3	22
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	10	4	2	4	20
ASHLEY	10	3	3	4	18
BOWDON	10	2	4	4	16
DAVENHAM	10	1	5	4	14
MOBBERLEY	10	0	3	7	6

<u>North-East group</u>	P	W	C	L	PTS.
URMSTON TIGERS	8	7	1	0	30
CHEADLE HULME	8	5	2	1	24
CHEADLE	9	4	3	2	22
CHEADLE HULME LADY.	9	3	3	3	18
SALE SILVERBACKS	8	2	2	4	12
BROOKLANDS	9	1	2	6	8
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	9	0	3	6	6

<u>South-East group</u>	P	W	C	L	PTS.
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	9	7	2	0	32
BREDBURY SAINTS	8	5	1	2	22
POYNTON LEGENDS	9	4	3	2	22
MARPLE	9	3	4	2	20
MACCLESFIELD	9	2	2	5	12
WOODLEY	8	1	2	5	8
BRAMHALL	8	0	2	6	4

The four group winners will play off at Urmston on August Bank Holiday Monday, starting at 12 noon.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 FIXTURES (6.15 p.m.)

WEST GROUP: Chester Boughton Hall v Neston; Tattenhall Wreckers v Irby; Warrington v Upton. Open: Oxton.
CENTRAL GROUP: Ashley v Bowdon; Grappenhall v Alsager Dabbers; Mobberley v Bowdon Vale Vikings; Toft v Davenham.
NORTH-EAST GROUP: Alderley Edge Wizards v Brooklands; Cheadle Hulme v Sale Silverbacks; Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge v Urmston Tigers. Open: Cheadle.
SOUTH-EAST GROUP: Bramhall v Poynton Legends; Bredbury Saints v Marple; Woodley v Macclesfield. Open: Bollington Veterans.

BOLLY TOP FAIR PLAY TABLE

BOLLINGTON topped the League's **Fair Play table** at the season's half-way mark on Saturday, June 30.

Drawn up by co ordinator John Lofthouse, the table below shows average points given by panel umpires to captains for the degree of sportsmanship shown (maximum 5).

1. Bollington, 4.06	24= Cheadle Hulme, Neston, 3.75
2= Irby, Tattenhall, Toft, 4.00	26. Stockport Georgians, 3.72
5. Middlewich, 3.95	27. Oxton, 3.70
6= Grappenhall, Macclesfield, Malpas, 3.90	28. Alderley Edge, 3.69
9= Christleton, Hyde, Nantwich, Oulton Park, 3.89	29. Cheadle, 3.67
13= Marple, Stockport, 3.86	30. Brooklands, 3.65
15= Bowdon, Bredbury St. Mark's, Sale, 3.85	31= Congleton, Warrington, 3.50
18 Heaton Mersey, 3.83	33. Chester Boughton Hall, 3.45
19. Widnes, 3.81	34. Timperley, 3.38
20= Alvanley, Upton, 3.80	35. Didsbury, 3.28
22= Bramhall, Urmston, 3.78	36. Poynton, 3.21

Saturday, July 21: fixtures and umpires**ECB PREMIER LEAGUE (12.30 p.m. unless stated)**

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v DIDSBURY

HYDE v URMSTON (11.30 a.m.)

MACCLESFIELD v WIDNES

MARPLE v NANTWICH

NESTON v TOFT

OXTON v ALDERLEY EDGE (12 noon)

Geoff Wellsteed & AN Other
Barrie Burns & Glyn Roberts
Alistair Davies & Phil Prince
Paul Herring & David Moss
Chris Smith & Steve Walton
Jon Hacking & Dion Kelly

DIVISION 1 (1 p.m.)

BRAMHALL v BOWDON

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S v BOLLINGTON

BROOKLANDS v HEATON MERSEY

CHRSTLETON v GRAPPENHALL

IRBY v SALE

OULTON PARK v CHEADLE HULME

Anjit Jain & John Lofthouse
Stan Davies & Ian Wilson
Howard Briggs & Ian Greensmith
Steve Duckers & Don Flanagan
Bob Cunningham & Ken Rothwell
Rick Davis & Clive Rice

DIVISION 2 (1 p.m.)

CHEADLE v ALVANLEY

CONGLETON v STOCKPORT

MALPAS v TATTENHALL

STOCKPORT GEORGIANS v MIDDLEWICH

TIMPERLEY v WARRINGTON

UPTON v POYNTON

Trevor Burnett & Tom Spencer
Ian Drury & Ken Simpson
Brian Jones & John Lowe
David Stoter & Tom Park
Stuart Anderson & Gary Zimmer
Chris Moore & Ray Prescott

2nd XI PREMIER DIVISION (1 p.m.)

ALDERLEY EDGE v CHEADLE

DIDSBURY v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL

GRAPPENHALL v MACCLESFIELD

NANTWICH v BRAMHALL

TOFT v NESTON

URMSTON v HYDE

Tony Morris & Club umpire
Wyn Harris & Panel umpire n/a
Garry Hambleton & Club umpire
Clive Heylin & Club umpire
Club umpire & Club umpire
Jim Whitehead & Allan Lewis

Last word

UMPIRES Allan Lewis and Gary Zimmer had rich words of praise for the lone scorer in the Cheadle Hulme v Irby First Division game at Grove Park on Saturday. They report:

“The job was carried out entirely on his own by Cheadle Hulme’s 11 year old George Balderson, who did outstandingly well, acknowledging our signals, running the scoreboard in a busy match from one o’clock until 7 and making up the immaculate result sheet for us to sign afterwards”.

Ask your dad for more pocket money, George.

