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RedInsure Finals Day line-up

MORE than 1,000 runs were scored in the League's four **RedInsure T20 quarter-finals** played in glorious sunshine last Thursday evening.

The outcome was that undefeated Second Division leaders **TIMPERLEY** will join holders **NESTON**, the 2011 winners **HYDE** and current ECB Premier League title challengers **CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL** in a powerful Finals Day line-up at Timperley's fine Stockport Road ground on Sunday, July 28.

One of the highlights of the quarters was Timperley's performance in beating reigning Premiershipe champions Nantwich by three runs in a tight finish with Mike Stevens taking 2-3 off the final over. Dabbers' skipper Ray Doyle hit 68, the highest score of the evening, in vain.

Neston's young leg spinner James Crick captured 6-24 off 18 deliveries to see holders Neston through by 19 runs against Alderley Edge (Adam Worrall 61) who had looked like pipping the holders after their long, late-afternoon dash to Parkgate

Chester did well to overhaul Oxton's impressive 155-4 to win by six wickets with Warren Goodwin, 58 leading the way.

Always a threat in limited overs cricket Hyde's 150-6 was 34 too many for Macclesfield at Werneth Low, James Duffy and Dave Fitzsimmons weighing in with key knocks of 48 and 36 not out. Tom Young's 3-24 helped restrict Macc to 116-9.

Quarter-final results

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL beat OXTON (won toss) by 6 wickets:

Oxton 154-4 (20 overs: J Fennah 46, G Fernando 44, A. Money 38, J Williams 2-31);

Chester 155-4 (16.4 overs: W Goodwin 58, R Dixon 39, J Clark 33)

HYDE beat MACCLESFIELD (toss) by 34 runs:

Hyde 150-6 (20 overs: J Duffy 48, D. Fitzsimmons 36no, R. Porter 2-20, A. Hodgson 2-22);

Macclesfield 116-9 (20 overs: R Porter 48, T Young 3-24, C. Tipper 2-26).

NESTON (toss) beat ALDERLEY EDGE by 19 runs

Neston 186-5 (20 overs: D Hurst 69, A Clarke 46, L Camden 34);

Alderley Edge 167-9 (20 overs: A Worrall 61, C. Reid 32, C Rowe 28, J Creek 6-24, C Hackett 2-22).

TIMPERLEY beat NANTWICH (toss) by 3 runs

Timperley 139-7 (20 overs: C Grindley 39, M. Stevens 25, L Livingstone 2-22, R Doyle 2-30);

Nantwich 136-8 (20 overs: R Doyle 68, M. Stevens 2-15, C. Page 2-20, C. Grindley 2-26).

Semi-finals draw

The draw for the semi-finals (both 12 noon) has resulted:

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v NESTON (on main ground)

HYDE v TIMPERLEY (on second ground).

Tea will be from 2.45 to 3.15 p.m. followed by the final will be between the two winners on the main ground at approx. 3.20 p.m. with the prize presentation following.

Coloured clothing is encouraged to be worn by all teams who will use pink Tiflex cricket balls provided by the ECB. The clubs involved are requested to submit squads of 12, plus scorer, for the match day programme.

Should rain prevent any purposeful cricket, bowl outs will be necessary as the League are obliged to name a winner to go through to host the ECBt20 Area Finals Day on Sunday, August 11. Also taking part in this event will be the T20 champions of the Birmingham, North Staffs & South Cheshire and North Wales Premier Leagues.

Overseas registered players are not eligible from the ECB Area Finals onwards.

AUSSIE AARON AYRE HITS LEAGUE RECORD 205

Australian batsman Aaron Ayre on Saturday scored a League record 205 runs off 128 balls in Heaton Mersey's First Division draw at Cheadle Hulme. A 20 year-old from Queanbeyan CC, Canberra, Ayre topped the previous batting record of 203 by Sajid Latif for Sale v Middlewich in Division 2 in 2003. The previous best Division One innings was 200 by Paddy McKeown for Bramhall v Stockport Georgians in 2000. More on page 3

ECB PREMIER LEAGUE

First win gives Macclesfield renewed hope

MACCLESFIELD broke their **ECB Premier League** duck when they won a thrilling game by four runs at Bowdon and with a 100 points total they have made up ground behind their fellow strugglers, with Didsbury also beaten.

The only team in the league without a victory, Macc were helped by a return to form of Khalid Sawas. Boosted by his century for Cheshire against Dorset at Bournemouth, he contributed a fine 97 towards his side's tally of 225, Gareth Edwards taking 4-63.

Bowdon made a spirited bid for the runs and after Simon Marshall was out for 56, Aussie Trent McCormick went on to finish unbeaten on 108, just failing to take his side over the line as his last partner was dismissed on 221 by paceman Ian Tait.

Tait finished with 3-42, Rob Porter 3-56 and Ben Morrison 3-56.

Didsbury's batting let them down after they had opted to take first knock at Nantwich where they were bowled out for 100, joint top scorers with 19 runs being Simon Normanton and Dinidu Jayathillake. The Dabbers' left-arm seamer Ollie Griffiths proved virtually unplayable with the remarkable figures of 17-11-18-6..

Nantwich replied with 101-3 in 21 overs, Liam Livingstone 40 not out.

Neston return to top

Neston have retaken top place in the table after an impressive seven wickets win at neighbours Oxtou, who scored 198-8 batting first, Marc Debrabender 43, Simon Stokes 42, Jonny Crick 3-30.

Neston responded with a confident 204-3 with 19 overs to spare, led by Jack Smith, 103 and Dane Williams, 63, who enjoyed a 144 unbroken third wicket stand.

The Parkgate men go nine points clear of Chester Boughton Hall who lost by 100 runs at Hyde. James Duffy, 73 and Chris Tipper, 50 top-scored in Hyde's substantial 260-7 after being inserted. Chester's usually strong batting fell well short at 160, Ross Dixon 37, Greg Lomax taking a lively 3-51

Understated Grappenhall kept up their purple patch with a comfortable six wickets win at Alderley Edge, whom they dismissed for 112, Tom Forman 39 not out. Gavin Burns took 4-34, Josh McClelland 3-32 and 'keeper Liam Parkinson – currently a Minor Counties regular for Cumberland, held six fine catches.

Grappenhall's reply was 113-4, Luke McCoy 25, Jason Whittaker 3-49.

Toft outpointed Marple 13 – 8 at Bowden lane with a sound performance led by an unbeaten 111 from Aussie opener Jake Hancock, who carried his bat, while Christopher Drummond's 34 helped Toft close on 253-7, skipper Matt Shelton taking 3-57 and Joe Cash 3-87.

Marple had a real go for the runs and got as far as 224-6 when the overs ran out, Beau Webster 88, James Crisall 43 Jimmy Lomas performed his usual one-man act to finish with figures of 28-4-101-4.

Toft skipper Toby Drummond was a proud man, having both his cricketing sons, James and Christopher alongside him, the latter showing up well on senior debut. "It was quite a day, as I am sure all dads – and mums – will agree". he said.

Danny Woods takes all 10

FORMER Hyde left arm spinner Danny Woods who now plays for York in the Yorkshire League, took 10-46 off 16.4 overs against Castleford on Saturday.

Woods, who has captained Cheshire this season, claimed 13 wickets in last week's Minor Counties victory over Dorset at Bournemouth (see page 9)

DIVISION 1

Can Ayre keep 'Mersey up?

AFTER his latest heroics, wagging tongues in **Division One** are wondering if Aaron Ayre can save Heaton Mersey from relegation.

Despite his magnificent innings of 205 out of 276-9 at Cheadle Hulme, Mersey only took 15 draw points from the game and remain bottom of the table by three points.

The 20 year-old from Canberra faced 128 balls and hit 33 fours and two sixes in one of the finest innings seen at Grove Park. Ayre opened the season with a flourish on April 20 scoring 150 off 99 balls on debut against Bredbury. He has also broken the League's RedInsure T20 record with an amazing knock of 162 in a group game against Bowdon at The Heatons and is being acclaimed there as one of their best-ever batsmen. And he also keeps wicket.

In this particular game, Mersey bowlers were unable to dismiss Cheadle Hulme, who closed on 177-9, Jordan Potts 71, Ewan McCray 65, Bobby Sacher having the best bowling figures with 3-18.

Keeping 'Mersey company at the bottom are Bredbury St. Mark's who mustered eight points from a losing draw at home to Christleton, who amassed 272-8, Iroshan De Silva 69, Ifti Naseer 66. Bredbury got very close at a spirited 270-5, Peter Zybrands 85 not out, Paul Wood 63.

Also uncomfortably low down are Middlewich, whose bowlers took a pasting from a revived Oulton Park at Haddonfield. Park, bowled out for 65 against Urmston the previous week, this time rattled up 27 4-4 declared in 49 overs with fine centuries from Lou Bentley, 114 and Rick Moore, 105 who enjoyed a century plus stand. Middlewich fought hard and clung on to a draw point at 238-9, Jonny Williams 45, Keith Berrington 5-67.

At the top of the chart, meanwhile, Bramhall returned to form with a five wickets win at Brooklands, whom they bowled out for 119, Ashley West 4-36. Matt Jamieson top-scored with 37 as Bramhall coasted home on 120-5.

With eight wins and a tie in their last nine outings, Urmston kept up their winning ways, at home to Widnes, whom they dismissed for 104, Adam Syddall 4-30. Calum Turner, with 36, led the Urmston reply of 108-3 in just 23 overs.

Cheadle banished their relegation problems of a month ago when they comprehensively beat Sale at Dane road. A Sale line-up minus soon-to-be-married skipper Rick Halkon, was dismissed for 184, their number nine batsman Taz Tharsen contributing 53, while Aussie paceman Simon O'Brien took 4-70. Cheadle responded with 185-4, led by Marcus Fisher's unbeaten 72.

DIVISION 2

Tattenhall, Stockport share second place

WHILE Timperley went sailing on with their 12th win in 13 games, Tattenhall and Stockport have stepped up to joint second place in **Division Two**.

They have deposed Congleton, losers for the second week running, this time by 10 wickets at Warrington where they were bowled out for 133, Kevin Waterhouse scoring a defiant 73. Magical Aussie Kyle Adams was at it again with 6-62 from 19 superb overs in the sun. Warrington replied with 134-0, Richard Heaney 72, Chris Kirby 38.

Level on points, Tattenhall lead Stockport on games lost after winning by eight wickets at rock bottom Bollington who mustered only 148, Travis Salisbury 45, Dan Power 4-28. Tatters replied with 150-2, Stuart Sadler 57, Power 42 not out.

Stockport stepped up their bid for promotion with an impressive four wickets win at Davenham, although they were guilty of letting the home side off the hook. They recovered from 50-6 to close on 173-9, John Price 50, Dan Hancock 40 not out, N. Gavin 5-44. Stockport's A Hope hit 54 as the Cale Green men closed on 175-6.

Poynton continued their improvement with an eight wickets win at Weaverham after restricting the home side to 163-9, A. Nash 51 not out, Jimmy Williams 3-29, Rick Clark 3-45. Paul Gould scored a quality unbeaten 80 as Poynton compiled 164-2 in 29 overs after tea.

Struggling Stockport Georgians and Alvanley played out a dull draw at Cromley Road and both need to do better to survive. Georgians mustered only 132 from 48 overs, Ifti Hussain 34, Dave Shewring 4-29, but Alvanley could only come up with 119 -8 in 52 overs, Will Speakman 38, Ifti Hussain enjoying figures of 15-10-7-3 to keep them quiet and John Leggett 3-38. The division of points was 8 - 6 in Georgians' favour.

Meanwhile, Steve Bramhall's super-efficient Timperley overcame Irby by five wickets at Stockport Road and lead the table by a massive 73 points. Their Wirral visitors were dismissed for 144, Steve Renshaw 54, Ian Grindley 5-44 and Timperley wet on to post 145-5, Pat Ashling 44.

ECB PREMIER LEAGUE DETAILS

ALDERLEY EDGE (1 pt.) lost to GRAPPENHALL (won toss, 25 pts.) by 6 wickets

Alderley Edge 112 (36 overs: T Forman 30no, G Burns 4-34, J. McClelland 3-32, L. Parkinson 6 wicket-keeping catches);
Grappenhall 113-4 (23 overs: L McCoy 25, J Whittaker 3-49).

BOWDON (8 pts.) lost to MACCLESFIELD (toss, 25 pts.) by 4 runs:

Macclesfield 225 (55 overs: K Sawas 97, N. Ross 46, G Edwards 4-63);
Bowdon 221 (54 overs: T McCormick 108no, S. Marshall 56, I Tait 3-42, R. Porter 3-56, B. Morrison 3-56).

HYDE (25 pts.) beat CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (toss, 5 pts.) by 100 runs

Hyde 260-7 (55 overs: J Duffy 73, C Tipper 50l, T. Twiney 34);
Chester 160 (49 overs: R Dixon 37, J Clark 31, G. Lomax 3-51).

MARPLE (8 pts.) drew with TOFT (toss, 13 pts.)

Toft 253-7 (55 overs: J Hancock 111no, C Drummond 34, J. Crisall 3-67, M. Shelton 3-57, J Cash 3-87);
Marple 224-6 (55 overs: B Webster 88, J Crisall 43, J Lomas 4-101).

NANTWICH (25 pts.) beat DIDSBURY (toss, 1 pt.) by 7 wickets

Didsbury 100 (41 overs: O Griffiths 6-18);
Nantwich 101-3 (21 overs: L Livingstone 40no). *Didsbury had no scorer.*

OXTON (toss, 7 pts.) lost to NESTON by 7 wickets (25 pts.)

Oxton 198-6 (55 overs: M. Debrabender 43, S. Stokes 42, J Fennah 34no, J Crick 3-30);
Neston 204-3 (36 overs: J Smith 103no, D. Williams 63).

DIVISION 1

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S (8 pts.) drew with CHRISTLETON (won toss, 13 pts.)

Christleton 272-8 (50 overs: I De Silva 69no, I Naseer 66, M. Coulson 43, G Newell 35, S. Raja 3-83, S. Akram 3-85);
Bredbury 270-5 (50 overs: P Zybrands 85no, P. Wood 63, R Keyworth 44, D. Carr 37).

BROOKLANDS (toss, 4 pts.) lost to BRAMHALL (25 pts.) by 5 wickets

Brooklands 119 (34 overs: A West 4-36);
Bramhall 121-5 (34 overs: M Jamieson 37, L Smith 34, N Cantello 34, J Birchall 3-28).

CHEADLE HULME (toss, 8 pts.) drew with HEATON MERSEY (15 pts.)

Heaton Mersey 276-9 (50 overs: A Ayre 205 – League record, K Nissen 4-94, J Locke 3-70);
Cheadle Hulme 177-9 (50 overs: Jordan Potts 71, E. McCray 65, B Sachar 3-18, N Hussein 3-43, W Rashid 3-53).

MIDDLEWICH (toss, 6 pts.) drew with OULTON PARK (15 pts.):

Oulton Park 274-4 dec. (49 overs: L Bentley 114, R. Moore 105, S. Price 3-62);
Middlewich 238-9 (51 overs: J Williams 45, S. Parry 38, S. Price 30, K. Berrington 5-67).

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

Sale 184 (46 overs: T Tharsen 53, S O'Brian 4-70, P. Sperring 3-30);
Cheadle 185-4 (50: M Fisher 72no, W. Holmes 33).

URMSTON (25 pts.) beat WIDNES (toss, 1 pt.) by 7 wickets:

Widnes 104 (30 overs: S. Moore 21, A. Syddall 4-30, S. Panda 3-19);
Urmston 105-3 (23 overs: C Turner 36, L Jackson 25, D. Moore 3-23).

DIVISION 2

BOLLINGTON (won toss, 4 pts.) lost to TATTENHAL (25 pts.) by 8 wickets

Bollington 146 (49 overs: T. Salisbury 45, D Power 4-28, A Brock 3-40);
Tattenhall 150-2 (26 overs: S Sadler 57, D Power 42no).

DAVENHAM (toss, 8 pts.) lost to STOCKPORT (25 pts.) by 4 wickets

Davenham 173-9 (50 overs: J Price 50, D Hancock 40 no, N Gavin 5-45);
Stockport 175-6 (40 overs: A Hope 54, L Cookson 3-15).

STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (toss, 8 pts.) drew with ALVANLEY (6 pts.)

Stockport Georgians 132 (48 overs: I Hussain 34, D Shewring 4-29, C Charles 3-32);
Alvanley 119-8 (52 overs: W Speakman 38, I Hussain 3-7, J. Leggett 3-38).

TIMPERLEY (25 pts.) beat IRBY (toss, 6 pts.) by 5 wickets:

Irby 144 (50 overs: S Renshaw 54, A Williams 39, I Grindley 5-44);
Timperley 145-5 (37 overs: P Ashling 44, M. Stevens 33).

WARRINGTON (25 pts.) beat CONGLETON (2 pts.) by 10 wickets:

Congleton 133 (35 overs: KWaterhouse 73, K Adams 6-62);
Warrington 134-0 (overs: R Heaney 72no, C Kirby 38no).

WEAVERHAM (toss, 4 pts.) lost to POYNTON (25 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Weaverham 163-9 (50 overs: A. Nash 51no, J Williams 3-29, R Clark 3-45);
Poynton 164-2 (39 overs: P. Gould 80no). *This result was not telephoned.*

PICK OF WEEK (o = overseas)

ECB Premier League

Batting: oTrent McCormick (Bowdon): 108no v Macclesfield
Bowling: Ollie Griffiths (Nantwich) 6-18 v Didsbury

First Division

Batting: oAaron Ayre (Heaton Mersey) 205 v Cheadle Hulme – League record.
Bowling: Keith Berrington (Oulton Park) 5-67 v Middlewich

Second Division

Batting: Paul Gould (Poynton) 80no v Weaverham
Bowling: oKyle Adams (Warrington) 6-62 v Congleton

Old boy does for Bowdon in National

ALL-rounder Richard Wilkinson who first made his mark at Bowdon, played a leading role in ending their run in the **Kingfisher Beers Cup** (National Club knock out) on Sunday.

Now playing for Barnt Green, Wilkinson scored an unbeaten 79 to help the Birmingham League club reach 223-7, Simon Marshall taking 2-26, Dom Ball 2-32 and Chris Ashling 2-44.

This proved 51 runs too many for Group 6 winners Bowdon who were bowled out for 172, Chris Ashling 52, James McDougall and Trevor Gane each 27.

Other clubs through to the last eight are Shrewsbury, who beat Chorley; West Indian Cavaliers (beat Ormskirk), South Northumberland, Ealing, Swardeston, Waltham and Bath.

How they all stand after 13 games

ECB PREMIER	W	T	WD	RD	LD	C	L	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
	(25)	(16)	(3)	(2)	(1)	(7)				
NESTON (8)	9	0	1	0	1	0	2	17	13	251
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	8	0	1	1	0	0	3	23	14	242
GRAPPENHALL	7	0	2	1	0	0	3	42	10	235
HYDE	6	0	1	1	3	0	2	33	19	210
TOFT	6	0	1	0	0	1	5	35	14	209
NANTWICH	6	0	1	0	1	0	5	26	16	196
ALDERLEY EDGE	5	0	1	0	2	0	5	26	18	174
MARPLE	4	0	2	0	1	0	6	42	20	169
OXTON	5	0	0	0	1	0	7	22	19	167
BOWDON	3	0	1	1	0	0	8	42	27	149
DIDSBURY	3	0	0	0	1	0	9	34	15	125
MACCLESFIELD	1	0	1	0	2	1	8	41	22	100

Neston 8 points deducted for slow over rate. This is subject to appeal.

DIVISION 1

BRAMHALL	9	0	1	0	1	0	2	26	13	268
URMSTON	8	1	0	0	1	0	3	21	6	244
BROOKLANDS	7	0	1	0	1	0	4	22	14	215
CHEADLE HULME	6	0	2	0	2	0	3	30	23	211
SALE	5	1	1	0	0	0	6	38	10	192
OULTON PARK	4	0	2	1	2	0	4	42	24	176
CHEADLE	4	0	2	1	2	0	4	31	27	168
WIDNES	4	0	2	0	0	0	7	35	20	161
CHRISTLETON	2	0	4	0	1	0	6	58	27	148
MI DDLEWICH	3	0	1	0	5	0	4	29	27	139
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	3	0	0	0	3	0	7	37	20	135
HEATON MERSEY	2	0	3	0	1	0	7	42	30	132

DIVISION 2

TIMPERLEY	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	4	307
TATTENHALL	8	0	1	0	1	0	3	15	15	234
STOCKPORT	8	0	1	0	0	0	4	20	11	234
CONGLETON	8	0	1	0	0	0	4	14	7	224
WARRINGTON	7	0	1	0	1	0	4	15	15	209
DAVENHAM	6	0	2	0	0	0	5	30	21	207
POYNTON	6	0	1	0	0	0	6	23	20	196
WEAVERHAM	3	0	2	0	3	0	5	46	26	156
IRBY	3	0	0	0	2	0	8	29	18	124
ALVANLEY	3	0	0	0	1	0	9	20	22	118
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	1	0	2	0	1	0	9	43	25	100
BOLLINGTON	1	0	1	0	2	0	9	31	22	83

WTB

Boughton Hall Forties' reunion

FOUR former Chester Boughton Hall overseas players made one-off appearances in last Wednesday's **Over 40s section** West group game at Neston.

All great names, they were Geoff Foley, Steve Wundke, Heath Pritchard and Andy Miller, who flew in from all over the world to help skipper Chris Fleet celebrate a personal anniversary. It made for a great evening on and off the field at Parkgate, which is where the points remained as the home side kept up the pressure on leaders Irby. They beat Oxtton with Tattenhall Wreckers still in the hunt.

In the Central group, Alsager Dabbers collected more Thursday home points by default, this time against Bowdon Vale Vikings, who were unable to raise a team. Grappenhall won at Bowdon and their game against level-pegging Alsager at Broad Lane this week could be significant.

Cheadle Hulme lost their first game in the North-East group, at home to Ladybridge, which means undefeated Urmston Tigers now lead by five points. Top scorer for Warrington in their home defeat by Brooklands was the evergreen Paul, possibly a great-uncle twice-removed, of young Aussie hero Ashton – Agar.

Bredbury Saints lead by 14 points in the South-East group where Offerton and Macclesfield enjoyed a tense tie at The Paddock.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 RESULTS

West Group

IRBY (4 pts.) beat OXTON by 8 wickets:

Oxtton 127-8 (Anjit 28, Kumar 27); Irby 132-2 (Mahi 33, S Renshaw 30, D Newman 29).

NESTON (4 pts.) beat CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL by 4 runs:

Neston 140 (Egerton 33, G Lea-Swain 33, Beaver 30); Chester 136 (Wundke 30, Foley 29).

UPTON lost to TATTENHALL WRECKERS (4 pts.) by 36 runs:

Tattenhall 135-7 (Kettle 31, Salt 30, Ferriday 30); Upton 99-7 (Jarvis 31, Knight 3-31).

Central Group

BOWDON lost to GRAPPENHALL(4 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Bowdon 111-1 (Shenkman 31, Cranmer 30, Sinclair 29); Grappenhall 112-3 (Newall 30).

DAVENHAM lost to TOFT (4 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Davenham 139-7 (Kouris 30); Toft 143-3 (Hope 32, Sheldon 31, Ashley 30).

MOBBERLEY lost to ASHLEY (4 pts.) by 4 wickets:

Mobberley 108-5 (Johnson 32, C Leech 30); Ashley 109-6 (Busby 27, Hughes 24, Wheeldon 2-7).

Thursday: ALSASER DABBERS (4 pts.) BOWDON VALE VIKINGS, who conceded.

North-East Group

CHEADLE HULME lost to CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE (4 pts.) by 4 wickets:

Cheadle Hulme 110-8 (Oldfield 30); Ladybridge 111-6.

SALE SILVERBACKS (4 pts.) beat CHEADLE by 18 runs:

Sale 117-7 (Battersby 32, Watkins 3-22); Cheadle 99-4 (Tipping 32).

URMSTON TIGERS (4 pts.) beat ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS by 9 wickets:

Alderley Edge 121-2 (Bolton 33, Brooks 30, Cowburn 29); Urmston 124-1 (Turner 33, Cartwright 31, Higginbottom 25).

WARRINGTON lost to BROOKLANDS (4 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Warrington 121-2 (Agar 32, Sleigh 30); Brooklands 122-6 (Terry 31)

JULY 3 late result: Brooklands 93-4 lost to Cheadle Hulme (4 pts.) 116-5 by 23 runs.

South-East Group

BRAMHALL lost to BOLLINGTON VETERANS (4 pts.) by 41 runs:

Bollington 138-1; Bramhall 97-9.

MARPLE lost to BREDBURY SAINTS (4 pts.) by 4 wickets:

Marple 134-4 (Littler 30, Ashton 30, Hardy 2-18); Bredbury 135-6 (C Wood 34, Bashford 30, Potter 4-22, Bell 2-13).

OFFERTON (3 pts.) tied with MACCLESFIELD (3 pts.):

Offerton 137-6 (Hooton 31); Macclesfield 137-5 (Mack 31).

POYNTON LEGENDS (4 pts.) beat WOODLEY by 7 wickets:

Woodley 80 (Wash 32, Oldland 24); Poynton 83-3 (Mullaney 32, C. Lamb 16).

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Latest Over 40s tables

<u>West group</u>	P	W (4)	T (3)	C (2)	L	Points
IRBY	8	6	0	1	1	26
NESTON	9	5	0	2	2	24
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	9	5	0	2	2	24
CALDY	8	4	0	1	3	18
OXTON	9	4	0	0	5	16
UPTON	9	2	0	0	7	8
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	8	1	0	0	7	4

Chester and Upton have each conceded one game.

Central group

ALSAGER DABBERS	10	7	1	2	0	35
GRAPPENHALL	10	7	1	2	0	35
TOFT	10	5	2	2	1	30
BOWDON	10	4	0	2	4	20
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	10	4	0	2	4	20
ASHLEY	10	1	0	2	7	8
DAVENHAM	10	1	0	2	7	8
MOBBERLEY	10	1	0	2	7	8

Ashley, Bowdon Vale Vikings, Davenham and Mobberley have each have conceded one game.

North-East group

URMSTON	10	8	0	2	0	36
CHEADLE HULME	10	6	1	2	1	31
SALE SILVERBACKS	10	5	0	1	4	22
CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE	10	4	0	1	5	18
CHEADLE	10	2	1	2	5	15
BROOKLANDS	10	3	0	1	6	14
WARRINGTON	10	3	0	1	6	14
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	10	2	0	2	6	12

Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge have conceded three games, Sale one and Warrington one

South-East group

BREDBURY SAINTS	10	9	0	1	0	38
BRAMHALL	10	5	0	2	3	24
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	10	4	0	2	4	20
POYNTON LEGENDS	10	4	0	2	4	20
WOODLEY	10	5	0	0	5	20
MACCLESFIELD	10	3	1	2	4	19
MARPLE	10	2	0	1	7	10
OFFERTON	10	1	1	2	6	11

Marple and Poynton have each conceded one game

OVER 40s GROUP FIXTURES: Wednesday, July 17 (6 pm)

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

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

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

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

July 6 pitch & ground marks

UMPIRES' League ground marks and other reports from games played on Saturday, July 6 were as follows:

ECB Premier League: Chester v Alderley Edge pitch 18 outfield 20; Didsbury v Hyde 14 – 19; Grappenhall v Oxton 19 – 17; Macclesfield v Nantwich 18 – 20; Neston v Marple 18 – 20; Toft v Bowdon 17 – 18.

First Division: Bramhall v Cheadle Hulme 18 – 20; Cheadle v Broomlands 16 – 20; Christleton v Middlewich 20 – 20 (full house); Heaton Mersey v Bredbury 20 – 20 (full house); Oulton Park v Urmston 16 – 19; Widnes v Sale late sheet.

Second Division: Alvanley v Davenham 18 – 19; Congleton v Timperley 16 – 19; Irby v Georgians 16 – 19; Poynton v Warrington 14 – 17; Stockport v Bollington 19 – 20; Tattenhall v Weaverham 19 – 20.

All captains' reports were received by co ordinator Ken Spilsbury.

UP-DATES:

O The Irby v Stockport Georgians score was reported incorrectly. Correct details: Georgians 200-6 Irby 201-7.

O Marple had no scorer at Neston

O Oxton are requested to submit the full, correct result sheet v Didsbury on June 19

O Widnes v Sale late sheet July 6

TACS Cheshire League leaders all win

THE top three teams in the TACS-sponsored Cheshire Cricket League Division 1 – Northwich, Mobberley and Upton – all had decisive victories on Saturday to retain the status quo

RESULTS: Northwich 213-5 dec. Hale Barns 186; Oakmere 117-4 Winnington Park 115; Prestbury 167 Ashton on Mersey 315-5 dec.; Romiley 101-1 Chester County Officers 100; Runcorn 125 Mobberley 129-2; Upton 201-8 dec. Malpas 181.

PLACINGS up to Saturday, July 13: 1. Northwich 254 pts.; 2. Mobberley 246; 3. Upton 236; 4. Ashton on Mersey 222; 5. Malpas 212; 6. Romiley 211; 7. CCO 186; 8. Hale Barns 167; 9. Runcorn 166; 10. Oakmere 153; 11. Winnington Park 133; 12. Prestbury 96. Division 2 top three: 1. Mere 275; 2. Lindow 253; 3. Woodford 236. Top & bottom of Division 3: 1. Over Peover 254; 2. Barrow 247; 11. Wirral 139; 12. Alderley Park 137.

FIXTURES in Division 1 on Saturday, July 20 (1.30 pm.): Ashton on Mersey v Upton; Chester CO v Mobberley; Hale Bsns v Prestbury; Malpas v Runcorn; Romiley v Oakmere; Winnington Park v Northwich.

Information supplied by Graham Coull, CL vice chairman.

Woods (13-178) is Cheshire match-winner

CHESHIRE made it three straight wins against Dorset at Bournemouth and now lie second in **the Minor Counties championship** West zone. In doing so they were indebted to skipper Danny Woods who had the magnificent match figures of 13-178 and leads the Minors wicket-takers with 33 victims.

After their long Saturday evening coach journey from Toft down to the south coast, Cheshire were glad to bat first and take full advantage of soaring temperatures at Dean Park with a handsome tally of 312-7 in the allotted 90 overs. . Top scorer was Khalid Sawas, out of form at Macclesfield for much of the season, but fully in control here with a mature 121, helping Adam Syddall (33) in an eighth wicket century stand after Jonny Kettle had opened up with 58.

Dorset replied with 379-8 for a lead of 67, Woods enjoying the best return with 5-116.

Cheshire's second dig of 305 was built on a solid 76 from Chris Tipper with Sawas continuing his fine form with a sparkling 85 to set up as lead of 238. Dorset didn't make it, slumping from 68-1 to 167 all out to lose by 71 runs as Woods produced his very best form with 18-5-62-8 being virtually unplayable as the pitch turned sharply.

Afterwards the former Hyde player, now Cricket Master at St. Peter's School, York, said modestly that he relished the return for the remaining games of his former teammate and friend James Duffy as captain. "We've set things up nicely and it will be an interesting finale", he suggested.

Berks away

Next up for Cheshire is a difficult trip to fourth placed Berkshire at Finchampstead next week-end, followed by home games against Devon at Bowdon (August 4 – 6) and Shropshire at Nantwich (August 18 – 20) the latter of which could prove a title decider.

Western Division leading placings after three games 1. Shropshire 70 pts. 2. Cheshire 68 pts. 3; Wales 68 pts. 4. Berkshire 50 pts.

DEVELOPMENT XI: The next action is a two-day fixture on Wednesday – Thursday, July 24 – 25 against Lancashire Under 19s at Heywood. (11 a.m. daily).

Holders and Macc through to Cheshire Cup semis

HOLDERS Chester Boughton Hall overturned their league defeat at Werneth Low the previous day with a five wickets victory in the quarter-final of the **Cheshire Cup** at Filkins Lane on Sunday.

Hyde, who had knocked Chester off top place in the Premier League on Saturday, totalled a below par 215, Tom Twiney 75, James Duffy 64, Mark Rowland 3-43. Chester were behind the clock for two thirds of their reply which was rescued by skipper Steve Ogilby with a rapid 65 and Ross Dixon, an unbeaten 51 as they won with an over to spare at 218-5.

Macclesfield completed a much-improved week-end's work when they followed their maiden league victory with an 80 runs destruction of Alderley Edge at Moss Lane on Sunday.

Macc totalled 233-9, Nick Ross 76 not out, Rob Porter 64, Andy Jackson 3-38, after which Alderley were dismissed for 153, Jason Whittaker 31, Barney Cutbill taking 3-14 on a rare senior appearance.

Dates for the remaining quarter-finals: New Brighton v Upton (Sunday, July 21); Wallasey v Birkenhead Park (July 28).

Draw for the semi-finals on Sunday, August 4: Wallasey or Birkenhead Park v Chester; Macclesfield v New Brighton or Upton.

SHIELD FIXTURES

Quarter-final games in the **Cheshire Shield** to be played on Sunday (1.30 p.m.) are: Bramhall v Hawk Green; Cheadle Hulme v Ashton on Mersey; Romiley v Davenham; Port Sunlight v Runcorn.

O Information provided by Cheshire Cups organiser Rick Davis.

Tour joy for Over 50s

MUCH to the delight of team manager Paul Freedman who now looks eagerly forward to a home draw for the last 16, Cheshire won both games on their North-Eastern tour in the **ECB 50 Plus County championship** against Northumberland and Durham At Warkworth Castle on Wednesday, Northumberland scored 191-6, Brooklands' left arm slow bowler Chris Moore taking 4-40. Cheshire replied with a confident 192-3 with two overs to spare. Cheadle Hulme's Colin Ridler (71) and skipper Gary Cash, 33, added 128 for the third wicket after debutant Phil Catterall, 42, had opened up confidently.

The vital game next day against joint leaders Durham at Barnard Castle was played in hot sunshine, Cheshire putting up the challenging total of 223-8 led by Phil Catterall, 86, with useful contributions from Steve Yates, 28, Tim Jackson, a breezy 27 not out and Gary Cash, 25. Durham were bowled out 23 runs short at 200 with 10 balls remaining. Moore enjoyed a haul of 4-51 and Gary Dixon 2-53.

....Sixties also qualify

CHESHIRE have qualified for the last 16 play-offs in the **Spitfire Over 60s county championship** which they HAVE won for the past three seasons.

They did so after beating Lancashire by seven wickets at Heywood on Tuesday last week in a match which acted as a double header and thus earned them double points. Scores: Lancashire 179-7 (Bob Yardley 3-15, Alan Hitchmough 2-43); Cheshire 182-3 (Chris Leech 78, Ted Williams 53 not out sharing a third wicket partnership worth 141.

Their next match is against Shropshire at Oswestry .

IN BRIEF

O URMSTON and Cheshire paceman Adam Syddall captains MCC North West against an MCC North East team at Alderley Edge on Tuesday this week (11 a.m.). In his team are veteran former Cheshire wicket-keeper Tom Hodson, Richard Wilkinson (Barnt Green), Jonny Fawcett and Nick Anderson (Didsbury), Toby Drummond (Toft) and Alan Day (Alderley Edge)

O ALSO on Tuesday at Middlewich, Lancashire meet Worcestershire in a County 2nd XI one-day championship match (11 a.m.)

O TOURING the UK later this month, Singapore Cricket Club are seeking a fixture with a club in the League on Sunday, July 28

Any club who fancy taking on the tourists should contact former Bramhall and Stockport all-rounder Bob Cooke on bobcooke43@googlemail.com

O PANEL umpire Jim Whitehead has a new mobile tel: 07526 160 288.

O NEW Chester Boughton Hall 3rd XI captain is David Fisher, tel. 07711 375 907; e-mail: david@tl-leasing.co.uk

O HAWK Green are to stage a T20 match on Monday, August 19 against a NatWest Locals and Legends XI captained by ex-Yorkshire and England batsman Michael Vaughan.

Questions for Test Umpires

MEMBERS of the ECB ACO Umpires organisation from throughout the North-West will get the opportunity to grill their Test counterparts at a meeting on Tuesday, July 30 in Manchester two days before England v Australia at Old Trafford.

Umpires Marais Erasmus– the official in charge of the DRS technology at Trent Bridge – and Tony Hill, who will be standing in the OT Test are being made available for discussion.

With them will be OT third official Kumar Dharmasena and match referee Ranjan Madugalle, to answer any (reasonable) queries put to them from the floor.

Final details of the venue and timings will be revealed later, but any League U&SA members who wishes to attend should contact chairman Ian Greensmith on igre@blueyonder.co.uk

LEAGUE CONCERN

At the League Umpires mid-season meeting at Toft on July 1, chairman Ian Greensmith again expressed concern that bad behaviour by players was not being uniformly reported.

He stressed the importance of these reports being made and cited one instance of abuse by fielders of a batsman who had failed to ‘walk’ which had been clearly audible to spectators.

Detailed discussion ensued following which it was suggested that umpires should advise captains at the toss that any bad language must not be audible at the boundary edge. Otherwise, following initial warning, any subsequent occurrences would be reported as a Breach of Conduct.

Uncertainty was expressed on what marking should be given by umpires where the boundary was marked with a sufficiently thick rope, but no flags were laid out at 20 yard intervals as specified by league guidance. It was agreed that this should be reviewed at the season end

Tony Morris asked that members should ensure that all result sheets were properly and fully completed as this was not always being done and caused problems (e.g. the scorers’ box not marked while both were actually present).

Alistair Davies suggested a limit on bouncers and short pitched balls should be introduced. . This would be raised by the chairman at the next Cricket Committee meeting.

Next meeting of the Association is the combined end of season meeting and hot pot at Sale on Wednesday, September 18. Nick Cousins, ECB ACO Senior Exec. Officer will speak.

WEEK 13: Alistair Davies’s Umpires Quiz

LAST WEEK’S POSER: The front foot of a bowler, delivering right arm over, lands beyond the middle stump at his end. The ball is then delivered. What action should be taken?

ANSWER – are you listening carefully? If some part of a right arm over bowler’s front foot, in the delivery stride, does not land – whether grounded or raised - to the left hand side of an imaginary line joining the two middle stumps, the delivery should be called a No Ball (Law 22.5 (b)).

THIS WEEK: A fast, short-pitched delivery hits the striker’s shoulder and then his helmet and goes on to cross the boundary without pitching within the field of play. How many runs – if any – are scored?

John North Under 17s final

FINAL of the League John North Under 17s Cup is to be played at Upton on Friday, July 19 between Upton and Prestbury (6.15 p;m.).

FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY, JULY 20

ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)

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

Jon Hacking & Chris Smith
Phil Prince & Gary Zimmer
Barrie Buirns & Ged Kinsey
David Moss & Glyn Roberts
Paul Herring & Dion Kelly
Don Flanagan & Ankit Jain

First Division (1 p.m.)

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

Im Drury & Steve Walton
Stan Davies & Garry Hambleton
Steve Duckers & Peter Hanaby
Ron Bedson & Howard Briggs
Steve Kirkbright & Martin Roberts
Iam Greensmith & Tony Morris

Second Division (1 p.m.)

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

Clive Rice & Ken Simpson
Bob Cunningham & Simon Smith
Wyn Harris & Ray Prescott
Ken Rothwell & Tom Spencer
Dave Goulding & Martin Howe
Brian Jones & John Lowe

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

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

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Last word ... not cricket this week

AFTER being married for 30 years, a wife asked her husband to describe her.
He looked at her for a while, then said: "You're an alphabet wife: A,B,C,D,E.F.G.H,I.J.K."
She asked: "What the hell does that mean?"
He said: "That's for Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Fabulous, Gorgeous - and Hot".
She smiled and said: "That's really lovely, but what about I,J,K?"
He said: "I'm Just Kidding".
...The swelling in his eye is going down slowly and the doctor is hopeful about saving his others "

