

**2014 NEWSLETTER NO. 13: SATURDAY, JULY 12****Toft go top first win for Oxton**

TOFT went top of the **ECB Premier League** for the first time on Saturday thanks to a rousing nine-wickets victory over Urmston at Booth's Park.

They leap-frog Hyde, who were held to their fourth successive draw in a high-scoring match against Neston at Werneth Low and Grappenhall, who lost at home to a fast-reviving Oxton side who recorded their first victory of the summer.

Toft's star turn was 17 year-old opener James Drummond – son of skipper Toby, who was celebrating his birthday. Drummond junior completed a fine maiden century with a boundary four to clinch victory. This after being set to top their visitors' 185, Samit Panda 67, 18 year old Jack Good taking 3-22, Jimmy Lomas 3-58 (and back from New Zealand, old boy Matt Cornes 2-28) Toft replied with 189-1 in 43 overs, Drummond being partnered by Josh Hancock, 48, then Rob Jones with an unbeaten 30.

Neston posted their best score of the season, 296-6, to discomfort Hyde, skipper David Hurst hitting form with 105, aided by Richard Wilkinson, 70 and Dane Williams, 50. Always prepared to have a go whatever the target, Hyde reached a commendable 271-9 in reply, veteran Jason Whittaker ensuring a draw point with an unbeaten 39 after James Duffy had posted 71. The second innings was delayed by rain and the match did not finish until 8 p.m. negating the early start intended to help Hyde's players link up with the coach waiting to take the Cheshire team to Devon, planned for 7.30 p.m.

Oxton's 37-runs victory at Grappenhall was master-minded by the experienced Glenn Querl, who top scored with 72 alongside Marc Debrabender, 46 in an all out tally of 224, Josh McClelland taking 6-98. Grappenhall, who reportedly had 16 players unavailable for selection, were all out for 187, Ian Barnes contributing a splendid 86. Querl finished off a good day's work with 5-64 while Gayan Fernando took 3-50.

Bowdon in danger

The Wirral clubs continue to occupy the two bottom places, but have significantly closed the gap behind 10th placed Bowdon, who lost at home to Marple. In a game dominated by bowlers, Bowdon scraped 134-8 from 55 overs, Stephen Ball top-scoring with 26, the remainder having no answer to the guile of veteran spinner Andy Greasley, with 5-21 from 20 overs. Marple needed 40 overs after tea to post 136-8, Andy Hall playing a match-winning innings of 53, while Matthew Tully took 3-23.

Meanwhile, champions Chester Boughton Hall appear to be back in full flow and their eight wickets victory over Bramhall at Filkins Lane was achieved by mid-afternoon after an 11.30 a.m. start. Only Matt Begbie, 59 managed to master the spin skills of increasingly influential teenager Harry Killoran, 5-36 and Jack Williams 4-30 in an all-out tally of 119. CBH knocked the runs off inside 19 overs, Warren Goodwin, 65 not out and Mark Rowland, 55 leading the way.

Rain ruined the finish of the Alderley Edge v Nantwich game. The home side posted 219-9, Calum Rowe 66 not out, Liam Livingstone 7-73 and the Dabbers had reached a tantalising 164-2 with 15 overs remaining – when rain arrived. Ashley Shaw was on course for a century on 91 not out as both sides collected eight points.

KEY FIXTURES NEXT SATURDAY: Chester v Hyde; Oxton v Bowdon.

NEW VENUE FOR REDINSURE T20 FINALS CHESHIRE KO'd AT SIDMOUTH

THERE is a new venue – Chester Boughton Hall - for Finals Day in the RedInsure T20 on Sunday, July 27.

Meanwhile, after an early-Sunday morning arrival in Sidmouth for their Unicorns knock out semi-final against Devon, Cheshire's bowlers suffered in a 136 runs defeat.

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DIVISION 1

Three-horse race?

WITH Timperley continuing to falter, the promotion race in **Division One** could become a three-horse affair.

Cheadle ended a lean patch with a four wickets home victory over Christleton, which keeps them ahead of Didsbury and third-placed Macclesfield.

Christleton totted up 189 at Kingsway, Iroshan De Silva 87, Dan Brown 4-56 after which skipper Paul Sperring's unbeaten 54 led Cheadle home at 193-6 - off the third ball of the game's 100th over.

Didsbury looked true promotion candidates at Middlewich with a comfortable eight wicket victory after restricting their hosts to 143-9, talented Kiwi Jordie Gibbens 45, Simon Normanton 4-43. The dependable Phil Critchley, 63 and skipper Nick Anderson, 42 both not out, led the charge to 146-2 off 27 overs after tea.

Haddon Field, many good judges' favourite Cheshire ground, looked in fine fettle despite curator Geoff Tomlinson complaining that his outfield mower needed repair. His track was its usual batting paradise. An occasional visitor, however, would have noticed the lack of seating which discourages spectators (think of Nantwich), while the electronic scoreboard was working imperfectly and needs repair and the upgrading of the umpires' hutch is long overdue.

Macclesfield stay in the running thanks to the superb form of Aussie skipper Nick Ross. His unbeaten 92 plus 53 by John Birchall steered their side to a reply of 210-9 after Cheadle Hulme's respectable 208-7, which was marked by an unbeaten 81 from rival captain Andy Wilde.

Davenham's outside hopes of a further promotion were probably killed off by neighbours Oulton Park, whose erratic form continued with a two wicket win at Little Budworth. Davenham were bowled out for 123, Mark Greaves 45, by much improved seam bowler Andy Hards, 6-39. Oulton also lost wickets at a rapid rate, but 39 from Pat Roberts and an unbeaten 25 from Andy Mills saw them home at 125-8, Dean Jackson 4-28.

Timperley's defeat was comprehensive at home to Sale, who have enjoyed some good days lately. They restricted Timpers to 150, Damien Stringer 57, Tyrone Lawrence 4-32, then replied with 154-4, wicket-keeper Chris Canning hitting a speedy 55.

The meeting of the two bottom teams left both still seeking their first victory, although Widnes shaded the draw points 14-6 at Brooklands after amassing 280-4. Luke McCoy ran up 118 off 99 balls, aided by his skipper Sean Moore, 62 not out. Brooklands made a highly-spirited reply to reach 274-8, South African Kevin Renecke posting the day's highest individual score of 138, with David Madden, 40 helping him in a 131 second wicket stand.

KEY FIXTURE NEXT SATURDAY: MACCLESFIELD v CHEADLE

DIVISION 2

Weaverham lead by 54 points

THEIR eighth victory – the latest at home to Poynton – has earned Weaverham a massive lead of 54 points over their nearest rivals at the top of **Division Two**.

Antiguan all-rounder Wilden Cornwall was again their mastermind, scoring 104 - his third ton of the summer - in a declared tally of 249-5 and with Rob McMillan 62, he put on 150 for the second wicket, while Ian Eaton chipped in with 52. Poynton replied with 174, Tom Hamnett 37, Mike Clarke 3-23, Kevin Waterhouse 3-50 and Wilden Cornwall 3-59.

Tattenhall are in second place even though they managed only 14 draw points from their visit to Stockport, whose own promotion credentials are unclear. Ollie Thompson top scored with 82 in Tattenhall's 211-8, Joe Dunley 3-40, Josh Manning 3-42. The Cale Green men were in trouble at 79-7. but recovered to close on 158-8 thanks to M. Green, 44 and S Edwards 31, both not out. O. Williamson claimed 5-20.

Alvanley had the better of as high-scoring draw at home to Bredbury after posting 222-6, Will Speakman 69 not out, Hassan Nasir 4-48. Bredbury's reply reached 206-8, Will Hayes 61, and an old friend, Robin Fisher, 3-45.

The relegation scrap looks like being a tense one come September with Poynton, Heaton Mersey and Irby possibly the principal candidates.

Warrington, meanwhile, eased out of immediate trouble with an impressive six wickets win at Northwich, whom they bowled out for 105, Kyle Adams claiming 6-35.

Heaton Mersey came away with a 12 – 7 points draw from their visit to Upton which was ended early by rain. 'Mersey posted an improved 209-6, Major Khan 67, Shery Hussain 56, Nasser Hussain 37 and Upton had reached 198-6 off 41.1 overs, when the rain came, Darren Warburton 52, Matt Sharp 49.

Irby lost by two wickets in a tight game at Congleton after being dismissed for 151, David Moors 4-16. Congleton were made to scrap with a response of 152-8 in 55 overs, all-rounder Moors top scoring with a crucial 60, while Colin Gibson returned 6-55.

KEY FIXTURE NEXT SATURDAY: HEATON MERSEY v WARRINGTON

ALL SATURDAY'S SCORELINES

ECB Premiership

ALDERLEY EDGE (8 pts.) v NANTWICH (8 pts.): abandoned as draw:

Alderley Edge 219-9 (55 overs: C Rowe 66no, M Currie 39, L Livingstone 7-73);
Nantwich 164-2 (40 overs: A Shaw 91no, H Hameed 32).

BOWDON (toss, 4 pts.) lost to MARPLE (25 pts.) by 4 wickets:

Bowdon 134-8 (55 overs: S Ball 36, A. Greasley 5-21, J Ormond 3-64);
Marple 136-6 (40 overs: A Hall 53, M. Tully 3-23).

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (25 pts.) beat BRAMHALL (toss, 0 pts.) by 8 wickets.

Bramhall 119 (43 overs: M. Begbie 59, H. Killoran 5-36, J. Williams 4-30);
Chester 122-2 (19 overs: W. Goodwin 65no, M Rowland 55)

GRAPPENHALL (6 pts.) lost to OXTON (toss, 25 pts.) by 37 runs:

Oxton 224 (54 overs: G. Querl 72, M. DeBrabender 45, J. McClelland 6-98);
Grappenhall 187 (47 overs: I Barnes 86, L Parkinson 31, G. Querl 5-64, G Fernando 3-50).

HYDE (toss, 7 pts.) drew with NESTON (15 pts.)

Neston 296-6 (55 overs: D. Hurst 104, R Wilkinson 70, D. Williams 50);
Hyde 271-9 (55 overs: J Duffy 71, J Whittaker 39no).

TOFT (toss, 25 pts.) beat URMSTON (4 pts.) by 9 wickets:

Urmston 185 (43 overs: S Panda 67, C Turner 44, L. Jackson 34, J Goode 3-22, J. Lomas 3-58);
Toft 189-1 (43 overs: J Drummond 100no, J Hancock 48, R Jones 30no).

Division 1

BROOKLANDS (won toss, 6 pts.) drew with WIDNES (14 pts.)

Widnes 280-4 dec. (45 overs: L McCoy 118, S Moore 62no);
Brooklands 274-8 (55 overs: K Renecke 138, D Madden 40, AJ Hart 32, B Hewitt 3-41)

CHEADLE (toss, 25 pts.) beat CHRISTLETON (8pts.) by 4 wickets:

Christleton 189 (47 overs: I De Silva 87, J Morgan-Jones 45, D Brown 4-56, C Moore 3-66);
Cheadle 193-6 (40 overs: P Sperring 56no, G Dixon 35, N. Reid 32).

CHEADLE HULME (toss, 12 pts.) lost to MACCLESFIELD (25 pts.) by 1 wicket:

Cheadle Hulme 208-7 (50 overs: A Wilde 81no, J Birchall 3-57);
Macclesfield 210-9 (49 overs: N Ross 92no, J Birchall 53, R/Malook 5-64, J. Burton 3-75).

MIDDLEWICH (toss, 5 pts.) lost to DIDSBURY (25pts.) by 8 wickets:

Middlewich 143-9 (50 overs: J Gibbens 45, N Gill 32, S. Normanton 4-43);
Didsbury 146-2 (27 overs: P Critchley 63no, N. Anderson 42no).

OULTON PARK (toss, 25 pts.) beat DAVENHAM 5 pts.) by 2 wickets:

Davenham 123 (43 overs: M Greaves 45, B. Gough 36, A. Hards 6-39);
Oulton Park 125-8 (43 overs: P Roberts 39, A. Mills 25no, D. Jackson 4-28).

TIMPERLEY (toss, 5 pts.) lost to SALE (25 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Timperley 150 (48 overs: D Stringer 57, T. Lawrence 4-32, M Barrington-Smith 3-12);
Sale 154-3 (31 overs: C Canning 5, T Lawrence 31)_

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Division 2 scores

ALVANLEY (won toss, 14 pts.) drew with BREDBURY ST MARK's (7 pts.)

Alvanley 222-6 (50 overs: W. Speakman 69no, S Charles 43, C Charles 32, A. Bennion 48, H Nasir 4-48);
Bredbury 206-8 (50 overs: W Hayes 61, J Barber 47, D Carr 32, C. Smith 30, S Charles 3-32, R. Fisher 3-45).

CONGLETON (25 pts.) beat IRBY (toss, 7 pts.) by 2 wickets:

Irby 151 (43 overs: K Pedi 39, M Smith 33, D. Moors 4-11);
Congleton 152 -8 (55 overs: D Moors 60, C.Gibson 6-55).

NORTHWICH (1 pt.) lost to WARRINGTON (toss, 25 pts.) by 6 wickets:

Northwich 105 (28 overs: J Gittings 29, K Adams 6-35);
Warrington 109-4 (31 overs: C Kirby 25)

STOCKPORT (toss, 6 pts.) drew with TATTENHALL (14 pts.)

Tattenhall 211-8 (50 overs: O. Thompson 82, D. Shewring 31no, J Dunley 3-40, J Manning 3-42);
Stockport 158-8 (50 overs: M Green 44no, S. Edwards 31no, O Williamson 5-20)

UPTON (7 pts.) v HEATON MERSEY (toss, 12 pts) abandoned as draw:

Heaton Mersey 209-5 (50 overs: M. Khan 67, S. Hassain 56, N. Hussein 37, S McGowan 3-51);
Upton 198-6 (41.1 overs: D Warburton 52, M Smith 49, R. Potter 48).

WEAVERHAM (25pts.) beat POYNTON (toss, 5 pts.) by 75 runs:

Weaverham 249-5 dec. (45 overs: W Cornwall 104, R. McMillan 61, I. Eaton 52 = 3rd wicket stand of 150);
Poynton 174 (41 overs: T Hamnett 31, C. Williams 30, M Clarke 3-32, K. Waterhouse 3-50, W. Cornwall 3-59).

New Brighton through in Cheshire Cup

NEW BRIGHTON became the first club to reach the semi-finals of the **Cheshire Cup** with a 116 runs victory over Brooklands at Rake Lane on Sunday. They will now be away to the winners of Macclesfield v Toft on Sunday, August 10.

Scores:

New Brighton 308-6 (While 98, Fernando 72);

Brooklands 192 (Woods 44, Renecke 39, Bagshawe 33, A.J. Hart 33, Fernando 4-25).

The remaining quarter-finals are: Urmston v Oxtou; Chester Boughton Hall v Bollington; Macclesfield v Toft.

CHESHIRE SHIELD

Quarter-final scores in the **Cheshire Shield**

Northwich 153 Rode Park & Lawton 154-4;

Ashley 130 Hawk Green 99. Ashley have since withdrawn following an allegation that they fielded an ineligible player.

Semi-final draw (Sunday, July 20):

Hawk Green v Rode Park;

Warrington v Ashton on Mersey.

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Tables including games on July 12 all played 13

ECB Premier League	Won (25)	Tied (16)	WD (3)	RD (2)	LD (1)	A/C (7)	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
TOFT	6	0	2	0	1	1	3	34	11	209
HYDE	6	0	1	0	2	3	1	19	12	207
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	7	0	0	0	1	2	3	5	10	205
GRAPPENHALL	7	0	0	0	0	1	5	8	6	196
MARPLE	6	0	0	0	1	2	4	8	17	190
* ALDERLEY EDGE (3)	4	0	0	1	1	3	4	30	15	166
* BRAMHALL (3)	5	0	0	0	1	3	4	6	15	165
URMSTON	4	0	1	0	1	2	5	23	19	160
NANTWICH	4	0	0	2	0	2	5	16	12	146
BOWDON	3	0	2	0	0	2	6	22	21	138
NESTON	2	0	1	0	2	1	7	24	24	110
OXTON	1	0	3	0	0	1	8	42	24	107

* Points deducted for slow over rates

First Division	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
CHEADLE	8	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	4	232
DIDSBURY	7	0	1	1	0	3	1	10	12	223
MACCLESFIELD	7	0	0	1	1	2	2	15	11	218
TIMPERLEY	6	0	0	1	1	2	3	21	10	198
SALE	5	0	2	0	1	3	2	23	11	187
DAVENHAM	5	0	1	0	0	3	4	22	13	184
CHEADLE HULME	5	0	0	0	1	2	5	19	13	172
OULTON PARK	5	0	0	0	1	2	5	14	16	170
CHRISTLETON	3	0	1	0	0	2	7	31	17	140
MIDDLEWICH	2	0	1	0	1	2	7	28	16	112
WIDNES	0	0	2	1	0	3	7	61	19	109
BROOKLANDS	0	0	0	0	2	2	9	25	17	58

Second Division	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
WEAVERHAM	8	0	2	0	1	1	1	16	15	245
TATTENHALL	4	0	5	0	1	2	1	40	21	191
STOCKPORT	5	0	1	1	4	2	0	21	15	184
ALVANLEY	4	0	3	1	2	2	1	32	12	171
NORTHWICH	5	0	0	1	1	3	3	9	10	168
UPTON	4	0	1	1	0	1	6	39	17	168
CONGLETON	5	0	0	1	0	1	6	11	15	160
* WARRINGTON (3)	3	1	2	0	1	2	4	25	19	153
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	4	0	0	0	2	2	5	17	16	149
* HEATON MERSEY (4)	2	1	0	1	0	3	6	19	17	121
IRBY	2	0	1	0	2	1	7	30	27	119
POYNTON	2	0	0	0	1	2	8	8	19	92

* Points deducted for slow over rates.

WTB

League pitch reports: Saturday, July 5

ECB Premier League:

Bramhall v Alderley Edge: pitch 17 outfield 20. *Result not telephoned*

Marple v Grappenhall: 18 – 20;

Neston v Chester: 16 – 20;

Nantwich v Toft: 14 – 20;

Oxton v Hyde: 17 – 20;

Urmston v Bowdon: 18 - 20

First Division:

Christleton v Cheadle Hulme: 20 – 20 (full house). *Cheadle Hulme had no scorer.*

Davenham v Middlewich: 18 – 19;

Didsbury v Brooklands: 19 - 20

Macclesfield v Oulton Park: 19 – 19;

Sale v Cheadle: 19 – 18;

Widnes v Timperley: 18 – 18.

Second Division:

Bredbury v Congleton: pitch 18 outfield 17;

Heaton Mersey v Northwich: 20 – 20 (full house)

Irby v Stockport: 15 – 19;

Poynton v Alvanley: 12 – 16;

Tattenhall v Upton: 20 – 19;

Warrington v Weaverham: 15 – 20.

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

O LEAGUE sanction has been given for Nantwich's Lancashire contracted player Liam Livingstone to act as sub pro for St. Annes versus Darwen in the Northern Premier League Cup on Sunday, July 20.

O NEW Didsbury 2nd XI captain is Shahbaz Qasim. E-mail: sqasim161@gmail.com. He replaces Steve Whiteside who has left to work in Australia..

O TATTENHALL seated 350 for a marquee lunch on Sunday when the International Lashings XI visited The Flacca to help mark the club's 125th anniversary season.

Vital game for Sixties

CHESHIRE's 19 runs defeat of Derbyshire at Hyde on Wednesday last week means their chances of progressing in the **ECB 50 Plus county championship** are in the melting pot.

Manager Paul Freedman says it is unsure if the team are currently placed second, third or fourth and that they will need to win their last group game, against Lancashire at Formby on Wednesday this week, to have full confidence.

Against Derbyshire, Cheshire did well to post 230-5, thanks to good batting from Tim Wearden (50), David Smith (40), Steve Yates (32) and 28 from Colin Ridler. Derbyshire were behind the run rate after Mike Cushion, conceded only 15 runs off his nine overs, but profited from a 57-run ninth wicket partnership which took them up to 211-8 at the close. Bernie Bishop took 3-18 and Gary Dixon 2-36.

Cheshire Over 60s had no game last week, but continue their national programme against Lincolnshire at Grappenhall on Tuesday this week (1.30 p.m.).

O A fine innings of 132 not out by Bob Ashley - his second ton of the season - helped Cheshire Sixties 2nd XI beat Wales by nine wickets at Timperley last Thursday. Scores: Wales 179-4; Cheshire 183-1.

Nantwich win Cheshire U 15s title

NANTWICH beat Alderley Edge by 13 runs in the final of the Cheshire Under 15s Cup at Grappenhall on Thursday.

Nantwich totalled 135-4, Ben Johnston 53, Dylan Reeves 28 and Alderley replied with 122-5, led by Ed Fluck's 51.

Organiser Mike Tyerman commented: "The standard of play was high and the game in Cheshire has a very bright future".

Nantwich now visit the Lancashire champions in the national first round.

RedInsure T20 finals at Chester

FINALS DAY in the **RedInsure T20** competition has been switched from Upton to Chester Boughton Hall on Sunday, July 27. This move has been made because work on the new tearoom at Upton is unfinished, leaving the ground unready to stage a major tournament.

Winners of the three quarter-finals on Thursday and Sunday were Chester Boughton Hall, Oxton and Grappenhall, leaving the Nantwich v Hyde tie to be played on Tuesday this week (6.30 pm.).

Chester overwhelmed Toft by 70 runs at Filkins Lane after amassing 227-3, Lee Dixon 83 not out, Mark Rowland 79. Toft were all out for 137, spinners Harry Killoran taking 3-12 and Jack Williams 3-29, plus three fine outfield catches.

Premier League wooden spoonists Oxton won by six wickets at Oulton Park after restricting their hosts to 133-6, Lou Bentley 30, Alex Money 3-18. Money went on to top-score with a quality 53 and skipper Simon Stokes 52 as Oxton eased home at 139-4.

Grappenhall batsmen hammered Sale for 205-6 at Broad Lane on Sunday, Adam Roylance, 51 leading the way while Ben Watkin took 3-39. Sale replied with a spirited 170-7, left hander Tyrone Lawrence contributing a quality innings of 64.

Match details

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL beat TOFT by 90 runs:

Chester 227-3 (20 overs: L Dixon 83no, M. Rowland 79); Toft 137 (17.3 overs: A Bajwa 37, T Hughes 29, H Killoran 3-12, J Williams 3-29).

OULTON PARK lost to OXTON by 6 wickets:

Oulton Park 133-6 (20 overs: L Bentley 30, N. James 29, A Money 3-18); Oxton 139-4 (17.4 overs: A Money 53, S. Stokes 52,.

GRAPPENHALL beat SALE by 35 runs:

Grappenhall 205-6 (20 overs: A Roylance 51, J. McCoy 33, J. McClelland 31, R. Green 31, B. Watkin 3-39, A. Barrowman 2-42); Sale 170-7 (20 overs: T Lawrence 64, S Baxter 2-28).

FINALS DAY DRAW

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v OXTON (on main ground, 12 noon)

GRAPPENHALL v NANTWICH or HYDE (on second ground, 12 noon)

The final will follow after tea at 3.30 p.m.

Cheshire ko'd at Sidmouth

CHESHIRE bowlers were hammered for more than seven runs an over in their **Unicorns knock out** semi-final against Devon at Sidmouth on Sunday, resulting in a 136 runs defeat.

Winning the toss, Devon piled up 367-7 in their 50 overs profiting from a 180 second wicket stand between Matt Thompson, 126 and Bob Woodman, 118. Cheshire tried eight bowlers, the best figures going to Dan Berry with 3-64, while Adam Syddall took 2-56. Harry Killoran did not play.

Cheshire replied with 231 all out in 39.1 overs, Warren Goodwin 73, Danny Berry 34, Pat Roberts 33, Calum Rowe 30. The Devon attack contained Somerset paceman Jamie Overton, who took 3-36. Devon will play Oxfordshire in the final at Wormsley on August 27.

Cheshire resume championship action against Wales at Bowdon this week-end when they meet Wales from Sunday to Tuesday (11 am. daily).

First innings points

CHESHIRE gained first innings points (12 – 10) after playing well in their drawn **Unicorns championship** game against Devon at Sidmouth from Sunday – Tuesday last week and lie third in the Western zone table after three games - the halfway stage.

Cheshire scored 349 (Calum Rowe 69, Pat Roberts 62, Lee Dixon 61, Rick Moore 56) and Devon replied with 272, Josh Bess 102 not out, Harry Killoran 5-70, Rick Moore 2-33, to trail by 77 runs.

Batting again, Cheshire were all out for 202 (Moore 78) to lead by 279. Devon were buoyed by another fine knock of 93 by Bess who was finally dismissed by Killoran before they closed on 242-8, Adam Syddall taking 4-53.

Plans for Forties play-offs

WITH only four weeks of group fixtures remaining in the **Over 40s section**, clubs are reminded of plans for the quarter-finals, as agreed at the October meeting last year.

The top two teams in each group will be involved, as follows: West group winners v Central runners-up; Central winners v West runners-up; North East winners v South East runners-up; South East winners v North East runners-up.

Games are to be played on Sunday, August 10, or the following Sunday, August 17 at the latest. If play is has not been possible by the latter date, teams must bowl out or toss a coin to resolve who enters Final Day, which is at Chester Boughton Hall on Late Summer Bank Holiday, August 25 (12 noon).

If there is a tie for top place in the final group tables, the position is resolved by the team with most wins, then the least defeats, then the results of games between the two teams involved and failing that by a toss of the coin.

Current group pace-makers are Neston and Tattenhall Wreckers (West); Toft and Alsager (Central); Urmston Tigers and Brooklands (North-East) and Marple and Bredbury Saints (South-East). Clubs are urged to supply results information as early as possible and to minimise the number of conceded games – two more this week.

JULY 9 RESULTS

WEST GROUP

Caldy conceded to Warrington (4 pts.)

Chester Boughton Hall lost to Neston (4 pts.) by 3 wickets:

Chester 121-5; Neston 123-7.

Irby (4 pts.) beat Oxtun by 42 runs:

Irby 114-5 (Mahi 30, D. Newman 30); Oxtun all out 72 (Mitchell 33, Wadkins 3-8, Duminda 3-13)

Tattenhall Wreckers (4 pts.) v Upton conceded

CENTRAL GROUP

Alsager (4 pts.) beat Mobberley by 80 runs:

Alsager 170-2; Mobberley 90-7.

Ashley lost to Davenham (4 pts.) by 14 runs:

Davenham 114-3 (Plant 31, Kouris 31); Ashley 100-6 (Kouris 3-25).

Bowdon lost to Toft (4 pts.) by 44 runs:

Toft 145-2 (Drummond 32, Cooke 31, Waterhouse 31, Mitchell 30); Bowdon 101-4 (Thompson 30, Cranmer 30, Hind 4-12),

Grappenhall (4 pts.) beat Bowdon Vale Vikings by 33 runs:

Grappenhall 137-4 (Rilry 31, Anderson 30); Bowdon Vale 104-4 (Dean 30, Hopton 24, Hunter 20, Clissole 2-21).

NORTH EAST GROUP:

Alderley Edge Wizards lost to Cheadle Hulme (4 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Alderley Edge 95-7 (Bolton 33, Rogers 3-6); Cheadle Hulme 96-2 (Stringer 40).

Ashton on Mersey lost to Urmston Tigers (4 pts.) by 57 runs:

Urmston 147-6 (Cartwright 32, Newton 29, Knowles 2-29); Ashton on Mersey 90-6 (Farhad 17).

Sale Silverbacks lost to Cheadle (4 pts.) by 9 wickets:

Sale 84 (Harrop 35, Oakes 4-21, Orton 2-13); Cheadle 85-1 (Blood 33).

Timperley lost to Brooklands (4 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Timperley 114-7; Brooklands 115-3.

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SOUTH-EAST GROUP

Bollington Veterans (4 pts.) beat Poynton Legends by 14 runs:

Bollington 142-2 (Madden 32, Paterson 31, Johnson 31, Hart 30, Saddington 2-11); Poynton 128-3 (Berzins 31, Thompson 31, Turnbull 31, Paterson 2-7).

Bramhall lost to Marple (4 pts.) by 76 runs:

Marple 141; Bramhall 65.

Offerton (4 pts.) beat Macclesfield by 18 runs:

Offerton 122-3 (Bates 33, Hudson 32); Macclesfield 104-5 (Hanaghan 31).

Woodley lost to Bredbury Saints (4 pts.) by 5 wickets:

Woodley 113-6 (Abbott 27, Parry 25); Bredbury 116-5 (Clarke 29, Mountford 24, Wood 24).

Latest tables

<u>West group</u>	P	W	T	C/A	L	PTS.
NESTON	10	8	0	1	1	34
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	10	8	0	1	1	34
IRBY	10	6	0	1	3	26
WARRINGTON	10	5	0	0	5	20
UPTON	10	3	1	2	4	19
OXTON	10	3	0	2	5	16
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	10	2	1	0	7	11
CALDY	10	0	0	1	9	2

Central group

TOFT	10	9	0	1	0	38
ALSAGER	10	8	0	2	0	36
GRAPPENHALL	10	6	0	2	2	28
DAVENHAM	10	4	0	2	4	20
BOWDON	10	3	0	1	6	14
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	10	2	0	2	6	12
ASHLEY	10	1	0	1	8	6
MOBBERLEY	10	1	0	1	8	6

North-East group

URMSTON TIGERS	10	7	0	3	0	34
BROOKLANDS	10	6	0	1	3	26
CHEADLE HULME	10	5	0	2	3	24
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	10	4	0	3	3	22
CHEADLE	10	4	0	3	3	22
SALE SILVERBACKS	10	3	0	2	5	16
TIMPERLEY	10	1	0	3	6	10
ASHTON ON MERSEY	10	1	0	1	8	6

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40s tables continued

South-East group

MARPLE	10	8	0	2	0	36
BREDBURY SAINTS	10	7	0	2	1	32
POYNTON LEGENDS	10	5	0	1	4	22
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	10	4	0	2	4	20
MACCLESFIELD	10	4	0	2	4	20
BRAMHALL	10	3	0	1	6	14
OFFERTON	10	2	0	1	7	10
WOODLEY	10	1	0	1	8	6

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 FIXTURES (6.15 p.m.)

WEST GROUP: Neston v Caldý; Oxton v Tattenhall Wreckers; Upton v Irby; Warrington v Chester Boughton Hall.

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

NORTH-EAST GROUP: Alderley Edge Wizards v Urmston Tigers; Brooklands v Sale Silverbacks; Cheadle v Timperley; Cheadle Hulme v Ashton on Mersey

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

TACS Cheshire League latest

TACS Partnership Cheshire League First Division leaders Mobberley scored a crucial five wickets win at Stockport Georgians on Saturday, while Bollington edged up into second place with victory over Runcorn.

Division 1 results: Bollington 162 beat Runcorn 149; Chester County Officers 190-6 lost to Prestbury 193-4; Hale Barns 163-8 drew with Malpas 197-6 dec.; Lindow 155 beat Oakmere 104; Romiley 128 lost to Ashton on Mersey 235; Stockport Georgians 106 lost to Mobberley 109-5.

Up to date placings

1. Mobberley	236 pts.
2. Bollington	219
3. Ashton on Mersey	212
4. Stockport Georgians	209
5. Romiley	206
6. Runcorn	183
7. Malpas	181
8. Prestbury	123
9. CCO	120
10. Lindow	115
11. Hale Barns	109
12. Oakmere	98

Division 2 leaders: Disley 226 pts.; Barrow 211. Division 3: Haslington 213; Aston 192.

Division 1 fixtures on Saturday, July 19 (1.30 p.m.): Cheshire County Officers v Lindow; Malpas v Stockport Georgians; Mobberley v Bollington; Oakmere v Hale Barns; Prestbury v Ashton on Mersey; Runcorn v Romiley.

**LEAGUE FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR
SATURDAY, JULY 19: Week 14**

ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)

BRAMHALL v NANTWICH	Martin Howe & John Lofthouse
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v HYDE	Barrie Burns & Ian Greensmith
MARPLE v TOFT	Don Flanagan & David Gane
NESTON v GRAPPENHALL	Dion Kelly & Ged Kinsey
OXTON v BOWDON	Phil Prince & Gary Zimmer
URMSTON v ALDERLEY EDGE	Graham Harris & Martin Roberts

First Division (1 p.m.)

CHRISTLETON v TIMPERLEY	Peter Davies & Jon Hacking
DAVENHAM v CHEADLE HULME	Darrin Clark & Steve Walton
DIDSBURY v WIDNES	Neville Kent & David Tate
MACCLESFIELD v CHEADLE	Paul Herring & Ian Wilson
MIDDLEWICH v OULTON PARK	Ray Prescott & Ken Rothwell
SALE v BROOKLANDS	Graham Pugh & Ken Simpson

Second Division (1 p.m.)

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S v WEAVERHAM	Ron Bedson & Glyn Roberts
HEATON MERSEY v WARRINGTON	Simon Smith & Tom Spencer
IRBY v ALVANLEY	Neville Abberley & Brian Jones
POYNTON v NORTHWICH	Allan Lewis & Nigel Simms
TATTENHALL v CONGLETON	Steve Duckers & Steve Kirkbright
UPTON v STOCKPORT	Brian Boys & Bob Cunningham

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

ALDERLEY EDGE v URMSTON	John Lowe & David Stoter
CHEADLE v MACCLESFIELD	Howard Briggs & no panel umpire available
GRAPPENHALL v NESTON	Tony Morris & club umpire
HYDE v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	Club umpire & Club umpire
NANTWICH v DIDSBURY	Clive Rice & no panel umpire available
TOFT v MARPLE	Chris Smith & no panel umpire available

Bowdon edged out of National ko

DESPITE their bowlers putting up a defiant performance, Bowdon lost by one wicket at Chorley's Windsor Park on Sunday in the sixth round of the **National Club championship**. They were the League's last surviving representatives.

Bowdon scored 160-6 in their 45 overs and Northern League side Chorley replied with 161-9 with two balls of the final over remaining.

10 Years Ago

From the *Newsletter* of July 18, 2004

MOBBERLEY lost an appeal against the league's decision to dock them 35 points for fielding ineligible player Abdul Monayem in a Second Division match in which they had beaten Middlewich three weeks earlier.

In another disciplinary case, Macclesfield had 20 points deducted for fielding Tom Parfett-Manning in a 2nd XI match they lost to Heaton Mersey. Macc had not completed the necessary transfer procedure with his previous club Alderley Edge.

CHESHIRE Under 19 beat the Irish Schools Cricket Association by six wickets at Brooklands, Alderley Edge's Alan Day scoring 61 not out and taking 3-26. Team captain David Ashley (Weaverham) was chosen to lead the team in their next two games against Shropshire at Winnington Park and Staffs at Bignall End.

WEAVERHAM won their first game since promotion from the Meller Braggins League when they beat Bredbury St. Mark's by 53 runs at Wallerscote Road. Their key performers were former Northwich Vics winger Gordon Allen, with 4-27 and batsmen Guy Groves, 48 and Jon Lightfoot, 42 not out.

ALL six Premier League games were rained off, although Hyde v Macclesfield went ahead – at the local Ten Pin Bowling Alley. Said skipper Danny Ackerley: "We gave them a good hiding, can we claim the points?!"

SALE won their first 150th Anniversary Week match against a League XI at Dane road by three wickets, despite Sale chairman Rob Moore taking 4-9 playing against his own club.

SADDEST MOMENT OF WEEK

The death of the incomparable Alfredo Di Stefano at 86, which revived memories of his glittering contribution for Real Madrid in their 7-3 European Cup final victory over Eintrach Frankfurt, in 1960.

W&MTB were behind the goal among 127,426 others at Hampden Park that day to see a never- to- be-forgotten display..

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Tuesday, July 15 (with apologies for lateness)