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MTB – BEM

LEAGUE secretary Geoff Wellsted writes: “Despite the Editor’s reluctance, I insisted on drafting the opening article in this week’s edition of the *Newsletter*.

All day Saturday, mobile phone messages began to circulate that Mike Talbot-Butler had been named in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List with the award of the British Empire Medal (BEM) and the communications networks have been red hot ever since with exchanges of message and congratulation.

The award was specifically for Mike’s service to cricket administration in Cheshire. He has been a servant of the Cheshire County League since its formation in 1975 and I know that all readers of the *Newsletter*, which circulates throughout the World, will be thrilled that his dedication and hard work have been finally recognised. While the award is solely for him, he will be the first to acknowledge the huge part his wife, Wyn has played all these years. ...what a couple!”

MTB writes: I am grateful to Geoff for his kind words and everyone who has been generous enough to contact me. I am sure there are others in Cheshire cricket equally worthy of such an award, but I accept it humbly to help bring publicity to cricket and our splendid League. Every day I thank my dear wife, Wyn whose devotion and help has enabled me to put in the time over so many years.

O Well-known at Timperley Cricket Club as a scorer for more than 50 years, Mary Blackburn has been awarded a BEM for services to the community. Familiarly known as ‘Scary Mary’, she was the founder of the Hobbler and Wobblers group based at Bowdon.

Neston win off last ball of MofD

THE Match of the Day on paper lived up to its billing when unbeaten leaders Neston won by 18 runs at second-placed Chester Boughton Hall off the final delivery of a superb day’s cricket. All of which helped them build a 35 points lead at the top of the **ECB Premier League**.

Neston batted well to post 251-7 starting with a solid 94 runs opener between Will Evans, who went on to score 63 and David Hurst, 38. Young spinners Jack Williams and Harry Killoran enjoyed a spell in control, but an assertive innings from left-hander Luke Camden turned the tables and when he hit 22 runs off Williams’ last over he finished with an unbeaten 82. Williams, who had made such an impressive debut for Cheshire the previous week-end, claimed 4-93 off 20 overs and Killoran 1-104 off 24.

Warren Goodwin became the first League batsman to top 500 runs before he was out for a sound 83 and Chester later lost their last seven wickets for 70 runs when Ian Linwood was dismissed by Paul Stimson off the final delivery of the day, at 233. Stimson closed with 3-53 and Chris Finegan an impressive 4-81.

A word about the two grounds at CBH: take a bow Loic Gresty, they are both very well maintained and beautifully cut.

Grappenhall stay third with an unexpectedly easy seven wickets win at Didsbury, whom they dismissed for the day’s lowest score of 92, Josh McClelland 4-28, Luke Williams 3-21. Grappenhall won inside 20 overs at 93-3, Luke McCoy 42 not out.

Toft edged up to fourth thanks to a 27 runs home win over Alderley Edge, who lacked the services of Nine-Wicket hero Mark Warnes. A cluster of 40s from Robin Jones, Toby Drummond and Ed Stubbs helped Toft reach 187-9, Jason Whittaker 4-47.

After which Alderley were bowled out for 160, Calum Rowe hitting a fine 89 and Andrew Jackson 42. The other nine not many. Robin Jones took 4-64 and Jimmy Lomas 4-78 off 17.3 and 26 overs of spin respectively.

Nantwich heaped more misery on Bowdon, winning by four wickets at South Downs Road where they were in control virtually throughout. Bowdon mustered only 153-9, Simon Marshall 48 against the skills of Ollie Griffiths, 6-49 and Jimmy Warrington, 3-41. Lancashire starlet Liam Livingstone stroked an unbeaten 88 off 82 balls including nine fours and four sixes, Chris Ashling 3-53 as the Dabbers reached 155-6.

Oxton extended their improved run with a 59 runs win at bottom club Macclesfield, Worcestershire all-rounder Saiiq Choudhry dominating the match on a rare appearance. Choudhry, 55 and Alex Hughes, 53 helped Oxton reach 209-8, Craig Melrose 4-108, to which the Silkmen replied with 150 all out, Nick Ross 49, Choudhry 5-22.

Hyde won by seven wickets to add to the recent misery of fast-dropping neighbours Marple, at Bowden Lane. Mark Bennett, 70 not out, Beau Webster 56 and Andrew Hall 54 not out helped Marple post a decent 238-3. But while Hyde’s bowlers are not making much of a mark this summer, their batsmen remain among the best and their confident reply took them to 238-3 in 52 overs, Danny Berry 79, James Duffy 74 not out, Chris Tipper 52.

DIVISION 1

‘Mersey off bottom

BEST win of the day in **Division One** went to Heaton Mersey who lifted themselves out of the relegation places with an unexpected 31 runs home victory over Oulton Park.

Ali Akhbar and Rashid Amin both contributed 48 to the ‘Mersey score of 202-6, Guy Emmett 3-78. To which Park replied with a below par 171 a tally made to look better by 59 from number eight batsman Craig Douglas. Earlier, only Rick Moore, 47 looked the part against Bobby Sachar, the match-winning bowler with 5-44.

Christleton return to bottom place despite taking eight points from a fighting draw on the ground of leaders Bramhall, who scored 220-9 batting first, Matt Hughes 74, Matt Begbie 72, Iroshan De Silva 4-75. An excellent knock of 82 by Matt Astbury, plus 52 by Ifti Naseer helped Christleton reach 192-9 in reply, Simon Wilkinson 3-84. Good to see an old face, Alex Barr back in the Little Heath ranks.

Brooklands win derby

Brooklands won by three wickets in their derby clash at Sale who scored 197-9 batting first, Calvin Flowers 57, A Robinson 4-51. Brooklands topped that with 199-7, but only with one ball to spare, Chris Hart top-scoring with 76, while South African all-rounder Flowers finished off a fine personal performance with 4-97.

Team of the moment are Urmston, up to fourth after a dreadful start. They beat Cheadle Hulme by 82 runs at the UCG after totalling 243, Lewis Jackson 78, Samit Panda 46, Chris Nissen 4-95. Cheadle Hulme were then bowled out for 161, Adam Wilde 57, Matt Parkinson 4-46.

Widnes are also doing better, their latest outing bringing them maximum points at home to Bredbury St. Mark’s, who are having a bad patch and drop into the bottom two. . Widnes closed on 209-8, Sean Moore 67 not out, J. Eccleshall 63, after recovering from 103-7. Bredbury mustered 178, R. Lees 63, Alex Graham 5-64.

There was a tight finish to the Cheadle v Middlewich game before the spoils were shared 13 – 7 in favour of Paul Sperring’s team who totalled 173-9. Middlewich’s reply again relied on the steadiness of skipper James Cornford, who contributed 45 to a closing tally of 152-9, Sperring 3-19, Adam Wadsworth 3-21.

DIVISION 2

Davenham into top half

DAVENHAM are getting to enjoy their first season of County League cricket, Saturday’s 68 runs win against Warrington at Butcher’s Stile being their third in four games and taking them into the top half of **Division Two**.

Jack Loveridge’s 100 helped his side post an above par tally of 190 against record breaking Aussie paceman Kyle Adams, who took 6-75. Warrington were then bowled out for 122, James Hughes 56, Danny Hancock taking 3-26.

Timperley recovered their best form to confirm top place with a six wickets win at Stockport, bowling the Cale Green men out for 141, Josh Manning 72. Their destroyer with a best-of-the-day 7-26 was the consistent Chris Page. Pat Ashling, 50 and Colin Grindley, 41, led Timperley’s comfortable reply of 142-4.

Tattenhall are an impressive second after inflicting a five wickets defeat on Stockport Georgians at The Flacca. Georgians were held to 168-7, C Williamson 4-38 and Tattenhall closed on 169-5, Ollie Thompson 59, Tom Hyslop 58 not out.

Congleton still on up

Congleton continue to go great guns, beating out of form Alvanley by 167 runs at Booth Street. Congleton declared early at 245-5, Kevin Waterhouse 41, Jerrym Lamb 40, then bowled Alvanley out for 78, Jack Higginbotham taking 5-26.

Bollington put up an improved performance in a drawn game at home to Weaverham but claimed only six points when they needed more. Ian Eaton contributed 89 to Weaverham’s impressive tally of 223-6, to which Bolly replied with 188-8, Tom Salisbury’s 39 at number eight saving the day. Kevin Douglas took 3-32 for Weaverham.

Poynton beat Irby by eight wickets at London Road after dismissing their visitors for 130, Mike Newman 44, Danny Williams 3-88. John Longhorn, 41 and Paul Gould, 38 led Poynton’s reply of 134-2.

ECB PREMIER LEAGUE DETAILS

BOWDON (won toss, 4 pts.) lost to NANTWICH (25 pts.) by 4 wickets.

Bowdon 153-9 (55 overs: S Marshall 48, S. Ball 37, M. Leathley 30no, O Griffiths 6-49, J Warrington 3-41);
Nantwich 155-6 (36 overs: L Livingstone 88no, C. Ashling 3-53).

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (won toss, 7 pts.) lost to NESTON (25 pts.) by 18 runs

Neston 251-7 (55 overs: L Camden 82no, W Evans 63, D Hurst 38, D Williams 36, J Williams 4-93);
Chester 233 (55 overs – last ball: W Goodwin 83, C. Finegan 4-81, P. Stimson 3-53).

DIDSBURY (1 pt.) lost to GRAPPENHALL (toss, 25 pts.) by 7 wickets

Didsbury 92 (37 overs: J McClelland 4-28, L. Williams 3-21);
Grappenhall 93-3 (20 overs: L McCoy 42no).

MACCLESFIELD (toss, 5 pts.) lost to v OXTON (25 pts.) by 59 runs

Oxton 209-8 (55 overs: S Choudhry 55, A Hughes 53, G. Fernando 48, C Melrose 4-108);
Macclesfield 150 (48 overs: N. Rees 39, K. Sawas 31, S. Choudhry 5-22).

MARPLE (9 pts.) lost to v HYDE (toss, 25 pts.) by 7 wickets

Marple 238-3 (55 overs: M Bennett 70no, B Webster 56, A Hall 54no, J. Crisall 46);
Hyde 239-3 (53 overs: D Berry 79, J Duffy 74no, C Tipper 52).

TOFT (25 pts.) beat ALDERLEY EDGE (toss, 6 pts.) by 27 runs

Toft 187-9 (55 overs: R. Jones 41, T Drummond 40, E Stubbs 40, J. Whittaker 4-47, A. Harding 3-61);
Alderley Edge 160 (52 overs: C. Rowe 89, A Jackson 42, R Jones 4-64, J. Lomas 4-78).

DIVISION 1

BRAMHALL (15 pts.) drew with CHRISTLETON (won toss, 8 pts.)

Bramhall 220-9 (50 overs: M Hughes 74, M Begbie 72, I. De Silva 4-76);
Christleton 192-9 (50 overs: M Astbury 82, I. Naseer 52, S. Wilkinson 3-84).

CHEADLE (13 pts.) drew with MIDDLEWICH toss, 7 pts.)

Cheadle 173-9 (50 overs: M Fisher 32, T Shepherd 3-29, S Price 3-52, G Tomlinson 3-67);
Middlewich 152-9 (50 overs: J. Cornford 45,P. Sperring 3-19, A. Wadsworth 3-21).

HEATON MERSEY (25 pts.) beat OULTON PARK (toss, 5 pts.) by 31 runs

Heaton Mersey 202-6 (50 overs: A Akhbar 48, R. Amin 48, N. Hussain 33, G Emmett 3-78);
Oulton Park 171 (48 overs: C Douglas 59, R. Moore 47, R. Sachar 5-44).

SALE (toss, 9 pts.) lost to BROOKLANDS (25 pts.) by 3 wickets

Sale 197-9 (50 overs: C. Flowers 57, K. Wellings 35, A Robinson 4-51, M Law 3-22);
Brooklands 199-7 (49.5 overs: C. Hart 76, A.J Hart 32no, C Flowers 4-97; R. Halkon 3-31).

URMSTON (25 pts.) beat CHEADLE HULME (toss, 6 pts.) by 82 runs

Urmston 243 (50 overs: L Jackson 78, S Panda 46, C. Turner 46, C. Watson 30, C Nissen 4-95);
Cheadle Hulme 161 (31 overs: A. Wilde 57, M Parkinson 4-46).

WIDNES (toss, 25pts.) beat BREDBURY ST. MARK's (6 pts.) by 31 runs

Widnes 209-8 (55 overs: S Moore 67no, J.Eccleshall 63, S Akram 3-58);
Bredbury 178 (40 overs: R Lees 63, A. Graham 5-64, I. Shahid 3-33).

DIVISION 2

BOLLINGTON (won toss, 6 pts.) drew with WEAVERHAM (14 pts.)

Weaverham 223-6 dec. (47 overs: I Eaton 89, R. McMillan 34no, K Douglas 30);
Bollington 188-8 (53 overs: T Salisbury 39, R Hough 38, P Adams 30, K. Douglas 3-32).

CONGLETON (toss, 25 pts.) beat ALVANLEY (2 pts.) by 167 runs

Congleton 245-5 dec. (48 overs: K Waterhouse 41, J Lamb 40, R Booth 33);
Alvanley 78 (overs: S Tee 24, J Higginbottom 5-26).

DAVENHAM (25 pts.) beat WARRINGTON (toss, 5 pts.) by 68 runs

Davenham 190 (overs: J Loveridge 100, K Adams 6-75);
Warrington 122 (overs: J Hughes 56, D Hancock 3-26).

POYNTON (toss, 25 pts.) beat IRBY (2 pts.) by 8 wickets

Irby 130 (50 overs: M Newman 44, D Williams 3-88);
Poynton 134-2 (32 overs: J. Longhorn 41, P Gould 38).

STOCKPORT (5 pts.) lost to TIMPERLEY (toss, 25 pts.) by 6 wickets

Stockport 141 (44 overs: J Manning 72, C. Page 7-26);
Timperley 142-4 (33 overs: P Ashling 50, C. Grindley 41).

TATTENHALL (toss, 25 pts.) beat STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (6pts.) by 5 wickets

Stockport Georgians 167-8 (50 overs: O. Williamson 4-38, D Power 3-38);
Tattenhall 169-5 (overs: O. Thompson 59, T. Hyslop 58no).

PICK OF WEEK (o = overseas)

ECB Premier League

Batting: Calum Rowe (Alderley Edge) 89 v Toft
Bowling: Ollie Griffiths (Nantwich) 6-49 v Bowdon.

First Division

Batting: Matt Astbury (Christleton) 82 v Bramhall
Bowling: Bobby Sachar (Heaton Mersey) 5-44 v Oulton Park.

Second Division

Batting: Jack Loveridge (Davenham) 100 v Warrington
Bowling: o Chris Page (Timperley) 7-26 v Stockport.

Tables after nine games

ECB PREMIER	W (25)	WD (3)	RD (2)	LD (1)	C (7)	L	Bat bonus	Bowl bonus	Total pts.
NESTON	7	1	0	1	0	0	12	6	197
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	5	1	1	0	0	2	21	11	162
GRAPPENHALL	4	2	1	0	0	2	36	9	153
TOFT	4	0	0	0	1	4	21	11	139
NANTWICH	4	1	0	1	0	3	22	11	137
OXTON	4	0	0	1	0	4	16	15	132
HYDE	3	1	1	3	0	1	31	15	129
MARPLE	3	2	0	0	0	4	30	15	126
ALDERLEY EDGE	3	1	0	2	0	3	22	16	118
DIDSBURY	2	0	0	1	0	6	30	7	88
BOWDON	1	1	1	0	0	6	30	21	81
MACCLESFIELD	0	1	0	2	1	5	38	20	70

DIVISION 1

BRAMHALL	6	1	0	1	0	1	20	9	183
BROOKLANDS	6	1	0	1	0	1	14	7	175
SALE	5	1	0	0	0	3	22	8	158
URMSTON	5	0	0	1	0	3	21	6	153
WIDNES	3	2	0	0	0	4	33	15	129
CHEADLE HULME	3	2	0	1	0	3	27	19	128
OULTON PARK	3	1	1	1	0	3	30	17	128
CHEADLE	2	2	1	2	0	2	24	20	104
MIDDLEWICH	2	1	0	3	0	3	20	18	94
HEATON MERSEY	2	1	0	1	0	5	21	16	91
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	2	0	0	1	0	6	23	13	87
CHRISTLETON	1	1	0	1	0	6	34	19	82

DIVISION 2

TIMPERLEY	8	0	0	1	0	0	2	4	207
TATTENHALL	7	0	0	0	0	2	6	7	188
STOCKPORT	6	0	0	0	0	3	14	6	170
CONGLETON	6	1	0	0	0	2	9	3	165
WARRINGTON	6	0	0	0	0	3	5	6	161
DAVENHAM	5	1	0	0	0	3	17	11	156
POYNTON	4	1	0	0	0	4	19	18	140
WEAVERHAM	2	2	0	1	0	4	34	21	112
ALVANLEY	2	0	0	0	0	7	11	12	73
IRBY	1	0	0	2	0	6	23	16	66
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	0	1	0	1	0	7	28	17	49
BOLLINGTON	0	1	0	2	0	6	23	18	46

WTB

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

Another tie for Toft 40s

TOFT were involved in their second successive tied game, against reigning joint champions Alsager Dabbers in the **Over 40s** Central group last Wednesday. For the second week running Chris Sheldon bowled the last over with seven runs needed and again held his nerve.

Davenham registered their first win, beating Mobberley also in the Central group.

Surmounting their availability problems after three conceded fixtures, Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge recorded their maiden win in North-East group, at Cheadle.

Oxton went joint top of West group with a nine wickets home win against Chester which was reduced to 12 overs each by rain.

Bredbury Saints beat Macclesfield by seven wickets in a South-East game which realised 323 runs for the loss of only six wickets. . In the same section, Brian Stringer umpired a match in which his two sons played, Mark for Marple and Damien for Poynton, who won by 15 runs. Also in the SE, Woodley won by four wickets at Bollington with a four off the last ball.

WEDNESDAY. JUNE 12 RESULTS

West Group

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

Caldy 111-6 (Rennie 30, Smith 30); Irby 112-2 (Lea 30, Mahi 30).

NESTON (4 pts.) beat UPTON by 37 runs:

Neston 158-3 (G. Lea-Swain 31, Hackett 30); Upton 121-5 (Charles 31, Brown 2-19).

OXTON (4 pts.) beat CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL by 9 wickets (reduced to 12 overs each):

CBH 68-6 (Robinson 21, Gillson 20, McWilliam 3-6); Oxton 72-1 (Anijeet 24, Dewhurst 21).

Central Group

BOWDON lost to BOWDON VALE VIKINGS (4 pts.) by 6 wickets:

Bowdon 111-5 (Cranmer 30, Thompson 29); Bowdon Vale 112-4 (Phillips 31, Pickup 2-16).

DAVENHAM (4 pts.) beat MOBBERLEY by 7 wickets:

Mobberley 128-3 (Johnson 30); Davenham 129-3 (Gough 33).

GRAPPENHALL (4 pts.) beat ASHLEY by 10 wickets:

Ashley 77-9 (Hughes 26, Brewster 22, Critchley 3-7, Anderson 3-9); Grappenhall 81-0 (Newell 33, Sharp 30).

TOFT (3 pts.) tied with ALSAGER DABBERS (3 pts.)

Toft 122-5 (Drummond 30, Mitchell 30, Newnes 2-10, Cottrill 2-23); Alsager 122-3 (Moores 31, Wellings 31, Sheldon 2-18).

North-East Group

BROOKLANDS (4 pts.) beat ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS by 10 wickets:

Alderley Edge 120-7 (Bolton 35, Cheetham 29, Lewis 3-30); Brooklands 120-0 (Mitchell 35, Taylor 31, Lewis 30).

CHEADLE lost to CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE (4 pts.) by 5 wickets:

Cheadle 106 (Bardsley 24, Howton 4-11); Ladybridge 108-5 (Stuart 33).

SALE SILVERBACKS lost to URMSTON TIGERS (4 pts.) by 6 wickets:

Sale 111-6 (Battersby 31); Urmston 114-4 (Hogg 31, Fenton 30, Bolton 3-16).

WARRINGTON lost to CHEADLE HULME (4 pts.) by 21 runs:

Cheadle Hulme 159-3 (Battye 33, Oldfield 31, Beckley 30); Warrington 138-4 (Sleigh 33, Baxter 30, Agar 30, Russell 3-28).

South-East Group

BRAMHALL (4 pts.) beat OFFERTON by 16 runs.

Bramhall 167 (Stoneman 33, Tittle 30, Oliver 29, Tittensor 25); Offerton 151 (Bates 33, Taylor 33, Kirkham 31).

BOLLINGTON VETERANS lost to WOODLEY (4 pts.) by 4 wickets:

Bollington 130-5 (G McKernan 31, Burns 30, Dykins 2-37); Woodley 134-6 (last ball: Turner 32, Abbott 27, Stott 2-25, Rowe 2-30).

BREDBURY SAINTS (4 pts.) beat MACCLESFIELD by 7 wickets:

Macclesfield 161-4 (Frame 35, Cutbill 30, S. Ackerley 30); Bredbury 162-3 (Clarke 31, C. Wood 31, Bass 31, Bashford 29).

MARPLE lost to POYNTON LEGENDS (4 pts.) by 15 runs:

Poynton 136-3 (Turnbull 35, Kingham 32, D Stringer 22, Bell 2-25); Marple 121-6 (M. Stringer 30, Major 29).

JUNE 5 LATE RESULT: Woodley 109-6 lost by 39 runs to Offerton (4 pts.) 148-5.

Latest Over 40s tables

<u>West group</u>	P	W (4)	T (3)	C (2)	L	Points
OXTON	5	4	0	0	1	16
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	5	3	0	2	0	16
IRBY	5	3	0	1	1	14
NESTON	5	2	0	2	1	12
CALDY	5	2	0	1	2	10
UPTON	6	1	0	0	5	4
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	5	0	0	0	5	0

Chester and Upton have each conceded one game.

Central group

ALSAGER DABBERS	6	3	1	2	0	19
GRAPPENHALL	6	3	1	2	0	19
TOFT	6	2	2	2	0	18
BOWDON	6	2	0	2	2	12
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	6	2	0	2	2	12
DAVENHAM	6	1	0	2	3	8
MOBBERLEY	6	1	0	2	3	8
ASHLEY	6	0	0	2	4	4

Mobberley have conceded one game.

North-East group

CHEADLE HULME	6	4	0	2	0	20
URMSTON	6	4	0	2	0	20
SALE SILVERBACKS	6	3	0	1	2	14
BROOKLANDS	6	2	0	1	3	10
WARRINGTON	6	2	0	1	3	10
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	6	1	0	2	3	8
CHEADLE	6	1	0	2	3	8
CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE	6	1	0	1	4	6

Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge have conceded three games.

South-East group

BREDBURY SAINTS	6	5	0	1	0	22
BRAMHALL	6	4	0	2	0	20
MACCLESFIELD	6	3	0	2	1	16
POYNTON LEGENDS	6	2	0	2	2	12
WOODLEY	6	2	0	0	4	8
OFFERTON	6	1	0	2	3	8
MARPLE	6	1	0	1	4	6
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	6	0	0	2	4	4

Marple and Poynton have each conceded one game

OVER 40s GROUP FIXTURES on Wednesday, June 19 (6 p.m.)

WEST: Chester Boughton Hall v Tattenhall Wreckers; Caldý v Oxtón; Irby v Neston. Open: Upton

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

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

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

Four through in T20

THE first four clubs to win their groups in the **RedInsure T20** are Hyde, Macclesfield, Oxton and Urmston, although the latter will now figure in a play-off for a quarter-final place.

The disappointing late withdrawal of Bollington from last Thursday's eagerly-anticipated Group 4 derby at Macclesfield practically handed their hosts a passage to the last eight. Macclesfield played only one game – the other being rained-off - racking up a massive run rate of 9.55. Toft beat Bramhall on Thursday to record their second win, but wound up an inferior run rate of 7.90.

Hyde go through in a truncated Group 2 after winning at Cheadle, while Oxton completed a clean sweep of Group 6 games with a Gayan Fernando-inspired victory over Irby .

Urmston did well to overtake Didsbury's 153-4 and win by six wickets at the UCG and now enter a play-off against the winners of Group 9, trophy holders Neston, Tattenhall. or Weaverham.

THURSDAY. JUNE 13 RESULTS

Group 2:

CHEADLE (toss) lost to HYDE (2 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Cheadle 99-8 (20 overs: M. Samuels 28, D. Fitzsimmons 3-11, J. Duffy 2-19); Hyde 102-3 (16.1 overs: J. Ashley 36no, S. Kirwin 32no, J. Duffy 22).

Bredbury St. Mark's open date.

Group 4

BRAMHALL (toss) lost to TOFT (2 pts.) by 3 wickets:

Bramhall 155-6 (20 overs: M. Hughes 76, R. Jones 3-20); Toft 159-7 (19.1 overs: E. Stubbs 64, H. Hughes 30, R. Kitzinger 3-21).

MACCLESFIELD v BOLLINGTON: conceded by Bollington – Macclesfield 2 pts. *Bollington £15 fine.*

Group 6:

ALVANLEY lost to WIDNES (toss, 2 pts.) by 5 wickets:

Alvanley 125 (18.2 overs: C Jones 33, A. Bennion 30, I Shahad 4-15); Widnes 126-5 (16.3 overs: D Naughton 62, I Ainsworth 3-17).

OXTON (2 pts.) beat IRBY (toss) by 9 wickets:

Irby 78-7 (20 overs: G Shillinglaw 22, A Money 4-8, G. Fernando 3-20); Oxton 83-1 (9.3 overs: G Fernando 62no, E. Filer 20no).

Group 8:

CHEADLE HULME (toss, 2 pts.) beat STOCKPORT by 42 runs:

Cheadle Hulme 141-5 (20 overs: C Nissen 45, J Potts 38); Stockport 99 (18.5 overs: G Barber 35, J Ridler 3-11, R Malook 2-13, O. Potts 2-13).

URMSTON (toss, 2 pts.) beat DIDSBUY by 6 wickets:

Didsbury 152-2 (20 overs: P Critchley 65no); Urmston 153-4 (19.1 overs: S Panda 61, S. Normanton 3-24).

REMINDER:

Home clubs must telephone the results and highlights to the Competition Secretary immediately after the match and submit a result sheet (no ground marks required) ASAP. There are also the usual website requirements.

FINES TO DATE:

Group 1: Congleton v Middlewich: no Middlewich scorer; Oulton Park v Nantwich no sheet.

Group 2: Bredbury v Cheadle no sheet; Cheadle v Hyde no sheet

Group 3: CBH v Warrington no sheet; Grappenhall v Davenham no phone and no sheet.

Group 4: Bollington v Toft no sheet.

Group 6: Irby v Alvanley no sheet; Oxton v Irby no sheet;

Group 7: Sale v Brooklands no sheet.

Group 8: Cheadle Hulme v Stockport (no sheet); Urmston v Didsbury (no sheet).

Latest T20 group tables

Group 1	P	W	C	L	Pts,
NANTWICH	2	2	0	0	4
CONGLETON	2	1	0	1	2
MIDDLEWICH	2	1	0	1	2
OULTON PARK	2	0	0	2	0
Group 2 complete					
HYDE	2	2	0	0	4 winners
CHEADLE	2	0	1	1	1
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	2	0	1	1	1
Group 3					
CHESTER BO. HALL	2	2	0	0	4
DAVENHAM	2	1	0	1	2
GRAPPENHALL	2	1	0	1	2
WARRINGTON	2	0	0	2	0
Group 4 complete					
MACCLESFIELD	3	2	1	0	5 winners @ run rate 9.55
TOFT	3	2	1	0	5 run rate 7.90
BOLLINGTON	3	0	1	2	1
BRAMHALL	3	0	1	2	1
Group 5					
TIMPERLEY	2	2	0	0	4
MARPLE	2	1	1	0	3
HEATON MERSEY	2	0	1	1	1
BOWDON	2	0	0	2	0
Group 6 complete					
OXTON	3	3	0	0	6 winners
ALVANLEY	3	1	0	2	2
IRBY	3	1	0	2	2
WIDNES	3	1	0	2	2
Group 7					
ALDERLEY EDGE	2	1	1	0	3
BROOKLANDS	2	1	0	1	2
SALE	2	1	0	1	2
POYNTON	2	0	1	1	1
Group 8 complete					
URMSTON	3	2	0	1	4 winners
CHEADLE HULME	3	1	1	1	3
DIDSBURY	3	1	1	1	3
STOCKPORT	3	1	0	2	2
Group 9					
NESTON	1	1	0	0	2
TATTENHALL	2	1	0	1	2
WEAVERHAM	1	0	0	1	0

FIXTURES & UMPIRES: WED/THURS, JUNE19/20 (6 pm)

GROUP 1:	CONGLETON v OULTON PARK	Phil Prince & Ian Wilson
	NANTWICH v MIDDLEWICH	Steve Duckers & Steve Walton
GROUP 3:	GRAPPENHALL v CHESTER BO. HALL (Wednesday)	Jon Hacking & Martin Roberts
	DAVENHAM v WARRINGTON	Neville Abberley & Barrie Burns
GROUP 5:	HEATON MERSEY v BOWDON	Graham Harris & David Moss
	MARPLE v TIMPERLEY	Neville Kemt & Paul Herring
GROUP 7:	ALDERLEY & EDGE v BROOKLANDS	David Gane & Allan Lewis
	SALE v POYNTON	John Lofthouse & Tony Morris
GROUP 9:	NESTON v WEAVERHAM	Dion Kelly & Gary Zimmer
	Bye: Tattenhall	

June 8 ground reports

UMPIRES' League ground marks and other reports from games played on Saturday, June 8 were as follows:

ECB Premier League. Alderley Edge v Marple pitch 18 ground 19; CBH v Didsbury 16 – 20; Grappenhall v Macclesfield 19 – 18; Hyde v Bowdon 19 – 20; Neston v Nantwich 18 – 20; Oxton v Toft 16 – 20.

First Division: Bredbury v Urmston 17 – 18; Cheadle Hulme v Sale 13 – 18; Christleton v Cheadle 19 – 20; Heaton Mersey v Bramhall 18 – 20; Middlewich v Widnes 19 – 18; Oulton Park v Brooklands 18 – 19.

Second Division: Alvanley v Weaverham 20 – 20 (full house); Congleton v Poynton 16 – 15; Irby v Tattenhall 18 – 20; Stockport Georgians v Stockport 18 – 9; Timperley v Davenham 16 – 20; Warrington v Bollington 18 – 20.

O CORRECTION: In Hyde v Bowdon Premiership game, Simon Marshall (Bowdon) scored 163 not out and Matt Foakes 37 not out, not 157 and 43 respectively as reported. A last ball six hit was wrongly accredited to Foakes.

O FINES (5): Cheadle Hulme v Sale result not 'phoned; Cheadle no scorer; Poynton no scorer; Tattenhall no scorer; Irby incomplete result sheet. Overdue result sheet: Cheadle v Widnes Division One

Lashings stars at Oxton

OXTON are hoping for a big crowd to see some of the Test players of yesteryear in the Lashings World XI taking on an Oxton XI in a 35 overs match at Townfield Lane on Friday, June 21 . Gates open at 2 p.m. admission is £5 adults, £2 concessions, £1 children..

O TOFT Over 40s captain Dave Ward is off on a four-day, 300 mile charity bike ride from London to Paris on Wednesday, June 19/. He plans to raise cash for the Alzheimer's Fund. To help him do so enter justgiving.com/dave-ward3.

O NESTON stage the T20 2nd XI Trophy fixture between Lancashire and Durham at Parkgate on Tuesday, June 18. Two separate games start at 11.30 am. and 3 pm. Admission is £3 for adults and £1 children.

O CHESHIRE League sponsors TACS Partnership are offering tax support for any clubs who need expert advice following new HMRC activity in the cricket world. HMRC are currently visiting Cheshire clubs on a regular basis to check on their compliance with employment law. TACS can be contacted via the Cheshire Board on <http://www.cheshirecricketboard.co.uk/ClubmarkNewsboard.html>.

O THE League's widely-travelled umpiring secretary Geoff Wellsted has won the star Letter of the Month award in the national cricket magazine *All Out Cricket*. His prize is a dozen bottles of Laithwaite wine.

O BOWDON batsman Matt Foakes has made his last appearance for the club having been relocated by his firm. The brother of Essex batsman Ben Foakes, Matt had made a big impression at South Downs road.

O THE Jack Gardner 3rd XI Trophy Finals Day is to be staged on Irby's two grounds on Sunday, August 11 (12 noon). No date has yet been set for the RedInsure 2nd XI Finals.

O BOWDON host Wallasey in the Kingfisher Beers Cup group semi-final on Sunday (1 pm).

WEEK 9: Alistair Davies' Umpires Quiz

LAST WEEK'S POSER: A short-pitched delivery bounces over the head of the striker standing upright at the crease. Then ,without going to ground, it lands on top of the flag marking the boundary. How many runs should be scored?

ANSWER: A No-ball should be called and signalled, for which there would be one run. A boundary 4 is also scored,, making 5 runs in total. A boundary 6 can only be scored from a hit. Laws 42.6 (a) (ii) and 19.5 (b).

THIS WEEK: The striker, after making contact with a fair delivery, sees the ball going towards his wicket. He knocks the ball away with the arm of the hand holding the bat. There is an appeal. Is this permitted in the Laws ... what should be done?

O ONE of the umpires standing in the Minor Counties match between Cheshire and Wiltshire at Chester next week-end, Alistair Davies has been invited by the ECB to apply for the Emerging Umpires Accreditation Programme, which is a pathway to the first-class reserve list.

Cricket balls

CLUBS are reminded that in all senior League matches they must use the Reader Sovereign cricket balls which were distributed pre-season marked with the Vivio sponsors' stamp .

A Reader Crown Balls was used in error for 30 overs in a ECB Premier League game between Chester Boughton Hall and Didsbury on June 8.before being spotted by the umpires. The ball was then changed for a Sovereign.

The League purchased supplies of 5.50oz. and 4.75 oz. Crown balls pre-season, but these are intended for junior cricket only. Umpires are urged to check the balls given to them by the captains in their pre-match meeting..

Holders through in Cheshire Cup

CHESHIRE CUP holders Chester Boughton Hall earned a placed in the quarter-finals with a 42 runs win at Didsbury on Sunday. In other games, League leaders Neston lost at Alderley Edge, Macclesfield won at Mere the conquerors of Nantwich in round 3, Grappenhall went out at New Brighton and Wallasey won at Oulton Park. Scores:

Oulton Park lost to Wallasey by 7 wickets: Oulton Park 141 (C. Williamson 30); Wallasey 143-3 (M. Wilkie 78).

Didsbury lost to Chester by 42 runs: CBH 192 (W Goodwin 59, R Dixon 57, N Anderson 4-47); Didsbury 150 (N. Anderson 32, J Fawcett 31, L. Dixon 5-32).

Alderley Edge beat Neston by 2 wickets: Neston 212-8 (A Clarke 52no, E. Harding 3-24); Alderley Edge 216-8 (C Reid 53no, C. Rowe 35, M. Currie 32, A. Clarke 4-41).

Mere lost to Macclesfield by 3 wickets: Mere 193 (K. Sawas 4-40); Macclesfield 196-7 (K Sawas 80no).

New Brighton beat Grappenhall by 81 runs: New Brighton 279-9 (L Proctor 78, D. While 64, A. Nawab 48, C. De Villiers 36, J. McClelland 3-31); G. Burns 3-36); Grappenhall 198 (J McCoy 34, D. While 4-51).

Widnes v Birkenhead Park result not to hand.

To be played on Sunday, June 30: Hyde v Parkfield Liscard; Upton v Urmston.

DRAW for quarter-finals (Sunday, July 14): Wallasey v Widnes or Birkenhead Park; Chester Boughton Hall v Hyde or Parkfield Liscard; Alderley Edge v Macclesfield; New Brighton v Upton or Urmston.

Information provided by Competition organiser Rick Davis.

Great day at Little Tew

FINE bowling enabled Cheshire to open their **Minor Counties championship** West zone programme with a 190 runs win against Oxfordshire at Great & Little Tew on Sunday and Monday last week.

There was little in it with one innings each completed. Cheshire mustered a modest tally of 233, Jonny Kettle 63, Rick Moore 37, Danny Cranmer 37. That Oxford scraped only a six runs lead at 239 was down to a magnificent championship debut by 20 year-old Chester Boughton Hall leg-spinner Jack Williams, who took 6-80 off 22 overs, helped by Danny Woods' 4-35.

Batting again, Cheshire shuffled their order and Chris Tipper opened up with a fine 78 as the innings stretched to 195, only 189 runs ahead.

No one could have expected the fireworks which followed on the second afternoon. Adam Syddall – on his birthday – and stand-in skipper Woods bowled unchanged to rout their hosts for 54. Syddall had the unplayable figures of 9.4-2-23-6 and Woods 9-2-31-4 to bring his match tally to 8-56.

The stand in skipper said afterwards: "It was just one of those days for Adam and I. There were no real gremlins in the pitch, but some mistakes were made and we played some really good cricket. It's a great start and wipes out the memory of our poor knock out performances".

The team was Danny Woods (York) captain, Warren Goodwin, Jack Williams (Chester Boughton Hall), Jonny Kettle (Nantwich), Rick Moore (Oulton Park), Khalid Sawas (Macclesfield), Danny Berry, Scott Kirwin, Chris Tipper, Danny Cranmer (Hyde), Adam Syddall (Urmston). 12th man was Ross Dixson (CBH).

Cheshire are next in action when they host Wiltshire at Chester from Sunday – Tuesday, June 23 – 25 (11 am. daily). In the only team change, Lee Dixon (CBH) replaces Danny Cranmer as skipper James Duffy is again not available due to work.

Fine win for 50s

CHESHIRE beat Yorkshire by 43 runs in a stirring **ECB 50 Plus county championship** match at Chester Boughton Hall on Wednesday last week.

Highlight was a fine sixth wicket partnership between John Edwards (44) and Bernie Bishop (32) which saw 98 added in the last 10 overs to post a useful 221-7. Earlier Tim Wearden had contributed 51 and Steve Yates 36.

Yorkshire were restrained by tight bowling from Andy McIlroy (1-25) and Mike Cushion (1-20, both off nine overs), then Gary Dizon came on to take 2-26 and Chris Moore 2-31 and Yorkshire closed well short on 178-8 despite a quality knock of 68 from Andy Auralios

Cheshire hope to take their improved form to Rolleston on Dove to play Derbyshire on Wednesday this week (1.30 pm)

SIXTIES LOSE Holders of the **Spitfire 60 Plus county championship**, Cheshire's grip on the trophy slipped further when they lost their latest game against Derbyshire at Quarndon last Tuesday. They must beat Shropshire at Grappenhall on Tuesday this week (1 p.m.) to retain any chance of progressing to the knock out stages. :

Leading players to Saturday, June 8

LEADING League individual statistics up to and including games on Saturday, June 8 are:

PREMIER LEAGUE: Batting:

Goodwin (Chester)	479 runs
Evans (Neston)	433
Marshall (Bowdon)	423
Roylance (Grappenhall)	406
Duffy (Hyde)	365

Bowling:

Cranmer (Hyde)	26 wickets
oFernando (Oxton)	26
Lomas (Toft)	26
Clarke (Neston)	25
Evans (Oxton)	24

Wicket-keeping

Makin (Hyde)	15 c 1 st = 16
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FIRST DIVISION. Batting

oAyre (Heaton Mersey)	431 runs
De Silva (Christleton)	398
Grewar (Brooklands)	363
Birchall (Brooklands)	361
oBegbie (Bramhall)	317

Bowling

Tharsen (Sale)	33 wickets
Kitzinger (Bramhall)	26
o Nissen (Cheadle Hulme)	21
Wilkinson (Bramhall)	21
Holmes (Cheadle)	21

Wicket-keeping:

Reeh (Cheadle Hulme)	10 c & 4 st = 14
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SECOND DIVISION: batting

o Manning (Stockport)	342 runs
Stevens (Timperley)	322
Ashling (Timperley)	307
oLamb (Congleton)	306
oCornwall (Weaverham)	297

Bowling:

oK. Adams (Warrington)	28 wickets
Page (Timperley)	22
I Grindley (Timperley)	22
oLoubser (Davenham)	22
oCornwall (Weaverham)	21

Wicket-keeping:

Ashling (Timperley)	13c & 2 st = 15.
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TACS Cheshire League update

NORTHWICH lead the **TACS sponsored Cheshire League** First Division by nine points after scraping a one wicket win at Runcorn on Saturday. Upton returned to form with a 103 runs home win over Prestbury and lie third.

RESULTS: Ashton on Mersey 166-1 Winnington Park 165-9 inn. closed; Hale Barns 159 Chester County Officers 161-4; Malpas 84 Romiley 142-8 inn. closed; Mobberley 172-9 inn. closed Oakmere 98; Runcorn 108 Northwich 110-9 inn. closed; Upton 198-4 inn. closed Prestbury 95.

PLACINGS in Division 1 after nine games: 1. Northwich 182 pts.; 2. Mobberley 171; 3. Upton 163; 4. Runcorn 154; 5. Malpas 151; 6. Ashton on Mersey 143; 7. CCO 135; 8. Hale Barns 118; 9. Runcorn 116; 10. Oakmere 93; 11. Winnington Park 90; 12. Prestbury 71. Division 2 leaders: 1. Mere 189; 2. Lindow 183; 3. Woodford 182. Division 3 leaders: 1. Over Peover 177; 2. Disley 170; 3. Barrow 170. Bottom 2: Trafford MV 106; Alderley Park 66.

FIXTURES in Division 1 on Saturday, June 22 (1.30 p.m.): Chester County Officers v Upton; Northwich v Mobberley; Oakmere v Malpas; Prestbury v Runcorn; Romiley v Ashton on Mersey; Winnington Park v Hale Barns.

FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 22

ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)

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

Neville Kent & John Lofthouse
Graham Harris & Paul Herring
David Gane & Glyn Roberts
Ged Kinsey & Steve Walton
Ankit Jain & Chris Smith
Ian Drury & Phil Prince

First Division (1 p.m.)

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

Howard Briggs & Wyn Harris
Ken Rothwell & Gary Zimmer
Ron Bedson & Ian Greensmith
Neville Abberley & Barrie Burns
Ken Simpson & David Stoter
Don Flanagan & John Lowe

Second Division (1 p.m.)

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

Brian Jones & Tony Morris
Peter Hanaby & Mark Turner
Trevor Burnett & Martin Howe
Ray Prescott & Martin Roberts
Bob Cunningham & David Goulding
Stan Davies & Steve Kirkbright

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

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

Clive Rice -
- -
- -
Simon Smith & Club umpire
Allan Lewis -
David Tate -

Last word

THE comments here last week by my veteran Brooklands correspondent Bill Brown have elicited much correspondence not least from umpires and groundsmen.

None other than Nick James, chairman of the Cheshire Association of Groundsmen, writes: "I was interested in what Bill had to say, but I'm afraid he was incorrect: The stumps are NOT placed in the centre of the bowling crease, but the back edge of the bowling crease should go through the middle of the stumps. I also believe that pitches should be marked out correctly and I myself have got it wrong in the past".

Last word from Bill: "Sorry if I was a nuisance; but it seems that I, like many others have misinterpreted the description given in Law 8 and the diagram in the Handbook is wrong".

He is right, it is!

