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Day of upsets as 5 of top 6 beaten

THERE are no undefeated clubs left in the **ECB Premier League** after a day of surprises when the top four - Oxton, Hyde, Neston and Widnes - all had their colours lowered.

Oxton's 100 per cent run was ended by newly-promoted Marple at Townfield Lane by the decisive margin of 118 runs. Andy McGuinness, Marple's talented Melbourne batsman, contributed a remarkable 139 and Gary Cash 40 to a tally of 246 against the usually tight Oxton attack, Andy Birley 4-49 and Ross Dixon 4-88. Oxton were then bundled out for 128, Andy Gibson 35 and the returning Mark Debrabender 30 as spin twins Andy Greasley, 5-70 and Jo Cash, 3-28 weaved their spells.

Neston, the only other undefeated team, lost by five wickets at Alderley Edge where their batsmen mustered a below par 145, Andy Murphy 55. The Parkgate men had no answer to the zippy seam of Jason Whittaker who bowled unchanged to claim figures of 22-10-33-7, while spinner Mark Warnes chipped in with 3-38. Alan Day and Adam Worrall, who had carried their side to victory at Chester the previous week, did it again to clinch a five wickets win with knocks of 50 and 46 respectively.

That Didsbury were able to upset Hyde at Wilmslow road was largely down to a cracking 100 by Phil Critchley in his side's tally of 199-9, Tom Young 5-72. Hyde fell 20 runs short at 179, James Duffy and John Ashley joint top-scoring with 34 while skipper Nick Anderson, with 4-37 and spinner Jonny Fawcett, 3-39 bowled well to earn their side a notable victory.

Late arrival Swapnil makes his mark

Fourth-placed Widnes were well beaten in a one sided game at Urmston which saw the arrival of the home side's Indian all-rounder Swapnil Salvi from Mumbai. Salvi whose flight had landed at Heathrow at 7 a.m. that morning, followed by a dash up the M1 and M6, immediately showed his quality with a rapid innings of 95 off 61 balls including six sixes, the first 50 coming off 39 balls. "It was the best debut I have ever seen from an Overseas player", said thrilled home chairman Rob Arnold.

Urmston totalled 244, Michael Nalesnyik claiming 4-92 after which the Widnes batting collapsed to 84 all out against the left arm pace of Adam Syddall, who had figures of 6-38 off 14 lethal overs.

Champions Nantwich recovered after losing a RedInsure T20 at Grappenhall the previous evening when they trounced Chester Boughton Hall at Whitehouse lane. Opener Jonny Kettle, who played for Leicestershire against Lancashire in a 2nd XI match in mid-week, top-scored with 84 against Ian Linwood, 5-56. Mark Robinson's innings of 43 was the only redeeming feature as CBH were bowled out for 128, Jimmy Warrington 5-40.

Bottom of the table Toft remain the only team still to record a win, their fourth defeat in five being at the hands of Macclesfield at Booths Park. Adam Carolan top-scored with 46 in Toft's insufficient 149, Craig Melrose 3-59. After which Macc coasted home at 150-1, Rick Hough contributing 73 and new Cheshire star Khalid Sawas 63, both not out.

Grappenhall are League's only 100 per centers

GRAPPENHALL became the League's only 100 per centers after scoring their fifth successive victory in **Division One**, but they were hardly favourites to do so after being dismissed for 95 at Heaton Mersey, James McCoy 26 not out, Hassan Rashid 6-28, Rashid Amin 3-30.

But that fighting spirit which had enabled Grappers to win every previous league and cup match this season came to their aid as they bowled their hosts out six runs short, at 89. Aussie all-rounder Jason Smith took 5-8 off 9.2 overs and the experienced former Lancashire and Derbyshire all-rounder Steve Titchard 4-42 off 18. 'Mersey lost their last six wickets for nine runs.

Sale lost their faultless record in a losing draw at Dane Road against Bredbury St. Mark's, who totalled 161-7, Darren Carr 31. Sale held out at 135-9, Jamal Benzafar 46, S. Raja 4-28.

Bowdon improved their challenge with a six wickets home win over old premiership rivals Oulton Park, who struggled to post 122-8 in 50 overs at South Downs Road, Pat Roberts contributing an unbeaten 51 while Simon Marshall claimed 5-45. Mike Bryan-Jones was not out with 50 in Bowdon's reply.

Sood 99no and 4-1 for Christleton

Christleton recorded their first win in a remarkable game at Bollington dominated by their recently-arrived Indian all-rounder Varon Sood. He finished unbeaten on 99 as Christleton posted 234-7, the returning Mo Ali taking 4-24. Bolly were then bowled out for the season's lowest score of 41 in 12.4 overs, club secretary Russ Butcher claiming 6-20 and Sood 4-1 from 10 deliveries. Matt Dawson contributed 24 of the runs while seven other batsmen failed to register and the last four wickets fell without a run being added.

Cheadle Hulme recorded an impressive 58 runs victory over Brooklands at Grove Park in which their Tasmanian all-rounder Tom Briscoe proved the star turn. Briscoe contributed an unbeaten 59 to his side's tally of 208-7, Guyan Narayanan helping him with 53. The Hobart University man then took 4-37 to dismiss Brooklands for 150, although he couldn't get rid of the limpit John Birchall who contributed a stirring unbeaten 90.

Irby beat Bramhall by four wickets at Mill Hill Road to deposit their visitors at the foot of the table. Bramhall managed only 129, Jack Harris 35, Rob Houghton 4-43 and Irby clinched their first win at 130-6, Houghton 53 not out, Simon Wilkinson 5-35.

First win for Timperley in Division Two

TIMPERLEY registered their first win of the season in **Division Two** by the impressive margin of 154 runs at Alvanley, whose skipper Andy Bennion was left cursing his decision to put the visitors in to bat. New Zealand all-rounder Matt Macquet top scored with 89 as Timperley posted an impressive 234-9, then Alvanley were bowled out for 80 by left-arm spinner Ian Grindley with 7-21.

An even lower score was posted by Malpas, who suffered their fifth successive defeat, at Cheadle. They managed just 73, Aussie paceman Matt Grose taking 7-36 off 22 lethal overs. Cheadle went on to win by seven wickets, Greg Dixon 34, Maneesha Nissanka 3-8.

Leaders Congleton held

Leaders Congleton had to be content with a nine draw points at Tattenhall who put up stout resistance at the Flacca. Kevin Waterhouse was again the star of the show for Congleton, his unbeaten 76 plus 44 from Arran Browe helping Congleton close on 170-6. Tatters replied with a spirited 154-8, Andy Morris 41, Waterhouse taking 4-39 off 17 busy overs, plus two catches.

Middlewich managed only seven points from a home draw with Poynton, their visitors posting 175, Nick Berzins 91 not out. With an innings of 57, skipper James Cornford helped Middlewich hold out at 150-9.

Consistent Warrington's third win was by 51 runs at the expense of Upton at Walton Lea. Simon Hewitt, 33, top-scored in Warrington's 158-9, then Upton were ousted for 107, Darren Warburton 47, Kyle Adams 4-40.

The Stockport derby match at Cale Green ended in a draw, the home side winding up 11 - 6 points to the good. Stockport posted 198-7, Tom Facer 57, Ifti Hussein 4-45 and Georgians replied with 142-8, Harry Bailey 69 not out, Facer 3-13.

All Saturday's details

ECB PREMIER LEAGUE

ALDERLEY EDGE (won toss) v NESTON

Neston 145 (44 overs: A. Murphy 55, J. Whittaker 7-33, M. Warnes 3-38);

Alderley Edge 146-5 (37 overs: A. Day 50, A. Worrall 46). *This was a 90 overs match.*

Alderley Edge (25 pts.) beat Neston (6 pts.) by 5 wickets.

DIDSBURY v HYDE (toss)

Didsbury 199-9 (55 overs: P. Critchley 100, T. Young 5-72);

Hyde 179 (- overs: J. Duffy 36, C. Tipper 34, J. Ashley 34, N. Anderson 4-37, J. Fawcett 3-39).

Didsbury (25 pts.) beat Hyde (5pts.) by 20 runs.

NANTWICH (toss) v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL

Nantwich 203-8 (55 overs: J. Kettle 84, I. Linwood 5-56);

Chester 128 (- overs: M. Robinson 43, J. Warrington 5-40).

Nantwich (25 pts.) beat Chester Boughton Hall (4 pts.) by 75 runs

OXTON v MARPLE (toss)

Marple 246 (55 overs: A McGuinness 139, G. Cash 40, A. Birley 4-40, R. Dixon 4-88);

Oxton 128 (51 overs: A. Gibson 35, M. Debrabender 30, A.Greasley 5-70, J. Cash 3-28).

Marple (25 pts.) beat Oxton (4 pts.) by 118 runs.

TOFT v MACCLESFIELD (toss)

Toft 149 (- overs: A. Carolan 46, C. Melrose 3-59);

Macclesfield 150-1 (- overs: R. Hough 73no, K. Sawas 63no).

Macclesfield (25 pts.) beat Toft (0 pts.) by 9 wickets.

URMSTON (toss) v WIDNES

Urmston 244 (55 overs: S. Salvi 95, C. Watson 37, N. Farrow 34, M. Nalesnyik 4-92, S. Moore 3-59);

Widnes 84 (28 overs: A. Syddall 6-38).

Urmston (25 pts.) beat Widnes (3 pts.) by 160 runs.

FIRST DIVISION

BOLLINGTON (won toss) v CHRISTLETON

Christleton 234-7 (50 overs: V. Sood 99no, M. Astbury 42, M. Ali 4-24);

Bollington 42 (13 overs: M. Dawson 24, R. Butcher 6-20, V. Sood 4-1).

Christleton (25 pts.) beat Bollington (4 pts.) by 189 runs

BOWDON (toss) v OULTON PARK

Oulton Park 122-8 (50 overs: P. Roberts 51no, S. Marshall 5-45);

Bowdon 123-4 (- overs: M. Bryan-Jones 50no, G. Parker 34).

Bowdon (25 pts.) beat Oulton Park (1 pt.) by 6 wickets.

CHEADLE HULME v BROOKLANDS (toss)

Cheadle Hulme 208-7 (45 overs: T. Briscoe 59no, G. Narayanan 53, J. Potts 37);

Brooklands 150 (41 overs: J Birchall 90no, T. Briscoe 4-37, P. Balderson 4-42). *This was a 90 overs game.*

Cheadle Hulme (25 pts.) beat Brooklands (5 pts.) by 58 runs.

HEATON MERSEY(toss) v GRAPPENHALL

Grappenhall 95 (29 overs: J. McCoy 26, H. Rashid 6-28, R. Amin 3-30);

Heaton Mersey 89 (40 overs: H. Rashid 27, J. Smith 5-8, S. Titchard 4-42).

Grappenhall (25 pts.) beat Heaton Mersey (4 pts.) by 6 runs

IRBY (toss) v BRAMHALL

Bramhall 129 (49 overs: J. Harris 35, S. Wilkinson 32, R. Houghton 4-43).

Irby 130-6 (49 overs: R. Houghton 53no, S. Wilkinson 5-35).

Irby (25 pts.) beat Bramhall (2 pts.) by 4 wickets

SALE (toss) v BREDBURY ST. MARK'S

Bredbury 161-7 (50 overs: D. Carr 31);

Sale 135-9 (50 overs: J. Benzafar 46, S. Raja 4-28).

Match drawn: Bredbury St. Mark's 10 pts. Sale 5.

SECOND DIVISION

ALVANLEY (won toss) v TIMPERLEY

Timperley 34-9 (50 overs: M. Macquet 89, S. Bramhall 35, M. Fletcher 32, R. Fisher 3-81);
Alvanley 80 (- overs: I. Grindley 7-21).

Timperley (25 pts.) beat Alvanley (4 pts.) by 154 runs.

CHEADLE (toss) v MALPAS

Malpas 73 (43 overs: M. Grose 7-36, P. Sperring 2-17);
Cheadle 76-3 (24 overs: G. Dixon 34, N. Reid 26, M. Nissanka 3-8).

Cheadle (25 pts.) beat Malpas (1 pt.) by 7 wickets.

MIDDLEWICH (toss) v POYNTON

Poynton 175 (- overs: N. Berzins 91no);
Middlewich 150-9 (50 overs: J. Cornford 57).

Match drawn: Poynton 10 pts., Middlewich 7.

STOCKPORT v STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (toss)

Stockport 198-7 (50 overs: T. Facer 57, R. Barber 41, D. Barber 39, I. Hussein 4-45);
Georgians 142-8 (50 overs: H. Bailey 69no, T. Facer 3-13).

Match drawn: Stockport 11 pts., Stockport Georgians 6.

TATTENHALL (toss) v CONGLETON

Congleton 170-6 (50 overs: K. Waterhouse 76no A. Browe 44);
Tattenhall 154-8 (50 overs: A. Morris 41, K. Waterhouse 4-39, plus 2 catches).

Match drawn: Congleton 9 pts., Tattenhall 6.

WARRINGTON v UPTON (toss)

Warrington 158-9 (50 overs: S Hewitt 33, G. Keenan 5-39);
Upton 107 (- overs: D. Warburton 47, K. Adams 4-40, M. Adams 3-12, S. Hewitt 3-22).

Warrington (25 pts.) beat Upton (4 pts.) by 51 runs.

PICK OF WEEK ...

Premier League

Batting: oAndy McGuinness (Marple) 139 v Oxtou
Bowling: J. Whittaker (Alderley Edge) 7-33 v Neston.
All-rounder none recorded

First Division

Batting: oVaron Sood (Christleton) 99no v Bollington
Bowling: Russ Butcher (Christleton) 6-20 v Bollington.,
All-rounder: oV.Sood 99no & 4-1 v Bollington.

Second Division

Batting: Nick Berzins (Poynton) 91no v Middlewich
Bowling: Iamn Grindley (Timperley) 7-21 v Alvanley.
All-rounder: T. Facer (Stockport) 57 and 3-13 v Stockport Georgians.

Two Presidents in the family

HEATON Mersey elected the League's first woman president when secretary Nicola Bennett was elevated to the post at the club's annual meeting.

Nicola will no doubt be taking advice from her father, long-standing 'Mersey member Stan Davies who is President of the League - as well as Chairman of the Cheshire Cricket Board management group and a regular panel umpire.

Tables after five games

<u>ECB Premier</u>	P	W (25)	D (2)	C (7)	L	BAT	BOWL	TOTAL
OXTON	5	4	0	0	1	0	4	104
HYDE	5	3	0	0	2	9	6	90
MARPLE	5	3	0	1	1	0	1	83
ALDERLEY EDGE	5	2	1	1	1	7	6	72
NANTWICH	5	2	1	0	2	10	10	72
NESTON	5	2	1	1	1	4	5	68
WIDNES	5	2	0	1	2	0	6	63
MACCLESFIELD	5	2	0	0	3	6	7	63
CHESTER BO. HALL	5	2	0	0	3	6	5	61
DIDSBURY	5	2	0	0	3	4	5	59
URMSTON	5	2	0	0	3	0	2	52
TOFT	5	0	1	0	4	7	12	21

<u>Division 1</u>	P	W (25)	D (2)	C (7)	L	BAT	BOWL	TOTAL
GRAPPENHALL	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	125
SALE	5	4	1	0	0	0	3	103
BOWDON	5	3	0	1	1	2	2	86
CHEADLE HULME	5	2	0	1	2	8	3	68
OULTON PARK	5	2	0	1	2	2	1	60
BREDBURY ST MK.	5	1	2	0	2	12	13	54
CHRISTLETON	5	1	1	2	1	6	3	50
BOLLINGTON	5	1	1	1	2	8	7	49
BROOKLANDS	5	1	1	1	2	2	10	46
IRBY	5	1	0	1	3	0	7	39
HEATON MERSEY	5	0	2	1	2	3	13	27
BRAMHALL	5	0	0	1	4	4	7	18

<u>Division 2</u>	P	W (25)	D (2)	C (7)	L	BAT	BOWL	TOTAL
CONGLETON	5	3	2	0	0	4	7	90
MIDDLEWICH	5	3	2	0	0	1	8	88
CHEADLE	5	3	1	1	0	0	3	87
WARRINGTON	5	3	0	1	1	0	4	86
STOCKPORT	5	2	2	0	1	12	8	74
POYNTON	5	2	1	2	0	4	4	74
TATTENHALL	5	2	1	0	2	1	5	58
UPTON	5	1	1	0	3	8	8	43
TIMPERLEY	5	1	0	1	3	0	7	39
ALVANLEY	5	1	0	0	4	2	11	38
STOCKPORT GEO.	5	0	2	1	2	2	10	23
MALPAS	5	0	0	0	5	0	11	11

Cheshire no play, but win group

CHESHIRE clinched Group 3 in the **Minor Counties Cup** when Sunday's final game against Herefordshire at Bramhall was cancelled due to the ground being declared unfit 24 hours earlier.

Cheshire will now host the eventual Group 4 runners-up in the quarter-finals on Sunday, June 17 at Toft.

Their three-day championship fixtures begin the previous week-end (Sunday – Tuesday, June 10 – 12) against Shropshire at Bridgnorth.

CHESHIRE CUP UP-DATE

RESULTS of remaining first round games in the **Cheshire Cup**:

Lindow 128 Romiley 129-6; Ashley 138 Hale Barns 135-9; Ashton on Mersey.70 Elworth 71-1.

DRAW for round 2 (Sunday, May 27):

Didsbury v Chester Boughton Hall; Port Sunlight v Grappenhall (June 3); Urmston v Widnes; Chester County Officers v Cheadle Hulme; Oxtou v Toft; Alderley Edge v New Brighton (June 10); Bollington v Romiley; Malpas v Neston; Marple v Ashley; Northwich v Hyde (holders); Nantwich v Sandbach; Middlewich v Warrington (provisionally June 3); Macclesfield v Brooklands; Elworth v Cheadle; Bramhall v Sale; Wallasey v Timperley (TBA).

SHIELD DRAW. First round (June 17): Chelford v Lindow. Second round (July 1): Congleton v Hale Barns; Stockport v Rode Park; Bowdon v Lindow; Heaton Mersey v Poynton; Wilmslow Wayfarers v Ashton on Mersey; Caldý v Upton; Birkenhead Park v Parkfield Lisca.rd.

Information provided by Cheshire Cup organiser Rick Davis.

Vets' cricket

WINNERS of the **Spitfire 60 Plus county championship** in the past two seasons, Cheshire continued their winning sequence when they beat Lincolnshire by six wickets at Chester Boughton Hall on Tuesday last week. Scores: Lincolnshire 161-9 (Bob Yardley 3-55, Chris Lees 2-16, Alan Hitchmough 2-18, Ken Crofton 2-33); Cheshire 164-4 (Andy Hurworth 74no, Chris Leech 30 on debut). Cheshire are next in action against Durham at Cheadle Hulme on Tuesday, May 29 (1.30 p.m.).

Cheshire begin their **50 Plus County championship** group games with the visit of Nottinghamshire to Congleton on Wednesday, May 23 (1.30 p.m.).

Stuart Anderson spots a Cheshire record

PANEL umpire Stuart Anderson writes to *Newsletter* with the following thoughts:

“Your comment about Oulton Park's Rick Moore captaining the Leeds / Bradford UCCE team got me thinking.

Cheshire League chairman Peter Davies and I had an enjoyable day watching Lancashire's game at Fenner's before the league season started (over Easter weekend). Cambridge's captain this season is Rob Woolley of Hyde and with Oxford being led by Widnes' Ben Williams, three of the six University teams are currently being captained by players from the Cheshire County League. This must be a record since the current structure of University cricket was introduced. I doubt whether there will have been two Cheshire captains in the Varsity match at Lord's ever before (there is one day fixture on June 16 followed by a 4-day game in The Parks from Saturday, June 24 and, can you believe it, a T20 match, also in The Parks, on May 25).

“Incidentally, the six major universities who have fixtures against the counties (Cambridge, Oxford, Durham, Loughborough, Cardiff and Leeds/Bradford) have been taken under the MCC's wing as they provide sponsorship. There were several MCC Spirit of Cricket boards round Fenner's on our day there. Under this scheme there is now also a combined MCC Universities team that plays in the County 2nd XI championship during the second half of the season. This year they have a fixture against Lancashire 2nd at Blackpool from July 25 – 27.

There is a strange arrangement whereby some of the University v county fixtures are considered first class and some not. It seems that the 'pre-season' games when the counties field full teams are, but later games are not. I fear, therefore, that Rick Moore's team's victory against Sussex will not count as first class on his cv.”

Enter *The Cricket Paper*

FEATURE of the first issue of *The Cricket Paper* on Wednesday, May 16 was full coverage of all 26 ECB Premier Leagues. The highlighted the scores of the CCL's six Premiership games together with brief reports.

On an adjoining page there was coverage of the East Anglian League in which Saffron Walden beat Cambridge Granta by 90 runs. Former Nantwich record-breaking batsman Glen Batticciotto scored 127 and took 4-43 for Saffron Walden while Rob Woolley hit 75 for the losers. Woolley will be back playing for Hyde shortly..

Also covered is Test, County, Minor Counties and Women's cricket and there was an interesting piece about Worcestershire players in which the virtues of all-rounder Gareth Andrew were extolled. He was described as one of the MVP (Most Valued Players) in the county circuit. Now fully fit, Andrew is back playing first team cricket at Worcester and his appearances for Oxtou may become limited.

RedInsure T20 holders win

HYDE began their defence of the **RedInsure T20** they won so convincingly in 2011 when they beat Cheadle by 110 runs in a 2nd round game at Kingsway on Thursday last week.

It was a busy evening with Marple, Macclesfield, Sale, Bredbury St. Mark's all going through

On Friday, Grappenhall eliminated last season's losing finalists Nantwich, while Neston won at Widnes.

All remaining second round games have been arranged as set out below

Where possible third round fixtures can now be arranged, following which home captains should notify co-ordinator John Hacking (01244 814 110; jhacking@gmail.com) who will appoint umpires.

FULL ROUND 2 DETAILS

SALE beat TIMPERLEY by 28 runs, on Thursday, May 21:

Sale 130-5 (20 overs: D. Halkon 48); Timperley 102 (19 overs: M. Maquet 41, T Tharsan 3-15).

MARPLE beat TOFT by 14 runs, on Thursday, May 17

Marple 144 (20 overs: A. McGuinness 60, A. Hall 30); Toft 130-9 (20 overs: J. Hancock 35, J. Cash 3-28, S. Worrall 5 stumpings).

CHEADLE lost to HYDE by 110 runs, on Thursday, May 17

Hyde 175-6 (20 overs: J. Duffy 58, D. Berry 42, S. Kirwin 38); Cheadle 65 (16 overs: T.Young 5-24, G.Lomax 3-16).

CHEADLE HULME lost to MACCLESFIELD by 8 wickets, on Thursday, May 17

Cheadle Hulme 85-7 (20 overs: A.Wilde 20); Macclesfield 89-4.

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S beat STOCKPORT GEORGIANS by 69runs, on Thursday, May 17

Bredbury 187-5 (20 overs: P.Wood 65no, R. Keyworth 43); Georgians 119-5 (20 overs: A Cole 34, S. Raja 4-17).

GRAPPENHALL beat NANTWICH by 7 wickets on Friday, May 18

Nantwich 110 (19 overs: J. Warrington 25, J. Smith 4-18); Grappenhall 112-3 (16.2 overs: J. McCoy 69no.)

WIDNES lost to NESTON by 33 runs, on Friday, May 18.

Neston 133-6 (20 overs: L. Camden 36, D. Hurst 31); Widnes 100 (20 overs: D. Naughton 37, L. Camden 4-40).

BOWDON lost to BROOKLANDS, by 16 runs, on Sunday, May 20

Brooklands 131-2 (20 overs: J. Birtchall 67); Bowdon 115-8 (20 overs: M. Bryan-Jones 40, C. Potter 4-24).

Played earlier:

UPTON lost to CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL by 14 runs.

OULTON PARK beat TATTENHALL by 7 wickets.

IRBY beat CHRISTLETON by 7 wickets

Remaining games (limit date: Monday, May 28)

Warrington v Middlewich

Tuesday, May 22 @ 6 pm

Urmston v Didsbury

Thursday, May 24 @ 6 pm

Alderley Edge v Poynton

Thursday, May 24 @ 6 pm

Malpas v Congleton

Wednesday, May 23 @ 6 pm.

Alvanley v Oxtan

Wednesday, May 23 @ 6 pm

O Home clubs are reminded that they must telephone the result and details of all games ASAP after close of play to Competition Secretary Mike Talbot-Butler and follow up with a result sheet (posted, faxed or e-mailed) within 72 hours. Umpires' ground reports and captains' reports on umpires are not required for cup games.

ROUND 3 (to be played by Monday, June 25)

Sale v Urmston or Didsbury; Marple v Brooklands; Alderley Edge or Poynton v Hyde; Macclesfield v Bredbury St. Mark's; Grappenhall v Malpas or Congleton; Middlewich or Warrington v Oulton Park; Irby v Chester Boughton Hall; Alvanley or Oxtan v Neston.

T20 PLATE DRAW

DRAW for the 1st round of the **T20 Plate** to be completed by Friday, June 8 is:

Timperley v losers of Urmston v Didsbury; Toft v Bowdon; Losers of Alderley Edge or Poynton v Cheadle; Cheadle Hulme v Stockport Georgians. These games should be arranged as soon as both contestants are known., then contact Jon Hacking in normal way.

Over 40s shock for holders

REIGNING champions Sale Silverbacks lost at home to newcomers Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge in the surprise result of games played on Wednesday, May 16 in the **Over 40s section, sponsored by TailorMade Group Pensions.**

Other new teams also did well, Woodley winning at Bramhall and Ashley at Bowdon Vale Vikings. The Alsager Dabbers v Bowdon result is missing.

Timperley had to concede their second game due to shortage of players, as did Oxton their first, at Neston.

RESULTS

West group:

Neston v Oxton. Oxton could not raise a team and conceded: 4 - 0 pts.

Tattenhall Wreckers beat Upton by 30 runs: 4 – 0 pts:

Tattenhall 130-9 (Nicholls 30, Hope 28); Upton 100-6 (N. Sharrock 30, Jarvis 27).

Warrington lost to Chester Boughton Hall by 5 wickets: 0 – 4 pts.

Warrington 118-3 (Fleetwood 35, Batey 33, Rothwell 29); CBH 120-5 (Steadman 32, Fisher 28, Baker 27, Sleigh 2-18, Fagan-Hall 2-27).

Irby open.

Central group:

Bowdon Vale Vikings lost to Ashley by 5 runs: 0 – 4 pts.

Ashley 105-7 (Sohail 0, Hutton 2-8); Bowdon Vale 100-8 (Bottomley 30).

Davenham lost to Grappenhall by 6 wickets: 0 – 4 pts.

Davenham 106-6 (Hudson 30, Critchley 27); Grappenhall 108-4 (Newell 32, Hudson 31).

Mobberley lost to Toft by 8 runs: 0-4 pts.

Toft 102-6 (Poole 30, Sutcliffe 2-15); Mobberley 84-7 (O'Shea 30, Elwood 2-15).

Played on Thursday: Alsager Dabbers v Bowdon: no information - £15 fine.

North-East group:

Alderley Edge Wizards lost to Cheadle by 36 runs: 0 – 4 pts.

Cheadle 119-7 (Oldfield 30); Alderley Edge 83 (Oldfield 3-12).

Brooklands lost to Cheadle Hulme by 19 runs: 0 – 4 pts.

Cheadle Hulme 148-5 (Battye 35, Dare 30, Brown 30, Brookes 3-20); Brooklands 129-7 (Willard 32, Losse 3-12).

Sale Silverbacks lost to Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge by 9 runs: 0 – 4 pts.

Ladybridge 111-4 (Sayers 35, Lomax 28); Sale 102-9 (Smith 23, Hooton 3-14).

Timperley v Urmston Tigers: Timperley could not raise a team and conceded: 0 – 4 pts.

South East group:

Bramhall lost to Woodley by 8 wickets: 0 – 4 pts.

Bramhall 84-8 (Siddall 30, Middleton 3-10); Woodley 85-2 (Oldland 29, Cocks 28).

Macclesfield lost to Bollington Veterans by 67 runs: 0 – 4 pts.

Bollington 165-6 (Johnson 35, McKernan 33, Frame 3-21); Macclesfield 98-8 (McLoughlin 30).

Poynton Legends beat Marple by 8 wickets: 4 – 0 pts.

Marple 68-8 (Potts 35, Potter 22, Stringer 2-3, Heath 2-9, Walmsley 2-14); Poynton 69-2 (Mullaney 23, Potter 2-14).

Bredbury Saints open.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 FIXTURES (6.15 p.m.)

West group: CBH v Upton; Oxton v Irby; Tattenhall v Neston. Open: Warrington

Central group: Ashley v Davenham; Grappenhall v Bowdon; Mobberley v Alsager; Toft v Bowdon Vale.

North-East group: Cheadle v Brooklands; Cheadle Hulme v Timperley; Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge v Alderley Edge; Urmston v Sale .

South East group Bollington v Bredbury; Marple v Macclesfield; Woodley v Poynton . Open: Bramhall.

O Home clubs must submit results (or cancellations) to the Competition secretary by telephone; fax or e-mail.

National knock out resume

GROUP 6 SECOND ROUND GAMES ON SUNDAY, MAY 20:

Grappenhall 132 (L. McCoy 43); Farnworth 207-9 (G. Burns 3-45, D. Hawke 3-50, 59 extras).

Bamford Fieldhouse v Blackrod;

Farnworth SC 207-9; Bramhall 239-6.

Prestwich lost to Marple

GROUP 7 SECOND ROUND GAMES:

Oxton 100; Neston 101-1 (C Hackett 66, G. Cashin 44).

Leek v Alderley Edge

Bootle v New Brighton

Chester Boughton Hall v Wallasey

May 12 pitch & outfield reports

PREMIER LEAGUE

CBH v Alderley Edge: pitch – 5-4-4-4 = 17; 5-5-5-5 = 20.

Hyde v Toft: 3-4-3-4 = 14; 4-4-4-5 = 17.

Macclesfield v Urmston: 3-3-3-3 = 12 (wet); 5-5-5-34 = 18.

Marple v Widnes: 3-4-4-3 = 14 (wet; late start); 4-4-4-4 = 16.

Neston v Didsbury: 4-4-3-5 = 16; 5-5-5-5 = 20.

Oxton v Nantwich: 4-4-5-4 = 17; 5-5-5-5 = 20.

FIRST DIVISION:

Bramhall v Grappenhall: no result sheet received.

Bredbury v Cheadle Hulme: 4-4-4-4 = 16; 4-5-4-4 = 17.

Brooklands v Bollington: 2 (inconsistent bounce)-4-3-4: 13; 5-5-4-5 = 19.

Christleton v Heaton Mersey: 5-5-4-5 = 19; 5-5-5-5 = 20.

Irby v Bowdon: 4-4-4-4 = 16; 5-5-4-5 = 19.

Oulton Park v Sale: 5-4-5-4 = 18; 5-5-4-5 = 19.

SECOND DIVISION:

Cheadle v Tattenhall: 4-4-4-3 = 15; 5-5-5-5 = 20.

Congleton v Alvanley: 4-4-3-4 = 15; 4-5-4-4 = 17.

Malpas v Poynton: 4-4-3-4 = 15; 5-4-3-3 = 15.

Stockport Georgians v Warrington: 2 (inconsistent bounce) – 4-3-3 = 12; 4-5-5-5 = 19.

Timperley v Stockport: 3-3-3-3 = 12; 4-4-4-4 = 16.

Upton v Middlewich: 4-5-5-5 = 19; 4-4-4-5 = 17.

All umpires reports were submitted to co ordinator Ken Spilsbury.

FINES

Fines for failure to telephone Saturday evening results on May 12 will be imposed on Oxton and Oulton Park.

Bowdon did not provide a scorer at Irby; Bramhall (v Grappenhall) result sheet is still missing.

OVERSEAS REGISTRATION

Alvanley have registered New Zealand all-rounder Jason Schumacher as their Overseas player. Schumacher, 29, hails from the Taupo area of central North Island.

TRANSFERS

Fast bowler Muhammed Ali has rejoined Bollington after starting the season with Weston, reigning champions of the North Staffs and South Cheshire premier league.

Another returning to his former club is Alex Oswell, who moved from Poynton to High Lane in the winter.

Cheshire League round-up

RESULTS of Saturday's games in the First Division of the **Meller Braggins Cheshire League** were:

Hale Barns v Ashton on Mersey cancelled; Mobberley 126 Lindow 129-2; Northwich 182-4 dec. Ashley 123-9; Oakmere 64 Davenham 162-9; Weaverham 123-6 Runcorn 122-8 dec.; Winnington Park 83 Prestbury 99.

Latest placings: 1. Weaverham 107; 2. Davenham 89; 3. Northwich 70; 4. Mobberley 66; 5. Prestbury 61; 6. Ashton on Mersey 60; 7. Hale Barns 55; 8. Ashley 48; 9. Lindow 47; 10. Winnington Park 47; 11. Runcorn 39; 12. Oakmere 37.

Fixtures on Saturday, May 26 (1.30 p.m.): Ashley v Weaverham; Ashton on Mersey v Northwich; Davenham v Winnington Park; Lindow v Oakmere; Prestbury v Hale Barns; Runcorn v Mobberley.

Fixtures & umpires for Saturday, May 26

ECB PREMIER LEAGUE (12.30 p.m.)

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v OXTON
HYDE v ALDERLEY EDGE
MACCLESFIELD v DIDSBURY
MARPLE v URMSTON
NESTON v NANTWICH
WIDNES v TOFT

Alistair Davies & Stan Davies
Derick van Rensberg & Chris Smith
Barrie Burns & John Lofthouse
Ian Greensmith & Tom Park
Ian Drury & Wyn Harris
Phil Prince & Glyn Roberts

DIVISION 1 (1 p.m.)

BRAMHALL v HEATON MERSEY
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S v BOWDON
BROOKLANDS v SALE
CHRISTLETON v CHEADLE HULME
GRAPPENHALL v BOLLINGTON
OULTON PARK v IRBY

Howard Briggs & Jon Hacking
*Kevin Higginbotham-Jones & Ken Rothwell
Garry Hambleton & David Stoter
Bob Cunningham & Ged Kinsey
Dion Kelly & * David Williams
John Lowe & Ray Prescott

DIVISION 2 (1 p.m.)

CONGLETON v CHEADLE
MALPAS v MIDDLEWICH
POYNTON v WARRINGTON
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS v ALVANLEY
TIMPERLEY v TATTENHALL
UPTON v STOCKPORT

Ron Bedson & *Jeff Langham
Trevor Burnett & Steve Kirkbright
Don Flanagan & Chris Moore
Graham Harris & Tom Spencer
Neville Abberley & Gary Zimmer
Tony Morris & Geoff Wellsted

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

ALDERLEY EDGE v HYDE
CHEADLE v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL
DIDSBURY v MACCLESFIELD
NANTWICH v NESTON
TOFT v GRAPPENHALL
URMSTON v BRAMHALL

TBA & no panel umpire available
not available & not available
not available & Club umpire
not available & Club umpire
Club umpire & not available
Club umpire & not available

Last word

SEEN fielding regularly as 12th man for England against West Indies during the first Test at Lord's, most of the time apparently in place of Kevin Pietersen, was MCC Young Cricketer Andy Clarke,

A former Birkenhead School and Oxtton fast bowler, 'young Clarkey' expects to be turning out for Neston when his Lord's duties end in July.

