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Cheshire County Cricket League

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Worrall, Jones and Begbie first Premier League centurions

THE first ECB Premier League centuries of the season were scored in Week 5 on Saturday. They came from the bats of Alderley Edge wicket-keeper Andy Worrall (134 not out against Oxton), England Under 19 star Rob Jones (112 against Neston) and Aussie Matt Begbie, who cracked 134 for Bramhall at Urmston.

Worrall's fine innings was the only one which sparked a victory, Alderley beating Oxton by 103 runs to dominate a tally of 231-8 after recovering from 44-5 (Gayan Fernando 4-94). Oxton were dismissed for 128, Charlie Reid 4-28, sending Oxton to the foot of the table. Umpire Glyn Roberts was taken ill late in the game and the onlooking Chris Smith took over.

Rob Jones helped Toft tally 254-7 in a high-scoring drawn game against Neston at Booths Park, the highlight being his 182 stand for the fourth wicket with co teenager Henry Hughes, 92, with Ash Davis doing his best to stem the tide with a 5-68 return. Neston also batted well to reach 231-8, number six batsman Luke Camden, 93 leading the way and dominating a 101 sixth wicket stand with Dane Williams, 47.

Urmston recorded their first victory since promotion against last season's Division One champions Bramhall after powering to 257, Lewis Jackson 51, Samit Panda 50, Simon Wilkinson 4-61. Bramhall were in with a chance while Begbie was hitting out and his splendid innings of 134 took Bramhall as close as 233.

Hyde cruise on

Hyde maintained their top division's only unbeaten record with an eight wickets demolition of Grappenhall at Broad lane, the home side only managing 136 to which new Cumberland star Adam Roylance contributed 61. The damage was done by Jason Whittaker, 3-50 and Aussie Matt Hanna 3-67. Chris Tipper, 86 and James Duffy, 57 enjoyed an unbroken 130-run partnership after tea – their second inside two days - as Hyde recovered from 9-2 to close on 139-2.

Both Bowdon (Oliver Newby, playing for Essex at Lord's) and Chester Boughton Hall (Jordan Clark, with Lancashire at nearby Old Trafford) were without their county stars when they met at South Downs Road. Chester were able to manage without Clark, but Bowdon could have done with a spearhead to their attack on a bowler-friendly pitch. Chester grafted hard and well for their modest 177, especially skipper Lee Dixon with 54, while his Bowdon counterpart Gareth Edwards gave a fine demonstration of off-spin bowling with a return of 6-40. Bowdon did not appear so keen to graft and had no response to the pace and aggression of Aussie Josh Hendrson, whose 7-22 return was highly praised by Edwards. The losing skipper reported: "He never let up and gave all our batsmen problems. A really good bowler" Bowdon were all out for 81 losing by 96 runs.

Marple recorded their third win in five league games, by eight wickets at Nantwich, who had another off-day, mustering just 105, Jack Good 42, Aussie left arm quickie Matt Whittaker claiming 6-36. Marple coasted home to win by eight wickets inside 23 overs.

DIVISION 1

Cheadle take lead

CHEADLE are clear leaders in Division One for the first time after registering their fourth victory – by eight wickets at home to Middlewich.

Middlewich were restricted to 154-7, James Cornford 48, Will Holmes 3-52, to which Paul Sperring's men replied with 157-2 in 36 overs, Greg Dixon's 88 not out leading the way.

Davenham lost their first league game after promotion - and in 10 months since losing to Stockport last July – when they were beaten at Timperley. Davenham mustered a below par 154, Mark Greaves 54, Colin Grindley 3-29, Chris Page 3-31. Damien Stringer then top scored with 45 as Timperley reached 157-7 and remain unbeaten since winning Division 2 last September.

Didsbury were held to a draw when they failed to dislodge Sale's last pair at Dane road. Josh Beal, 70 led the Didsbury innings to a tally of 190, Rick Halkon 4-47 and Sale held out at 149-9, Nick Anderson 4-22.

There was an impressive first victory for Christleton, thanks largely to outstanding all-rounder Ifti Naseer. He took 7-31 in just 4.4 overs to help dismiss Widnes for 153, Ian Spencer 64. Then Ifti came up with a fine innings of 57 to help his skipper Iro De Silva, 71 not out, complete a seven wickets stroll.

Oulton Park showed their true form at last with a 122 runs victory at Cheadle Hulme led by skipper Rick Moore, who contributed 97 not out to his side's tally of 233-3. He was aided by Lou Bentley, 84 in a second wicket stand worth 141. Cheadle Hulme were bowled out for 111, chiefly by Martyn East, 4-20.

Brooklands go bottom after losing by 92 runs at home to Macclesfield, who were too strong with bat and ball. Skipper Nick Ross, 52, helped Macc total 162, C. Potter 5-47, then the home batsmen were bowled out for 70, former Brooklands all-rounder John Birchall taking 3-15, Jack Ward 3-17 and S. Rana 3-20.

DIVISION 2

Alvanley take lead

AFTER toying with relegation last September, Alvanley have taken the lead in the Second Division following an impressive five wickets home win against Upton.

Upton batted well to total 192-8, Matt Ingram 77, Terry Roberts 4-44, to which Alvanley replied with 194-5 with seven balls to spare, with Andy Hayhurst, 44 not out and Mike Robinson, 43 leading the way.

Stockport are looking good and they lie second after a four wickets win at Congleton, who tallied 132, Tom Blease 58, Mark Green 4-39. Stockport passed that total on 137-6 with nine overs in the bank, Josh Manning 37.

Northwich lost their first game since coming up from the TACS Cheshire League and their batsmen need to find some form after a run of low scores. They were bowled out for 133 by Irby at Moss Farm, top scorer Andy Sefton, 23, with K Pedie claiming 6-44. Hitherto without a win, Irby struggled to 134-7 in reply, Mike Newman 48, Greg Shillinglaw 44, with Sam Shepherd, 6-27 again among the wickets.

Weaverham were held to a losing draw at home by an improved Tattenhall who tallied 192-9, batting first, Ollie Thompson 67, Wilden Cornwall 5-47. Weaverham settled at 130-7, James Lewis 58 not out.

Warrington registered their first victory, at the expense of Bredbury St. Mark's at Walton Lea. Bredbury mustered only 123, record breaking Aussie paceman Kyle Adams returning 6-46 off 21 overs, Warrington came up with 124-1 in response, Chris Kirby 55 not out, Mike Rudd 33.

Things are not looking too good for Poynton, all out for 63 at home to Heaton Mersey and now well and truly stuck in bottom spot with only 18 points from five games. Poynton were bowled out for 63 by Rashid Amin, 4-10 and 'Mersey made light of that with 65-2 inside 20 overs. Time for a return to the crease for Brian Kingham, perhaps?

Saturday's ECB Premier League details

ALDERLEY EDGE (won toss) v OXTON:

Alderley Edge 231-8 (55 overs: A. Worrall 134no, T. Foreman 42, G. Fernando 4-94, G Querl 3-50);
Oxton 128 (36 overs: C Reid 4-28, T Forman 3-10).

Alderley Edge (25 pts.) beat Oxton (3 pts.) by 103 runs

BOWDON (toss) v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL

Chester 177 (52): L. Dixon 54, M Rowland 40, G. Edwards 6-40);
Bowdon 81 (29 overs: P. McKeown 31, J. Hampson 7-22, H Killoran 3-28).

Chester (25 pts.) beat Bowdon (4 pts.) by 96 runs

GRAPPENHALL v HYDE (toss)

Grappenhall 136 (39 overs: A Roylance 61, J. Whittaker 3-50, M Hanna 3-67);
Hyde 139-2 (30 overs: C Tipper 86no, J. Duffy 47no).

Hyde (25 pts.) beat Grappenhall (2 pts.) by 8 wickets

NANTWICH (toss) v MARPLE

Nantwich 105 (31 overs: J.Good 42no, J Whittaker 6-36, A. Whyley 3-43);
Marple 106-2 (23 overs: J Morgan 32no).

Marple (25 pts.) beat Nantwich (0 pts.) by 8 wickets

TOFT v NESTON (toss)

Toft 254-7 (55 overs: R Jones 112, H Hughes 92 = 182 for 4th wicket, A. Davis 5-68);
Neston 232-8 (55 overs: L Camden 93, D Williams 47, A, Saleem 3-24, J. Lomas 3-92).

Toft (14 pts.) drew with Neston (8 pts.)

URMSTON v BRAMHALL (toss)

Urmston 257 (55 overs: L.Jackson 51, S Panda 50, S Wilkinson 4-71, V Tripathi 3-50);
Bramhall 223 (43 overs: M Begbie 134, M. Assi 4-62, M. Parkinson 3-74).

Urmston (25 pts.) beat Bramhall (8 pts.) by 34 runs.

Division 1

BROOKLANDS (toss) v MACCLESFIELD

Macclesfield 162 (47 overs: N. Ross 52, C Potter 5-47, A.J. Hart 3-45);
Brooklands 70 (36 overs: J Birchall 3-15, J. Ward 3-17, S.Rana 3-20).

Macclesfield (25 pts.) beat Brooklands (4 pts) by 92 runs

CHEADLE v MIDDLEWICH (toss)

Middlewich 154-7 (50 overs: J Cornford 48, N. Gill 30, W. Holmes 3-52);
Cheadle 157-2 (36 overs: G.Dixon 88no, N Reid 32).

Cheadle (25 pts.) beat Middlewich (4 pts.) by 8 wickets

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Div 1 continued

CHEADLE HULME (toss) v OULTON PARK

Oulton Park 233-3 (50 overs: R Moore 9mo, L Bentley 84 = 147 for 2nd wicket, P. Roberts 39);

Cheadle Hulme 111 (38 overs: M East 4-20, T Hyslop 3-33).

Oulton Park (25 pts.) beat Cheadle Hulme (2 pts.) by 122 runs

SALE v DIDSBURY (toss)

Didsbury 190 (49 overs: J. Beal 70, M. Marfani 46, R Halkon 4-47);

Sale 149-9 (51 overs: N Anderson 4-22, S Normanton 3-49).

Drawn: Didsbury 13 pts. Sale 7 pts.

TIMPERLEY (toss) v DAVENHAM

Davenham 154 (45 overs: M. Greaves 54, D. Price 34, C. Page 3-31, C Grindley 3-29);

Timperley 157-7 (51 overs: D. Stringer 45, C Grindley 30, D Hancock 3-41).

Timperley (25 pts.) beat Davenham (7 pts.) by 3 wickets

WIDNES (toss) v CHRISTLETON

Widnes 153 (41 overs: I Spencer 64, I Naseer 7-31); Christleton 155-3 (33 overs: I De Silva 71no, I. Naseer 57).

Christleton (25 pts.) beat Widnes (5 pts.) by 7 wickets

Division 2

ALVANLEY (won toss) v UPTON

Upton 192-8 (50 overs: M Ingram 77, D. Warburton 48, A Roberts 35, K Roberts 4-44);

Alvanley 194-5 (48.5 overs: A Hayhurst 44no, M. Rowlands 43, S. Gee 41, M Ingram 3-34)

Alvanley (25 pts.) beat Upton (8 pts.) by 5 wickets

CONGLETON v STOCKPORT (toss)

Congleton 132 (49 overs: T Blease 58, M Green 4-39, J Manning 3-8);

Stockport 133-6 (42 overs: J Manning 37, J Copeland 3-49).

Stockport (25 pts.) beat Congleton (4 pts.) by 4 wickets

NORTHWICH v IRBY (toss)

Northwich 133 (K Pedie 6-44);

Irby 134-7 (38 overs: G. Shillinglaw 44, Mike Newman 48, S. Shepherd 6-27).

Irby (25 pts.) beat Northwich (5 pts.) by 3 wickets

POYNTON v HEATON MERSEY (toss)

Poynton 63 (31 overs: R Amin 4-20); Heaton Mersey 65-2 (19 overs).

Heaton Mersey (25 pts.) beat Poynton (0 pts.) by 8 wickets.

WARRINGTON (toss) v BREDBURY ST. MARK'S

Bredbury 123 (49 overs: C Nuttall 34, K. Adams 6-46); Warrington 124-1 (41 overs: C Kirby.55no, J Rudd 33.

Warrington (25 pts.) beat Bredbury (2 pts.) by 9 wickets

WEAVERHAM v TATTENHALL (toss)

Tattenhall 192-9 (50 overs: O. Thomson 67, J. Gibbon 43, W Cornwall 5-47);

Weaverham 130-7 (50 overs: J. Lewis 58no, W. Cornwall 36, O. Williamson 3-34).

Tattenhall (12 pts.) drew with Weaverham (6 pts.).

All played 5 games

ECB Premier League	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
	(25)	(16)	(3)	(2)	(1)	(7)				
HYDE	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	107
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	104
*ALDERLEY EDGE (3)	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	3	88
MARPLE	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	87
BOWDON	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	4	83
TOFT	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	12	6	72
GRAPPENHALL	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	53
NESTON	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	9	10	45
*BRAMHALL (3)	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	12	45
URMSTON	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	10	43
NANTWICH	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	10	2	39
OXTON	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	8	12	23

* Points deducted for slow over rates

First Division	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
CHEADLE	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	107
DIDSBURY	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	6	4	95
TIMPERLEY	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	9	6	93
DAVENHAM	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	3	89
MACCLESFIELD	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	85
CHEADLE HULME	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	6	64
SALE	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	9	8	53
OULTON PARK	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	8	6	47
CHRISTLETON	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	8	4	44
WIDNES	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	28	9	42
MIDDLEWICH	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	18	10	31
BROOKLANDS	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	13	6	27

Second Division	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
ALVANLEY	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	12	4	96
STOCKPORT	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	8	2	88
NORTHWICH	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	87
WEAVERHAM	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	8	86
CONGLETON	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	79
* HEATON MERSEY (4)	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	73
TATTENHALL	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	14	8	60
* WARRINGTON	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	6	51
UPTON	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	20	6	51
IRBY	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	4	13	43
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	7	42
POYNTON	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	9	18

* Points deducted for slow over rates.

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Ground reports for Saturday, May 10

ECB Premiership

Bramhall v Hyde: cancelled
Chester v Grappenhall: pitch 18 outfield 20;
Marple v Alderley Edge: cancelled
Neston v Bowdon: 16 – 20;
Oxton v Toft: no result sheet received;
Urmston v Nantwich: 17 – 19.

First Division

Christleton v Brooklands: cancelled
Davenham v Cheadle: pitch 17 outfield 17;
Didsbury v Oulton Pstk: cancelled
Macclesfield v Timperley: no result sheet received
Middlewich v Cheadle Hulme: 17 – 20;
Sale v Widnes: 16 – 18.

Second Division

Bredbury v Northwich: pitch 17 outfield 18;
Heaton Mersey v Stockport 16 – 20.
Irby v Weaverham: 16 – 17.
Poynton v Warrington : cancelled
Tattenhall v Aslvanley: 18 – 19.
Upton v Congleton: 13 – 18.

OUTSTANDING RESULT SHEETS

April 26: Didsbury v Middlewich; Macclesfield v Cheadle Hulme. **Msy 3:** May 10: Oxton v Toft; Macclesfield v Timperley. Please submit ASAP.

UMPIRES' REPORTS MISSING:

May 3: Christleton; May 10: Nantwich

Lashings' Oxton date

OXTON announce that the Lashings International XI – this year including recently-retired England spinner Graham Swann - will be returning to play an exhibition match at Townfield Lane on Friday, June 20.

Chairman Mark Cashin tells *Newsletter*: “One or two corporate tables are still available and anyone interested should contact me at mark.cashin@btopenworld.com or by telephone on 07889 433 817 or at 0151 653 0241. We shall be delighted to see as many spectators as possible and hopefully make the event as successful as last year”

Bright start to RedInsure T20

THE League's own Big Bash – the RedInsure T20 - got off to a bright start with all eight group games played in sunshine last Thursday.

Shock result was the defeat of Premiership Marple by Division 2 Stockport at Cale Green, while Chris Tipper took the individual honours with a century for Hyde against Cheadle Hulme at Werneth Low. Details:

GROUP 1

Chester Boughton Hall (2 pts.) beat Warrington by 133 runs:

Chester 241-6 (20 overs: W. Goodwin 55, R Dixon 41); Warrington 108-6 (20 over): B McIntosh 34)..

Davenham (2 pts.) beat Northwich by 8 wickets:

Northwich 73 (20 overs: G Cherian 25); Dsvenham 75-2 (14 overs: J Loveridge 28).

GROUP 3:

Hyde (2 pts.) beat Cheadle Hulme by 78 runs:

Hyde 226-3 (20 overs: C. Tipper 100, J. Duffy 73 = 150 stand for 3rd wicket); Cheadle Hulme 148-6 (20 overs: A Wilde 43).

Stockport (2 pts.) beat Marple by 5 wickets:

Marple 95-9 (20 overs: J Crisall 32, J.Manning 3-16); Stockport 96-5 (19 overs: G Barber 36no).

GROUP 5:

Upton lost to Oxton (2 pts.) by 2 runs:

Oxton 131-7 (20 overs: G Querl 30, M. McCreery 30, I. Sharrock 3-17); Upton 129-9 (20 overs: A. Robinson 30, G. Fernando 3-24).

Widnes (2 pts.) beat Irby by 7 wickets:

Irby 107-6 (20 overs: G Shillinglaw 47, D Naughton 3-23); Widnes 109-3 (17 overs: D Naughton 42, L McCoy 34no)

GROUP 7:

Didsbury (2 pts.) beat Bredbury St. Mark's by 80 runs:

Didsbury 171-3 (20 overs: J Beal 66, S. Normanton 40, N.Anderson 33); Bredbury 91-5 (20 overs)

Poynton lost to Toft (2 pts.) by 9 wickets:

Poynton 70-9 (20 overs: A. Saleem 3-9); Toft 71-1 (14.3 overs: J Hancock 24no, A Bajwa 24),.

Fixtures & umpires for Thursday, May 22 (6 p.m.)

GROUP 2:

OULTON PARK v ALVANLEY

Steve Duckers & Garry Zimmer

TATTENHALL v NESTON

Jon Hacking & David Williams

GROUP 4

ALDERLEY EDGE v TIMPERLEY

Paul Herring & Nigel Simms

SALE v BRAMHALL

^Brian Boys & Graham Harris

GROUP 6

BROOKLANDS v URMSTON

David Gane & David Goulding

CHEADLE v GRAPPENHALL

Peter Davies & Phil Prince

GROUP 8

CONGLETON v MACCLESFIELD

Neville Kent & John Lowe

MIDDLEWICH v NANTWICH

Neville Abberley & Barrie Burns

Tons from Moore and Goodwin as ...

CHESHIRE WIN AGAIN – AND QUALIFY

CHESS Telecom Cheshire followed up their **Unicorns Knock out** victory over Cumbria with a comprehensive 127 runs defeat of traditional rivals Shropshire at Oswestry on Sunday.

Man of the match was Chester Boughton Hall's Warren Goodwin who scored 105 and helped Rick Moore (120 not out) put on 161 for the third wicket after the early loss of Khalid Sawas and Danny Berry. With wicket-keeper Pat Roberts adding a brisk, unbeaten 27 Cheshire closed on a daunting 312-7 from their 50 overs.

When Shropshire batted, they also lost two early wickets, but were not allowed to recover and eventually lost their last three batsmen with the score on 185, Goodwin snapping up all three wickets for one run. Nick Anderson did the early damage with an impressive 3-36 and Danny Woods claimed 2-25.

Despite having their opening fixture away to Northumberland rained off, Cheshire have now qualified for the quarter-finals and will top their group if they beat Lincolnshire at Bramhall in their final game on Sunday (11 a.m.).

Bramhall chairman Ian Milligan says the club expect a large crowd for the match which is being sponsored by stalwarts Peter Babbage and groundsman Richard Cragg.

LANCS BEATEN AT SALE

CHESHIRE Development XI pulled off a shock and dramatic one wicket victory over their Lancashire counterparts at Sale last Thursday.

Lancashire slumped to 92-9 before a last wicket stand worth 85 between Adnan Ghaus (43) and Gavin Griffiths (30) took them to 177. Two wickets each were taken by Tyrone Lawrence, Ash Davis, Jack Ward, and Will Holmes.

Cheshire were going well in reply with 31 from Calum Rowe and 25 to Will Evans, but after 25 from Lawrence, one of four home players, there was a collapse to 170-9 before Matt Spells (19) and Will Holmes (2) pulled them through at 178-9, helped by 32 extras. Cheshire also beat the Red Rose men at Sale last season.

More overseas players

LATEST Overseas registrations (new total 32)

NORTHWICH: Jackson Watts, aged 20, Australian all-rounder

POYNTON: Paul Lombardi, 19, Australian left hand batsmen

TRANSFER: Luke McCoy, originally from Grappenhall to Warrington, has now joined Widnes.

Death of three stalwarts

CHESTER Boughton Hall announce the deaths of two outstanding and long-serving members. They are John Thistlewood, 65, who played for the 3rd and 4th Xis for many years who also did great service off the field. His sons, Richard and Ian are playing members.

Also David Robinson, a leading Labour councillor in Chester, who played 2nd XI cricket until recently.

Christleton have lost Spencer Edwards, a former 2nd and 3rd XI cricketer, who enjoyed many years as an umpire and presented the club with their new electronic scoreboard in 2012. He was 82.

Wrong Newman !

NEWSLETTER last week attributed a 6-31 return against Weaverham to Irby bowler Mike Newman.

This should have read Mark Newman as the younger of the clan has duly notified us. "My Dad Mike hasn't taken six wickets in his life, never mind in one game", chortles the newest of the Newmans.

Alderley win as Cheshire Cup round 2 begins

THE second round of the **Cheshire Cup** got under way on Sunday when Alderley Edge scored a thrilling, last over victory at Wallasey.

Wallasey totalled 220-5 (Andy Windle 3-39). In reply, Alderley's Charlie Reid scored 40, Callum Rowe 38 and Mark Currie 39 before 44 was needed off the last six overs and finally 13 off the last. Chris Cook hit a six and a four, followed by two wides and a single and the visitors had won by two wickets.

Remaining games are on Sunday, May 25 unless stated:

Timperley v Nantwich; Urmston v Weaverham (Sunday, June 1); Oxton v Upton; Widnes v Hale Barns; Chester Boughton Hall v Elworth (Sunday, June 1); Grappenhall v Oulton Park; Davenham v Bollington; Didsbury v Bowdon; Macclesfield v Congleton; Toft v Bramhall (Sunday, June 1); Wilmslow Wayfarers v Marple; Hyde v Birkenhead Park (Sunday, June 1); Romiley v New Brighton; Brooklands v Neston; Stockport v Parkfield Liscard.

CHESHIRE SHIELD

First round games in the **Cheshire Shield** on Sunday, June 1 are:

Stockport Trinity v Ashton on Mersey; Warrington v Bredbury St. Mark's; Port Sunlight v Disley; Byes: Cheadle, Hawk Green, Rode Park & Lawton, Ashley, Northwich.

Information provided by competition organiser Barrie Burns.

VETS' HIT BY RAIN

CHESHIRE Fifties' match in Cumbria was postponed on Wednesday last week due to rain and has been re-arranged for Wednesday, June 5.

Cheshire are due to meet Northumberland at Alderley Edge on Wednesday this week (1.30 p.m.).

The County Over Sixties team had their visit to Yorkshire at East Bierley last Tuesday curtailed due to rain after 34 overs by which time Yorkshire had reached 148-2.

The new fixture date is August 5, again at East Bierley.

On Tuesday this week, Cheshire visit Shropshire at Knockin and Kinnerley CC (1.30 p.m.).

High Lane CC folds

HIGH LANE Cricket Club, members of the Derbyshire & Cheshire League, has ceased to exist.

The club where Neil O'Brien, Garry Cash and the late, lamented Noel Smith began their careers, has been struggling for several seasons. Their ground is to be used for 2nd XI cricket by neighbouring Norbury for the remainder of the season.

THIRD XI FINALS. The Third XI Jack Gardner Cup Finals Day is to be staged at Urmston on Sunday, August 31.

It's Talent Night (off the field) at Chester

CHESTER are staging a **Boughton Hall's Got Talent** night in their pavilion on Saturday starting at 8 p.m. and all are invited to watch or to take part - if the latter, please contact Phil Thomas in advance at 07842 190 525

Three Forties games conceded

ALL games in the **Over 40s section** were played on Wednesday evening, May 14 except those involving Caldly (home to Upton), Ashley (home to Toft) and Mobberley (at Grappenhall) who all conceded due to shortage of players.

RESULTS

WEST GROUP

Caldly conceded to Upton (4 pts.)

Chester Boughton Hall (4 pts.) beat Oxton by 7 wickets:

Oxton 139-5 (Money 32, Williams 30, Kumar 27); CBH 142-3 (Robinson 33, Cotterill 32, Gillson 30).

Irby lost to Neston (4 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Irby 83-8 (D Newman 31); Neston 84-3 (G Lea-Swain 25).

Tattenhall Wreckers (4 pts.) beat Warribntfrton by 20 seickdetsd:

Warrington 67-8 (Rothwell 29, Knight 4-6, Ferriday 2-16); Tattenhall 71-0 (Kettle 30).

CENTRAL: GROUP

Alsager Dabbers (4 pts.) beat Bowdon Vale Vikings by 9 wickets:

Bowdon Vale 76-9 (Newnes 4-20); Alsager 79-1 (Price 32).

Ashley conceded to Toft (4 pts.)

Bowdon (4 pts.) beat Davenham by 43 runs

Bowdon 142-1 (Shenkman 35, Cranmer 31, Sinclair 31, Thompson 40); Davenham 99-8 (Gough 30, Burgess 3-23)

Grappenhall (4 pts.) v Mobberley conceded.

NORTH EAST GROUP:

Alderley Edge Wizards (4 pts.) beat Brooklands by 32 runs:

Alderley Edge 132-3 (Cheetham 31); Brooklands 100-4 (Steward 34).

Ashton on Mersey lost to Cheadle (4 pts.) by 62 runs:

Cheadle 132-6 (Rocky 33, Hall 28); Ashton on Mersey 70-9 (Miners 32)..

Sale Silverbacks lost to Urmston Tigers (4 pts.) by 57 runs:

Urmston 171-6 (Higginbottom 33, Tootell 30); Sale 114.

Timperley lost to Cheadle Hulme (4 pts.) by 3 runs

Cheadle Hulme 98-5; Timperley 95-7 (Unsworth 3-26),

SOUTH-EAST GROUP

Bollington Veterans lost to Bredbury Saints (4 pts.) by 54 runs:

Bredbury 158-2 (Bashford 31, Coulson 30, Bass 27); Bollington 104-7 (Plant 22, Barlow 4-23).

Marple (4 pts.) beat Macclesfield by 21 runs:

Marple 84-7 (Hayward 32, Frame 3-16); Macclesfield 63-8 (Duffy 32, Merrygold 31).

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Forties SE group continued

Offerton lost to Bramhall (4 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Offerton 100 (Kirkham 31); Bramhall 102-3 (Duffy 32, Merrygol 31).

Woodley lost to Poynton Legends (4 pts.) by 5 wickets:

Woodley 84-6 (Abbott 22, Goodwin 20, Turnbull 2-18, Kingham 2-19); Poynton 85-5 (Saddington 24, Middleton 2-5, Hotson 2-12).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 FIXTURES (6.15 p.m.)

WEST: Neston v Chester; Oxton v Irby; Upton v Tattenhall; Warrington v Irby.

CENTRAL: Bowdon Vale v Grappenhall; Davenha, v Ashley; Mobberley v Alsager; Toft v Bowdon

NORTH-EAST: Brooklands v Timperley; Cheadle v Sale; Cheadle Hulme v Alderley Edge; Urmston v Ashton on Mersey.

SOUTH-EAST: Bredbury v Woodley; Macclesfield v Offerton; Marple v Bramhall (re-arranged); Poynton v Bollington.

Chester through in National

CHESTER Boughton Hall beat Neston by seven wickets to reach the third round of the **National Club championship** on Sunday.

Group 5: Urmston conceded to Leigh; Bowdon v Hyde not to hand.

Group 6: Neston 217-8 (Dane Williams 62, Bob Evans 3-31); CBH 221-3 (Mark Rowlands 82, Ollie Law 75no); Ormskirk beat Knypersley; Nsntwich v Bootle.not to hand.

Georgians steam ahead in TACS League

DEMOTED Stockport Georgians continue to set the pace at the top of the **TACS Partnership Cheshire League** First Division, beating Chester County Officers by eight wickets in their latest game, to top the table by 33 points. .

RESULTS Ashton on Mersey 145-9 Mobberley 148-9 (drawn); Bollington 162-3 Oakmere 159-8 dec.; Hale Barns 113-3 Lindow 109; Romiley 188-8 dec. Malpas 161-9; Runcorn 176-2 Prestbury 174; Stockport Georgians 151-2 Chester County Officers 148.

Division 1 points to date:

1. Stockport Georgians 120
2. Ashton on Mersey 87
3. Mobberley 81
4. Romiley 79
5. Bollington 69
6. Malpas 67
7. Runcorn 57
8. Hale Barns 56
9. CCO 55
10. Oakmere 53
11. Prestbury 48
12. Lindow 31.

Division 1 fixtures on Saturday, May 24 (1.30 p.m.): Chester County Officers v Bollington; Lindow v Stockport Georgians; Malpas v Ashton on Mersey; Mobberley v Runcorn; Oakmere v Romiley; Prestbury v Hale Bsrns.

Information kindly provided by Cheshire League chairman Graham Coull.

**WEEK 6: LEAGUE FIXTURES & UMPIRES
FOR SATURDAY, MAY 24**

ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)

BRAMHALL v GRAPPENHALL (12 noon)
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v TOFT
HYDE v BOWDON
MARPLE v URMSTON
NESTON v ALDERLEY EDGE
OXTON v NANTWICH

Howard Briggs & Geoff Wellsted
Trevor Burnett & Dion Kelly
Chris Smith & Steve Walton
David Goulding & Paul Herring
Barrie Burns & Ged Kinsey
Don Flanagan & David Gane

First Division (1 p.m.)

CHRISTLETON v SALE
DAVENHAM v BROOKLANDS
DIDSBURY v CHEADLE HULME
MACCLESFIELD v WIDNES
MIDDLEWICH v TIMPERLEY
OULTON PARK v CHEADLE

Ken Simpson & Tom Spencer
Darrin Clark & Ian Greensmith
Graham Harris & Wyn Harris !
Phil Prince & Simon Smith
Brian Boys & John Lofthouse
Tony Morris & Ray Prescott

Second Division (1 p.m.)

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S v POYNTON
HEATON MERSEY v CONGLETON
IRBY v WARRINGTON
STOCKPORT v ALVANLEY
TATTENHALL v NORTHWICH
UPTON v WEAVERHAM

Bob Cunningham & David Tate
Graham Pugh & Clive Rice
Alan Hay & John Lowe
Neville Abberley & David Stoter
Peter Davies & Steve Kirkbright
Ken Rothwell & Mark Turner

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

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

Panel ump not available & Club umpire
Garry Hambleton & Club umpire
Martin Roberts & panel ump not available
Neville Kent & Brian Joes
Ian Wilson & panel ump not available
Panel umps not available

A message from Cheshire Cricket Board

THE following message from Cheshire Board secretary David Sharp is strongly endorsed by the officers of the VIVIO Cheshire County League.

He writes: "In an era when participation levels are of concern to all sports administrators, it is vital that we record accurate data to convince Sport England to continue with crucial investment in ECB to the benefit of all in the grass roots game.

ECB and the Cheshire Cricket Board regard Play-Cricket as a leading source of information to establish accurate participation levels in each club. It is therefore increasingly important that all clubs enter complete scorecard details for all their teams from Under 13 to seniors onto their play-cricket website, which can then be collated on a national, regional and local level.

This also gives all players and lovers of the game the chance to view weekly results, as well as their own and others stats and we would urge players to register on their club sites, to create a more interactive relationship between members and Play-Cricket.

2014 National Player survey

The 2013 National Player survey produced some interesting results and led to clubs and leagues reviewing the format of their game. This was achieved with a response of more than 800 replies from Cheshire.

The survey will be repeated in 2014 opening on June 1 and annually thereafter and the Board are keen to have a comprehensive response from all junior players of 14 plus and seniors - lapsed or still playing- to maintain an picture of their views and aspirations for the game.

To this end, the Board ask ALL Cheshire clubs to encourage their members to complete the survey and give us the clearest picture possible.

The Board will publicise the results of the survey across all elements of social media – including this Newsletter".

10 Years Ago

From *Newsletter of May 21, 2004*

CHEADLE Hulme's Grove Park became the fourth league ground inside a month to be raided. The intruders entered pounced as the steward and his staff were locking up, getting away with a 'substantial amount' of cash. There had been similar, though less violent, intrusions at Congleton, Didsbury and Cheadle and clubs were urged to call in police safety officers for professional advice.

INDIAN spin twins Ibra Ali and Bapa Mukherjee, with 4-31 and 4-50 respectively, were the star turns in Widnes' 41 runs win which pushed Alderley Edge to the foot of the Premier League. There were nine lbws in the game.

MATURE student at Chester College, Maof Khan was the star turn for Christleton in their First Division win at Bikenhead Park chasing 184-8. Maroof scored an effortless unbeaten 100.

CHEADLE became the first club in the league to top 100 points with a home win over Bollington thanks to Melbourne-based quickie Peter Manser, who took a best of season 8-63.

MACCLESFIELD'S personality policeman Danny Ackerley reviewed the club progress in an interview on Silk FM Radio.