

**2014 NEWSLETTER NO. 22: SEPTEMBER 13***CBH do club & League proud by winning National t20*

CHESTER Boughton Hall climaxed a wonderful season of virtual non-stop cup success when they won the **NatWest sponsored ECB National Club t20 final** on the Northamptonshire county ground at Wantage road last Tuesday.

Inspiring skipper Lee Dixon and his team can now look forward to an all-expenses paid October trip to La Manga in Spain for a final cricket fling before the onset of winter.

Chester were in command all day at Northampton, beating the North Yorks & South Durham League's Great Ayton in the semi-final before outclassing Ashted of the Surrey championship's Division 2 in the final before a large crowd of delighted supporters.

Said skipper Lee Dixon - Man of the Match for his inspiring innings of 81 off 47 balls: "When we reported for pre-season nets we made winning this competition our number one objective and we have gone to achieve that. It's been a special day for all the players and the supporters who have come down here to back us brilliantly. We hope we've done the League proud".

The CBH website received 20,000 hits in the three days after the game with congratulations pouring in from throughout the country.

Five minutes of highlights are currently available on the club website while Sky will deliver their promised highlights package with a 90 minute programme on Sky Sports 3 from 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 20 and again at 6 p.m.

*Full details of Chester's great day - and yet another trophy - are on page 6*

## **HYDE CHAMPIONS AT LAST !**

HYDE deservedly clinched their first **ECB Premier League** title on the final day of the season when they beat Marple by 10 wickets in rapid time before a delighted crowd at Werneth Low.

Twenty four hours later chairman Paul Chorlton released the news that one of the club's former outstanding players, York spinner Danny Woods would be returning in 2015. Danny has captained York to five Yorkshire League titles and also become a leading wicket taker for Cheshire in Minor Counties cricket, leading them to the title in 2013. Paul adds: "Many thanks to all who have offered their congratulations on our title – it's been a long time coming. With Danny back we may have a better chance of retaining it in 2015".

Marple were undone by superb seam bowling by the ageless Jason Whittaker (21.6-56-6) and Aussie Matt Hanna (18-7-49-4) who wound up with 63 victims on his UK debut. Only Mark Bennett, 43, put up any real resistance.

Hyde openers Khalid Sawas (75: 16 fours and a six) and Dave Fitzsimmons (32: seven fours) went about their team's response with a flourish and had the match won inside 17 overs. Sawas saw the season off in spectacular style with an outrageous 'DilsScoop' into the trees which he admitted he has never been bold enough to play before.

Hyde's record since mid-season reads 8 wins and 2 draws (with 1 cancelled) and as they have beaten runners-up Chester at home and away it can fairly be said that they deserve their long overdue title.

Skipper Danny Berry, who nowadays doubles up as groundsman, commented: "We were determined to make it this season. We've worked hard at our fielding and taken many good catches near the wicket. Despite losing some key players, we replaced them well and everyone has played his part".

As for Marple, who slipped to a final placing of ninth with this defeat, they need to stiffen their resolve in 2015 and possibly recruit an overseas player with greater all round skills. Andrew Hall remains a fine batsman and should, please, abandoned his threat to retire.

Runners-up Chester made no mistake against bottom club Oxton, winning by six wickets at Filkins Lane chasing 145 (Gayan Fernando 43, Josh Henderson 5-57). An impatient Warren Goodwin blasted 86 out of 146-4, his 42-ball knock containing 15 fours and six sixes

### **Third place for Toft youngsters**

Plaudits to Toft for their best placing of third after a four wickets win at Alderley Edge chasing 221 (Adam Worrall 75, Jimmy Lomas 5-76). England U19s' Rob Jones top-scored with 83 not out in Toft's response of 223-6. Toft fielded seven players under 18 to prove the success of their youth policy.

Neston completed a remarkable second-half rally with a two wickets win at fourth-placed Bramhall. Matt Hughes top scored with 73 in Bramhall's 223-8, before Neston answered with 224-8, Will Evans 64 to take fifth spot.

Grappenhall wound up with their first win in 11 games by beating relegated Urmston at Broad Lane. They chased a meagre 120 (Sam Guest 6-49, Gary Burns 4-37) with a response of 123-4, James McCoy 44

Nantwich finished well clear of trouble largely due to the contributions of young Lancashire all-rounder Liam Livingstone who performed another notable double in a six wickets win at Bowdon, whom they bowled out on a responsive wicket for 105, Livingstone 4-24, Ollie Griffiths 3-4. The Dabbers replied with 108-4, LL's unbeaten 52 again taking the eye, while Chris Ashling completed a fine season's work with 4-40.

**DIVISION 1**

## **Champions Macc go up with Cheadle**

MACCLESFIELD have won the **First Division** title – and with it promotion back to the Premiership after one season – by 37 points from runners-up Cheadle.

Superbly led all season by Melbourne top grade batsman Nick Ross, they cantered to a 155 runs victory at Middlewich to clinch the championship in style. John Birchall hit a rapid 125 and with skipper Ross, 74, added 157 for the second wicket in a tally of 266-5. Middlewich, who fell away in the second half of the campaign, were bowled out for 111, James Cornford 32, Rob Porter 3-13.

Cheadle clinched the runners-up spot by the even more overwhelming margin of 174 runs at home to Widnes after posting an awesome 262-8, Nick Reid 70, Dan Brown 60, with teenage Widnes spinner Jamie McCurdy claiming 5-85.

Season-long strugglers, Widnes were bowled out for 88, Alec Hewitt contributing a spirited 40, with Adam Wadworth taking 4-21. Skipper Paul Sperring can take plaudits for leading his side so well and making many worthwhile contributions with bat and ball.

Didsbury are left to ruminate on what might have been after securing third place with a spectacular eight wickets home win over Davenham. Their visitors scored 193, Mike Sambell 63, Jamie Fawcett 4-57. Then home skipper Nick Anderson played one of the innings of the season, his role in a response of 194-2 being an unbeaten 144 off 73 balls, including 14 fours and 11 sixes - that's 122 in boundaries. Details of Davenham's bowling returns have been lost in transmission !

Oulton Park continued their late flourish with a two wickets win in an enjoyable game at Little Budworth which went to the wire. Visitors Christleton smashed 263-5, with 100 not out from the excellent Iroshan de Silva. Oulton responded with 266-8 with one ball remaining, Pat Roberts 71, Tom Hyslop 54, Nick James 49 not out.

Sale confirmed a creditable fourth place with a four runs win against Cheadle Hulme at Grove Park. Chris Canning's well played 51 helped Sale post an average 155 (Jonathan Burton 5-66). But this was proved too many for their hosts, all out for 151, Rick Halkon 5-56, with two of their 58 overs remaining

Timperley registered an impressive 126-runs home win over neighbours Brooklands after declaring at 261-8, Mike Rudd 117, Josh Hampson 55. Brooklands were dismissed for 135, Damien Stringer 5-23. Skipper Stephen Bramahll donned the gloves and pulled off his 600<sup>th</sup> league dismissal – a record which will surely stand long after the author of these notes has departed this mortal coil.

**DIVISION 2:**

## **Defiant Heaton Mersey relegated**

SADDEST result of the day in **Division Two** was the defeat –albeit a defiant one by only 16 runs – of founder-members Heaton Mersey, which confirms their drop into the TACS Partnership Cheshire League for 2015 after 40 seasons' continuous membership of the pyramid's top flight.

Badly beaten by champions Weaverham the previous week, 'Mersey put up a spirited fight against newly-promoted visitors Tattenhall, losing their last wicket at 218 with two balls of the game remaining after their hosts had compiled 234-9, Kiwi Dan Power scoring 93 and 14 year-old Henry Dobson 53, his maiden half-century, with Ian Hughes taking 4-52. A fine knock of 72 by Hassan Rashid raised the hosts' hopes, but they were to lose their last wicket 16 runs short when skipper Hughes was run out. Dave Shewring spun the ball well to take 4-63 and Power 3-44.

'Mersey depart in the company of Poynton whose last game brought them a thrashing at Congleton. The south-Cheshiremen compiled 331-3, the highest tally of the season in any division, with Aussie Matt Stretch scoring 151 not out (30 fours and five sixes) alongside Tom Blease (105) in a third wicket stand worth 176. Shell-shocked Poynton were bowled out for 164, number nine batsmen Josh Noel contributing 48, Paul Beaumont taking 3-38 and John Copeland 3-40.

Stockport suffered only their second defeat of the season, a surprise three wickets setback at home to Bredbury, but still finish third. Rob Barber top-scored with 46 for in Stockport's tally of 175, H. Nasir 3-40 and St. Mark's topped that with 179-7, James Barber 50.

Alvanley wound up a good season with a five wickets win at Warrington, whom they bowled out for 191, Andy Kirby 88, Mike Rowlands 3-34. Alvanley responded with 193-5, John Suckley 59 not out.

Upton won their Wirral derby game against Irby by 19 runs after posting an 164, Tom Marsland 57, Colin Gibson 5-27. Irby were bowled over for 145, Dave Newman 44, Graham Keenan 4-37 finishing 22 points clear of relegation

Last but not least, congratulations again to outstanding champions Weaverham whose five wickets mid-Cheshire derby victory over Northwich at Wallerscote road gives them 15 wins and 441 points - more than any other club in the League. Northwich were bowled out for 142, James Plant 29, Mike Clarke 4-36 and Weaverham recovered from 56-5 to win without further loss thanks to star man Clarke, 43 not out and James Lewis 38 not out.

## **FINAL MATCH DETAILS**

### **ECB Premier League**

**ALDERLEY EDGE (won toss, 10 pts.) lost to TOFT (25 pts.) by 4 wickets:**

Alderley Edge 221 (47 overs: A Worrall 75, S O'Brien 48, C Rowe 41, J Lomas 5-76, R. Jones 3-48);  
Toft 223-6 (53 overs: R Jones 83no, J. Drummond 32, C. Reid 4-82).

**BOWDON (1 pt.) lost to NANTWICH (toss, 25 pts.) by 6 wickets:**

Bowdon 105 (41 overs: J. McDougall 24, L. Livingstone 4-24, O. Griffiths 3-4);  
Nantwich 108-4 (20 overs: L. Livingstone 52no, R Cook-Siewwright 24no).

**BRAMHALL (toss, 11 pts.) lost to NESTON (25 pts.) by 2 wickets:**

Bramhall 223-8 (55 overs: M. Hughes 73, V Tripathi 35, R. Wilkinson 4-67);  
Neston 224-8 (52 overs: W Evans 64, R Wilkinson 43, S Wilkinson 3-76).

**CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (25 pts.) beat OXTON (toss, 3 pts) by 6 wickets:**

Oxton 145 (48 overs: G Fernando 43, A. Money 31, J Henderson 5-57; H Killoran 3-39);  
Chester 146-4 (20 overs: W Goodwin 86).

**GRAPPENHALL (toss, 25 pts.) beat URMSTON (3 pts.) by 6 wickets:**

Urmston 145 (38 overs: S Guest 6-49, G Burns 4-37);  
Grappenhall 123-4 (25 overs: J.McCoy 44, R. Green 30).

**HYDE (25 pts.) beat MARPLE (toss, 0 pts.) by 10 wickets:**

Marple 110 (43 overs: M Bennett 43, A Hall 28, J. Whittaker 6-56; M Hanna 4-49);  
Hyde 115-0 (17 overs: K Sawas 75no, D. Fitzsimmons 32no).

### **Best individual performances of season**

Batting: o ADAM TURRELL (Urmston) 143no v Oxton

Bowling: MATTHEW PARKINSON (Urmston) 8-86 v Hyde

All-round: c LIAM LIVINGSTONE (Nantwich) 88 and 7-114 including hat-trick v Grappenhall

o = overseas; c = contracted

### **Division One**

**CHEADLE (won toss, 25 pts.) beat WIDNES (3 pts.) by 174 runs:**

Cheadle 262-8 (50 overs: N Reid 70, D Brown 60, G Dixon 52, P Sperring 39, J McCurdy 5-85);  
Widnes 88 ( overs: A. Hewitt 40, A. Wadsworth 4-21, W Holmes 3-26, P Sperring 3-41).

**CHEADLE HULME (toss. 6 pts.) lost to SALE (25 pts.) by 4 runs:**

Sale 155 (42 overs: C Canning 51, R Burgess 46, J Burton 5-66);  
Cheadle Hulme 151 (56 overs: J. Potts 29, R. Halkon 5-56, T. Lawrence 3-59).

**DIDSBURY (25 pts.) beat DAVENHAM (toss, 6 pts.) by 8 wickets:**

Davenham 193 (50 overs: M Sambell 63, B Gallagher 33, J Fawcett 5-57, S Normanton 3-44);  
Didsbury 195-2 (23 overs: N Anderson 144no : 100 in 49 balls).

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### ***Division 1 scores contd ...***

#### **MIDDLEWICH (3 pts.) lost to MACCLESFIELD (toss, 25 pts.) by 155 runs.**

Macclesfield 266-5 (50 overs: J Birchall 125, N. Ross 74 = 157 for 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket);

Middlewich 111 (39 overs: J. Cornford 32, R. Porter 3-13).

#### **OULTON PARK (25 pts.) beat CHRISTLETON (toss, 11 pts.) by 2 wickets:**

Christleton 263-5 (50 overs: I De Silva 100no, I. Naseer 48, R Marks 36, M Astbury 36);

Oulton Park 266-8 (49.5 overs: P Roberts 71, T Hyslop 54, N James 49no, I De Silva 3-85, M. Parkinson 3-86).

#### **TIMPERLEY (toss, 25 pts.) beat BROOKLANDS (4 pts.) by 126 runs:**

Timperley 261-8 dec. (49.5 overs: M Rudd 116, J. Hampson 55, M. Ness 38, R. Singh 4 -59);

Brooklands 135 (30 overs: K Renecke 39, D. Wyley 32, D Stringer 5-33, D. Ashling 3-23).

### **Best individual performances in 2014**

Batting: RICK MOORE (Oulton Park) 165no v Sale

Bowling: oCHRIS MOORE (Cheadle) 8-32 on debut v Sale

All-round: Iftikhar Naseer (Christleton) 79 and 6-56 v Macclesfield

o = overseas.

## **Division Two**

#### **ALVANLEY (won toss, 25 pts.) beat WARRINGTON (8 pts.) by 5 wickets:**

Warrington 191 (50 overs: A.Kirby 88, M Rowlands 3-34);

Alvanley 193-5 (48 overs: J Suckley 59no, W Speakman 43, S Gee 39, M Rowlands 38);

#### **CONGLETON (toss, 24 pts.) beat POYNTON (3 pts.) by 167 runs**

Congleton 331-3 (50 overs: M Stretch 151no, T Blease 105 = 176 for 3rd wicket);

Poynton 164 ( overs: J Noel 48, J Beaumont 3-25, J Copeland 3-40).

#### **HEATON MERSEY (8 pts.) lost to TATTENHALL (toss, 25 pts.) by 16 runs**

Tattenhall 234-9 (50 overs: D. Power 93, H Dobson 53, I. Hughes 4-52);

Heaton Mersey 218 (49.4 overs. H. Rashid 72, A. Cheema 33, D Shewring 4-63, D Power 3-44).

#### **STOCKPORT (toss, 9 pts.) lost to BREDBURY ST MARK'S (25 pts.) by 3 wickets:**

Stockport 175 (42 overs: R Barber 46, M. Eley 39no, T Kidd 32, H Nasir 3-40);

Bredbury 179-7 (51 overs: J Barber 50, T Kidd 3-26, M Eley 3-59).

#### **UPTON (toss, 25 pts.) beat IRBY (6 pts.) by 19 runs:**

Upton 164 (47 overs: T. Marsland 57, C Stowell-Smith 32, C. Gibson 5-27, G. Shillinglaw 3-75);

Irby 145 (51 overs: D Newman 44, G. Keenan 4-37).

#### **WEAVERHAM (25 pts.) beat NORTHWICH (toss, 7 pts.) by 5 wickets:**

Northwich 142 (32 overs: J. Plant 29, L Evans 28, M Clarke 4-36);

Weaverham 143-5 (26 overs: M Clarke 43no, J Lewis 38no.)

### **Best 2014 individual performances:**

Batting: oMATTHEW STRETCH (Congleton) 151no v Poynton

Bowling: KEVIN WATERHOUSE (Weaverham) 8-20 v Northwich

All-round: oWILDEN CORNWALL (Weaverham) 100 and 4-40 v Heaton Mersey

o = overseas.

**2014 FINAL TABLES**

*(figures in parenthesis = 2013 placings)*

<b>ECB Premier League</b>	<b>Won</b> (25)	<b>Tied</b> (16)	<b>WD</b> (3)	<b>RD</b> (2)	<b>LD</b> (1)	<b>A/C</b> (7)	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Bat</b>	<b>Bowl</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
1. HYDE (3)	14	0	1	0	2	4	1	19	12	414
2. CHESTER BO. HALL (1)	14	0	0	0	1	3	4	13	12	397
3. *TOFT (8)	10	0	2	0	1	2	7	47	21	337
4. *BRAMHALL (-)	10	0	0	1	1	4	6	17	24	319
5. NESTON (2)	8	0	2	0	2	1	9	40	31	286
6. ALDERLEY EDGE (4)	6	0	0	2	1	4	9	64	25	269
7. GRAPPENHALL (6)	8	0	0	1	0	1	12	31	26	266
8. NANTWICH (9)	7	0	1	2	0	5	7	26	19	262
9. MARPLE (10)	7	0	1	0	2	4	8	23	32	262
10. BOWDON (7)	6	0	2	0	0	3	11	26	33	236
11. URMSTON (-)	4	0	1	1	3	3	10	41	38	208 rel
12. *OXTON (5)	4	0	3	0	0	1	14	52	31	196 rel

*\* Points deducted for slow over rates: Alderley Edge 3; Bramhall 3; Oxtton 3; Toft 2.*

<b>First Division</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Tied</b>	<b>WD</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>A/C</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Bat</b>	<b>Bowl</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
1. MACCLESFIELD (-)	14	0	0	1	1	4	2	15	11	407 champ
2. CHEADLE (7)	13	0	0	0	0	7	2	1	8	383 prom
3. DIDSBURY (-)	11	0	2	1	0	5	3	24	21	363
4. SALE (6)	11	0	2	0	1	4	4	30	13	353
5. OULTON PARK (4)	10	0	1	0	2	4	5	24	23	330
6. TIMPERLEY (-)	8	0	0	2	1	4	7	41	24	298
7. CHEADLE HULME (3)	7	0	0	0	1	4	10	32	30	266
8. DAVENHAM (-)	6	0	1	0	0	6	9	30	18	243
9. MIDDLEWICH (10)	4	0	1	0	1	5	11	32	29	200
10. CHRISTLETON (8)	3	0	1	0	1	5	12	54	32	200
11. WIDNES (5)	1	0	2	1	0	6	12	67	32	174 rel
12. BROOKLANDS (9)	2	0	1	0	3	3	13	39	30	146 rel

<b>Second Division</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Tied</b>	<b>WD</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>A/C</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Bat</b>	<b>Bowl</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
1. WEAVERHAM (8)	15	0	3	0	1	1	2	28	21	441 champ
2. TATTENHALL (4)	12	0	5	1	1	2	1	48	23	403 prom
3. STOCKPORT (3)	10	0	2	1	4	3	2	39	25	347
4. ALVANLEY (10)	10	0	3	1	2	2	4	42	15	334
5. *WARRINGTON (5)	6	1	3	1	1	3	7	47	35	278
6. UPTON (-)	7	0	1	1	0	2	11	44	29	267
7. CONGLETON (6)	7	0	0	3	1	1	10	34	32	255
8. BREDBURY ST. MK. (-)	7	0	1	0	3	2	9	29	30	254
9. NORTHWICH (-)	6	0	0	2	2	4	8	29	25	238
10. IRBY (9)	4	0	1	0	2	2	13	56	44	219
11. *HEATON MERSEY (-)	3	1	1	1	1	5	10	40	29	197 rel
12. POYNTON (7)	3	0	0	0	2	4	13	25	28	158 rel

*\*Points deducted for slow over rates Heaton Mersey 4, Warrington 3.*

## Chester wind up season to remember

CHESTER'S feat in winning the NatWest sponsored ECB t20 final at Northampton last Tuesday was only the third occasion a League club have cornered a national title.

The first to do so were Village champions Toft in 1989, followed by National Club champions Bramhall in 2001, both games at Lord's. Chester were in prime form all day at Wantage Road, beating Great Ayton (North Yorks and South Durham League) by 52 runs in the first semi-final. Chester totalled 134-8, Lee Dixon 52, Warren Goodwin 34, then dismissed their opponents for 92, Jack Williams taking 5-13 - to justify his call up by Northants 2<sup>nd</sup> XI next day - and Ross Dixon 3-19.

In the second semi-final, Ashtead (Surrey Championship Division 2) scored 121 to beat Peterborough Town (Northants Premier League) 112 by nine runs.

The final was dominated by a fabulous innings of 84 from 37 balls by skipper Lee Dixon including eight sixes and three fours which completely unnerved their opponents and helped hoist a daunting tally of 178-7.

In reply, Ashtead were kept behind the clock by the versatile Mark Rowland, who took 4-11, Goodwin 2-4 and Killoran 2-30, losing their last wicket at 80, which was 98 runs short.

Triumphant skipper Dixon told *Newsletter*: "We've become like a well-oiled machine on the cricket field. Everyone knows what his job is and all do it well. It's been easy to captain because the players know their responsibilities and are trying their guts out. We've had a marvellous time winning these trophies and my thanks are too numerous to list. It's going to be hard to top this next summer, but we shall be trying".

*Newsletter* also thanks the many good folk at CBH who have been of assistance, notably busy secretary Jon Legry and scorer Don Speakman for providing scoresheets such as that below and other details, with so much patience.

### FINAL SCORECARD

CHESTER			ASHTHEAD		
L. Dixon	lbw Cohen	84	M. Sanderson	b Killoran	12
W. Goodwin	lbw Deighton	17	D Miller	c Ogilby b Rowland	18
M Rowland	b Cameron	23	C. Young	b Killoran	0
O Law	c Harrison b Deighton	1	P Harrison	c Ogilby b R Dixon	8
R. Dixon	b Deighton	5	S. Cameron	c Dunbavand b Rowland	14
S Ogilby	lbw T. Homes	3	J Vaughan-Davies	c Williams b Griffiths	9
J Gillson	b T. Homes	16	S Homes	b Goodwin	5
G Dunbavand	not out	2	J Pickering	b L Dixon b Goodwin	4
J. Williams	not out	16	T Deighton	lbw Rowland	0
Extras		11	P Cohen	b Rowland	1
Total (for 7 wickets, 20 overs)		178	T Homes	not out	1
Did not bat H. Killoran, M. Griffiths.			Extras		9
			Total (all out, 15.1 overs)		80.

Ashtead bowling: T Homes 4-0-38-2; S. Homes 3-0-22-0; Deighton 4-0-38-3; Vaughan-Davies 3-0-22-0; Cohen 4-0-34-1; Cameron 2-0-21-1.

Chester bowling: Killoran 4-0-30-2; Williams 4-0-19-0; R. Dixon 2-0-9-1; Rowland 4-0-11-4; Goodwin 1-0-4-2; Griffiths 0.1-0-0-1.

## Echo Trophy retained

CHESTER retained the *Liverpool Echo* Invitation Trophy when they beat Wallasey by 161 runs in the two-innings final at Filkins Lane on Sunday.

Chester opened up with 163-6, Lee Dixon 33, Ollie Law 30, Ross Dixon 26, then restricted Wallasey to 116, Harry Killoran 4-25, Jordan Clark 3-27, a deficit of 47. Lancashire's Clark, making his final appearance for the club, blasted 100 off 55 balls including 10 fours and four sixes in the second innings with Lee Dixon adding 46 to raise a tally of 205-5. This meant Wallasey needed 252 to win and they mustered only 91 as the sun and the season rapidly subsided.

John Thompson, Sports Editor of the *Liverpool Echo* presented Lee Dixon with his final trophy of the season with warm words of praise for the team and the club,

## Cheshire 60s in two finals

THE strength of Vets' cricket in Cheshire was illustrated when both the first and second teams qualified for the **National championship finals**.

The senior side led by Chris Lees beat Somerset by seven wickets in their semi-final at Marple last Tuesday. Somerset were restricted to 154-8 (Mike Cushion 3-12, Chris Lees 3-25). Cheshire replied with 155-3, Chris Leech, 65 and Colin Naylor 36, both not out, enjoying a stand of 114. Cheshire meet Essex in the final at Great Oakley CC, near Corby on Tuesday this week (12 noon).

O Cheshire 2nd XI, led by Ian Brown, kept their nerve to beat Gloucestershire by 11 runs in a closer semi-final at Cheadle Hulme last Wednesday. Cheshire totalled 237-6, largely due to a stand worth 139 for the third wicket between Andy Hurworth, 86 and Bernie Bishop, 78. Gloucester replied with 226-8, David Cain taking 3-51 including a 3-2 spell in his last over. In support, Ken Crofton took 2-18 and unofficial man of the match Bishop 2-26.

In the final, Cheshire will take on Sussex at Wellingborough CC (Northants) on Thursday this week (12 noon).

## ***September 6 pitch & outfield marks***

### **Premier League**

Alderley Edge v Bowdon: pitch 20; outfield 19

Marple v Chester: 16 – 18;

Nantwich v Grappenhall: 17 – 19;

Toft v Bramhall: 16 – 18;

Oxton v Neston: 15 – 19;

Urmston v Hyde: 17 – 20;

### **First Division:**

Brooklands v Cheadle: 16 – 18;

Christleton v Middlewich: 19 – 20;

Macclesfield v Davenham: 17 – 19;

Sale v Oulton Park: 18 – 18;

Timperley v Didsbury: 17 – 20;

Widnes v Cheadle Hulme: 16 – 20.

### **Second Division**

Bredbury v Upton: 16 – 18;

Irby v Tattenhall: 14 – 15;

Northwich v Alvanley: 14 – 19;

Poynton v Stockport: 17 – 16;

Warrington v Congleton: 18 – 20;

Weaverham v Heaton Mersey: 15 – 18.

### **Postscripts:**

O Liam Livingstone and Jimmy Warrington added 60 runs from 18 balls for the 10<sup>th</sup> wicket in Nantwich's victory over Grappenhall on Saturday, September 6. Warrington's share was one not out from one delivery.

O Livingstone was given League approval to play for Todmorden against Rishton in the Lancashire League on Sunday, September 14.

O Matt Hanna took 7-35 not 7-55 in Hyde's victory at Urmston.

O Missing Captains' reports on umpires for August 30: Cheadle, Davenham, Sale. For September 6: Hyde, Nantwich, Middlewich, Sale.

o Result sheets still missing: June 21: Cheadle v Brooklands; August 2: Irby v Northwich.

These reports are needed for end of season pitch and outfield summaries

## **PLAYER of YEAR FORMS**

**Players' Player of the Year** forms have been sent out to all 36 clubs, inviting their players to cast votes for the player of their choice. The awards will be presented at the League Dinner at The Mere on Friday, October 3.

Thirteen forms returned by mid-day on Monday this week have been from: Alderley Edge, Bowdon, Chester Boughton Hall, Urmston; Davenham, Didsbury, Oulton Park, Sale; Alvanley, Congleton, Poynton, Tattenhall, Weaverham. Keep them coming and if your club has not received a form, please notify MTB soonest.

## **DINNER PLANS**

Arrangements are nearly complete for the **Presentation Dinner** at The Mere when another large turn-out is expected to hear former New Zealand Test player Jeremy Coney express his forthright views. Exact club numbers are required by Gary Dixon ([garydixonuk@hotmail.com](mailto:garydixonuk@hotmail.com)) on or before Saturday, September 27, including any special dietary requirements (pork is not on the menu)

Raffle prizes are still required: contact MC Rob Sproston ([rob@rss.me.uk](mailto:rob@rss.me.uk)).

Trophies won during the 2013 season or already in 2014 must be returned to Secretary Geoff Wellsted ([geoffwellsted@hotmail.com](mailto:geoffwellsted@hotmail.com)) without delay and should be cleaned and engraved to date. There is a fine for late defaulters.

## **KEY MEETINGS**

O A Special meeting of **Over Forties** club reps will be held at Warrington on Wednesday, October 15 (7 p.m.) to discuss 2014 problems and to map out a programme for 2015. Alsager Dabbers have resigned and Chester Boughton Hall have indicated that they will also be leaving.

Any other clubs who wish to withdraw, merge or enter should contact the Competition Secretary prior to the meeting.

O A special meeting of **Third XI** club reps is to be held at Warrington also on Wednesday, October 15 at 8 pm. Any clubs / teams wishing to withdraw or enter for 2015 should contact League secretary Geoff Wellsted in advance of the meeting, although October 15 is not the cut off date.

O Highlights of the **League Umpires & Scorers Association** end-of-season meeting at Sale on Wednesday, September 17 (8 p.m.) will be a hot pot and a Q&A session with a panel of club captains. This will comprise James Duffy (Hyde), Toby Drummond (Toft), Nick Anderson (Didsbury) and Paul Sperring (Cheadle).

## **Cheshire League 2014 round-up**

MOBBERLEY and Bollington have finished in the top two places in the **TACS Partnership Cheshire League** and will be promoted to the County League in 2015 to replace Heaton Mersey and Poynton.

Mobberley finished 15 points clear after a five wickets win at Lindow, while Bollington beat outsiders Romiley by six wickets to clinch second place. Cheshire Shield winners Ashton on Mersey are third following a 19 runs victory at Stockport Georgians, Chester County Officers, who beat Malpas, are relegated to Division Two, alongside Oakmere.

### **Division 1 results**

Bollington 97-4 beat Romiley 96

Chester County Officers 214-6 beat Malpas 97

Hale Barns 179-4 beat Runcorn 178;

Lindow 170-8 lost to Mobberley 175-5

Prestbury 124-4 beat Oakmere 121-9

Stockport Georgians 171 lost to Ashton on Mersey 190.

### **Final placings**

1.	<u>Mobberley</u>	413 pts.
2.	<u>Bollington</u>	398
3.	Ashton on Mersey	390
4.	Romiley	363
5.	Stockport Georgians	332
6.	Runcorn	313
7.	Malpas	275
8.	Lindow	234
9.	Prestbury	217
10.	<u>Hale Barns</u>	216
11.	Chester Country Officers	199
12.	Oakmere	159

Promoted from Division 2: Disley and Barrow. Relegated: Langley and Chelford

Promoted from Division 3: Stockport Trinity and Haslington. Relegated to Cheshire Alliance: Trafford MV and Pott Shrigley.

Promoted from Cheshire Alliance: Port Sunlight and Wilmslow or Stretton.

### **Plan for Under 19s t20 in 2015**

THE League are considering launching an **Under 19 T20 competition** for full and associate member clubs in 2015.

Junior section secretary David Vallance says that current thinking is for the T20 competition to run principally in daylight from mid-July to early September on flexible match dates. The county would be divided into regions and mini leagues of six teams formed to play through to quarter and semi-finals followed by the final.

Encouraged by ECB trials in other counties in 2013-14, the aim is to encourage participation by players in their late teens who may not appear regularly in senior cricket.

For further information or to offer ideas David Vallance can be contacted on: [d\\_m\\_vallance@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:d_m_vallance@yahoo.co.uk) or [d\\_v\\_cccl@ntlworld.com](mailto:d_v_cccl@ntlworld.com)

### **Matthew Parkinson helps Staffs win Unicorns title**

URMSTON's teenage leg-spinner Matthew Parkinson helped Staffordshire beat Wiltshire by 28 runs in the **Unicorns (Minor) county championship** play-off at Salisbury from September 7 - 10.

Scores: Staffs 227 and 254; Wiltshire 231 (Parkinson 3-62) and 222 (Parkinson 1-82)

O Devon, who defeated Cheshire in the semi-final, beat Oxfordshire by seven runs in the **Unicorns knock-out final** at Wormsley on August 27. Scores: Devon 203-9 Oxfordshire 196-9.

### **Lancs lose 2nd XI Trophy final**

LANCASHIRE lost to Leicestershire by 168 runs in the **2nd XI Trophy final** at Grace Road.

In the Red Rose team coached by Mark Chilton were five players who have appeared in the County League this season: Jordan Clark (Chester). Habeeb Hameen and Liam Livingstone (Nantwich), Rob Jones (Toft) and Dan Lamb (Bramhall).

Leics scored 295-6 and dismissed Lancashire for 127, Rob Jones being second top scorer with 25 not out.



## Aggregate table latest

TOFT led Stockport by nine points after games played on Saturday, September 6 in the **Aggregate table** (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI points combined):

1. TOFT	312	396	708
2. STOCKPORT	338	361	699
3. BRAMHALL	308	379	687
4. HYDE	389	270	659
5= CHESTER BO. HALL	372	284	656
5= TATTENHALL	378	278	656
7. WEAVEEHAM	416	220	636
8. DIDSBURY	338	293	631
9. CHEADLE HULME	260	370	630
10. CHEADLE	358	270	628

### Calum Rowe wins Scrimgeour award

WINNER of the Sandy Scrimgeour Memorial Trophy as the Cheshire County Club's Player of the Year is Alderley Edge batsman Calum Rowe. The choice and presentation was made by Sandy's widow, Cheshire Assistant secretary Elise Scrimgeour.

Other county award winners: batting – Rick Moore (Oulton Park); bowling – Adam Syddall (Urmston); fielding – Danny Berry (Hyde).

## 10 Years Ago

### Highlights from *Newsletter of September 18, 2004*

BOWDON clinched their third successive **ECB Premiership** title despite the final game at Poynton being washed out by rain, causing League chairman David Humpage to present the trophy to skipper Steve Bramhall inside the pavilion. Bowdon finished 19 points ahead of Oulton Park whose game against Macclesfield was another weather casualty.

The Silkmen's failure to get on the field resulted in their relegation for the first time. This despite an Appeals panel restoring points deducted when they quashed a decision to rule David Parfitt-Manning ineligible the previous week.

Didsbury were also relegated after losing by 23 runs at Nantwich and finishing last.

BOTTOM at the season's half-way stage, Urmston completed a remarkable escape act by staying in **Division One** when they beat Upton in front of a large home crowd to register their fifth win in a row. Urmston ran up 150, then routed Upton for 68, Kurt Edginton's 7-37 being described by team-mate Steve Dartnell as "the best spell of fast bowling I have seen in 30 years".

Christleton won the title by 59 points from also-promoted Toft, but relegation was confirmed for Grappenhall and Brooklands.

CHEADLE won the **Second Division** with their 14<sup>th</sup> win at Tattenhall, Chris Brady 5-24. Heaton Mersey were also promoted after beating Middlewich without departed star South African Farhaan Behardien, who had played a major role in their success with 832 runs and 45 wickets. Stockport Georgians and Weaverham were relegated to the Meller Braggins Cheshire League.

*O The latter paragraph comes in direct contrast to Weaverham's 2014 promotion and Heaton Mersey's League exit*

BOWDON equalled Didsbury's 2001 treble winning feat when they added the **Fred Graham 1st XI knock-out** to their Premiership and Cheshire Cup successes. Neutral Oulton Park staged a splendid match in which Alderley Edge scored 186 (Mark Walker 58, Jon Bean 2-7), by seven wickets, Bowdon replying with 187-3 (Tony Crozier 91 not out).

NESTON won the **2nd XI Premier Division** title for the fifth time in seven years, with Boughton Hall second. Widnes beat Congleton at Beaconsfield Road and finished 31 points clear at the top of Division One with Timperley runners-up. Oulton Park took the Second Division honours and were to go up alongside Poynton.

### 75 YEARS YOUNG ...

FORMER Nantwich president Norman Bloor, who now lives in Portugal, celebrated his 75th birthday with a party at the club on Saturday. Reaching the same ripe old age the same day was League Assistant secretary and long-standing panel umpire Tony Morris. Many Happy Returns to them both.

## **How the 2014 season has worked out ...**

ECB Premier League champions:	<b>HYDE</b>
Runners-up:	<b>CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL</b>
Relegated:	<b>URMSTON &amp; OXTON</b>
First Division champions and promoted:	<b>MACCLESFIELD</b>
Runners-up and promoted:	<b>CHEADLE</b>
Relegated:	<b>BROOKLANDS &amp; WIDNES</b>
Second Division champions and promoted:	<b>WEAVERHAM</b>
Runners-up & promoted:	<b>TATTENHALL</b>
Relegated to TACS Partnership Cheshire Cricket League:	<b>HEATON MERSEY &amp; POYNTON</b>
Promoted from TACS Cheshire Cricket League:	<b>MOBBERLEY (champions) &amp; BOLLINGTON</b>
Aggregate champions	<b>To be confirmed</b>
RedInsure T20 champions:	<b>CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL</b>
Finalists:	<b>GRAPPENHALL</b>
ECB t20 Area, North-West Regional and National Finals champions:	<b>CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL</b>
Cheshire Cup winners:	<b>CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL</b>
Finalists:	<b>MACCLESFIELD</b>
<i>Liverpool Echo</i> Invitation Cup winners:	<b>CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL</b>
RedInsure 2nd XI Cup winners:	<b>TOFT</b>
Jack Gardner 3rd XI Trophy winners:	<b>URMSTON</b>
Over 40s Finals winners:	<b>TOFT</b>

For further divisional champions and relegations etc. see individual Newsletters.

The winners of the Fair Play League; Best New Umpire of the Year; three senior Players of the Year, Young Player of the Year, August & September Performance of the Month and Most Improved Club awards will be named at the Presentation Dinner at The Mere on Friday, October 3.

You are urged to be there.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER IN MID-OCTOBER WILL CONTAIN ALL THE DINNER AWARDS NEWS  
THE 'STAFF' HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED THEIR EFFORTS THIS SUMMER**

**PS: for clubs wishing to plan ahead ..... the League's 2015 season will begin on Saturday, April 18  
and end on Saturday & Sunday, September 12 & 13**