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21 points divide bottom five ...title now a two-horse race

SATURDAY's **ECB Premier League** results which included victories for the three bottom teams Bowdon, Oxton and Neston – and defeats for Urmston and Nantwich – means that only 21 points now separates the bottom five clubs, with four games left to play.

Bowdon pulled off a 51-run victory at Grappenhall despite another poor batting display which produced a modest tally of 121, James McDougall 38, Josh McClelland 3-25. But they then despatched Grappenhall for 70 – for their sixth straight defeat - Chris Ashling taking 5-30 and Gareth Edwards 3-21. This was Bowdon's first win in 15 games since May 10, which was actually their third victory in the opening four weeks of the season.

However, Bowdon remain bottom by eight points as Oxton turned a three wickets victory in the Wirral over Urmston, whom they dismissed for 149, Calum Turner and Adam Turrell both scoring 43. Big-hearted Sri Lankan Gayan Fernanbo bowled superbly to claim 4-56 off 26 overs, while Richard Fennah took 4-54. Skipper Simon Stokes top-scored with 30 for Oxton in a solid team effort with the bat after tea to get to 150-7, Adam Syddall 3-52

Neston produced their most comprehensive victory of the season to trounce Nantwich by nine wickets at Parkgate. Put into bat, the Dabbers mustered just 156, their number 10 batsman Jimmy Warrington top-scoring with 28 against the speed of Ash Davis, 5-34 and the slows of Paul Stimson 3-26. Neston openers Dane Williams, 59 and Jack Smith, 57 not out, ran up 123 together and victory was then a formality at 158-1.

Toft out of contention?

Meanwhile, at the top of the table, the number of contenders for the title was probably reduced to two after leaders Hyde beat Toft by 77 runs at Werneth Low. Injured for much of the season, Khalid Sawas top-scored with a quality 74 and skipper Danny Berry 54 in Hyde's formidable 266-9, Matt Cornes taking 4-51. Toft were all out for 189 in reply, Aussie opener Jake Hancock, with 87 not out, carrying his bat for the second successive week. Hancock and his number 11 colleague, teenager Jack Goode, 60, put on a remarkable 97 runs for the final wicket. In the end, however, the match winners were Jason Whittaker, 5-27 and Matt Hanna, 5-90. Hyde now lead third-placed Toft by 55 points.

Reigning champions Chester Boughton Hall seem to this observer to be the only side with any chance of giving Hyde a run for their money, albeit with 35 points currently to be made up. They beat Alderley Edge by seven wickets in a high-scoring game at Filkins Lane after their visitors had posted an impressive 247-9, number 10 batsman Chris Cook top-scoring with a defiant 71, while Josh Henderson took 6-89. Chester coasted home at 250-3 with two overs in the bank, led by Lancashire's Jordan Clark, 79 not out, Warren Goodwin, 55 and Ollie Law, not out 50.

Bramhall beat Marple by 62 runs in a mid-table clash after posting a modest 154, Danny Lamb 62, Jimmy Ormond 3-25, Adam Wylie 3-36. Marple's batting was nowhere to be seen after tea – all out 92 - Vishall Tripathi claiming 5-24 and the ever-reliable Simon Wilkinson 3-27.

CHESTER t20 TRIUMPH AT BART GREEN

DESPITE fielding a weakened team due to Cheshire and Derbyshire calls, plus injuries, Chester Boughton Hall won the **ECB t20 Area Finals Day** in Birmingham on Sunday beating hosts Barnt Green and Stone. They now go through to host Northern in the North-West Regional Final – the last eight - next Sunday (1 p.m.)

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DIVISION 1

Macc douse Sale challenge

MACCLESFIELD virtually ended Sale's late bid for promotion from **Division One** with an overwhelming 128 runs home victory over their rivals.

Macclesfield batted deep to run up 247-4, led by Ben Marsden 66 and Jack Ward 42 - on his 21st birthday. Sale, beaten only twice previously, began their reply well, and were 78-3 at the half-way stage, but their later batsmen had no answer to the wiles of left arm spinner Sultan Raja, who took 5-25 off 14 canny overs, Rob Porter helping with 3-32.

The Macclesfield ground, so carefully tended by Chris Moores was in fine condition and the addition of a pristine white rope round the perimeter helps the scene. Aussie Nick Ross has welded his side into a strong all round unit and if – as now looks likely with a 24 points lead – they gain promotion, they will miss the Melbournian in the Premier League in 2015 as he is probably not returning after a welcome two year stay.

Didsbury and Cheadle are level in second place and it's difficult to pick an eventual winner from between them after both posting good victories. Didsbury trounced Christleton by 128 runs at Wilmslow road after declaring on 239 –2 from 47 overs. Phil Critchley was unbeaten on 101 and put on 128 for the first wicket with 1st XI newcomer Ali Quasim, 55. Christleton were dismissed for 111, Iro De Silva 37, Jonny Fawcett 4-17, Simon Normanton 3-26 and skipper Anderson 3-22.

Cheadle won by three wickets at Cheadle Hulme in a game dominated by the clubs' overseas players. The Grove Park side posted 148, Adam Wilde 39, Jonathan Burton 38 not out, Chris Moore 4-67, Will Holmes 3-44. Cheadle replied with 151-7, Chris Moore contributing a key 56, while Aussie opponent Burton claimed 4-59.

At the foot of the table, Brooklands made it two wins in a row after going the first 16 weeks without joy. They won by two runs in a thriller at Middlewich and while they remain 31 points behind 10th placed Middlewich at the foot of the table, their situation is not as hopeless as it was. Brooklands posted 177-8, Mark Law 48 and W. Baxter, 22 adding 50 for the ninth wicket without being parted, Jordie Gibbens 3-58. In reply, Middlewich were bowled out for 175 off the last ball of a splendid game, Phil Parry 78, Gibbens 33, Luke Maitra – son of Hash - pulling it off with career-best figures of 7-45, six of his victims being catches.

Widnes lost by 52 runs at Davenham after bowling out their hosts for 146, Dave Price 43. Widnes mustered just 94 in reply, their destroyer being left arm spinner Danny Hancock with 6-24.

Oulton Park are making a late run and beat Timperley by a 106 runs at Little Budworth after Danny Leach scored a cracking 91 in one of his rare appearances due to injury. Oulton ran up 257-6, Pat Roberts helping out with 69 after which Timperley scored 150, M. Rudd 51 not out, Tom Hyslop 5-39. .

DIVISION 2

First defeat for Stockport

THE League's last unbeaten record went when **Division Two** promotion contenders Stockport lost to leaders Weaverham by two wickets in a fine, low-scoring game at Cale Green.

Undefeated in 20 outings since September 7 last season, Stockport were dismissed for 150, the vital wicket of star batsman Josh Manning falling for 68 when he was lbw to his opposite overseas number Wilden Cornwall. For Weaverham, Kevin Douglas claimed 4-25 off 14 overs. The leaders were made to fight hard, but 38 by James Lewis and vital mini-innings of 23 apiece from Rob McMillan and Kevin Waterhouse saw them through at 153-8. Mike Eley, 4-34, Tom Facer, 3-39

Tattenhall grabbed the opportunity to go second with a convincing 120 runs victory over Warrington at The Flacca. Tattenhall ran up 243-9, thanks largely to their star turn Ollie Thompson with a classy 109. Warrington were bowled out for 123, leaving Tattenhall 38 points behind Weaverham and 12 ahead of Stockport.

There was drama at the foot of the table, Poynton winning by one wicket at Irby. Dave Newman scored 41 in Irby's all out 142, Andy Heath 5-27. Poynton went on to scrape home at 143-9, thanks to John Hopkins 54 and Adam Williams, with a key knock of 31. Greg Shillinglaw returned the League's best bowling figures of the day with 21-9-80-8 and hardly deserved to be on the losing side. Poynton now trail Irby by just 31 points and have some impetus.

Another cracking match was at The Heatons where Bredbury St. Mark's ended up 15 – 7 draw points to the good against Heaton Mersey. Daren Carr's fine innings of 101 helped Bredbury post 222-6 after which 'Mersey made a superb effort to reach 221-9, Major Khan hitting 87 against his former club.

Upton recorded a comfortable six wickets home win over Northwich after dismissing their visitors for 136, Gary Dixon 4-26, Liam Sundve 4-36. Rick Potter's innings of 52 helped Upton reply with 140-4 and collect maximum points. Slim consolation for Northwich was Sam Shepherd's 2-36 return which takes him past 50 wickets for the season.

Alvanley won by 54 runs at Congleton after a remarkable rearguard action had given the home side some hope. Alvanley closed on 204-9, Mark Rowlands 56, R. Booth 4-40. Congleton fell to 69-8 before a ninth wicket partnership of 77 between Linden Booth, 69 and Sean Cargill, 16 took them to a respectable all out tally of 150. Ed Speakman took 4-54 to clinch it for Alvanley.

SATURDAY'S MATCH DETAILS

ECB Premier League

BRAMHALL (won toss, 25 pts.) beat MARPLE (4 pts.) by 62 runs

Bramhall 154 (55 overs: D Lamb 62, J Ormond 3-25, A Wylie 3-36);
Marple 92 (33 overs: J Morgan 24, V. Tripathi 5-24, S Wilkinson 3-27).

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (25 pts.) beat ALDERLEY EDGE (9 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Alderley Edge 247-9 (55 overs: no. 10 batsman C. Cook 71, A Worrall 35, J Henderson 6-89);
Chester 250-3 (53 overs: J. Clark 79no, W Goodwin 55, O Law 50no, M. Rowland 38).

GRAPPENHALL (toss, 4 pts.) lost to BOWDON (25pts.) by 41 runs

Bowdon 121 (48 overs: J McDougall 38, M Tully 30, J McClelland 3-25);
Grappenhall 70 (27 overs: S Baxter 22, C.Ashling 5-30, G. Edwards 3-24).

HYDE (25 pts.) beat TOFT (toss, 6 pts.) by 77 runs:

Hyde 266-9 (55 overs: K Sawas 74, D Berry 54, D Fitzsimmons 37, M Cornes 4-51, P Talbot 3-62);
Toft 189 (49 overs: J Hancock 87no carried bat, number 11 batsman J Goode 60, J. Whittaker 5-27, M. Hanna 5-90).

NESTON (toss, 25 pts.) beat NANTWICH (2 pts.) by 9 wickets:

Nantwich 156 (53 overs: J Warrington 28, A. Davis 5-34, P Stimson 3-26);
Neston 158-1 (40 overs: D Williams 59, J. Smith 57no).

OXTON (25 pts.) beat URMSTON (toss, 5 pts.) by 3 wickets

Urmston 148 (55 overs: C. Turner 43, A. Turrell 43, R Fennah 4-54, G Fernando 4-56);
Oxton 150-7 (49 overs: S Stokes 30, A Syddall 3-52).

Division One

CHEADLE HULME (7 pts.) lost to CHEADLE (won toss, 25 pts.) by 3 wickets:

Cheadle Hulme 148 (50 overs: A Wilde 39, J Burton 38no, C Moore 4-67, W Holmes 3-44);
Cheadle 151-7 (47 overs: C. Moore 56, M Samuels 38, J Burton 5-59).

DAVENHAM (toss, 25 pts.) beat WIDNES (4 pts.) by 52 runs:

Davenham 146 (44 overs: D Price 43)
Widnes 94 (43 overs: D Hancock 6-24).

DIDSBURY 25 pts.) beat CHRISTLETON (toss, 1 pt.) by 128 runs:

Didsbury 239-2 dec. (47 overs: P Critchley 101no, A. Quasim 55, J Beal 44, N Anderson 37no);
Christleton 111 (38 overs: I. De Silva 37, M Astbury 34, J Fawcett 4-17, N. Anderson 3-22, S Normanton 3-26).

MACCLESFIELD (25 pts.) beat SALE (toss, 2 pts.) by 128 runs:

Macclesfield 247-4 (50 overs: B Marsden 66, J Ward 42, R. Porter 36, N Ross 31, T. Parfitt 30);
Sale 119 (36 overs: R Grant 33, S. Raja 5-25, R. Porter 3-31).

MIDDLEWICH (toss, 6 pts.) lost to BROOKLANDS (25 pts.) by 2 runs:

Brooklands 177-8 (50 overs: M. Law 48no, J Gibbens 3-40);
Middlewich 175 (50 overs – last ball: P. Parry 78, J Gibbens 33, L. Maitra 7-45, A.J. Law 3-51).

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Division 1 results continued ...

OULTON PARK (25 pts.) beat TIMPERLEY (toss, 4 pts.) by 107 runs:

Oulton Park 257-6 (50 overs: D. Leach 91, P Roberts 69, R Moore 43);
Timperley 150 (47 overs: M Rudd 51no, T Hyslop 5-39).

Division Two

CONGLETON (6 pts.) lost to ALVANLEY (won toss, 25 pts.) by 54 runs:

Alvanley 204-9 (50 overs: M. Rowlands 56, S Gee 47, R. Booth 4-40);
Congleton 150 (34 overs: L. Booth 69, E Speakman 4-54).

HEATON MERSEY (toss, 7 pts.) drew with BREDBURY ST. MARK'S (15 pts.)

Bredbury 222-6 (50 overs: D Carr 101);
Heaton Mersey 221-9 (50 overs: M. Khan 87).

IRBY (8 pts.) lost to POYNTON (toss, 25 pts.) by 1 wicket:

Irby 142 (50 overs: D. Newman 41, K. Pedi 34, A. Heath 5-27, J. Williams 3-30)
Poynton 143-9 (48 overs, J Hopkins 54, A Williams 31, P Lombardi 31, G Shillinglaw 8-80).

STOCKPORT (7 pts.) lost to WEAVERHAM (toss, 25 pts.) by 2 wickets

Stockport 150 (147 overs: J Manning 68, S Edwards 33, K Douglas 4-25);
Weaverham 153-8 (38 overs: J Lewis 38, M. Eley 4-34, T Facer 3-39).

TATTENHALL (25 pts.) beat WARRINGTON (toss, 5 pts.) by 120 runs:

Tattenhall 243-9 (50 overs: O.Thompson 109);
Warrington 123 (36 overs).

UPTON (25 pts.) beat NORTHWICH (toss, 3 pts.) by 6 wickets:

Northwich 136 (45 overs: G Dixon 4-26, L. Sundve 4-36);
Upton 140-4 (43 overs: R Potter 52, C. Goldsmith 31, M Ingram 30).

Ed Gilhooley over from NZ

FORMER Congleton, Alsager and Toft all-rounder Ed Gilhooley is currently spending time on a family holiday from his home in New Zealand to visit old haunts and looked in on the Congleton v Alvanley match on Saturday.

Ed, now a senior coach based on the South Island in New Zealand said: "Things are going pretty well in NZ. But I still look forward to Mondays when I get the *Newsletter* to keep me in touch with what's going on in Cheshire cricket".

Tables including games on August 16 Week 18

ECB Premier League	Won (25)	Tied (16)	WD (3)	RD (2)	LD (1)	A/C (7)	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
HYDE	11	0	1	0	2	3	1	19	12	332
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	10	0	0	0	1	3	4	13	12	297
*TOFT (2)	8	0	2	0	1	2	5	44	16	277
*ALDERLEY EDGE (3)	6	0	0	1	1	4	6	42	18	238
*BRAMHALL (3)	7	0	0	1	1	4	5	9	21	233
MARPLE	6	0	1	0	1	4	6	16	28	226
GRAPPENHALL	7	0	0	0	0	1	10	22	15	219
NANTWICH	5	0	1	2	0	4	6	26	16	202
NESTON	5	0	1	0	2	1	9	34	28	199
URMSTON	4	0	1	1	3	3	6	35	30	194
*OXTON (3)	4	0	3	0	0	1	10	50	26	189
BOWDON	4	0	2	0	0	3	9	24	30	181

** Points deducted for slow over rates*

First Division	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
MACCLESFIELD	11	0	0	1	1	3	2	15	11	325
CHEADLE	10	0	0	0	0	6	2	1	8	301
DIDSBURY	9	0	2	1	0	4	2	22	18	301
SALE	8	0	2	0	1	4	3	24	12	271
OULTON PARK	7	0	0	0	2	4	5	16	20	241
DAVENHAM	6	0	1	0	0	5	6	24	17	229
TIMPERLEY	6	0	0	1	1	4	6	29	17	227
CHEADLE HULME	6	0	0	0	1	4	7	24	20	223
CHRISTLETON	3	0	1	0	1	4	9	36	24	167
MIDDLEWICH	3	0	1	0	1	4	9	31	23	161
WIDNES	0	0	2	1	0	5	10	67	29	139
BROOKLANDS	2	0	1	0	2	3	10	32	22	130

Second Division	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
WEAVERHAM	11	0	3	0	1	1	2	28	21	341
TATTENHALL	8	0	5	1	1	2	1	48	23	303
STOCKPORT	9	0	1	1	4	2	1	25	18	291
ALVANLEY	7	0	3	1	2	2	3	39	14	255
*WARRINGTON (3)	5	1	3	0	1	3	5	34	27	230
UPTON	6	0	1	1	0	1	9	40	25	227
NORTHWICH	6	0	0	1	1	4	6	17	15	213
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	5	0	1	0	3	2	7	29	25	199
CONGLETON	5	0	0	2	1	1	9	26	25	188
*HEATON MERSEY (4)	3	1	1	1	1	4	7	32	23	176
IRBY	3	0	1	0	2	1	11	50	37	174
POYNTON	3	0	0	0	2	3	10	21	24	143

**Points deducted for slow over rates.*

CBH triumph in ECB t20 at Barnt Green

CHESTER Boughton Hall turned up trumps with two fine victories in the **ECB t20 Area Finals** at Barnt Green on Sunday and now host Northern in the North-West Regional Final next Sunday, August 24 (1 p.m.).

After rain had caused the postponement of the original Finals games on August 10, North Wales Premier League champions Menai Bridge dropped out. This meant re-vamping Sunday's competition with each of three clubs playing twice.

Cheshire were without spinner Jack Williams playing for Cheshire, with Harry Killoran called up by Derbyshire Academy and although skipper Lee Dixon and all-rounder Warren Goodwin opted to play for their club, they had a severely weakened attack.

In the first game, Birmingham League representatives and hosts Barnt Green beat the North Staffs & South Cheshire League reps Stone by 13 runs. Scores: Barnt Green 106; Stone 93.

Chester then played Stone and scored 192-6 (Lee Dixon 60, Mark Rowland 41, Warren Goodwin 34), Stone replying with 103, 15 year-old left arm spinner Shaneil Patel taking a magical 5-9 off four overs including three wickets in his first. Ross Dixon claimed 2-28.

In the clash of the two winning teams, Chester overcame a star-studded Barnt Green side by six wickets. Scores: Barnt Green 115-6 (Mark Rowland 2-16, Ross Dixon 2-19); Chester 118-4 (Warren Goodwin 55, Lee Dixon 29 not out). His performances won Goodwin the Man of the Tournament award.

The winners of the Regional final next Sunday will go on play in National Finals Day at Wantage Road, Northampton on Tuesday, September 9 to be televised live by Sky. This clashes with Unicorns County championship play-off September 7 – 10.

The big ECB t20 prize this year is a trip to the La Manga Sports Complex in Spain to play the winners of the Royal London Clubs T20 from October 8 – 13. All travel and hotel expenses will be covered.

O Holders Chester will host another Liverpool Competition club, Wallasey in the final of the *Liverpool Echo* invitational on a date yet to be set.

OVER 60 BUSY

CHESHIRE will figure in the **National Over 60s championship** 1st and 2nd XI play-offs.

The seniors wind up their group games against Lincolnshire at Sleaford on Tuesday, August 19 needing to win to qualify for second place in their group and a home draw.

Over 60s 2nd XI have made the Last Eight.

There is to be Cheshire Seniors dinner at Chester Boughton Hall on Friday, October 24 organised by Over 50s secretary-manager Paul Freedman, who hopes for a record turn out to celebrate 25 years of vets' cricket in the county.

Paul says that wives and girls friends will be welcomed to swell the numbers.

Poynton plan CricketFest

POYNTON stage their first **CricketFest** over Bank Holiday week-end on their London Road ground.

Sunday sees a Lads v Dad match in the morning followed by a Senior Sixes competition from 1 p.m. when entry is £30 per team. Admission will cost £2 or £5 for a family.

On Bank Holiday Monday an Under 9s six a side tournament will take place on the ground.

Real Ale (for adult spectators only) will be provided by Bollington Brewery.

UNDER 7s LINE-UP AT MACC

THE **SAS Daniels Under 7s Cricket Festival** is to be staged at Macclesfield on Sunday, August 31.

Six clubs will be taking part will be: Macclesfield, Prestbury, Poynton, Congleton, Ashley and Romiley, the winners receiving the SAS Daniels Trophy.

England coach Peter Moores – the host club's most famous Old Boy - has promised to attend and present the awards.

The event is being organised by Macclesfield Under 7s coach Danny Ackerley.

Family affair

THERE were six players from two families involved in the Cheadle Hulme team which played Heaton Mersey in a 2nd XI match on Saturday, August 9.

Newsletter's Grove Park correspondent Mike Fish informs us that there were three Fishes – Jack, Nick and Dan – and three Baldersons – Philip, Tom and George.

Cheshire lead Oxford at Nantwich

CHESHIRE enjoyed a successful first day in their vital final **Unicorns county championship** West group game against Oxfordshire at Nantwich on Sunday

Needing a maximum points victory to ensure retaining the group title, Cheshire were, however, unable to collect full batting points from their below par total of 247, the consistent Rick Moore (74) and Calum Rowe (53) leading the way.

Oxfordshire were reduced to 60-5 by the close before going on to reach 200 after a long rain delay on Monday, former Middlesex all-rounder Chad Keegan scoring 84, Adam Syddall taking 4-50 and Rick Moore 3-31. With an hour left for play, Cheshire had scored 39-3 by the close, leading by 86 runs with a rain-laden last day to come. Much attention will be focussed on their opponents' performances round the country.

The Cheshire team is: James Duffy captain, Danny Berry, Khalid Sawas, Jason Whittaker (Hyde), Jack Williams (Chester Boughton Hall), Dan Woods (York), Calum Rowe (Alderley Edge), Pat Roberts wicket-keeper, Rick Moore (Oulton Park), Dan Brown (Cheadle), Adam Syddall (Urmston). 12th man: Matt Ingram (Upton).

WEST TABLE BEFORE FINAL GAMES

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Cheshire	5	3	2	0	85
Wiltshire	5	3	1	1	84
Herefordshire	5	3	1	1	81
Shropshire	5	3	0	2	74
Devon	5	2	2	1	73
Dorset	5	2	1	2	61
Wales	5	1	2	2	51
Cornwall	5	1	1	3	42
Oxfordshire	5	0	2	3	37
Berkshire	5	0	2	3	31

O Staffordshire top the Eastern group with 106 points, followed by Cumberland, 92 and Cambridgeshire, 82. Staffs are currently playing at Cambridge in their final game.

The inter-group play off is on the ground of the western winners from September 7 – 10.

League Pitch marks: Saturday, August 9

Premier League

Alderley Edge v Neston: pitch 18; outfield 20.
Bowdon v Hyde: 15 – 20;
Grappenhall v Bramhall 16 – 18;
Nantwich v Oxton 17 – 20;
Toft v Chester 17 - 19

First Division:

Brooklands v Davenham: 19 – 18;
Cheadle v Oulton Park 17 – 20;
Cheadle Hulme v Didsbury 17 – 20;
Sale v Christleton 17- 19;
Timperley v Middlewich 13 – 18
Widnes v Macclesfield 17 – 18;

Second Division

Alvanley v Stockport: 19 –19;
Congleton v Heaton Mersey 17 –18;
Northwich v Tattenhall 16 –17;
Poynton v Bredbry 13 – 18;
Warrington v Irby 18 – 19;
Weaverham v Upton 19 – 20.

o UMPIRES MARKS were not received by co ordinator Ken Spilsbury from the following six clubs: Neston, Nantwich, Toft, Cheadle, Alvanley and Tattenhall.

o MISSING RESULT SHEETS: June 21: Cheadle v Brooklands; July 5: Didsbury v Brooklands; July 12: Cheadle v Christleton; July 26: Cheadle v Davenham; August 2: Irby v Northwich. These are needed for end of season pitch and outfield summaries

Over 40s Finals draw

HOLDERS Urmston Tigers, together with Toft and surprise packet Cheadle are the first three clubs to reach the **Over 40s play-offs** at Chester Boughton Hall on Bank Holiday Monday from 12 noon. The draw for the semi-finals is

Toft v Cheadle (on main ground)

Urmston Tigers v Neston or Alsager (second ground).

Tea is at 2.30 p.m. followed by the final on the main ground at 3.30 p.m.

The winners will receive the Chapel Press Trophy and there will be a Man of the Match and Champagne Moment awards.

QUARTER-FINAL RESULTS

Wednesday, August 13: **TOFT beat TATTENHALL WRECKERS by 7 wickets:**

Toft 128-3 (Drummond 33, Mitchell 27, Waterhouse 24); Tattenhall 110-8 (Kettle 33, Hope 23, Sheldon 3-19).

Friday, August 15: **URMSTON TIGERS beat BREDBURY SAINTS by 5 wickets:**

Bredbury 89-9 (Clarke 29, Edginton 4-15, Pollard 2-17); Urmston 90-5 (Cartwright 30, Martin 3-9, Barton 2-17).

Wednesday, August 13: **MARPLE lost to Cheadle by 4 wickets:**

Marple 130-6 (Cash 33, Littler 30, Stringer 29, Davies 2-21); Cheadle 131-6 (six off penultimate ball: Bardsley 32, Davis 30, Parkinson 2-18, Potter 2-18).

Result not to hand: NESTON v ALSAGER.

Final tables

<u>West group</u>	P	W	T	C/A	L	PTS.
NESTON	14	12	0	1	1	50 champions; play-offs
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	14	12	0	1	1	50 play-offs
IRBY	14	9	0	1	4	38
OXTON	14	5	0	2	7	24
WARRINGTON	14	6	0	0	8	24
UPTON	14	4	1	2	7	23
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	14	2	1	0	11	11
CALDY	14	1	0	1	12	6
<u>Central group</u>						
TOFT	14	13	0	1	0	54 champions; play-offs
ALSAGER	14	11	0	2	1	48 play-offs
GRAPPENHALL	14	9	0	2	3	40
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	14	5	0	2	7	24
DAVENHAM	14	5	0	2	7	24
BOWDON	14	5	0	1	8	22
ASHLEY	14	1	0	1	12	6
MOBBERLEY	14	1	0	1	12	6
<u>North-East group</u>						
URMSTON TIGERS	14	10	0	3	1	46 champions; play-offs
CHEADLE	14	7	0	3	4	34 play-offs
CHEADLE HULME	14	7	0	2	5	32
SALE SILVERBACKS	14	7	0	2	5	32
BROOKLANDS	14	7	0	1	6	30
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	14	5	0	3	6	26
ASHTON on MERSEY	14	3	0	1	10	14
TIMPERLEY	14	1	0	3	10	10
<u>South-East group</u>						
MARPLE	14	12	0	2	0	52 champions; play-offs
BREDBURY SAINTS	14	9	1	2	2	43 play-offs
POYNTON LEGENDS	14	7	1	1	5	33
MACCLESFIELD	14	7	0	2	5	32
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	14	6	0	2	6	28
BRAMHALL	14	3	0	1	10	14
OFFERTON	14	3	0	1	10	14
WOODLEY	14	2	0	1	11	10

Cheshire Cup semi-final line-up

OXTON won their delayed **Cheshire Cup** quarter-final at Urmston on Sunday by four wickets..

Urmston scored 221-9 off 45 overs before rain intervened, Oxton's target being reduced to 99 from 20 overs, which they reached at 100-6 with one over to spare.

Oxton will now be at home to holders Chester Boughton Hall in the semi-final on Bank Holiday Monday (1.30 p.m.).

The other semi-final between Macclesfield and New Brighton is on Sunday, August 24 (1.30 p.m.).

SHIELD FINAL RAINED OFF

HAWK GREEN were unable to stage the final of the **Cheshire Shield** against Ashton on Mersey on Sunday due to a waterlogged ground. No new date has yet been set for the game.

TACS Cheshire League leaders out for 45

BOLLINGTON were routed for 45 at lowly Lindow and have lost their place at the top of the First Division of the **TACS Partnership Cheshire Cricket League**.

Mobberley won by five wickets at Prestbury and currently have a 20 points advantage.

Division 1 results: Chester County Officers 105-6 drew with Romiley 183-7 dec.; Hale Barns 160 lost to Stockport Georgians 178-4 dec.; Lindow 46-4 beat Bollington 45; Malpas 140 lost to Runcorn 141-4; Oakmere 117 lost to Ashton on Mersey 119-3; Prestbury 104 lost to Mobberley 105-5.

Latest placings

1. <u>Mobberley</u>	318
2. <u>Bollington</u>	298
3. Ashton on Mersey	295
4. Stockport Georgians	288
5. Romiley	286
6. Runcorn	256
7. Malpas	225
8. Lindow	200
9. Prestbury	181
10. <u>Hale Barns</u>	173
11. Chester Country Officers	155
12. Oakmere	130

Division 2 leaders: 1. Disley 314; 2. Barrow 314; 3. Barnton 284. Division 3: 1. Haslington 292; 2. Stockport Trinity 269; 3. Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge 270.

Division 1 fixtures on Saturday, August 23 (1.30 p.m.): Ashton on Mersey v Chester County Officers; Bollington v Hale Barns; Mobberley v Malpas; Romiley v Lindow; Runcorn v Oakmere; Stockport Georgians v Prestbury

Information provided by TACS chairman Graham Coull.

Enter now for Village Cup

THE Cricketer magazine, who run the Davidstow Village Cup, are seeking more entries from Cheshire clubs for the 2015 competition, entries for which have already opened, according to organiser Francis Kelly.

Application forms can be obtained on-line from thecricketer.com/entervc.

UMPIRES' COURSE @ OAKMERE

THE ECB ACO have issued details of a two-option Level 1 Umpires course to be held at Oakmere Cricket Club aimed at players, coaches, umpires and anyone else interested in learning the Laws of Cricket, including fieldcraft.

The cost of the course is £40 which will include the MCC Laws Book.

It will be run on two separate occasions, to suit the applicant, either a two, all-day Saturdays course or an 8-weeks evening course, whichever in the applicant's choice. Details:

Option 1: Saturdays, November 15 and 22, 2014 from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Option 2: Wednesday evenings, commencing January 21, 2015 from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

To book your place or for more information contact Geoff Young, tel. 01352 755 881; or by e mail on curzon99@tiscali.co.uk

**LEAGUE FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR WEEK 19:
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23**

ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)

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

Graham Harris & Paul Herring
Neville Kent & Ged Kinsey
David Gane & David Goulding
Phil Prince & Mark Turner
Trevor Burnett & Dion Kelly
Howard Briggs & Chris Smith

First Division (1 p.m.)

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

Don Flanagan & Ray Prescott
David Tate & Steve Walton
Darrin Clark & Steve Duckers
Clive Rice & David Stoter
Glyn Roberts & Steve Wilkinson
Barrie Burns & Jon Hacking

Second Division (1 p.m.)

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

John Lowe & Tony Morris
Neville Abberley & Ron Bedson
Peter Davies & Brian Jones
Nigel Simms & Liam Spires
Allan Lewis & Simon Smith
Ankit Jain & Steve Kirkbright

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

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

Club umpire & Peter Hanaby
No panel umpires available
Ken Rothwell & no panel umpire available
Brian Boys & no panel umpire available
Ken Simpson & no panel umpire available
Club umpire & no panel umpire available

Matthew Parkinson shines

URMSTON's teenage leg-spinner Matthew Parkinson made a striking debut to his international career playing for England Under 17s last week.

The League's 2013 Young Player of the Year took 6-22 in a warm-up 50 overs game against South Africa Under 17s, then 6-22 in a competitive game against Pakistan, which included a hat-trick.

Further ODI and T20 international appearances lie ahead for the teenager who has played for Lancashire 2nd and Staffordshire this season as well as being the leading wicket taker in the ECB Premier League.

Apologies for last week giving Matthew the incorrect christian name of Liam, a prefix which applies to the Grappenhall and Cumberland wicket-keeper of the same surname.

10 Years Ago

Tragedy recalled in *Newsletter of August 21, 2004*

TRAGEDY struck when Irby 1st XI player Michael Griffiths, aged 21, of North Drive, Heswall, a passenger in a car occupied by three team mates, died following a freak road accident at Greasby. Michael, who had played in the Irby team which had beaten Stockport Georgians earlier in the day, was pronounced dead on arrival at nearby Arrowse Park Hospital. The other players were unhurt.

Irby chairman Ged Kinsey said: "All of us are devastated. Mike was a lovely lad with a big future in life and in cricket. The car had apparently overturned"

A two minutes' silence was to be observed at Irby's games the following week-end.

BOWDON reduced Oulton Park's ECB Premier League lead to nine points when they scored a 40-runs victory at Chester. This despite fine bowling by the county's top cricketing policeman, Robin Fisher, who took 9-54 to become the first senior division bowler go past 50 wickets.

CHRISTLETON led Division One by 30 points from Toft after winning at Upton, thanks to Greg Malkin's pace bowling burst of 7-29.

BOLLINGTON beat 2002 and 2003 winners Middlewich by 69 runs to win the Jaguar House-sponsored Cheshire Shield for the first time. Their star turn was Kevin Waterhouse with 93 and 4-35.

Hyde were to meet Bowdon at Werneth Low in the final of the Cheshire Cup – also sponsored y Jaguar House - on September 5.

CHEADLE's Paul Sperring was to captain a strong Second Division XI to take on the Meller Braggins Cheshire League for the annual Chesters Trophy at Kingsway on Bank Holiday Monday.

GRAEME ARCHER (Caythorpe and ex-Staffs) scored his second successive century for Cheshire against Shropshire at Chester. He hit 113 and with Oxtun's Neil Cross adding 63, Cheshire declared on 315-6. Monday's play was abandoned due to rain.

YOUR NEWSLETTER ...

Apologies for late despatch of some copies of the *Newsletter* this week.

Due to so much cricket being played over the Bank Holiday week-end, all but copies of the *Newsletter* intended for publication in the Press will be despatched on Tuesday (August 26).