



2013 SEASON NEWSLETTER NO. 5: MAY 18

Only leaders Neston unbeaten

**First defeats for CBH and Hyde,
Alderley get off the mark**

ON a day when there should have been little or no cricket according to gloomy weather forecasters, all 18 games were played in the three divisions on Saturday, although some started or finished late and many players and umpires got a pre-tea soaking from persistent fine rain.

In the **ECB Premier League**, the early-season levelling-up effect goes on with maiden defeats for Chester Boughton Hall and Hyde – two of the most fancied clubs – while Alderley Edge chalked up their maiden victory.

The only unbeaten team, Neston nudged into a useful 18 points lead when bottom club Macclesfield became their fourth victims. Neston's star turn was former MCC Young Cricketer Andy Clarke - who featured as a sub in several England Test matches last summer. He contributed a decisive unbeaten 92 towards his team's tally of 206, Ben Morrison 4-27 and Jack Ward 4-67. The former Birkenhead School player then took 4-34 and with Andy Davis' 3-23, Macclesfield – now the only side without a win - were dismissed for 127.

Hyde v Alderley Edge at Werneth Low was reduced to 60 overs by rain and the outcome depended largely on the toss. This was won by Alderley Edge who inserted, then restricted their hosts to 152-7 off 30 overs, James Duffy 56 not out, John Ashley 41, Ben Davies 4-62. Alderley skipper Alan Day hit 45 and Andy Wildig 24 in two key innings as a five wickets win was achieved in the final over Danny Cranmer took 3-49.

Chester Boughton Hall's downfall came at Marple, picking up nicely after a sluggish start. The slow pitches are much to the liking of their key spinners who weaved their web after tea to bowl CBH out for 136. Veteran Andy Greasley had figures of 19-5-66-5 and Joe Cash 11-3-36-4, while Jordan Clark scored 43. Earlier Marple posted a decent 222-8, Sam Hudson 56 and Garry Cash 39, while another young tweaker, Harry Killoran, claimed 4-60.

Champions Nantwich must have feared the worst at the tea interval of their home game against Oxton after being bowled out for 82, Martyn Evans 5-30, Gayan Fernando 5-37. However, with Jimmy Warrington at his best anything can happen and he proceeded to bowl the Wirral side out for 77, taking 5-38 to conjure up a five runs win worth the full 25 points.

Toft clocked up their third victory, by four wickets at home to Didsbury, who were restricted to 191, Nick Anderson 70, James Fawcett 48, Rob Jones 3-38, Nigel Muirhead 3-59. Toft slumped from 96-0 (Jake Hancock 57, James Drummond 48 - both run out) to 112-5 before another fine stand between skipper Toby Drummond, 51 not out and Pat Roberts, 24, turned the game back in their favour and they won by four wickets.

Grappenhall topped 250 for the fourth time in five innings when they amassed 304-7 declared off 52 overs against fellow promotees Bowdon at South Downs Road. After slumping to 120-2, Grappers' third wicket pair Adam Roylance (94) and Richard Green (64) added 162 as they roasted the home attack – apart from Trent McCormick, 5-40. Bowdon had reached 153-4 in reply, Matt Foakes with unbeaten on 53, when bad light and drizzle ended the game 10 over early.

Penalty points awarded - twice

PENALTY points were awarded for the first time this season in two Division 2 games on Saturday: Warrington v Timperley and Tattenhall v Alvanley.

Umpires Brian Jones and Martin Roberts ruled that Warrington batsman Brian McIntosh had damaged the pitch by persistent encroachment and instructed five points to be added to the Timperley total. Tattenhall batsman Olly Thompson was similarly penalised and Alvanley were given five runs at the start of their innings, by umpires Neville Abberley and Ken Simpson. Reports have been sent to the Disciplinary Committee.

Brooklands held, Bramhall loom

LEADERS Brooklands lost their 100 per cent record when Middlewich decided to block them out in an important **First Division** game at Georges road.

Brooklands totted up 237-4, John Grewer 92 not out, John Birchall 49. After Middlewich's early batsmen failed, skipper James Cornford set out his stall to prevent the leaders from another 25 points haul, his side batting out time at 137-6, Phil Parry contributing a patient and unbeaten 63. The points tally of 13 – 3 was Brooklands' consolation.

Bramhall clocked up their fourth win when they trounced Widnes by 74 runs at Beaconsfield Road after Rupe Kitzinger had turned in one of his unplayable performances with 7-57 off 19 lethal overs to dismiss Widnes for 142, Ken Maher 40. Earlier Bramhall had closed on 216-6, Matt Hughes 64, Luke Smith 46 not out.

An interested spectator was former Widnes bowling star Bapa Mukherjee on a 28-day visit from his home in India. Oulton Park stay in third place after having to be content with a 13 – 8 draw at Cheadle. Rick Moore, 91 and Lou Bentley, 73, batted well to help Park tally 221-8, Paul Sperring 4-58. Cheadle responded with 182-8, John Prince 42, Craig Williamson 4-79

Lone centurion

The only century scored in the League on Saturday came from the bat of Paul Wood with 110 in Bredbury St. Mark's losing draw at Cheadle Hulme. The Grove Park side batted first and scored 215-8, Ewan McCray 53, Kris Nissen 45, Bredbury responding with a spirited 198-8 thanks to Wood's effort, with all-rounder Nissen taking 4-36.

Erratic Sale inflicted Christleton's fifth defeat at Dane Road in a game they dominated. Sale closed on 223-7, number 7 batsman Grant Whittaker 46, Keith Wellings 40, Iroshan De Silva 3-58. Christleton mustered just 101, Guy Newell 28, Taz Thorsen 5-37.

Urmston registered their first victory points in a tense finish against Heaton Mersey at UCG. Mersey were dismissed for 110, Aaron Ayre 37, Samit Panda 5-36. Urmston's batting crashed to 86-9 before an unbroken last wicket stand of 25 between Adam Syddall, 18 and Rob Tootell, 11, who had earlier taken 2-7. Hasser Hussain took 5-73 and Rashin Amin 4-36 for the losers.

Five in row for Timperley

TIMPERLEY made it five straight wins with an impressive six wickets victory on the ground of **Division Two** promotion rivals Warrington.

In a three-hour innings played entirely in heavy drizzle, Warrington laboured to an inadequate 156, Mike Rudd 47, against a useful attack headed by Chris Page who bowled unchanged and spiritedly for 5-61 off 23 overs. Timperley's strong batting line-up responded with 159-4, with former Bamford Fieldhouse batsman Mike Stevens scoring 51 and Craig Grindley 41.

Building work currently dominates the scene at Walton Lea with a £250,000 pavilion redevelopment scheme well under way. Warrington, who now share the complex with recently-promoted Warrington RUFC, expect work to be completed by September.

Tattenhall look like giving Timperley a run for their title money, their latest outing seeing Alvanley well beaten by 126 runs at The Flacca. Ollie Thompson cracked 96 in Tatters' 215-7, to which Alvanley replied with a feeble all out 89, Robin Mulvihill 4-34.

First wins for Irby, Weaverham

Irby recorded a maiden victory by nine wickets at the expense of fellow strugglers Bollington whom they bowled out for 115, Mo Ali 36, Andy Williams 6-65. Irby strolled home at 116-1 thanks to Dave Gulliver 52 and Dave Newman 41, both not out.

There was also a welcome first win for Weaverham, who trounced Stockport Georgians by six wickets at Wallerscote Road. Georgians mustered just 64, Kevin Douglas, 6-32 with wicket-keeper Paul Allcock taking five neat catches. Weaverham coasted home at 67-4.

Third-placed Stockport scraped home by one wicket in their derby game against Poynton at Cale Green.. Mike Green took 6-28 to restrict Poynton to 148-9, Stockport replying with 149-8, Mark Ely contributing a match-winning 39 not out.

Congleton's improvement continued with a 40 runs win at Davenham after they had posted 157-6, Kevin Waterhouse 46, Rob Massey 4-42. Mark Greaves scored 52 in Davenham's reply, but his colleagues failed in an all-out tally of 117, Kiwi Joe Lamb claiming 5-44.

ECB PREMIER LEAGUE SCORES

BOWDON (won toss) v GRAPPENHALL

Grappenhall 304-7 dec. (52 overs: A. Roylance 94, R. Green 64, J. McClelland 47, Extras 40, T. McCormick 5-40);
Bowdon 153-4 (48 overs: M Foakes 53no). *After late start, bad light stopped play with 10 overs remaining.*

Match abandoned as draw: Grappenhall 11 pts., Bowdon 7 pts.

HYDE v ALDERLEY EDGE (toss)

Hyde 152-7 (30 overs: J. Duffy 56no, J. Ashley 41, B. Davis 4-62);

Alderley Edge 153-5 (29.4 overs: A Day 45, A Wildig 28, D. Cranmer 3-48) *Reduced to 60 overs by rain.*

Alderley Edge (25 pts.) beat Hyde (10 pts.) by 5 wickets.

MACCLESFIELD v NESTON (toss)

Neston 206 (44 overs: A Clarke 92, W. Evans 33, D. Hurst 31, B Morrison 4-27, J. Ward 4-67);

Macclesfield 127 (40 overs: A Clarke 4-34, A. Davis 3-23).

Neston (25 pts.) beat Macclesfield (4 pts.) by 89 runs

MARPLE (toss) v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL

Marple 222-8 (55 overs: S Hudson 56, G. Cash 39, H. Killoran 4-60);

Chester 136 (39 overs: J. Clark 43, R. Dixon 33, A. Greasley 5-66, J. Cash 3-36).

Marple (25 pts.) beat Chester Boughton Hall (4 pts.) by 86 runs

NANTWICH v OXTON (toss)

Nantwich 82 (38 overs: M Evans 5-36, G. Fernando 5-37);

Oxton 77 (29 overs: J. Warrington 5-38).

Nantwich (25 pts.) beat Oxton (4 pts.) by 5 runs.

TOFT (toss) v DIDSBURY

Didsbury 191 (55 overs: N Anderson 70, J. Fawcett 48, R Jones 3-38, N. Muirhead 3-59);

Toft 193-6 (54 overs: J Hancock 57, T. Drummond 51no, J. Drummond 48.).

Toft (25 pts.) beat Didsbury (8 pts.) by 4 wickets.

DIVISION 1 SCORES

BROOKLANDS v MIDDLEWICH (won toss)

Brooklands 237-8 (50 overs: J. Grewer 92no, J Birchall 49);

Middlewich 137-6 (50 overs: P Parry 63no).

Match drawn: Brooklands 13 pts., Middlewich 3 pts.

CHEADLE v OULTON PARK

Oulton Park 221-8 (37 overs: R. Moore 91, L. Bentley 73, P Sperring 4-58, W. Holmes 3-78);

Cheadle 181-8 (36 overs: J Prince 42, A. Wilson 32, C. Williamson 4-79). *Reduced 74 overs by rain.*

Match drawn: Oulton Park 13 pts., Cheadle 8 pts.

CHEADLE HULME v BREDBURY ST. MARK'S (toss)

Cheadle Hulme 215-8 (50 overs: E. McCray 53, K Nissen 45, S Raja 3-50);

Bredbury 198-8 (50 overs: P Wood 110, A. Hilder 35, C. Wood 32, K. Nissen 4-36).

Cheadle Hulme (14 pts.) drew with Bredbury St. Mark's (7 pts.)

SALE v CHRISTLETON (toss)

Sale 223-7 (50 overs: G. Whittaker 46, K Wellings 46, C. Flowers 36, I. De Silva 3-58);

Christleton 101 (37 overs: G. Newell 28, T. Tharsen 5-37, C. Flowers 3-26).

Sale (25 pts.) beat Christleton (3 pts.) by 122 runs

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URMSTON (toss) v HEATON MERSEY

Heaton Mersey 110 (32 overs: A. Ayre 37, S. Panda 5-46, A. Syddall 3-48);

Urmston 111-9 (38 overs: A Syddall 18no, R. Tootell 11 no, N. Hussain 5-73, R. Amin 4-36).

Urmston (25 pts.) beat Heaton Mersey (6 pts.) by 1 wicket.

WIDNES (toss) v BRAMHALL

Bramhall 216-6 (46 overs: M Hughes 64, L Smith 46no);

Widnes 142 (38 overs: K Maher 46, R. Kitzinger 7-57).

Bramhall (25 pts.) beat Widnes (4 pts.) by 74 runs

DIVISION 2 SCORES

BOLLINGTON v IRBY (toss)

Bollington 115 (30 overs: M Ali 36, T Horsfield 34, A. Williams 6-65);

Irby 116-1 (32 overs: D. Gulliver 51no, D. Newman 41no).

Irby (25 pts.) beat Bollington (2 pts.) by 9 wickets.

DAVENHAM (toss) v CONGLETON

Congleton 157-6 (50 overs: K Waterhouse 46, R. Massey 4-42);

Davenham 117 (38 overs: M Green 51, J. Lamb 5-44).

Congleton (25 pts.) beat Davenham (3 pts.) by 40 runs

STOCKPORT (toss) v POYNTON

Poynton 148-9 (50 overs: M Green 6-28);

Stockport 149-9 (48 overs: M Ely 35no).

Stockport (25 pts.) beat Poynton (8 pts.) by 1 wicket.

TATTENHALL v ALVANLEY (toss)

Tattenhall 215-7 (50 overs: O. Thompson 96, D. Power 46, S. Charles 3-47);

Alvanley 89 (30 overs: R. Mulvihill 4-34, A. Brock 3-10).

Tattenhall (25 pts.) beat Alvanley (3 pts.) by 126 runs.

WARRINGTON v TIMPERLEY (toss)

Warrington 156 (46 overs: M Rudd 47, C. Page 5-61);

Timperley 159-4 (38 overs: M Stevens 51, C. Grindley 41).

Timperley (25 pts.) beat Warrington (5 pts.) by 6 wickets.

WEAVERHAM v STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (toss)

Stockport Georgians 64 (38 overs: K. Douglas 6-31, wicket-keeper P. Allcock 5 catches);

Weaverham 67-4 (31 overs: J. Lewis 30).

Weaverham (25 pts.) beat Stockport Georgians (1 pt.) by 6 wickets.

PICK OF WEEK (o = overseas player)

ECB Premier League batting: Andy Clarke (Neston) 92no v Macclesfield

Bowling: Martyn Evans (Oxton) 5-30 v Nantwich.

Division 1 batting: Paul Wood (Bredbury St. Mark's) 110 v Cheadle Hulme.

Bowling: Rupe Kitzinger (Bramhall) 7-57 v Widnes

Division 2 batting: Ollie Thompon (Tattenhall) 96 v Alvanley

Bowling: Mark Green (Stockport) 6-28 v Poynton.

Tables after 5 games

ECB PREMIER	W (25)	WD (3)	RD (2)	LD (1)	C (7)	L	Bat bonus	Bowl bonus	Total pts.
NESTON	4	0	0	1	0	0	4	2	107
TOFT	3	0	0	0	1	1	3	4	89
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	2	1	1	0	0	1	17	8	80
NANTWICH	2	1	0	0	0	2	17	8	78
HYDE	2	0	1	1	0	1	16	8	77
MARPLE	2	1	0	0	0	2	16	8	77
DIDSBURY	2	0	0	0	0	3	20	3	73
GRAPPENHALL	1	2	1	0	0	1	28	8	69
ALDERLEY EDGE	1	1	0	2	0	1	19	9	58
BOWDON	1	0	1	0	0	3	13	11	51
OXTON	1	0	0	0	0	4	14	12	51
MACCLESFIELD	0	0	0	2	1	2	12	10	31

DIVISION 1

BROOKLANDS	4	1	0	0	0	0	8	2	113
BRAMHALL	4	0	0	0	0	1	8	3	111
OULTON PARK	3	0	1	1	0	0	9	7	94
SALE	3	0	0	0	0	2	8	2	85
MIDDLEWICH	2	1	0	1	0	1	11	7	72
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	2	0	0	1	0	2	13	6	70
CHEADLE HULME	1	2	0	0	0	2	22	12	65
CHEADLE	1	1	1	1	0	1	15	13	59
WIDNES	1	1	0	0	0	3	22	8	58
URMSTON	1	0	0	1	0	3	21	6	53
HEATON MERSEY	1	0	0	1	0	3	10	7	43
CHRISTLETON	0	0	0	0	0	5	17	10	27

DIVISION 2

TIMPERLEY	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125
TATTENHALL	4	0	0	0	0	1	6	3	109
STOCKPORT	4	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	106
WARRINGTON	4	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	105
POYNTON	2	1	0	0	0	2	18	10	81
DAVENHAM	2	0	0	0	0	3	9	8	67
CONGLETON	2	1	0	0	0	2	9	3	65
WEAVERHAM	1	1	0	1	0	2	19	11	59
IRBY	1	0	0	2	0	2	9	8	44
ALVANLEY	1	0	0	0	0	4	6	7	38
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	0	1	0	0	0	4	17	10	30
BOLLINGTON	0	0	0	1	0	4	11	9	21

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

Bonus points in Premier League: batting at 130; 160; 190; 220 runs. In Divisions 1 & 2 at 110, 140, 170 and 200 runs. Doubled up points for teams who draw or lose batting first. Bowling bonus points in all divisions at the fall of 3,5,7 and 9 wickets.

Batting and bowling bonus points available throughout innings.

Rain hits Over 40s

ALTHOUGH several clubs have failed to notify their presumably cancelled matches, only three games were definitely played in the **Over 40s section** on Wednesday, May 15 due to heavy rain earlier in the day.

In the Western group, new boys Caldby opened their account with an impressive 41 runs win against Chester at Paton Field, Stuart Pillely scoring 34 and taking 3-5, while Oxton recorded their second win, by 31 runs at Upton.

Not a ball was reported as having been bowled in the Central or North-East groups, but Marple were able to play on the ground of neighbours Woodley and won by four runs in a tense South-East group game

Derbyshire & Cheshire League club Compstall have expressed an interest in entering in 2014. Their admission would mean the acquisition of another hot bed of cricket in the North-East of the county and a rounding up to four groups of eight clubs.

Home clubs who have not notified their cancellations are liable to £15 fines. They are also advised to post match details on the League website.

MAY 15 SCORECARD

West Group

CALDY beat CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL by 41 runs: Caldby 145-3 (Pillely 34, Daniel-Jones 30, Laycock 24no, Mellor 24, Daly 2-17); Chester 104-8 (Fisher 30, Baker 29, Pillely 3-5, Wright 2-35). **Caldy 4 pts.**

NESTON v TATTENHALL WRECKERS: **cancelled due to rain: 2 pts. each** *No notification.*

UPTON lost to OXTON by 31 runs: Oxton 116-8 (Armstrong 30, Williams, 27, I. Sharrock 2-8); Upton 95-8 (Lynch 28, Edwards 2-12). **Oxton 4 pts.**

Open: Irby

Central Group

ASHLEY v BOWDON VALE VIKINGS: **cancelled due to rain 2 pts. each**

DAVENHAM v GRAPPENHALL: **cancelled due to rain: 2 pts. each**

MOBBERLEY v TOFT; **cancelled due to rain, 2 pts. each** *No notification*

ALSAGER DABBERS v BOWDON (Thursday): **cancelled due to rain, 2 pts. each** *No notification.*

North-East Group

ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS v SALE SILVERBACKS: **cancelled due to rain: 2 pts. each**

CHEADLE HULME v BROOKLANDS: **cancelled due to rain: 2 pts. each** *No notification.*

URMSTON TIGERS v CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE: **cancelled due to rain 2 pts. each**

WARRINGTON v CHEADLE: **cancelled due to rain: 2 pts. each**

South-East Group

BRAMHALL v BREDBURY SAINTS: **cancelled due to rain: 2 pts. each**

OFFERTON v BOLLINGTON VETERANS: **cancelled due to rain: 2 pts. each.**

POYNTON LEGENDS v MACCLESFIELD: **cancelled due to rain: 2 pts. each.**

WOODLEY lost to MARPLE by 4 runs: Marple 89-5 (Bailey 24, Hayward 20, Jones 3-15, Middleton 2-11); Woodley 85-7 (Parry 26, Rippon 21, Parkinson 4-5). **Marple 4 pts.**

FIXTURES for Wednesday, May 22 (6 p.m.)

WEST: Chester Boughton Hall v Neston; Oxton v Irby; Tattenhall v Upton. Open: Caldby.

CENTRAL: Ashley v Mobberley; Bowdon Vale v Alsager; Grappenhall v Bowdon; Toft v Davenham

NORTH-EAST: Alderley Edge v Urmston; Brooklands v Warrington; Cheadle v Sale; Warrington v Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge.

SOUTH-EAST: Bollington v Bramhall; Bredbury v Marple; Macclesfield v Bollington; Woodley v Poynton.

RedInsure T20 results & fixtures

THE new-look **RedInsureT20** competition began on Tuesday and Thursday last week with games in groups 2, 4, 6 and 8.

All were completed except the one brought forward to Tuesday when rain intervened at Bredbury. Surprise result was Irby's win at Widnes.

RESULTS

GROUP 2: Tuesday, May 14

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S (won toss) v CHEADLE:

Bredbury St. Mark's 45-1 (5 overs) v CHEADLE: **Abandoned: 1 pt. each**

Open date: HYDE

GROUP 4: Thursday, May 16

BOLLINGTON v TOFT (toss):

Toft 152-5 (J. Hancock 88); Bollington 98 (B Walters 4-22). **Toft won by 54 runs: 2 pts.**

MACCLESFIELD v BRAMHALL (toss):

Macclesfield 191-3 (B. Morrison 66, K. Sawas 66); Bramhall 138-7 (C. Melrose 3-33). **Macclesfield won by 52 runs, 2 pts.**

GROUP 6: Thursday, May 16

ALVANLEY v OXTON (toss)

Oxton 180-6 (S. Stokes 64, M Evans 64); Alvanley 165-7 (A. Bennion 44, G. Weir 31, A. Hughes 3-29). **Oxton won by 15 runs: 2 pts.**

WIDNES v IRBY (toss):

Irby 137-4 (D Gulliver 50no, A. Williams 48; Widnes 121 (G Shillinglaw 4-17). **Irby won by 16 runs: 2 pts.**

GROUP 8: Thursday, May 16

DIDSBURY (toss) v STOCKPORT

Stockport 92-8 (G. Barber 35, T. Ward 3-15); Didsbury 94-3 (S. Normanton 27no). **Didsbury won by 7 wickets: 2 pts.**

URMSTON v CHEADLE HULME

Cheadle Hulme 137-8 (R Malook 68); Urmston 141-4 (C. Turner 50). **Urmston won by 6 wickets: 2 pts.**

Home clubs are reminded they should telephone the results and highlights to the Competition Secretary immediately after the match and post or mail a result sheet (no ground marks required) ASAP after match day. There are also website requirements.

FIXTURES & UMPIRES: Thursday, May 23 (6 pm)

GROUP 1:

MIDDLEWICH v OULTON PARK

Steve Duckers & Martin Roberts

NANTWICH v CONGLETON

Allan Lewis & Chris Smith

GROUP 3

DAVENHAM v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL

Neville Abberley & Dion Kelly

WARRINGTON v GRAPPENHALL

Steve Walton & Geoff Wellstead

GROUP 5

HEATON MERSEY v MARPLE

Howard Briggs & Glyn Roberts

TIMPERLEY v BOWDON (*switched by agreement*)

Paul Herring & Gary Zimmer

GROUP 7

POYNTON v ALDERLEY EDGE

David Goulding & David Tate

SALE v BROOKLANDS

John Lofthouse & David Moss

GROUP 9

NESTON v CHRISTLETON

Alastair Davies & Jon Hacking

WEAVERHAM v TATTENHALL

Barrie Burns & Ged Kinsey

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The second round of fixtures in groups 2, 4, 6, 8 are on Thursday, May 30

May 11 ground reports

UMPIRES' League ground marks and other reports from games played on Saturday, May 11 were as follows:

ECB Premier League. Chester v Bowdon: pitch 17 outfield 19; Didsbury v Marple 18 – 19; Grappenhall v Nantwich 18 – 15; Macclesfield v Toft match cancelled; Neston v Alderley Edge 18 – 18; Oxtun v Hyde 15 – 20..

First Division: Bramhall v Urmston 18 - 18; Cheadle v Widnes sheet not received; Christleton v Brooklands 20 – 20 (full house); Heaton Mersey v Sale 15 – 19; Middlewich v Cheadle Hulme 20 – 20 (full house); Oulton Park v Bredbury 17 – 19.

Second Division: Alvanley v Timperley 18 – 18; Congleton v Bollington 17 – 18; Irby v Weaverham 18 –18; Poynton v Davenham 15 –18; Stockport Georgians v Warrington 17 – 17.

O All captains tendered their umpires' marks to coordinator Ken Spilsbury within the time allowed.

O Clubs are again requested to improve the quality of their Saturday evening phone-ins. Many messages continue to be barely audible and others are made too quickly and with key information missing, hence some details continue to be omitted from *Newsletter*.

O Overdue result sheet from Saturday, May 4: Warrington v Irby

Cheshire cup exit

CHESHIRE's **Minor Counties Cup** game against holders Cumberland at Kendal on Sunday was cancelled due to a waterlogged ground.

With only one point from three games, two of which were lost, Cheshire have one remaining group match, against Northumberland at Hyde on Sunday, June 2 which becomes academic as they have no chance of reaching the quarter-finals. .

County Cup up-date

REMAINING 2nd round result in the Cheshire Cup on Sunday, May 19:

Rode Park & Lawton 159; Ashton on Mersey 92.

DRAW for round 3 (Sunday, May 26, 1.30 pm): Oulton Park v Northwich; Wallasey v Oxtun; Brooklands v Widnes; Stockport v Didsbury; Chester Boughton Hall v Rode Park; Hyde v Marple; Parkfield v Toft; Sale v Alderley Edge (provisionally at Alderley Edge); Middlewich v Neston; Nantwich v Mere; Macclesfield v Bowdon; Upton v Congleton; Urmston v Timperley.

To be played on Sunday, June 2 (1.30 p.m.): Warrington v Birkenhead Park; Cheadle v New Brighton; Elworth v Grappenhall (provisional).

SHIELD DRAW

DRAW for the first round of the **Cheshire Shield** on Sunday, June 16: A. Ashton on Mersey v Stockport Trinity; B. Romiley v Heaton Mersey.

Round 3 (Sunday, June 30): Bramhall v Weaverham; Hawk Green v Wilmslow Wayfarers; Offerton v Cheadle; Ashley v winners of game A; Bollington v winners of game B; Sandbach v Davenham; Port Sunlight v Birkenhead St. Mary's; Tranmere Vics v Runcorn.

O Information provided by Cheshire Cup organiser Rick Davis.

Rain foils Vets

CHESHIRE'S first game in the **ECB Over 50s county championship** against Lancashire at Timperley on Wednesday last week was rained off and has been re-arranged for Wednesday, June 26 again at Timperley.

On Wednesday this week, Cheshire are due to visit Nottinghamshire.

CHESHIRE's **Spitfire 60 Plus championship** game against Shropshire at Oswestry on Tuesday last week was abandoned due to rain and is to be replayed. On Tuesday this week they are due to visit Northumberland.

Alderley Edge 3rd quit

ALDERLEY Edge have resigned from the 3rd XI Sunday Second Division due to an acute shortage of players.

Chairman Andy Fluck wants permission for the team to play future scheduled fixtures as friendlies when they are able to raise 11 players and this proposal will be considered by the League Cricket Committee on Thursday.

Mr. Fluck claims that older playing members at his club prefer Over 40s mid-week cricket, while an increasing number of younger ones shy away from league cricket of six or seven hours' duration on Sundays.

He is drawing up proposals for a major revamp of Sunday 3rd XI cricket to be played over a shorter format and will present his ideas to the League later in the season.

WEEK 5: Alastair Davies' Umpires Quiz

LAST WEEK'S POSER: The striker is hit on the pad in a position which meets the requirements for him to be given out lbw. The ball is then deflected off his bat and is caught by a close fielder, without going to ground. There is an appeal . . what should be the outcome?

DECISION: The striker is out Caught, which takes precedence over the lbw law (Law 32.2).

THIS WEEK: An injured batsman requires a runner. The injured batsman is wearing an external armguard and a thigh pad underneath his trousers. What are the full requirements of a runner?

Bowdon through in Kingfisher Beers Cup

BOWDON won by 48 runs at New Brighton on Sunday in the 2nd round of the **Kingfisher Beers Cup** Group 6

Scores: Bowdon 214-6 (Simon Marshall 48, Zafir Patel 48, Chris Ashling 33); New Brighton 166 (Chris Ashling 3-34, Gareth Edwards 3-34).

Oxton conceded their second round game at Bootle.

Marple meet Denton West at home on Sunday, May 26 while Grappenhall go to Wallasey. .

In Group 7 Neston survive to battle on in round 3.

Village Cup

TATTENHALL beat Christleton by a walk over in the 2nd round of the **National Village championship** on Sunday.

UPTON TOP TACS CHESHIRE LEAGUE

UPTON went top of the **TACS-sponsored Cheshire Cricket League** First Division on Saturday following their nine wickets home victory over Winnington Park. Results were as follows: :

Malpas 180-3 Chester County Officers 179-8 dec.; Mobberley 232-3 dec. Ashton on Mersey 233-7; Northwich 98-6 Oakmere 94; Prestbury 126-9 dec. Romiley 127-4; Runcorn 168-3 Hale Barns 165; Upton 65-1 Winnington Park 62 (G. Dixon 6-22).

PLACINGS in Division 1 after five games: 1. Upton 96 pts.; 2. Romiley 89; 3. Chester County Officers 88; 4. Northwich 87; 5. Hale Barns 87; 6. Mobberley 82; 7. Malpas 82; 8. Ashton on Mersey 72; 9. Runcorn 67; 10. Winnington Park 44; 11. Oakmere 35; 12. Prestbury 34. Leaders in Division 2: 1. Lindow 104; 2. Mere 88; 3. Chelford 97. Division 3: 1. Over Peover 116; 2. Bunbury 96; 3. Disley 95.

FIXTURES in Division 1 on Saturday, May 25 (1.30 p.m.): Ashton on Mersey v Malpas; Chester County Officers v Northwich; Hale Barns v Mobberley; Oakmere v Prestbury; Romiley v Upton; Winnington Park v Runcorn.

Marathon no. 50 for Gary

RUNNING for McMillan Charity, Gary Dixon completed his 50th Marathon at Windermere on Sunday, finishing the hilly course in 4 hours 30 minutes. Run number 51 will be at Durban in South Africa

FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY, MAY 25

ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)

ALDERLEY EDGE v NANTWICH	Ian Drury & Geoff Wellsted
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v TOFT	Jon Hacking & John Lofthouse
DIDSBURY v MACCLESFIELD	Phil Prince & Gary Zimmer
GRAPPENHALL v MARPLE	Ankit Jain & David Moss
NESTON v HYDE	Barrie Burns & Ian Greensmith
OXTON v BOWDON	Trevor Burnett & Paul Herring

First Division (1 p.m.)

BRAMHALL v CHEADLE	Stan Davies & John Lowe
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S v BROOKLANDS	Graham Harris & Wyn Harris
CHRISTLETON v URMSTON	Neville Abberley & Jed Kinsey
HEATON MERSEY v WIDNES	Ray Prescott & Glyn Roberts
MIDDLEWICH v SALE	Brian Jones & Clive Rice
OULTON PARK v CHEADLE HULME	Bob Cunningham & Don Flanagan

Second Division (1 p.m.)

ALVANLEY v WARRINGTON	Dion Kelly & Steve Walton
CONGLETON v STOCKPORT	David Gane & Chris Smith
IRBY v DAVENHAM	Steve Duckers & Ken Simpson
POYNTON v TATTENHALL	Martin Roberts & David Stoter
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS v BOLLINGTON	David Goulding & Ken Rothwell
TIMPERLEY v WEAVERHAM	Howard Briggs & Mark Turner

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

HYDE v NESTON	-	Club umpire
MACCLESFIELD v DIDSBURY	Garry Hambleton	-
NANTWICH v ALDERLEY EDGE	Jim Whitehead	-
SALE v MIDDLEWICH	-	-
TOFT v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	Simon Smith	-
URMSTON v GRAPPENHALL	Rob Bedson	-

Last word ...

HARD work is being put in behind the scenes by Treasurer Andy Taylor and Club captain Paul Sperring re-writing the history of Cheadle Cricket club, which is believed to be 150 years old this year, although the actual foundation date is uncertain.

Cheadle are planning a Marquee Ball for 250 people on their Kingsway ground on Saturday, August 10 when the principal guest speaker will be former Australia fast bowler Rodney Hogg.

