



2013 SEASON NEWSLETTER NO. 14: JULY 20

Late stand saves Bowdon

A VITAL ninth wicket stand saved Bowdon from likely defeat in their vital ECB Premier League clash with relegation rivals Didsbury and helped their prospects of avoiding a rapid return to Division One.

Didsbury totalled 220-8, their top scorers being skipper Nick Anderson, 50 and Simon Normanton, 49, while Gareth Edwards claimed 4-80. Bowdon lost their leading batsmen cheaply and faced a significant defeat at 117-8 until a fine unbroken stand worth 104 between wicket-keeper David Gane, 68 and Mark Leathley, 43, saw them home with three balls remaining. Skipper Anderson again set an example with 4-56 and Jonny Fawcett 3-78.

Said Anderson: "We needed just one more wicket to break through, but credit to the two Bowdon batsmen. That was a big win for them".

Didsbury now need to look over their shoulders as Macclesfield came up with their second successive victory, by five wickets at home to Marple. On a fine cricket wicket prepared by groundsman Chris Moores, Marple scored 216-8 several batsmen getting started, but failing to finish, notably Andrew Hall 49 and Mark Bennett 46. Ian Tait took 3-50. A feature of Macc's efforts was their outstanding ground fielding which prevented their visitors from reaching 250.

Macc replied with 218-5, the now in-form Khalid Sawas, 67, leading the way with Andy Hodgson coming up trumps at the death with an unbeaten 51 and Ben Morrison playing a skipper's innings of 47.

Come September the club will welcome the demise of their antiquarian dressing-rooms which are to be demolished to make way for something more modern.

Warnes' 9-49 wins PofM award

ALDERLEY EDGE left arm spinner Mark Warnes has won the League's June Performance of the Month award with his remarkable analysis of 9-49 in a ECB Premier League game against Marple on June 8.

Warnes is fourth bowler to take nine wickets or more in the Premier League – the others were Bapa Murkheree (all 10 in 2005 for Widnes), Brian Bevan (Neston, 2003) and Robin Fisher (Chester Boughton Hall, 2004),

Other highly-rated performances in June were by Andy Clarke (Neston) 100 and 5-69 v Didsbury; Simon Marshall (Bowdon) 163no v Hyde and Aaron Ayre (Heaton Mersey) a T20 record 162 v Bowdon.

NO CHANGE AT TOP There is no change at the top of the table where Neston and Chester Boughton Hall both recorded impressive victories. Neston restricted Toft - average age 22 - to a total of 235-8 at Parkgate, Rob Jones, 56, Josh Hancock, 55, Ed Stubbs 44 against the variety of Andy Clarke who mixed spin and pace to claim 5-55 plus three catches. Neston replied with 236-4, form man Luke Camden 71, Clarke 39 not out and Dane Williams 38.

Nantwich opted to bat first at Chester and totalled a decent 228, Liam Livingstone 97, Warren Goodwin 3-38, Jordan Clark 3-58. Not available earlier in the season, Mark Rowland top-scored with 92, aided by Goodwin, 62 and Lee Dixon, 55 as Chester replied with 229-3. They remain nine points behind.

Hyde may be about to make a late title bid on the form they showed winning by 122 runs at third-placed Grappenhall. Danny Berry, 83 and Tom Twiney, 82 enjoyed an opening stand worth 142 in Hyde's tally of 262, Luke Williams 4-63, Jack Critchley 4-68. Grappers' normally strong batting failed against Scott Kirwin whose 5-44 sent them packing for 140, Josh McClelland 65 not out.

Oxton ended a bad patch with a 60 runs home victory over Alderley Edge. Batting at nine Gayan Fernando's 47 not out helped Oxton recover from 141-7 to reach 215-8, Jason Whittaker 3-45. Alderley were all out for a disappointing 155, Calum Rowe 70, while Andy Birley produced the day's best premierships bowling figures of 5-33.

o A total of 2,575 runs were scored in the Premierships for the loss of 92 wickets: average score 214-8.

Flowers' day to remember in 602 runs tie

THE match of the season was how spectators at the Bramhall v Sale game described what they saw at Church Lane in **Division One**, when in a high scoring affair ended in a tie off the last ball.

On his 29th birthday, South African all-rounder Calvin Flowers dominated Sale's tally of 301-7, contributing a magnificent 186 not out, which would have been a divisional record had not Aaron Ayre scored 205 for Heaton Mersey seven days earlier. Bramhall set about their task with the relish of true leaders and at 301-9 needed just a single off the last ball to win. Their number 11 batsman – 13 year-old Cheshire junior Lewis Clarke was then run out, - by Flowers, of course - leaving the scores level for a reward of 16 points each. With 57, Mark Jamieson top-scored in a fine team effort by Bramhall and Adam West followed with a blazing not out 53. The ubiquitous Flowers left his off-spin bowling mark with 5-81 from 19 overs.

Said Bramhall's Andy Reynolds: "That was a breathtaking game which all who saw it will long remember. Flowers won't quickly forget it, that's for sure".

This was Sale's second tie in four weeks following their share of the points with Urmston on June 22

Urmston remain a comfortable second after a seven wickets win at Cheadle after the home side had posted 204-8, Dan Brown 69, Matt Parkinson 3-51. Chris Watson top-scored with 75 and Lewis Jackson 53 as the UCG men replied with 208-3.

Brooklands won by 145 runs to keep Heaton Mersey bottom of the shot. With a wonderful stand worth 185 for the third wicket, John Birchall, 109 and John Grewar, 70 hammered the 'Mersey attack to total 273-9, Waqar Rashid 5-64. With Aaron Ayre out for a modest 20, 'Mersey were dismissed for 128, AJ Hart 3-34, Chris Potter 3-42.

Cheadle Hulme kept up their decent form with a four wickets at Christleton after their hosts had piled up 223, with Ben Paterson, 104 and Iroshan de Silva, 74 adding 141 for the second wicket. Adam Wilde was unbeaten on 110 to steer his side home by four wickets with four balls remaining, the highlight being his 101 opening stand with Gautam Narayanan, 47.

Rick Moore scored his second successive century in Oulton Park's three wickets home win against Widnes, who closed on 195 batting first, Alex Graham 78, Kieran Berrington 4-31. Moore lost partners after tea, but at 113-7 found a stout heart in Guy Emmett who stayed with him in a eighth wicket stand worth 86 to close on 197-7. Sean Moore took 5-62.

Middlewich deepened Bredbury St. Mark's relegation problems with a six wickets win at Haddon Field.. Chris Nuttall, 76 and Chris Wood, 52 not out, helped Bredbury reach 248-8, Stephen Parry 5-89. Stephen's brother Phil turned up trumps with the bat after tea, his fine innings of 97, plus Jamie Williams' 56 and an unbeaten 4r9 from skipper James Cornford saw Middlewich win by four wickets

DIVISION 2

Stockport staking claim

STOCKPORT are emerging as strongest contenders for runners-up and the second promotion spot in **Division Two**,

The Cale Green men won by five wickets at Alvanley and now lie 23 points ahead of third-placed Tattenhall.

Alvanley were bowled out for 167, Mark Green 60, John Dunley 3-39 and Stockport countered with 168-5, David Barber 54 not out.

Tattenhall fell from grace, losing by 142 runs at home to fast-rising Davenham who piled up 259-6, A. Hornby 60. Tatters were bowled out for 107, Ollie Thompson 34, Afrikaner Johan Loubser taking 4-6.

Congleton's third defeat in a row was inflicted by another improved side, Weaverham, at Booth street. Antiguan Wilden Cornwall scored 72 and Ian Eaton, 63 saw Weaverham pile up 271-7. Congleton were then bowled out for 173, Kevin Waterhouse 36, Cornwall 4-22, Rob McMillan 3-42.

Warrington are still in the promotion mix after winning by four wickets at Irby, whom they restricted to 187-9, Dave Newman 51, Paul Farrar 5-44. Mike Rudd's unbeaten 64 played a big part in Warrington's winning reply of 192-6.

Danny Williams slammed a magnificent unbeaten 153 to help Poynton beat wooden spoonists Bollington by 166 runs at Stockport road. Poynton amassed 277-2, then bowled Bolly out for 111, Rick Clark's spin earning him the fine figures of 6-42, while Danny – son of proud skipper Jimmy - Williams completed a day to remember with 3-7.

Leaders Timperley continued serenely on their way with a 72 runs win at Stockport Georgians after posting 271-8 before tea, Pat Ashling 81, Ifti Hussain 4-80. Georgians put up a brave fight before losing their last wicket at 200, Hussain 37, David Ashling 3-28.

ECB PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (25 pts.) beat NANTWICH (won toss, 9 pts.) by 7 wickets

Nantwich 228 (55 overs: L Livingstone 97, S Hunt 35, R Cook-Sievwright 34, W. Goodwin 3-38, J Clark 3-58);
Chester 229-3 (45 overs: M Rowland 92, W. Goodwin 62, L Dixon 55).

DIDSBURY (11 pts.) lost to BOWDON (toss, 25 pts.) by 2 wickets.

Didsbury 220-8 (55 overs: N. Anderson 50, S. Normanton 49, M. Marfani 35, G Edwards 4-80);
Bowdon 221-8 (54.3 overs: D Gane 68no, M. Leathley 43no, C Ashling 37, N Anderson 4-56, J Fawcett 3-78).

GRAPPENHALL (5 pts.) lost to HYDE (toss, 25 pts.) by 122 runs.

Hyde 262 (55 overs: D. Berry 83, T Twiney 82, D Fitzsimmons 33, S. Kirwin 30, L. Williams 4-63, J Critchley 4-68);
Grappenhall 140 (40 overs: J. McClelland 65no, S. Kirwin 5-44).

MACCLESFIELD (toss, 25 pts.) beat MARPLE (8 pts.) by 5 wickets:

Marple 216-8 (55 overs: A Hall 49, M Bennett 46, I Tait 3-50);
Macclesfield 218-5 (50 overs: K Sawas 67, A Hodgson 51no, B. Morrison 47).

NESTON (toss, 25 pts.) beat TOFT (9 pts.) by 6 wickets

Toft 235 (55 overs: R Jones 56, J. Hancock 55, E. Stubbs 44, A Clarke 5-55);
Neston 236-4 (51 overs: L Camden 71, A Clarke 39 no, D Williams 38).

OXTON (25 pts.) beat ALDERLEY EDGE (toss, 4 pts.) by 60 runs:

Oxton 215-8 (55 overs: G Fernando 47no, S. Stokes 37, J Whittaker 3-45, M Warnes 3-46);
Alderley Edge 255 (- overs: C Rowe 70, A. Day 30, A Birley 5-33).

DIVISION 1

BRAMHALL (16 pts.) tied with SALE (won toss, 16 pts.)

Sale 301-7 (50 overs: C Flowers 186no, H Stepney 41, R. Kitzinger 4-90);
Bramhall 301 (50 overs: M Jamiieson 57, M Hughes 51, A West 52no, N Cantello 36, L Smith 50, C. Flowers 5-81).

CHEADLE (9 pts.) lost to URMSTON (toss, 25 pts.) by 7 wickets

Cheadle 204-8 (50 overs: D. Brown 65, J Prince 36, M. Samuels 32, M. Parkinson 3-51);
Urmston 208-3 (46 overs: C Watson 75, L Jackson 53, S Panda 35no).

CHRISTLETON (10 pts.) lost to CHEADLE HULME (toss, 25 pts.) by 4 wickets

Christleton 223 (50 overs: M Paterson 105, I. De Silva 74);
Cheadle Hulme 226-6 (49.2 overs: A Wilde 110no, A Narayanan 47, I. De Silva 3-86)

HEATON MERSEY (5 pts.) lost to BROOKLANDS (toss, 25 pts.) by 145 runs

Brooklands 273-9 (50 overs: J. Birchall 109, J Grewar 70, W Rashid 5-64, I Hughes 3-78);
Heaton Mersey 128 (39 overs: A Akhbar 27, AJ Hart 3-34, C. Potter 3-47).

MIDDLEWICH (25 pts.) beat BREDBURY ST. MARK's (toss, 9 pts.) by 6 wickets

Bredbury 248-8 (50 overs: C Nuttall 76, P Wood 52no, C. Wood 43, S Parry 5-89);
Middlewich 250-4 (- overs: P Parry 97, J Williams 56, J Cornford 49no).

OULTON PARK (toss, 25 pts.) beat WIDNES (9 pts.) by 3 wickets

Widnes 195 (44 overs: A Graham 78, D Naughton 39, S. Moore 35no, K Berrington 4-31, T. Bannister-Wright 3-29, G Emmett 3-45);
Oulton Park 197-7 (45 overs: R Moore 118no, G Emmett 31no, S. Moore 5-62).

DIVISION 2

ALVANLEY (6 pts.) lost to STOCKPORT (won toss, 25 pts.) by 5 wickets

Alvanley 167 (47 overs: M.Green 60, J Dunley 3-39);

Stockport 168-5 (43 overs: D. Barber 54no).

CONGLETON (6 pts.) lost to WEAVERHAM (toss, 25 pts.) by 98 runs:

Weaverham 271-7 (50 overs: W Cornwall 72, I. Eaton 63, A. Nash 47, J Higginbottom 3-76);

Congleton 173 (42 overs: K Waterhouse 46, W. Cornwall 4-22, R. McMillan 3-42).

IRBY (8 pts.) lost to WARRINGTON (toss, 25 pts.) by 4 wickets

Irby 187-9 (50 overs: D Newman 51, M. Smith 37, P Farrar 5-44, K. Adams 3-71);

Warrington 192-6 (48 overs: M. Rudd 62no, K.Adams 38no).

POYNTON (25pts.) beat BOLLINGTON (toss, 1 pt.) by 166 runs:

Poynton 277-2 (50 overs: D Williams 153no, P. Gould 81, A Williams 32);

Bollington 111 (33 overs: R. Hough 28, R Clark 6-42, D. Williams 3-7)

STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (7 pts.) lost to TIMPERLEY (toss, 25 pts.) by 71 runs:

Timperley 271-8 dec. (45 overs: P. Ashling 81, M Stevens 49, C Grindley 35, S Bramhall 33no, I. Hussain 4-80);

Stockport Georgians 200 (48 overs: I Hussain 37, A Gaskarth 31, D Ashling 3-28)

TATTENHALL (toss, 2 pts.) lost to DAVENHAM (25 pts.) by 142 runs:

Davenham 249-6 (50 overs: A. Hornby 60, J Loveridge 43, M Greaves 41, B Gough 38, D. Ashley 36);

Tattenhall 107 (34 overs: O Thompson 34, J Loubser 4-6, B Gough 3-54).

PICK OF WEEK (o = overseas)

ECB Premier League

Batting: cLiam Livingstone (Nantwich) 97 v Chester

Bowling: Andy Birley (Oxton) 5-33 v Alderley Edge

First Division

Batting: oCalvin Flowers (Sale) 186no v Bramhall

Bowling: Waqar Rashid (Heaton Mersey) 5-64 v Brooklands

Second Division

Batting: Danny Williams (Poynton) 153no v Bollington

Bowling: Rick Clarke (Poynton) 6-42 v Bollington

Leading individual performance (up to & including July 13)

PREMIERLEAGUE. Batting: Goodwin (CBH) 716 runs; Marshall (Bowdon) 620; Evans (Neston) 585; Tipper (Hyde) 576; Duffy (Hyde) 569. Bowling: Lomas (Toft) 47 wickets; Clarke (Neston) 36; Cranmer (Hyde) 35; oFernando (Oxton) 35; Williams (CBH) 33. Wicket-keeping: Makin (Hyde) 17c 5 st= 22; Roberts (Toft) 14 c 8 st = 22.

FIRST DIVISION Batting: oAyre (Heaton Mersey) 791 runs; De Silva (Christleton) 603; oGrewar (Brooklands) 586; Moore (Oulton Park) 532; Zybrands (Bredbury) 526. Bowling: Tharsen (Sale) and oNissen (Cheadle Hulme) both 39 wickets; Wilkinson (Bramhall) 35; Kitzinger (Bramhall) 33; Holmes (Cheadle) 31. Wicket-keeping: Jackson (Urmston) 25 c 2 st = 27.

SECOND DIVISION. Batting: o Manning (Stockport) 558 runs; Waterhouse (Congleton) 472; oCornwall (Weaverham) 464; C. Grindley (Timperley) 452; P. Ashling (Timperley) 436. Bowling: oAdams (Warrington) 51; Page (Timperley) 41; oLoubser (Davenham) 33; oMacquet (Timperley) and oCornwall (Weaverham) both 32.

Wicket-keeping: P. Ashling (Timperley) 22 c 2 st = 24.

o = Overseas player.

How they stand after 14 games

ECB PREMIER	W	T	WD	RD	LD	C	L	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
	(25)	(16)	(3)	(2)	(1)	(7)				
NESTON (8)	10	0	1	0	1	0	2	17	13	276
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	9	0	1	1	0	0	3	23	14	267
GRAPPENHALL	7	0	2	1	0	0	4	43	14	240
HYDE	7	0	1	1	3	0	2	33	19	235
TOFT	6	0	1	0	0	1	6	43	15	218
NANTWICH	6	0	1	0	1	0	6	34	17	205
OXTON	6	0	0	0	1	0	7	22	19	192
ALDERLEY EDGE	5	0	1	0	2	0	6	27	21	178
MARPLE	4	0	2	0	1	0	7	48	22	177
BOWDON	4	0	1	1	0	0	8	42	27	174
DIDSBURY	3	0	0	0	1	0	10	42	18	136
MACCLESFIELD	2	0	1	0	2	1	8	41	22	125

Neston 8 points deducted for slow over rate. This is subject to appeal.

DIVISION 1

BRAMHALL	9	1	1	0	1	0	2	26	13	284
URMSTON	9	1	0	0	1	0	3	21	6	269
BROOKLANDS	8	0	1	0	1	0	4	22	14	240
CHEADLE HULME	7	0	2	0	2	0	3	30	23	236
SALE	5	2	1	0	0	0	6	38	10	208
OULTON PARK	5	0	2	1	2	0	4	42	24	201
CHEADLE	4	0	2	1	2	0	5	39	28	177
WIDNES	4	0	2	0	0	0	8	41	23	170
MIDDLEWICH	4	0	1	0	5	0	4	29	27	164
CHRISTLETON	2	0	4	0	1	0	7	66	29	158
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	3	0	0	0	3	0	8	45	21	144
HEATON MERSEY	2	0	3	0	1	0	8	43	34	137

DIVISION 2

TIMPERLEY	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	4	332
STOCKPORT	9	0	1	0	0	0	4	20	11	259
TATTENHALL	8	0	1	0	1	0	4	15	17	236
WARRINGTON	8	0	1	0	1	0	4	15	15	234
DAVENHAM	7	0	2	0	0	0	5	30	21	232
CONGLETON	8	0	1	0	0	0	5	17	10	230
POYNTON	7	0	1	0	0	0	6	23	20	221
WEAVERHAM	4	0	2	0	3	0	5	46	26	181
IRBY	3	0	0	0	2	0	9	35	20	132
ALVANLEY	3	0	0	0	1	0	10	24	24	124
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	1	0	2	0	1	0	10	47	28	107
BOLLINGTON	1	0	1	0	2	0	10	32	22	84

REDINSURE FINALS DAY ON SUNDAY

Chester ruled out – Oxton reinstated

CHESTER Boughton Hall have been ruled out of Sunday's **RedInsure T20 Finals Day** at Timperley and Oxton reinstated.

This follows Chester's action in fielding ineligible player Ben Roberts in their six wickets quarter-final victory over Oxton at Filkins Lane on Thursday, July 11. The League approved Roberts' transfer from North Wales Premier League club Brymbo only the previous Tuesday and he played against Oxton 48 hours later, breaching Competition rule 5v which states that a player cannot make his first appearance of the season in the quarter-final onwards.

Chester admitted their error and the League Cricket Committee last Thursday took the action of ruling them out of the tournament although, because they believed the club had acted in innocence of a rule introduced only this season, no further sanctions were applied and Chester will be clear to enter in 2014.

Oxton now figure in the Finals Day line-up at Timperley (12 noon) which is as follows:

NESTON (holders) v OXTON on main ground

Umpires: Neville Kent & Phil Prince

HYDE v TIMPERLEY on second ground

Umpires: Jon Hacking & Ankit Jain

Tea is timed for 2.45 – 3.15 p.m. and the final follows at 3.20 pm. The umpires will be Ankit Jain & Phil Prince

£1,250 SPONSORSHIP

The League wish to thank Nantwich-based sports club insurance company RedInsure for their generous £1,250 sponsorship of Finals Day. This will cover the cost of teas, umpires expenses, a man of the match award, Champagne Moment award, pink tflex cricket balls, programmes and prize money for the finalists.

Ron Graham is again travelling from his home in Spain to present the winners with the Fred Graham Memorial Trophy

The victors at Timperley will go on to represent the league and stage the ECB t20 Area Finals Day on Sunday, August 11 Those winners qualify for the Regional Finals on August 25 which precedes the grand final in mid-September.

Timperley announce that the bars will be open from 12 noon on Sunday and warn that car parking is severely restricted, so players, umpires etc. are advised to arrive early.

League plan Sunday 3rd XI shake-up

THE League Cricket Committee have devised a series of revolutionary ideas for Sunday 3rd XI cricket which they hope clubs will agree to implement for the 2014 season. The proposals which have been sent out to all club chairmen, 3rd XI captains and league reps call for the following:

- o The creation of four regional groups: West, South, Central and North-East in six divisions totalling 56 teams. The Central and NE regions to have two divisions with promotion and relegation
- o The four regional champions to take part in a play-off to determine the top Sunday 3rd XI side with two semi-finals and a final.
- o All matches to be of 80 overs duration with the team batting first restricted to 40 overs
- o No bowler may bowl more than 12 overs

Reasons for change

The Cricket Committee considered these changes were necessary to counter the difficulty of converting players from junior to senior cricket; to reduce the number of defaulted fixtures; the present over-reliance on senior / older players to drive juniors to away games; also parents' concern that children are playing too much cricket and withdrawing them from playing;

There are no plans to change the format of Saturday 3rd XI cricket.

It is intended to discuss the proposals at the special 3rd XI meeting in October, following which a decisive vote can be taken at the January, 2014 management meeting.

O The Cricket Committee have ratified the decision of the Competition secretary to deduct eight points from Neston's record for a slow over rate in an ECB Premier League game vs Chester Boughton Hall on June 15. Neston now have the opportunity to appeal.

O Panel umpires Stan Davies and Ian Drury have retired.

O Sale wicket-keeper Chris Canning has been suspended for one week for abuse of equipment in a First Division match against Cheadle on July 13.

O The Cricket Committee stress that players acting as umpires should not carry mobile telephones onto the field of play

OVER 40s ROUND-UP

Test stars on losing side

THE crunch fixture in the **Over Forties'** Central zone saw Alsager Dabbers beat Grappenhall by six wickets in a thrilling encounter at Broad Lane on an evening of perfect weather for old bones. .

Grappers fielded former England batsman Neil Fairbrother and his close friend Pakistani Wasim Akram, on a brief visit to the UK. Both stood out with respective contributions of 31 not out and 33 not out plus 2-14. Alsager had the better teamwork, however, and they sneaked home thanks to a missed run out off the last delivery . This makes Alsager odds on to retain the Central crown

Likewise Urmston Tigers who totted up their ninth win in 11 North-East group games by seven wickets at Cheadle Hulme and are well clear off all opposition.

In the South-East group, Bredbury Saints beat Woodley by 10 wickets to become the first club to clinch a top spot

The West group remains open with Irby slight favourites from Neston, bidding for a place in the play-offs at Upton on Bank Holiday Monday.

Davenham, Upton, and Sale Silverbacks all conceded and clubs are urged to do their best to fulfil remaining fixtures even if it means turning out short of players.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 RESULTS

West Group

CALDY lost to NESTON (4 pts.) by 64 runs:

Neston 167-2; Caldý 103-6.. *Result not phoned; result from website: £15 fine*

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (4 pts.) beat UPTON who conceded

TATTENHALL WRECKERS lost to IRBY (4 pts.) by 25 runs:

Irby 134-3 (D Newman 32, Jay 30, Flynn 28); Tattenhall 109 (Brock 20no, Jay 2-16, Surinder 2-20, Roberts 2-20).

Result not phoned: information from website: £15 fine.

Central Group

ASHLEY (4 pts.) beat DAVENHAM who conceded

BOWDON VALE VIKINGS (4 pts.) beat MOBBERLEY by 34 runs:

Bowdon Vale 134-5 (Hunter 31, Bottomley 30, Dean 26, Thorpe 26); Mobberley 100-3 (Wealden 32, Potts 31).

GRAPPENHALL lost to ALSAGER DABBERS (4 pts.) by 6 wickets

Grappenhall 145-5 (Newell 33, Akram 33, Fairbrother 31); Alsager 146-4 (Price 31, Welch 30, Dutton 30, Akram 2-10).

TOFT (4 pts.) beat BOWDON by 2 wickets:

Bowdon 123-8 (Sinclair 31); Toft 125-8 (Townsend 31, Cook 30, Kupa 2-13).

North-East Group

ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS (4 pts.) beat CHEADLE by 27 runs:

Alderley Edge 133-7; Cheadle 106-9. *Result not phoned: information from website: £15 fine.*

BROOKLANDS (4 pts.) beat SALE SILVERBACKS who conceded

CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE (4 pts.) beat WARRINGTON by 9 wickets:

Warrington 80 (Stuart 3-14, Clarke 2-13); Ladybridge 81-1 (Moores 32, Jones 26).

URMSTON TIGERS (4 pts.) beat CHEADLE HULME by 7 wickets:

Cheadle Hulme 112-8 (Oldfield 23, Sethi 3-21); Urmston 114-3 (Dartnell 33, Ridler 30).

South-East Group

BOLLINGTON VETERANS (4 pts.) beat MARPLE by 40 runs:

Bollington 168-5 (Johnson 33, Paterson 32, Spray 31, Potter 2-32); Marple 128-5 (Potter 33).

MACCLESFIELD lost to BRAMHALL (4 pts.) by 6 wickets:

Macclesfield 144-4 (McLoughlin 32, Towle 31); Bramhall 145-4 (Stoneman 31, Merrigold 31, Oliver 31`).

POYNTON LEGENDS (4 pts.) beat OFFERTON by 8 wickets:

Offerton 92-6 (Bates 31, Taylor 30); Poynton 94-2 (Turnbull 33, Martin 31).

WOODLEY lost to BREDBURY SAINTS (4 pts.) by 10 wickets:

Woodley 111-3 (Middleton 32, Oldfield 30), Martin 3-22); Bredbury 115-0 (Clarke 32, Bashford 32, C. Wood 23).

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Latest Over 40s tables

<u>West group</u>	P	W (4)	T (3)	C (2)	L	Points
IRBY	9	7	0	1	1	30
NESTON	10	6	0	2	2	28
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	10	5	0	2	3	24
CALDY	9	4	0	1	4	18
OXTON	9	4	0	0	5	16
UPTON	10	2	0	0	8	8
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	9	2	0	0	7	8

Upton (2) and Chester have conceded games.

Central group

ALSAGER DABBERS	11	8	1	2	0	39
GRAPPENHALL	11	7	1	2	1	35
TOFT	11	6	2	2	1	34
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	11	5	0	2	4	24
BOWDON	11	4	0	2	5	20
ASHLEY	11	2	0	2	7	12
DAVENHAM	11	1	0	2	8	8
MOBBERLEY	11	1	0	2	8	8

Davenham (2), Ashley, Bowdon Vale Vikings and Mobberley have conceded games.

North-East group

URMSTON	11	9	0	2	0	40
CHEADLE HULME	11	6	1	2	2	31
SALE SILVERBACKS	11	5	0	1	5	22
CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE	11	5	0	1	5	22
BROOKLANDS	11	4	0	1	6	18
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	11	3	0	2	6	16
CHEADLE	11	2	1	2	6	15
WARRINGTON	11	3	0	1	7	14

Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge have conceded three games, Sale two and Warrington one

South-East group

<u>BREDBURY SAINTS</u>	11	10	0	1	0	42 <u>champions</u>
BRAMHALL	11	6	0	2	3	28
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	11	5	0	2	4	24
POYNTON LEGENDS	11	5	0	2	4	24
WOODLEY	11	5	0	0	6	20
MACCLESFIELD	11	3	1	2	5	19
OFFERTON	11	1	1	2	7	11
MARPLE	11	2	0	1	8	10

Marple and Poynton have each conceded one game

OVER 40s GROUP FIXTURES: Wednesday, July 24 (6 pm)

WEST: Chester v Irby; Oxton v Tattenhall; Upton v Caldly. Open: Neston

CENTRAL: Bowdon v Ashley; Davenham v Bowdon Vale; Grappenhall v Toft. Thursday: Alsager Dabbers v Mobberley : Mobberley have conceded.

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

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

July 13 pitch & ground marks

UMPIRES' League ground marks and other reports from games on Saturday, July 13 were as follows:

ECB Premier League: Alderley Edge v Grappenhall: pitch 17 outfield 20; Bowdon v Macclesfield: 20 – 19; Hyde v Chester 14 – 20; Marple v Toft 16 – 18; Nantwich v Didsbury 18 – 20; Oxton v Neston 19 – 20.

First Division: Bredbury v Christleton no result sheet; Brooklands v Bramhall 17 – 20; Cheadle Hulme v Heaton Mersey 18 – 20; Middlewich v Oulton Park 19 – 20; Sale v Cheadle 17 – 17; Urmston v Widnes 20 – 20 (full house)

Second Division: Bollington v Tattenhall 15 – 19; Davenham v Stockport 15 – 17; Stockport Georgians v Alvanley 16 – 17; Timperley v Irby 18 – 18; Warrington v Congleton 16 – 19.

All captains' reports were received by co ordinator Ken Spilsbury.

UP-DATES

O Seven Alderley Edge batsmen failed to reach double figures in their home defeat by Grappenhall

O Didsbury had seven single figure batsmen v Nantwich. Didsbury had no scorer.

O Hitting the League's record individual score for Heaton Mersey v Cheadle Hulme, Aaron Ayre scored 205 out of 231 while at the crease. He also took two catches .

O Not reported in Middlewich v Oulton Park was a best of the season partnership of 219 for the second wicket between Oulton's Lou Bentley (115) and Ric Moore (104).

O Eight Widnes batsmen scored in single figures at Urmston.

O Bredbury St. Mark's v Christleton result sheet not received.

O In their Division 2 win at Bollington, Tattenhall wicket keeper G; Coppack took 3 catches and a stumping

O In Stockport Georgians v Alvanley, home wicket keeper S. Vincent took three catches and stumping. There were only 251 runs scored for the loss of 18 wickets in 100 overs in this game.

O Weaverham failed to telephone result v Poynton.

O Chester v Oxton RedInsure T20 quarter-final result sheet not received.

O Many clubs are again asked to improve the quality of their Saturday phone ins : Please speak more slowly and clearly and ensure that ALL relevant details are notified.

TACS CHESHIRE LEAGUE LATEST

THERE is no change at the top of the **TACS-sponsored Cheshire Cricket League**, the three leading clubs all winning.

Northwich took full points by a four wickets margin on a visit to neighbours Winnington Park, Mobberley beat Chester County Officers by 81 runs and Upton scraped through by one wicket in a low-scoring game at Ashton on Mersey.

RESULTS: Ashton on Mersey 135 Upton 136-9; Chester County Officers 113 Mobberley 194-6 inn. closed; Hale Barns 165-5 Prestbury 163; Malpas 167-6 Runcorn 164; Romiley 202-2 Oakmere 198-7 inn. closed; Winnington Park 151 Northwich 152-6.

LATEST PLACINGS: 1. Northwich 279 pts. 2. Mobberley 271; 3. Upton 255; 4. Malpas 237; 5. Romiley 236; 6. Ashton on Mersey 231; 7. Hale Barns 192; 8. CCO 190; 9. Runcorn 177; 10. Oakmere 164; 11. Winnington Park 142; 12. Prestbury 107.

Division 2 leading three: 1. Mere 300; 2. Lindow 278; 3. Woodford 244. Division 3 top and bottom: 1. Barrow 272; 2. Over Peover 269; 11. Wirral 147; 12. Alderley Park 146.

FIXTURES in Division 1 on Saturday, July 27 (1.30 pm.): Mobberley v Malpas; Northwich v Mobberley; Oakmere v CCO; Prestbury v Winnington Park; Runcorn v Ashton on Mersey; Upton v Hale Barns.

Information supplied by Graham Coull, CL vice chairman.

Upton retain Under 17s Cup

BEFORE a large crowd at Old Greasby Road last Friday, Upton retained the League's **John North Under 17s Cup** when they beat Prestbury by one run in a thrilling climax to the final .

Upton scored 158-5 in their 20 overs (Hughes 40, Potter 28, Williams 24, Hodgson 2-20, Bianchi 2-32). Prestbury were then restricted to 154-7 (Blisckwell 41, Hodgson 40, Phillips 34). Good bowling by Wynne, 3-33 including the last two wickets, helped Upton to shade a tight finish. Umpires Jon Hacking and Barrie Burns named Prestbury all-rounder Hodgson as man of the match.

Upton chairman Harry Sharrock presented the trophy and complimented both sides on some excellent cricket.

The competition was organised by Gary Dixon.

Cheshire Cup & Shield latest

QUARTER-FINAL result in the **Cheshire Cup** played on Sunday:

Upton 182; New Brighton 186-1 (Louis Botes 101no).

Playing on Sunday, July 28: Wallasey v Birkenhead Park.

Draw for semi-finals (provisionally on Sunday, August 4): Wallasey or Birkenhead Park v Chester Boughton Hall (holders); Macclesfield v New Brighton

RESULTS of quarter-final games in the Cheshire Shield on Sunday

Ashton on Mersey 168-7; Cheadle Hulme 171-5 (Potts 63no).

Davenham 191; Romiley 192-4

Port Sunlight 257-9 (Van de Bergh 80, Nielsen 65); Runcorn 99 (Naylor 4-13).

Remaining game to be played on Sunday, July 28: Bramhall v Hawk Green.

Semi-final draw: Bramhall or Hawk Green v Cheadle Hulme; Romiley v Port Sunlight.

o Information provided by Cheshire Cups organiser Rick Davis.

Goodwin 191 for Cheshire

WITH a brilliant innings of 191, Chester batsman Warren Goodwin dominated the opening day of Cheshire's **Minor Counties championship** match against Berkshire at Finchampstead. on Sunday

Cheshire scored 390-8 off their 90 overs, Goodwin contributing almost half the runs with an innings which contained 20 fours and two sixes. He enjoyed partnerships of 128 with Rick Moore (51) and 153 with Khalid Sawas (76). Former Cheshire professional Richard Logan took 2-87.

By the close of play Berkshire had scored 56-1 off 17 overs, Jack Williams 1-5.

Play continues on Monday and Tuesday this week.

IN BRIEF

O BRAMHALL's popular Overseas player Mstt Begbie is to open the batting at Lord's on Tuesday this week between Melbourne CC and MCC. Last time Matt played for Melbourne in March he was Man of the Match in the Victoria Premier League play-off final. Bramhall members plan to make the journey to London to support him.

O LEAGUE permission was granted for Nantwich's Lancashire Scholarship contracted batsman Liam Livingstone to play as deputy professional for Blackpool against Fleetwood on Sunday in the Northern League Readers Cup

O CHESHIRE's 50 Plus County championship last 16 play-off away to Bedfordshire originally scheduled for Luton CC on Thursday, July 25 is to be re-arranged. Provisional new date, to be confirmed, is Wednesday, July 31 at Luton

. O LEAGUE umpire Alistair Davies has been invited to stand in a match between the Barmy Army and The Fanatics at Liverpool CC the evening before the Old Trafford Test

O TOURING the UK, Singapore Cricket Club seek a fixture with a club in the League on Sunday, July 28 Any club who fancy taking on the tourists should contact former Bramhall and Stockport all-rounder Bob Cooke on bobcooke43@googlemail.com

O CLUBS are urged to be on the look-out for pilferers following a theft of an Urmston player's valuables at Cheadle on Saturday. Cheadle are checking their cctv to see if they can identify the culprit.

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WEEK 14: Alistair Davies's Umpires Quiz

LAST WEEK'S POSER: A fast, short-pitched delivery hits the striker's shoulder, then his helmet and goes on to cross the boundary without pitching within the field of play. How many runs – if any – are scored?

ANSWER: For this delivery to be a No ball, it must be above the striker's head. The ball is not dead when hitting the striker's helmet. The striker did not hit the ball, so it cannot be a 6. Consequently, it is 4 leg byes.

THIS WEEK'S POSER: A match is being played without bails. A fair delivery is missed by the striker. The ball just touches the off stump as it goes through to the wicket-keeper, but would probably have not removed a bail. There is an appeal. How should the umpire respond?

FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY, JULY 27

ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)

ALDERLEY EDGE v NESTON
BOWDON v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL
HYDE v OXTON
MARPLE v DIDSBURY
NANTWICH v GRAPPENHALL
TOFT v MACCLESFIELD

Trevor Burnett & Chris Smith
Barrie Burns & Steve Walton
Alistair Davies & Graham Harris
Ged Kinsey & Geoff Wellsted
Paul Herring & Neville Kent
Ian Greensmith & Phil Prince

First Division (1 p.m.)

BREDBURY ST MARK'S v OULTON PARK
BROOKLANDS v CHRISTLETON
CHEADLE HULME v MIDDLEWICH
SALE v HEATON MERSEY
URMSTON v BRAMHALL
WIDNES v CHEADLE

Wyn Harris & David Moss
David Gane & Ankit Jain
Glyn Roberts & Mark Turner
Allan Lewis & David Stoter
Neville Abberley & Steve Kirkbright
Brian Jones & Ray Prescott

Second Division (1 p.m.)

BOLLINGTON v CONGLETON
DAVENHAM v POYNTON
STOCKPORT v TATTENHALL
TIMPERLEY v ALVANLEY
WARRINGTON v STOCKPORT GEORGIANS
WEAVERHAM v IRBY

John Lowe & Martin Roberts
Bob Cunningham & Clive Rice
Howard Briggs & Tom Spencer
Don Flanagan & Ken Rothwell
Ken Simpson & David Tate
Peter Hanaby & Dion Kelly

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

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v SALE
DIDSBURY v URMSTON
GRAPPENHALL v NANTWICH
MACCLESFIELD v TOFT
MIDDLEWICH v HYDE
NESTON v ALDERLEY EDGE

Jon Hacking —
Ron Bedson —
Gary Zimmer —
Garry Hambleton —
Simon Smith —
Club umpire —

Last word ...

Oh! my Swift and my Trautmann of long ago