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## **Hyde only four points Behind leaders**

**THE ECB Premier League** continues to throw up weekly surprises, Saturday being no exception with leaders Oxton losing heavily at home to mid-table Alderley Edge and having their advantage trimmed to four points.

Oxton's batting let them down after being inserted and only Simon Stokes, 35, looked the part against the menace of Jason Whittaker, 4-35 and Zaym Chapman, 3-31 in an inadequate tally of 113. Alderley Edge knocked off the runs at 114-3 in 34 overs, Calum Rowe 32, Adam Worrall 25 not out.

Another club who have never won the premier title Hyde beat bottom team Urmston by three wickets after a late start at Werneth Low. Urmston batted decently to total 186-9 from their 45 overs, Lancashire Under 19 wicket-keeper Elliott Bullock top scoring with 49, while Chris Tipper took 5-77 and Scott Kirwin 4-53. After a mid-innings crumble, Hyde recovered thanks to a doughty unbeaten 45 from wicket-keeper Mark Makin batting at nine, to close on 190-7 and it they who now occupy a threatening second place.

But Matt Parkinson caused them trouble with 6-79 and not until the penultimate delivery of the game did Hyde scramble over the line. One of the league's brightest young players, Parkinson has been named in the North of England Under 15 squad to play in the Bunbury Festival at Repton School early in August.

### **Agarwal spoils Macc Open Day**

Widnes pulled off a surprise six wickets win at Macclesfield to spoil the East-Cheshire club's otherwise highly successful Open Day which attracted a large crowd, part of the game being broadcast live on Silk FM radio.

The match was a personal triumph for Widnes' star new acquisition, 2013 Oxford University captain Samridh Sunil Agarwal, who celebrated his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday last week and could prove to be the difference between relegation and a safe placing. As Macclesfield struggled to post 178, James Crosthwaite 44, Barney Cutbill 33 not out, Rob Keen 30, Khalid Sawas 30, Agarwal's off-spin helped him claim 5-62 off 16 overs. He then went on to score an impressive unbeaten 82 after tea, helped by Dark Blues teammate and close pal, Ben Williams, 43 as they replied with 179-4. Spirited skipper Cutbill took 3-52, but his side had just not scored enough runs.

Macclesfield slip to third place, but remain one of handful of clubs who remain well in the reckoning for the title. This list theoretically includes Didsbury, now in equal seventh place 54 points behind the leaders. Didsbury surprised Chester Boughton Hall at Filkins Lane when they dismissed their hosts for 124, the ever-improving Nick Anderson taking 4-54. His side replied with 125-6, Paul Slattery 35.

Neston enjoyed the better of a high-scoring draw against Toft at Parkgate after posting 237-7, Luke Camden 83, producing another quality innings supported by Andy Roberts, 52. Toft went well for a time - especially Ed Stubbs, 55 and Toby Drummond, 49 - but were eventually reliant on their last pair to hold out for the final three overs.at 208-9. Aussie Chad Wilson, took 4-76 and Chris Finnegan 3-44

Heavy rain in the Stockport area on Friday caused the cancellation of Marple v Nantwich , the only league match not started on Saturday. Luckless Marple have now had five of the first 14 fixtures called off and reigning champions Nantwich four.

Cheer up lads, it can only get better!

### **TOTAL OF £95,000 LOTTERY MONEY FOR IRBY & MACCLESFIELD**

THERE was good news for Irby and Macclesfield last week when they heard they were to be granted substantial Lottery Aid to help them carry out urgently-needed pavilion and dressing-room improvements.

Irby will receive £45,876 and Macclesfield the slightly higher sum of £49,245 of Olympic Legacy money from Sport England's Inspired Facilities Fund

For further details see page 6 of the *Newsletter*

## **Grappenhall regain Div. 1 lead**

WITH Bowdon suffering a shock defeat at Bramhall, Grappenhall leap-frogged back into top place in **Division One** despite being held to their first draw, at Christleton.

Grappenhall compiled the top total of the day, 271-8 on Brian Wareing's near-perfect track at Little Heath, James McCoy 82, Richard Green 62, Iroshan De Silva 4-95. Christleton replied with a confident 206-7, Vinod Sood remaining unbeaten with 80, while spinner Adam Roylance enjoyed the game's best bowling figures of 4-85.

Grappenhall earned 13 points from that game and go four ahead of Bowdon. They were dismissed for 160 at Bramhall, Simon Marshall 71, Nick Murrills 34, their destroyer being Dorset paceman Rupe Kitzinger with 6-67 off 24 unchanged overs. Usually so economical, Simon Wilkinson conceded 18 runs off his one over. Matt Jameson scored 70, Travis Dean 47 not out and Matt Hughes 41 not out as Bramhall coasted home in 38 overs.

### **Week to remember for Shillinglaw**

Sale have faltered badly in the promotion race following another damaging defeat, this time by 26 runs at Irby where the Wirral men totalled 210-4, Josh Mallichan 65 not out, Greg Shillinglaw 47, Rob Houghton 45 not out, Rick Halkon 3-63. Sale were bowled out for 184, Jamal Benzafar 65, outstanding all-rounder Houghton taking 7-58 off 22.4 overs.

Irby skipper Shillinglaw thus completed a happy week having become a dad for the second time with the birth of another son, Zachary Edwards, weighing 7 lb 3 oz. No prizes for guessing that this welcome nugget of information comes from a female reader.

There was high-scoring at Little Budworth where Oulton Park dominated the visit of Cheadle Hulme, without producing the killer touch. Ben Tomlinson scored 78, Nick James 49 and Martyn East 41 in Park's impressive tally of 260-7, Ewan McCray 3-83. Cheadle Hulme reached 201-7 in reply, skipper Adam Wilde 61, Jordan Potts 49, Rick Moore 4-32. So Park edged the draw points 13 – 9.

Heaton Mersey's revival came to an abrupt halt at Brooklands where they were bowled out for 63 after the home side had won a key toss. A.J. Hart took 4-23 and John Birchall 3-24, after which Brooklands needed only 11.3 overs to knock the runs off at 65-1, Birchall 43 not out.

Bredbury St. Mark's dominated their home game against Bollington, but were unable to polish off their visitors, having to be content with a 13 – 3 draw. Peter Zybrands top-scored with 89 not out, Chris Wood 65 not out and Paul Wood 41 in Bredbury's 232-4. Bolly stumbled to 122-8 after tea, Chris Wood and John Usher sharing six of the wickets.

## **Low scoring in Division 2**

THE only team to top 200 runs in **Division Two** were leaders Middlewich who struck out lustily in a match at Stockport Georgians reduced to 80 overs.

They totalled 216-5 thanks to Stephen Parry 63, Andy Cole, 54 – adding 102 for the second wicket – and James Cornford, 45. Ifti Hussein took 3-54. Georgians replied with 198-6, Simon Normanton 50, Hayden Bailey 44 in a rousing game which resulted in Middlewich taking 12 points to their hosts' eight.

Warrington moved into a challenging second place with a seven wickets win at Timperley, whom they routed for 92, Nathan Wood 26, talented Aussie paceman Kyle Adams taking 6-26. Paul Farrar claimed an unbeaten 66 out of 94-3 in Warrington's winning response.

Cheadle kept up the pace with a two wickets win at home to Alvanley in which the top individual score was skipper Paul Sperring with a modest 30. This came in a reply of 126-8, Greg Dixon 28, Matt Samuels a vital 25 not out, part-time spinner Andy Hayhurst 4-17. Earlier, Alvanley were bowled out for 125, Mark Szymura 23, Dan Brown 3-23.

### **Stockport win at Congleton**

Congleton lost at home by four wickets to Stockport after being dismissed for 109, Rob Barber 3-27, Tom Facer 3-28. Barber went on to top score with 42 in Stockport's reply, Brian Booth 3-12.

Upton did their chances of survival a power of good with a six wickets home victory over Poynton, who were bundled out for 113 by Gary Dixon's 6-46. Jerard Van Heerden, 47 not out and Matt Ingram, 40 saw their side to a welcome 25 points with a score of 115-4.

Bottom of the table Malpas had all the rough luck that was going at home to south-Cheshire neighbours Tattenhall, according to umpire Brian Jones. This included losing the toss and being inserted on a bowler's paradise. So it proved for Rob Mulvihill, who seamed the ball round corners to take 6-25 as their hosts were skittled for 52 in 26 overs. Tattenhall had the match done and dusted in just 6.3 overs, skipper Tom Hyslop muscling his way to an unbeaten 40.

## **All Saturday's scorelines**

### **ECB PREMIER LEAGUE**

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v DIDSBURY (won toss)

Chester 124 (41 overs: L. Dixon 27, N. Anderson 4-54);

Didsbury 126-6 (34 overs: P. Slattery 35, J. Fawcett 25).

**Didsbury (25 pts.) beat Chester Boughton Hall (3 pts.) by 4 wickets.**

HYDE (toss) v URMSTON

Urmston 186-9 (45 overs: E. Bullock 49, C. Tipper 5-77, S Kirwin 4-53);

Hyde 190-7 (44.5 overs: M Makin 45no, M. Parkinson 6-79). *Reduced to 90 overs.*

**Hyde (25 pts.) beat Urmston (11 pts.) by 3 wickets.**

MACCLESFIELD v WIDNES (toss)

Macclesfield 178 (52 overs: J. Crosthwaite 44, B. Cutbill 33no, R. Keen 31, K. Sawas 30, S. Agarwal 6-52);

Widnes 179-4 (39 overs: S. Agarwal 80no, B. Williams 43, M Nalesnyik 31, B. Cutbill 3-52).

**Widnes (25 pts.) beat Macclesfield (3 pts.) by 6 wickets.**

MARPLE v NANTWICH:

**Match cancelled due to waterlogged ground: 7 pts. each.**

NESTON v TOFT (toss)

Neston 237-7 (55 overs: L. Camden 83, A. Roberts 52, J. Lomas 3-70);

Toft 208-9 (55 overs: E. Stubbs 55no, T. Drummond 49, C. Wilson 4-76, C. Finegan 3-44).

**Neston (14 pts.) drew with Toft (9pts.)**

OXTON v ALDERLEY EDGE (toss)

Oxton 113 (44 overs: S. Stokes 35, J Whittaker 4-35, Z. Chapman 3-31);

Alderley Edge 114-3 (34 overs: C Rowe 32, A. Worrall 25no).

**Alderley Edge (25 pts.) beat Oxton 1 pt.) by 7 wickets.**

### **FIRST DIVISION**

BRAMHALL (won toss) v BOWDON

Bowdon 160 (49 overs: S. Marshall 71, N. Murrills 35, R. Kitzinger 6-67, N. Cantello 4c and 1 run out)

Bramhall 161-3 (38 overs: M Jameson 70, T. Dean 47no, M. Hughes 41no). *Reduced to 98 overs.*

**Bramhall (25 pts.) beat Bowdon (6 pts.) by 7 wickets**

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S v BOLLINGTON (toss)

Bredbury 232-4 (50 overs: P. Zybrands 89no, C. Wood 65no, P. Wood 41);

Bollington 122-8 (50 overs: J Usher 3-39, C. Wood 3-40).

**Bredbury St. Mark's (13 pts.) drew with Bollington (3 pts.).**

BROOKLANDS (toss) v HEATON MERSEY

Heaton Mersey 63 (43 overs: A.J. Hart 4-23, J. Birchall 3-14);

Brooklands 65-1 (12 overs: J. Birchall 43no).

**Brooklands (25 pts.) beat Heaton Mersey (0 pts.) by 10 wickets**

CHRISTLETON (toss) v GRAPPENHALL

Grappenhall 271-8 (50 overs: J. McCoy 82, R. Green 62, G Burns 47, I. De Silva 4-95, V. Sood 3-88);

Christleton 206-7 (50 overs: V. Sood 80no, I. Naseer 41, A. Roylance 4-85).

**Match drawn: Grappenhall 13 pts., Christleton 9 pts.**

IRBY v SALE (toss)

Irby 210-4 (50 overs: J. Mallichan 63no, G. Shillinglaw 47, R. Houghton 45no, R. Halkon 3-63);

Sale 184 (47 overs: J Benzafar 65, R. Houghton 7-54).

**Irby (25 pts.) beat Sale (4 pts.) by 26 runs**

OULTON PARK v CHEADLE HULME (toss)

Oulton Park 260-7 (50 overs: B. Tomlinson 78, N. James 49, M. East 42, E. McCray 3-83);

Cheadle Hulme 2012-7 (50 overs: A. Wilde 61, J. Potts 49, T. Briscoe 36, R. Moore 4-32)

**Match drawn: Oulton Park 13 pts., Cheadle Hulme 9 pts.**

**SECOND DIVISION**

CHEADLE (won toss) v ALVANLEY

Alvanley 125 (50 overs: M. Szymura 23, D. Brown 3-23);

Cheadle 126-8 (43 overs: P Sperring 30, G. Dixon 28, M. Samuels 25no, A. Hayhurst 4-17).

**Cheadle (25 pts.) beat Alvanley (3 pts.) by 2 wickets**

CONGLETON v STOCKPORT (toss)

Congleton 109 ( - overs: R. Barber 3-17, T. Facer 3-28);

Stockport 110-6 ( - overs: R. Barber 42, B. Booth 3-12).

**Stockport (25 pts.) beat Congleton (2 pts.) by 4 wickets.**

MALPAS v TATTENHALL ( toss)

Malpas 52 (26 overs: R. Mulvihill 6-25, A. Brock 4-25);

Tattenhall 53-0 (6.3 overs: T. Hyslop 40no),.

**Tattenhall (25 pts.) beat Malpas (0 pts.) by 10 wickets.**

STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (toss) v MIDDLEWICH

Middlewich 216-5 (40 overs: S. Parry 63, A. Cole 54 = 102 for 2nd wicket, J. Cornford 45, I. Hussein 3-54);

Stockport Georgians 198-6 (40 overs: S Normanton 50, H. Bailey 44 *Reduced to 80 overs*

**Match drawn: Middlewich 12 pts., Stockport Georgians 8 pts.**

TIMPERLEY v WARRINGTON (toss)

Timperley 92 (44 overs: N. Wood 26, K. Adams 6-26);

Warrington 94-3 (30 overs: P Farrar 66no).

**Warrington (25pts.) beat Timperley (1 pt.) by 7 wickets.**

UPTON (toss) v POYNTON

Poynton 113 (45 overs: G. Dixon 6-46);

Upton 115-4 (36 overs: J. Van Heeren 57no, M. Ingram 40).

**Upton (25 pts.) beat Poynton (1 pt.) by 6 wickets.**

**PICK OF WEEK**

**Premier League**

Batting: Luke Camden (Neston) 83 v Toft. Bowling: Matt Parkinson (Urmston) 6-79 v Hyde.

**First Division**

Batting: Peter Zybrands (Bredbury) 89no v Bollington. Bowling: Rob Houghton (Irby) 7-58 v Sale.

**Second Division**

Batting: Paul Farrar 66no v Timperley. Bowling: Robin Mulvihill (Tattenhall) 6-25 v Malpas.

**Leading individual stats at July 14 (o = overseas player)**

**PREMIER LEAGUE** (top five batsmen): K..Sawas (Macclesfield) 703 runs; L. Dixon (CBH) 449; oA. McGuinness (Marple) & T. Twiney (Hyde) both 406; A. Day (Alderley Edge) 394.

Top five bowlers: A. Birley (Oxton) 40 wickets; J. Warrington (Nantwich) 34; J. Whittker (Alderley Edge) 33; oG. Fernando (Oxton) and R. Porter (Macclesfield) both 31.

Wicket-keeper: P. Ashling (Toft) 10c & 9st = 19. .

**FIRST DIVISION** batting: R. Moore (Oulton Park) 470; I. De Silva (Christleton) 450; oW. Lubbe (Sale) 375; oG. Parker (Bowdon) 353; A. Hughes (Irby) 353.

Bowling: R. Halkon (Sale) 34; oV. Sood (Christleton) 32; C. Williamson (Oulton Park) 26; oJ. Smith (Grappenhall) 25; A.J. Hart (Brooklands), R. Houghton (Irby) and G. Edwards (Bowdon) all 24

Wicket-keeper: T. Gane (Bowdon) 11c & 3 st = 14.

**SECOND DIVISION** batting: oJ. Bailey (Congleton) 430; oM. Macquet (Timperley) 416 runs; G. Barber (Stockport) 369; G. Barber (Stockport) 369; oT. Hyslop (Tattenhall) 341; R. Barber (Stockport) 326.

Bowling: oK. Adams (Warrington) 41 wickets; I. Grindley (Timperley) 33; R. Fisher (Alvanley) 31; T. Facer (Stockport), oD. Freitag (Middlewich), P Sperring (Cheadle) and K . Waterhouse (Congleton) all 25.

Wicket-keepers: C. Fletcher (Alvanley) 9 c & 3 st = 12; M. Rudd (Warrington) 12 c = 12.

## Tables after 14 games

<u>ECB Premier</u>	P	W (25)	D (2)	C (7)	L	BAT	BOWL	TOTAL
OXTON	14	7	1	3	3	8	9	215
HYDE	14	6	1	3	4	25	13	211
MACCLESFIELD	14	6	1	2	5	16	14	196
CHESTER BO. HALL	14	6	2	0	6	16	16	186
ALDERLEY EDGE	14	4	4	3	3	22	20	171
NESTON	14	4	3	3	4	18	18	163
MARPLE	14	4	3	5	2	8	12	161
DIDSBURY	14	4	2	3	5	20	16	161
NANTWICH	14	4	2	4	4	11	17	160
TOFT	14	4	4	1	5	11	27	153
WIDNES	14	4	0	4	6	10	10	148
URMSTON	14	2	2	2	8	40	19	127

<u>Division 1</u>	P	W (25)	T (18)	D (7)	C	L	BAT	BOWL	TOTAL
GRAPPENHALL	14	9	0	1	3	1	9	4	261
BOWDON	14	9	0	0	3	2	6	4	256
SALE	14	6	0	3	3	2	9	10	196
OULTON PARK	14	4	0	4	2	4	35	20	177
CHEADLE HULME	14	4	0	2	3	5	17	19	161
BREDBURY ST. MK.	14	2	0	6	2	4	48	29	153
CHRISTLETON	14	3	0	3	3	5	26	21	149
BRAMHALL	14	3	1	2	3	5	8	13	139
IRBY	14	2	0	3	3	6	34	21	132
BROOKLANDS	14	3	0	5	1	5	8	24	124
HEATON MERSEY	14	2	0	4	3	5	9	21	109
BOLLINGTON	14	1	0	5	4	4	28	17	108

*Bredbury St. Mark's v Bramhall on June 16 resulted in a level scores draw  
Bredbury St. Mark's 11 pts. Bramhall 18 tie pts.*

<u>Division 2</u>	P	W (25)	D (2)	C (7)	L	BAT	BOWL	TOTAL
MIDDLEWICH	14	8	5	1	0	11	18	246
WARRINGTON	14	7	2	2	3	14	14	221
CHEADLE	14	7	2	4	1	4	8	219
POYNTON	14	6	2	4	2	10	13	205
CONGLETON	14	5	3	3	3	26	16	194
STOCKPORT	14	4	5	1	4	33	21	171
TATTENHALL	14	4	3	2	5	10	14	144
STOCKPORT GEO.	14	3	3	4	4	12	16	137
TIMPERLEY	14	3	1	3	7	11	20	129
UPTON	14	3	2	3	6	10	18	128
ALVANLEY	14	2	2	1	9	21	29	111
MALPAS	14	1	3	1	9	19	19	76

## **Grant cash will improve facilities**

MACCLESFIELD will shortly receive a total of £49,245 in National Lottery Funding to carry out much-needed improvements to changing and welfare facilities on their Victoria Road ground.

Operations manager Gary Foy writes: "This money will enable us to replace the dilapidated changing rooms, creating a new facility suitable for members of all ages including the disabled. It will be another stage in the overall development of the site we embarked upon after deciding not to move to a new ground several years ago. The new building will incorporate changing rooms for home and away teams, showers and toilets".

Club chairman Simon Griffiths told *Newsletter* during Saturday's well-attended Open Day at Victoria Road: "I am delighted we've been successful in our bid. It has provided us with some sunshine in this awful summer.

"We fully realise we have fallen behind other clubs modernising our facilities, but this has been due to lack of cash and this grant will help us catch up. It will be hard work and we shall need to raise other money. For instance, we hope to raise much needed cash at a Golf Day event on Friday, September 7 at Macclesfield Golf Club. The cost is £120 per team and it is to be organised by Rob Porter who will be delighted to accept entries. Call him on 07816 523 700 to book a tee time".

Irby were simultaneously informed that their grant from the same source is to be £45,876 and chairman Ben Thomas comments: "This will help us to upgrade facilities at our club where we have thriving boys and girls junior sections plus four adult teams. The work will include improving the bar and function areas along with modernising kitchen facilities. This means many ambitious plans we have for the future can really take shape".

The money comes from the Inspired Facilities Fund, part of the £135M Places People Play Olympic legacy Programme.

## **Halkon is June Player of Month**

RETURNING the best bowling analysis of the season - 19-3 overs, 7 maidens, 42 runs, 9 wickets - in a First Division game at Bollington on Saturday, June 23, has won Sale's Rick Halkon the **Chapel Press Performance of the Month Award** for that month.

The loyal Sale leg spinner will receive his framed certificate and a £50 sports voucher from Canterbury before his club's home derby game against Brooklands on August 11.

Other highly-commended performances were 16 year-old Matt Hughes (Bramhall) 117no off 85 balls v Bredbury; J. Charles (Stockport Georgians 2<sup>nd</sup>) 149 v Tattenhall; T. Redford (Marple 3rd) 5-24 v New Brighton including four wickets in four balls.

O PITCH TABLE. League Grounds chairman John Bygate has produced a Pitch and Outfield table for matches played up to and including July 7. Top pitch marks have been gained by Grappenhall with an average of 18.67 out of a maximum 20. Followed by Christleton 18; Urmston 17.33 and Middlewich 17. Bottom are Poynton 13 and Brooklands 14.43. Neston have the best outfield with a maximum average of 20, followed by Bramhall and Christleton, both 19.75. Bottom are Heaton Mersdey, 16.50 and Warrington, 16.60.

O CLUBS who want a further supply of cricket balls should contact League Treasurer Andy Woods. Tel. 01244 400 219 (work mobile) or by e-mail on [andrew@hargreaveswoods.co.uk](mailto:andrew@hargreaveswoods.co.uk)

O TRANSFER: Nicholas Roberts moves from Oulton Park to Toft with effect from July 20

O OFFERTON have indicated their interest in associate membership of the League inj 2013 at 3<sup>rd</sup> XI and Over 40s levels.

O CLUBS will be invoiced for fines at the end of the season, not at half-way and again at the end, as in the past.

## **Meller Braggins Cheshire League round-up**

FIRST DIVISION results in the **Meller Braggins Cheshire League** on Saturday, July 21:

Ashley 166-6 dec. Winnington Park 118-8; Ashton on Mersey 144-9 dec. Oakmere 72; Lindow 142 Weaverham 124-9; Mobberley 148-8 Northwich 146-7 dec.; Prestbury 113 Davenham 193; Runcorn 109 Hale Barns 110-3.

PLACINGS after 14 games: 1. Weaverham 263 pts.; 2. Davenham 259; 3. Hale Barns 187; 4. Prestbury 182; 5. Ashton on Mersey 178; 6. Runcorn 162; 7. Ashley 153; 8. Winnington Park 142; 9. Oakmere 138; 10. Mobberley 137; 11. Northwich 137; 12. Lindow 117. Division 2: 1. Chester County Officers 299; 2. Kingsley 240. Bottom of Division 3: Alderley Park, Glazebury.

FIXTURES in Division 1 on Saturday, July 28 (1.30 p.m.): Davenham v Lindow; Hale Barns v Ashley; Northwich Runcorn; Oakmere v Prestbury; Weaverham v Mobberley; Winnington Park v Ashton on Mersey.

**Information kindly provided by Graham Coull.**

## **Macc duo star for Cheshire**

CHESHIRE were indebted to Macclesfield players Ian Tait and Khalid Sawas for finishing on virtual level terms at the end of the first day of their **Minor Counties championship** match against Cornwall at Truro on Sunday.

After being consigned to field after an overnight coach journey which ended after 4 a.m., Cheshire did well to bowl Cornwall out for 184 in 67 overs. Macclesfield paceman Ian Tait took 6-52 off 21 overs and Danny Woods 2-77. Cheshire did not bat well in reply with James Duffy, brothers Lee and Ross Dixon and Danny Berry scoring only one run between them after Jonny Kettle had opened up with 33. But Khalid Sawas, 73 stood firm and Cheshire closed at 156-9 off 45 overs.

Early on the second morning (Monday) Cheshire were bowled out for 168, trailing by 16 runs, Sam Hockin taking 7-82. Cornwall were 7-0 at mid-day in their second innings.

The match continues Tuesday.

Cheshire team: James Duffy captain, Danny Berry (Hyde), Jonny Kettle (Nantwich), Ian Tait, Khalid Sawas (Macclesfield), Warren Goodwin, Lee Dixon (CBH), Danny Woods (York), Adam Syddall (Urmston), Calum Rowe (Alderley Edge), Ross Dixon (Oxton).

O THE telephone number of Cheshire's assistant secretary Elise Scrimgeour on page 194 of the League handbook should read 0161 432 0381.

O CHESHIRE Development XI's game against Lancashire Under 19 at Stockport scheduled for Thursday and Friday last week was abandoned half-way through the first day's play because of heavy rain. Score:: Cheshire 126-6 (Olly Law 37 not out).

Next match is against Worcestershire Academy at Macclesfield on Friday, July 27 (11 a.m.).

O FORMER Hyde all-rounder, Cambridge Blue Rob Woolley, now with Cambridge Granta in the East Anglian League, is figuring regularly for Unicorns in the CB40 championship. Urmston's Adam Syddall is playing for Unicorns A in the Second XI championship and T20 Cup.

O FINAL of the League Under 9s cup resulted in a tie between Alderley Edge A and Alderley Edge B (played at Alderley Edge, of course)

## **Elworth through in Cheshire Cup**

IN the remaining **Cheshire Cup** quarter-final played on Sunday, North Staffs & South-Cheshire League club Elworth beat Timperley by nine wickets. Scores:

Timperley 148 (M. Macquet 64, Y. Ali 5-19);

Elworth 149-1 (D. Toft 74no, R. Beech 52no).

Semi-final draw: Chester Boughton Hall v Toft; Hyde v Elworth (both on Sunday, August 12).

## **CHESHIRE SHIELD RESULTS**

QUARTER-FINAL results in the **Cheshire Shield** on Sunday:

Bowdon 252-3 (S. Marshall 80, G. Parker 79, T. Scott 34);

Heaton Mersey 144 (G. Parker 3-22, O. Williams 3-27).

Parkfield Liscard 198-6 (K Hussain 112, G Keenan 3-31);

Upton 199-6 (M. Priaux 61no, J. Van Heerden 52, T. Woods 32).

Remaining games: Congleton v Stockport (Sunday, July 29); Wilmslow Wayfarers v Oulton Park (TBA).

Semi-final draw: Congleton or Stockport v Bowdon; Wilmslow Wayfarers or Oulton Park v Upton. (both provisionally on Sunday, August 12).

*Information kindly provided by Cheshire Cup/ Shield organiser Rick Davis.*

## **Vets news**

WINNERS of the **Spitfire 60 Plus county championship** for the past two seasons, Cheshire have again qualified for the last 16. They did so by beating a weakened Lincolnshire team and will top their qualifying group if they defeated Durham/Northumberland at Shotley Bridge.

CHESHIRE's key **ECB 50 Plus County championship** game against Lancashire at Denton West on Wednesday, July 11 was again postponed due to rain. It has been re-scheduled for a third time, at Kearsley CC on Wednesday, July 25 (1.30 p.m.). :

## **Urmston Under 15 progress**

LANCASHIRE Under 15 champions Urmston beat their Yorkshire counterparts West Bretton by three runs in the regional final on Sunday. They now go through to play in a Last 16 four-way tournament at York on Thursday, August 2.

## **RedInsure T20 Finals Day on Sunday**

HYDE will attempt to become the first club to win the Fred Graham Memorial Trophy two years running when they take part in an action-packed **RedInsure T20 Finals Day** at Neston on Sunday, July 29 (12 noon).

The competition began as a 90 overs game in 1993, but became a T20 in 2005 and is now sponsored by UK-wide sports club insurance company RedInsure who are providing £1,250 to cover match expenses. These include prize money for the four finalists, teas, umpires expenses and Man of the Match and Champagne Moment awards.

Readers are supplying pink Kookaburra balls for use in all games on Sunday.

**HYDE**, who went on to reach National Finals Day at Chelmsford last season, and are still involved in the Cheshire Cup (of which they are also the holders), take on Premiership rivals **DIDSBURY** on the main pitch at 12 noon (umpires Ged Kinsey and Graham Harris).

There is an intriguing clash on the excellent second ground where host club **NESTON** take on **GRAPPENHALL** (umpires Barrie Biurns and Chris Smith) who are making a strong bid to return to the top flight after being relegated last September.

After a break for tea, the final will take place on the main ground at approx. 3.30 p.m. (umpires Jon Hacking & Dion Kelly) with the presentations scheduled for 6.30 p.m.

Should rain prevent the final being played, there will have to be a bowl out to decide the winners, who go forward to represent the League in the **ECB National Club t20 Area Finals** on the ground of North Wales Premiership club Mochdre the following Sunday, August 5.

That draw has resulted: Match 1: North Wales Premier winners v Birmingham Premier winners; Match 2: Cheshire winners v North Staffs & South Cheshire Premier winners. The two winners then play-off for the right to enter the Regional Finals on Sunday, August 19.

National Finals day is on the Warwickshire county ground at Edgbaston on Sunday, September 6. Admission at Neston is free of and there will be a bar and refreshments available all day.

## **It's Christleton v Toft in Plate**

FIRST winners of the **T20 Plate** in 2006, **TOFT** will again figure in this season's final at Neston on Sunday – against Division One opposition **CHRISTLETON**

Both semi-finals were delayed by rain and finally took place on Thursday and Friday last week.

Christleton beat Tattenhall by one run in a thrilling finish to their match at Little Heath on Thursday when overseas players Vinod Sood and Tom Hyslop both played leading roles.

On Friday, Premiership club Toft beat Division Two promotion contenders Cheadle by six wickets at Booths Park. Details:

### **CHRISTLETON beat TATTENHALL by 1 run**

Christleton 154-7 (20 overs: V. Sood 52, R. Mulvihill 4-26);

Tattenhall 153-6 (20 overs: T. Hyslop 65, I. Richards 54, M.Parkinson 2-26, R. Burcher 2-33).

### **TOFT beat CHEADLE by 6 wickets**

Cheadle 75; Toft 76-4.

The final is on Neston's second ground on Sunday starting at 3.p.m (umpires Graham Harris and Chris Smith).

Should the match be rained off, it may be played at a later date or resolved by a bowl out if the clubs prefer.

O Great credit is due to coordinator Jon Hacking, who has piloted 36 clubs through both competitions with innate skill and admirable adaptability.

## **Other finals dates**

FINALS Day in the new style **RedInsure 2nd XI T20 Trophy** is to be held at Timperley on Sunday, August 19 from 12 noon

The quarter-finals draw (games to be played by August 2) is: Timperley v Didsbury; Bramhall v Cheadle; Grappenhall v Middlewich; Chester Boughton Hall v Warrington

THE **Jack Gardner 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Trophy** Finals are at Warrington on Sunday, August 12, also from 12 noon.

Semi-final draw: Bredbury St. Mark's v Widnes (on main ground); Cheadle v Didsbury (on top ground). Final on main ground.

Readers have kindly agreed to provide the balls for both final events.

## **Winter cricket**

ANY club who would like to play winter cricket in 2012-13 should contact Oulton Park's Peter Robinson who runs the Vale Royal Indoor League based at St. Nicholas High School, Hartford, Northwich. Six teams took part last winter and two more are sought. Contacted him on 07889 081 639; 01829 760 445; or by e-mail on peteropcc@talktalk.net



## **First defeat for Alsager 40s**

THE clash of **Over 40s** Central group contenders Grappenhall and Alsager Dabbers at Broad Lane on Wednesday last week resulted in the first defeat for the Dabbers in a match former Pakistan Test star Wasim Akram missed due to flu.

A large crowd saw another ex-Test man, Neil Fairbrother, take the batting honours with an unbeaten 35 for Grappenhall in a tally of 122-4, Stephen Newell 31. Alsager were boosted by knocks of 31 by Dave Price and 28 from Chris Welch, but a 4-9 stint from Rob Slater restricted them to 104-8 and an 18 runs defeat. If both teams win their remaining games, it looks like a toss up to see who finishes top.

The big clash in the West zone between Chester Boughton Hall and Neston was postponed and the teams mutually agreed to re-arrange within 14 days.

Urmston Tigers stay six points clear in the North-East group after their visit to Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge was rained off.

In the South East group, Bredbury Saints pulled up within six points of leaders Bollington Veterans with a comfortable home win over Marple.

The four winners will play-off on Finals Day at Urmston Cricket Club on Bank Holiday Monday, August 27.

**Over 40s cricket this season is sponsored by TailorMade Group pensions.**

**O URGENT NOTE:** *Clubs continue to fail to report matches cancelled. All results - and cancellations, MUST be notified by the home club to Competition secretary Mike Talbot-Butler by telephone, fax or preferably e-mail, as soon as possible after close of play and by Saturday am at the latest. £15 fines will be imposed on the laggards.*

### **West group:**

TATTENHALL WRECKERS v IRBY: *No information. £15 fine.*

**Presume cancelled: 2 pts. each**

WARRINGTON v UPTON. Warrington 84-7 (Talbot 30, Owen 3-22, Bryce 2-13); Upton 87-7 (Jones 2-11).

**Upton (4 pts.) won by 3 wickets**

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v NESTON: Postponed.

To be re-arranged during week commencing July 23.

### **Central group:**

ASHLEY v BOWDON: *No information; £15 fine*

**Bowdon (4 pts.) won.**

GRAPPENHALL v ALSAGER DABBERS: Grappenhall 122-4 (Fairbrother 35, Newell 32); Alsager 104-8 (Price 31, Welch 28, Slater 4-9).

**Grappenhall (4 pts.) won by 18 runs.**

MOBBERLEY v BOWDON VALE VIKINGS Mobblerley 84-3 (O'Shea 30, Potts 22); Bowdon Vale 87-2 (Hunter 30, Nicholas 24).

**Bowdon Vale Vikings (4 pts.) won by 8 wickets.**

TOFT v DAVENHAM: Toft 122-3 (Ashley 30, Hope 30); Davenham 104-4 (Bentley 30).

**Toft (4 pts.) won by 18 runs**

### **North-East group:**

ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS v BROOKLANDS: Alderley Edge 126-6 (Bolton 33, Caulfield 31, Vardo 3-21); Brooklands 129-3 (Mitchell 33).

**Brooklands (4 pts.) won by 7 wickets.**

CHEADLE HULME v SALE SILVERBACKS:

**Cancelled: 2 pts. each**

CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE v URMSTON TIGERS:

**Cancelled: 2 pts. each**

**South-East group**

BRAMHALL v POYNTON LEGENDS:

Poynton Legends 120-9 (Mullaney 31,Stendall 2-9, Addy, Wells and Woodford also took two wickets); Bramhall 82-7 (Stoneman 24, Heath 4-15).

**Poynton Legends (4 pts.) won by 38 runs**

BREDBURY SAINTS v MARPLE: Bredbury 117-7 (C. Wood 30, Bass 29, Bashford 22, Baythorpe 3-9, Porter 2-24, Stephenson 2-32); Marple 83-8 (Baythorpe 35, Usher 3-5, Barlow 2-12). Marple fielded 10 men and one batsman retired out *Information from website only: £15 fine.*

**Bredbury Saints (4 pts.) won by 34 runs.**

WOODLEY v MACCLESFIELD:

**Cancelled: 2 pts. each**

**HOW THEY STAND**

<b><u>West Group</u></b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PTS.</b>
NESTON	9	6	3	0	30
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	8	5	2	1	24
IRBY	9	4	4	1	24
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	9	3	2	4	16
UPTON	9	2	2	5	12
OXTON	9	1	3	5	10
WARRINGTON	9	0	4	5	8

<b><u>Central Group</u></b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PTS.</b>
ALSAGER DABBERS	11	7	3	1	34
GRAPPENHALL	11	7	3	1	34
TOFT	11	5	3	3	26
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	11	5	2	4	24
BOWDON	11	3	4	4	20
ASHLEY	11	3	3	5	18
DAVENHAM	11	1	5	5	14
MOBBERLEY	11	0	3	8	6

<b><u>North-East group updated</u></b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PTS.</b>
URMSTON TIGERS	9	7	2	0	32
CHEADLE HULME	9	5	3	1	26
CHEADLE	9	4	3	2	22
CHEADLE HULME LADY.	10	3	4	3	20
SALE SILVERBACKS	9	2	3	4	14
BROOKLANDS	10	2	2	6	12
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	10	0	3	7	6

<b><u>South-East group</u></b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PTS.</b>
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	9	7	2	0	32
BREDBURY SAINTS	9	6	1	2	26
POYNTON LEGENDS	10	5	3	2	26
MARPLE	10	3	4	3	20
MACCLESFIELD	10	2	3	5	14
WOODLEY	9	1	3	5	10
BRAMHALL	9	0	2	7	4

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 25 FIXTURES (6.15 p.m.)**

WEST GROUP: Irby v Chester Boughton Hall; Neston v Warrington; Oxtun v Tattenhall Wreckers. Open: Upton. To be arranged: Chester Boughton Hall v Neston.

CENTRAL GROUP: Davenham v Mobberley; Grappenhall v Ashley; Toft v Bowdon. Thursday: Alsager Dabbers v Bowdon Vale Vikings.

NORTH-EAST GROUP: Brooklands v Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge; Sale Silverbacks v Cheadle; Urmston Tiger v Cheadle Hulme. Open: Alderley Edge.

SOUTH-EAST GROUP: Bollington Veterans v Marple; Bredbury Saints v Woodley; Macclesfield v Bramhall. Open: Poynton Legends.

## **Saturday, July 28: fixtures and umpires**

### **ECB PREMIER LEAGUE (12.30 p.m.)**

ALDERLEY EDGE v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL  
DIDSBURY v NESTON  
NANTWICH v OXTON  
TOFT v HYDE  
URMSTON v MACCLESFIELD  
WIDNES v MARPLE

Neville Kent & John Lofthouse  
David Moss & Glyn Roberts  
Ian Greensmith & Chris Smith  
Trevor Burnett & Jon Hacking  
Ian Drury & Don Flanagan  
Ged Kinsey & Tom Park

### **DIVISION 1 (1 p.m.)**

BOLLINGTON v BROOKLANDS  
BOWDON v IRBY  
CHEADLE HULME v BREDBURY ST. MARK'S  
GRAPPENHALL v BRAMHALL  
HEATON MERSEY v CHRISTLETON  
SALE v OULTON PARK

Wyn Harris & Tom Spencer  
Barrie Burns & Howard Briggs  
David Stoter & Jim Whitehead  
Stuart Anderson & Dion Kelly  
Clive Heylin & Paul Herring  
John Lowe & Derick van Rensburg

### **DIVISION 2 (1 p.m.)**

ALVANLEY v CONGLETON  
MIDDLEWICH v UPTON  
POYNTON v MALPAS  
STOCKPORT v TIMPERLEY  
TATTENHALL v CHEADLE  
WARRINGTON v STOCKPORT GEORGIANS

Anjit Jain & Geoff Wellsted  
Neville Abberley & Ken Rothwell  
Allan Lewis & Tony Morris  
Stan Davies & Garry Hambleton  
Chris Moore & Steve Walton  
Peter Hanaby & Ray Prescott

### **2nd XI PREMIER DIVISION (1 p.m.)**

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

Club umpire & Bob Cunningham  
Club umpire & Ron Bedson  
Brian Jones & Ken Simpson  
Panel umpire n/a & Club umpire  
Club umpire & n/a  
Club umpire & Clive Rice

## **Last word .....**

SHARP-eyed Third XI Saturday Secretary Brian Boys spotted some unusual features in the Chester Boughton Hall v Timperley 3rd XI game played at Stockport Road on Saturday

In the Chester innings of 165-8, father Ed Filer and his son Luke both failed to score, both being dismissed by Ollie Bevan, while Ed's youngest son, Xan, aged 13, did not bat on debut.

In the Timperley innings of 150 all out, all their batsmen except one run out, were dismissed by the Filers, father Ed taking 3-27, Luke 4-19 (including Ollie Bevan's wicket for 45) and young Xan, 2-9.

