



Neston lose unbeaten tag on good day for lower clubs

SATURDAY proved a good day for the clubs in the bottom half, such as Bowdon, who won a thriller by two runs to end the unbeaten **ECB Premier League** run of leaders Neston at Parkgate.

Neston had reached 112-5 in reply to Bowdon's all out 143, (Paul Stimson 5-56) before suffering a dramatic collapse and with top scorers Luke Camden, 55 and David Hurst, 33, both gone they lost their last five wickets for 29 runs to close on 141. Their destroyer was former Glamorgan paceman Chris Ashling with match-winning figures of 6-43.

As a consequence, Bowdon move out of the drop zone, a position now occupied by Didsbury who lost by three wickets at form team Oxton, who have now won four of their last five outings. . Didsbury totalled 167-9, Simon Normanton 78, Gayan Fernando 3-48 and Oxton countered with 169-7, Alex Money 41, Marc Debrabender 40, Rab Nawaz 3-36.

Chester Boughton Hall, meanwhile, recovered from their defeat by Neston a week earlier with an impressive seven wickets victory at Grappenhall where they had lost a T20 game in mid-week. Grappers were bowled out for 190, Mike Sambell 56, the increasingly impressive Jack Williams taking 5-39. CBH countered with 191-3, Lee Dixon 57 not out, Matthew Griffiths 56. With a week to go the halfway stage, Chester have cut the advantage of the leaders to just seven points, following Neston's slow over rate points deduction.

Jason pays £1,000 to face Courtney Walsh

ONE of the highlights of Oxton's fund-raiser against a Lashings International XI on Friday was a gesture by home club member Jason Holland who successfully bid £1,000 in an auction for the privilege of facing the first ball of the innings bowled by his former West Indies hero Courtney Walsh.

The taker of 519 Test match wickets, Courtney sent down a lip-smacking full toss. Unfortunately, Jason missed it, then retired chastened, poorer, but still cheerful to the pavilion to thunderous applause from a large crowd.

A fuller report of the event appears on page 10.

MARPLE OUTPLAY CHAMPIONS

Another team in the bottom half to shine on Saturday was Marple who outplayed champions Nantwich at Whitehouse Lane to the tune of 160 runs. Marple ran up 245-9 with Mark Bennett contributing 92 and Andrew Hall 59, while Ray Doyle took 4-65 and Ollie Griffiths 4-67. The Dabbers batting then collapsed completely against the guile of Andy Greasley, 5-36 and the pace of Andy Wylie, 4-32 to close on 85 all out, worryingly their second all out tally of less than 90 in six weeks.

Hyde, who began the day in seventh place, moved up two slots with a comprehensive six wickets victory at Toft, whom they sent back for 204, Ed Stubbs 73 not out, Scott Kirwin 3-45. Hyde responded with 205-4 inside 44 overs with their powerful batting line-up of Chris Tipper contributing 57, Tom Twiney 56 and Danny Berry 53.

Erratic Alderley Edge had one of their better days, using home advantage to beat Macclesfield by 68 runs in a match dominated by the all-round excellence of Jason Whittaker. With a contribution of 44 not out, he assisted Jon Steele, 52 to post a respectable 203-6, Ben Morrison 3-56. Whittaker's real show came after tea when he stormed through the Macc batting line-up to post figures of 19.2 – 2 – 38 – 7. Only number 9 batsman James Cross, 32 not out, showed much opposition as the innings closed 68 runs short at 135.

Macclesfield remain the only team in the top two divisions without a win and currently trail 10th placed club Bowdon by an ominous 33 points.

DIVISION 1

Bramhall storm ahead

BRAMHALL can look forward to the arrival of the season's halfway mark next week-end with a 30 points lead in the **First Division**.

Their seventh win in 10 games was registered at the expense of Middlewich at Haddon Field in a match they dominated after posting 192-9, Matt Begbie 61, John Harris 44. Unable to end a bad patch, Middlewich were bowled out for 158, James Cornford 59, with Simon Wilkinson producing more magical figures of 6-59.

Joint second are Urmston and Brooklands, the former enjoying a sparkling spell following relegation and a bad start. They won by 108 runs at Brooklands, whom they totally outplayed. Lewis Jackson, 77, led the Urmston run charge to 192-8, A. Robinson 3-42, then Brooklands were dismissed for 85, led by Cheshire pacesman Adam Syddall with 3-22.

Sale's challenge faltered badly at Oulton Park where they were bowled out for 110 and beaten by eight wickets. Only T. Parsons, 32 not out stood up to the Oulton attack led by Andrew Hards, who took a hat-trick in his 5-14 return backed by Guy Emmett, 5-29. Oulton knocked off the runs comfortably after tea at 114-2, Lou Bentley 44 not out.

Christleton upsurge

Christleton's improvement continued with a 48 runs win against fellow-strugglers Heaton Mersey at Little Heath, bowling out their visitors for 114, despite another fine knock of 64 by Tasmanian Aaron Ayre. Ifti Naseer claimed 6-36. Earlier Christleton had posted 162, Matt Astbury 30, M. Cole 4-37. They move up to 10th place.

Shock innings of the day was posted at Grove Park where Cheadle Hulme bowled Widnes out in 14.3 overs for just 49, the division's lowest tally of the campaign. Widnes top scorers were Alex Graham and tail ender J. Eccleston, both with 15. The remainder had no answer to the pace of Aussie Kris Nissen, 6-15 and Rana Malook 4-31. Cheadle Hulme knocked the runs off at 50-0 in 8.1 overs, Adam Wilde 27, Chris Nissen 21. Said 'Hulme match manager Ian Griffiths: "I am just stunned. The match lasted less than 24 overs and here I am at 2.54 pm with everything done and dusted".

Bredbury St. Mark's climbed up to eighth place when they ended a losing spell with a 40 runs home win over Cheadle after posting 235-9, Paul Wood 62, Peter Zybrands 53, Will Holmes 5-50. Cheadle reached 195 in reply, Greg Dixon 56, Graham Barlow 5-50.

DIVISION 2

Unbeaten Timperley destroy Tattenhall

TIMPERLEY marched on in the **Second Division** when they beat closest rivals Tattenhall by 124 runs at Stockport road, opening up an awesome 41 points gap at the top of the table.

Craig Grindley contributed 109 and Matt Macquet 65 to Timperley's tally of 237-5, after which Tatters were bowled out for 113, Chris Page continuing his remarkable season with 6-37 and Macquet 3-24. Timperley are the only unbeaten team in the League and are also through to the quarter-finals of the RedInsure T20.

At the other end of the table, plaudits to Stockport Georgians on their maiden victory, by four wickets at home to Poynton whom they bowled out for 142 after Chris Oake, 61 and Mark Coran, 25 had put on a stoic 44 for the last wicket. John Leggett was their destroyer with 6-50. Georgians responded with 146-6, Steve Vincent leading the way with a key innings of 55.

When strugglers Alvanley and Bollington met, Andy Bennion's team ended a losing streak with a handy 23 runs victory after totalling 233-7, David Shewring 81 not out, Chris Charles 73, S. Khan 3-86. Bolly's batting improved thanks to Rick Hough, 57 and H.Imran 55. But all-rounder Charles, 4-28 and Lee Ainsworth, 3-32 ended their reply at 210.

Congleton on roll

Congleton's fine run continued when they outplayed Irby by eight wickets in the Wirral. Mike Newman's unbeaten 31 was the highlight of Irby's below par 111, Kevin Waterhouse taking 5-22. The same Waterhouse went on to score a brisk unbeaten 55 after the break as the south Cheshiremen totted up another 25 pointer at 114-2 to go third in the chrst.

The first Mid-Cheshire derby game between Weaverham and Davenham under CCL auspices resulted in a winning draw for Davenham. On a Wallerscote Road ground which continues to improve and on a good pitch, Davenham did well to post 219-7, David Price 46, Mark Greaves 45, Rob McMillan 4-68. Weaverham's response relied heavily on veteran Antiguan all-rounder Wilden Cornwall, who scored a fine 101 to help his side close on 201-9. Johan Loubser again bowled well for Davenham with 3-46, but he could not uproot the home tail-enders who hung on doggedly. Both clubs are to be commended on the way they have integrated into County League cricket.

The remaining game was also drawn, between Warrington and Stockport at Walton Lea.. Stockport posted 193-8 and Warrington reposed with 156-8, Kyle Adams 60, Mike Eley 5-46, Tom Facer 3-36 – Stockport edging the points 13 – 6.

ECB PREMIER LEAGUE DETAILS

ALDERLEY EDGE (25 pts.) beat MACCLESFIELD (won toss, 3 pts.) by 68 runs

Alderley Edge 203-6 inn. closed (55 overs: J Steele 52, J. Whittaker 44no, A Day 34, B Morrison 3-56);
Macclesfield 135 (39 overs: J Cross 32no, J. Whittaker 7-38).

GRAPPENHALL (7 pts.) lost to CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (toss, 25 pts.) by 7 wickets

Grappenhall 190 (54 overs: M Sambell 56, A Roylance 36, J Williams 5-39, W. Goodwin 3-29);
Chester 191-3 (45 overs: L Dixon 57no, M. Griffiths 56, S Ogilby 38).

HYDE (toss, 25 pts.) beat TOFT (7 pts.) by 6 wickets:

Toft 204 (54 overs: E Stubbs 73no, J Lomas 32, S Kirwin 3-45);
Hyde 205-4 (44 overs: C Tipper 57, T Twiney 56, D. Berry 53).

NANTWICH (toss, 4 pts.) lost to MARPLE (25 pts.) by 160 runs:

Marple 245-9 inn. closed (55 overs: M Bennett 92, A Hall 59, J Marshall 37, R Doyle 4-65, O Griffiths 4-67);
Nantwich 85 (40 overs: A Greasley 5-36, A. Wylie 4-32, S Hudson 5 wkt kpg catches).

NESTON (toss, 5 pts) lost to BOWDON (25pts.) by 2 runs

Bowdon 143 (43 overs: P Stimson 5-56);
Neston 141 (47 overs: L Camden 59, D. Hurst 33, C Ashling 6-43).

OXTON (toss, 25 pts.) beat DIDSBURY (7 pts.) by 3 wickets

Didsbury 167-9 inn. closed (55 overs: S Normanton 78, G. Fernando 3-48);
Oxton 169-7 (48 overs: A. Money 41, M Debrabender 40no, R Nawaz 3-36).

DIVISION 1

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S (25 pts.) beat CHEADLE (toss, 7 pts.) by 40 runs:

Bredbury 235-9 inn. closed (50 overs: P. Wood 62, P Zybrands 53, C Wood 39, S Raja 39no, W. Holmes 5-50);
Cheadle 195 (45 overs: G Dixon 56, J .Prince 42, G Barlow 5-50).

BROOKLANDS (toss, 3 pts.) lost to URMSTON (25 pts.) by 108 runs:

Urmston 192-8 inn. closed (50 overs: L Jackson 77, S. Panda 32, A. Robinson 3-42);
Brooklands 84 (28 overs: A Syddall 3-22.).

CHEADLE HULME (25 pts.) beat WIDNES (toss, 0 pts.) by 10 wickets

Widnes 49 (14.3 overs: C Nissen 6-25, R Malook 4-31);
Cheadle Hulme 50-0 (8.1 overs: A Wilde 27no, C. Nissen 21no). *Game lasted 24 overs and ended at 2.54 pm.*

CHRISTLETON (toss, 25 pts.) beat HEATON MERSEU (5 pts.) by 48 runs:

Christleton 162 (43 overs: M Astbury 30, M Cole 4-37, N Hussain 3-55);
Heaton Mersey 114 (33 overs: A Ayre 64, I Naseer 6-36).

MIDDLEWICH (toss, 6 pts.) lost to BRAMHALL (25 pts.) by 33 runs:

Bramhall 192-9 inn. closed (50 overs: M Begbie 61, J Harris 44, G. Tomlinson 4-22);
Middlewich 159 (49 overs: J Cornford 58, S. Bennett 35, S Wilkinson 6-59).

OULTON PARK (toss, 25 pts.) beat SALE (0 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Sale 110 (overs: T Parsons 32no, A Hards 5-14 inc. hat-trick, G Emmett 5-29)
Oulton Park 114-2 (overs: L Bentley 44no, M. East 35no).

DIVISION 2 RESULTS

ALVANLEY (25 pts.) beat BOLLINGTON (won toss, 7 pts.) by 23 runs:

Alvanley 233-7 inn. closed (50 overs: D Shewring 81no, C Charles 73, S Khan 3-86);
Bollington 210 (48 overs: R Hough 57, H. Imran 55, T Barrass 34, C. Charles 4-28, L Ainsworth 3-32).

IRBY (2 pts.) lost to CONGLETON (toss, 25 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Irby 111 (35 overs: M Newman 31no, K Waterhouse 5-22);
Congleton 112-2 (25 overs: K Waterhouse 55no).

STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (toss, 25 pts.) beat POYNTON (6 pts.) by 4 wickets

Poynton 142 (45 overs: C Oake 61, M Coran 25 = 10th wicket stand of 44, J Leggett 6-50);
Georgians 146-6 (49 overs: S Vincent 55, J Ducklin 38, T Hamnett 3-30).

TIMPERLEY (25 pts.) beat TATTENHALL (toss, 3 pts.) by 124 runs

Timperley 237-5 inn. closed (50 overs: C Grindley 109, M. Macquet 68, M. Ness 31no);
Tattenhall 113 (44 overs: S Green 40, C. Page 6-37, M. Macquet 3-24).

WARRINGTON (toss, 6 pts.) drew with STOCKPORT (13 pts.)

Stockport 193-8 inn. closed (50 overs: K. Adams 3-72);
Warrington 156-8 (50 overs: K Adams 60, M. Eley 5-40, T. Facer 3-36).

WEAVERHAM (8 pts.) drew with DAVENHAM (toss, 15 pts.)

Davenham 219-7 inn. closed (50 overs: D. Price 46, M. Greaves 45, R. McMillan 4-68);
Weaverham 201-9 (50 overs: W Cornwall 101, J. Loubser 3-46).

PICK OF WEEK (o = overseas)

ECB Premier League

Batting: Mark Bennett (Marple) 92 v Nantwich
Bowling: Jason Whittaker (Alderley Edge) 7-38 v Macclesfield
Best all-rounder: Jason Whittaker (Alderley Edge) 44no and 7-38 v Macclesfield

First Division

Batting: Lewis Jackson (Urmston) 77 v Brooklands
Bowling: oChris Nissen (Cheadle Hulme) 6-15 v Widnes
Best all-rounder: oChris Nissen (Cheadle Hulme) 21no and 6-15 v Widnes

Second Division

Batting: oWilden Cornwall (Weaverham) 101 v Davenham
Bowling: Chris Page (Timperley) 6-37 v Tattenhall;
Best all-rounder: Chris Charles (Alvanley) 73 and 4-28 v Bollington.

Bowdon win Kingfisher Beers Cup group final

BOWDON beat Wallasey by eight runs in the **Kingfisher Beers Cup** (formerly National Club knockout) Group final at South Downs road on Sunday and go through to the last 32.
Chris Ashling top-scored with an unbeaten 40 in Bowdon's 203-8 before Wallasey were bowled out for 195, Stephen Ball 3-24.

Tables after 10 games

ECB PREMIER	W (25)	WD (3)	RD (2)	LD (1)	C (7)	L	Bat bonus	Bowl bonus	Total pts.
NESTON (8)	7	1	0	1	0	1	13	10	194
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	6	1	1	0	0	2	21	11	187
GRAPPENHALL	4	2	1	0	0	3	42	10	160
OXTON	5	0	0	1	0	4	16	15	157
HYDE	4	1	1	3	0	1	31	15	154
MARPLE	4	2	0	0	0	4	30	15	151
TOFT	4	0	0	0	1	5	27	12	146
ALDERLEY EDGE	4	1	0	2	0	3	22	16	143
NANTWICH	4	1	0	1	0	4	22	15	141
BOWDON	2	1	1	0	0	6	30	21	106
DIDSBURY	2	0	0	1	0	7	34	10	95
MACCLESFIELD	0	1	0	2	1	6	39	22	73

Neston 8 points deducted for slow over rate.

DIVISION 1

BRAMHALL	7	1	0	1	0	1	20	9	208
BROOKLANDS	6	1	0	1	0	2	14	10	178
URMSTON	6	0	0	1	0	3	21	6	178
SALE	5	1	0	0	0	4	22	8	158
CHEADLE HULME	4	2	0	1	0	3	27	19	153
OULTON PARK	4	1	1	1	0	3	30	17	153
WIDNES	3	2	0	0	0	5	33	15	129
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	3	0	0	1	0	6	23	13	112
CHEADLE	2	2	1	2	0	3	27	24	111
CHRISTLETON	2	1	0	1	0	6	34	19	107
MIDDLEWICH	2	1	0	3	0	4	21	22	100
HEATON MERSEY	2	1	0	1	0	6	22	20	96

DIVISION 2

TIMPERLEY	9	0	0	1	0	0	2	4	232
TATTENHALL	7	0	0	0	0	3	7	9	191
CONGLETON	7	1	0	0	0	2	9	3	190
STOCKPORT	6	1	0	0	0	3	20	9	182
DAVENHAM	5	2	0	0	0	3	25	15	171
WARRINGTON	6	0	0	1	0	3	7	9	167
POYNTON	4	1	0	0	0	5	23	20	146
WEAVERHAM	2	2	0	2	0	4	38	24	120
ALVANLEY	3	0	0	0	0	7	11	12	98
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	1	1	0	1	0	7	29	17	75
IRBY	1	0	0	2	0	7	25	16	68
BOLLINGTON	0	1	0	2	0	7	27	21	53

WTB

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

BRIGHT EVENING FOR OVER 40s

Two teams suffer one-run defeats

OXTON and Tattenhall Wreckers were deposed as **Over 40s section** West group leaders when lost at Chester Boughton Hall and at Caldy, both by one run . This allowed Irby – five wickets home winners against Neston – to go top for the first time.

In the Central Group, Alsager Dabbers – to whom Davenham conceded a Thursday fixture – Grappenhall and Toft all maintain a hot pace with only point separating them.

Cheadle Hulme and 2012 champions Urmston Tigers share top place in the North-East section after beating Sale Silverbacks and Cheadle respectively.

Bredbury Saints became the first team to win six games when they accounted for Poynton Legends by eight wickets, while Bollington Veterans won their first game at the expense of Macclesfield.

WEDNESDAY. JUNE 19 RESULTS

West Group

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (4 pts) beat TATTENHALL WRECKERS by 1 run:

CBH 140-4 (Baker 35, Gillson 34, Fleet 30); Tattenhall 139-6 (Kettle 31, Salt 30, Balac 3-20, Ferriday 2-21).

IRBY (4 pts.) beat NESTON by 5 wickets:

Neston 117-8 (Egerton 30, Hurst 30, D. Newman 3-15); Irby 118-5 (Lea 30, Hurworth 24).

CALDY (4 pts.) beat OXTON by 1 run:

Caldy 124-6 (Rennie 32, Mellor 30, Williams 2-12); Oxton 123-7 (Benson 33, Smith 2-11, Hunter 2-31).

Open: Upton

Central Group

ASHLEY lost to TOFT (4 pts.) by 60 runs:

No details notified

MOBBERLEY lost to BOWDON (4 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Mobberley 98-3 (C Leech 33); Bowdon 99-2 (Sinclair 33, Thomson 30).

BOWDON VALE VIKINGS lost to GRAPPENHALL (4 pts.) by 36 runs:

Grappenhall 168-3 (Moss 35, Slater 30, Newell 25, Fairbrother 25, Nicholas 2-28); Bowdon Vale 132-4 (Webb 33, Thorpe 30, Nicholson 2-21).

Thursday: **ALSAGER DABBERS (4 pts.) beat DAVENHAM who conceded.**

North-East Group

ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS (4 pts.) beat WARRINGTON by 7 runs:

Alderley Edge 119-7 (Cheetham 32, Brooks 30, Fagan-Hall 5-9); Warrington 112-7.

CHEADLE HULME (4 pts.) beat SALE SILVERBACKS by 54 runs:

Cheadle Hulme 148-5; Sale 94-8.

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

Brooklands 93 (Allen 32, Littledyke 3-9, Saddington 3-17); Ladybridge 94-1 (Stuart 33, Sayers 32).

URMSTON TIGERS (4 pts.) beat CHEADLE by 6 wickets:

Cheadle 103-3 (Roberts 31, Watkins 30); Urmston 107-4 (Dartnell 33).

South-East Group

MACCLESFIELD lost to BOLLINGTON VETERANS (4 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Macclesfield 122-7 (Whittingham 35, D. Ackerley 34, Frame 31); Bollington 126-3 (Patterson 30, Burns 27).

OFFERTON lost to MARPLE (4 pts.) by 21 runs:

Marple 129-5 (Jones 29, Bell 26, Thomas 2-28); Offerton 108-7 (Bates 32, Hooton 28, Tyson 2-23).

POYNTON LEGENDS v BREDBURY SAINTS

WOODLEY (4 pts.) beat BRAMHALL by 40 runs:

Woodley 167-3 (Abbott 32, Oldland 32, Scully 31, Hotson 22); Bramhall 127-5 (Patel 32, Stoneman 31, Grainger 30, Middleton 4-17).

Latest Over 40s tables

<u>West group</u>	P	W (4)	T (3)	C (2)	L	Points
IRBY	6	4	0	1	1	18
OXTON	6	4	0	0	2	16
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	6	3	0	2	1	16
CALDY	6	3	0	1	2	14
NESTON	6	2	0	2	2	12
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	6	1	0	0	5	4
UPTON	6	1	0	0	5	4

Chester and Upton have each conceded one game.

Central group

ALSAGER DABBERS	7	4	1	2	0	23
GRAPPENHALL	7	4	1	2	0	23
TOFT	7	3	2	2	0	22
BOWDON	7	3	0	2	2	16
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	7	2	0	2	3	12
DAVENHAM	7	1	0	2	4	8
MOBBERLEY	7	1	0	2	4	8
ASHLEY	7	0	0	2	5	4

Mobberley and Davenham have each have conceded one game.

North-East group

CHEADLE HULME	7	5	0	2	0	24
URMSTON	7	5	0	2	0	24
SALE SILVERBACKS	7	3	0	1	3	14
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	7	2	0	2	3	12
BROOKLANDS	7	2	0	1	4	10
CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE	7	2	0	1	4	10
WARRINGTON	7	2	0	1	4	10
CHEADLE	7	1	0	2	4	8

Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge have conceded three games.

South-East group

BREDBURY SAINTS	7	6	0	1	0	26
BRAMHALL	7	4	0	2	1	20
MACCLESFIELD	7	3	0	2	2	16
POYNTON LEGENDS	7	2	0	2	3	12
WOODLEY	7	3	0	0	4	12
MARPLE	7	2	0	1	4	10
OFFERTON	7	1	0	2	4	8
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	7	1	0	2	4	8

Marple and Poynton have each conceded one game

OVER 40s GROUP FIXTURES on Wednesday, June 26 (6 pm)

WEST: Caldly v Tattenhall Wreckers; Neston v Oxtan; Upton v Irby. Open: Chester Boughton Hall.

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

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

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

RED INSURE T20

One place left in quarter-finals

THE group stages of the **RedInsure T20** ended on Wednesday and Thursday last week with Nantwich, Chester Boughton Hall, Timperley and Alderley Edge qualifying for the quarter-finals, while Neston go through to a play off place at Urmston.

Group One is topped by Nantwich, who completed a clean sweep of three wins, against Middlewich.

In Group 3, Chester, Grappenhall and Davenham all finished on four points, CBH going through comfortably on run rate.

Timperley take Group 5 despite having their final game rained off shortly after the mid-way stage at Marple. Heaton Mersey beat Bowdon on run rate in another rain-ravaged game in a match notable for a superb innings of 162 out of 223-6 by Tasmanian Aaron Ayre. This topped the previous T20 record of 145 set up by Steve Paulsen (Nantwich) v Christleton in 2006.

Alderley Edge beat Brooklands to top of Group 7.

Neston were given a bye to the play-off when their game against Weaverham at Parkgate was conceded by the visitors. .

Weaverham join Bollington, Bowdon, Christleton and Heaton Mersey in being ruled out of the competition in 2014. .

JUNE 19 / 20 RESULTS

Group 1:

CONGLETON (2 pts.) beat OULTON PARK by 7 wickets:

Oulton Park 154-6 (20 overs: A Mills 41, J Copeland 2-18, J. Lamb 2-43); Congleton 158-3 (14 overs: J. Lamb 77).

NANTWICH (2 pts.) beat MIDDLEWICH by 10 wickets.

Middlewich 94-4 (20 overs: J Cornford 34); Nantwich 95-0 (10.3 overs: J Kettle 60no).

Group 3

DAVENHAM (2 pts.) beat WARRINGTON by 9 runs.

Davenham 164-6 (20 overs: D Ashley 63); Warrington 153 (19.5 overs: C Kirby 40, J. Loubser 4-31).

GRAPPENHALL (2 pts.) beat CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL by 11 runs:

Grappenhall 165-6 (20 overs: J McClelland 61no, L McCoy 55, W. Goodwin 2-14); Chester 154 (19.2 overs: L Dixon 44, W. Goodwin 33, G Burns 3-21, S Southward 3-31, J. McClelland 2-29).

Group 5

HEATON MERSEY (4 pts.) beat BOWDON on faster run rate after rain stopped play:

Heaton Mersey 223-6 (20 overs): A Ayre 162; Bowdon 68-4 (14 overs).

MARPLE v TIMPERLEY: match abandoned due to rain: 1 pt. each

Marple 105 (20 overs: J Ormond 62, C Page 4-26, C. Grindley 3-16); Timperley 22-0 (4 overs).

Group 7:

ALDERLEY EDGE (2 pts.) beat BROOKLANDS by 3 wickets:

Brooklands 137-5 (20 overs: J. Grewer 52, R Holloway 37; Alderley Edge 138-7 (19.3 overs: O Wildig 34, O Hall 30, T. Sibley 30no, J Grewer 2-22).

SALE (2 pts.) beat POYNTON by 54 runs:

Sale 149-7 (20 overs: T Lawrence 70, D Carswell 3-16); Poynton 95-8 (20 overs: R. Halkon 3-11).

Group 9:

NESTON (2pts.) beat WEAVERHAM who conceded. *Weaverham fined £15*

REMINDER:

Home clubs must telephone the results and highlights to the Competition Secretary immediately after the match and submit a result sheet (no ground marks required) ASAP. There are also the usual website requirements.

OTHER FINALS: Second XI RedInsure Trophy is at Chester Boughton Hall on Sunday, August 4; Third XI Jack Gardner Trophy will be staged at Irby on Sunday, August 11 (both 12 noon starts).

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Completed T20 group tables

<u>Group 1</u>	P	W	C/Ab	L	Pts,
NANTWICH	3	3	0	0	6 winners
CONGLETON	3	2	0	1	4
MIDDLEWICH	3	1	0	2	2
OULTON PARK	3	0	0	3	0
<u>Group 2</u>					
HYDE	2	2	0	0	4 winners
CHEADLE	2	0	1	1	1
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	2	0	1	1	1
<u>Group 3</u>					
CHESTER BO. HALL	3	2	0	1	4 winners on faster run rate
DAVENHAM	3	2	0	1	4
GRAPPENHALL	3	2	0	1	4
WARRINGTON	3	0	0	3	0
<u>Group 4</u>					
MACCLESFIELD	3	2	1	0	5 winners on faster run rate
TOFT	3	2	1	0	5
BOLLINGTON	3	0	1	2	1
BRAMHALL	3	0	1	2	1
<u>Group 5</u>					
TIMPERLEY	3	2	1	0	5 winners
MARPLE	3	1	2	0	4
HEATON MERSEY	3	1	1	1	3
BOWDON	3	0	0	3	0
<u>Group 6</u>					
OXTON	3	3	0	0	6 winners
ALVANLEY	3	1	0	2	2
IRBY	3	1	0	2	2
WIDNES	3	1	0	2	2
<u>Group 7</u>					
ALDERLEY EDGE	3	2	1	0	5 winners
SALE	3	2	0	1	4
BROOKLANDS	3	1	0	2	2
POYNTON	3	0	1	2	1
<u>Group 8</u>					
URMSTON	3	2	0	1	4 winners
CHEADLE HULME	3	1	1	1	3
DIDSBURY	3	1	1	1	3
STOCKPORT	3	1	0	2	2
<u>Group 9</u>					
NESTON	2	2	0	0	4 winners
TATTENHALL	2	1	0	1	2
WEAVERHAM	2	0	0	2	0

FIXTURES

PLAY-OFF MATCH (Thursday, June 27, 6.30 pm; reserve date Thursday, July 4):

URMSTON (winners of Group 8) v NESTON (winners Group 9)

QUARTER-FINALS (Thursday, July 11, 6 p.m.)

HYDE v MACCLESFIELD

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v OXTON

PLAY-OFF WINNERS v ALDERLEY EDGE

TIMPERLEY v NANTWICH

A new draw will be made prior to Finals Day on Sunday, July 28 (12 noon).

June 15 ground reports

UMPIRES' League ground marks and other reports from games played on Saturday, June 15 were as follows:

ECB Premier League. Bowdon v Nantwich: pitch 14 outfield 17; Chester v Neston 16 – 20; Didsbury v Grappenhall 18 – 19; Macclesfield v Oxton 18 – 18; Marple v Hyde 17 – 19; Toft v Alderley Edge 12 – 17;

First Division: Bramhall v Christleton 17 – 19; Cheadle v Middlewich no result sheet; Heaton Mersey v Oulton Park 17 – 20; Sale v Brooklands 16 – 18; Urmston v Cheadle Hulme 18 – 20; Widnes v Bredbury 14 – 19;

Second Division: Bollington 14 – 17; Congleton v Alvanley 18 – 18; Davenham v Warrington no result sheet; Poynton v Irby 14 – 17; Stockport v Timperley 19 – 19; Tattenhall v Stockport Georgians 19 – 20.

All captains' reports were received by co ordinator Ken Spilsbury. KS reports that he is having to call too many captains to remind them of their responsibilities. This will shortly cease.

FOLLOW-UP LINES:

O Macclesfield's Barney Cutbill did not bat v Oxton as he was absent injured

O Alvanley were dismissed for 68 at Congleton, not 78 as reported

O Poynton v Irby: Irby's Jamie Hurworth ordered to be taken off by umpires after bowling three beamers.

O For Timperley at Stockport, Chris Page took a hat-trick to end the Stockport innings and finish with 7-26.

O Missing result sheets: Cheadle v Middlewich; Davenham v Warrington; Late telephone: Tattenhall v Stockport Georgians

Overdue result sheet: Cheadle v Widnes Division One (May 11).

O All captains reports were received by co ordinator Ken Spilsbury, who emphasises he will not in future be issuing reminders after mid-day Tuesday.

Sponsors welcomed

THE League sponsors were given a warm welcome at a President's Evening at Grappenhall last Wednesday.

Ian Brown acted as Host to League backers Vivio, TailorMade Group, Readers, Canterbury of New Zealand and Delmar Press, while Red Insure were unable to attend.

The President thanked them individually, then invited them to enjoy a fine supper provided by Pat Sharp and assistants.

The event was organised by League secretary Geoff Wellstead.

Lashings light up Oxton

OXTON staged a top-quality show on Friday when a star-studded Lashings Test XI met the Club 1st XI at Townfield Lane.

After a corporate lunch hosted by Cricket chairman Mark Cashin which stretched well into the afternoon, play was reduced to 30 overs each, a large crowd watching Lashings pile up 186-5. Main contributions came from former Pakistan captain Inziam ul Haq (62), Kiwi Aaron Redmond and team mate Scott Styris, both 40. Alex Money took 2-10.

Oxton replied with 164-6, talented teenage left-hander Alex Hughes winning the Man of the Match sward with a quality 38, aided by Martyn Evans, 35 and Simon Stokes 30. Former Cheshire player Chris Schofield took 3-31 and Saqlain Mushtaq 2-22, while Walsh took an amazing catch high above his head on the boundary while appearing to look the other way while talking to admirers. .

The Lashings XI comprised: Scott Styris, Aaron Redmond, Inzi Ul Haq, Corey Collymore, Courtney Walsh, Yasir Arafat, Chris Schofield, Wasim Jaffar, Saqlain Mushtaq, Wasim Khan, Imtiaz Mantel. Umpires were Alistair Davies and Neville Kent.

In superb condition, the playing area was ringed by a brand new white rope costing of £600.

O NESTON successfully staged two T20 2nd XI Trophy fixtures between Lancashire and Durham at Parkgate on Tuesday last week. Both teams won one match and a late inclusion for Lancashire was Neston all-rounder Andy Clarke.

WEEK 10: Alistair Davies' Umpires Quiz

LAST WEEK'S POSER: After making contact with a fair delivery, the striker sees the ball going towards his wicket. He knocks the ball away with the arm of the hand holding the bat. There is an appeal. Is this permitted in the Laws ... what should be done?

ANSWER: The striker is NOT OUT. He is entitled to defend his wicket under these circumstances with any part of his person, provided he does not use the hand NOT holding the bat. (Law 33.1).

THIS WEEK: A Wide Ball is called. The ball is then deflected by the wicket-keeper onto a fielder's helmet placed on the ground within the field of play. In the meantime, the batsmen have attempted a run, but have not crossed when the ball hits the helmet.

They subsequently complete the run. What ruling applies?

Goodwin century for Cheshire

CHESHIRE rattled up 302-5 in 69 overs after being unable to start until after lunch on the first day of their **Minor Counties championship** match against Wiltshire at Chester Boughton Hall on Sunday.

Home club player Warren Goodwin was the star with a fine innings of 104 which included 17 fours. He and Macclesfield's Khalid Sawas (62) put on 150 for the fourth wicket, with Lee Dixon (CBH) later weighing in with a rapid unbeaten 57

When play resumed on Monday, Dixon was out for 62, Danny Berry 51 and Cheshire totalled 394. Wiltshire were all out for 315, conceding a lead of 79, shortly after tea..

Play was due to continue on Tuesday at the earlier time of 10.30 a.m. and can continue until 7.30 pm. to make up lost time on the first day. Admission and parking are free and the bar is open all day.

DEVELOPMENT XI AT WARRINGTON. Cheshire Development XI take on Durham Academy in a two-day match at Warrington on Wednesday & Thursday this week, June 26 – 27 (11 am. daily).

Cheshire Cups

MISSING 4th round result from Sunday, June 26: Birkenhead Park 226-9 beat Widnes 220 by six runs

DRAW for quarter-finals (Sunday, July 14): Wallasey v Birkenhead Park; Chester Boughton Hall v Hyde or Parkfield Liscard; Alderley Edge v Macclesfield; New Brighton v Upton or Urmston.

Fourth round games to be played on Sunday, June 30: Hyde v Parkfield Liscard; Upton v Urmston.

SHIELD first round results: on Sunday, June 23: Ashton on Mersey 242-6 Stockport Trinity 186.9. Heaton Mersey conceded to Romiley.

Round 2 draw (Sunday, June 30): Bramhall v Weaverham; Cheadle Hulme v Offerton; Ashley v Ashton on Mersey; Bollington v Romiley; Port Sunlight v Birkenhead St. Mary's; Tranmere Vics v Runcorn. July 7: Hawk Green v Wilmslow Wayfarers.

Information provided by Competition organiser Rick Davis.

Two fine wins for Vets

CHESHIRE beat old rivals Derbyshire by 80 runs with a fine all-round performance at Rolleston on Dove last Wednesday in the **National 50 Plus county championship.**

Cheshire rattled up 261-8 in their 45 overs with 78 from skipper Gary Cash, 52 to Tony Wearden and 42 from Gary Dixon, 100 runs being added from their last 10 overs for the second successive week.

Derbyshire were always behind the clock and mustered only 181 against tight bowling from Chris Moore, 3-30, Andy McIlroy 2-27 and John Edwards 2-40.

Cheshire, who have now taken maximum points from three games, face Lancashire in a major task at Timperley on Wednesday this week (1.30 pm).

SIXTIES BEAT SHROPSHIRE. Holders Cheshire improved their poor record in the **Spitfire 60 Plus county championship** when they beat Shropshire by seven wickets at Grappenhall on Tuesday last week. Shropshire were restricted to 101 (Alan Hitchmough 3-12, Howard Morris 2-7, Richard Powell 2-9, John Edwards 2-29) and Cheshire responded with 102-3, led by 52 not out from Nick Sharp.

Cheshire meet Northumberland at Cheadle Hulme in their next match on Tuesday this week (1 pm.).

TACS Cheshire League team out for 25

LEADERS of Division One in the **TACS sponsored Cheshire Cricket League**, Northwich bowled second-placed Mobberley out for 25 at Moss Farm. This was the lowest league total since Davenham 22 v v Middlewich in 1991.

RESULTS: Chester County Officers 123 Upton 125-8; Northwich 116 Mobberley 25; Oakmere 138-9 Malpas 195-6 dec.; Prestbury 65 Runcorn 69-2; Romiley 180 Ashton on Mersey 129-8; Winnington Park 180 Hale Barns 243-4 dec.

PLACINGS in Division 1 after 10 games: 1. Northwich 207; 2. Upton 183; 3. Mobberley 176; 4. Romiley 171; 5. Malpas 168; 6. Ashton on Mersey 152; 7. Hale Barns 143; 8. Chester County Officers 142; 9. Runcorn 136; 10. Oakmere 100; 11. Winnington Park 93; 12. Prestbury 72. Division 2 leaders: 1. Mere 189; 2. Lindow 183; 3. Woodley 182. Division 3 leaders: 1. Over Peover 202; 2. Bunbury 195; 3. Disley 179. Bottom 2: Wirral 116; Alderley Park 71.

FIXTURES in Division 1 on Saturday, June 29 (1.30 p.m.): Ashton on Mersey v Oakmere; Hale Barns v Romiley; Malpas v Northwich; Mobberley v Prestbury; Runcorn v Upton; Winnington Park v Chester County Officers.

FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 29

ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v OXTON
DIDSBURY v ALDERLEY EDGE
GRAPPENHALL v NESTON
MACCLESFIELD v HYDE
MARPLE v BOWDON
TOFT v NANTWICH (12 noon)

Ian Greensmith & Dion Kelly
Don Flanagan & Jim Whitehead
Barrie Burns & Ian Drury
Trevor Burnett & Gary Zimmer
Alistair Davies & Dave Goulding
Graham Harris & Phil Prince

First Division (1 p.m.)

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

Ron Bedson & David Gane
Garry Hambleton & Martin Roberts
Jon Hacking & Mark Turner
Paul Herring & Steve Kirkbright
Stan Davies & Steve Walton
Martin Howe & Ged Kinsey

Second Division (1 p.m.)

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

Howard Briggs & Chris Smith
John Lowe & Glyn Roberts
Allan Lewis & Ray Prescott
Ken Rothwell & David Tate
Simon Smith & Wyn Harris
Steve Duckers & Tony Morris

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

ALDERLEY EDGE v DIDSBURY
HYDE v MACCLESFIELD
MIDDLEWICH v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL
NANTWICH v TOFT (12noon)
NESTON v GRAPPENHALL
SALE v URMSTON

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Bob Cunningham	-
David Stoter	-
Club umpire	Peter Hanaby
Ken Simpson	-

Last word ...

A warm and hearty thanks to the very many good folk who have contacted W & MTB on the subject of the item which appeared on the front page of last week's *Newsletter*.

An attempt has been made to reply to all, albeit too briefly.