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## **2012 season: May 26 Newsletter**

# **First win in 14 games for Toft**

IT was a Red Letter Day for Toft when they won by 10 wickets at Widnes, breaking a run of 14 **ECB Premier League** games without a victory since July 30 last season.

Nor were there any half-measures, Widnes being routed for 76 in 37 overs by the contrasting spin of club chairman Nigel Muirhead, with 5-19 off 18 overs and England Under 15 cap Robin Jones, 4-19 off 14. Toft openers knocked off the runs at 76-0 in 16 overs, Toby Drummond 41, Jake Hancock 36 to complete a 25-0 whitewash. It was Widnes' third defeat in a row after a bright start.

Otherwise it was a day of high scoring, seven teams topping 200 runs as the sun shone brightly and the bowlers laboured.

Champions Nantwich continued their modest start to the campaign with a 41 runs defeat at Neston who ran up 206, Luke Camden 52, Jimmy Warrington 5-73. Chris Finegan again turned up trumps with a return of 6-41 off 13 lethal overs in the Dabbers' reply of 165 all out, Ray Doyle scoring a fighting 60. Worrying times for the Dabbers, these, with three defeats and only two wins in their first six outings.

Oxton enjoyed a winning draw (13 – 7) at Chester Boughton Hall where many ex-players met up. Former Kiwi Test star Lou Vincent scored an unbeaten 103 and Guyan Fernando 43 in Oxton's formidable 226-9, Mark Rowland 4-40. Chester hung on at 167-8, Lee Dixon 44. Oxton staying 19 points clear at the top of the table.

### ***Danny Berry 103, but Hyde held***

Reviving Alderley Edge did well to outplay Hyde at Werneth Low, although they had to be content with a 13-8 draw after posting 266-6, Calum Rowe 81, Tom Young 4-86. Hyde were indebted to skipper Danny Berry, 103 and wicket-keeper Mark Makin, 50 not out for a reply of 231-8, Jason Whittaker taking 3-58.

Possibly the best innings played in the League so far this season – in the eyes of delighted skipper Barney Cutbill, at least – came from Macclesfield's Khalid Sawas in a notable 68 runs home victory over Didsbury. In the form of his life, Sawas followed knocks of 98 and 63 with a superb 142 not out, pasting the ball to all corners of the ground in a tally of 221-6, reaching his century with a fabulous reverse sweep for six. Nick Anderson did his best to contain with 3-41. Didsbury mustered only 153, their innings being notable for another fine individual effort, from their hard-hitting South African Johan van Schalkwyk, who scored 69. before Rob Porter, 4-32 and Ian Tait, 4-55 ensured full home points.

Highest team tally of the season so far came from Urmston who piled up 291-5 in a drawn match at Marple. Chris Watson scored 108 and Nick Fawcett 74 in an opening stand worth 170, while teenager Joe Cash toiled away for an admirable 3-83 from 27 unchanged overs in the sunshine. Marple replied decently, reaching 230-5, Andy McGuinness 62, James Crisall 52.

## **New points system review**

THE new points system in operation throughout the League this season has been all the buzz and while many players have welcomed the changes, there have also been grumbles.

League chairman David Humpage told the Cricket Committee at their May meeting that he would like to conduct a survey among all club captains at the season's half-way stage, in early July.

He said: "Obviously we cannot make changes during the season, but it would be interesting to learn what clubs think so far, especially now that the better weather, firmer wickets and bigger scores have arrived".

So look out for the chance to have your say on the League's hottest topic.

## **Lift-off for Bramhall**

BRAMHALL recorded their first victory in **Division One** when they beat Heaton Mersey by nine wickets at Church Lane, depositing their visitors to bottom spot in the table.

Mersey were all out for 85, Peter Vermeulen 32, Simon Wilkinson taking 4-28 from 21 accurate overs. Bramhall replied with 86-1, Jack Harris scoring an unbeaten 60.

Umpiring at Bramhall, Appointments secretary Jon Hacking had to go to hospital after receiving a full-blooded hook shot in the face at square leg. Club members rallied round and Jon was taken to Stepping Hill Hospital where a fractured cheekbone and damaged nerve ends were diagnosed. He was later allowed to go home to North Wales, but cried off a Cheshire Cup game on Sunday at Northwich - on his wife's advice.

Jon says: "I would like to thank all the kind people who helped me at Bramhall, especially George Hill who drove me to hospital. They were all a credit to the League. I have to go to the Countess of Chester Hospital for a check-up, but hopefully they will find nothing further amiss. I'm a tough old bird, you know"

At the top of the table, Grappenhall became the only club in the League to extend their 100 pc record into six games, with a seven wickets stroll against Bollington at Broad Lane. Bollington were bowled out for 144, number 9 batsman Mo Jahangir 34, Aussie all-rounder Jason Smith taking 6-35 and Sam Guest 3-9. Adam Roylance, 62 not out and Luke McCoy, 53, both batted well as Grappers responded with 147-3.

Grappenhall lie 37 points clear of Sale who again faltered in their derby match at Brooklands after posting 187-7, Ian Dixon 59 not out, A.J. Hall 3-42, Naveed Din 3-70. Brooklands got close at 184-6, needing a four to win off the last ball, but having their number seven batsman caught. Nafees Din top-scored with 56 not out, while Rick Halkon took 3-59 for Sale who emerged 10 – 8 points to the good.

### ***Ball 139 for Bowdon***

Bowdon's fourth win was by five wickets at the expense of Bredbury St. Mark's in a high-scoring game at Pennine Road. Bredbury looked safe at 260-6, Paul Wood 63, Gareth Edwards 3-109. But they reckoned without a remarkable innings from Stephen Ball, who hit 139 in a reply of 261.

Cheadle Hulme played impressively in a four wickets win on the perfect Christleton track which Brian Wareing and his dedicated band of helpers nurture so expertly. Promoted from number 8, teenage wicket-keeper Rob Marks scored 65 and Ben Patterson 46 in Christleton's par score of 228-5. Cheadle Hulme, who could be promotion contenders this season, paced their reply well against Christleton's battery of spinners and got home at 231-6, skipper Adam Wilde maintaining his good form with 71 and Tom Briscoe 45 not out. Ifti Naseer took 4-90.

After two defeats, Oulton Park were back to winning ways against Irby at Little Budworth, roundly outplaying their Wirral visitors. Skipper Greg Shillinglaw top-scored with 47 in Irby's tally of 189, Craig Williamson taking 6-57 and Danny Leech 4-57. Park knocked the runs off at 190-6 with seven overs to spare, Nick James 46, Rick Moore 44, the best Irby bowling again coming from Rob Houghton with 4-61 off 20 overs.

## **Middlewich go top**

WITH Congleton losing their first game, Middlewich took the opportunity to go top of **Division Two** with a seven wickets win at bottom team Malpas.

Malpas batsmen topped 100 for only the second time in six innings, with a decent 188-9, Rob Orde 68, but were never allowed to strike loose against Stephen Parry, 5-41. An outstanding innings of 104 not out off 128 balls by Jamie Williams sent Middlewich racing to a seven wickets win in 39 overs after the tea break.

Cheadle lie a close second after an impressive four wickets win at Congleton, the south-Cheshire side batting first to tally 190-7, Aussie Jye Bailey 95 not out, Paul Sperring 4-77. Skipper Sperring completed a satisfactory day with 53 not out as his side edged home by four wickets with an over to spare.

Also unbeaten, Poynton did well to beat doughty Warrington at London Road. Tom Poole, 39, top-scored in Warrington's 188-9, Damien Stringer 3-31. Poynton replied with 189-6, Brian Kingham rolling back the years for a chanceless, unbeaten 58 aided by Stringer, 39. With 4-71, Kyle Adams fought hard to keep Warrington in the game.

### ***Macquet – Wood add 184***

Timperley are showing marked signs of improvement, continuing their upsurge with a 180 runs home win over Tattenhall after declaring early on 284-3 from 45 overs. Quality young Kiwi Matt Macquet, 123 and former Lancashire batsman Nathan Wood, 92 put on 184 for the second wicket, Macquet reaching his century from 86 balls. Tattenhall replied with 104, John Gibbon 31, having to answer to the skills of the brothers Grindley, Craig taking 4-19 and Ian 4-31.

Stockport batted well to post 231-7 at Upton, G. Barber 78, S. Edwards 70 not out. Upton hung on at 177-9, M. Ingram 65 not out.

Stockport Georgians registered their first victory and edged newly-promoted Alvanley into 11<sup>th</sup> place with a convincing six wickets home win. Nick Geddis, 38, top-scored in Alvanley's below par 160, Ifti Hussein taking 5-40 and Georgians replied with 164-5, Adam Gaskarth 70.

## **Saturday's score-lines**

### **ECB PREMIER LEAGUE**

#### **CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (won toss) v OXTON**

Oxton 226 (55 overs: L. Vincent 103no, G. Fernando 43, C. Davies 39, M. Rowland 4-40);  
Chester 167-8 (55 overs: L. Dixon 44, K. Sarna 31).

**Match drawn: Oxton 13 pts., Chester 7.**

#### **HYDE v ALDERLEY EDGE (toss)**

Alderley Edge 266-6 (55 overs: C. Rowe 81, T. Young 4-86);  
Hyde 231-8 (55 overs: D. Berry 103, M. Makin 50no, J. Whittaker 3-58).

**Match drawn: Alderley Edge 13 pts., Hyde 8.**

#### **MACCLESFIELD v DIDSBURY (toss)**

Macclesfield 221-6 (55 overs: K. Sawas 142no, J. Ward 34, N. Anderson 3-41);  
Didsbury 153 (33 overs: J. van Schalkwyck 69, R. Porter 4-31).

**Macclesfield (25 pts.) beat Didsbury (2 pts.) by 68 runs**

#### **MARPLE v URMSTON (toss)**

Urmston 291-5 (55 overs: C. Watson 108, N. Fawcett 74 = opening strand of 170, J. Cash 3-83);  
Marple 230-5 (55 overs: A. McGuinness 65, J. Crisall 52).

**Match drawn: Urmston 12 pts., Marple 8.**

#### **NESTON (toss) v NANTWICH**

Neston 206 (53 overs: L. Camden 52, C. Hackett 34, C. Wilson 33, J. Warrington 5-23, O. Griffiths 3-55);  
Nantwich 165 (43 overs: R. Doyle 60, C. Finegan 6-41).

**Neston (25 pts.) beat Nantwich (5 pts.) by 41 runs.**

#### **WIDNES (toss) v TOFT**

Widnes 73 (37 overs: N Muirhead 5-19, R. Jones 4-19);  
Toft 75-0 (16 overs: T Drummond 46no, J. Hancock 36no).

**Toft (25 pts.) beat Widnes (0 pts.) by 10 wickets.**

### **FIRST DIVISION**

#### **BRAMHALL v HEATON MERSEY (won toss).**

Heaton Mersey 85 (42 overs: T. Vermeulen 32, S. Wilkinson 4-28, T. Dean 4-25);  
Bramhall 86-1 (19 overs: J Harris 60no, T. Dean 32no).

**Bramhall (25 pts.) beat Heaton Mersey (0 pts.) by 9 wickets**

#### **BREDBURY ST. MARK'S (toss) v BOWDON**

Bredbury 260-6 (50 overs: P Wood 63, R. Lees 47, C. Wood 39, P. Zybvrands 36, D. Carr 33, G. Edwards 3-106);  
Bowdon 261-5 (48 overs: S. Ball 139, T. Scott 47, C. Wood 3-38).

**Bowdon (25 pts.) beat Bredbury (10 pts.) by 5 wickets.**

#### **BROOKLANDS v SALE (toss)**

Sale 187-7 (50 overs: I. Dixon 59no, D. Halkon 35, C. Canning 35, Naveed Din 3-70);  
Brooklands 184-6 (50 overs: Nafees Din 56no, D. Madden 44, J. Birchall 43, R. Halkon 3-55).

**Match drawn: Sale 10 pts. Brooklands 8.**

#### **CHRISTLETON v CHEADLE HULME (toss)**

Christleton 228-5 (50 overs: R. Marks 65, B. Patterson 46);  
Cheadle Hulme 231-6 (48 overs: A. Wilde 71, T. Briscoe 45no, I Naseer 4-90).

**Cheadle Hulme (25 pts.) beat Christleton (10 pts.) by 4 wickets.**

#### **GRAPPENHALL v BOLLINGTON**

Bollington 144 ( - overs: M. Jehangir 34, M. Rixon 32, J. Smith 6-35, S. Guest 3-9);  
Grappenhall 147-3 ( - overs: A. Roylance 62no, L. McCoy 53).

**Grappenhall (25 pts.) beat Bollington (3 pts.) by 7 wickets.**

#### **OULTON PARK (toss) v IRBY**

Irby 189 (50 overs: G Shillinglaw 47, A. Hughes 35, J Mallichan 33, C. Williamson 6-57, D. Leech 4-57);  
Oulton Park 190-6 (43 overs: N James 44, R. Moore 44, R. Houghton 5-61.)

**Oulton Park (25 pts.) beat Irby (8 pts.) by 4 wickets.**

**SECOND DIVISION**

**CONGLETON v CHEADLE (won toss)**

Congleton 190-7 (50 overs: J Bailey 97no, P. Sperring 4-77);  
Cheadle 191-6 (49 overs: P Sperring 53no, N Reid 43, D. Brown 30);

**Cheadle (25 pts.) beat Congleton (8 pts.) by 4 wickets.**

**MALPAS v MIDDLEWICH (toss)**

Malpas 188-9 (50 overs: R Orde 68, K. Rickett 33, S. Parry 5-41);  
Middlewich 189-3 (39 overs: J. Williams 104no off 128 balls, A. Cole 35).

**Middlewich (25 pts.) beat Malpas (7 pts.) by 7 wickets.**

**POYNTON (toss) v WARRINGTON**

Warrington 188-9 (50 overs: M. Agar 37, C Kirby 34, D. Stringer 3-31);  
Poynton 189-6 (47 overs: B. Kingham 58no, D. Stringer 39, K. Adams 4-71).

**Poynton (25 pts.) beat Warrington (8 pts.) by 4 wickets.**

**STOCKPORT GEORGIANS v ALVANLEY (toss)**

Alvanley 160 (457 overs: N. Geddis 38, I. Hussein 5-40);  
Stockport Georgians 164-4 (48 overs: A Gaskarth 70, A. Cole 46).

**Stockport Georgians (25 pts.) beat Alvanley (5 pts.) by 6 wickets.**

**TIMPERLEY (toss) v TATTENHALL**

Timperley 284-3 dec. (46 overs: M. Macquet 123, N. Wood 92 = 184 for 2nd wicket);  
Tattenhall 104 (- overs: J. Gibbon 31, C. Grindley 4-19, I. Grindley 4-31).

**Timperley (25 pts.) beat Tattenhall I(1 pt.) by 189 runs.**

**UPTON (toss) v STOCKPORT**

Stockport 231-7 (50 overs: G. Barber 78, S. Edwards 70no, M. Ely 39no);  
Upton 177-9 (50 overs: M. Ingram 65no).

**Match drawn: Stockport 14 pts., Upton 7.**

**PICK OF WEEK ...**

**Premier League**

Batting: Khalid Sawas (Macclesfield) 142no v Didsbury; Bowling: Chris Finegan (Neston) 6-41 v Nantwich

**First Division**

Batting: Stephen Ball (Bowdon) 139 v Bredbury; Bowling: oJason Smith (Grappenhall) 6-35 v Bollington.

**Second Division**

Batting: oMatt Macquet (Timperley) 123 v Tattenhall; Bowling: Ifti Hussein (Stockport Geo.) 5-40 v Alvanley.

**Orchestrated appealing outlawed**

THE League Cricket Committee have issued a memo to all team captains warning them about an increase in orchestrated and excessive appealing in games at all levels this season.

In a widely circulated letter, League Secretary Geoff Wellsteed writes: "The Cricket Committee is determined to stamp out this unwelcome trend and it requires you to appeal to all players about this unacceptable deterioration. This is against the Spirit of Cricket.

Panel umpires, meanwhile, have been reminded of their obligations to notify incidents as per the League's Disciplinary Code (handbook page 254, C2a) and to reflect such behaviour in their Fair Play marks (page 250).

Team captains are responsible at all times for ensuring play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

The Cricket committee requires all captains to re-read the ECB Code of Conduct and the League's Disciplinary Code (pages 250 – 257) and to ensure you play a personal part in seeking to improve the overall standards of behaviour.

I am sorry to be writing such a strong letter, but I know that you will be anxious to ensure the high standards set by the League are maintained. This letter makes specific reference to panel umpires, but the letter relates to all levels of cricket regardless of who is officiating.

ALL captains should act".

**Tables after six games**

<b><u>ECB Premier</u></b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b> <b>(25)</b>	<b>D</b> <b>(2)</b>	<b>C</b> <b>(7)</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>BAT</b>	<b>BOWL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
OXTON	6	4	1	0	1	8	7	117
HYDE	6	3	1	0	2	13	8	98
NESTON	6	3	1	1	1	4	5	93
MARPLE	6	3	1	1	1	4	3	91
MACCLESFIELD	6	3	0	0	3	6	7	88
ALDERLEY EDGE	6	2	2	1	1	15	9	85
NANTWICH	6	2	1	0	3	11	14	77
CHESTER BO. HALL	6	2	1	0	3	7	9	68
URMSTON	6	2	1	0	3	8	4	64
WIDNES	6	2	0	1	3	0	6	63
DIDSBURY	6	2	0	0	4	4	7	61
TOFT	6	1	1	0	4	7	12	46

<b><u>Division 1</u></b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b> <b>(25)</b>	<b>D</b> <b>(2)</b>	<b>C</b> <b>(7)</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>BAT</b>	<b>BOWL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
GRAPPENHALL	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	150
SALE	6	4	2	0	0	6	5	115
BOWDON	6	4	0	1	1	2	2	111
CHEADLE HULME	6	3	0	1	2	8	3	93
OULTON PARK	6	3	0	1	2	2	1	85
BREDBURY ST MK.	6	1	2	0	3	20	15	64
CHRISTLETON	6	1	1	2	2	14	5	60
BROOKLANDS	6	1	2	1	2	5	13	54
BOLLINGTON	6	1	1	1	3	10	8	52
IRBY	6	1	0	1	4	6	9	47
BRAMHALL	6	1	0	1	4	4	7	43
HEATON MERSEY	6	0	2	1	3	3	13	27

<b><u>Division 2</u></b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b> <b>(25)</b>	<b>D</b> <b>(2)</b>	<b>C</b> <b>(7)</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>BAT</b>	<b>BOWL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
MIDDLEWICH	6	4	2	0	0	1	8	113
CHEADLE	6	4	1	1	0	0	3	112
POYNTON	6	3	1	2	0	4	4	99
CONGLETON	6	3	2	0	1	10	9	98
WARRINGTON	6	3	0	1	2	6	6	94
STOCKPORT	6	2	3	0	1	20	12	88
TIMPERLEY	6	2	0	1	3	0	7	64
TATTENHALL	6	2	1	0	3	1	6	59
UPTON	6	1	2	0	3	10	11	50
STOCKPORT GEO.	6	1	2	1	2	2	10	48
ALVANLEY	6	1	0	0	5	6	12	43
MALPAS	6	0	0	0	6	6	12	18

## **Cheshire Cup round 3 results**

Didsbury 141 (Van Schalkwyk 48, Dixon 3-6, Kegg 3-10); Chester Boughton Hall 145-6 (Robinson 40no, Anderson 3-32).

Urmston 345-5 (Caraher 80, Fawcett 63, Salvi 57, Jackson 57, Ford 3-77); Widnes 299-3 (Naughton 68, Nalesnkik 62, Ford 61, Wearden 55, Malook 3-66).

Chester County Officers 177-8 (Locke 3-23); Cheadle Hulme 179-3 (Narayanan 70no, Wilde 42).

Bollington 283-9 (Sykes 60, Paterson 58, Rixon 52); Romiley 160 (Plant 3-30, Jahangir 3-46).

Neston 374-4 (Hurst 147, Hackett 135) Malpas 196-9 ( Suckley 95).

Ashley 150-9 (Shelton 3-22); Marple 153-1 (Hall 85no, Marshall 67no).

Cheadle 197 (Brown 44, Dixon 35); Elworth 198-5.

Sale 195 (Flowers 74, Klubbe 60, Wilkinson 3-28); Bramhall 186 (Wilkinson 53, Cantello 43).

Nantwich beat Sandbach by walk over.

Macclesfield 216-6 (Ward 59, Sawas 37) Brooklands 212-9 (Naveed Din 58).

Toft 240-6; Oxtun 232-8.

Hyde 350-4 (Berry 109) beat Northwich.

Yet to be played: Port Sunlight v Grappenhall; Middlewich v Warrington (June 3); Alderley Edge v New Brighton; Wallasey v Timperley (June 10).

**ROUND 4 DRAW** (June 17): CBH v Port Sunlight or Grappenhall; Urmston v Cheadle Hulme; Toft v Alderley Edge or New Brighton; Bollington v Neston; Marple v Hyde; Nantwich v Middlewich or Warrington; Macclesfield v Elworth; Sale v Wallasey or Timperley.

*Information provided by Cheshire Cup organiser Rick Davis.*

## **Vets' cricket**

A FINE two wickets victory over Nottinghamshire at Congleton was the outcome of Cheshire's first game in the **ECB 50 Plus County championship** on Wednesday last week.

Notts were bowled out for 152 after being 123-3, Timperley's Phil Prickett coming on to take 5-11 in a lethal spell of 6.2 overs. Cheshire replied with 156-8 with seven overs to spare, Garry Cash (Marple) contributing 62 and Bernie Bishop (Crewe) 33. Cheshire next meet Durham at Alderley Edge on Wednesday, May 30 1.30 p.m.,.

Cheshire continue their **Spitfire 60 Plus county championship** games against Durham at Cheadle Hulme the previous day, Tuesday, May 29 (also 1.30 p.m.).

## **Deaths of ex-players**

THE current issue of Martin Saxon's *Poynton Newsletter* reports the death of former club player and treasurer Don Peart on May 16.

Bernard Melia, a member of the Northwich team which won the Manchester Association title in 1967, died, aged 67, on May 9. Bernard was one of fastest bowlers to have played post-war club cricket in the county.

## **E-MAILS TO NEWSLETTER ...**

### **Two Madame presidents**

AFTER reading about Heaton Mersey's lady president Nicola Bennett in last week's *Newsletter*, Oxtun secretary Stuart Hirst writes with news that his club have done likewise.

Stuart writes: "Oxtun appointed Alison Dunne, or Alison Walsh before her recent re-marriage, as President in February and worthily so. Alison coached the Oxtun women's lacrosse team which became European champions in 2010-11 without the benefit of a professional or overseas player. "

### **Varsity match captains**

NANTWICH secretary and 1<sup>st</sup> XI scorer Ian Strachan has a sharp memory.

He responds to last week's piece by Stuart Anderson claiming a record for Cheshire in having three players currently captaining their University teams at Oxford (Ben Williams of Widnes ), Cambridge (Rob Woolley of Hyde) and Bradford /Leeds (Oulton Park's Rick Moore) .

Says Ian: "I can't come up with three captains, but there has been a previous occasion when two Cheshire players tossed up in a Varsity match at The Parks. That was in 2008 when Olly Sadler (Oxford) was then playing for Nantwich and Fred Owen ( Cambridge) for Chester Boughton Hall.

### **On Sky TV**

CHEESHIRE Over 60s batsman Chris Leech writes: "My younger son, David and four other former Winnington Park players Jeremy Casey, Will Chambres, Greg Barrett and Steve Eaton all currently play for a Midweek team named Dreadlock Holliday in London. Some of your readers may have seen them appear on Sky television's Cricket AM Show on Saturday morning".

## **RedInsure T20 update**

SECOND round games in the **RedInsure T20** were completed in superb weather and the way is now clear for all eight round three games to be arranged (see draw below).

When fixtures have been agreed, the home captains should contact tournament co ordinator Jon Hacking (01244 814 110; jhacking@gmail.com) who will appoint umpires.

Holders Hyde were comfortable 110 run winners against Cheadle, but 2011 defeated finalists Nantwich were knocked out at Grappenhall. Second Division clubs who survive are current pace makers Congleton and Middlewich.

### **ALL ROUND 2 DETAILS**

**SALE beat TIMPERLEY by 28 runs**

**MARPLE beat TOFT by 14 runs**

**HYDE beat CHEADLE by 110 runs.**

**BROOKLANDS beat BOWDON by 16 runs**

**MACCLESFIELD beat CHEADLE HULME by 8 wickets .**

**BREDBURY ST. MARK's beat STOCKPORT GEORGIANS by 69 runs**

**GRAPPENHALL beat NANTWICH by 7 wickets**

**OULTON PARK beat TATTENHALL by 7 wickets.**

**IRBY beat CHRISTLETON by 7 wickets.**

**CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL beat UPTON by 14 runs**

**NESTON beat WIDNES by 33 runs**

**MIDDLEWICH beat WARRINGTON by 2 runs: Tuesday, May 22**

Middlewich 139-8 (20 overs: K. Clowes 85, D. Rudd 3-22); Warrington (20 overs: 137-8.

**MALPAS lost to CONGLETON by 76 runs: Wednesday, May 23.**

Congleton 192-5 (20 overs: J. Bailey 88, J. Higginbotham 35, K. Waterhouse 38, E. Barlow 3-23); Malpas 116-5 (20 overs: K. Rickett 35).

**ALVANLEY lost to OXTON by 18 runs: Wednesday, May 23.**

Oxton 131 (20 overs: A. Gibson 53, C. Davies 34, N. Geddes 4-22); Alvanley 113-6 (20 overs: A. Bennion 32, G. Cashin 3-9).

**ALDERLEY EDGE beat POYNTON by 24 runs: Thursday, May 24**

Alderley Edge 186-2 (20 overs: J. Whittaker 77, M. Currie 39, A. Day 29no); Poynton 162-4 (20 overs: J. Turner 62, T. Berzins 35, A. Day 2-26).

**URMSTON lost to DIDSBURY by 3 wickets: Thursday, May 24**

Urmston 124-7 (20 overs: S. Panda 62, J. Hawley 2-16); Didsbury 127-7 (18.4 overs: J. van Schalkwyk 57no inc. 5 sixes, A. Syddall 3-18, S. Salvi 2-26).

O Home clubs are reminded that they must telephone the result and details of all games ASAP after close of play to Competition Secretary Mike Talbot-Butler and follow up with a result sheet (posted, faxed or e-mailed) within 72 hours. Umpires' ground reports and captains' reports on umpires are not required for cup games.

### **ROUND 3 DRAW (games to be played by Monday, June 25)**

**SALE v DIDSBURY**

**MARPLE v BROOKLANDS**

**ALDERLEY EDGE v HYDE**

**MACCLESFIELD v BREDBURY ST. MARK's**

**GRAPPENHALL v CONGLETON**

**MIDDLEWICH v OULTON PARK**

**IRBY v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL**

**OXTON v NESTON**

### **T20 PLATE ROUND 1 DRAW**

DRAW for the 1st round of the **T20 Plate**, to be completed by Friday, June 8:

**TIMPERLEY v URMSTON**

TBA

**TOFT v BOWDON**

Wednesday, June @ 6.30 pm

**POYNTON v CHEADLE**

TBA

**CHEADLE HULME v STOCKPORT GEORGIANS**

TBA

Round 2 games (limit date Friday, June 29) can also be arranged when both opponents are known, then contact Jon Hacking in normal way: These include: **NANTWICH v MALPAS; WARRINGTON v TATTENHALL;**

**CHRISTLETON v UPTON; ALVANLEY v WIDNES**

## **Timperley quit Over 40s**

AFTER conceding their third successive fixture on Wednesday last week at Cheadle Hulme due to an acute shortage of players, Timperley have resigned from the **Over 40s section sponsored by TailorMade Group Pensions.**

Their record is expunged including the earlier cancellations against Sale Silverbacks and Urmston Tigers.

Timperley secretary Simon Thompson: "We have tried our best to put together a strong enough squad, but it has been impossible. We offer our apologies to all the clubs we have failed to play in the last three weeks and were hoping to meet during the remainder of the season".

One team in the North-East group will now have an open date each week starting with Cheadle on Wednesday, May 30.

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 RESULTS**

#### **West group:**

**Chester Boughton Hall (4 pts.) beat Upton (0 pts.) by 22 runs**

CBH 117-4 (Fleet 33, Legry 30); Upton 95-6 (N. Sharrock 30, Anderson 2-18).

**Oxton (0 pts.) lost to Irby (4 pts.) by 9 wickets**

Oxton 81 (Perry 25, Roberts 3-12, Jay 2-18, Parkinson 2-20); Irby 81-1 (Lea 30, Newman 30).

**Tattenhall Wreckers (0 pts.) lost to Neston (4 pts.) by 22 runs**

Neston 141-2 (Donelan 33, Hurst 30); Tattenhall 119-6 (Kettle 33, Brock 32).

**Open: Warrington**

#### **Central group:**

**Ashley (4 pts.) beat Davenham (0 pts.) by 5 wickets.**

Davenham 99-7 (Parker 32, Bentley 24, Hudson 23, Sohail 2-4, Alves 2-17); Ashley 100-5 (Brewster 31, Breen 29, Purcell 2-12).

**Grappenhall (4 pts.) beat Bowdon (0 pts.) by 8 wickets.**

Bowdon 102-5 (Grammar 31, Shenkman 30, Nicholson 2-21); Grappenhall 105-2 (T. McCoy 30, Anderson 30).

**Mobberley (0 pts.) lost to Alsager Dabbers (4 pts.) by 60 runs**

Dabbers 141-6 (Stancliffe 33, Welch 32, Stanyer 30); Mobberley 81-5.

**Toft (4 pts.) beat Bowdon Vale Vikings (0 pts.) by 7 wickets.**

Bowdon Vale 92-6 (Thorpe 30, Webb 26, Green 2-7, Murray 2-21); Toft 95-3 (Hope 32, Brooke 23).

**Late result from Thursday, May 17: Alsager Dabbers (2 pts.) v Bowdon (2 pts.) : cancelled**

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

**Cheadle (4 pts.) beat v Brooklands (0 pts.) by 9 runs**

Cheadle 110 (Oldfield 30, Searle 22); Brooklands 101 (Orton 3-9).

**Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge (4 pts.) beat Alderley Edge Wizards (0 pts.) by 50 runs**

Ladybridge 134-8 (Harris 32, Lomas 29); Alderley Edge 84 (Branagan 26, Lamb 4-14).

**Urmston Tigers (4 pts.) beat v Sale Silverbacks (0 pts.) by 5 wickets.**

Sale 107-8 (Gleghorn 26, Briggs 26, Pollards 3-8, Sethi 2-18); Urmston 109-5 (Ridler 32, Cartwright 29, Bolton 2-9, Holland 2-23).

#### **South East group:**

**Bollington Veterans (4 pts.) beat Bredbury Saints (0 pts.) by 11 runs.**

Bollington 119-5 (Hart 32, Barlow 2-16); Bredbury 108-6 (Nuttall 30, Mountford 30, Ashley 3-13).

**Marple (4 pts.) beat Macclesfield (0 pts.) by 10 wickets**

Macclesfield 110-3 (McLochlin 32, Sayers 31); Marple 111-0 (Ashley 33, Lees 31, Littler 27).

**Woodley v Poynton Legends: no result submitted - £15 fine**

**Open: Bramhall**



**Latest 40s placings**

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

<u>Central Group</u>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PTS.</b>
ASHLEY	3	2	1	0	10
GRAPPENHALL	3	2	1	0	10
TOFT	3	2	1	0	10
ALSAGER DABBERS	3	1	2	0	8
BOWDON	3	0	2	1	4
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	3	0	1	2	2
DAVENHAM	3	0	1	2	2
MOBBERLEY	3	0	1	2	2

<u>North-East group</u>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PTS.</b>
CHEADLE	3	2	1	0	10
CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE	3	2	1	0	10
CHEADLE HULME	2	1	1	0	6
URMSTON TIGERS	2	1	1	0	6
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	3	0	1	2	2
BROOKLANDS	3	0	1	2	2
SALE SILVERBACKS	2	0	0	2	0

<u>South-East group</u>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PTS.</b>
BOLLINGTON VETERANS`	3	2	1	0	10
*POYNTON LEGENDS	2	1	1	0	6
*WOODLEY	1	1	0	0	4
BRAMHALL	2	0	1	1	2
BREDBURY SAINTS	2	0	1	1	2
MACCLESFIELD	3	0	1	2	2
MARPLE	3	1	1	1	6

\* Missing result

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 FIXTURES (6.15 p.m.)**

**West group:** Irby v Tattenhall; Neston v CBH; Upton v Warrington. Open: Oxtton

**Central group:** Bowdon v Ashley; Bowdon Vale v Mobberley; Davenham v Toft. Thursday: Alsager Dabbers v Grappenhall.

**North-East group;** Brooklands v Alderley Edge; Sale v Cheadle Hulme; Urmston v Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge. Open: Cheadle.

**South-East group:** Macclesfield v Woodley; Marple v Bredbury; Poynton v Bramhall. Open: Bollington.

O Home clubs must submit results (or cancellations) to the Competition secretary by telephone; fax or e-mail.

**First *Fair Play* table**

CO-ordinator John Lofthouse has produced the first **Fair Play table** of the season showing 11 clubs sharing the leadership after Weeek 5 games. This is how the umpires have marked the clubs (maximum 5):

1 = 4 marks: Bollington, Irby, Macclesfield, Marple, Middlewich, Neston, Oulton Park, Tattenhall, Toft, Urmston, Widnes

12 = 3.90: Alvanley, Bredbury, Congleton, Oxtton, Sale, Upton.

18. 3.88: Alderley Edge

19 = 3.80: Grappenhall, Hyde, Malpas, Nantwich, Stockport.

24 = 3.75: Bramhall, Heaton Mersey, Stockport Georgians.

27. 3.67: Christleton

28 = 3.63: Bowdon, Brooklands.

30 = 3.50: Cheadle, Cheadle Hulme, Poynton, Warrington.

34. 3.38: Timperley.

35. 3.20: Didsbury.

36. 3.10: Chester Boughton Hall.

The umpires also mark captains, but this information remains confidential unless there is a need to notify individual captains for a specific reason.

## **National knock out resume**

### **GROUP 6 ROUND 2 RESULTS:**

Grappenhall lost to Farnworth by 75 runs.  
Bamford Fieldhouse beat Blackrod by 7 wickets.  
Farnworth SC lost to Bramhall by 32 runs  
Prestwich conceded to Marple

### **ROUND 3 DRAW (June ?)**

Farnworth v Bamford Fieldhouse  
Bramhall v Marple

### **GROUP 7 ROUND 2 RESULTS:**

Oxton lost to Neston by 9 wickets  
Leek v Alderley Edge TBA  
Bootle beat New Brighton by 9 wickets  
Chester Boughton Hall 301-7 (Lee Dixon 117, Warren Goodwin 43) beat Wallasey 193 (Oliver Thompson 4-22) by 108 runs.

### **ROUND 3 DRAW (TBA):**

Neston v Leek or Alderley Edge  
Bootle v Chester Boughton Hall

## **May 19 pitch & outfield reports**

### **PREMIER LEAGUE:**

Alderley Edge v Neston: pitch 4-4-4-4 = 16; outfield 5-5-5-5 = 20.  
Didsbury v Hyde: 3-3-2-4 = 14; 5-5-5-5 = 20.  
Nantwich v CBH: 3-4-3-4 = 14; 5-5-5-5 = 20.  
Oxton v Marple: 4-5-4-4 = 17; 4-4-3-5 = 16.  
Toft v Macclesfield: 4-4-4-4 = 16; 5-4-5-5 = 19.  
Urmston v Widnes: 4-4-5-4 = 17; 5-5-4-4 = 18.

### **FIRST DIVISION:**

Bollington v Christleton: 4-5-5-4 = 18; 4-5-3-5 = 17.  
Bowdon v Oulton Park: 3-4-4-4 = 15; 3-3-5-5 = 16.  
Cheadle Hulme v Brooklands: 3-3-4-3 = 13; 4-4-5-5 = 18.  
Heaton Mersey v Grappenhall: 2 (inconsistency) – 3-3-3 = 11; 4-5-4-4 = 17.  
Irby v Bramhall: 3-4-3-4 = 14; 5-5-4-5 = 19.  
Sale v Bredbury: 4-4-4-4 = 16; 5-4-4-4 = 17.

### **SECOND DIVISION:**

Alvanley v Timperley: 4-4-4-3 = 15; 5-4-4-5 = 18.  
Cheadle v Malpas: late  
Middlewich v Poynton: 4-3-3-4 = 14; 4-4-5-5 = 18.  
Stockport v Stockport Georgians: 4-4-4-4 = 16; 5-4-4-5 = 18  
Tattenhall v Congleton: 5-3-5-4 = 17; 5-4-5-5 = 19.  
Warrington v Upton: 5-4-4-5 = 18; 4-5-3-5 = 17.  
All umpires reports were submitted to co ordinator Ken Spilsbury.

**FINE:** Cheadle v Malpas late sheet.

**VILLAGE EXIT:** Marchwiell & Wrexham beat Tattenhall in the 2nd round of the National Village championship. Quipped Tatters' scorer Geoff Beddow: "At least, it took two teams to beat us!".

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

RESULTS of Saturday's games in the First Division of the **Meller Braggins Cheshire League:**

Ashley 159-7 Weaverham 205-5 dec.; Ashton on Mersey 202-4 dec Northwich 148-9; Davenham 197-6 dec  
Winnington Park 201-7; Lindow 208-8 dec. Oakmere 181-5; Prestbury 173-9 Hale Barns 294-3 dec.; Runcorn 210-6  
dec. Mobberley 205.

Placings after six games: 1. Weaverham 124 pts.; 2. Davenham 103; 3. Northwich 77; 4. Ashton on Mersey 77; 5. Mobberley 74; 6. Hale Barns 72; 7. Prestbury 69; 8. Winnington Park 67; 9. Runcorn 64; 10. Lindow 62; 11. Ashley 56; 12. Oakmere 48. Kingsley top Division 2.

Fixtures on Saturday, June 2 (1.30 p.m.): Hale Barns v Davenham; Mobberley v Ashley; Northwich v Prestbury; Runcorn v Lindow; Weaverham v Ashton on Mersey; Winnington Park v Oakmere.

# **Fixtures & umpires for Saturday, June 2**

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

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

Trevor Burnett & Tom Park  
Ged Kinsey & Jim Whitehead  
David Goulding & David Moss  
Jon Hacking & Paul Herring  
Dion Kelly & Geoff Wellstead  
Don Flanagan & B Steve Walton

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

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

Clive Heylin & Neville Kent  
Steve Duckers & John Lofthouse  
Alistair Davies & Howard Briggs  
Barrie Burns & Ken Rothwell  
Neville Abberley & Tony Morris  
Ian Drury & Garry Hambleton

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

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

Ian Greensmith & Clive Rice  
John Lowe & Wyn Harris  
Chris Moore & Chris Smith  
Ron Bedson & Stan Davies  
Steve Kirkbright & Ray Prescott  
Stuart Anderson & David Stoter

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

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

Bob Cunningham & no panel umpire available  
Brian Jones & not available  
Gary Zimmer & not available  
Club umpire & not available  
Club umpire & not available  
Two club umpires

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

THE League is lucky to possess many dedicated scorers, men and women, boys and girls and at all levels of the game.

Thus, it was interesting to hear from one of these unsung heroes by the name of James Emmerson of Heaton Mersey, who writes with the following interesting story:

“I scored two games at ‘Mersey over the week-end and saw 823 runs scored at a rate of 4.69 per over - and a remarkable coincidence.

On Saturday, ‘Mersey 2<sup>nd</sup> beat Malpas, but only after the visitors’ Luke Dwyer had scored 101. Dwyer was missed off a sharp slip chance on 0 before going on to score a fine hundred, then got out next ball.

On Sunday, Hyde 3<sup>rd</sup> XI player Lewis Reeves offered a sharp slip chance at four, then went on to make an excellent 101 - also being dismissed by the very next delivery.

I was told that this was the a second successive 3<sup>rd</sup> XI century for 14 year-old Lewis, who had also played in a junior match on Sunday morning – all that after an early paper round. How about that?”

