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Neston lead by 17 points

Third wins in row for Marple and Nantwich

AFTER opening the season with two defeats, Marple have recovered to such an extent that Saturday’s outstanding six wickets win at Grappenhall was their third in a row and moves them up to fourth spot in the **ECB Premier League**.

Just for once, the Marple spinners took a mauling at Broad Lane (Andy Greasley 1-88, Joe Cash 1-71) with Grappenhall piling up an impressive 259-6, Josh McClelland 68 not out and Mike Sambell, 51. Marple were up for it and their outstanding 19 year old Tasmanian Beau Webster smote 118 including 20 fours. He was aided by Mark Bennett, with 68 in as third-wicket stand worth 158, followed by Andrew Hall, 34 not out in a response of 261-4 with six overs to spare.

Neston stay top with the only unbeaten record after outplaying Hyde at Parkgate, although they were unable to beat their east Manchester visitors in a game which started officially 15 minutes late with League sanction after a major motorway delay.

Neston’s batsmen took the Hyde bowlers apart led by the consistent Will Evans, 85, back from Australia Jack Smith, 70 and Luke Camden also 70 – off 53 balls. The hard-working Dan Cranmer claimed 4-86 and Tom Young 3-95. Hyde worked hard to keep their innings intact before closing on 196-9, Danny Berry 32, Dave Fitzsimmons 31, Paul Stimson 4-37, Andy Clarke 3-62. The points distribution was 15 – 7 in Neston’s favour.

Hyde, Bowdon delayed on motorway

Neston lead by 17 points from Chester Boughton Hall who beat Toft by four wickets in an entertaining game at Filkins Lane. Aussie Jake Hancock, 72 and Pat Roberts, 67 helped Toft close on 214-9, Jordan Clark 5-42. Warren Goodwin led the CBH charge after tea with a classy 93, helped by Clark 44 and a useful cameo 28 from Ross Dixon. Jimmy Lomas took 3-58 for Toft.

Three times champions Nantwich emulated Marple by registering their third successive victory, by 55 runs at Alderley Edge after skipper Ray Doyle had hit 116 batting at six, no other batsman topping 30 with Jason Whittaker claiming 5-53. Alderley were all out for 153, Charlie Reid 48, Jack Goode 4-35, Jimmy Warrington 4-64.

In another match which began late (by 20 minutes) due to motorway problems, Oxton moved away from the drop zone with an overwhelming 143 runs home victory over Bowdon, who are nothing like the side which won the First Division title last season.

Former Irby batsman Alex Hughes hit a best of the day 129 not out in Oxton’s impressive tally of 285-6, with good support from Gayan Fernando, 41 off 25 balls, Andy Gibson 37 and skipper Simon Stokes, 30. Gareth Edwards took 3-75. Bowdon mustered a disappointing 142, Matt Foakes, 66, again being their only batsman to last against fine bowling from Martyn Evans, 6-31 and Fernando, 3-44.

Macclesfield enjoyed their best points return so far (14) in a winning draw at Didsbury. Macc closed on 231-6, Rob Porter a fine 88, Ed Bones 38 Ben Morrison 32, while off-spinner Simon Normanton took 4-83 off 24 overs. Didsbury got to 200-8, promising all-rounder Normanton contributing 73 and Jonny Fawcett a key 28 to hold the innings together towards the close

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Two Bs plough on in Division 1

THERE's no stopping Brooklands and Bramhall at the top in **Division One**, their latest victories against Bredbury St. Mark's and Cheadle being comprehensive.

Unbeaten Brooklands won by four wickets at Bredbury chasing the home side's 161, Peter Zybrands 35, after which John Birchall, 59 not out steered Brooklands to 162-6.

Bramhall routed Cheadle for 81 at Church Lane, Simon Wilkinson, 4-16 and Rupe Kitzinger, 3-18 being virtually unplayable. Matt Jamieson hit 40 in Bramhall's 82-2 reply.

Sale are third after a tight two wickets win in an unusually low scoring game at Middlewich. Put in, Middlewich mustered just 96, Alan Davies 52, Taz Tharsen again claiming the bowling honours with 6-42. Sale struggled to 98-8 in reply, Gavin Tomlinson 3-25.

Cheadle Hulme outplay Oulton

Oulton Park lost their first game, by 77 runs against a useful-looking Cheadle Hulme side at Little Budworth. Shorn of a volley of key players, Oulton's wayward bowling helped their visitors rattle up 286-9, of which Ewan McCray scored 61, fellow veteran Phil Balderson 60 and Gautam Narayanan 58, while Craig Douglas took 4-88 and Martyn East 4-63. When Lou Bentley was out for a high-quality 85, Oulton collapsed to 209 all out against the quick bowling of Aussie Kris Nissen, 5-69 and the probing off- breaks of the evergreen McCray (3-69), now 47 but as canny a cricketer as ever.

Widnes returned to form with an impressive 60 runs win at Heaton Mersey after running up 213-9, thanks to solid knocks from Mark Brick, 44, Kieran Maher, 35 and Danny Naughton, 34, while Rashid Amin took 4-49. Amin top-scored with the bat in Mersey's reply, but his innings of 33 failed to prevent a collapse to 153 all out, Alex Graham 5-36 and Danny Moore 4-75.

Christleton remain rooted to the foot of the table after a sixth straight defeat, this time by five wickets at home to Urmston. A splendid 100 from Iroshan De Silva - the only contribution over 24 - helped the home tally reach 193-9, Adam Syddall 3-37, Matt Parkinson 3-65. Urmston replied with 197-5 in 35 overs, Callum Turner 50, Sumit Panda 39, while Christleton's own Matt Parkinson claimed 3-88.

Timperley scare in Division 2

TIMPERLEY recorded their sixth straight win to stay 16 points clear at the top of **Division Two**, but they were given an almighty scare by a fighting Weaverham side at Stockport road.

Timperley feared their record going at tea when they had been ousted for 117, Mark Stevens 49, Colin Grindley 35, Antiguan Wilden Cornford taking 5-19 and Rob McMillan 5-39. After a 90 opening stand, the remaining nine Timperley batsmen scored: 0,0,9,0,8,0,0,1,1 Apart from Cornford, 38, the Weaverham batsmen couldn't quite make it after tea and they were all out for 115, Matt Macquet 4-48, Chris Page 3-23.

Umpires David Tate and Howard Briggs were full of praise for League new boys Weaverham, whose sportsmanship in defeat and good teamwork they greatly admired.

Tattenhall stay on Timperley's heels after a 38 runs in in another low-scoring game, at Poynton. Tatters mustered just 116, Sam Green 29 against fine bowling by Danny Williams, 6-39 and Rick Clark 3-29. Poynton were then bowled out for 78, Simon Brown 34, skipper Robin Mullvihill claiming 4-28 for the winners.

Impressive Davenham

Davenham gave an impressive display to defeat Irby by 105 runs in the Wirral. Davenham totalled 178, Alex Cummings 5-57, but Irby mustered just 73.

Stockport's winning run was halted at Congleton in a higher-scoring game. Stockport closed on 185-9, Tom Facer 40 not out, Kevin Waterhouse 4-59. The south-Cheshiremen replied with 186-8, John Higginbottom 63 not out and all-rounder Waterhouse 50, while Mark Green returned a useful 4-64.

Alvanley won by the surprisingly wide margin of seven wickets at home to Warrington, whose form has slumped. David Shewring's left arm spin claimed 4-16 to bowl Warrington out for 100, Alvanley replying with 102-3 in just 21 overs.

Bollington enjoyed their best points return yet with a 14-7 draw on the ground of fellow strugglers Stockport Georgians. Rick Hough was the man of the match, carrying his bat for 99 (160 minutes, 155 balls, 12 fours) in Bolly's knock of 210-9, Chris Dodd 4-32, Ifti Hussain 3-60. Georgians replied with 143-8, Steve Vincent 29 not out, H. Imran 3-31.

ECB PREMIER LEAGUE DETAILS

ALDERLEY EDGE (won toss) v NANTWICH

Nantwich 208-7 (55 overs: R Doyle 115, J Whittaker 5-53);

Alderley Edge 153 (53.3 overs: C. Reid 48, J. Goode 4-35, J. Warrington 5-54).

Nantwich (25 pts.) beat Alderley Edge (4 pts.) by 55 runs

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v TOFT (toss)

Toft 224-9 (55 overs: J Hancock 72, E. Roberts 67, J Clark 5-42);

Chester 228-6 (53.5 overs: W Goodwin 93, J Clark 44, J. Lomas 3-58).

Chester Boughton Hall (25 pts.) beat Toft (10 pts.) by 4 wickets.

DIDSBURY (toss) v MACCLESFIELD

Macclesfield 231-6 (55 overs: R.Porter 88, B. Morrison 38, S. Normanton 4-83);

Didsbury 200-8 (55 overs: S Normanton 73).

Match drawn: Macclesfield 14 pts., Didsbury 6 pts.

GRAPPENHALL (toss) v MARPLE

Grappenhall 259-6 (55 overs: J. McClelland 68, M Sambell 51, L Parkinson 42no);

Marple 261-4 (49 overs: B Webster 118, M. Bennett 68, A. Hall 34no, J. Crisall 31).

Marple (25 pts.) beat Grappenhall (9 pts.) by 6 wickets

NESTON v HYDE (toss)

Neston 301-8 (55 overs: W Evans 81, J Smith 70, L. Camden 70, D Cranmer 4-86);

Hyde 196-9 (55 overs: D Berry 32, D. Fitzsimmons 31, P. Stimson 4-37, A. Clarke 3-62).

Match drawn: Neston 15 pts., Hyde 7 pts.

OXTON (toss) v BOWDON

Oxton 218-6 (55 overs: A. Hughes 129no, G. Fernando 41, S. Stokes 30, G. Edwards 3-75);

Bowdon 142 (49 overs: M Foakes 66, M. Evans 6-31, G. Fernando 3-44).

Oxton (25 pts.) beat Bowdon (3 pts.) by 143 runs

DIVISION 1

BRAMHALL (won toss) v CHEADLE

Cheadle 81 (37 overs: M. Spells 38, S Wilkinson 4-16,R. Kitzinger 3-18);

Bramhall 82-2 (26 overs: M Jameson 40, M. Begbie 29no).

Brnmhall (25 pts.) beat Cheadle (0 pts.) by 8 wickets

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S v BROOKLANDS (toss)

Bredbury 161 (44 overs: P Zybrands 35);

Brooklands 162-6(43 overs: J Birchall 59no).

Brooklands (25 pts.) beat Bredbury St. Mark's (6 pts.) by 4 wickets.

CHRISTLETON v URMSTON (toss)

Christleton 193-9 (50 overs: I. De Silva 100. A Syddall 3-37, M. Parkinson 3-61);

Urmston 197-5 (35 overs: C Turner 50, S. Panda 39, C Watson 35, K Dickenson 30, M. Parkinson 3-88).

Urmston (25 pts.) beat Christleton (8 pts.) by 5 wickets

HEATON MERSEY (toss) v WIDNES

Widnes 213-9 (50 overs: M Brick 44, K Maher 35, D Naughton 34, R Amin 4-49);

Heaton Mersey 153 (40 overs: R Amin 33, A Graham 5-36, D. Moore 4-75).

Widnes (25pts.) beat Heaton Mersey (6 pts.) by 60 runs

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MIDDLEWICH v SALE (toss)

Middewich 96 (41 overs: A Davies 32, T. Tharsen 6-42);

Sale 97-8 (26 overs: G. Tomlinson 3-25).

Sale (25 pts.) beat Middlewich (3 pts.) by 2 wickets.

OULTON PARK (toss) v CHEADLE HULME

Cheadle Hulme 286-9 (50 overs: E McCray 61, P. Balderson 60, G Narayanan 58, T. Malik 31, M East 4-63, C. Douglas 4-88);

Oulton Park 209 (43 overs: L Bentley 85, C. Williamson 35, K Nissen 5-69, E. McCray 3-69).

Cheadle Hulme (25 pts.) beat Oulton Park (8 pts.) by 77 runs

DIVISION 2

ALVANLEY (won toss) v WARRINGTON

Warrington 100 (37 overs: D Shewring 4-16);

Alvanley 102-3 (21 overs).

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

CONGLETON v STOCKPORT (toss)

Stockport 185-9 (50 overs: T. Facer 40no, K Waterhouse 4-56, J Lamb 3-51);

Congleton 186-8 (46 overs: J Higginbottom 63no, K. Waterhouse 50, M. Green 4-64, M Eley 3-42).

Congleton (25 pts.) beat Stockport (9 pts.) by 2 wickets.

IRBY v DAVENHAM

Davenham 178 (40 overs: A. Cummings 5-57);

Irby 73 (- overs).

Davenham (25 pts.) beat Irby (4 pts.) by 105 runs

POYNTON (toss) v TATTENHALL

Tattenhall 116 (48 overs: D. Williams 6-39, R. Clarke 3-29);

Poynton 78 (28 overs: S Brown 34, R. Mulvihill 4-28).

Tattenhall (25pts.) beat Poynton (4 pts.) by 38 runs

STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (toss) v BOLLINGTON

Bollington 210-9 (50 overs: R. Hough 99no, H. Imran 32, C. Dodds 4-32, I. Hussain 3-60);

Georgians 143-8 (50 overs: Extras 35, H Imran 3-31).

Match drawn: Bollington 14 pts., Stockport Georgians 7 pts.

TIMPERLEY (toss) v WEAVERHAM

Timperley 117 (- overs: M Stevens 49, C. Grindley 35, W. Cornford 5-29, R. McMillan 5-39);

Weaverham 115 (40 overs: W. Cornford 38, M. Macquet 4-38, C. Page 3-13).

Timperley (25 pts.) beat Weaverham (5 pts.) by 2 runs

PICK OF WEEK

ECB Premier League batting: Alex Hughes (Oxton) 129no v Bowdon.

Bowling: Martyn Evans (Oxton) 6-31 v Bowdon

Division 1 batting: Iroshan de Silva (Christleton) 100 v Urmston

Bowling: Taz Tharsen (Sale) 6-42 v Middlewich

Division 2 batting: Rick Hough (Bollington) 99 not out v Stockport Georgians

Bowling: Danny Williams (Poynton) 6-39 v Tattenhall.

Tables after 6 games

ECB PREMIER	W (25)	WD (3)	RD (2)	LD (1)	C (7)	L	Bat bonus	Bowl bonus	Total pts.
NESTON	4	1	0	1	0	0	12	6	122
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	3	1	1	0	0	1	17	8	105
NANTWICH	3	1	0	0	0	2	17	8	103
MARPLE	3	1	0	0	0	2	16	8	102
TOFT	3	0	0	0	1	2	11	6	99
HYDE	2	0	1	2	0	1	19	11	84
DIDSBURY	2	0	0	1	0	3	23	5	79
GRAPPENHALL	1	2	1	0	0	2	36	9	78
OXTON	2	0	0	0	0	4	14	12	76
ALDERLEY EDGE	1	1	0	2	0	2	20	12	62
BOWDON	1	0	1	0	0	4	14	13	54
MACCLESFIELD	0	1	0	2	1	2	20	13	45

DIVISION 1

BROOKLANDS	5	1	0	0	0	0	8	2	138
BRAMHALL	5	0	0	0	0	1	8	3	136
SALE	4	0	0	0	0	2	8	2	110
OULTON PARK	3	0	1	1	0	1	13	11	102
CHEADLE HULME	2	2	0	0	0	2	22	12	90
WIDNES	2	1	0	0	0	3	22	8	83
URMSTON	2	0	0	1	0	3	21	6	78
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	2	0	0	1	0	3	17	8	76
MIDDLEWICH	2	1	0	1	0	2	11	10	75
CHEADLE	1	1	1	1	0	2	15	13	59
HEATON MERSEY	1	0	0	1	0	4	12	11	49
CHRISTLETON	0	0	0	0	0	6	23	12	35

DIVISION 2

TIMPERLEY	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150
TATTENHALL	5	0	0	0	0	1	6	3	134
STOCKPORT	4	0	0	0	0	2	10	5	115
WARRINGTON	4	0	0	0	0	2	4	2	106
DAVENHAM	3	0	0	0	0	3	9	8	92
CONGLETON	3	1	0	0	0	2	9	3	90
POYNTON	2	1	0	0	0	3	18	14	85
WEAVERHAM	1	1	0	1	0	3	20	15	64
ALVANLEY	2	0	0	0	0	4	6	7	63
IRBY	1	0	0	2	0	3	9	12	48
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	0	1	0	1	0	4	19	14	37
BOLLINGTON	0	1	0	1	0	4	19	12	35

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.

O For clarification: The penalties imposed by the umpires on Tattenhall and Warrington batsmen in two Division 2 games on Saturday, May 18 were runs (five) not points.

Fine evening for Forties

BLESSED with fine (though cold) weather, there was virtually a full quota of fixtures played in the **Over 40s section** on Wednesday, May 22.

Exceptions were at Tattenhall in the West group where Upton conceded, likewise in the North-East group where Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge conceded at home to Cheadle Hulme.

Winners by one run at home to Irby, Oxtun have the only 100 per cent record after three games to lead West group.

RESULTS

West Group

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL lost to NESTON (4 pts.) by 7 wickets.

Chester 121-4 (Baker 35, Gillson 31, Robinson 31, Harden 2-22); Neston 122-3 (Lea-Swain 33, Sullivan 31)

OXTON (4 pts.) beat IRBY by 1 run

Oxtun 128-5 (Varey 32, Williams 31, Armstrong 27, Saram 2-24); Irby 127-5 (Lee 33, Newman 32, Kumar 2-15).

TATTENHALL WRECKERS (4 pts.) beat UPTON by default. Upton could not raise a team.

Central Group

ASHLEY lost to MOBBERLEY (4 pts.) by 29 runs

Mobberley 107-2 (Alan 33, Potts 31, Eadie 2-14); Ashley 78-7 (Alan 3-3).

BOWDON VALE VIKINGS lost to ALSAGER DABBERS (4 pts.) by 54 runs

Alsager Dabbers 146-3 (Maynard 30, Dutton 30); Bowdon Vale 92-2 (Webb 32).

GRAPPENHALL (4 pts.) beat BOWDON by 10 wickets

Bowdon 91-5 (Sinclair 30); Grappenhall 92-0 (Newell 35, Baxter 30).

TOFT (4 pts.) beat DAVENHAM by 10 wickets

Davenham 77-6 (Sheldon 4-1-5-1 plus 4 catches); Toft 83-0 (Poole 29, Cook 20).

North-East Group

ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS lost to URMSTON TIGERS (4 pts.) by 6 wickets.

Alderley Edge 77 (Bolton 33, Sethi 4-19); Urmston 80-4 (Cartwright 32, Newton 30).

BROOKLANDS (4 pts.) beat WARRINGTON by 6 wickets.

Warrington 124-4 (Sleigh 33, Baxter 29); Brooklands 125-4 (Jones 33, Lewis 26).

CHEADLE lost to SALE SILVERBACKS (4 pts.) by 7 wickets

Cheadle 93 (Tipping 22, Oakes 20); Sale 93-4 (Davenport 23).

CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE lost by default to CHEADLE HULME (4 pts.): Ladybridge could not raise a team.

South-East Group

BOLLINGTON VETERANS lost to BRAMHALL (4 pts.) by 28 runs.

Bramhall 113 (Patel 33, Stoneman 32); Bollington 85 (Burns 34, Bradshaw 30).

BREDBURY SAINTS (4 pts.) beat MARPLE by 8 wickets.

Marple 90-2 (Hayward 32); Bredbury 94-2 (C. Wood 31).

MACCLESFIELD (4 pts.) beat OFFERTON by 60 runs.

Macclesfield 177-4 (Ackerley 35, Whittingham 35, Towle 31); Offerton 117-6 (Potter 30, Pickles 27, Frame 2-14, Vare 2-15).

WOODLEY (4 pts.) beat POYNTON LEGENDS by 2 wickets.

Poynton 97-5; Woodley 98-8.

First Over 40s tables

<u>West group</u>	P	W	C	L	Pts.
OXTON	3	3	0	0	12
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	3	2	1	0	10
NESTON	3	1	1	1	6
CALDY	2	1	0	1	4
IRBY	2	1	0	1	4
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	2	0	0	2	0
UPTON	3	0	0	3	0

Upton have conceded one game.

<u>Central group</u>					
ALSAGER DABBERS	3	2	1	0	10
GRAPPENHALL	3	2	1	0	10
TOFT	3	2	1	0	10
BOWDON	3	1	1	1	6
MOBBERLEY	3	1	1	1	6
ASHLEY	3	0	1	2	2
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	3	0	1	2	2
DAVENHAM	3	0	1	2	2

Mobberley have conceded one game.

<u>North-East group</u>					
CHEADLE HULME	3	2	1	0	10
URMSTON	3	2	1	0	10
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	3	1	1	1	6
BROOKLANDS	3	1	1	1	6
SALE SILVERBACKS	3	1	1	1	6
WARRINGTON	3	1	1	1	6
CHEADLE	3	0	1	2	2
CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE	3	0	1	2	2

Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge have conceded one game.

<u>South-East group</u>					
BRAMHALL	3	2	1	0	10
BREDBURY SAINTS	3	2	1	0	10
MACCLESFIELD	3	2	1	0	10
POYNTON LEGENDS	3	1	1	1	6
MARPLE	3	1	0	2	4
WOODLEY	3	1	0	2	4
OFFERTON	3	0	1	2	2
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	3	0	1	2	2

OVER 40s FIXTURES on Wednesday, May 29 (6 p.m.)

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

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

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

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

Christleton quit T20

CHRISTLETON have pulled out of the **RedInsure T20** before bowling a ball, leaving only three clubs to contest Group 9.

Club captain Guy Newell says: "Due to lack of availability it is fairer to the other teams in the group to withdraw now. We fully realise the consequences. We have been having problems for a number of reasons, but should be fine for all League fixtures from now on".

Those consequences are a £15 fine for non fulfilment of their opening fixture on the ground of T20 holders Neston on Thursday and exclusion from the 2014 competition.

In last Thursday's second round of group games, Division 2 leaders Timperley beat Premiership visitors Bowdon – despite 88 from former Lancashire batsman Mark Chilton. Middlewich beat Oulton Park and Congleton nearly caused an upset in a high-scoring rain-interrupted game at Nantwich after home skipper Ray Doyle (84) and Jonny Kettle (65not out) had put in 167 for the first wicket in 18 overs. Two games were rained off.

RESULTS

Group 1:

MIDDLEWICH (2 pts.) beat OULTON PARK by 8 wickets.

Oulton Park 127-8 (20 overs: C Douglas 56); Middlewich 128-2 (17 overs: K Clowes 76, D Bates 31no).

NANTWICH (2 pts.) beat Congleton by 11 runs

Nantwich 181-1 (20 overs: R. Doyle 84, J. Kettle 65); Congleton 151-3 (target reduced by rain to 162 off 18 overs: J Lamb 76 no, R. Booth 35no).

Group 3

DAVENHAM lost to CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (2 pts.) by 7 wickets.

Davenham 80-8 (20 overs: W. Goodwin 3-6); CBH 86-3 (13 overs: J Clark 35).

WARRINGTON lost to GRAPPENHALL (2 pts.) by 28 runs.

Grappenhall 129 (20 overs: A. Roylance 47, P. Farrar 4-32, K. Adams 3-19), Warrington 101-6 (20 overs: S Baxter 36no, M. Titchard 4-7).

Group 5:

HEATON MERSEY v MARPLE: cancelled due to rain: 1 pt. each

TIMPERLEY (2 pts.) beat BOWDON by 3 wickets

Bowdon 157 (20 overs: M Chilton 88, C. Page 3-24); Timperley 158-7 (19.3 overs: C.Grindley 32, M. Stevens 31).

Group 7:

POYNTON v ALDERLEY EDGE: cancelled due to rain: 1 pt. each

SALE (2 pts.) beat BROOKLANDS by 34 runs: 2 pts.

Sale 121 (20 overs); Brooklands 87.

Group 9:

NESTON v CHRISTLETON: cancelled. Christleton have withdrawn from competition. No points awarded.

WEAVERHAM lost to TATTENHALL (2 pts.) by 29 runs

Tattenhall 174-5 (20 overs: D. Power 96, O. Williamson 43); Weaverham 135-7 (T.Hyslop 3-29).

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

T20 group tables

<u>Group 1</u>	P	W	C	L	Pts,
MIDDLEWICH	1	1	0	0	2
NANTWICH	1	1	0	0	2
CONGLETON	1	0	0	1	0
OULTON PARK	1	0	0	1	0

<u>Group 2</u>					
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	1	0	1	0	1
CHEADLE	1	0	1	0	1
HYDE	0	0	0	0	0

<u>Group 3</u>					
CHESTER BO. HALL	1	1	0	0	2
GRAPPENHALL	1	1	0	0	2
DAVENHAM	1	0	0	1	0
WARRINGTON	1	0	0	1	0

<u>Group 4</u>					
MACCLESFIELD	1	1	0	0	2
TOFT	1	1	0	0	2
BOLLINGTON	1	0	0	1	0
BRAMHALL	1	0	0	1	0

<u>Group 5</u>					
TIMPERLEY	1	1	0	0	2
HEATON MERSEY	1	0	1	0	1
MARPLE	1	0	1	0	1
BOWDON	1	0	0	1	0

<u>Group 6</u>					
IRBY	1	1	0	0	2
OXTON	1	1	0	0	2
ALVANLEY	1	0	0	1	0
WIDNES	1	0	0	1	0

<u>Group 7</u>					
SALE	1	1	0	0	2
ALDERLEY EDGE	1	0	1	0	1
POYNTON	1	0	1	0	1
BROOKLANDS	1	0	0	1	0

<u>Group 8</u>					
DIDSBURY	1	1	0	0	2
URMSTON	1	1	0	0	2
CHEADLE HULME	1	0	0	1	0
STOCKPORT	1	0	0	1	0

<u>Group 9</u>					
TATTENHALL	1	1	0	0	2
WEAVERHAM	1	0	0	1	0
NESTON	0	0	0	0	0

FIXTURES & UMPIRES: THURSDAY, MAY 30 (6 pm)

Group 2: Hyde v Bredbury St. Mark's (Alastair Davies & Martin Howe); Cheadle open.

Group 4: Toft v Macclesfield (Tuesday, May 28: David van Rensberg & Chris Smith); Bramhall v Bollington (Dave Goulding & John Lowe).

Group 6: Irby v Alvanley (Neville Abberley & Steve Duckers); Oxtton v Widnes (Barrie Burns & Dion Kelly).

Group 8: Cheadle Hulme v Didsbury (David Gane & Phil Prince); Stockport v Urmston (Chris Smith & David Tate: tel. 07779 776 850).

May 18 ground reports

UMPIRES' League ground marks and other reports from games played on Saturday, May 18 were as follows:

ECB Premier League. Bowdon v Grappenhall; pitch 18 outfield 19; Hyde v Alderley Edge 18-19; Macclesfield v Neston 18-20; Marple v CBH 17-19; Nantwich v Oxton 13 – 18; Toft v Didsbury 13-16.

First Division: Brooklands v Middlewich 16 – 15; Cheadle v Oulton Park 17-17; Cheadle Hulme v Bredbury 15-18; Sale v Christleton 18-18; Urmston v Heaton Mersey 14-19; Widnes v Bramhall 17-18.

Second Division: Bollington v Irby 15-14; Davenham v Congleton 16 – 14; Stockport v Poynton 17-19; Tattenhall v Alvanley 15-20; Warrington v Timperley 16 – 14; Weaverham v Stockport Georgians 16-20.

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

Mere beat Nantwich in Cheshire Cup

RESULTS of **Cheshire Cup** round 3 games played on Sunday:

Hyde v Marple: Marple 116 (J Cash 43); Hyde 117-3 (C. Tipper 55). Hyde won by 7 wickets.

Brooklands v Widnes: Brooklands 91; Widnes 92-02. Widnes won by 8 wickets.

Macclesfield v Bowdon: Bowdon 213 (S. Marshall 63, B Cutbill 3-48); Macclesfield 218-7 (N Ross 78, A. Hodgson 48no, C. Ashling 3-25. Macclesfield won by 3 wickets.

Alderley Edge v Sale: Sale 176-7; Alderley Edge 177-9 (A Day 84no). Alderley won by 1 wicket.

Middlewich v Neston: Middlewich 183-8 (N Gill 54, W. Evans 5-54); Neston 183-2 (D Hurst 116no). Neston won by 8 wickets.

Nantwich v Mere: Nantwich 215-8 (R Doyle 81, S. Hunt 58); Mere 216-7 (A Bajwa 91, T. Tufain 52). Mere won by 3 wickets.

Oulton Park v Northwich: Northwich 164 (J Hughes 35, L Evans 30, L Bentley 3-44); Oulton Park 168-4 (M East 70, L. Bentley 54). Oulton won by 6 wickets.

Stockport v Didsbury: Stockport 192-9 (G Barber 62); Didsbury 196-5 (P Critchley 75, S. Normanton 63). Didsbury won by 5 wickets.

Upton v Congleton: Upton 259; Congleton 219-7. Upton won by 40 runs.

Urmston v Timperley: Timperley 210-8 (C Grindley 64, M. Stevens 48, D Howorth 42, F Hassan 4-45); Urmston 214-5 (Calum Turner 71, Chris Turner 50, L. Jackson 45no). Urmston won by 5 wickets.

Wallasey v Oxton: Wallasey 196-9 (P Black 69); Oxton 102 (M Hughes 4-25). Wallasey won by 94 runs.

Remaining third round games to be played on Sunday, June 2 (1.30 p.m.): Warrington v Birkenhead Park; Elworth v Grappenhall; Cheadle v New Brighton; Chester Boughton Hall v Rode Park & Lawton.

O Information provided by Cheshire Cup organiser Rick Davis.

Fine wins for Fifties & Sixties

CHESHIRE'S first completed game in the **ECB Over 50s county championship** against Nottinghamshire at Ordsall Bridon on Wednesday last week resulted in a notable 23 runs victory.

Cheshire racked up an impressive 254-4, Widnes' Tim Wearden contributing an unbeaten 71, skipper Steve Yates 61, newcomer Colin Ridler 38 not out and Phil Thomas 34. Cheshire struggled to contain Notts who were 180-3 with 10 overs left. Gary Dixon then took two wickets in two balls and Martin Cheshire was run out for 107 by John Edwards' fine throw from the boundary. The innings went downhill to end at 231-9. Next game is a friendly against Shropshire at Congleton on June 5.

CHESHIRE'S **Spitfire 60 Plus championship** game against Durham / Northumberland at Norton on Tuesday last week resulted in a 25 runs victory. Scores: Cheshire 195-6; Durham 170-7. Cheshire next visit Lancashire on Tuesday this week.

Rick Moore for Northants

CHESHIRE complete their **Minor Counties Cup** group games against Northumberland at Hyde on Sunday, June 2 (11 a.m.). Cheshire cannot qualify for the quarter-finals.

Cheshire and Oulton Park batsman Rick Moore has been registered by Northants and made his first-class debut against Loughborough University MCCU at Loughborough last weekend, scoring 24. Moore is being registered as a county contracted player with the League Cheshire retain his Minor Counties registration.

O LONG-SERVING Warrington batsman Mal Agar has decided not to leave the club as reported pre-season and was due to play for the 2nd XI against Oulton Park at Walton Lea on Saturday.

O NEW mobile telephone numbers for your handbook: Grappenhall 2nd XI captain Mike Holden 07791 945 688; Weaverham 1st XI captain Stuart Hayes 07739 324 919.

O NEW captain of Bollington 2nd is Rick Paterson, tel. 07814 269 944; e-mail: thepatersons@ntlworld.com

Sponsors' banners distributed

GROUNDSDSIDE banners and notice board posters have been distributed to all 36 League clubs within the past week with a request from new main sponsors VIVIO that the banners should be displayed in the most advantageous positions round the grounds. .

Vivio Director James Wright asks that clubs take a picture of their banner in situ and e-mail him the result. He is offering a handsome free mobile phone to the club considered to have displayed the banner to the best effect. .

They should be sent to him by June 14 at info@vivio.co.uk org or to his representative in the League Lee Dixon on lee_dixon4@aol.com

FINAL VENUES At the League's May Cricket Committee meeting it was agreed to invite Chester Boughton Hall to stage this season's RedInsure T20 2nd XI Finals Day and to hold the Jack Gardner Third XI finals at Irby, subject to their agreement. . The 1st XI Red Insure final is at Timperley on Sunday, July 28 and the Over 40s play-offs at Upton on August Bank Holiday Monday.

WEBSITE POSTINGS. Clubs are reminded that they are required to file the line scores and results of all games on the League website ASAP after the close of play as well as the full set-out scores within the normal timelines. Some clubs are failing to do the former, reports Webmaster Darren Sutcliffe. Widnes have been fined £30 for a double failure on Saturday, May 3.

Thirteen share Fair Play lead

NO fewer than 13 clubs share maximum marks in the first **Fair Play table** of the season, drawn up by co ordinator John Lofthouse from umpires reports submitted to him after five matches.

John Lofthouse says he is not pleased to see so many Premier League clubs bringing up the rear

PLACINGS TO MAY 18

1 = average mark 4: Alderley Edge; Bredbury, Brooklands, Cheadle, Cheadle Hulme, Christleton, Heaton Mersey, Hyde, Irby, Marple, Sale, Tattenhall, Weaverham.

14 = mark of 3.90: Bramhall, Oulton Park, Poynton

17 mark of 3.88: Macclesfield

18 = mark of 3.80: Neston, Urmston, Warrington.

21 mark of 3.75: Toft

22= mark of 3.70: Alvanley, Bowdon, Middlewich, Nantwich, Stockport, Stockport Georgians, Widnes

29 = mark of 3.60: Bollington, Congleton, Oxton.

32 = mark of 3.50: Chester Boughton Hall, Davenham, Timperley.

35 = mark of 3.40: Didsbury, Grappenhall.

WEEK 6: Alastair Davies' Umpires Quiz

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

ANSWER: The runner must wear EXTERNAL protective equipment equivalent to that worn by the injured batsman. However, there is no need for him to wear a thigh pad or a box (Law 2.7)

THIS WEEK: The striker makes no attempt to strike a fair delivery, but simply allows the ball to hit him. The ball goes into the outfield where the fielder stops it with his cap. What action should the umpire take?

TACS CHESHIRE LEAGUE LATEST

TACS Cheshire League Division 1 leaders Upton were held to a draw at Romiley on Saturday, while Northwich beat Chester County Officers and lie only one point behind at the top of the table. The two early contenders meet at Moss Farm next Saturday.

Ashton on Mersey 156 Malpas 158-9; Chester County Officers 120 Northwich 203-6 dec.; Hale Barns 101 Mobberley 102-7; Oakmere 73-1 Prestbury 72; Romiley 158-9 Upton 224-7 dec.; Winnington Park 148-3 Runcorn 145.

PLACINGS in Division 1 after six games: 1. Upton 113 pts.; 2. Northwich 112; 3. Mobberley 112; 4. Malpas 102; 5. Romiley 98; 6. CCO 93; 7. Hale Barns 93; 8. Ashton on Mersey 83; 9. Runcorn 75; 10. Winnington Park 69; 11. Oakmere 60; 12. Prestbury 35. Division 2 top four: 1. Mere 123 pts.; 2. Lindow 120; 3. Chelford 107; 4. Woodford 107. Division 3 top three: 1. Over Peover 141 pts.; 2. Disley 115; 3. Bunbury 100.

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

FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 1

ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)

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

Dion Kelly & Steve Walton
Alastair Davies & Graham Harris
Chris Smith & Jim Whitehead
John Lofthouse & Glyn Roberts
Dave Goulding & Neville Kent
Don Flanagan & Ged Kinsey

First Division (1 p.m.)

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

Ian Greensmith & Wyn Harris
Ian Drury & Steve Kirkbright
Trevor Burnett & David Stoter
Jon Hacking & Ian Wilson
Howard Briggs & David Moss
Bob Cunningham & Geoff Wellstead

Second Division (1 p.m.)

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

Garry Hambleton & Gary Zimmer
Steve Duckers & Ray Prescott
Neville Abberley & Paul Herring
Stan Davies & David Tate
Barrie Burns & David Williams
Ankit Jain & Brian Jones

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

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

Tom Spencer & Ken Rothwell
Mark Turner -
Allan Lewis & Martin Roberts
Martin Howe & Simon Smith
John Lowe -
Club umpire -

Last word ...

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