

**2014 NEWSLETTER NO. 19: AUGUST 23**

Six wins in row – there's no stopping Hyde

HYDE are showing no signs of faltering as they draw nearer to their first **ECB Premier League** title, Saturday's nine wickets stroll at Alderley Edge being their sixth 25-pointer in a row.

The Werneth Low team currently lead Chester Boughton Hall – who also won again – by 35 points with three games remaining none of their fixtures being what the neutral observer might call demanding: Nantwich at home; Urmston away; Marple at home.

Put in to bat, Alderley were bowled out for 113 in 52 overs, no one even reaching 20. Aussie fast bowler Matt Hanna became the first top flight bowler to pass 50 wickets with a 5-44 return. He and Jason Whittaker, 3-40, playing against his old club, were helped by a series of fine slip and gully catches. Hyde replied with 117-1 in 25 overs, Dave Fitzsimmons showing that there were no demons in the pitch with a quality knock of 64 not out, helped by wicket-keeper Ben Allcock, 29 in an opening stand worth 78.

Alderley can take some consolation from the presentation by Paul Heades of a supremely well-kept ground made all the more impressive by Test match-style advertising covers over the boundary rope.

Chester, meanwhile, were forced to wait almost two hours before rain relented to allow their game at Nantwich to go ahead. They were put in and ran up 170-8 in 40 overs, Warren Goodwin 43, Ross Dixon 40, Ashley Shaw 3-46. Nantwich continued their run of low scores and were all out for 95, top scorer being Steve Rimmer with 24, while Josh Henderson took 6-45. Chester are not giving up the chase and this was their fourth win in a row amidst their welter of cup activity.

Jack Good does it again

Toft are strong favourites to finish third after a remarkable one wicket home victory over Grappenhall, who batted first and totalled 170-7, James McCoy 37, Josh McClelland 35, Jimmy Lomas 4-37. Grappenhall were hot favourites to end a six match losing run when they reduced Toft to 33-6, 58-8 and 141-9. Only for teenage number eight Jack Good, who had scored 60 at number 11 against Hyde seven days earlier, this time compiling a magnificent unbeaten 80 to steer his side home. Josh McClelland took 5-55.

Lower down the table, Neston have virtually played their way out of trouble with four wins in their last five outings, the latest being an eight wickets romp which worsened Urmston's situation. The Urmies closed on 158-9 in a reduced overs game, Chris Turner 38, Ash Davis 4-38; after which Neston eased home at 159-2, David Hurst 66, Will Evans – now a North Wales policeman – 49, both not out in a third wicket stand worth 99.

The situation remains dire for Bowdon and Oxton, who both lost. Bowdon were well beaten at home by Bramhall after mustering another below par score of 133, with Simon Wilkinson returning the remarkable figures of 26-6-43-7. Bramhall replied with 134-5, Matt Begbie 79 not out, Chris Ashling 5-61.

Oxton lost by seven wickets at Marple after being bowled out for 116, Gayan Fernando 45, Paul Wood 3-18. Jake Warner, 50 and Mark Bennett, 47, added 75 without being parted for the fourth wicket in a response of 120-3.

CHESTER REACH ECB NATIONAL t20 FINALS

CHESTER Boughton Hall beat Liverpool Competition champions Northern by 29 runs at Filkins Lane on Sunday in the ECB t20 North-West Regional Final.

They now go through to the National Finals Day on the Northamptonshire County Ground at Wantage road on Tuesday, September 9, to take on three other regional winners, an event which will be televised live on Sky.

For a full report see page 6.

DIVISION 1

Cheadle deal a blow to Didsbury

CHEADLE beat Didsbury by two wickets in a vital game at Kingsway to greatly improve their chances of promotion from **Division One**.

Opting to bat first, Didsbury mustered a disappointing 123, Josh Beal 62, with Paul Sperring taking 4-6 in a key, seven-overs spell. Cheadle also struggled for runs, but eventually won through at 124-8, skipper Sperring playing another key role with an unbeaten 38, in a battle with Simon Normanton, who took 3-33.

Cheadle now lie 20 points clear of Didsbury in second place, but still trail by 24 behind leaders Macclesfield, who registered their 12th win, at Christleton. The Little Heath men totalled 158-7, Ifti Naseer 42 and Macclesfield replied with 159-6, John Birchall playing a match-winning innings of 58, against Iro De Silva's 4-72.

Batting highlight of the day was provided by Oulton Park openers Rick Moore and Danny Leech who scored 165 and 102 respectively in a best-of-season, unbroken partnership of 273, in 49 overs at Brooklands. The scorer of four Minor Counties tons for Cheshire this summer, Moore's innings was the highest in 1st XI cricket in 2014. To their credit, the wooden spoonists put up a fight after tea and finished unbeaten for the third week in a row on 216-6, Don Wyley 53, Dave Madden 43, Tom Hyslop 5-70.

Davenham were routed for the division's lowest seasonal score of 40 at Sale, who went on to win by seven wickets. Mike Sambell, 11, top-scored in Davenham's miserable tally, their batsmen having to answer to the leg spin of Rick Halkon, 7-9 and the quicker stuff of Tyrone Lawrence 3-28.

Timperley recovered their form with a five wickets home win over Cheadle Hulme, whom they dismissed for 141, Adam Wilde 39, Jon Burton 30, Dom Ashling 4-36. Timperley replied with 144-5, Mike Ness carrying his bat for 59.

Heavy morning rain flooded the Widnes ground and there was no play in their relegation clash with Middlewich, leaving both clubs in deep trouble.

Widnes have just three more fixtures to avoid the unwanted record of completing a full season without a solitary league victory: they palsy Oulton Park away; Cheadle Hulme at home and Cheadle away.

DIVISION 2:

Looking good for Tattenhall

THE promotion prospects of Tattenhall continue to prosper in **Division Two**.

While third-placed Stockport mustered only 15 points from a winning draw at Northwich, Tattenhall made it five wins in a row with a seven wickets success at Poynton.

Poynton were bowled out for 132, Adam Williams 43, Dan Power 3-16, Dave Shewring 3-24 and Tatters replied with a comfortable 135-3, Kiwi all-rounder Power contributing 54 not out.

Stockport could not dislodge Northwich's last pair at Moss Farm after posting 185-6, Dave Barber 35. Northwich struggled to reach 91-9, Glyn Cherian top-scoring with 36, while Tom Kidd bowled well to return 4-19.

Weaverham continue to sail serenely on at the top of the table and currently lead by 38 points after posting their 12th victory, by 27 runs at home to Congleton. On a bowlers' day, Weaverham were all out for 128, Ian Eaton 34 and Congleton for 101, Rob McMillan 4-35.

At the foot of the table, Irby recorded an important 90 runs victory at Bredbury St. Mark's, while Heaton Mersey lost at Alvanley. Irby totalled 199-6, Dave Newman 70, Greg Shillinglaw 55, Hassan Nazir 4-65 and Bredbury were bowled out for 109, Ben Green 30, Shillinglaw 3-21, Kagisho Pedi 3-25. Will Hayes made a brave attempt to bat time out for Bredbury after earlier being taken to hospital with an injury.

Heaton Mersey's game at Alvanley was reduced to 92 overs, their batsmen running up 162-8, Nasser Hussain 36, Mike Rowlands 3-35. Alvanley went on to win by five wickets at 166-5, Steve Charles and Andy Bennion top-scoring with 39.

Coming up next Saturday is a fixture which could help decide both clubs' future in the league: Heaton Mersey v Irby.

Aussie paceman Kyle Adams was at it again for Warrington, taking 7-33 from 12 fiery overs to help dismiss Upton for 70 at Walton Lea. Earlier, Warrington had closed on 180-8, the consistent Chris Kirby leading the way with 40, his last innings of the season before his marriage and honeymoon.

All *Newsletter* readers will wish the future Mr. and Mrs. Kirby well.

SATURDAY'S MATCH DETAILS

ECB Premier League

ALDERLEY EDGE (0 pts.) lost to HYDE (won toss, 25 pts.) by 9 wickets:

Alderley Edge 113 (51 overs: A Day 18, M Hanna 5-44, J. Whittaker 3-40)

Hyde 117-1 (25 overs: D Fitzsimmons 64no, B Allcock 29).

BOWDON (toss, 4 pts.) lost to BRAMHALL (25 pts.) by 5 wickets:

Bowdon 133 (55 overs: P McKeown 24, S Wilkinson 7-43);

Bramhall 134-5 (overs: M Begbie 79no, V. Tripathi 31, C Ashling 5-61).

MARPLE (toss, 25 pts.) beat OXTON (1 pt.) by 7 wickets:

Oxton 116 (44 overs: G Fernando 45, P Wood 3-18);

Marple 120-3 (39 overs: J Warner 50no, M Bennett 47no).

NANTWICH (toss, 3 pts.) lost to CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (25 pts.) by 75 runs:

Chester 170-8 (40 overs: R. Dixon 44no, W. Goodwin 43, J. Williams 36, A. Shaw 3-46);

Nantwich 95 (overs: S. Rimmer 24, J Henderson 6-45). *Match reduced to 80 overs*

TOFT (25 pts.) beat GRAPPENHALL (toss, 10 pts.) by 1 wicket:

Grappenhall 170-7 (47 overs: J McCoy 37, J. McClelland 35, J Lomas 4-37);

Toft 171-9 (45 overs: J Good 80no). *Match reduced to 94 overs.*

URMSTON (4 pts.) lost to NESTON (25 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Urmston 158-9 (50 overs: C Turner 38, A Syddall 35, A Davis 4-38, R Wilkinson 3-19);

Neston 159-2 (32 overs: D Hurst 66no, W Evans 49no, D Williams 30). *Match reduced to 100 overs*

Leading Premiership players at August 16

BATTING: o Jake Hancock (Toft) 857 runs (average 71.41); o Matt Begbie (Bramhall) 709 (54.53)

BOWLING: Matthew Parkinson (Urmston) 49 wickets at 28.93; o Matt Hanna (Hyde) 48 wickets at 20.16

o = overseas

Division One

BROOKLANDS (5 pts.) drew with OULTON PARK (won toss, 14 pts.)

Oulton Park 273-0 dec. (49 overs: R Moore 165no, D. Leech 102no);

Brooklands 216-8 (51 overs: D. Wyley 53no, D Madden 43, L Maitra 36, T. Hyslop 5-70).

CHEADLE (25 pts.) beat DIDSBURY (toss, 5 pts.) by 2 wickets.

Didsbury 123 (44 overs: J Beal 63, P Sperring 4-6, A Wadsworth 3-27, C. Moore 3-56);

Cheadle 124-8 (53 overs: P Sperring 38no, R. Bullock 30, S Normanton 3-33).

CHRISTLETON (toss, 10 pts.) lost to MACCLESFIELD (25 pts.) by 4 wickets:

Christleton 158-7 (35 overs: I. Naseer 42);

Macclesfield 159-6 (34 overs: J Birchall 58, I. De Silva 4-72). *Match reduced to 70 overs.*

SALE (toss, 25 pts.) beat DAVENHAM (1 pt.) by 7 wickets:

Davenham 40 (21 overs: M Sambell 11, R Halkon 7-9, T Lawrence 3-28);

Sale 41-3 (13 overs: T Lawrence 17, B Gough 2-23).

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Division 1 results contd ...

TIMPERLEY (toss, 25 pts.) beat CHEADLE HULME (6 pts.) by 5 wickets:

Cheadle Hulme 141 (48 overs: A. Wilde 39, J. Burton 30, D Ashling 4-36, M Maddocks 4-56);
Timperley 144-5 (36 overs: M Ness 59no, J Burton 4-54). *Game reduced to 98 overs.*

WIDNES v MIDDLEWICH:

Match cancelled due to rain – 7 pts. each

Leading Division 1 stats

BATTING : o Nick Ross (Macclesfield) 886 runs (average 80.54); Danny Naughton (Widnes) 516 (51.60)

BOWLING: o Jonathan Burton (Cheadle Hulme) 47 wickets (average 28.03); Tyrone Lawrence (Sale) 45 wickets (28.73).

o = overseas.

Division Two

ALVANLEY (25 pts.) beat HEATON MERSEY (won toss, 6 pts.) by 5 wickets:

Heaton Mersey 162-8 (46 overs: N Hussain 36, M Rowlands 3-35, K Roberts 3-85);

Alvanley 166-5 (45 overs: A. Bennion 39, S. Charles 39, M Rowlands 38. *Match reduced to 92 overs.*

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BREDBURY ST. MARK'S (2 pts.) lost to IRBY (toss, 25 pts.) by 90 runs:

Irby 199-6 (50 overs: D Newman 70, G. Shillinglaw 55, H. Nasir 4-65);

Bredbury 109 (46 overs: B. Green 30, G. Shillinglaw 3-21, K Pedi 3-25).

NORTHWICH (toss, 3 pts.) drew with STOCKPORT (15 pts.):

Stockport 185-6 (40 overs: D. Barber 35no, J. Manning 31);

Northwich 91-9 (40 overs: G Cherian 36, S. Shepherd 31, T. Kidd 4-19). *Match reduced to 80 overs.*

POYNTON (3 pts.) lost to TATTENHALL (toss, 25 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Poynton 132 (47 overs: A Williams 43, Extras 33, D Power 3-16, D. Shewring 3-24);

Tattenhall 135-3 (39 overs: D Power 54no, G Coppack 30no, S. Green 30).

WARRINGTON (25 pts.) beat UPTON (toss, 3 pts.) by 110 runs:

Warrington 180-8 (50 overs: C Kirby 40, W. Fleetwood 39, R Heaphy 31, G Keegan 4-34, D Williams 4-56);

Upton 70 (40 overs: D Williams 23, K Adams 7-33, A. Scholes 3-21).

WEAVERHAM (25 pts.) beat CONGLETON (toss, 4 pts.) by 27 runs:

Weaverham 128 (44 overs: I Eaton 36, W Cornwall 26);

Congleton 101 (37 overs: D. Moors 21, R. McMillan 4-35, W Cornwall 3-35).

Division 2 stats

BATTING: o Josh Manning (Stockport) 782 runs (average 65.60); o Wilden Cornwall (Weaverham) 694 (53.38).

BOWLING: o Kyle Adams (Warrington) 61 wickets (13.24); o Wilden Cornwall (Weaverham) 49 (11.24)

o = overseas.

Tables including games on August 23: Week 19

ECB Premier League	Won (25)	Tied (16)	WD (3)	RD (2)	LD (1)	A/C (7)	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
HYDE	12	0	1	0	2	3	1	19	12	357
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	11	0	0	0	1	3	4	13	12	322
*TOFT (2)	9	0	2	0	1	2	5	42	16	302
* BRAMHALL (3)	8	0	0	1	1	4	5	9	21	258
MARPLE	7	0	1	0	1	4	6	16	28	251
*ALDERLEY EDGE (3)	6	0	0	1	1	4	7	42	18	238
GRAPPENHALL	7	0	0	0	0	1	11	28	19	229
NESTON	6	0	1	0	2	1	9	34	28	224
NANTWICH	5	0	1	2	0	4	7	26	19	205
URMSTON	4	0	1	1	3	3	7	39	30	198
*OXTON (3)	4	0	3	0	0	1	11	50	27	190
BOWDON	4	0	2	0	0	3	10	26	32	185

* Points deducted for slow over rates

First Division	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
MACCLESFIELD	12	0	0	1	1	3	2	15	11	350
CHEADLE	11	0	0	0	0	6	2	1	8	326
DIDSBURY	9	0	2	1	0	4	3	24	21	306
SALE	9	0	2	0	1	4	3	24	12	296
OULTON PARK	7	0	1	0	2	4	5	24	23	255
TIMPERLEY	7	0	0	1	1	4	6	29	17	252
DAVENHAM	6	0	1	0	0	5	7	24	18	230
CHEADLE HULME	6	0	0	0	1	4	8	28	22	229
CHRISTLETON	3	0	1	0	1	4	10	44	26	177
MIDDLEWICH	3	0	1	0	1	5	9	31	23	168
WIDNES	0	0	2	1	0	6	10	67	29	146
BROOKLANDS	2	0	1	0	3	3	10	36	22	135

Second Division	Won	Tied	WD	RD	LD	A/C	Lost	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
WEAVERHAM	12	0	3	0	1	1	2	28	21	366
TATTENHALL	9	0	5	1	1	2	1	48	23	328
STOCKPORT	9	0	2	1	4	2	1	33	22	306
ALVANLEY	8	0	3	1	2	2	3	39	14	280
*WARRINGTON (3)	6	1	3	0	1	3	5	34	27	255
UPTON	6	0	1	1	0	1	10	40	28	230
NORTHWICH	6	0	0	1	2	4	6	17	17	216
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	5	0	1	0	3	2	8	29	27	201
IRBY	4	0	1	0	2	1	11	50	37	199
CONGLETON	5	0	0	2	1	1	10	26	29	192
* HEATON MERSEY (4)	3	1	1	1	1	4	8	36	25	182
POYNTON	3	0	0	0	2	3	11	23	25	146

*Points deducted for slow over rates.

CBH do League proud to reach ECB t20 Finals Day and tv fame

THERE was a large crowd at Filkins Lae on Sunday to see Chester Boughton Hall produce a true team performance to beat highly-rated Liverpool Competition opponents Northern by 29 runs and win the **ECB t20 North-West regional final**.

They completed their victory in light rain, with an increasing possibility of a decision having to be reached on the Duckworth / Lewis method.

Chester started well, then tailed off and many judges felt their tally of 152-4 was insufficient. The Dixon brothers Lee, 42 and Ross, 38 not out were the top scorers, aided by Ollie Law, run out for 31 and earlier, Warren Goodwin a polished 31

Northern, who had a big following, did well to slow Chester down from 120-3 to a final tally of 151-4 with tight bowling and snappy fielding.

Northern started at a hot pace with Mark Walling, 27 and Davy Smith, 32 giving them an early advantage, but they were pegged down by the regular fall of wickets as Chester excelled in the field. Eventually Northern needed 48 off the last three overs as light rain fell and they ended up on 123-8.

Best Chester bowlers were Jack Williams, 2-22 and Mark Rowland 2-20, while Harry Killoran earned plaudits for an analysis of 1-9 off four overs bowling with a damaged hand.

Draw for the Last Four at Northampton on Tuesday, September 9 which will be televised live on Sky is: Chester Boughton Hall v Great Ayton (Middlesbrough, North Yorks & South Durham League), Ashted (Surrey Championship First Division) v Peterborough Town (Northants Premier League).

SCORECARD

CHESTER

W. Goodwin	b Maddock	31
M Rowland	b Sephton	7
L Dixon	b Maddock	42
O Law	run out	31
R Dixon	not out	38
S Ogilby	not out	0
Extras		3

Total (for 4 wickets) 152

Did not bat: G Dunbavand, J Gillson, J. Williams,
M. Griffiths, H Killoran,

Chester bowling: Goodwin 4-0-37-2; Rowland 4-0-20-2;
Killoran 4-0-9-1; Williams 4-0-22-2; R Dixon 4-0-28-1.

NORTHERN

D. Smith	c Rowland b Williams	32
S Lucas	lbw Killoran	19
M Walling	st Ogilby b Williams	27
T. Sephton	b Rowland	9
J. Cole	lbw Rowland	3
J. Boardman	c Williams b Goodwin	7
P Park	c Rowland b R. Dixon	5
G. Plattern	b Goodwin	4
S Cole	not out	5
R. Maddock	not out	1
Extras		11

Total (for 8 wickets) 123

Did not bat: J. Woosey

The big ECB t20 prize this year is a trip to the La Manga Sports Complex in Spain to play the winners of the Royal London Club T20 from October 8 – 13. All travel and hotel expenses will be covered .

O Holders Chester – who have not lost a cup game in any competition this season - host another Liverpool Competition club, Wallasey, in the final of the *Liverpool Echo* invitational on the season's final day, Sunday, September 14.

Macc reach Cheshire Cup final

MACCLESFIELD completed a notable double for the League against the Liverpool Competition on Sunday when they beat New Brighton by 27 runs to reach the final of the **Cheshire Cup**.

Macc made a lighting start, hitting 47 off the first three overs, John Birchall going on to score 40 from 15 balls. Ben Marsden, 86 and John Cross, 39 carried on the mayhem as the 45-overs innings closed at 218-7.

New Brighton also batted well with Louis Botes scoring 56, but a 3-43 spell from Birchall saw them bowled out for 191.

Oxton host Chester Boughton Hall in the second semi-final on Sunday, August 31 (1 p.m.) and the winners will host Macclesfield in the final the following Sunday, September 7.

Cheshire lose title on last day

CHESHIRE lost their way on the last day of the **Unicorns county championship** season at Nantwich last Tuesday when Oxfordshire wrested the initiative and won by eight wickets to deny them retention of the West group title. This goes to Wiltshire, who will host East group champions Staffordshire in the play-off at Salisbury from September 7 – 10.

Cheshire's first defeat since 2012 hardly looked likely at the close of a second truncated day's play on Monday when they stood at 39-3, 86 runs ahead in the overall reckoning with seven wickets in hand.

After another late start due to rain, Tuesday belonged entirely to Oxford as the Cheshire batsmen got themselves out in suicidal fashion for 92, former Middlesex all-rounder Chad Keegan taking 5-38. This left their visitors to score 140 from 40 overs. They achieved this target - after being 46-2 - off just 27 overs.

The six points accrued left Cheshire trailing in fourth place, 13 behind leaders Wiltshire – whom they had beaten handsomely two weeks earlier – with Hereford and Devon also finishing above them.

Earlier in the game, Cheshire opened up with a total of 247 (Rick Moore 74, Calum Rowe 53 not out) Oxford replying with 200 after being 18-5, Chad Keegan 81, Adam Syddall 4-50, Rick Moore 3-3.1. .

WEST DIVISION FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Wiltshire	6	4	1	1	104
Herefordshire	6	4	1	1	102
Devon	6	3	2	1	93
Cheshire	6	3	2	1	91
Dorset	6	2	1	2	61
Shropshire	6	3	0	3	78
Oxfordshire	6	1	2	3	58
Wales	6	1	2	3	56
Cornwall	6	1	1	4	46
Berkshire	6	0	2	4	43

O Staffordshire won the Eastern group with 118 points, followed by Cumberland, 108.

League Pitch & outfield marks: Saturday, August 16

Premier League

Bramhall v Marple: pitch 15 outfield 20;

Chester v Alderley Edge: 20 – 20

Grappenhall v Bowdon: 18 – 19;

Hyde v Toft: 18 – 20;

Neston v Nantwich: 16 – 20; no phone

Oxton v Urmston: 14 – 20.

First Division:

Cheadle Hulme v Cheadle: 17 – 19;

Davenham v Widnes: 17 – 18;

Didsbury v Christleton 18 – 18;

Macclesfield v Sale: 18 – 18; Sale no scorer

Middlewich v Brooklands: 18 – 19; no phone

Oulton Park v Tinperley 16 – 18;

Second Division

Congleton v Alvanley: 15 – 18;

Heaton Mersey v Bredbury 18 – 20;

Irby v Poynton: 16 – 18;

Stockport v Weaverham 18 – 20;

Tattenhall v Warrington 18 – 29; no phone

Upton v Northwich 18 - 17

o UMPIRES MARKS were not received by co ordinator Ken Spilsbury from the following five clubs: Bramhall, Neston, Sale, Northwich and Warrington,

o MISSING RESULT SHEETS: June 21: Cheadle v Brooklands; July 12: Cheadle v Christleton; July 26: Cheadle v Davenham; August 2: Irby v Northwich. A reminder: these are needed for end of season pitch and outfield summaries

Lewis Clarke, 14, is Performer of Month with 10-24

BRAMHALL's 14 year-old off spinner Lewis Clarke has become the youngest player ever to win a League **Performance of the Month** award

Lewis took a 2nd XI record 10-24 after coming on as third change bowler in a Division One game against leaders Stockport on July 26. He will receive a framed certificate and a £50 sports voucher provided by Canterbury Sports.

Other individual performances considered by the Cricket Committee at their August meeting included Tom Berzins (Poynton 2nd) a club record 202 not out v Widnes; R. Shanaka (Ashley 3rd) 121 and 7-9 v Urmston 3rd; 110 not out and 5-49 by Glenn Querl (Oxton) against Hyde in the ECB Premier League.

CRICKET BALLS

The League have provisionally agreed to renew a three-year agreement with Reader's for their supply of cricket balls. Reader's have offered to continue sponsorship valued at £2,500 per annum and to provide bats for three junior age groups and a Presentation Dinner prize. An alternative tender by Lord's International Ltd. was considered.

SUSPENDED FOR MISBEHAVIOUR

The following players have been suspended under the Disciplinary procedure:

Chris Page (Timperley): five matches from August 16;
Simon Stokes and Marc Debrabender (both Oxton): four matches from August 23.

TWITTER INQUIRY

The League are investigating a Twitter entry by members of Grappenhall Cricket Club containing allegedly degrading comments about Hyde Cricket Club.

UNDER 19s T20

THE viability of launching an under 19s T20 competition in Cheshire is being considered by the Cheshire 4Cs for the 2015 season. . A similar competition has been run successfully in four other counties this season.

HANDBOOK AID

Further help in collating the League's 2015 handbook is required, following the decision of Mike Talbot-Butler to stand down after serving as Editor since 1975. Anyone interested should contact Deputy chairman Brian Boys.

TROPHIES NEEDED

Clubs who won trophies in 2013 are asked to return them clean and engraved to date to League secretary Geoff Wellsted ASAP – or face fines.

PRESENTATION DINNER

Arrangements are well in hand for the League's 40th Presentation dinner at The Mere on Friday, October 3 when former New Zealand Test player Jeremy Coney will be the main speaker. The donation of raffle prizes will be welcomed – contact Rob Sproston.

TOFT RETAIN 2ND XI CUP

Toft retained the RedInsure 2nd XI t20 Trophy when they beat Hyde by 65 runs in the final at Neston on Sunday, August 10.

In the semi-finals played earlier in the day, Toft eliminated Warrington by 66 runs and Hyde beat Neston by two wickets.

The event was organised by 2nd XI Results secretary Brian Boys.

Toft are the first club to win the 2nd XI knock out two years running since Alderley Edge in 1988-89, while Bramhall were the first to do so in 1977-78. On these occasions, the competition was a 45 overs each affair.

THIRD XI FINALS DAY

Finals Day in the Jack Gardner Third XI Trophy is to be staged at Urmston on Sunday, August 31 (12 noon).

The draw has resulted: Chester Boughton Hall v Urmston; Macclesfield v Toft.

A Special meeting of Third XI club representatives is to be held at Warrington Sports Club on Wednesday, October 15 starting at 8 p.m.

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Toft are Aggregate favourites

UP to and including games played on August 16, Toft led the Aggregate points table (1st and 2nd XI combined) by 13 points from Stockport.

The top six

1.	TOFT: 1st XI 279 pts;. + 2nd XI 331	= total 610
2.	STOCKPORT 291 + 306	= 597.
3.	MACCLESFIELD: 325 + 245	= 570
4.	CHEADLE: 301 + 249	= 550
5.	DIDSBURY: 301 + 230	= 540.
6.	CHESTER 297 + 239	= 535.

TACS Cheshire League latest

ALL six home teams won in the First Division of the **TACS Partnership Cheshire Cricket League** on Saturday, with victories for the four top teams. Mobberley beat Malpas by 20 runs even though they scored only 136 and remain 20 points ahead of nearest rivals Bollington, seven wickets winners at Hale Barns.

Division 1 results: Ashton on Mersey 200-2 beat Chester County Officers 199-5; Bollington 164-3 beat Hale Barns 160 all; Mobberley 126 beat Malpas 106; Romiley 186-4 dec. beat Lindow 130; Runcorn 120 beat Oakmere 110; Stockport Georgians 206-5 dec. beat Prestbury 49

Latest placings

1.	<u>Mobberley</u>	343
2.	<u>Bollington</u>	323
3.	Ashton on Mersey	320
4.	Stockport Georgians	313
5.	Romiley	311
6.	Runcorn	275
7.	Malpas	231
8.	Lindow	204
9.	Prestbury	184
10.	<u>Hale Barns</u>	183
11.	Chester Country Officers	166
12.	Oakmere	136

Division 2 leaders: 1. Disley 339; 2. Barrow 318; 3. Barnton 291. Division 3 leaders: 1. Haslington 301; 2. Stockport Trinity 295; 3. Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge 279.

Division 1 fixtures on Saturday, August 30 (1.30 p.m.): Chester County Officers v Runcorn; Hale Barns v Romiley; Lindow v Ashton on Mersey; Oakmere v Mobberley; Prestbury v Malpas; Stockport Georgians v Bollington.

Information provided by TACS chairman Graham Coull.

Enter now for Village Cup

THE Cricketer magazine, who administer the Davidstow Village Cup, are seeking more entries from Cheshire clubs for the 2015 competition, entries for which have already opened, according to organiser Francis Kelly.

Application forms can be obtained on-line from thecricketer.com/entervc.

UMPIRES' COURSE AT OAKMERE

THE ECB ACO announce details of a two-option Level 1 Umpires course to be held at Oakmere Cricket Club aimed at players, coaches, umpires and anyone else interested in learning the Laws of Cricket, including fieldcraft.

The cost of the course is £40 which will include the MCC Laws Book.

It will be run on two separate occasions, either a two, all-day Saturdays course or an 8-weeks evening course, whichever in the applicant's choice.

Option 1: Saturdays, November 15 and 22, 2014 from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Option 2: Wednesday evenings, commencing January 21, 2015 from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

To book your place or for more information contact Geoff Young, tel. 01352 755 881; or by e mail on curzon99@tiscali.co.uk

**LEAGUE FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR WEEK 20:
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30
(note earlier starting times)**

ECB Premier League (12 noon)

BOWDON v TOFT	Graham Harris & Glyn Roberts
BRAMHALL v OXTON	Don Flanagan & Gary Zimmer
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v URMSTON	Barrie Burns & Martin Roberts
GRAPPENHALL v ALDERLEY EDGE	Ankit Jain & Steve Walton
HYDE v NANTWICH	Steve Duckers & David Gane
NESTON v MARPLE	Ian Greensmith & Neville Kent

First Division (12.30 p.m.)

CHEADLE v TIMPERLEY	Trevor Burnett & Liam Spires
CHEADLE HULME v BROOKLANDS	Peter Davies & John Lowe
DAVENHAM v CHRISTLETON	Alistair Davies & Ian Wilson
DIDSBURY v MACCLESFIELD	David Goulding & Chris Smith
MIDDLEWICH v SALE	Brian Jones & Steve Kirkbright
OULTON PARK v WIDNES	Darrin Clark & John Lofthouse

Second Division (12.30 p.m.)

ALVANLEY v WEAVERHAM	Ken Rothwell & David Williams
CONGLETON v NORTHWICH	Howard Briggs & Cive Rice
HEATON MERSEY v IRBY	Brian Boys & Phil Prince
STOCKPORT v WARRINGTON	Tony Morris & Ken Simpson
TATTENHALL v BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	Jon Hacking & Ged Kinsey
UPTON v POYNTON	Neville Abberley & Dion Kelly

2nd XI Premier Division (12.30 p.m.)

ALDERLEY EDGE v GRAPPENHALL	Simon Smith & David Moss
MACCLESFIELD v DIDSBURY	Wyn Harris & Garry Hambleton
MARPLE v NESTON	Steve Wilkinson & club umpire
NANTWICH v HYDE	Allan Lewis & club umpire
TOFT v CHEADLE	Ray Prescott & no panel umpire available
URMSTON v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	Paul Herring & club umpire

Forties Finals Day postponed

THE **Over Forties' Finals Day** at Chester Boughton Hall scheduled for Bank Holiday Monday was postponed due to rain.

It has been re-arranged for Sunday, August 31, again at Chester, at 12 noon.

The draw: TOFT v CHEADLE (main ground); URMSTON TIGERS v ALSAGER DABBERS (second ground).

The final follows at 3.30 p.m.

Results of the quarter-finals were:

Toft beat Tattenhall Wreckers by 7 wickets

Urmston Tigers beat Bredbury Saints by 5 wickets

Marple lost to Cheadle by 4 wickets

Neston lost to Alsager Dabbers by 24 runs.

O There is to be a special meeting of Forties clubs at Warrington on Wednesday, October 15 (7 p.m.).

Any clubs planning to withdraw, merge or enter in 2015 are asked to contact the Competition Secretary ASAP.

10 Years Ago

Highlights from *Newsletter of August 28 / 30, 2004*

THE League won the **North-West Colts Trophy** for the 15th time when they beat Southport & District in the final at Upton by eight wickets. The first five Southport batsmen were dismissed for ducks with home bowler Lee Dixon and Hyde's Tom Young unplayable, although they recovered partially to total 138. The League replied with 140-2, man of the match Warren Goodwin hitting 58 and Ollie Sadler (Nantwich) 48 both not out.

MORE representative honours were won when the League's Second Division XI beat the Meller Braggins Cheshire League by nine wickets at Cheadle on Bank Holiday Monday to retain the **Chesters Challenge Trophy**. John Suckley (Malpas) top-scored with 57 in the Meller Braggins tally of 145-5, after which Congleton left-hander Jack Taylor hit out to smash 87 from 50 balls.

FIVE points separated Oulton Park from Bowdon with three games to go in the **ECB Premier League**. Oulton won by two runs in a tense game at Neston (Danny Leech 41), while Bowdon routed Oxton for 85 at South Downs Road and went on to win by five wickets after recovering from 16-4, promoted 2nd XI captain Ian Claredge scoring a crucial, unbeaten 48.

CHRISTLETON set up an unassailable 41 points lead at the top of **Division One** after winning narrowly at Toft, after the home side's Simon Hardstaff had scored a superb 92. Maroof Khan was again Christleton's key man with 4-60 and 50.

HEATON Mersey's **Division Two** lead was reduced to three points when they lost a low-scoring game at Congleton after being dismissed for 109, Rob Porter's 50 proving crucial for the winners.

SIXTIES IN LAST 8

CHESHIRE beat Lincolnshire on Tuesday last week at Sleaford in the **National Over 60s championship** last 16 playoff.

They now host Cambridge & Hunts on Tuesday this week at Neston (1 p.m.) in the quarter-finals.

Victory there will earn them a semi-final home tie against Hertfordshire on Tuesday, September 2 on a ground to be arranged.