



**2013 SEASON NEWSLETTER NO. 2: APRIL 27**

## Winning starts for Toft and Neston

IT took Toft until mid-season to chalk up two **ECB Premier League** victories in 2012. They equalled that record in eight days this time around after beating Marple at Booth's Park on Saturday.

Marple collapsed from 125-2 (Andrew Hall 72, Beau Webster 64) to 176 all out against the probing leg spin of Young England hopeful Rob Jones, 6-45 and Jimmy Lomas, who returned 3-90 from another marathon 26 overs stint.

Toft also had to struggle, chiefly against Joe Cash, 3-57, but good efforts from another Old Trafford Academy player James Drummond, 40, Pat Roberts, 39 not out and Ed Stubbs, 32 not out, saw them home by five wickets to add to their opening day success at Bowdon.

The only other 100 per centers are Neston who beat Oxton by four wickets in a fine Wirral derby game at Parkgate. Top scorer for Oxton with 106 was Martyn Evans, an innings described by Neston skipper David Hurst as "chanceless and hugely impressive". Evans was helped by Gayan Fernando, 31 to post a respectable tally of 240-8, Ashley Davis 3-32.

Neston topped that with 242-6 with four overs in the bank, Hurst himself contributing 70, while Chris Hackett turned up trumps with a match-winning unbeaten 53 when it mattered.

One of the two early pacemakers will falter next week when Toft host Neston.

Bowdon made amends for defeat on the opening day by recording an impressive five wickets win in another high-scoring game, at Macclesfield, who totalled 265-9, Rob Keen 79, Chris Ashling 4-52. A solid 88 from Simon Marshall, aided by 62 by Stephen Ball and 53 to Essex new boy Matt Foakes saw Bowdon home by five wickets

### **Didsbury beat champions**

Champions Nantwich lost by six runs in a tight last-over finish at Didsbury after putting the home club into bat to total 198-6 in a reduced innings of 51 overs after a midday hailstorm. Phil Critchley top-scored with 89. Nantwich were all out for 192 in response, new skipper Ray Doyle top-scoring with 47. Nick Anderson claimed a match-winning 5-48, helped by fellow seamer James Hawley, 3-44.

The remaining two games were drawn, but not without incident. The highest-scoring clash of the day was a virtual repeat of last season's Cheshire Cup final between Chester Boughton Hall and Hyde at Filkins Lane. In an impressive total of 292-8, Warren Goodwin contributed an immaculate 116 and Lancashire's Jordan Clark 56 (with only one six – see below), while left-arm spinner Danny Cranmer bowled unchanged to return 6-130 off 27 overs. Hyde were always in with a chance only to lose two overs to rain and close on 271-7, Chris Tipper 89, Danny Cranmer 55, Goodwin 3-47. Chester thus edged the draw points 13 – 9.

Richard Green and Danny Hawke were two of the stars of Grappenhall's 15-5 points winning draw against Alderley Edge at Broad Lane. Former Red Rose batsman Green scored 107 with John McClelland 51 not out in a home tally of 252-5. Three Alderley Edge players suffered injuries and when skipper Alan Day had to bat at number nine, his unbeaten 42 helped scrape a draw at 179-9. The other two injuries were sustained by Jason Whittaker, who scored 43 and Adam Wildig, 40. For Grappenhall, Hawke returned the magnificent figures of 18-6-50-7, but even he was unable to dislodge the last Alderley pair of Day and Mark Warnes, who batted determinedly with his skipper for 16 overs without troubling the scorers.

### ***Jordan Clark hits six sixes in over***

PLAYING for Lancashire against Yorkshire in a 2<sup>nd</sup> XI match last mid-week at Scarborough, Chester Boughton Hall batsman Jordan Clark became the first English professional batsman to hit six sixes - and 36 runs - in an over.

Batting with Nantwich's Liam Livingstone, Jordan slog-swept luckless Yorkie left-arm spinner Gurman Randhwara for his cluster of sixes in a brilliant innings of 102.

Previous best one-over efforts by Lancashire batsmen were 34 runs apiece by Frank Hayes (against THAT Malcolm Nash of Glamorgan in 1955) and Fred Flintoff off the bowling of Surrey's Alex Tudor in 2005.

## **Brooklands only 100 per centers in DIVISION 1**

BROOKLANDS are the only club in **Division One** to win both their opening games, Saturday's victims being Bramhall by three-wickets in a last-ball thriller at Church Lane..

Aussie Matt Begbie top-scored with 52 in Bramhall's decent tally of 204-6, John Birchall 3-47. Brooklands topped that with 208-7 off the final delivery of a fine game, David Madden 71.

Bredbury St Mark's won by six wickets in impressive style at Christleton after the home side had piled up 227-7, Ifti Naseer 94, Iro De Silva 86 not out. Sulli Raja performed the season's first hat-trick in an return of 4-53. Bredbury replied with 231-4, Rob Keyworth, 51 and Paul Wood, 50, while De Silva claimed 4-43.

Promoted Cheadle chalked up their maiden victory, by four wickets at home to Sale after dismissing their visitors for 162, Paul Sperring 3-14, Will Holmes 3-55. Cheadle lost two wickets in the first over, then slumped to 66-5 before Alan Wilson, 70 not out, Simon O'Brian, 37 and Nick Reid, also 37 pulled things round. T. Tharsen took 3-28 and Rick Halkon 3-44 for Sale.

### **Widnes' Aussie Graham blasts 143no**

Widnes' newly-arrived Aussie batsman Alex Graham master-minded a remarkable five wickets home win against fellow relegatées Urmston who must have felt safe at tea after totalling 271-7, Keith Dickenson 55, Chris Watson 41, Danny Naughton 3-51 off 17 overs. Graham then took over with an unbeaten 146 in century partnership with his skipper Ian Spencer, 33 not out, taking the score to 272-5 with four overs to spare. Ian Spencer merits congratulations all round having recently become the father of twins.

Cheadle Hulme had the better of the draw at Heaton Mersey after posting 204-7, Adam Wilde 55, Ewan McCray 55, Kris Nissen 49, Waqar Rashid 3-28. Mersey held out at 154-9, Rashid and Rob Greenhough both 33, Tamoor Malik 5-33, Rana Malook 3-29.

Promoted Division 2 champions Middlewich had much the better of a drawn game in their Mid-Cheshire derby at Oulton Park, who could be without skipper Danny Leech for most of the season due to work commitments. Rick Moore, who is having trials with Northants, stands in. Middlewich posted 195-9, Matt Gill 41, James Cornford 38, Martyn East 4-56, Guy Emmett 3-71. The strong Oulton batting line-up for once failed and it was left to Emmett to bat out for a draw at 132-9 with an unbeaten 29. Matt Stubbs took 4-39.

## **Four bright starts in DIVISION 2**

FOUR clubs, including new boys Davenham, have opened up with two victories each in **Division Two**.

After pipping Alvanley by one run in their debut game, Davenham did even better to win by five wickets at Stockport after dismissing their hosts for 157, Chris Davies 72. Davenham's reply of 158-5 was supervised by Ben Gough, 48 and Chris Hornby, 30.

Tattenhall won by seven wickets at home to Bollington after restricting their relegated visitors to 143-9, H. Imran 40. Tattenhall streaked home 144-3 in 34 overs thanks to Kiwi compatriots Dan Power, 70 not out - of whom much more will be heard - and the now UK domiciled Tom Hyslop, 36.

Irby posted the lowest score of the new season when they were routed for 36 at home by Timperley, for whom Matt Macquet took 6-22 and Chris Page 4-14. Earlier Timperley had rattled up 248-6, Mike Ness 62, Mike Stephens 59, Colin Grindley 59.. There was only one panel umpire for this game.

### **Adams (6-26) at it again**

Warrington's record breaking Aussie paceman Kyle Adams (87 wickets in 2012) was back in ominous form at Congleton where he took 6-26 to dismiss the hosts for 76. Warrington replied with 77-1. Congleton scorer Mike Kitton had one consolation: "They've installed heating in my box, so at least I didn't get frozen", he chortled.

Weaverham batted soundly to record a draw at Poynton, who ran up 224-5 thanks to 88 from Danny Williams and 44 by Damien Stringer. A fine knock of 92 by Ian Eaton, an acquisition from neighbouring Oakmere, saw Weaverham reach 203-7 in reply, all-rounders Stringer 4-43 and Williams 3-56.

Alvanley were given a fright at home by Stockport Georgians after they had restricted their visitors to 170-6, Haydn Bailey 39, David Shewring 3-40. Alvanley enjoyed an opening stand worth 106 between Stephen Charles, 60 and Andy Bennion, 54, then collapsed before crawling home at 171-9, thanks to Shrewing; unbeaten with 18. Ifti Hussain took 5-32.

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### **ECB PREMIER LEAGUE SCORES**

#### **CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v HYDE (toss)**

Chester 292-7 (54 overs: W Goodwin 116, J Clark 56, J Williams 35no, M.Griffiths 31, D Cranmer 6-130);

Hyde 271-7 (52 overs - reduced by rain: C Tipper 82, D. Cranmer 55, D Berry 45, D Fitzsimmons 33, W. Goodwin 3-47, J Williams 3-92).

**Match drawn: Chester Boughton Hall 13 pts. Hyde 9 pts.**

#### **DIDSBURY v NANTWICH (toss)**

Didsbury 198-6 (51 overs: P Critchley 89, M Marsani 40no);

Nantwich 192 (50.1 overs: R. Doyle 47, C. Howell 36, N. Anderson 5-48, J. Hawley 3-4). This was a 102 overs match.

**Didsbury won by 6 runs: Didsbury 25 pts., Nantwich 5 pts.**

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

Grappenhall 252-5 (55 overs: R. Green 107, J McClelland 51no, A. Roylance 41, J McCoy 39);

Alderley Edge 179-9 (55 overs: J. Whittaker 43, A. Day 41no, A. Wildig 40, D. Hawke 7-50).

**Match drawn: Grappenhall 15 pts. Alderley Edge 5 pts.**

#### **MACCLESFIELD v BOWDON (toss)**

Macclesfield 265-9 (55 overs: R. Keen 79, J. Ward 62, C. Melrose 30, C. Ashling 4-52);

Bowdon 268-5 (52 overs: S Marshall 88, S. Ball 62, M. Foakes 53, M. Bryan-Jones 49, I. Tait 4-50).

**Bowdon won by 5 wickets: Bowdon 25 pts., Macclesfield 10 pts.**

#### **NESTON v OXTON (toss)**

Oxton 240-8 (55 overs: M Evans 106, G. Fernando 31, A. Davis 3-32);

Neston 242-6 (51 overs: D. Hurst 70, C. Hackett 53no, W. Evans 34).

**Neston won by 4 wickets: 25 pts. Oxton 10 pts.**

#### **TOFT v MARPLE (toss)**

Marple 176 (52 overs: A Hall 72, B. Webster 64, R. Jones 6-45, J.Lomas 3-90);

Toft 181-5 (54 overs: J. Drummond 40, P. Roberts 39no, E. Stubbs 32no, J. Cash 3-57).

**Toft won by 5 wickets: Toft 25 pts., Marple 6 pts.**

### **DIVISION 1 RESULTS**

#### **BRAMHALL v BROOKLANDS (won toss)**

Bramhall 204-6 (50 overs: M Begbie 52, M Hughes 43, L Smith 37, J. Birchall 3-47);

Brooklands 208-7 (50 overs: D Madden 71, J. Grewar 48, C. Hart 38).

**Brooklands won by 3 wickets: 25 pts. Bramhall 11 pts.**

#### **CHEADLE (toss) v SALE**

Sale 162 (43 overs: P. Sperring 3-14, W. Holmes 3-55);

Cheadle 166-6 (47 overs: A Wilson 70no, S. O'Brian 37, N Reid 37, T Tharsen 3-2,8, R Halkon 3-44).

**Cheadle won by 4 wickets: 25 pts. Sale 6 pts.**

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

Christleton 227-7 (48 overs: I. Naseer 94, I De Silva 86no, S. Raja 4-53 including hat-trick);

Bredbury St. Mark's 231-4 (47 overs: R Keyworth 51, P Wood 50, I. De Silva 4-43).

**Bredbury St. Mark's won by 6 wickets: 25 pts. Christleton 9 pts.**

#### **HEATON MERSEY (won toss) v CHEADLE HULME**

Cheadle Hulme 204-7 (50 overs: K. Nissen 49, A. Wilde 45, E. McCray 45, W. Rashid 3-25);

Heaton Mersey 154-9 (50 overs: W. Rashid 33, R. Greenhough 33, T. Malik 5-38, R. Malook 3-29).

**Match drawn: Cheadle Hulme 15 pts. Heaton Mersey 5 pts.**

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

Middlewich 195-9 (48 overs: M Gill 41, J Cornford 38, D Bates 34, J. Williams 30, G Emmett 3-71);  
Oulton Park 132-9 (48 overs: G Emmett 29no, M Stubbs 4-39). A 96 overs game

**Match drawn: Middlewich 13 pts. Oulton Park 6 pts.**

### **WIDNES v URMSTON (toss)**

Urmston 271-7 (50 overs: K Dickenson 55, C Watson 41, D Naughton 3-51);  
Widnes 272-5 (46 overs: A. Graham 146no, I. Spencer 33no, M. Parkinson 4-118).

**Widnes won by 5 wickets: 25 pts. Urmston 10 pts.**

## **DIVISION 2 RESULTS**

### **ALVANLEY (won toss) v STOCKPORT GEORGIANS**

Stockport Georgians 176 (50 overs: H Bailey 39, D. Shewring 3-40); Alvanley 181-9 (48 overs: S. Charles 60, A. Bennion 54, I Hussein 5-32).

**Alvanley won by 1 wicket: Alvanley 25 pts. Stockport Georgians 10 pts.**

### **CONGLETON v WARRINGTON (toss)**

Congleton 76 (35 overs, P. Beaumont 23, K Adams 6-26); Warrington 77-1 (18 overs).

**Warrington won by 9 wickets: Warrington 25 pts. Congleton 0 pts.**

### **IRBY v TIMPERLEY (toss)**

Timperley 248-6 (50 overs: M. Ness 62, M. Stevens 59, C. Grindley 59, P Ashling 44); Irby 36 (M Macquet 6-22, C Page 4-14).

**Timperley won by 212 runs: Timperley 25 pts. Irby 2 pts.**

### **POYNTON v WEAVERHAM (toss)**

Poynton 224-5 (50 overs: D. Williams 88, P Gould 65, D Stringer 44); Weaverham 203-7 (50 overs: I. Gould 91, D. Stringer 4-43, D. Williams 3-56).

**Match drawn: Poynton 14 pts., Weaverham 7 pts.**

### **STOCKPORT v DAVENHAM (toss)**

Stockport 157 (49 overs: C. Davies 72, T. Kidd 48); Davenham 158-5 (35 overs: B. Gough 48, C. Hornby 30).

**Davenham won by 5 wickets: Davenham 25 pts. Stockport 6 pts.**

### **TATTENHALL (toss) v BOLLINGTON**

Bollington 143-9 (50 overs: H. Imran 40); Tattenhall 144-3 (34 overs: G. Power 70no, T. Hyslop 36).

**Tattenhall won by 7 wickets: Tattenhall 25 pts. Bollington 5 pts.**

## **PICK OF WEEK (o = overseas player)**

ECB Premier League batting: Warren Goodwin (CBH) 116 v Hyde; Bowling: Danny Hawke (Grappenhall) 7-50 v Alderley Edge

Division 1 batting: oAlex Graham (Widnes) 146no v Urmston; Bowling: Sulli Raja (Bredbury) hat-trick in 4-53 v Christleton

Division 2 batting: Ian Eaton (Weaverham) 91 v Poynton; Bowling: oMatt Macquet (Timperley) 6-22 v Irby.

## Tables after 2 games

<b>ECB PREMIER</b>	<b>W</b> (25)	<b>WD</b> (3)	<b>RD</b> (2)	<b>LD</b> (1)	<b>C</b> (7)	<b>L</b>	<b>Bat</b> <b>bonus</b>	<b>Bowl</b> <b>bonus</b>	<b>Total pts.</b>
NESTON	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
TOFT	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
GRAPPENHALL	1	1	0	0	0	0	8	4	40
HYDE	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	3	34
BOWDON	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	33
DIDSBURY	1	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	32
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	0	1	1	0	0	0	16	5	26
NANTWICH	0	1	0	0	0	1	11	5	19
OXTON	0	0	0	0	0	2	12	4	16
MACCLESFIELD	0	0	0	1	0	1	10	4	15
MARPLE	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	5	13
ALDERLEY EDGE	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	5	12

### **DIVISION 1**

BROOKLANDS	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
MIDDLEWICH	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	4	38
BRAMHALL	1	0	0	0	0	1	8	3	36
OULTON PARK	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	31
SALE	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	31
HEATON MERSEY	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	30
CHEADLE	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	30
WIDNES	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	29
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	28
URMSTON	0	0	0	0	0	2	16	4	20
CHEADLE HULME	0	1	0	0	0	1	12	5	20
CHRISTLETON	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	5	13

### **DIVISION 2**

DAVENHAM	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
TATTENHALL	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
TIMPERLEY	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
WARRINGTON	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
STOCKPORT	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	31
ALVANLEY	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	31
POYNTON	0	1	0	0	0	1	14	6	23
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	0	1	0	0	0	1	12	7	22
WEAVERHAM	0	0	0	1	0	1	10	4	15
IRBY	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	5	9
BOLLINGTON	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	3	8
CONGLETON	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2

**POINTS:** For all wins: 25 pts. For a winning draw 3 pts (WD), losing draw 1 pt (LD). In drawn games where rain reduces second innings: 2 pts. each (RD). Cancelled matches 7 pts. each.

Bonus points in Premier League: batting at 130; 160; 190; 220 runs . In Divisions 1 & 2 at 110, 140, 170 and 200 runs. Doubled up points continue for teams who draw or lose batting first. Bowling bonus points in all divisions at the fall of 3,5,7 and 9 wickets. Batting and bowling bonus points available through entire innings (55 overs Premier League; 50 overs First & Second Divisions).

## **April Cricket Committee Newslines**

PRESIDENT Ian Brown's proposal that the League should hold on a buffet Welcome Evening for all their sponsors during the current playing season has been agreed.

The April meeting of the Cricket Committee at Warrington considered that the RedInsure T20 game between Grappenhall and Chester Boughton Hall on Thursday, June 20 would be an ideal opportunity for such a function and invitations will be sent to Vivio, RedInsure, TailorMade, Readers, Delmar Press and Canterbury of New Zealand. An expenditure sum was agreed. Meanwhile, a meeting is planned with possible sponsor for the Junior section

**YOUNG PLAYERS.** THE Cricket Committee heard that Cheadle Hulme, Chester Boughton Hall and Sale had fielded School Year 7 players in Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> XI matches on April 20.

Chairman David Humpage said that while this may be permitted under ECB guidelines, it was not allowed under League rules which would be strictly enforced in future.

League handbook rule 8 (page 205) states: School Year 7 pupils will not be permitted to play in adult cricket in the League.

**FINES.** Fines in the first week to be imposed on Hyde 1st (late result sheet); Widnes 1<sup>st</sup> (umpires marks not 'phoned'); Widnes 2nd (late website posting).

Several Premier League clubs had not completed registering their players on the League website before the opening games and are being chased up.

**SINGLE UMPIRING EXPENSES.** It was agreed that in games where only one panel umpire stood in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches, the total expenses paid out should not exceed the agreed rate (£40 for Premier League, £37 for Divisions 1 and 2; 2<sup>nd</sup> XI premier division; £25 for T20 games).

**GROUND REPORTS.** Umpires' ground marks for Saturday, April 20 were good considering the poor preparation weather experienced by groundsmen. They were (maximum 20 per category):

**Premier League.** Alderley Edge v Chester: Pitch 16, Outfield 20. Bowdon v Toft: 17 – 17; Hyde v Didsbury 18 – 18; Marple v Neston 18 – 19; Nantwich v Macclesfield 16 – 20; Oxtan v Grappenhall 17-19.

**Division 1.** Bredbury v Heaton Mersey: 16 – 16; Brooklands v Cheadle 17-14; Cheadle Hulme v Bramhall 17-19; Middlewich v Christleton 17-19; Sale v Widnes 17-17; Urmston v Oulton Park 19-18.

**Division 2:** Bollington v Stockport 17-19; Davenham v Alvanley 16-16; Stockport Georgians v Irby 17-17; Timperley v Congleton 17-19; Warrington v Poynton 16-18; Weaverham v Tattenhall 18-15.

**MEMORIAL TROPHY.** Members considered possible alternatives as a memorial to the lengthy League service given by Sandy Scrimgeour, who died in March. An Administrator of the Year award may be launched at the end of the season.

**PLAYING KIT.** Competition secretary Mike Talbot-Butler has in his possession two dozen sleeveless woollen jerseys and caps previously used by the league's now defunct senior representative team. Possible future uses of this kit will be considered. Any suggestions to MTB.

**HANDBOOKS.** A total of 1,194 handbooks were produced by printers Delmar Press. Of that number 951 have been sold to clubs at £1, while total income from advertising in the handbook and the website is expected to total a further £1,100. Copies are still available from the Editor to clubs at £1 each or to individuals at £3, plus postage.

A list of corrections and amendments to the 2013 edition are posted in this Newsletter.

### **Roger, 62, answers SOS**

STRUGGLING for players in the opening weeks of the season due to injuries, football etc. Macclesfield have persuaded their 72 year-old president and treasurer, Roger Moss to turn out in the first two Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> XI matches. Roger responded spiritedly, top-scoring with 27 on his 'debut' at Upton, then putting in another sterling performance at Irby on Saturday.

Says chairman Simon Griffiths: "Roger's a real sport. He didn't want to see a Macclesfield club team turn out short and he has proved that you're never too old if you've still got the will".



## **Kingfisher Beers Cup round 2**

GAMES played on Sunday, April 28:

GROUP 5: Chorley v URMSTON Result not to hand.

GROUP 6: Astley & Tyldesley v MARPLE: Marple 245-6 (J. Ormond 51, A. Hall 49, J. Crisall 41) beat A&T 135 (Ormond 4-26). BOWDON v Sefton Park: Sefton 179-9 (C. Ashling 4-39) lost on run rate to Bowdon 144-4 (J. McDougall 62no, S. Marshall 38). Bootle v BRAMHALL: Bootle 281-6 (M Gill 121no) beat Bramhall 182-6 (L. Smith 56, M. Hughes 52, N Cantello 41). OXTON v Colwyn Bay: Colwyn Bay 206-6 lost to Oxton 210-6 (J Fennah 76, M. Evans 62). Wallasey v HYDE: Wallasey 198-3 (N Cross 80no) beat Hyde 179 (D Berry 37, J. Ashley 36, M. Makin 31, N. Cross 4-27). Roe Green v GRAPPENHALL not to hand.

GROUP 7: Shrewsbury v CHESTER not to hand. Stone v NANTWICH: Nantwich 266-6 (J. Kettle 108, S. Hunt 67, L. Livingstone 59) beat Stone 151-2 on run rate. NESTON v Moddershall: Moddershall 232-9 (D. Williams 3-53) lost on run rate to Neston 209-5 (W. Evans 89, D. Williams 36no). Alderley Edge v Dunstall: Alderley Edge 247-8 (A. Day 126no, J. Whittaker 43) lost on run rate to Dunstall 110-3.

### **Village ko**

PRELIMINARY ROUND (Sunday, April 21): Caldy 46; Tattenhall 48-0 (in 3.3 overs).

FIRST ROUND (Sunday, May 5) includes: Alvanley bye; Christleton v Broadbottom; Ashley v Northop Hall.

### **Cheshire Cup 1st round results on Sunday, April 28:**

Congleton 85-1 beat Wilmslow Wayfarers 162-7 on run rate; Stockport 99-1 beat Hawk Green 134 on run rate; Ashley 228-8 lost to Hale Barns 116-2 on run rate; Runcorn walk over v Irby; Birkenhead St. Mary's 250-4 beat Sandbach 140; Weaverham walk over v Malpas.

Second round fixtures on Sunday, May 5 (1.30 p.m.): Stockport Trinity v Brooklands; Rode Park v Ashton on Mersey; Stockport v Bollington; Romiley v Timperley; Urmston v Offerton; Cheadle Hume v Sale; Congleton v Bramhall; Hale Barns v Cheadle; Heaton Mersey v Mere; Birkenhead Park v Tranmere Vics; Weaverham v Oulton Park; Upton v Davenham; Northwich v Runcorn; Warrington v Bunbury; Birkenhead St. Mary's v Middlewich; Port Sunlight v Widnes. Sunday, May 12: Caldy v Parkfield Liscard.

### **ECB role for James**

HEATON Mersey 2nd XI scorer James Emmerson has been chosen to join the ECB press box and media scoring team for ICC Champions Trophy games to be played at several Test venues in June. James was interviewed at Lord's by a panel which included Test match scorer Malcolm Ashton and ECB Head of Marketing Maria O'Donoghue. His job will be to provide journalists and media outlets with live information as the matches progress. Games he will be covering will include those involving Pakistan, West Indies, Australia and India. A TACS Cheshire League umpire, he will be based chiefly at Cardiff.

Posting the story on their website, Heaton Mersey say they are very proud of the honour which has come to James' family and their club.

### **Special registrations**

A TOTAL of 36 Special Category players had been registered by Assistant secretary Tony Morris up to and including Thursday, April 25. Players in the three special categories (Overseas, Ordinarily resident and County Contracted) must be officially registered before they can appear in League matches.

Latest overseas registration is by Widnes of Alex Graham, 23, an Australian all-rounder. Ten clubs so far operating without an Overseas player are: Alvanley, Bollington, Chester Boughton Hall, Christleton, Middlewich, Nantwich, Neston, Oulton Park, Poynton and Urmston.

O CLUBS are urged to ensure that all players pay outstanding debts (match fees, subs etc.) before they move clubs either in or out of season.

## **Handbook corrections & amendments**

*New items indicated in bold type*

PLEASE make the following corrections to your copy of the 2013 League Handbook:

**PAGE 4:** League Treasurer Matt Beckley e-mail: mbeckley@dtegroup.com

**Assistant Secretary Tony Morris' fax no longer in use.**

**PAGE 121: Over 40s South-East group fixture on Wednesday, May 8 should read Marple v Bramhall**

**PAGE 130:** Bredbury Under 9 joint managers Dave Norris & Lyndsay Cottton tel. 07956 558 325;

Under 13 manager: Dan Ashley tel. 07968 450 021;

Under 15 manager: Steph Mairs (as for Juniors organiser).

**PAGE 134:** Christleton League rep. Paul Evans e-mail: paul.evans@samedaybeers.co.uk

**PAGE 139:** Hyde 3rd XI captain Kyle O'Reilly. Tel. 07718 270 024; e-mail kyemufc@hotmail.com

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**PAGE 175: Umpire Barrie Burns home tel. no longer in use.**

**PAGE 176:** Umpires expenses for 2013: ECB Premier League £40; First & Second Division and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Premier Division £37; 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd XI T20 £25 (unchanged); Cheshire Cup and Shield £35.

**PAGE 219:** Cheshire Development XI manager Matt Sharp mobile tel. 07854 500 034.

**PAGE 239:** Match regulation 7.3. After words '2 points each' add the following: In a drawn match in which the scores are equal, the team batting first shall be awarded the points earned for a draw and the team batting second shall be awarded points for a tie.

**PAGE 240:** GAMES INTERRUPTED AFTER START: Delete item 12. Item 13 becomes item 12.

**PAGE 256:** Acknowledgements: Canterbury Sports new title is Canterbury of New Zealand.

**O All further amendments and corrections should be notified ASAP to the Editor.**

**O Correct e-mail address of 2nd XI Results secretary Brian Boys on the yellow result sheet is brian@mvirtual.net**

**Brian is no longer available by fax.**

### **ALASTAIR DAVIES' UMPIRES QUIZ**

LAST WEEK's poser: A 'wide ball' is called when the delivery goes down the leg side. The wicket keeper gathers the ball and throws it at the stumps, but misses. It hits the striker who is standing out of his ground, but not attempting a run and the ball rebounds onto the wickets and the bails fall. There is an appeal....what should be the correct decision?

ANSWER: The ball is not dead. The striker is out stumped (Law 39.1).

THIS WEEK: The batsmen have completed one run when the ball thrown to the wicket-keeper hits the batsman on the head. He then leaves his ground in clear distress. There is an appeal, what would you expect the umpire's decision to be?

### **TACS Cheshire League Division 1 up-date**

RESULTS on Saturday April 27: Ashton on Mersey 251-7 dec. Prestbury 178-6; Chester County Officers 152 Romiley 145; Hale Barns 177-8 dec. Northwich 153; Malpas 125-6 Upton 180-6 dec.; Mobberley 158-4 Runcorn 156; Winnington Park 183-9 Oakmere 181-6 dec.

FIXTURES on Saturday, May 4 (1.30 p.m.): Mobberley v Chester County Officers; Northwich v Winnington Park; Oakmere v Romiley; Prestbury v Hale Barns; Runcorn v Malpas; Upton v Ashton on Mersey.



## **FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY, MAY 4**

### **ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)**

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

Barrie Burns & John Lofthouse  
Ian Greensmith & Ged Kinsey  
Paul Herring & Chris Smith  
Trevor Burnett & Glyn Roberts  
Don Flanagan & Neville Kent  
Graham Harris & Steve Walton

### **First Division (1 p.m.)**

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

Steve Duckers & Martin Roberts  
Ian Drury & Tom Spencer  
Howard Briggs & Stan Davies  
Ankit Jain & Ray Prescott  
David Gane & Allan Lewis  
Dion Kelly & Clive Rice

### **Second Division (1 p.m.)**

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

Steve Kirkbright & Jim Whitehead  
Jon Hacking & Martin Howe  
David Stoter & David Tate  
Garry Hambleton & Ken Simpson  
Bob Cunningham & Gary Zimmer  
Neville Abberley & Ken Rothwell

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

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

Brian Jones & no panel umpire available  
Simon Smith & no panel umpire available  
Mark Turner & no panel umpire available  
No panel umpires available  
John Lowe & no panel umpire available  
Club umpire & no panel umpire available

## **SUNDAY, MAY 5**

### **Minor Counties Knock out Cup (at Tattenhall 11 a.m.)**

CHESHIRE v CAMBRIDGESHIRE (Cheshire team: J. Duffy captain, C. Tipper, D. Berry, S. Kirwin (Hyde), W. Goodwin, L. Dixon (Chester); J. Kettle (Nantwich), I. Tait, K. Sawas (Macclesfield), D. Woods (York), A. Syddall (Urmston). 12th man: Pat Roberts (Toft).

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**

### **Over 40s section (6.15 p.m.)**

WEST GROUP: Irby v Oxtan; Upton v Neston; Tattenhall Wreckers v Caldy. Open: Chester Boughton Hall.  
CENTRAL GROUP: Ashley v Alsager Dabbers; Bowdon v Davenham; Grappenhall v Mobberley; Toft v Bowdon Vale Vikings.  
NORTH-EAST GROUP: Brooklands v Urmston Tigers; Cheadle v Cheadle Hulme; Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge v Alderley Edge Wizards; Sale Silverbacks v Warrington.  
SOUTH-EAST GROUP: Bollington Veterans v Poynton Legends; Bredbury Saints v Offerton; Macclesfield v Woodley; Marple v Bramhall (not Marple v Woodley as in handbook).

