



2013 SEASON NEWSLETTER NO. 15: JULY 27

T20 final abandoned – to be replayed on Tuesday

HEAVY rain prevented a conclusion to the **RedInsure T20 Final** for the first time, at Timperley on Sunday and the match will be replayed on Tuesday, on the same ground, at 6 p.m.

The final game before a large crowd was between holders Neston and 2011 winners Hyde, who had reached 25-2 off 3.4 overs when the heavens opened, flooding both front and back squares. Skipper Danny Berry was 22 not out while Neston paceman Ash Davis had taken 2-21.

With the ground underwater and a resumption rendered impossible, ECB sanction was obtained for an extension and no bowl out was needed. The captains and organisers agreed that a restart should take place at Timperley on Tuesday this week at 6 p.m. Should the team batting second not receive at least 10 overs a further extension to Friday, again at Timperley, has been agreed by all sides. If no resolution then, a bowl out in the nets will be required.

The eventual winners will go on to represent the League in the ECB t20 Area Finals Day on August 11 against the T20 champions of the Birmingham & District, North Staffs & South Cheshire and North Wales Premier Leagues.

HOSTS TEST HYDE

In their semi-final against Hyde on Sunday, host club Timperley, who had eliminated Premiership champions Nantwich in the quarters, put up a fine performance on the excellent second ground. Unbeaten in cup and league this season, they totalled an above average 154-6 from their 20 overs, Mike Stevens 38, Mike Ness 33, Dave Howarth 24 not out, Tom Young 3-40.

In reply, the experienced Hyde batsmen reached 157-5 in 18.1 overs, winning by five wickets, Dave Fitzsimmons contributing a superb 52, James Duffy 44 and Danny Berry 29 not out. Craig Grindley took 2-21 and Matt Macquet 2-31.

The other semi-final on the main ground was less competitive, Neston beating neighbours Oxton by eight wickets. Oxton were bowled out for 109 in 18 overs, Gayan Fernando 38, Mike Stewart 3-15, David Hurst 2-11. To which Neston replied with a confident 112-2 off 15.2 overs, David Hurst 35 not out, Will Evans 34.

The umpires for the re-played final on Tuesday have yet to be appointed.

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LEAGUE SPINNERS BOWL TO AUSSIES

SPINNERS Jimmy Lomas (Toft) and Simon Normanton (Didsbury) have been called up by ECB to provide net bowling for the Australians at Old Trafford on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, prior to the start of the Third Test against England at Old Trafford starting on Thursday.

Lomas had a busy few days last week, playing for Cheshire Development XI against Lancashire Under 19s at Heywood (taking 6-45), then figuring in the Worcestershire team which played Lancashire in a Second XI county championship match at Aigburth on Thursday.

Lomas, who normally bowls unchanged through the innings in Toft games, looks like ending the season by delivering a record number of overs for his club. His current stats show that up to the end of July with seven games left, he has already bowled 332 overs – more than any one in the Premiership in 2012 - for 1,094 runs taking 53 wickets at an average of 20.61. His best has been 7-131 at home to Neston, he has taken five wickets five times and his economy rate is 3.3. Normanton has currently taken 24 wickets for 625 at 26.17.

Hyde bid to catch leaders

If any so-called outsider is going to make a bid for the **ECB Premier League** title in the last third of the season it could be Hyde, who registered their sixth win in seven games by an impressive margin of 143 runs against Oxtun at Werneth Low.

Hyde's latest strategy is to win the toss and pile up the runs – and points - and this certainly came off against Oxtun when they posted 297-5, with 138 from Chris Tipper and 83 to James Duffy. Guyan Fernando did his best to stem the tide with 3-68.

Oxtun's batsmen were put to the sword as Scott Kirwin took 6-66 to chalk up the best figures of the day, aided by all rounder Tipper's 3-17 and they were despatched for 154.

This victory lifts Hyde to third place, the little matter of 41 points behind Neston, who comfortably retained their lead with a four wickets win at Alderley Edge, who mustered only 178-8 from 55 overs, Mark Currie 47. Coming on fifth change, part-time bowler Chris Hackett recorded an impressive 5-30.

Neston were always in control after tea and reached their target at 179-6 with 14 overs to spare, David Hurst 55 and the consistent Luke Camden 51 with Hackett adding a useful 35. Alan Day took 3-34.

Chester Boughton Hall remain an impressive second after disposing of Bowdon by six wickets at South Downs Road, where Peter Marron's ground looked in superb condition a week before the return of Minor Counties cricket (Cheshire vs. Devon from Sunday – Tuesday, never mind the Test Match!).

Bowdon were coasting at 135-0, with Simon Marshall, 70 and Bendigo-based Aussie Trent McCormick, 62 looking like batting forever. Suddenly both were out and three further wickets fell at the same score to 135-5. Chris Ashling helped out with a useful 37, but Bowdon closed on a disappointing 196-9. Warren Goodwin the Bowler caused the crash with 4-13 and Mark Rowland 4-35.

Lancashire batsman Jordan Clark then played a superb innings of 87 not out after tea and with Lee Dixon blazing his way to 55, CBH got home at 199-4 in less than 30 overs, Ashling 3-51.

Problems at Nantwich

There was a remarkable game at Nantwich where the champions' attack was mauled by Grappenhall who ran up 259-8 before tea, Luke McCoy 75, Josh McClelland 68 not out, Jimmy Warrington 3-69.

Nantwich looked certain losers at 211-9 until an unbroken last wicket partnership between bowlers Ollie Griffiths, 34 and Jack Goode, 35 saw them over the line at 262-9 with two balls remaining. Earlier, Lancastrian 2nd XI batsman Liam Livingstone had scored 69 and Garry Burns had taken 5-77

There were incidents towards the end of this game which involved a 10 minutes break in play and will be the subject of reports by umpires Paul Herring and Neville Kent.

There was another gripping finish between Toft and neighbours Macclesfield the visitors boldly declaring at 282-9 with one over left, Aussie Nick Ross 100, Rob Porter 55, Jimmy Lomas again bowling through for 5-99 and Rob Jones 4-51.

Toft went on to win by five wickets in the 56th over, led by the same young England star Rob Jones with a splendid unbeaten knock of 105, aided by 17 year-old Jamie Drummond, with 89 in a second wicket stand worth 136 and Toby Drummond 57. Ten points for Macc here, not enough to help their chances of survival.

Macc skipper praised

However, there is more to the final points tally than meets the eye. Toft skipper Toby Drummond tells *Newsletter*: “There was an outstanding example of sportsmanship showed by my Macclesfield counterpart Ben Morrison when he apparently caught Rob Jones at slip first ball. The umpire appeared to think the catch was clean, but Ben sportingly spoke up to say it had not quite carried. We all know that Macc are suffering at the foot of the table, but examples like this proves that playing the game in the right spirit is more important to some people. I salute him”.

Fellow-strugglers Didsbury lost by 33 runs at Marple, who themselves needed a win to halt a bad run. Marple posted a below par 180, Jonny Marshall 50, Simon Normanton 5-43, Nick Anderson 3-35.

But Didsbury fell 33 runs short at 147, Jonny Fawcett top-scoring with 38. Marple's match winners were spinner Andy Greasley, 5-60 and former England seamer Jimmy Ormond, 5-48.

DIVISION 1

Fourth ton in five weeks for Ric Moore

OULTON Park batsman Ric Moore must love it these days when Saturday morning comes round and he sees the sun shine. It has certainly shone on him lately, his unbeaten 104 at Bredbury St. Mark's on Saturday being his fifth of the season and fourth in the last five weeks of **First Division** cricket.

The Cheshire batsman followed innings of 105 v Christleton on June 29; 105 v. Middlewich on July 13 and 118 not out v. Widnes on July 20 by pummelling the Bredbury attack and helped by 91 from his pal Lou Bentley, he took his side home by eight wickets. Bredbury, who drop to bottom spot, had earlier been dismissed for a decent 230, Jon Usher's 43 being the highest score against a steady Oulton attack led by Andy Hards with 5-95.

Oulton's victory moved then up to fifth place, still 83 points behind Bramhall, who showed real leadership qualities when they trounced second placed Urmston by seven wickets at the UCG. Urmston were dismissed for 131, by Simon Wilkinson who enjoyed a superb spell of 5-33, which included a remarkable 13 maidens in his first 15 overs. Bramhall replied with 133-3, Mat Begbie 56 not out. "We were well and truly stuffed by a better side. They look promotion certs", admitted Urmston's Chris Watson.

Cheadle Hulme moved up to third place with another impressive performance, beating Middlewich by 10 wickets at Grove Park. Middlewich were ousted for 112, Andy Cole carrying his bat for 29 in an innings interrupted by injury. Kris Nissen took 5-52 and Rana Malook 5-55. Openers Adam Wilde and Gautam Narayanan then knocked off the runs in 14 overs with 56 and 50 respectively.

Heaton Mersey moved up one place with a 42 runs win at Sale after posting 162-8, Jon Ainscough 32. Sale, who had topped 300 against Bramhall a week ago, were bowled out for 120.

Widnes had one of their better days when they beat Cheadle by 54 runs at Beaconsfield Road after posting a modest 180, Phil Catterall 38, Paul Sperring 5-33. Cheadle were then sent back for 146, Dan Brown 60, Alex Graham 5-66 Damien Moore 3-20.

Iroshan De Silva proved himself the division's best all-rounder with a match-winning performance for Christleton at Brooklands. The Sri Lankan took 5-19 and with Matt Parkinson's 3-20, restricted Brooklands to a meagre 122-9 off the full 50 overs at Georges roads, Dave Madden 32 not out. Then De Silva top scored with 60 and with the help of Mstt Astbury, 33 not out, Christleton sailed home by eight wickets.

DIVISION 2

Stockport looking good

STOCKPORT strengthened their claim for a **Second Division** promotion place with a seven wickets humbling of rivals Tattenhall at Cale Green.

Tatters were bowled out for 176, Josh Manning 4-31 and Stockport responded with a comfortable 177-3, Andy Hope 86, to keep up their winning streak.

They remain 73 points behind runaway leaders Timperley, who show no signs of dropping off with their seventh straight victory since being held to their only draw at Davenham on June 8. Their visitors, Alvanley did relatively well with a tally of 189-8 - the first time Timperley had failed to dismiss the opposition. Andy Donaghue scored 50 and Will Speakman 40. Timperley replied with 190-5, Craig Grindley 41, Matt Macquet 40, Chris Charles 3-62.

Congleton recovered from their bad patch to win by 73 runs at Bollington where they piled up 227-9, Jerrym Lamb 46, Peter Jskson 43. Tom Horsfield bowled unchanged to take 6-105 off 25 overs. Bolly were then bowled out for 154, Peter Salisbury 46, Lamb 4-15.

Warrington remain on the fringe and cannot be written off with Kyle Adams following up his feat of becoming the first league bowler to top 50 wickets the previous week, with a 4-35 haul at Stockport Georgians, who were dismissed for 93, John Devlin 40. Warrington knocked the off for the loss of one wicket, James Hughes 40 not out, Chris Kirby 39 not out contributing

Weaverham were too good for Irby at Wallerscote road, winning by eight wickets. Irby were all out for 80, K. Douglas 4-43 and Weaverham replied with 82-2.

Davenham enjoyed a 14 – 6 winning draw against Poynton at Butcher's Stile after posting 220-8, Dave Price 77, Mark Greaves 54, Tom Hamnett 3-30, Danny Williams 3-64. Poynton reached 167-8 in reply, Damien Stringer keeping his side afloat with a fighting 72 not out against Ben Gough 3-36..

SATURDAY'S ECB PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS

ALDERLEY EDGE (6 pts.) lost to NESTON (won toss, 25 pts.) by 4 wickets:

Alderley Edge 178-8 (55 overs: M Currie 47, A Day 35, C Hackett 5-30);
Neston 179-6 (41 overs: D Hurst 55, L Camden 51, C Hackett 33no, A. Day 3-39).

BOWDON (7 pts.) lost to CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (toss, 25 pts.) by 6 wickets:

Bowdon 196-9 (55 overs: S. Marshall 70, T McCormick 67, C. Ashling 37, W Goodwin 4-13, M. Rowland 4-38);
Chester 199-4 (30 overs: J Clark 87no, L Dixon 55, C. Ashling 3-51).

HYDE (toss, 25 pts.) beat OXTON (3 pts.) by 143 runs:

Hyde 297-5 (55 overs: C Tipper 138, J Duffy 83, G Fernando 4-68);
Oxton 154 (overs: S Kirwin 6-66, C Tipper 3-17).

MARPLE (toss, 25 pts.) beat DIDSBURY (5 pts.) by 33 runs:

Marple 180 (55 overs: J. Marshall 50, J Ormond 46, S Normanton 5-43, N Anderson 3-38);
Didsbury 147 (51 overs: J Fawcett 38, P Critchley 31, J Ormond 5-48, A Greasley 5-60).

NANTWICH (25 pts.) beat GRAPPENHALL (toss, 12 pts.) by 1 wicket:

Grappenhall 259-8 (55 overs: L McCoy 75, J McClelland 68no, S. Sambell 37, A. Roylance 30, J. Warrington 3-69);
Nantwich 262-9 (54.4 overs: L Livingstone 69, J Goode 35no, O Griffiths 34no, R. Doyle 33, G. Burns 5-77, J Critchley 3-33).

TOFT (toss, 25 pts.) beat MACCLESFIELD (10 pts.) by 5 wickets:

Macclesfield 282-9 dec. 54 overs: N Ross 100, R Porter 58, A Hodgson 38, J Lomas 5-99, R Jones 4-74);
Toft 285-5 (55.4 overs: R Jones 105no, J Drummond 59, T Drummond 57).

.....DIVISION ONE

BREDBURY ST MARK'S (won toss, 8 pts.) lost to OULTON PARK (25 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Bredbury 230 (49 overs: J Usher 43, M Nuttall 39, P Zybrands 37, P Wood 32, A Hards 5-95, K Berrington 3-72);
Oulton Park 233-2 (overs: R Moore 104no, L Bentley 91).

BROOKLANDS (toss, 2 pts.) lost to CHRISTLETON (25 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Brooklands 122-9 (50 overs: D. Madden 32no, C. Hart 30, I. De Silva 5-19, M. Parkinson 3-20);
Christleton 125-2 (33 overs: I De Silva 60no, M. Astbury 33no).

CHEADLE HULME (toss, 25 pts.) beat MIDDLEWICH (2 pts.) by 9 wickets:

Middlewich 112 (38 overs: A Cole 29no, K Nissen 5-52, R. Malook 5-55);
Cheadle Hulme 113-0 (14 overs: A Wilde 57no, G. Narayanan 50no).

SALE (toss, 4 pts.) lost to HEATON MERSEY (25 pts.) by 42 runs:

Heaton Mersey 162-8 (50 overs: J Ainscough 32);
Sale 120 (33 overs: N Shabbir 4-27)

URMSTON (3 pts.) lost to BRAMHALL (toss, 25 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Urmston 131 (49 overs: Z. Assi 46, S. Wilkinson 5-33, A. West 3-36);
Bramhall 133-3 (26 overs: M Begbie 57no).

..... AND DIVISION TWO

BOLLINGTON (won toss, 6 pts.) lost to CONGLETON (25 pts.) by 73 runs:

Congleton 227-9 (50 overs: P. Jackson 56, J Lamb 43, T. Horsfield 6-104);
Bollington 154 (41 overs: P Salisbury 46, W Aftab 41, J. Lamb 4-15, J Higginbottom 3-59).

DAVENHAM (14 pts.) drew with POYNTON (toss, 6 pts.)

Davenham 220-8 (50 overs: D. Price 77, M Greaves 54, T Hamnett 3-30, D Williams 3-62);
Poynton 167-8 (50 overs: D. Stringer 72no, B Gough 3-36).

STOCKPORT (toss, 25 pts.) beat TATTENHALL (7 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Tattenhall 176 (49 overs: G Coppack 33no, J Manning 4-31, M. Green 3-50);
Stockport 177-3 (38 overs: A Hope 86, J Manning 58no, D Shewring 3-47).

TIMPERLEY (toss, 25 pts.) beat ALVANLEY (8 pts.) by 5 wickets:

Alvanley 189-8 (50 overs: A Donaghue 50, W. Speakman 40);
Timperley 190-5 (37 overs: C Grindley 42, M. Macquet 40, C. Charles 3-62).

WARRINGTON (25 pts.) beat STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (toss, 0 pts.) by 9 wickets

Stockport Georgians 93 (34 overs: J Devlin 40, A. Gaskarth 36, K Adams 4-35);
Warrington 95-1 (30 overs: J Hughes 40no, C Kirby 39no).

WEAVERHAM (25 pts.) beat IRBY (toss, 0 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Irby 80 (43 overs: K Douglas 4-43);
Weaverham 82-2 (19 overs, I Eaton 25no).

PICK OF WEEK

ECB Premier League

Batting: Chris Tipper (Hyde) 138 v Oxton
Bowling: Scott Kirwen (Hyde) 6-66 v Oxton

First Division

Batting: Ric Moore (Oulton Park) 104no v Bredbury
Bowling: Paul. Sperring (Cheadle) v Widnes and Simon Wilkinson (Bramhall) v Urmston: both 5-33

Second Division

Batting: A. Hope (Stockport) 86no v Tattenhall
Bowling: Tom Horsfield (Bollington) 6-104 v Congleton

Best all-round performance

Chris Tipper (Hyde) 138 and 3-17 v Oxton

Second XI Finals at Chester ...

REDINSURE Trophy 2nd XI Finals Day is at Chester Boughton Hall on Sunday, August 4 (12.30 p.m.).

Teams taking part are Alderley Edge, Hyde, Davenham and Toft or Grappenhall who meet on Wednesday, July 31 (6 pm).

...Third XI Finals at Irby

THE Jack Gardner 3rd XI Trophy Finals are to be played at Irby on Sunday, August 11 (12.15 p.m.).

Semi-final draw: Cheadle (holders) v Didsbury; Oxton v Urmston. The final is at 3.40 p.m.

How they stand after 15 games

ECB PREMIER	W	T	WD	RD	LD	C	L	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
	(25)	(16)	(3)	(2)	(1)	(7)				
NESTON (8)	11	0	1	0	1	0	2	17	13	301
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	10	0	1	1	0	0	3	23	14	292
HYDE	8	0	1	1	3	0	2	33	19	260
GRAPPENHALL	7	0	2	1	0	0	5	51	18	252
TOFT	7	0	1	0	0	1	6	43	15	243
NANTWICH	7	0	1	0	1	0	6	34	17	230
MARPLE	5	0	2	0	1	0	7	48	22	202
OXTON	6	0	0	0	1	0	8	23	21	195
ALDERLEY EDGE	5	0	1	0	2	0	7	31	23	184
BOWDON	4	0	1	1	0	0	9	48	28	181
DIDSBURY	3	0	0	0	1	0	11	43	22	141
MACCLESFIELD	2	0	1	0	2	1	9	49	24	135

Neston 8 points deducted for slow over rate. This is subject to appeal.

DIVISION 1

BRAMHALL	10	1	1	0	1	0	2	26	13	309
URMSTON	9	1	0	0	1	0	4	23	7	272
CHEADLE HULME	8	0	2	0	2	0	3	30	23	261
BROOKLANDS	8	0	1	0	1	0	5	24	14	242
OULTON PARK	6	0	2	1	2	0	4	42	24	226
SALE	5	2	1	0	0	0	7	39	13	212
WIDNES	5	0	2	0	0	0	8	41	23	195
CHEADLE	4	0	2	1	2	0	6	41	32	183
CHRISTLETON	3	0	4	0	1	0	7	66	29	183
MIDDLEWICH	4	0	1	0	5	0	5	31	27	166
HEATON MERSEY	3	0	3	0	1	0	8	43	34	162
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	3	0	0	0	3	0	9	53	21	152

DIVISION 2

TIMPERLEY	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	4	357
STOCKPORT	10	0	1	0	0	0	4	20	11	284
WARRINGTON	9	0	1	0	1	0	4	15	15	259
CONGLETON	9	0	1	0	0	0	5	17	10	255
DAVENHAM	7	0	3	0	0	0	5	40	24	248
TATTENHALL	8	0	1	0	1	0	5	22	18	244
POYNTON	7	0	1	0	1	0	6	25	23	227
WEAVERHAM	5	0	2	0	3	0	5	46	26	206
IRBY	3	0	0	0	2	0	10	35	20	132
ALVANLEY	3	0	0	0	1	0	11	30	26	132
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	1	0	2	0	1	0	11	47	28	107
BOLLINGTON	1	0	1	0	2	0	11	34	26	90

WTB

Bredbury reach Forties' play-offs

BREDBURY Saints qualified for the **Over 40s section** play-offs last Wednesday when they won by eight wickets at Bollington Veterans in the South-East group. Unbeaten Saints have won 11 of their 12 games and cannot be caught.

Already North-East champions, Urmston Tigers maintained their unbeaten record with a 63 runs win at Warrington. Also in this group, Cheadle beat Brooklands by 29 runs thanks to a fine spell of bowling by club chairman Tony Brady who took 5-15.

Alsager Dabbers were handed another walk over when Mobberley became the latest club not to raise a team for a Thursday fixture in south-Cheshire. With Toft beating Grappenhall, the Dabbers need only one more win to clinch the group.

The West group remains wide open. Leaders Irby lost ground when they were beaten at Chester while Tattenhall Wreckers, who won at Oxton and unengaged Neston both remain well in the running.

O Irby have admitted fielding an ineligible player in several games and a report from the club is awaited.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 RESULTS

West Group

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (4 pts.) beat IRBY by 5 wickets:

Irby 116-6 (Jay 27, Baker 2-18); Chester 120-5 (Steadman 30, Dumide 2-12).

OXTON lost to TATTENHALL WRECKERS (4 pts.):

Oxton 68 (Harper 3-5, Knight 2-20); Tattenhall 69 - ? (Nichols 29, Dearling 26).

UPTON lost to CALDY (4 pts.) by 78 runs:

Caldy 166-3 (Smth 32, Rennie 30, Pilley 30); Upton 88-5 (Jarvis 31, Daniel-Jones 2-6).

Central Group

BOWDON (4 pts.) beat ASHLEY by 58 runs:

Bowdon 140-2 (Walker 31, Thompson 30, Shenkman 25); Ashley 82 (Burgess 3-15).

DAVENHAM (4 pts.) beat BOWDON VALE VIKINGS by 8 wickets:

Bowdon Vale 133-6 (Jessop 31, Hunter 30, Goff 2-6); Davenham 136-2 (Goff 33, Hudson 33, Kouris 26).

GRAPPENHALL lost to TOFT (4 pts.) by 26 runs:

Toft 148-4 (Hope 32, Nicholson 2-31); Grappenhall 122-8 (Newell 32, Moss 29, Drummond 3-15, Murray 3-24).

Thursday: ALSAGER DABBERS (4 pts.) beat MOBBERLEY by default: Mobberley could not raise team.

North-East Group

CHEADLE (4 pts.) beat BROOKLANDS by 29 runs:

Cheadle 134 (Bardsley 30, Charlton 30, Blood 24); Brooklands 105 (Brady 5-15).

SALE SILVERBACKS (4 pts.) beat CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE by default:

Ladybridge could not raise team.

CHEADLE HULME lost to ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS (4 pts.) by 10 runs:

Alderley Edge 133-5; Cheadle Hulme 123-4.

WARRINGTON lost to URMSTON TIGERS (4 pts.) by 63 runs:

Urmston 151-6 (Dartnell 32, Ridler 30, Edginton 27, Sethi 27, Jones 4-21, Baxter 2-41); Warrington 88-4 (Talbot 30, Baxter 30, Edginton 2-8).

South-East Group

BRAMHALL lost to POYNTON LEGENDS (4 pts.) by 100 runs:

Poynton 188-1 (Turnbull 33, Stringer 32, Martin 32, Thompson 30); Bramhall 88-7 (Robinson 27, Merrigold 36, Stringer 2-3, Heath 2-5, Turnbull 2-7).

BREDBURY SAINTS (4 pts.) beat BOLLINGTON VETERANS by 8 wickets:

Bollington 113-5 (Paterson 33, Burns 31); Bredbury 114-2 (Bass 35, Lakin 31, Usher 3-0).

MARPLE (4 pts.) beat MACCLESFIELD by 1 run:

Marple 120-6 (Thompson 31, Stringer 30, Withers 30, Frame 2-9, Cowen 2-18); Macclesfield 119-6 (McLoughlin 30, Potter 3-25, Stringer 2-9).

OFFERTON (4 pts.) beat WOODLEY by 13 runs:

Offerton 132-6 (Thomas 30, Martin 30); Woodley 119 (Bennett 4-16).

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Latest Over 40s tables

<u>West group</u>	P	W (4)	T (3)	C (2)	L	Points
IRBY	10	7	0	1	2	30
NESTON	10	6	0	2	2	28
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	11	6	0	2	3	28
CALDY	10	5	0	1	4	22
OXTON	10	4	0	0	6	16
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	10	3	0	0	7	12
UPTON	11	2	0	0	9	8

Conceded games: Upton (2) and Chester (1).

Central group

ALSAGER DABBERS	12	9	1	2	0	43
GRAPPENHALL	12	7	1	2	2	35
TOFT	12	7	2	2	1	38
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	12	5	0	2	5	24
BOWDON	12	5	0	2	5	24
ASHLEY	12	2	0	2	8	12
DAVENHAM	12	2	0	2	8	12
MOBBERLEY	12	1	0	2	9	8

Conceded games: Davenham (2), Mobberley (2), Ashley and Bowdon Vale Vikings. .

North-East group

<u>URMSTON</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>44</u> champions
CHEADLE HULME	12	6	1	2	3	31
SALE SILVERBACKS	12	6	0	1	5	26
CHEADLE HULME LADYBRIDGE	12	5	0	1	6	22
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	12	4	0	2	6	20
BROOKLANDS	12	4	0	1	7	18
CHEADLE	12	3	1	2	6	19
WARRINGTON	12	3	0	1	8	14

Conceded games: Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge (4), Sale (2), Warrington (1).

South-East group

<u>BREDBURY SAINTS</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>46</u> champions
BRAMHALL	12	6	0	2	4	28
POYNTON LEGENDS	12	6	0	2	4	28
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	12	5	0	2	5	24
WOODLEY	12	5	0	0	7	20
MACCLESFIELD	12	3	1	2	6	19
OFFERTON	12	2	1	2	7	15
MARPLE	12	3	0	1	8	14

Conceded games: Marple (1), Poynton Legends (1).

OVER 40s GROUP FIXTURES: Wednesday & Thursday, July 31 & August 1 (6 pm)

WEST: Caldly v Irby; Tattenhall v Chester (re-arranged); Upton v Neston. Thursday: Chester v Oxton (re-arranged).

CENTRAL: Alsager v Toft (re-arranged); Ashley v Grappenhall; Bowdon Vale v Bowdon; Mobberley v Davenham.

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

SOUTH-EAST: Macclesfield v Bredbury; Poynton v Marple; Offerton v Bramhall; Woodley v Bollington.

July 20 ... pitch & ground marks

UMPIRES' League ground marks from games on Saturday, July 20 were as follows:

ECB Premier League: Chester v Nantwich: pitch 18 outfield 19; Didsbury v Bowdon not yet received; Grappenhall v Hyde 17 – 16; Macclesfield v Marple 17 – 17; Neston v Toft 19 – 20; Oxton v Alderley Edge 17 – 19;

First Division: Bramhall v Sale 20 – 19; Cheadle v Urmston 17 – 19; Christleton v Cheadle Hulme 19 – 20; Heaton Mersey v Brooklands 19 – 19; Middlewich v Bredbury 19 – 19; Oulton Park v Widnes 18 – 18. Late sheet from July 13: Bredbury v Christleton 19 – 19.

Second Division: Alvanley v Stockport 16 – 18; Congleton v Weaverham 15 – 18; Irby v Warrington 17 – 19; Poynton v Bollington 18 – 18; Stockport Georgians v Timperley 18 – 20; Tattenhall v Davenham 17 – 20.

All captains' reports were received by co ordinator Ken Spilsbury.

UP-DATES ...

O The Didsbury v Bowdon result sheet has not been received.

O In Alderley Edge's Premier League defeat at Oxton, wicket-keeper Adam Worrall took four catches..

O Urmston had no scorer for their First Division game at Cheadle.

O There was a second wicket stand of 167 between Ben Patterson (104) and Iro De Silva (74) for Christleton at home to Cheadle Hulme. This was their second 150 plus stand in four weeks.

O In Oulton Park v Widnes, home wicket-keeper Ben Kettle took six catches. He was also caught behind by Widnes 'keeper Ian Spencer. Rick Moore's innings of 118 not out in this game was his third century in four weeks and his fourth of the season.

O Brooklands wicket-keeper Dave Whyley took 3 catches and a stumping v Heaton Mersey. In the same game, Aaron Ayre (the scorer of a record 205 a week earlier) took a catch and two stumpings.

O The great tied game between Bramhall and Sale (301 all out replying to 301-7) finished at 8.10 p.m. which was 40 minutes behind the deadline. Points deductions do not apply, however, as there were four drinks breaks, 20 minutes was attributed by the umpires to lost balls and the tea interval stretched to 27 minutes. Teams should nevertheless beware to keep those over rates up in hot weather.

O Correct Stockport Georgians v Timperley scores were: Timperley 271-8; Georgians 209. Timperley won by 62 runs not 71 as reported.

O After scoring 47, Weaverham wicket-keeper A. Nash took two stumpings and two catches at Congleton.

O After taking a hat-trick of stumpings, Warrington's Mike Rudd top-scored with an unbeaten 62 in a victory at Irby.

O Unlucky for some? Bollington's last three wickets fell at 111 at Poynton. Someone not keeping their feet in the air?

O Chester v Oxton RedInsure T20 quarter-final result sheet still not received.

O Clubs are once more asked to improve the quality of their Saturday phone ins : Please speak more slowly and clearly and ensure that ALL relevant details are notified (such as those recorded above a week late).

MOBBERLEY TOP TACS CHESHIRE LEAGUE

MOBBERLEY were the only club in the top three to win their **TACS-sponsored Cheshire League** First Division games. They defeated Malpas but Northwich were held to a draw at home by Romiley and Upton failed to polish off Hale Barns.

RESULTS: Mobberley 257-2 dec. Malpas 122; Northwich 199-9 dec. Romiley 159-9; Oakmere 153-2 Chester County Officers 152-9 dec.; Prestbury 215-8 dec. Winnington Park 190-9; Runcorn v Ashton on Mersey late; Upton 181 Hale Barns 158-9.

LATEST PLACINGS: 1. Mobberley 296; 2. Northwich 296; 3. Upton 272; 4. Romiley 246; 5. Malpas 240; 6. Ashton on Mersey 231; 7. Hale Barns 202; 8. CCO 197; 9. Oakmere 177; 10. Rucorn 177; 11. Winnington Park 153; 12. Prestbury 124. Division 2 leaders: 1. Mere 320; 2. Lindow 288. Mere cannot be promoted as they do not possess Clubmark. Division 3 leaders: 1. Barrow 297; 2. Over Peover 245.

FIXTURES in Division 1 on Saturday, August 3 (1.30 pm.): Ashton on Mersey v Mobberley; CCO v Malpas; Hale Barns v Runcorn; Oakmere v Northwich; Romiley v Prestbury; Winnington Park v Upton.

Information supplied by Graham Coull, CL vice chairman.

Over 50s at Flitwick

CHESHIRE have been drawn to play away to Bedfordshire at the revised venue of at Flitwick CC on Wednesday in the **National 50 Plus county championship** last 16 play-off (1.30 p.m.).

An away draw is also anticipated by Cheshire in the last 16 play-offs of the **Spitfire 60 plus county championship** next week.

In their final group game, Cheshire won by 54 runs against Shropshire at Oswestry. Scores: Cheshire 223-7 (Chris Leech 59, Nick Sharp 52) Shropshire 169 (Ted Williams 2-25, Howard Morris 2-37, Brian Yardley 2-37).

Woods spins Cheshire to top

THANKS largely to York and former Hyde spinner Danny Woods, who took another 13 wickets, Cheshire won their fourth successive **Minor Counties championship** match against Berkshire at Finchampstead last week to go top of the West group table.

Cheshire were ahead throughout the three-day game, winning the toss and piling up 390-8, Chester batsman Warren Goodwin leading the way with a personal Minor Counties best 191. He was supported by Khalid Sawas, 76 and Rick Moore 57 in century stands.

Berkshire replied with 251, closing 139 behind. Woods claimed 5-73 and Chester leg spinner Jack Williams 4-68.

In their second innings, Cheshire declared at 173-6, Lee Dixon 43 not out, Sawas 43. Needing 312 to win on a by now sharply-turning pitch, Berks were routed for 116. Woods improved on his earlier analysis with a magnificent 8-38, completing match figures of 59-17-111-13. This puts him top of all Minor Counties bowlers with 42 wickets at 11.19 each, including five hauls of five wickets or more.

Cheshire have two games remaining, against Devon at Bowdon from Sunday – Tuesday, August 4 – 6, then against title favourites Shropshire in what could be a title decider at Nantwich from August 18 – 20 (all 11 a.m. .daily). Hyde's James Duffy returns, but Danny Woods will remain as captain.

WEST DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
CHESHIRE	4	4	0	0	82
SHROPSHIRE	4	4	0	0	91
WALES MC	4	4	0	0	90
DEVON	4	2	1	1	61
BERKSHIRE	4	2	2	0	55
HEREFORD	4	1	2	1	46
OXFORD	4	1	3	0	39
CORNWALL	4	1	3	0	36
WILTSHIRE	4	0	4	0	31
DORSET	4	0	4	0	20

DEVELOPMENT XI: Captained by Didsbury's Simon Normanton, Cheshire Development XI drew with Lancashire under 19s at Heywood in a two day game on Wednesday and Thursday last week. Scores: Cheshire 160 (Danny Williams 60) and 99-3 (Luke McCoy 39); Lancashire 162-9 dec. (Jimmy Lomas 6-45, Simon Normanton 3-72).

Cheshire are next in action away to Warwickshire Under 19s on Monday, July 29, then at home to Worcestershire Under 19 at Bramhall on Friday, August 2 (both 11 a.m.).

Red Rose at Middlewich

MIDDLEWICH's big day on Tuesday last week when Lancashire met Worcestershire in a **2nd XI 50 Trophy** game at Haddon Field was almost called off when former Test umpire Peter Willey considered the ground too wet and favoured an early call-off. .

With the weather forecast improving, he -and colleague Hugh Evans - was persuaded by the Middlewich groundstaff led by Geoff Tomlinson to delay a decision and play eventually started three hours late at 3 pm., reduced to 35 overs each.

The large crowd was treated to some lusty hitting, especially by Lancashire who went on to win by 28 runs after piling up 209-9. Worcs replied with 181

The pitch was in tip-top condition with bounce and pace and earned plaudits all round. It was possible that Mr. Willey, who has officiated in top World Cup games on the finest Test match grounds, was put off by the changing facilities offered to umpires at the ground, which have long been in need of improvement.

Cheshire Cup and Shield

THE outstanding quarter-final in the **Cheshire Cup** between Wallasey v Birkenhead Park on Sunday was abandoned and will be re-started on Sunday, August 4. Draw for semi-finals: Wallasey or Birkenhead Park v Chester Boughton Hall (holders) on Sunday, August 11; Macclesfield v New Brighton is on August 11 or August 18.

Semi-finals in the **Cheshire Shield** are: Bramhall v Cheadle Hulme (Sunday, August 11); Romiley v Port Sunlight (Sunday, August 18).

o Information provided by Cheshire Cups organiser Rick Davis.

WEEK 15: Alistair Davies's Umpires Quiz

LAST WEEK: A match is being played without bails. A fair delivery is missed by the striker. The ball just touches the off stump as it goes through to the wicket-keeper, but would probably have not removed a bail. There is an appeal. How should the umpire respond?

ANSWER: When playing without bails, any contact with the wicket is sufficient. Whether the bail would have been removed or not is irrelevant. The striker is therefore out bowled. *Law 28.4 (a)*.

THIS WEEK: The batsmen complete three runs scored off a No Ball. When the ball is dead each umpire calls 'one short' off the same batsman. How many runs are recorded?

Eleven transfers

LEAGUE Registration secretary Tony Morris has completed the following transfers since the start of the season:

DARREN COOK: Nantwich to Middlewich: April 30

JOSH BAILEY: Weston to Nantwich: May 16

CALUM ROWE: Clifton Village to Alderley Edge: May 31

DAVID MOORS: Woore to Congleton: June 20

BEN BRISCOE: Cholmondeley to Chester Boughton Hall: June 27;

BEN ROBERTS: Brymbo to Chester Boughton Hall: July 7

CHRIS BARLOW: Stretford to Urmston: July 1

PATRICK WILKES: Sandyford to Congleton: July 9

DAVE MOLLOY: Hale Barns to Bowdon: July 28.

GARY SOLOMON: Aston to Chester Boughton Hall: July 19.

DAVE SHEWRING: Alvanley to Tattenhall: July 26.

Manchester Association problems

THE end appears to be nigh for the Manchester & District Association after 121 years

The Association is this season running with its smallest complement of 11 clubs and of those, five have been admitted to the Bolton Association Second Division in 2014, with Whalley Range opting to join the Saddleworth League. This leaves Wythenshawe, South West Manchester, Bolton, Deane & Darby and Newton Heath looking desperately for new homes. and the Lancashire Cricket Board are hoping to come to their assistance.

The Association have been experiencing membership problems ever since they lost 11 of their best clubs when the County League was founded in 1975. They subsequently lost five more to the CCL in 1993.

IN BRIEF

O HYDE's sightscreens at the Pennine end of the ground at Werneth Low were blown down and badly damaged in a thunderstorm on Tuesday last week. Until they are repaired, Hyde will operate with one screen at each end.

O BEN THOMAS has stood down as chairman at Irby for personal reasons. Taking over his duties is 2nd XI captain Gareth Lea whose details are on page 140 of the handbook. His mobile tel. 07714 328 949 and his e-mail is garethlea@aol.com

O THE opportunity for A Night with the Test Match Umpires is offered to all members of the ECB ACO in the North-West on Tuesday, July 30 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 70, Shudehill, Manchester. On display will be Messrs Marais Erasmus, Tony Hill, Kumar Dharmasena and referee Ranjun Madugalle. As places are limited for this fascinating event, first contact League Umpires & Scorers Association chairman Ian Greensmith on igre@blueyonder.co.uk

O POYNTON have staged a match between Brian Kingham's XI and a Past & Present Club XI to mark the chairman's retirement from senior cricket. Kingers' team won by 30 runs and the man himself scored 10 and took 2-14.

Former players Tim Reynolds, Stuart Turner, Chris Clark, Jamie Maltman and Charlie Lamb turned out.

Martin Saxon, who produces the club Newsletter *The Dazzler* reports that 18 year-old Danny Williams' 153 not out in the Second Division game against Bollington on July 20 was the highest score by a club batsman since Poynton joined the league in 1981.

The club record 1st XI innings is 171 not out by David Torkington when Poynton were in the Derbyshire & Cheshire League in 1964.

FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)

ALDERLEY EDGE v HYDE	Ian Greensmith & Steve Walton
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v MARPLE	Paul Herring & Gary Zimmer
DIDSBURY v TOFT	Steve Duckers & Glyn Roberts
GRAPPENHALL v BOWDON	Don Flanagan & Ankit Jain
NESTON v MACCLESFIELD	Barrie Burns & Geoff Wellstead
OXTON v NANTWICH	Dion Kelly & Phil Prince

First Division (1 p.m.)

BRAMHALL v WIDNES	Graham Harris & David Stoter
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S v CHEADLE HULME	Howard Briggs & Garry Hambleton
CHRISTLETON v SALE	Neville Kent & Ken Simpson
HEATON MERSEY v URMSTON	Tony Morris & David Tate
MIDDLEWICH v BROOKLANDS	Jon Hacking & John Lowe
OULTON PARK v CHEADLE:	<i>To be played on Sunday, August 18</i>

Second Division (1 p.m.)

ALVANLEY v TATTENHALL	Ged Kinsey & Ray Prescott
CONGLETON v DAVENHAM	David Gane & Ian Wilson
IRBY v BOLLINGTON	Brian Jones & Steve Kirkbright
POYNTON v STOCKPORT	Martin Howe & Allan Lewis
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS v WEAVERHAM	Trevor Burnett & Simon Smith
TIMPERLEY v WARRINGTON	Martin Roberts & Chris Smith

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

HYDE v ALDERLEY EDGE	–
MACCLESFIELD v NESTON	Neville Abberley & Club umpire
NANTWICH v MIDDLEWICH	Bob Cunningham
SALE v GRAPPENHALL	Ken Rothwell
TOFT v DIDSBURY	Clive Rice
URMSTON v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	Tom Spencer

Last word ...

IT'S always pleasant to hear from an old friend of the League and former panel umpire John Silver, now living in happy, but not idle, retirement in Devon, reports that he recently stood in his first Devon Premier League match between North Devon and Exeter, near his home at Instow.

Mails John: "I'm a regular *Newsletter* reader and felt my old friends might like to know I'm still alive and kicking".