

**2014 NEWSLETTER NO. 15: SATURDAY, JULY 26**

# Bottom six clubs in melting pot

SATURDAY'S Week15 results which included victories for Neston at Bowdon and defeats for Oxton and Bramhall have complicated the relegation issue in the **ECB Premier League** with only 34 points now separating the clubs currently in seventh and 12th places.

Second in the Premiership last season, Neston will fancy their chances of avoiding the drop after a draw and two wins, their 116 runs victory at Bowdon lifting them out of the bottom two. Dane Williams scored a fine 102 and with Jack Smith, 48, put on 96 for the first wicket to set his side up for a declaration at 251-6 from 53 overs, Gareth Edwards 4-85. Bowdon's complete lack of batting form continued after tea when they were bowled out for 135, notably by left arm spinner Paul Stimson, 5-43.

Oxton's recent improved run was halted at Toft, but they still managed to pocket 10 points which could prove useful later. Oxton posted 226-8, Worcestershire's first teamer Shaiiq Choudhry 120 not out, Glenn Querl 51, Jack Goode 3-41. Toft topped that with 230-6, Jake Hancock missing a century by one run, while skipper Tony Drummond was left unbeaten on 70. Sri Lanka paceman Gayan Fernando put in a real stint with 6-90 off 20 overs.

Last season's First Division champions Bramhall continue to find it hard going, and they lost by four wickets at Hyde after being dismissed for 134, Vishal Tripathi 41, Matt Hanna 5-49 off 16 overs and Chris Tipper 3-8. Hyde lost wickets regularly in reply before closing on 137-6, Rob Brierley 28.

### ***Shaw 101 not out and 5-36 for Dabbers***

Nantwich remain in the relegation mix after being unable to finish off Urmston after running up a massive 301-2, perhaps batting too long at 55 overs. Ashley Shaw carried his bat for 102, putting on 189 for the second wicket with Liam Livingstone, 89, after which Ollie Griffiths smacked an unbeaten 72. Urmston held out at 178-9, thanks to last pair Kieron Lunt and Nathan Turner, their top scorer being Chris Turner 47. Ashley Shaw rounded off a good day with 5-36, Jimmy Warrington 4-53.

It is status quo at the top of the table, Hyde's victory keeping them 16 points ahead of Toft, with Chester one point further back. CBH won by nine wickets at Grappenhall who totalled scoring only 157, of which Ian Barnes smashed 89. Part-time bowler Lee Dixon took 4-28 and 'full' timer Josh Henderson 3-42.

Alderley Edge beat Marple by 151 runs after posting an impressive 251-9 after recovering from 151-7. Tom Foreman hit 64 and Simon O'Brien 59 not out after earlier knocks from Adam Worrall, 46 and Mark Currie, 45. Marple were ousted for 100, James Morgan 40, Charlie Reid enjoying impressive figures of 4.4-1-9-4 and O'Brien 3-21.

### **CHESTER WIN REDINSURE T20 FINAL**

CHESTER Boughton Hall won a thrilling the **RedInsure T20 final** against Grappenhall at Filkins Lane on Sunday by 11 runs to lift the trophy for the second time. They will now go forward to represent the League in the ECB t20 Area Finals in Birmingham on Sunday, August 10.

Full story with match details is in page 6

**DIVISION 1**

**Macclesfield up to second place**

MACCLESFIELD leap-frogged Didsbury into second place in the **First Division** with a five wickets win at Timperley, which virtually put paid to their hosts' hopes of another promotion run.

Timperley mustered only 129, paceman Ian Tait being their main tormentor with 4-17. Macc replied with 130-5, skipper Nick Ross, who has been virtually carrying their batting, top scoring with 50

Didsbury had to be content with a winning draw at Oulton Park after being unable to dislodge the home tailenders Mike Cook and an injured Andy Hards who put on 17 to keep their visitors at bay with a score of 161-9. Matt Marfani had top-scored with 54 in Didsbury's 192-9, Hards 3-32, Guy Emmett 3-73. Lou Bentley top-scored with 36 for Oulton, Simon Normanton 4-58.

Cheadle lead the table by 14 points after scoring a seven wickets home win over Davenham who were dismissed for 80 after being 41-1. Spinners Will Holmes had 5-28 and Paul Sperring 4-11. Cheadle knocked the runs off at 81-3 in inside 17 overs.

At the foot of the table, Brooklands and Widnes continue to seek their first victories although Brooklands enjoyed a winning draw at home to Christleton after posting 163, Rob Holloway 64, Ifti Naseer 4-30. Christleton got to 153-8, South African Uzair Walters 41, Raj Singh 4-32.

Widnes lost by 17 runs at home to Sale and seem poised to register their first win soon. Tyrone Lawrence top scored with 40 in Sale's 203-8, Danny Moore bowling supremely well to return 7-80 off 25 unchanged overs in the heat. Widnes replied with a spirited 186, Luke McCoy 57, Phil Catterall 51, while Ben Watkin turned in a a match winning 5-34 to help Sale go fourth.

Middlewich were bowled out for 88 at Cheadle Hulme and need points urgently if they are not to be sucked deeper into the relegation fray. They were wrecked by Rana Malook, 6-43 and John Burton, 4-44 after the Grove Park batsmen had posted 170-9, Jordan Potts 75. Bright spot for the 'Witch was provided by Stephen Basss with 6-56.

**DIVISION 2:**

**Irby put up fight at Weaverham**

WITH one of the strongest squads in the club's history – despite losing spinner Stu Hayes for the season with a badly-damaged hand - Weaverham continue to plough their way towards the **Second Division** title, with Stockport and Tattenhall their most serious challengers.

Weaverham found Irby a surprisingly tough nut to crack at Wallerscote road, the Wirral men running up 233-7, led by Greg Shillinglaw 77 and South African K Pedie 48. Weaverham replied with a confident 234-7, Rob McMillan 70, Ian Eaton 42, while all-rounders Shillinglaw took 3-56. and Pedie 3-61. With 11 points from this game, Irby look to have the will – and players - to survive.

Stockport proved their strength with a comprehensive 110 runs victory over Heaton Mersey at Cale Green after running up 232-6 before declaring on 45 overs, Tom Kidd hammering a fine unbeaten 132, his maiden 1<sup>st</sup> XI century. 'Mersey battled it out spiritedly for 39 overs but were all out for 122, Hassan Rashid 38, John Manning 4-45 off 18 overs.

Tattenhall looked a good all-round side at Alvanley where they won their south-Cheshire derby by 93 runs albeit off the last ball. In hindsight Tatters might have declared before closing with a massive 273-6 off 50 overs, Ollie Thompson impressing with a high-quality 72 and John Gibbon with a rapid 50, while former county star Andy Hayhurst took 3-42 despite a damaged hand. Alvanley battled hard, but were all out for 180 from the final delivery of a good match, Steve Charles 50, Dan Power 4-39.

The Alvanley ground looked a picture with mature trees providing good shade and some well-placed seating for the weary visitor. An impressive innovation is the completion of the white picket fence on the pavilion side of the ground. What's more the umpires are able to luxuriate with a carpets in their room!

Northwich beat Bredbury by 17 runs in another low scoring game at Moss Farm. Skipper Mark Walker played a key innings of 40 in Northwich's all out 131, H Nasir 5-42, St. Mark's replying with 113 all out, Extras 26, Sam Shepherd 5-22.

Seventeen year old Will Fleetwood scored his first senior century to help Warrington post a 15-6 draw against bottom club Poynton at Walton Lea. He contributed 105 to his side's 210-6, Poynton replying with a fighting 185-9, Paul Gould a quality 72, Kyle Adams 5-67.

Upton were on top throughout their visit to Congleton and went on to clinch clinca seven wickets victory. Matt Ingram took 5-29 to help bowl the Bears out for 136, then Rick Potter hit 68 not out in a confident response of 137-3.

## **SATURDAY'S SCORELINES**

### **ECB Premiership**

**ALDERLEY EDGE (25pts. ) beat MARPLE (won toss, 4pts.) by 151 runs:**

Alderley Edge 251-9 (55 overs: T. Foreman 64, S. O'Brien 59no, A. Worrall 46, M. Currie 45);  
Marple 100 (30 overs: J. Morgan 40, C Reid 4-9, S. O'Brien 3-21).

**BOWDON (3 pts.) lost to NESTON (toss, 25 pts.) by 116 runs:**

Neston 251-6 dec. (53 overs: D Williams 102, J. Smith 45, G Edwards 4-85);  
Bowdon 135 (38 overs: N Murrills 26, P Stimson 5-43).

**GRAPPENHALL (2 pts.) lost to CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (toss, 25 pts.) by 9 wickets:**

Grappenhall 157 (38 overs: I Barnes 89, L. Dixon 4-23, J. Henderson 3-42).  
Chester 158-1 (22 overs: W Goodwin 95no, M Rowland 43.)

**HYDE (25 pts.) beat BRAMHALL (toss, 4 pts.) by 4 wickets:**

Bramhall 134 (46 overs: V Tripathi 41, M Hanna 5-49);  
Hyde 137-6 (33 overs: R Brierley 28).

**NANTWICH (25 pts.) drew with URMSTON (toss, 3 pts.)**

Nantwich 301-2 (55 overs: A Shaw 101no, L Livingstone 89 = 2nd wicket stand of 189, O Griffiths 72no;  
Urmston 178-9 (55 overs: C. Turner 47, A. Shaw 5-36, J. Warrington 5-53).

**TOFT (toss, 25 pts.) beat OXTON (10 pts.) by 4 wickets:**

Oxton 226-8 (55 overs: S.Choudhry 120no, G Querl 52, J. Goode 3-41);  
Toft 230-6 ( overs: J Hancock 99, T. Drummond 70no, G . Fernando 6-91).

#### **c Dravid b Kitzinger .....**

Bramhall's widely-travelled fast bowler Rupes Kitzinger played for MCC against Hong Kong at Lord's on Tuesday last week. Reports Rupes: "I managed to snaffle two wickets, including one caught by none other than Raul Dravid in the slips. It was nice to be in such good company on the scorecard. They put us on the England v India pitch and it was still green and seaming - and unlike England, we won!"

### **Division 1**

**BROOKLANDS (won toss, 10 pts.) drew with CHRISTLETON (7 pts.)**

Brooklands 163 (48 overs: R Holloway 64, I Naseer 4-50);  
Christleton 153-8 (50 overs: U Walters 41, I De Silva 30, R Singh 4-32).

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

Davenham 80 (33 overs: D Price 29, W Holmes 5-28, P Sperring 4-11);  
Cheadle 81-3 (17 overs: J Prince 30).

**CHEADLE HULME (25 pts.) beat MIDDLEWICH (toss, 4 pts.) by 82 runs:**

Cheadle Hulme 170-9 (50 overs: J.Potts 76, R Battye 30, S Buss 6-56);  
Middlewich 88 (35 overs: R Malook 6-43, J. Burton 4-44).

**OULTON PARK (toss, 7 pts.) drew with DIDSBURY (13 pts.)**

Didsbury 192-9 (50 overs: M Marfani 54, P Critchley 37, A Hards 3-32, G Emmett 3-73);  
Oulton Park 161-9 (50 overs: L Bentley 41, N. James 36, S. Normanton 4-58, J. Fawcett 3-20).

**TIMPERLEY (4 pts.) lost to MACCLESFIELD (toss, 25 pts.) by 5 wickets:**

Tinperley 129 (47 overs: N Brown 40, D. Stringer 39, I Tait 4-17, J. Birchall 3-27);  
Macclesfield 130-5 (34 overs: N Ross 50, C. Page 30),

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### ***Division 1 scores contd ...***

#### **WIDNES (6 pts.) lost to SALE (toss, 25 pts.) by 17 runs:**

Sale 203-8 (50 overs: T Lawrence 40, D Moore 7-80);

Widnes 186 (49 overs: L McCoy 57, P. Catterall 51, D. Naughton 42, B. Watkin 5-34, T Lawrence 3-43).

### **Division 2**

#### **ALVANLEY (won toss, 5 pts.) lost to TATTENHALL (25 pts.) by 93 runs:**

Tattenhall 273-6 (50 overs: O Thompson 72, G Coppack 57, J.Gibbon 40, A. Hayhurst 3-42);

Alvanley 180 (50 overs – last ball: S. Charles 50, D Power 4-39).

#### **CONGLETON (3 pts.) lost to UPTON (toss, 25 pts.) by 7 wickets:**

Congleton 136 (45 overs: M Stretch 29, M Ingram 5-25);

Upton 137-3 (23 overs: R Potter 68no, D Warburton 33).

#### **NORTHWICH (toss, 25 pts.) beat BREDBURY ST MARK'S (5 pts.) by 18 runs**

Northwich 131 (47 overs: M Walker 40, H Nasir 5-42);

Bredbury 113 (39 overs: Extras 26, S Shepherd 5-22, A. Dufty 3-12).

#### **STOCKPORT (toss, 25 pts.) beat HEATON MERSEY (3 pts.) by 110 runs:**

Stockport 232-6 dec. (45 overs: T Kidd 132no, G Barber 30);

Heaton Mersey 122 (39 overs: H Rashid 38, J. Manning 4-45, M Green 3-22).

#### **WARRINGTON (15 pts.) drew with POYNTON (toss, 6 pts.)**

Warrington 210-6 (50 overs: W. Fleetwood 105);

Poynton 185-9 (50 overs: P Gould 72, M Coran 42, K. Adams 5-77, B. McIntosh 3-39).

#### **WEAVERHAM (25 pts.) beat IRBY (toss, 11 pts.) by 3 wickets:**

Irby 233-7 (50 overs: G Shillinglaw 77, K Pedie 48, M Clarke 3-37, R. McMillan 3-56);

Weaverham 234-7 (46 overs: R McMillan 70, I Eaton 42, G. Shillinglaw 3-56, K Pedie 3-81).

### **Old Boy Crawley hosts Bunbury Festival**

LAST week's Bunbury English Schools Under 15 Festival was staged at Oakham School in Rutland where former Warrington, Lancashire, Hampshire and England batsman John Crawley is Director of Cricket.

Crawley, now 42, has fond memories of Festival organiser David English, having played when he launched his popular event at Harrow School in 1987, before going on to play County and England Schools, League, then County cricket, becoming the first Old Bunburyian to gain selection for England in 1994 against Sri Lanka.

After beginning his league career with Warrington alongside brothers Mark and Peter, John subsequently played in 37 Tests. Before moving to Oakham School in 2013, he was bursar at Marlborough College.

### **2nd XI FINALS LINE-UP**

LINE-UP for the **RedInsure 2nd XI Finals Day** at Neston on Sunday, August 10 sees Hyde, Toft, Warrington and hosts Neston all safely through. A draw has yet to be made.

Play will start at 12 noon.

**Tables including games on July 26.... all played 15**

<b>ECB Premier League</b>	<b>Won</b> (25)	<b>Tied</b> (16)	<b>WD</b> (3)	<b>RD</b> (2)	<b>LD</b> (1)	<b>A/C</b> (7)	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Bat</b>	<b>Bowl</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
HYDE	8	0	1	0	2	3	1	19	12	257
TOFT	7	0	2	0	1	2	3	34	11	241
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	8	0	0	0	1	2	4	13	12	240
GRAPPENHALL	7	0	0	0	0	1	7	10	12	204
MARPLE	6	0	0	0	1	3	5	8	21	201
* ALDERLEY EDGE (3)	5	0	0	1	1	4	4	30	15	198
* BRAMHALL (3)	5	0	0	0	1	4	5	8	17	176
URMSTON	4	0	1	0	2	3	5	25	19	170
NANTWICH	4	0	1	2	0	3	5	24	16	168
NESTON	4	0	1	0	2	1	7	24	24	160
BOWDON	3	0	2	0	0	2	8	24	27	146
OXTON	2	0	3	0	0	1	9	50	26	142

\* = points deducted for slow over rates

<b>First Division</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Tied</b>	<b>WD</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>A/C</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Bat</b>	<b>Bowl</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
CHEADLE	9	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	4	264
MACCLESFIELD	8	0	0	1	1	3	2	15	11	250
DIDSBURY	7	0	2	1	0	4	1	16	16	243
SALE	6	0	2	0	1	4	2	23	11	219
TIMPERLEY	6	0	0	1	1	3	4	23	12	209
CHEADLE HULME	6	0	0	0	1	3	5	19	13	204
DAVENHAM	5	0	1	0	0	4	5	22	14	192
OULTON PARK	5	0	0	0	2	3	5	16	20	184
CHRISTLETON	3	0	1	0	1	3	7	33	21	154
MIDDLEWICH	2	0	1	0	1	3	8	28	20	123
WIDNES	0	0	2	1	0	4	8	64	22	122
BROOKLANDS	0	0	1	0	2	3	9	29	20	75

<b>Second Division</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Tied</b>	<b>WD</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>A/C</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Bat</b>	<b>Bowl</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
WEAVERHAM	9	0	3	0	1	1	1	24	19	285
STOCKPORT	7	0	1	1	4	2	0	21	15	234
TATTENHALL	5	0	5	1	1	2	1	48	23	228
ALVANLEY	5	0	3	1	2	2	2	35	14	201
NORTHWICH	6	0	0	1	1	4	3	9	10	200
UPTON	5	0	1	1	0	1	7	39	21	197
* WARRINGTON (3)	3	1	3	0	1	3	4	33	23	175
CONGLETON	5	0	0	2	0	1	7	16	19	171
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	4	0	0	0	3	2	6	21	21	159
IRBY	2	0	1	0	2	1	9	40	32	134
* HEATON MERSEY (4)	2	1	0	1	0	4	7	20	19	131
POYNTON	2	0	0	0	2	3	8	11	21	105

\* = points deducted for slow over rates.

## Roylance heartbreak as CBH snatch RedInsure T20

WITH opener Adam Roylance looking certain to complete a magnificent century and guide Grappenhall to victory in the **RedInsure T20 Final** at Chester on Sunday, two match-turning moments snatched the prize away.

Boughton Hall and Cheshire leg-spinner Jack Williams came back on to bowl Roylance for 94, then followed by yorking Aussie all-rounder Josh McClelland for a duck in the same over as Grappenhall's hopes of upsetting Saturday's league defeat were dashed. Williams finished with 3-38 and Ross Dixon a more economical 3-19 as Grappenhall closed on 158-7, losing by 11 runs with four victims for wicket-keeper Mark Rowland.

The final brought 14 sixes and delight for a large crowd who had earlier seen Chester, minus three key bowlers, post a daunting 169 –8 after being rescued by Ollie Law with a hard-hit 70.

The trophy was afterwards presented by Ron Graham to Chester skipper Lee Dixon. RedInsure reps. Kathryn Thompson and Sharon Allen handed prize money cheques to the four semi-finalists, although Oxton were no longer present.

Match manager Geoff Wellsted who organised the Finals Day expertly, thanked RedInsure for their generous sponsorship of £1,500, also Chester for staging the event at short notice, the umpires, MC Jim Law and the caterers.

Competition secretary Mike Talbot-Butler named Jack Williams as Man of the match for his brief, but crucial contribution, while the Champagne Moment award went to Josh McClelland for bowling the fastest ball of the day which snapped batsman Lee Dixon's off bail in half..

### MATCH DETAILS

#### Chester Boughton Hall

R. Dixon	lbw Guest	4
W. Goodwin	b McClelland	5
M Rowland	lbw Guest	14
L Dixon	b McClelland	13
O. Law	c Budha b Burns	70
S Ogilby	b McClelland	2
G Dunbavand	c Parkinson b Baxter	13
J. Williams	c Parkinson b Baxter	23
M Griffiths	not out	15
J Henderson	not out	0
Did not bat:	F. Robson.	
Extras 10.		
<b>Total</b>	<b>(for 8 wickets)</b>	<b>169</b>

#### Grappenhall

A. Roylance	b Williams	94
L Parkinson	c Rowland b Henderson	5
M. Parton	st Rowland b Williams	29
R Green	c Goodwin b R. Dixon	14
I Barnes	c Goodwin b R. Dixon	0
J McClelland	st Rowland b Williams	0
G Burns	c Rowland v R Dixon	8
J Baxter	not out	2
B Budha	not out	8
Did not bat	W. Critchley, S.Guest	
Extras 8.		
<b>Total (for 7 wickets)</b>		<b>158</b>

Grappenhall bowling: McClelland 4-0-25-3; Guest 4-0-20-2; Barnes 4-0-45-0; Burns 4-0-30-1; Baxter 4-0-39-2.

Chester bowling: Henderson 4-0-12-1; L Dixon 4-0-39-0; Dunbavand 2-0-21-0; Robson 2-0-21-0; Williams 4-0-38-3; R. Dixon 4-0-19-3.

Umpires: Dion Kelly and Ankit Jain. Semi-final umpires: the above plus Jon Hacking and David Moss.

### Semi-final scores

**FRONT PITCH: Chester Boughton Hall beat Oxton by 120 runs:**

Chester 185-7 (20 overs: W Goodwin 68, L Dixon 45, J Fennah 4-34, A Prestwich 2-28); Oxton 65-8 (20 overs: J Fennah 21, J Henderson 2-11, J Williams 2-12).

**BACK PITCH: Grappenhall beat Hyde (holders) by 6 wickets:**

Hyde 157-5 (20 overs: J Duffy 52, D Fitzsimmons 40, I Barnes 2-19, J McClelland 2-32); Grappenhall 158-4 (18.1 overs: R Green 69, A. Roylance 62, M Hanna 2-17).

**AREA FINALS NEXT:** Boughton Hall now go forward to represent the league in Birmingham in the **ECB t20 Area finals** on Sunday, August 10 against the T20 champions of the Birmingham & District Premier, North Wales Premier and North Staffs & South Cheshire Premier Leagues.

## Young Cheshire outsmart Wales

AN unbroken 115 runs partnership between two products of Cheshire Youth Cricket, Calum Rowe and England Under 19 international Rob Jones, helped Cheshire beat Wales by seven wickets in their latest **Unicorns county championship** match completed in two days at Bowdon last Sunday and Monday.

Scores: Wales 177 (Dan Woods 6-46, Harry Killoran 3-43) and 137; Cheshire 143 (Rick Moore 43) and 173-3.

This victory earned Cheshire 20 points to Wales' five and leaves them 17 points behind current leaders Wiltshire whom they visit in a vital 3-day game at South Wilts CC, Salisbury starting on August 3 before winding up against Oxfordshire at Nantwich from August 17.

## **Pitch marks for Saturday, July 19**

### **Premier League**

Bramhall v Nantwich: match cancelled  
Chester v Hyde: pitch 19; outfield 20;  
Marple v Toft: match cancelled  
Neston v Grappenhall: pitch 19; outfield 20;  
Oxton v Bowdon: late sheet  
Urmston v Alderley Edge: cancelled

**First Division:** All matches cancelled

### **Second Division**

Bredbury v Weaverham: pitch 16 outfield 20;  
Heaton Mersey v Warrington: cancelled  
Irby v Alvanley: 14 – 18;  
Poynton v Northwich: cancelled  
Tattenhall v Congleton: 18 – 20.  
Upton v Stockport: 17-18  
Teams who failed to provide Ken Spilsbury with umpires marks: Grappenhall, Oxton and Congleton.

## **Over 60s struggle**

CHESHIRE suffered their heaviest defeat of the season in the **ECB 60 Plus county championship** when Derbyshire beat them by eight wickets at West Hallam on Tuesday last week (1.30 p.m.).

This means Cheshire must win against Northumberland at Marple next Tuesday and their re-arranged postponed games which follow if they are to progress to the last 16 play-offs.

Tuesday's details: Cheshire 158-9 (45 overs: Ted Williams 38, Nick Sharp 34, Colin Norbury 28); Derbyshire 161-2 (37 overs: Howard Morris 1-24, Chris Lees 1-30).

## **PRESTBURY WIN JOHN NORTH UNDER 17 TROPHY**

ASSOCIATE members Prestbury beat Neston by 10 runs in the final of the League Junior section's **John North Under 17 Trophy**, played at Prestbury on Friday, July 18.

Batting first, the home side totalled 137-8 all out in 19 overs after being 99-4 from 12. Two batsmen who retired at 40 and 41 respectively were opener Andy Phillips and James Scott, the latter's knock containing four sixes and three fours off 18 balls and helped liven up sheep in the adjacent field.

Pick of the Neston bowlers was Ally Crick with 1-14 off his three overs while special mention should be made of wicket keeper Tom Thorne who snaffled five victims, two catches and three stumpings.

Neston began their reply well and their openers scored 52 in eight overs. Dom Smith then retired in the 10<sup>th</sup> over before wickets fell regularly as the batsmen found it increasingly hard to score against a varied, seven-man attack. Tom Thorne again acquitted himself well with a rapid 19 off 11 balls, but Neston subsided to close on 127-9 from their 20 overs, losing by 10 runs.

James Scott and Andy Phillips were the best bowlers, both taking two wickets.

The match was a credit to both teams, their coaches/managers and supporters. It was played in an excellent spirit and highlighted the depth of talent in the Junior section. Special mention should be made of the ground fielding which was exceptional by both sides, with no catches dropped while the athleticism and enthusiasm was also impressive

*Report submitted by Junior section chairman Mike Carswell.*

## **Celebs at U9 final**

CELEBRITY dads Michael Vaughan, Freddie Flintoff and Robbie Savage watched their young 'uns in action when Alderley Edge won at Stockport Georgians in the **League Junior Section Under 9s final** on Monday, July 21.

Michael Vaughan referred to the match - and young Freddie Savage's winning runs - during his Test Match Special stint on the BBC radio on Monday.

## **Three reach Forties' play-offs**

THREE clubs have reached the **Over 40s section** play-offs after games played in warm sunshine on Wednesday last week.

After victory at Mobberley, unbeaten Toft can prepare for the Central group play-offs although not necessarily as winners and they must wait to see whether Alsager or Grappenhall will join them.

Reigning champions and still undefeated Urmston Tigers can make preparations to host the North-East group play-off after their latest convincing victory, at home to Cheadle Hulme. The Grove Park vets could make it as runners-up – as could Cheadle.

Marple top the South-East group having won every game not cancelled due to rain. It's most likely Macclesfield will also go through, although Bredbury Saints and Poynton Legends remain in the reckoning.

Neston and Tattenhall Wreckers continue to sweep all before them at the top of the West group, but Irby can still catch either - mathematically.

### **JULY 23 RESULTS**

#### WEST GROUP

**Chester Boughton Hall conceded to Irby (4 pts.)**

**Tattenhall Wreckers (4 pts.) beat Caldby by 22 runs:**

Tattenhall 185-4 (Kettle 32, Nichols 31, Harper 30, Hope 30, Salt 30, Pilley 2-17); Caldby 163-7 (Luxon 33, Smith 32, Laycock 32, Harper 2-27).

**Upton lost to Oxton (4 pts.) by 34 runs:**

Oxton 149-3 (E Tiler 32, Mitchell 30, Wimpenny 30); Upton 115-3 (Jarvis 31, Chapman 30).

**Warrington lost to Neston (4 pts.) by 8 wickets:**

Warrington 76-8 (Sleigh 30); Neston 77-2 (Beaver 32, Surrey 26).

#### CENTRAL GROUP

**Alsager (4 pts.) beat Grappenhall by 18 runs:**

Alsager 128-4; Grappenhall 110-6.

**Ashley lost to Bowdon (4 pts.) by 39 runs:**

Bowdon 144-7 (Thompson 33, Simpson 33, Corbishley 2-5); Ashley 105-9 (Busby 27, Burgess 3-12).

**Bowdon Vale Vikings (4 pts.) beat Davenham by 6 wickets:**

Davenham 124-3 (Psrker 33, Goff 30); Bowdon Vale 125-4 (Thorpe 30, Gainey 25).

**Mobberley lost to Toft by 17 runs:**

Toft 124-2; Mobberley 107-2.

#### NORTH EAST GROUP:

**Alderley Edge (4 pts.) beat Timperley by 9 runs:**

Alderley Edge 164-3 (Brookes 35, Clarke 33, Bolton 31); Timperley 155-5 (Brooks 30, Bolton 3-20).

**Cheadle (4 pts.) beat Brooklands by 5 wickets:**

Brooklands 143-6 (Horsford 35, McCoy 31, Davies 4-16); Cheadle 147-5 (Davies 35, Hall 340).

**Sale Silverbacks (4 pts.) beat Ashton on Mersey by 5 wickets:**

Ashton on Mersey 79-8; Sale 80-5 (Davenport 30, Griffiths 3-6).

**Urmston Tigers (4 pts.) beat Cheadle Hulme by 5 wickets:**

Cheadle Hulme 81-9 (Unsworth 25, Oldfield 21, Sethi 3-11, Saunders 2-6); Urmston 82-5 (Gardom 20, Stringer 2-6).



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#### **SOUTH-EAST GROUP**

##### **Bredbury Saints (4 pts.) beat Bramhall by 18 runs:**

Bredbury 132-5 (Clarke 32, Lakin 30, Barlow 29, Stoneman 2-27); Bramhall 114-9 (Patel 21, Martin 3-24, Wood 2-18, Barlow 2-26).

##### **Offerton lost to Marple (4 pts.) by 8 wickets:**

Offerton 89-6 (Ryles 20, Potter 2-10); Marple 91-2 (Hayward 32).

##### **Poynton Legends lost to Macclesfield (4 pts.) by 3 runs:**

Macclesfield 100-6 (Thompson 30, S. Moores 27, Kingham 2-28); Poynton 97-5 (Thompson 31, Berzins 30, Frame 3-7).

##### **Woodley lost to Bollington Veterans (4 pts.) by 5 wickets:**

Woodley 141-3 (Goodwin 35, Hotson 34); Bollington 145-5 (Paterson 35, Burns 32, Goodwin 4-16).

#### ***Latest tables***

<b><u>West group</u></b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>C/A</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PTS.</b>
NESTON	12	10	0	1	1	42
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	12	10	0	1	1	42
IRBY	12	8	0	1	3	34
WARRINGTON	12	6	0	0	6	24
UPTON	12	3	1	2	6	19
OXTON	12	4	0	2	6	20
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	12	2	1	0	9	11
CALDY	12	0	0	1	11	2
<b><u>Central group</u></b>						
<b>TOFT</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46 in play-offs</b>
ALSAGER	12	9	0	2	1	40
GRAPPENHALL	12	7	0	2	3	32
DAVENHAM	12	4	0	2	6	20
BOWDON	12	5	0	1	6	22
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	12	4	0	2	6	20
ASHLEY	12	1	0	1	10	6
MOBBERLEY	12	1	0	1	10	6
<b><u>North-East group</u></b>						
<b>URMSTON TIGERS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42 winners</b>
CHEADLE	12	6	0	3	3	30
CHEADLE HULME	12	6	0	2	4	28
BROOKLANDS	12	6	0	1	5	26
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	12	5	0	3	4	26
SALE SILVERBACKS	12	5	0	2	5	24
TIMPERLEY	12	1	0	3	8	10
ASHTON ON MERSEY	12	1	0	1	10	6
<b><u>South-East group</u></b>						
<b>MARPLE</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44 winners</b>
BREDBURY SAINTS	12	8	0	2	2	36
MACCLESFIELD	12	6	0	2	4	28
POYNTON LEGENDS	12	6	0	1	5	26
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	12	5	0	2	5	24
BRAMHALL	12	3	0	1	8	14
OFFERTON	12	2	0	1	9	10
WOODLEY	12	2	0	1	9	10

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### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 FIXTURES (6.15 p.m.)**

WEST GROUP: Caldy v Chester; Irby v Tattenhall; Neston v Upton; Oxton v Warrington

CENTRAL GROUP: Bowdon v Alsager; Daveham v Mobberley; Grappenhall v Ashley; Toft v Bowdon Vale

NORTH-EAST GROUP: Ashton on Mersey v Alderley Edge; Cheadle Hulme v Cheadle; Timperley v Sale; Urmston v Brooklands

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

### **PLAY-OFFS (Sundays, August 10 or 17)**

WEST winners v CENTRAL runners-up

CENTRAL winners v WEST runners-up

NORTH-EAST winners URMSTON v SOUTH-EAST runners-up

SOUTH-EAST winners MARPLE v NORTH-EAST runners-up

## **Two in Cheshire Cup semis**

MACCLESFIELD beat Toft by five wickets to reach the semi-finals of the **Cheshire Cup** on Sunday. They will be at home to New Brighton on Sunday, August 10.

Dates for the two remaining quarter-finals: Urmston v Oxton and Chester Boughton Hall v Bollington still not yet finalised.

### **CHESHIRE SHIELD semi-final results:**

Warrington 177 lost to Ashton on Mersey 179-5; Rode Park & Lawton 152 lost to Hawk Green 209.

Hawk Green will stage the final against Ashton on Mersey on Sunday, August 17 (1.30 p.m.).

### **Another ton for Marsden**

CHESHIRE lost their Development XI match against neighbours Shropshire by 15 runs at Whithurch last Thursday, despite a second successive fine century by Macclesfield's Ben Marsden. Scores: Shropshire 252-7; Cheshire 237-9.

## **TACS Cheshire League leaders held**

LEADERS Mobberley scraped a draw at Romiley in the First Division of the **TACS Partnership Cheshire League** on Saturday, while second-placed Bollington scored an exciting one wicket win at Malpas and now trail by only three points.

Division 1 results: Ashton on Mersey 222 Runcorn 159; Bollington 189-9 Malpas 187-8 inn. closed; Hale Barns 216-2 inn. closed Chester County Officers 158; Lindow 172-1 Prestbury 171-6 inn. closed; Romiley 208 Mobberley 171-9; Stockport Georgians 93-4 Oakmere 91.

### **Up to date placings**

1. Mobberley	254 pts.
2. Bollington	251
3. Ashton on Mersey	244
4. Stockport Georgians	236
5. Romiley	230
6. Malpas	203
7. Runcorn	198
8. Prestbury	164
9. Lindow	147
10. Hale Barns	141
11. Chester Country Officers	137
12. Oakmere	113

Division 2 leaders: Disley 258; Barrow 248. Division 3 leaders: Haslington 245; Stockport Trinity 218.

Division 1 fixtures on Saturday, August 2 (1.30 p.m.): Chester County Officers v Stockport Georgians; Lindow v Hale Barns; Malpas v Romiley; Mobberley v Ashton on Mersey; Oakmere v Bollington; Prestbury v Runcorn.

*Information provided by TACS chairman Graham Coull.*

**LEAGUE FIXTURES & UMPIRES FOR  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2: Week 15**

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

BRAMHALL v URMSTON  
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v BOWDON  
HYDE v GRAPPENHALL  
MARPLE v NANTWICH  
NESTON v TOFT  
OXTON v ALDERLEY EDGE

Barrie Burns & Steve Walton  
Dion Kelly Glyn Roberts  
Graham Harris & Chris Smith  
Paul Herring & Phil Prince  
Steve Duckers & David Moss  
Ian Greensmith & Martin Howe

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

CHRISTLETON v WIDNES  
DAVENHAM v TIMPERLEY  
DIDSBURY v SALE  
MACCLESFIELD v BROOKLANDS  
MIDDLEWICH v CHEADLE  
*OULTON PARK v CHEADLE HULME*

Neville Abberley & Clive Rice  
Ged Kinsey & Allan Lewis  
David Goulding & Ken Rothwell  
Trevor Burnett & Simon Smith  
Jon Hacking & Liam Spires  
*To be played on Sunday, August 10*

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

BREDBURY ST MARK'S v WARRINGTON  
HEATON MERSEY v POYNTON  
IRBY v NORTHWICH  
STOCKPORT v CONGLETON  
TATTENHALL v WEAVERHAM  
UPTON v ALVANLEY

Howard Briggs & Gary Zimmer  
Tony Morris & David Stoter  
Ray Prescott & Martin Roberts  
John Lofthouse & Ian Wilson  
Darrin Clark & Alistair Davies  
Ankit Jain & John Lowe

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

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

Graham Pugh & Steve Kirkbright  
No panel umpire available & Club umpire  
No panel umpire available & Club umpire  
Ken Simpson & Bob Cunningham  
Peter Davies & Brian Boys  
Neville Kent & no panel umpire available

## Lewis Clarke, aged 14, takes all 10 wickets for Bramhall 2nd

BRAMHALL's 14 year old 2nd XI spinner Lewis Clarke took all 10 wickets to help his side beat Division 1 leaders Stockport at Church Lane on Saturday and lay a strong claim for the **July Performance of the Month** award.

Lewis, who plays regularly for his Cheshire age group team, took a 2nd XI record 10-24 off 15.3 overs after coming on as third change. He was partnered by veteran Tom Drury, whose figures were 0-38 off 16 overs!

The 2nd XI best bowling record was previously held by Mike O'Neill (Northwich) with 10-31 versus Hyde in 1995. The overall league best analysis record is held by David Lloyd (Upton 4th) who took 10-18 against Heaton Mersey in 1997.

O 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Secretary Brian Boys reports another outstanding individual performance on Saturday from Poynton batsman Tom Berzins, with 202 not out in a home match against Widnes. It was the season's first score of more than 200 at any level of league cricket.

### **10 Years Ago**

#### **From the *Newsletter of July 31, 2004***

AFTER suffering a disheartening five late withdrawals, including skipper **Andrew Hall**, the League lost by five wickets against the Liverpool Competition in the quarter-final of the President's Trophy at Grappenhall. Nantwich's **Jeff Maynard** top-scored with 73 in the League's 183-9, Liverpool replying with 186-5, **Jack Dyer** (Sefton) 85.

ON the credit side, the League Under 18s beat the Cheshire League at Chester to reach the semi-finals of the North-West Colts Trophy after scoring 266-4, **Ollie Sadler** 90, **Nick James** 71. The Cheshire League were bowled out for 109, **Tom Pilling** 3-20, **Steve Hurworth** 3-22.

BARBADOS policeman **Derwen Thompson** was the star turn when Poynton beat Premiership leaders Oulton Park at Little Budworth. The highly-popular Derwen hit a magnificent 114 off 126 balls, then claimed 5-20 to help bowl Park out for 141, **Danny Leech** 42.

INDIAN all-rounder **Ashwin Punja** - the Man from Bangalore - scored 79 for Alsager, but it was not enough to prevent Division One leaders Christleton from scoring another fine win. Another Indian - **Abhishek Powar** - top scored with 70 and **Nick O'Connell** 69 not out in a notable eight wickets victory.

CHEADLE topped Division Two for the first time after with a 94 runs win at Weaverham, their star turns being Alan Plowright, 66 not out, **Richard Nicholson**, 52 and especially **Dave Dooler**, with an 8-22 return.