

COUNTY LEAGUE NEWS

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MAY 2019

Full month of cricket! Perfect month for Chester

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Divisions start to take shape

Bowlers dominate league cricket...

...but big batting in the cups

Concessions affecting 2nd & 3rd XI matches



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CHESHIRE COUNTY CRICKET LEAGUE

CCCL PREMIER LEAGUE IN MAY

A quick word with ROBERT SEHMI

I caught up with Rob just after his T20 debut for Cheshire and the day after he'd missed out on century number two in 2019 by one run! "Yes, I got strangled down the leg side, which is always a sickener, but the important thing was we got the win!" said the Toft keeper. "It's especially important after our poor results against Cheadle and Hyde, so to get home against such a terrific side as Nantwich was a big boost - they're champions for a reason. Now we have to look to get a run of wins going!" After 811 league runs in 2018 (including a club record 173), and a century on day one to help Toft beat Chester, Rob seems on course to be amongst the top run scorers again. "Well, let's hope so! But it's not going to be easy, with the quality of bowling that is there in the Prem. I'm just looking to keep working on my game and hopefully the runs and catches will keep coming." How does Rob assess the state of his home-town club? "I think Toft has a really strong backbone as a club, if that makes sense, with a great chairman at the heart of it and such a fantastic facility here. We have a good core of players in the 1s, but a lot of emerging talent too, which is heartening. The dressing room is becoming a very honest space, we take time to debrief much more thoroughly now after games and look to help each other improve."



Chester BH lead the way after the first full month of the season after a perfect May. Starting with a convincing win over defending champions Nantwich (whose last five wickets added 0 runs as they tumbled to 73 all out), Warren Goodwin's successive hundreds - which included a 221 opening stand with Rick Moore against Marple and a 186 psp with Jamie Crawley against Neston - mean that CBH have found themselves top ahead of a resurgent Hyde, who also had an excellent month after their promotion back to the top tier. It was only their reverse at Alderley Edge that denied them four wins in May, and even then they will have rued losing 8-42 chasing 157 (Stephen Parry taking 4-22 in 17 overs) and seeing AE's last two wickets add 60. But even so, three wins, with some excellent returns from new recruit Cole Turner (James Duffy held four catches off him during his 6-19 at Toft) have given much

encouragement to Hyde, as it also has to Cheadle, for whom Josh Dooler spun his way to 8-48 as Nantwich suffered a third reverse in the month, their defeat at Toft in a thrilling match coming despite an excellent century from Steve Rimmer. However, Will Evans has eclipsed all the other batting heroics in May with two scores of 150+, his 181 off 131 against Toft (5 sixes, 28 fours) powering Neston to successive wins, tucking them in nicely behind the top three. At the other end, Oulton Park have had a rough run, four defeats including a one wicket loss at Cheadle after being 67 all out, their last 4 wkts adding 119 vs Neston, and bowling out Nantwich for 88 but still losing! However, they are not far away from Grappenhall, and with both Marple and Widnes having had indifferent months (the latter boosted by Majid Majeed's all round form) June should prove a fascinating time.

PREMIER TABLE

TEAM	PTS	TEAM	PTS IN MAY
CHESTER BH	118	CHESTER B.H.	100
HYDE	112	TIMPERLEY	82
CHEADLE	109	HYDE	80
NESTON	98	CHEADLE	77
TIMPERLEY	97	ALDERLEY EDGE	73
ALDERLEY EDGE	81	NESTON	66
NANTWICH	76	NANTWICH	44
TOFT	67	GRAPPENHALL	40
WIDNES	52	WIDNES	39
MARPLE	51	TOFT	35
GRAPPENHALL	47	MARPLE	32
OULTON PARK	33	OULTON PARK	20

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MAY HONOURS BOARD

Will Evans 181, Nest v Toft, 25.5
Warren Goodwin 153*, CBH v Marp, 18.5
Will Evans 152, Nest v Grapp, 4.5
Steve Rimmer 117, Nant v Toft, 18.5
Warren Goodwin 108, CBH v Nest, 11.5
Abishek Kulkarni 107*, Timp v Grapp, 18.5
Rick Moore 107 CBH v Marp, 18.5

Majid Majeed 8-26, Wid v Grapp, 25.5
Josh Dooler 8-48, Chead v Nant, 25.5
Cole Turner 6-19, Hyde v Toft, 4.5
Lloyd Aspin 6-50, CBH v Timp, 25.5
Tom Forster, 6-86, Toft v Nest, 25.5

5 wicket hauls for Lloyd Aspin, Dan Brown, Michael Eckard, Ben Gibbon, Andy Greasley, Oliver Griffiths and Adam Roylance.

1ST XI T20 CUP



The group stages of the T20 were marked by some spectacular batting on one of the best evenings of the month. May 22nd saw Nantwich's Ben Johnston hit 122 off 49 balls against Davenham; Tom Hyslop hit 118 off 61 for OP against Northwich. Kevin Carroll made 65 off 37 for Brooklands v Cheadle as the top seeds in gp 6 lost, and Lloyd Aspin's 85 off 41 for CBH in gp 2 against Alvanley followed his 75 off 36 against Tattenhall. Fixtures on May 30th were dominated an amazing all round display in Group 9 from Andrew Jackson, who smashed 129* off 50 balls (10 x6, 12 x 4) which he followed up with 2-12 as Toft's 258-3 not surprisingly proved way out of reach for Macclesfield. Elsewhere, Alderley Edge just edged out Lindow by 7 runs, while Bramhall enjoyed watching 14 year old Jack Bridgeman mark his first team debut with 56 as his side were too good for Mobberley. All of which meant three sides in Group 8 could still qualify for the quarter finals. In group 1, a heavy defeat for Oxton at Upton means that the Neston/Upton fixture is winner takes all, but at the other extreme, the five team Group 7 is still a way from being determined, Romiley rounding off their schedule with a win over Stockport, although this was not enough to see them through.

CURRENT T20 STANDINGS

GROUP 1 Neston, Upton, Oxton With Oxton losing both their games, Neston v Upton on June 6th will determine the group winner.	GROUP 2 Grappenhall, Warrington, Widnes Grappenhall beat Warrington in the only game played to date. The remaining fixtures are scheduled for early June.
GROUP 3 CBH, Barrow, Tattenhall, Alvanley Just one match remains in this group but Chester BH have qualified, with two wins, and Barrow conceding to them on May 30th.	GROUP 4 Nantwich, Davenham, Northwich, O.P. June 6th will see the remaining two matches played but the crunch game is Nantwich vs Oulton Park, the winner of which qualifies.
GROUP 5 Timperley, Didsbury, Sale, Urmston As in group 4, June 6th will see the key game take place, when either hosts Timperley or visitors Didsbury will qualify.	GROUP 6 Cheadle, Bowdon, H.Barns, Brooklands A win for Bowdon at Cheadle will see them qualify but should Cheadle and Brooklands win their games on June 6, net run rate will decide.
GROUP 7 Marple, Hyde, Romiley, Stockport, Stockport Georgians With Romiley's games complete and Stockport going winless in their three games to date, Hyde and Marple's match on June 6 will determine the group regardless of the result between Hyde & Georgians (set for May 31st). Marple currently top the group with three wins out of three.	GROUP 8 A.Edge, Bramhall, Lindow, Mobberley AE will qualify if they beat Bramhall, who, like Lindow, could still qualify depending on how results on June 13 pan out.
	GROUP 9 Macc, Toft, Congleton, Bollington Toft are in the box seat to qualify, with their destiny in their own hands on June 11 as they face Bollington - a Toft win sees them through.

2ND XI T20 CUP

Danny Humphreys smashed 126 off 73 balls to power Hyde 2s to an unassailable 221-5 and a 124 win over Marple in the stand out display of the 2nd XI Cup so far. Martin Porthouse's fantastic 100* off 67 balls for Timperley set up a win over Brooklands. Ollie Law (92 for CBH v Widnes, Patrick Tyrrell (91 for Warrington v Upton) Dan Newton (89* for Sale v H.Barns) and Jack Langley (84 off 43 for Cheadle v Cheadle Hulme) all propelled their sides into the next round. Other sides through so far are Nantwich, Alderley Edge, Oxton, Toft, Neston, Didsbury, and Heaton Mersey, whose win over Romiley saw Romiley batsman Andrew Harrison score a '7' off one delivery, with four overthrows following an all-run three. Round 3 fixtures are on Play Cricket, to be played on 4th June.

MAY IN CCCL DIVISION 1

A quick word with CHRIS ASHLING

Since returning to Bowdon in 2013 after a spell in the professional game, Chris has taken 359 wickets in the last six seasons, and with another 20 already in the bag for 2019 (including 8-28 at Romiley) he is reaping the rewards of a winter keeping fit. "Yes, I did a lot of work over the close season, and I feel fitter now than for some time. I'm enjoying playing now as much as any time in my career, I have always loved playing cricket, and that also helps to keep me fresh." So you must be thinking about getting back to the Prem? "Obviously we'd love to return there, this is our second season back in Div 1 and we feel we can certainly compete at the top end of the division. But you have to earn the right, already there's been a number of topsy-turvy results and there are a number of strong teams who also want to get into that top two. It's pleasing that we have a number of players progressing through our ranks into the first team, and hopefully they can continue to develop and make an impact in 1st XI cricket. Like others I do have concerns about the viability of the game lower down the divisions, and it's crucial that we see more of the many juniors we have staying with the game."



In a month dominated by bowlers, Oxton's impressive form saw them head the May tables (both league and 'form') with their crushing win over Macc rounding off a stellar May for Chris Stenhouse, whose 6-27 (with a hat-trick) in that match bookended a month he started with a man of the match performance of 37* and 7-45 as Oxton won a low scoring affair at Sale. Their equally impressive 10 wicket win over Bolly was also the occasion of the only hundred in the division in May, Jack Smith's 104* supported by Jonny Crick's unbeaten 80. There were other notable batting highlights, Macc's James Cross and Miles Bradshaw adding 125 for the 6th wkt to lead them to a win over Bramhall, who won two and lost two in May but who are in the early mix at the top end of the table, as are both Urmston and Bowdon, who won three times including demolitions of both Romiley

and Sale, dispatched for 36 in a match lasting just 30 overs. Davenham have also had a strong month with their slump at Bramhall the only blight on an otherwise brilliant May, their highlight arguably defending 118 against Upton, who were 45-6 before their last four wickets added 60 to produce a very tense climax. Didsbury have lost three out of four in a poor month for them, whereas Brooklands have coped well without AJ Hart's bowling to notch two handy wins, notably finishing on the right side in their rematch with fellow promoted club Romiley despite only making 118. In the Div 2 clash between them in 2018, Kevin Carroll hit six sixes in an over from the unfortunate Paul Garner. This time round Garner got the out of form Carroll for a primary, but that was the only solace for Romiley as they fell to 68 all out before running into a rampant Chris Ashling a fortnight later and folding for 88.

DIV 1 TABLE

TEAM	PTS
OXTON	110
URMSTON	102
BOWDON	100
BRAMHALL	95
DAVENHAM	91
MACCLESFIELD	90
BROOKLANDS	89
SALE	69
DIDSBURY	64
BOLLINGTON	54
UPTON	48
ROMILEY	29

MAY FORM GUIDE

TEAM	MAY PTS
OXTON	88
BOWDON	80
DAVENHAM	78
URMSTON	70
BRAMHALL	63
MACCLESFIELD	58
BROOKLANDS	57
SALE	55
DIDSBURY	48
BOLLINGTON	43
UPTON	34
ROMILEY	18

MAY HONOURS BOARD

Jack Smith, 104*, Oxt v Boll, 18.5

Honourable mentions: Lewis Jackson, 98*, Urms v Boll, 4.5 and Frederick Kamstra, 90*, Dids v Dav, 18.5

Chris Ashling, 8-20, Bowd v Rom, 18.5
Rick Halkon 7-41, Sale v Upton, 18.5
Chris Stenhouse, 7-45, Oxt v Sale, 4.5
Chris Stenhouse 6-27, Oxt v Macc, 25.5

5 wicket hauls for:

Chris Ashling, Alisdair Barrowman,
Paul Garner, Steve Green, Craig Melrose,
Liam Sundve, Jack Tipton, Matthew Tully

MAY IN CCCL DIVISION 2

Division 2 has, like Div 1, been all about the bowlers in May. Jonathan Fletcher's 155* (for a Warrington team who won three out of four) against luckless Northwich was the only century of the month as batting has proved a tricky occupation. 11 completed innings of the 48 played have seen double figure totals recorded, with no side immune! Mobberley had arguably the most amazing month in their recent history (see Matt Mountney's comments opposite) and although Tattenhall's 14 all out was truly a low point for them, they are still in touch with the other sides at the foot of the table. Northwich, however, are already seeing a gap developing after a wretched month in which they were dispatched twice for 32 (once in the T20). At the top, Lindow continued their strong start with an almost perfect month, a tense victory over Hale Barns followed by two much more comfortable ones and a max points draw against Alvanley, who were also unbeaten in May but

played out losing draws in the last two weeks. Both Stockport teams had the relief of a win on Saturday to shore up otherwise barren months for them both. Stockport got over the line against Mobberley after a tough May in which they haven't got past 150. Georgians lost an incredible encounter against a Congleton side making a very impressive start to life back in the CCCL. Cong lost 4-5 to tumble to 78 all out, but they then reduced SG to 44-9. Captain James Locke joined Adam Keene, who kept his nerve with and inched his team to 76 before becoming Jack Goode's sixth victim. SG then won by 6 runs the following week to experience both sides of that coin! All rounder of the month goes to Hale Barns' Joe Cooper, with two fifties and 18 wickets in three of the four matches played - HB sit a proud third largely thanks to his amazing form. Christleton and Barrow both won twice, helping the latter compensate from being dismissed for 39 by Alvanley.

A quick word with MATT MOUNTNEY



"Quite surreal". Stand-in Mobberley captain Matt Mountney has no other words to describe the extraordinary month of May, when in three successive games he only needed to call on two bowlers, Abdul Aqeel and Hank Schlaghecke to dispatch Tattenhall, Northwich and Warrington for 14, 32 and 50 respectively. In fact, having to change the bowling in the game against Stockport took him a bit by surprise! "Those two have been bowling really well, consistent lengths, and most of the wickets they have taken have been bowled or lbw, which reflects good discipline in making the batsmen play." Has he had to pinch himself? "In a word, yes! Tattenhall was over in a flash, Northwich we know are struggling, but I was shocked that we did the same to a team like Warrington, who will be pushing for promotion. We have been on the receiving end enough times in the past, so it's been pleasing to dominate games for once. It's not uncommon for us to take early wickets but we let a lot of good positions slip last season which meant we had a fight on our hands to stay up, but this year it's nice to make those good starts count, and take some of the pressure off with points on the board. Three wins in a month is fantastic for us."

DIV 2 TABLE

TEAM	PTS
LINDOW	122
CONGLETON	102
HALE BARNS	91
WARRINGTON	91
MOBBERLEY	90
CHRISTLETON	87
BARROW	85
STOCKPORT	70
ALVANLEY	69
ST.GEORGIANS	53
TATTENHALL	46
NORTHWICH	22

MAY FORM GUIDE

TEAM	MAY PTS
LINDOW	90
MOBBERLEY	80
WARRINGTON	79
CONGLETON	70
CHRISTLETON	68
ALVANLEY	60
HALE BARNS	59
BARROW	53
ST.GEORGIANS	38
STOCKPORT	38
TATTENHALL	14
NORTHWICH	11

MAY HONOURS BOARD

Jonathan Fletcher 155*, Warr v North, 4.5

Honourable mentions: Simon Gee 93*, Alv v Barr, 11.5 and Joe Cooper 92, HB v Tatt, 18.5.

Abdul Aqeel 7-16, Mobb v North, 11.5

Joe Cooper 7-36, HB v Lind, 4.5

Abdul Aqeel 6-10, Mobb v Tatt, 4.5

Joe Cooper 6-26, HB v Tatt, 18.5

Joe Cooper 6-28, HB v North, 25.5

Mark Green 6-34, Stock v Warr, 11.5

Jack Goode 6-38, Cong v SG, 18.5

5 wicket hauls for: Saleem Akram, Abdul Aqeel, Steve Charles, Glinoj Cherian, Mike Eley, Joshua Joseph, Simon Normanton, Rana Rauf



Richard Fennah
15-6-18-7

Oxton 2s v St.Georgians 2's
18th May

2ND XI MAY PARTNERSHIPS:

187* (1st) Jamie Matthews (102*) & Martin Porthouse (81*)
Timperley v Warrington, 4.5

168 (6th) Paul Brogan (108) & Chris Beckley (82*), Cheadle Hulme v Bollington, 4.5

151* (1st) Mark Jones (79*) & Mark Greave (67*), Davenham v Stockport, 25.5

CCCL 2ND & 3RD XI

2ND XI CRICKET

Nantwich 2s maintain their lead at the top of the Prem but only by a point from CBH. These two played out a thriller which saw CBH come out on top by 4 runs, but a week later Ben Mogg's second 6 wkt haul of the season helped Nantwich back to winning ways. As in 1st XI cricket, bowlers have been on top, but both Hyde's Luke Young (132) and Toft's David Blackburn (106*) made tons in

a fine match at Werneth Low, with Toft chasing 220 to win. Young has also starred with the ball, his 7-70 against Cheadle the best return in the division. In Division 1, Macc have established a 36 pt cushion over Heaton Mersey at the top. Some notable batting on May 4th saw Raj Soni's 100 for Warrington eclipsed by a 10 wkt triumph for hosts Timperley, for whom Jamie Matthews (102*) and

Martin Porthouse (81*) added an unbroken 187 together for a 10 wicket win. Richard Fennah's amazing return for Oxton saw Georgians bowled out for 77 on the same day Georgians 1st XI made 76! In Division 2 - the only division without a conceded fixture in May - Davenham lead Lindow (who had a 3 run win over Bollington) by 5 points. Farhan Ghous (Stockport) and Paul Brogan (CH) made tons.

3RD XI CRICKET - CONCESSIONS ABOUND AS LEAGUE SEASON STARTS

The win/lose initiatives brought into 3rd XI cricket outside the Premier League have sadly done nothing to increase enthusiasm for playing in the West Division, where 10 of the 15 scheduled fixtures have been conceded in May, a desperately poor state of affairs. Four conceded matches in Division 3 of the East competition is not so bad in comparison, with a full programme played in Divs 1 and 2,

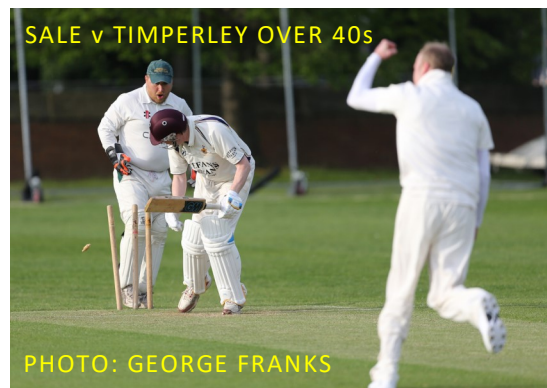
Didsbury 4s and Lindow the early pacesetters in those leagues. The Premier league has not been immune either, with three matches conceded already and a number of instances of clubs needing to get dispensation from their opponents to play players who would ordinarily be ineligible for the fixture (due to having played the previous day). When this is added to the concession-blighted

mini groups of the 3rd XI T20 trophy, it has clearly been a difficult start for this level of cricket across Cheshire, and it can only be hoped that things improve as exams finish, which is one factor affecting availability. In the Premier league itself, the standard is as high as ever, reigning champions Didsbury and Grappenhall the top two in these early stages.

OVER 40s NEWS

After a full month of fixtures, all four over 40s divisions have seen some interesting action, as well as suffering with the weather, with 17 matches being cancelled but just two conceded. Reigning over 40s champs Neston are second in the Western Division, CBH leading the way after winning the three May fixtures they played. In the Central Division, Grappenhall and Davenham are joint top, the latter racking up the highest total so far with 195-

5 against Ashley. In the North East group, Brooklands are the early leaders, having played out a dramatic tie with Urmston. There has also been a tied fixture in the South East division, Hyde and Bredbury SM the two teams involved - the latter team also recorded a 10 wkt win over Offerton. Bollington are currently top, having completed three successful run chases in May.



SALE v TIMPERLEY OVER 40s

PHOTO: GEORGE FRANKS

AROUND THE COUNTY.....



Four wins out of four in May have put Haslington on top of the Div 1 UK Fast table, with a 14 point cushion from second, where Cheadle Hulme sit after three wins, the latest a whopping 151 run victory at Runcorn, who have made an inconsistent start after their relegation last year, as have Weaverham, losing three times in May, one of which was an agonising 8 run loss to Barnton in a high scoring game. Perhaps the biggest puzzle is Port Sunlight, who narrow-

ly missed promotion to the County league last year but have yet to win in the league in 2019, which makes their win over Premier League Grappenhall in the Cheshire Cup all the more remarkable! In Division Two it is very tight at the top with three clubs separated by just five points, Langley & Ashley leading the way from new boys Hawk Green. At the other end, Bredbury St.Marks slump shows no sign of abating, already second bottom after successive relegations in the previous two seasons.

UK FAST DIV 1 TABLE	PTS
HASLINGTON	122
CHEADLE HULME	104
BARNTON	91
KINGSLEY	90
STOCKPORT TRINITY	90
ASHTON ON MERSEY	87
NORTH EAST CHESHIRE	73
RUNCORN	68
WEAVERHAM	65
LYMM OP	62
OAKMERE	51
PORT SUNLIGHT	49

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CHESHIRE WIN SOME, LOSE SOME

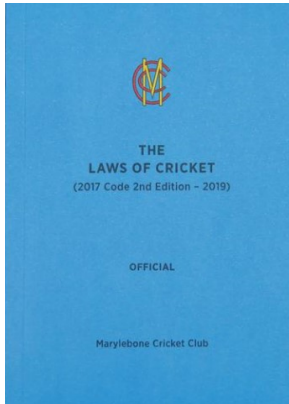
Cheshire have made an inconsistent start to 2019, with a double defeat the worst possible way to get their T20 campaign underway. They lost both games at Carlisle against Cumberland; Gary Pratt's 72 helped the hosts to 145-4, with Cheshire managing only 107-9 in the first game, with former Cheshire man Adam Syddall taking 3 wickets. In game two, chasing just 116, Cheshire fared little better and were bowled out for 88, with David Wainwright top scoring in both matches at no.9. It was better news the following week in the 50 over format, where Cheshire's defence of their title got underway at Toft with a 33 run win over Northumberland. Captain Rick Moore led the way with 94 as his

side reached 257-7. In reply, the visitors were indebted to Adam Hickey's wonderful 112 off 113 balls getting them close but a steady bowling performance from the Cheshire attack meant that they progressed into the next round and a trip to Bracebridge Heath on Sunday to take on Lincolnshire. It was back to T20 action the week after, with a 'derby day' as Staffordshire visited Nantwich CC, and in match one Cheshire put a much better performance together as they triumphed by 7 wickets, chasing down the 172 target with 7 wickets and 16 balls to spare. Will Evans brought his fine league form to the crease with an unbeaten



70 off 44 balls, well supported by Moore and Ed Fluck. Staffs batted first again in game two, and a pair of half centuries from their openers led to a total of 186-7 being achieved. Cheshire again chased well, with Rob Sehmi's 61 rescuing his side from 78-5, but sadly, despite good lower order support, the hosts lost by 12 runs. All is not lost just yet in the group, but Cheshire know they have very little margin for error now, with four matches left to play and Lincs having a 100% record.





LAWS & LAPTOPS

UMPIRES AND SCORERS

What are penalty runs and how can they be accrued? And what happens when they are scored? Simply, they are given when an offence takes place as outlined in the laws, and in most cases it is usually the batting side that will be awarded penalty runs, as there are more offences the fielding side can commit. Most commonly (although still a rarity) penalty runs are awarded when the ball strikes a helmet on the ground belonging to the fielding side.



Law 28:3 explains the procedure for the fielding side using protective helmets. Any helmet(s) not in use but on the field must be placed behind the wk, in line with both sets of stumps - this was specified after Mike Brearley was trying to entice batsmen playing for a draw against Middlesex in the Championship to play some shots, and he placed a helmet at short midwicket, encouraging them to hit it!

The ball becomes dead as soon as the ball strikes a helmet on the ground it, and any action thereafter is disregarded; so it's not possible to score ten penalty runs if the ball hits two helmets next to each other.

Runs completed before the ball hits the helmet are counted, together with the run in progress if the batsman have crossed the instant of the ball striking the helmet.

Penalty runs will not be awarded if the striker makes no attempt to play the ball, and is not taking evasive action, and the ball deflects off any part of the striker's person and subsequently hits a helmet on the ground.

The ball will count as one in the over because although ordinarily, an award of penalty runs to the batting side would mean the ball does not count in the over, the ball striking a helmet on the ground is always considered to be an accidental occurrence, and thus the fielding side are not penalised any further.

GET THE MOST OUT OF PLAY CRICKET SCORER WITH PLAY CRICKET LIVE

There are many ways to score cricket matches, and while there are scorers who still favour the traditional book, those using technology are discovering the many benefits of using Play Cricket Scorer, the free app developed by the ECB and aimed particularly at matches where there are no specialist scorers available. If you are using PCS, have you discovered the companion app, Play Cricket Live? Play Cricket Live is also free to download, and can be used to track any game being scored on PCS. It provides a ball-by-ball feed that updates every over, and a scorecard that allows users to look at individual wagon wheels and scoring zones. So players and spectators can follow the action in real time - as can relatives or friends anywhere in the world! To get started, download the match you are scoring from the main Play Cricket site onto your device. Once you have started scoring the game on PCS, anyone using PCL simply enters the name of the club they wish to follow, then selects the relevant game, and they will be hooked upto the live action! It's a fantastic addition to the available resources for scorers, and to the game.



Play-Cricket Scorer
 England and Wales Cricket Board Sports
 PEGI 3
 This app is compatible with all of your devices.

The screenshots show the app's interface for a match between Didsbury CC 3rd XI and another team. The first screenshot shows a scorecard with columns for Overview, 1st Innings, and Insights, and sub-columns for Scores, Ball-by-Ball, and Milestones. The second screenshot shows a ball-by-ball feed for the 15th over, listing batsmen like Ben Wright and Taiyyib Khan, and bowlers like Louis Poyser. The third screenshot shows a 'Player Graphs' section with a 'Wagon Wheel' chart for 'Scoring Zones' (Off Side and Leg Side) and a 'Worm' chart showing runs over 50 overs. The worm chart shows a red line for the batting team and a blue line for the fielding team, with runs increasing over time.

CHESHIRE CUP & CHESHIRE SHIELD 2019

MAGNIFICENT BATTING THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE CUP

Some highly watchable cricket has been played in the Cheshire Cup in 2019, with an intriguing set of games on May 19 producing many excellent performances. Perhaps the biggest plaudits will go to UKFast side Port Sunlight, who knocked out Grappenhall after their 219-7 at Broad Lane proved to be 27 too many for the Premier League side. The scorecard suggests a real team effort from Sunlight, who put aside poor league form to earn themselves a crack at near neighbours New Brighton in round two.



TOFT v MACCLESFIELD

PHOTO:SANDRA MASON

Didsbury claimed the batting performance of the day after a remarkable assault on the Stockport Georgians attack at Flowery Field by Nick Anderson (153 off 116) and Frederick Kamstra (145 off 101). The pair hammered a quite magnificent 298 run partnership for the third wicket, hitting 33 fours and 13 sixes between them as the visitors piled up 378-7. Georgians 229-7 in reply, enough to win any of the other games played that day, was nowhere near enough on this occasion, and Didsbury will now face Neston in round two.

Oulton Park set aside disappointing league results to continue their cup defence with an impressive 10 wicket win over Marple, Nick Ward (70*) and Danny Leech (73* off 55 balls) taking OP to 161-0 after earlier restricting the visitors to 157-8 and setting up a tasty looking clash with Nantwich. In the other matches played on the 19th, Brooklands were indebted to an unbroken 103 partnership between Aiden Khares and keeper Ali Buchan as they recovered from a poor start to pull off an impressive win over Oxton and set up a match against Premier League Hyde. At Toft, a brilliant all round performance from Tom Forster (4-32 and 98 off 91 balls) helped the hosts overcome Macclesfield. Alderley Edge or Urmston will provide their opposition in the next round.

FAIR PLAY TABLE

John Lofthouse

- 1** = 4.00 Alvanley, Barrow, Bowdon, Bramhall, Brooklands, Cheadle, Chester BH, Didsbury, Hale Barns, Hyde, Neston, Northwich, Romiley, Stockport, Timperley, Tattenhall.
- 17**= 3.94 Bollington, Lindow, Macclesfield, Mobberley, Sale, Upton, Urmston, Warrington.
- 25** 3.92 Christleton.
- 26** = 3.88 Alderley Edge, Marple, Oxton.
- 29** = 3.81 Congleton, Grappenhall, Stockport Georgians, Toft, Widnes.
- 34** 3.75 Nantwich.
- 35** 3.69 Davenham.
- 36** 3.44 Oulton Park.

PITCH AND OUTFIELD MARKS

John Bygate

There will be more on pitches and outfielders in the June newsletter, but the early marks show Oxton averaging 18 for their pitches, and seven clubs (Urmston, Macc, Christleton - who got 20 on the opening day - Toft, Timperley, Chester BH, Grappenhall) averaging between 17 and 17.67. The lowest mark for a club having had three home matches is 13.67 (Romiley), but it will be another month before a truer pattern emerges. Three clubs have achieved 20 for their outfield, with a further nine scoring 19, and many other good marks. Congleton (15) Northwich and Timperley (15.50 each) have the lowest marks.

CCCL DISCIPLINE

Chris Rigg

Chris reports "good news on the discipline front, with only one report - two players from the same team - received so far. One of the players received an immediate one match ban, the other a suspended one match ban. Whilst we shouldn't read too much into comparisons with other leagues, the GMCL (to date) have already issued 37 weeks of suspensions to eight players. The on-field behaviour of and players in the CCCL is (whilst highly competitive), in general of a decent and acceptable standard. Having said that, we should not ignore the possibility that some incidents may be going unreported. As a reminder to umpires on the reporting process: telephone/text report of the incident to me asap after the game; a written report to me no later than 72 hours after the game." Chris's details are in the CCCL handbook.

FROM THE EDITOR



It will hopefully not have escaped your notice that May in Cheshire cricket was generally a good time to be a bowler! The monthly 'honours boards' for each division had to be edited down to accommodate the number of five wicket hauls claimed, especially in Divi-

sions One and Two, and sides in all divisions have suffered some humbling days with the bat. It's not a reflection on grounds or pitches per se - ground marks from umpires remain fairly high - but run scoring seems to be at a premium and has meant that coming into the height of summer, all leagues are nicely poised. It's also been encouraging that disciplinary issues have been at a minimum, with just one reported by the end of May. Cheshire cricket has done well in this regard, which is a credit to all concerned, but the one factor which is blighting the 2019

season is conceded games, with numbers already concerning. As commented on elsewhere, the 3rd XI T20 saw almost a quarter of the 60 mini-group games conceded, with one of last years finalists not playing any of their scheduled mini group-games far from the only example of an occurrence which has hit the 3rd XI league season too, notably in the West division but also in the Prem. Two 2nd XI league matches have also fallen foul of concessions. Granted, while this is not the top of the Chesh-

ire pyramid, it is nonetheless vital for the health of our game, and while the decision to concede fixtures is a difficult one, some of the suggestions floated in a recent debate on the *Cheshire Cricket News* and 'Banter' site are worthy of exploration, especially those which are designed to allow clubs more time to set up potential alternative fixtures. Hopefully June will see a full round of matches for every side, and good cricket!

James

WHY SCORERS ARE SO GLAD THEY CAN USE TECHNOLOGY INSTEAD OF HANDWRITING.....

Tranmere Victoria CC - 1st XI

Batting		How Out	Bowler
1	Mark O-Brian		b Vyshak Kuppalli
2	Charitha Althauda		b Vyshak Kuppalli
3	Antonyrobinstan Antonydunstan		b Sai Bharath Kumar Reddy Vanteddu
4	Dhanwant Singh	ct Rohit Rana	b Sai Bharath Kumar Reddy Vanteddu
5	Priththivkash Prasad	ct Sai Bharath Kumar Reddy Vanteddu	b Vikas Reddy Gundarapu
6	Dylan King†	not out	
7	Charlie Chatterton		b Sai Bharath Kumar Reddy Vanteddu
8	Joe Wood		b Sai Bharath Kumar Reddy Vanteddu
9	Tejpal Singh*	not out	
10	Ricky Postlethwaite	did not bat	
11	Madhavan Prasad	did not bat	
Extras		b (4), lb (2), w (13)	
Total			
Wickets			
Overs			



Although not strictly cricket related, it could very easily be! A timely reminder on perspectives and behavior at recreational sports events.

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