

Cheshire County Cricket League

2015 NEWSLETTER: WEEK 3

Toft and Bolly only wet day winners

RAIN throughout the county decimated Saturday's league programme, only Toft (ECB Premier League) and Bollington (Division 2) managing to beat the elements and their opponents to take clear leads in the respective sections.

Helped by their splendid new roll-on, roll-off covers, Toft survived a downpour and the loss of only 25 overs and did well to beat Cheadle by seven wickets at Booth's Park.

Cheadle batted down the order to total 220-7 from 52 overs in a rain-interrupted innings, Will Holmes 78, Paul Sperring 58, Elliott Bullock 54, while Matt Cornes claimed 3-45.

Left with 33 overs, Toft rose to the occasion, Aussie opener Jake Hancock carrying his bat for 127 to post a second successive ton, his century coming off 68 balls. He was helped by Rob Jones, 42 and James Drummond, 37 as Toft won with five overs to spare at a run rate of almost eight.

Toft lead the **Premier League** by three points from Alderley Edge, Chester Boughton Hall and Nantwich who were all left fuming by persistent rain and had to be content with seven points each from a combined tally of 17 overs against Grappenhall, Hyde and Neston respectively.

Marple v Macclesfield was also abandoned after the home side had made a bright start at 87-0 with Mark Makin on 53 and Andrew Hall, 34 both going well. Bowdon v Bramhall was another abandoned with the visitors reaching 93-1.

South African Mallie shows class

A MAJOR quirk in the weather pattern enabled Bollington and Bredbury St. Msrk's to play the full 100 overs in east-Cheshire, the teams staging a fine **Division Two** game in which some powerful batting produced 481 runs.

Bredbury posted 238-8 from 50 overs, Chris Nuttall 62, Darren Carr 47, John Barber 45 and South African Sabir Mallie taking 4-77. Bolly replied with 243-2 from just 40.1 overs, skipper Rick Hough 86, Tom Barrass 62 and the multi-talented Mallie 53 not out. Bolly thus became the only club in the league to win their first three games.

Every other match in Division Two was cancelled or abandoned. There was no play at Irby v Stockport, four overs at Mobberley v Upton, 7.1 in Warrington v Alvanley (in which visiting bowler Chris Charles had figures of 4-4-0-1); 11.3 overs at Brooklands v Northwich and 13 at Widnes v Congleton.

10 points for Oxton

THE only team to record more than seven points in **Division One** was Oxton at Sale where the Wirralians ran up an impressive 232 from 48 overs, Gayan Fernando 88, Worcestershire's Shaiq Choudhry 63 and the returned Marc Debrabender 57. Rick Halkon's leg spin earned him 5-48. Sale were unable to bat, taking 7 points to stay top of the table, while Oxton collected 10.

In other games, Middlewich (Kristian Clowes 50) posted 169 all out at Oulton Park, skipper Pat Roberts – normally a wicket-keeper – taking 5-39, but his side were unable to bat. Timperley v Davenham was abandoned after 18 overs; with the hosts on 85-2, Mick Nash 54; Urmston v Christleton lasted 13 overs, one of the visitors' wickets being taken by Matt Parkinson, back from England Under 19s' tour to Australia. There was no play in the key Weaverham v Didsbury clash and only five overs at the Flacca where Tattenhall reached 20-0 against Cheadle Hulme

Saturday's soggy story

ECB Premier League

ALDERLEY EDGE (won toss, 7 pts.) v GRAPPENHALL (7 pts.): match abandoned.

Grappenhall 44-3 (13.3 overs: I. Hall 24, C. Cook 2-13).

Alderley Edge did not bat.

BOWDON (won toss, 7 pts.) v BRAMHALL (7 pts.): match abandoned.

Bramhall 93-1 (16 overs):

Bowdon did not bat.

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (7 pts.) v HYDE (won toss, 7 pts.): match abandoned

Chester 17-0 (2.3 overs).

Hyde did not bat.

MARPLE (7 pts.) v MACCLESFIELD (won toss, 7 pts.): match abandoned:

Marple 87-0 (19 overs: M Makin 53no, A. Hall 34no);

Macclesfield did not bat.

NESTON (7 pts.) v NANTWICH (7 pts.): match cancelled.

TOFT (won toss, 25 pts.) beat CHEADLE (9 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Cheadle 220-7 (52 overs: W Holmes 78, P Sperring 54, E Bullock 54, M. Cornes 3-45);

Toft 221-3 (27.3 overs: J Hancock 127no, R Jones 42, J Drummond 37).

First Division

OULTON PARK (won toss, 7 pts.) v MIDDLEWICH (7 pts.): match abandoned

Middlewich 169 (37 overs: K. Clowes 50, J. Cornford 35, P. Roberts 5-39).

Oulton Park did not bat.

SALE (7 pts.) v OXTON (10 pts): match abandoned

Oxton 232 (47.3 overs: G Fernando 88, S Choudhry 63, M Debrabender 57, R. Halkon 5-48, T Lawrence 3-58).

Sale did not bat.

TATTENHALL (won toss, 7 pts.) v CHEADLE HULME: match abandoned.

Tattenhall 20-0 (5 overs).

Cheadle Hulme did not bat.

TIMPERLEY (7 pts.) v DAVENHAM (won toss, 7 pts.): match abandoned.

Timperley 85-2 (18 overs: M. Nash 54, D Jackson 2-31);

Davenham did not bat.

URMSTON (won toss, 7 pts.) v CHRISTLETON (7 pts): match abandoned

Christleton 48-2 (13 overs: R Marks 22).

Urmston did not bat.

WEAVERHAM (7 pts.) v DIDSBURY (7 pts.): match cancelled

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Match results continued

Second Division

BOLLINGTON (won toss, 25 pts.) beat BREDBURY ST MARK'S (8 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Bredbury 238-8 (50 overs: C. Nuttall 62, D Carr 47, J. Barber 48, S Mallie 4-77);

Bollington 243-2 (40.1 overs: R Hough 86, T. Barrass 62, R Mallie 53no).

BROOKLANDS (won toss, 7 pts.) v NORTHWICH (7 pts.): match abandoned:

Northwich 50-2 (11.3 overs);

Brooklands did not bat.

IRBY (7 pts.) v STOCKPORT (7 pts.): match cancelled

MOBBERLEY (7 pts.) v UPTON (won toss, 7 pts.): match abandoned:

Mobberley 7-1 (2.5 overs);

Stockport did not bat.

WARRINGTON (7 pts.) v ALVANLEY (won toss, 7 pts.): match abandoned.

Warrington 12-1 (7.2 overs: C Charles 4-4-0-1).

Alvanley did not bat.

WIDNES (toss, 7 pts.) v CONGLETON (7 pts.): match abandoned.

Widnes 42-0 (13 overs: C Kirby 23no, M Burns 17no).

Congleton did not bat.

PICK OF WEEK

ECB Premier League:

Batting: oJake Hancock (Toft) 127no v Cheadle

Bowling: Matt Cornes (Toft) 3- 45 v Cheadle.

Division 1

Batting: oGayan Fernando (Oxton) 88.

Bowling: Rick Halkon (Sale) 5-48 v Oxton

Division 2:

Batting: Rick Hough (Bollington) 86

Bowling: oSabir Mallie (Bollington) 4-77.

England Disabled XI at Marple

MARPLE are to take on an ECB Disabled XI at Bowden Lane in a 40 overs each innings match on Sunday, May 10 (12 noon).

.Poynton's Jimmy Williams himself disabled, will figure in the Marple team

Saturday, April 25 ground reports

Premier League

Bramhall v Marple: pitch 19; outfield 20.

Cheadle v Nantwich: **late sheet**

Grappenhall v Bowdon: 20 – 18;

Hyde v Neston: 16 – 18;

Macclesfield v Chester: **late sheet**

Toft v Alderley Edge: 20 – 20

First Division

Christleton v Sale 19 – 20;

Davenham v Cheadle Hulme 16 – 17;

Didsbury v Urmston 16 – 19;

Middlewich v Tattenhall 19 – 19;

Oxton v Oulton Park 19 – 20: *Correct points - Oxton 12; Oulton Park 7*

Timperley v Weaverham 15 – 20. *Correct points – Timperley 7; Weaverham 15*

Second Division

Alvanley v Irby 18 – 20;

Bredbury v Warrington 17 – 20.

Correct points: Bredbury 7 Warrington 25.

Congleton v Bollington 15 – 20;

Mobberley v Brooklands ??

Northwich v Widnes 18 – 20. *Correct points: Northwich 10, Widnes 25. Northwich fines for no scorer and incomplete result sheet.*

Upton v Stockport 16 – 17.

Missing sheets

April 18: Irby v Bredbury St. Mark's

April 25: Cheadle v Nantwich; Macclesfield v Chester

CLUBS ARE URGENTLY ASKED TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING:

(a) When phoning after match submit clearer spoken reports with number of overs bowled and correct points scored;

(b) Ensure that correct points are signed off by both umpires and captains on result sheet before despatch;

(c) Post results on League website by 10 p.m. on Saturday at latest together with full points and other individual details if possible;

(d) In the event of games abandoned after a start, the result sheet should be tendered as usual with the names of all players taking part from both sides. No sheet is required for cancelled matches.

Changes at Oxton

NEW Cricket chairman at Oxton is former Lancashire and Cheshire batsman David Varey, who takes over from John Fennah, who has resigned.

Richard Fennah steps down as Cricket fixture organiser to be succeeded by Lawrence Richards.. Clubs are asked to note the following new contact details:

DAVID VAREY: tel. 07850 427 798; e-mail: dvarey@griffithsandarmour.com

LAWRENCE RICHARDS: tel. 07872 468 606; e-mail: l.richards26@hotmail.co.uk

Over 50s open up with an appeal

CHESHIRE Over 50s lurch into action on Wednesday, May 6 against Shropshire at Grappenhall in their annual CAT Trophy friendly (1.30 p.m.)

Secretary-manager Paul Freedman issues an SOS for aspiring county-class bowlers to contact him after several potential newcomers declared themselves unavailable for the new season. Call him on 01606 550 770; 07799 621 1210 or paulfreedmanifa@aol.com

League tables to date

| <u>ECB Premier League</u> | W | WD | RD | LD | A/C | L | Bat | Bowl | Pts. |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| | (25) | (3) | (2) | (1) | (7) | | | | |
| TOFT | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 60 |
| ALDERLEY EDGE | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57 |
| CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57 |
| NANTWICH | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57 |
| MACCLESFIELD | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 37 |
| BOWDON | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 35 |
| HYDE | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 34 |
| BRAMHALL | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 7 | 33 |
| MARPLE | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 6 | 26 |
| GRAPPENHALL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 17 |
| CHEADLE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 6 | 17 |
| NESTON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 14 |

Division 1

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| SALE | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57 |
| WEAVERHAM | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 47 |
| DIDSBURY | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 41 |
| TIMPERLEY | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 39 |
| OULTON PARK | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 |
| MIDDLEWICH | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 38 |
| DAVENHAM | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 36 |
| TATTENHALL | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 35 |
| OXTON | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 2 | 29 |
| CHEADLE HULME | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 24 |
| URMSTON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 4 | 23 |
| CHRISTLETON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 11 |

Division 2

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| BOLLINGTON | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 |
| WARRINGTON | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57 |
| WIDNES | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 46 |
| STOCKPORT | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 44 |
| MOBBERLEY | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 39 |
| BROOKLANDS | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 37 |
| IRBY | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 6 | 33 |
| BREDBURY ST. MARK'S | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 3 | 22 |
| UPTON | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 21 |
| NORTHWICH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 2 | 19 |
| ALVANLEY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 15 |
| CONGLETON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 11 |

League fixtures & umpires for Saturday, May 9

ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)

BRAMHALL v ALDERLEY EDGE
CHEADLE v NESTON
GRAPPENHALL v TOFT
HYDE v MARPLE
MACCLESFIELD v BOWDON
NANTWICH v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL

John Lofthouse & Trevor Burnett
Ged Kinsey & David Tate
Brian Boys & Steve Walton
Steve Dickers & David Gane
Ankin Jain & Phil Prince
Darrin Clark & Ian Greensmith

First Division (1 p.m.)

CHEADLE HULME v OULTON PARK
CHRISLETON v WEAVERHAM
DAVENHAM v TATTENHALL
DIDSBURY v TIMPERLEY
MIDDLEWICH v SALE
OXTON v URMSTON

Paul Herring & John Lowe
Peter Davies & Steve Kirkbright
Tony Morris & Glyn Roberts
Graham Harris & Steve Wilkinson
Clive Rice & Ray Prescott
Graham Pugh & Gary Zimmer

Second Division (1 p.m.)

ALVANLEY v BOLLINGTON
BREDBURY ST MARK'S v WIDNES
CONGLETON v BROOKLANDS
NORTHWICH v MOBBERLEY
STOCKPORT v WARRINGTON
UPTON v IRBY

Jon Hacking & Ken Rothwell
Simon Smith & Liam Spires
James Emmerson & Tom Spencer
Dave Goulding & Martin Roberts
Howard Briggs & John Williams
Peter Hanaby & Geoff Wellstead

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

ALDERLEY EDGE v BRAMHALL
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v STOCKPORT
MARPLE v HYDE
NESTON v CHEADLE
TOFT v DIDSBURY
URMSTON v MACCLESFIELD

No panel umpires available
No panel umpires available
No panel umpires available
No panel umpire available & David Williams
No panel umpires available
Garry Hambleton & no panel umpire available

Over 40s fixtures start on Wednesday, May 6 (6.15 p.m.)

CENTRAL DIVISION: Davenham v Grappenhall; Mobberley v Ashley; Timperley v Ashton on Mersey; Toft v Warrington

NORTH-EAST DIVISION: Brooklands v Bowdon; Cheadle v Bramhall; Cheadle Hulme v Sale Silverbacks; Urmston Tigers v Bowdon Vale Vikings

SOUTH-EAST DIVISION: Alderley Edge Wizards v Marple; Bredbury Saints v Woodley; Macclesfield v Bollington Veterans; Poynton Legends v Offerton

WEST DIVISION: Irby v Tattenhall Wreckers; Neston v Caldby; Upton v Chester Boughton Hall Blazers; Open date: Oxton

Joseph Holt Brewery T20 begins

GROUP games in the **Joseph Holt Brewery T20** begin during the week commencing Monday, May 11.

Any further fixture changes should be notified to the Competition secretary on or before Monday, May 4.

Cheshire washed out at Kendal

CHESHIRE's third group game in the **Unicorns Knock out** against Cumberland at Kendal on Sunday was cancelled due to rain.

The selected Cheshire team was: Danny Woods captain, Khalid Sawas, Danny Berry (Hyde), Lee Dixon, Warren Goodwin, Rick Moore, Mark Rowland (Chester Boughton Hall); Calum Rowe (Alderley Edge), Nick Anderson (Didsbury), Rob Jones (Toft); Adam Syddall (Nantwich).

Northumberland beat Shropshire by six runs at Oswestry on Sunday and top the group with 4 points from 2 games. Remainder of the group reads: 2. Cumberland played 3 – 3 pts; 3. Cheshire played 3 – 3 pts; 4. Lincolnshire played 2 - 2 pts.; Shropshire played 3 – 0 points.

Cheshire have one remaining game and need to beat Northumberland at Hyde on Sunday, May 17 to gain at least a runners-up place to reach the quarter-finals.

National Club championship draw

DRAW for the 2nd round of the **Royal London National Club championship** with games to be played on Sundays May or 13 includes :

GROUP 5: Urmston v Hyde; Alderley Edge v Bramhall; Bowdon v Littleborough

GROUP 6: Chester Boughton Hall v Knypereley; Nantwich v Colwyn Bay.

CHESHIRE CUP FIRST ROUND

RESULTS of first round games in the **Cheshire Cup** played on Sunday:

Wilmslow Wayfarers walk over Rode Park; Bollington 182-8 (Plant 45, Read 3-43) lost to Cheadle Hulme 184-3 (Ali 68no, Wilde 52no, Nadeem 45); Congleton 178-9 (Higginbotham 47, Moors 39, Reeves 36, Stopford 4-32) beat Stockport Trinity 105 (Hedgemore 4-16). Bredbury St. Mark's v Mottram not to hand. v Stockport .

ROUND 2 games on Sunday, May 10 (1.30 p.m.): Parkfield Liscard v Wilmslow Wayfarers; Port Sunlight v Stockport; Cheadle Hulme v Elworth; Warrington v Broadbottom; Weaverham v Romiley; Alvanley v Urmston; Upton v Barrow; Davenham v Congleton; Disley v Ashley; Tranmere Vics v Brooklands; Irby v Lindow; Bredbury or Mottram v Prestbury; Oulton Park v Timperley; Northwich v Ashton on Mersey; Hale Barns v Didsbury; Middlewich v Sale.

Information provided by Cheshire Cup organiser Barrie Burns.

TACS Cheshire League latest

BARROW lead **TACS Cheshire League** Division 1 by seven points after winning their first three games, the latest by 10 wickets at Prestbury.

DIVISION 1 RESULTS

Disley v Poynton cancelled - 7 pts. each; Heaton Mersey v Runcorn: late result no information; Lindow 240-7 Ashton on Mersey 241-5 - points 13 – 25; Prestbury 133-4 Barrow 137-0 - points 6 – 20; Romiley 166-3 Hale Barns 183-6 - points 2 – 12; Stockport Georgians 144-0 Malpas 141 - points 25 – 6.

Table to date: 1. Barrow 70 pts.; 2. Ashton on Mersey 63; 3. Stockport Georgians 58; 4. Disley 50; 5. Lindow 50; 6. Malpas 40; 7. Hale Barns 38; 8. Romiley 37; 9. Romiley 37; 10. Prestbury 26; 11. Runcorn 21 (from two games); 12. Heaton Mersey 18 (from two games).

Division 2 leaders: 1. Lymm Oughtrington Park 7 pts.; 2. Winnington Park 66. Division 3 leaders: 1. Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge 75 pts.; 2. Port Sunlight 61.

SATURDAY, MAY 9 FIXTURES (1.30 p.m.)

Ashton on Mersey v Heaton Mersey; Barrow v Stockport Georgians; Hale Barns v Disley; Malpas v Romiley; Poynton v Lindow; Runcorn v Prestbury.

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Umpires' quiz by Alistair Davies

WEEK 2 POSER: Who should be present at the pre-match toss of the coin? And how long is it before a decision whether to bat or bowl is communicated

ANSWER: Both captains and at least one umpire must be present at the toss. A decision to bat or bowl must be communicated to those present immediately. Law 12.4; 12.5

WEEK 3 POSER: During a match, one of the bails is broken and a replacement cannot be found. What should happen next?

Display your VIVIO banners

THE sponsors have asked that the VIVIO banners distributed to all full member League clubs should remain prominently displayed on their grounds.

If any club's banner has been stolen or damaged and may be in need of repair, please contact the League Secretary: GeoffWellsted@hotmail.com

WEBSITE REMINDER

READERS will be aware that the new Cheshire County League website is now live and can be found at www.cheshirecountycl.org.uk

Archive material which previously appeared in the League Handbook can now be found under 'League info/downloads'. You will also find useful documents and forms along with a 'soft' copy of the 2015 Handbook. There are other features not previously available which will be enhanced as the site develops.

The intention is that those interested in the League will get into the habit of using the new site as the first point of call for all information.

The site is built by Pitchero who have a relationship with ECB which allows the site to link with play-cricket.

All results should still be entered into your club's play-cricket site as previously. These results will then be automatically sucked into www.cheshirecountycl.org.uk

As this is a new development there are some errors and teething problems so we would appreciate your patience and feedback by sending e-mails to Richard@phennerweb.co.uk. We are in consultation with Pitchero to solve any issues.

We wish to thank Richard Fennah for the time and skill he has invested in this project.

THE NEWSLETTER: MTB writes ...

I AM now taking advantage of the developments in technology detailed above by distributing my weekly *Newsletter* in a different style. This will save me ever-increasing time at the keyboard serving 500-plus subscribers in many countries around the world - and prolong the useful life of my computer.

As from Monday, May 4, I am posting the weekly *Newsletter* on the League website as detailed above.

All subscribers will now be able to download at their leisure by entering the website address, clicking onto League Newsletter and the week's information required: e.g. May 2 is WEEK 3.

Normally the *Newsletter* is ready for circulation by mid-day on Monday although I shall have to make an exception on May 11 for personal reasons, when it may be more than 24 hours late.

If any individual wishes to contact me with a request to continue the normal e-mail operation please do so, but these must be exceptions. I have already received several such contacts which I shall do my best to honour.

Copies to the National, Regional and Local Press will be despatched in the traditional way early on Mondays to catch individual deadlines.

Apologies are proffered to *Newsletter* followers who have not have been receiving a normal copy in the past two weeks due to a major technical hitch beyond my limited powers to solve.

If you wish to catch up, copies of Week 1 and Week 2 are available on-line.

Mike.t-b@virgin.net: Monday, May 4, 2015.