

## Cheshire County Cricket League

### **2015 NEWSLETTER: WEEK 17 - AUGUST 8 / 9**

# Can Hyde retain title?

HYDE are beginning to believe they can retain the **ECB Premier League** title after a remarkable run of victories have elevated them into second place in the table.

Since their last defeat at Alderley Edge on May 23, Hyde have won nine out of 10 games and revenge over Alderley on Saturday by six wickets was their fifth 25-pointer in a row, similar to the late run which earned them their first championship in 2014. Alderley were restricted to 228-9, the in-form Alan Day scoring 64 and teenager Steve Perry 55, Danny Woods taking 4-57. Danny Berry was in fine form with 98 in his side's reply, aided by Khalid Sawas, 49 and Harry Dearden, 44 as the Werneth Low men romped home at 230-4.

Hyde still trail Toft by 19 points, the leaders hammering Macclesfield by eight wickets at Booth's Park after bowling their visitors out for 209, Rob Keen 88, Rob Jones 5-42. Aussie Jake Hancock was in imperious form after tea, hitting an unbeaten 104, out of 210-2, he and Henry Hughes, 59 adding in an unbroken 160 partnership in the leaders' 210-2..

#### **Fixture to watch next Saturday .... Hyde v Toft.**

Shorn of the services of influential Lancashire batsman Liam Livingstone, Nantwich's four-match winning run ended at Bowdon. The Dabbers were bowled out for 112, Ryan Brown, 35, Chris Ashling, 5-13. Earlier, Bowdon struggled before number 9 batsman James McDougall hit an unbeaten 44 to lift his side to 167-8. Jimmy Warrington took 3-35, and Ollie Griffiths 3-37.

Chester Boughton Hall produced their current league - not T20 - form by losing at home to Cheadle, who looked certs for the drop a month ago. Chester batted well enough to post 256-9, Rick Moore 87, Jack Williams 61, against Paul Sperring 4-47 and Matt Fotia 3-77. But the CBH bowlers took a hammering from Elliott Bullock who hit a splendid, unbeaten 100, helped by Drew Carswell 53 in s reply of 260-7 which ended with three balls remaining. Only bowler Harry Killoran, 3-59, struck the right length.

Strengthened by the return from Surrey club cricket of former skipper David Hurst, Neston posted the huge total of 286-6 at Marple. Hurst, 122 and Simon Stokes 85, put on 143 for the first wicket as Andy Greasley trundled away for is 4-88. Marple made a splendid fist of their reply, Andrew Hall (102) striking his third century since July 4 in a stand worth 115 for the second wicket with Mark Bennett, 88. Mark Makin added 55 before becoming the first of three victims of Chris Finegan in the final over which saw Marple bowled out for 283 off the last ball. With a spell of 5-2 from 12 deliveries, Finegan wound up with 5-24 helping his side to their second successive victory which lifts them 26 points clear of the relegation zone

Reports Neston scorer Nigel Hardern: "What a game – what a League!"

There were no such fireworks in the Grappenhall v Bramhall game, which Nick Cantello's side won by seven wickets to deepen their hosts' relegation worries. Grappers scored 163, Warwick Abraham 33, Simon Wilkinson 5-44. Then Danny Lamb top-scored with 68 not out and Atiq uz Zaman with 51 in Bramhall's comfortable response of 164-3.

### ***Oulton and Urmston press leaders***

PRESSURE on **Division One** front-runners Sale and Timperley continues to be applied by Oulton Park and Urmston as the race for promotion becomes a four-cornered affair.

Oulton strolled home by seven wickets against Davenham at Little Budworth, responding with 145-3 (Martin East 45) to their neighbours' all out 142, Dave Ashley top-scoring with 56 at number nine.

Urmston kept up their late run with a nine wickets stroll at home to Cheadle Hulme. They replied with 153-1, Calum Turner 80, Callum Parkinson 53, both not out, after the Grove Park men had been restricted to 149-6, Adam Wilde 59.

Sale went 20 points clear at the top with a three wickets win against Tattenhall, their visitors posting 200-7, Ollie Thompson 80 not out, Rick Halkon 3-67. Chris Canning, 72, led Sale's charge to 203-7 which went right to the last ball.

Dan Cooper smote a Best of the Day 128 in Timperley's impressive 257-8 against Oxton at Stockport road. The Wirral men replied with 175-8, a second centurion being wicket keeper Marc Debrabender, unbeaten on 106.

Biggest win went was recorded by Didsbury, who mauled Christleton by 10 wickets after their visitors had been bowled out for 93, Jonny Fawcett 4-7. Tom Hughes scored 51 and Nick Anderson 44 as Didsbury replied with 95-0 in just 10 overs.

Weaverham amassed the day's highest tally before declaring at 297-6 against Middlewich at Wallerscote road. Skipper Ian Eaton scored 80, James Lewis 79 and Mike Clarke 56, while Stephen Bliss toiled manfully to return 4-105. The division's bottom team were bowled out for 185, Nick Gill 54, Widen Cornwall 3-61.

## **Improved Alvanley look safe**

AFTER reaching mid-July without a win, Alvanley made it four 25-pointers in five **Second Division** games with an overwhelming 125-runs victory at Brooklands and can now banish all relegation talk.

They rattled up 188, Andy Bennion 56, Steve Gee 55, E. Parmakalus 5-38 before routing their hosts for 63 in 23 overs, Ken Roberts taking 4-13 and Stephen Charles 3-1.

The bottom two spots look certain to go to Bredbury St. Mark's and Irby, who were beaten at Mobberley and Bollington respectively.

The only club in the League yet to taste victory, Irby were restricted to 138-6 at Bolly, Mike Newman 51 not out, putting together an unbeaten 86 stand for the seventh wicket with Simon Renshaw, 48. Bolly replied with 140-1 in 23 overs, Sabir Mallie 73, Rick Hough 48, figuring in an unbroken 122 second wicket partnership.

Bredbury lost by 40 runs at Mobberley who posted 155 batting first, Nathan Wood 50, Graham Barlow and Matt Barrand both taking 4-50. St. Mark's mustered just 115 after number nine batsman Ryan Fitzpatrick had scored a lively 47. Chris Nield claimed 5-27.

At the top Warrington managed only seven draw points at home to Upton, but effectively checked the promotion hopes of their visitors, who pocketed 14. Chris Stowell-Smith top-scored with 63 in Upton's tally of 211, James Rudd 4-22. Warrington replied with a stubborn 163-8, Adam Green 57, Richard Heaney a key unbeaten 38,

Individual performance of the day was given by Northwich's talented Sri Lankan all-rounder and Sachin Tendulkar look-alike Chamindu Ishanka, The Man from Galle's off spinners earned him 3-64 as Congleton reached 198-7, Tom Leese carrying his bat for 65. Ishanka then hit a highly-cultured 98 before getting out an awkward stage in Northwich's reply and it needed the experience of skipper Mark Walker (51 not out) to steer his side home at 199-6 with 10 balls left.

Stockport won by six wickets at Widnes after their hosts had put up 169-9, Alex Hewitt 65, replying with 170-4, Roscoe Price Moor contributing 90.

## **SATURDAY'S SCORES IN DETAIL ...**

### ***ECB Premier League***

#### **ALDERLEY EDGE (9 pts.) lost to HYDE (25 pts.) by 6 wickets**

Alderley Edge 228-9 (55 overs: A. Day 64, S. Perry 55, M. Currie 30, D. Woods 4-57).

Hyde 230-4 (51 overs: D Berry 98, K Sawas 49, H. Dearden 44).

#### **BOWDON (won toss, 25 pts.) beat NANTWICH (3 pts.) by 55 runs:**

Bowdon 167-8 (55 overs: J. McDougall 44no, J. Warrington 3-35, O. Griffiths 3-37)

Nantwich 112 (39 overs: R. Brown 35, C. Ashling 5-13).

#### **CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (won toss, 11 pts.) lost to CHEADLE (25 pts.) by 3 wickets:**

Chester 256-9 (55 overs: R. Moore 87, J Ward 61, P. Sperring 4-47, M. Fotia 3-77);

Cheadle 260-7 (54.3 overs: E Bullock 100no, D. Carswell 53, R. Nicholson 33, H Killoran 3-59).

#### **GRAPPENHALL (5 pts.) lost to BRAMHALL (won toss, 25 pts.) by 7 wickets:**

Grappenhall 163 (55 overs): W Abraham 33, S Wilkinson 5-44, R Kitzinger 3-51);

Bramhall 164-3 (34 overs: D Lamb 68no, Atiq uz Zaman 51).

#### **MARPLE (4 pts.) lost to NESTON (won toss, 25 pts.) by 3 runs**

Neston 286-6 (55 overs: D. Hurst 122, S. Stokes 85. A Greasley 4-88);

Marple 283 (55 overs: A Hall 102, M Bennett 88, M. Makin 54, C Finegan 5-24).

#### **TOFT (won toss, 25pts.) beat MACCLESFIELD (4 pts.) by 8 wickets:**

Macclesfield 209 (55 overs: R Keen 88, R. Jones 5-42);

Toft 210-2 (47 overs: J Hancock 104no, H Hughes 59no).

### ***Division One***

#### **DIDSBURY (won toss, 25pts.) beat CHRISTLETON (0 pts.) by 10 wickets:**

Christleton 93 (35 overs: Atif Bahwa 28, J. Fawcett 4-7);

Didsbury 95-0 (10 overs: T Hughes 51no, N. Anderson 48no).

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### *Div. 1 results contd ...*

**OULTON PARK (25 pts.) beat DAVENHAM (won toss, 5 pts.) by 7 wickets:**

Davenham 142 (42 overs: D Ashley 56, A Hards 3-33, M. Parkinson 3-35);  
Oulton Park 145-3 (29 overs: M East 45, N James 33)

**SALE (25 pts.) beat TATTENHALL (won toss, 11 pts.) by 3 wickets:**

Tattenhall 200-7(50 overs: O Thompson 80no, G Coppack 45, R Halkon 3-67);  
Sale 202-7 (50 overs: C Canning 73, A Barrowman 44no).

**TIMPERLEY (won toss, 14 pts.) drew with OXTON (7 pts.)**

Timperley 257-8 (50 overs: D Cooper 128, J. Fisher 453, G Fernando 3-66);  
Oxton 175-8 (50 overs: M Debrabender 106no.).

**URMSTON (won toss, 25pts.) beat CHEADLE HULME (4 pts.) by 9 wickets:**

Cheadle Hulme 149-6 (50 overs: A. Wilde 59);  
Urmston 153-1 (34 overs: C. Turner 80no, C. Parkinson 53no).

**WEAVERHAM (won toss, 25 pts.) beat MIDDLEWICH (4 pts.) by 132 runs:**

Weaverham 297-6 dec. (49 overs: I Eaton 80, J. Lewes 79, M. Clarke 56, W. Cornwall 33, S. Bliss 4-105);  
Middlewich 165 (41 overs: N. Gill 54, K Boyle 38, W Corwall 3-61).

### ***Division Two***

**BOLLINGTON (won toss, 25 pts.) beat IRBY (2 pts.) by 9 wickets:**

Irby 38-6 (50 overs: M. Newman 51no, S Renshaw 48no);  
Bollington 140-1 (23 overs: S Mallie 73no, R Hough 48 no).

**BROOKLANDS (4 pts.) lost to ALVANLEY (won toss, 25 pts.) by 125 runs:**

Alvanley 188 (50 overs: A Bennion 56, S Gee 55, E Parmakelus 5-38);  
Brooklands 673 (23 overs: K Roberts 4-13, S. Charles 3-1).

**MOBBERLEY (won toss, 25 pts.) beat BREDBURY ST MARK'S (5 pts.) by 40 runs:**

Mobberley 1255 (44 overs: N Wood 50, C Nield 32, G Barlow 4-50, M Barrand 4-50);  
Bredbury 115 (42 overs: R. Fitzpatrick 41, C. Nield 5-27, A. Aqeel 3-59).

**NORTHWICH (25pts.) beat CONGLETON (won toss, 8pts.) by 4 wickets:**

Congleton 198-7 (50 overs: T Leese 65no, M O'Sullivan 38, C. Ishanka 3-64);  
Northwich 199-6 (49 overs: C. Ishanka 98, M Walker 51no, S. Cardall 3-41).

**WARRINGTON (won toss, 7 pts.) drew with UPTON (14 pts.)**

Upton 211 (50 overs: C Stowell-Smith 63, D. Warburton 35, J Rudd 4-22, B McIntosh 3-63);  
Warrington 163-8 (50 overs: A Green 57, R Heaney 38no, M/Ingram 3-39, B/Cant 3-42).

**WIDNES (won toss, 5 pts.) lost to STOCKPORT (25 pts.) by 6 wickets:**

Widnes 169-9 (50 overs: A Hewitt 65, S/Moore 35, L McCoy 32, A Porter 3-50);  
Stockport 170-4 (41 overs: R Price Moor 90, L McCoy 3-43).

### ***Urmston teens make their mark***

Urmston players in the news this week included leg-spinner Matthew Parkinson, who took outstanding 6-130 off 38 overs and 3-92 in the second dig in the England v Australia Under 19 Test at Durham. He also scored 32 not out.

Urmston on Sunday won the first Lancashire U19 T20 competition at Southport, beating Littleborough by three wickets in the semi-final, then Longridge in the final by seven wickets. The team included five current first teamers and three under 15s.

## **Saturday, August 1 ground marks**

### **ECB PREMIER**

Bramhall v Toft: pitch 17; outfield 20  
Cheadle v Grappenhall; abandoned, no report  
Hyde v Bowdon: cancelled; no report  
Macclesfield v Alderley Edge: abandoned; no report.  
Nantwich v Marple: 18 – 19  
Neston v Chester: 16 – 19.

### **DIVISION ONE**

Cheadle Hulme v Sale: match abandoned, no report. .  
Christleton v Timperley: 19 – 19  
Davenham v Didsbury: 15 – 18  
Middlewich v Urmston: 19 – 20  
Oxton v Weaverham: match cancelled; no report  
Tattenhall v Oulton Park: 19 – 19.

### **DIVISION TWO**

Alvanley v Widnes: 19 – 20;  
Bredbury v Brooklands: 16 – 18.  
Congleton v Mobberley: 15 – 17  
Irby v Warrington : 19 – 20  
Upton v Northwich 18 – 19  
Stockport v Bollington : 18 – 20.

### **CAPTAINS' REPORTS**

Missing captains' umpires marks for August 1 (7 clubs): Christleton, Didsbury, Tattenhall, Timperley; Bredbury, Northwich, Widnes.

## **Matters arising from games on August 1**

○ **DESPITE** ample forewarning Cheadle Hulme and Middlewich phoned their match details. Please note this is no longer required, although it is urged that **FULL MATCH DETAILS** are placed on the website by 10 a.m. on Sunday to enable the *Newsletter* to carry a report. The latter is a request and not a league rule

○ **CHEADLE HULME** had no scorer for the fourth time in five weeks. The club are being urged to deal with this problem. Anyone offering to help out should contact club captain Adam Wilde at [wildeads@hotmail.com](mailto:wildeads@hotmail.com) or chairman Richard Battye at [richard.battye@manchestester.ac.uk](mailto:richard.battye@manchestester.ac.uk) A payment will be made.

○ **CONTRARY** to information in the *Newsletter*, the Cheadle v Grappenhall ECB Premiership match was not cancelled, but abandoned. Details: Cheadle (won toss) v Grappenhall: 7 pts. each. Grappenhall 77-1 (19.1 overs: A Pennington 30no, A. Roylance 27 no). Cheadle did not bat.

○ **THE** Division 2 match Irby v Warrington was reported on the website and by the umpires as a 13 – 7 draw. The correct points allocation was Irby 12 Warrington 6, as this was a rain-interrupted draw.

○ **ALSO** in Division 2, Stockport v Bollington was not recorded on the website according to rule and information had to be obtained by a phone call to the Bollington captain on Sunday. Incorrect points were reported for this match which Bollington won by 4 wickets. Stockport take 7 points in line with new regulation 7f on page 140 of the handbook which has caught many out this season. This stipulates that when a match is reduced to less than 80 overs, both sides are guaranteed to receive at least the equivalent points awarded for an abandoned match as an underpin.

○ **THERE** was a robbery in the Stockport changing rooms during the first innings and players' valuables taken. Play was suspended by the umpires while belongings were checked.

Players and officials on **all** grounds are urged to safeguard their valuables as there may be further attempted thefts, especially as the raiders may be working a particular area.

**League tables @ Week 17 ... all played 17**

<b><u>ECB Premier League</u></b>	<b>W</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>WD</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>A/C</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Bat</b>	<b>Bowl</b>	<b>Total pts.</b>
	<b>(25)</b>	<b>(16)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(7)</b>				
TOFT	11	1	0	1	1	1	2	15	10	326
HYDE	11	0	0	0	0	2	4	7	11	307
NANTWICH	10	0	1	1	0	1	4	27	14	303
ALDERLEY EDGE	9	0	1	2	0	3	2	31	10	294
CHESTER BO. HALL	7	0	1	3	0	1	5	45	28	264
BOWDON	8	0	0	0	2	2	5	17	13	246
BRAMHALL	4	0	1	0	1	2	9	50	23	191
MACCLESFIELD	3	0	3	1	1	3	6	54	23	185
CHEADLE	4	1	0	0	1	2	9	29	14	174
NESTON	4	0	1	1	1	1	9	38	19	170
GRAPPENHALL	2	0	1	1	2	2	9	47	26	144
MARPLE	2	0	1	1	1	1	11	49	28	140

<b><u>Division 1</u></b>	<b>W</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>WD</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>A/C</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Bat</b>	<b>Bowl</b>	<b>Total pts.</b>
SALE	10	0	3	0	1	2	1	23	13	310
TIMPERLEY	8	0	3	0	1	1	4	47	26	290
OULTON PARK	8	0	0	0	2	3	4	33	15	271
URMSTON	8	0	1	0	0	1	7	31	19	260
WEAVERHAM	7	0	1	0	1	2	6	31	19	243
OXTON	6	0	2	1	2	1	5	44	23	234
DIDSBURY	5	0	3	0	0	1	8	60	27	228
TATTENHALL	6	0	0	0	4	2	5	20	27	215
DAVENHAM	6	0	0	0	0	1	10	24	24	205
CHEADLE HULME	5	0	1	1	1	3	6	30	23	205
CHRISTLETON	4	0	2	1	1	1	8	41	18	175
MIDDLEWICH	2	0	0	0	2	2	11	36	25	127

<b><u>Division 2</u></b>	<b>W</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>WD</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>A/C</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Bat</b>	<b>Bowl</b>	<b>Total pts.</b>
WARRINGTON	12	0	0	1	3	1	0	8	13	333
BOLLINGTON	11	0	1	1	1	0	3	23	15	319
MOBBERLEY	10	0	0	0	1	1	5	19	12	289
UPTON	8	0	2	2	0	2	3	38	20	282
BROOKLANDS	7	0	1	1	0	1	7	39	29	255
WIDNES	6	0	3	0	1	1	6	48	31	246
NORTHWICH	7	0	0	0	1	2	7	33	17	240
CONGLETON	6	1	0	0	0	2	8	21	20	221
*STOCKPORT	4	0	1	3	0	1	8	55	29	207
ALVANLEY	4	1	2	0	2	1	7	44	27	202
*BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	3	0	0	0	3	0	11	36	24	145
IRBY	0	0	2	1	0	1	13	45	33	93

*\*Bredbury and Stockport records includes 7 points for defeat in a game of less than 80 overs (new Match reg 7f).*

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 FIXTURES & PANEL UMPIRES**

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

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

Alistair Davies & Graham Harris  
Darrin Clark & David Tate  
Don Flanagan & Ged Kinsey  
David Gane & Geoff Wellstead  
Martin Howe & Phil Prince  
Trevor Burnett & Dion Kelly

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

CHEADLE HULME V WEAVERHAM  
DAVENHAM V CHRISTLETON  
MIDDLEWICH V TIMPERLEY  
OULTON PARK V SALE  
OXTON V DIDSBURY  
TATTENHALL V URMSTON

Howard Briggs & John Lowe  
Garry Hambleton & Clive Rice  
Jon Hacking & David Moss  
Ken Rothwell & Gary Zimmer  
Ankit Jain & Mark Turner  
Ray Prescott & Graham Pugh

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

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

Steve Wilkinson & John Williams  
Paul Herring & John Lofthouse  
Steve Kirkbright & Tony Morris  
Peter Davies & Ian Wilson  
Brian Boys & Glyn Roberts  
David Gouding & Tom Spencer

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

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

No panel umpires available  
No panel umpires available  
Nigel Simms  
Simon Smith  
David Williams  
No panel umpire available

### **Bowdon exit National Club knock-out**

BOWDON's fine run in the **Royal London National Club knock-out** ended in the quarter-finals at Chester le Street on Sunday, when they lost by 154 runs to the North-East Premier League champions. Scores:

Chester le Street 311-8 (45 overs: Carl Hey 3-64, Chris Ashling 2-61, Matt Leathley 2-62); Bowdon 157 (41 overs: Pat Ashling 49, Simon Marshall 33).

Other results:

Blackheath 230 beat Swardeston 220 - by 10 runs

Northern 200-9 beat Kimberley Institute 164 - by 36 runs

Roffey 197 lost to Bath 221-9 - by 24 runs.

Semi-final draw: Northern v Chester le Street; Bath v Blackheath (Sunday, August 30, 1 p.m.)



## HOLDERS through in Cheshire Cup

HOLDERS Chester Boughton Hall beat Hyde by five wickets in a high-scoring **Cheshire Cup** quarter-final at Filkins Lane on Sunday.

Also through are Oulton Park, who won at Wallasey; Didsbury who defeated Nantwich and New Brighton, home victors against Toft. Scores:

New Brighton 275-4 (Andy Clarke 126no); Toft 181 (James Drummond 54, Toby Drummond 38).

Didsbury 135 (Jimmy Warrington 3-20); Nantwich 120 (15 year-old debutant Hasan Ahmed 7-18);

Oulton Park 249-9 (Pat Roberts 114, Iro De Silva 54); Wallasey 150 (Tom Hyslop 4-30).

Hyde 273 (Danny Berry 90, James Duffy 44, Rick Moore 4-36); Chester 275-5 (Warren Goodwin 133no, L. Dixon 47).

Semi-final draw (Sunday, August 23): Oulton Park v CBH; New Brighton v Didsbury.

### TIMPERLEY TO STAGE SHIELD FINAL

TIMPERLEY beat Romiley by 173 runs and will stage the final of the **Cheshire Shield** next Sunday (1 p.m.). Semi-finals scores: Timperley 269-7 (D. Cooper 96, M Porthouse 67, A. Iqbal 44); Romiley 96 (E. Galley 34); Bollington 220-7 Stockport 218-8

### *Chester's National t20 finals bid*

WINNERS of the competition in 2014, Chester Boughton Hall visit Ormskirk on Sunday for the **ECB National t20** Regional final (2 p.m.).

The winners will enter National Finals Day at the Swalec Stadium, Cardiff, on Monday, September 1, which will be televised live on Sky tv.

The remaining Regional finals line-up is: Chester le Street v Pudsey Congs; Bury St. Edmonds v Ealing; Wimbledon v Exmouth.

## TACS League leaders' grounds visited

VISITS to the grounds of the current **TACS Partnership Cheshire League** top two clubs Barrow and Lindow were made by the County League ground inspectors last week. A full report has been prepared on their readiness for promotion and will be considered at the August meeting of the League Cricket Committee.

Both Barrow and Lindow continued on winning ways on Saturday, the latter maintaining the gap of 35 points in front of third-placed Ashton on Mersey, who also won. Barrow host Lindow in a key fixture on Saturday.

**DIVISION 1 RESULTS:** Disley 92 lost to Barrow 93-8; Lindow 140-3 beat Malpas 137; Poynton 130 lost to Hale Barns 140; Prestbury 140 lost to Ashton on Mersey 231-8; Romiley 183-9 lost to Runcorn 184-4; Stockport Georgians 230-3 beat Heaton Mersey 182.

**PLACINGS:** 1, Barrow 355 pts.; 2. Lindow 337; 3. Ashton on Mersey 302; 4. Stockport Georgians 284; 5. Poynton 257; 6. Runcorn 255; 7. Disley 250; 8. Romiley 247; 9. Heaton Mersey 236; 10. Hale Barns 226; 11. Malpas 157; 12. Prestbury 132. Division 2 top three: 1. Lymm OP 314; 2. Winnington Park 284; 3. Barnton 263. Division 2 top three: 1, Port Sunlight 367; 2. Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge 311; 3. Alderley Park 304.

**FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 (1.30 p.m.):** Ashton on Mersey v Hale Barns; Barrow v Lindow; Heaton Mersey v Romiley; Malpas v Poynton; Prestbury v Stockport Georgians; Runcorn v Disley.

### Recent transfers

RECENT transfers authorised by Registration secretary by Tony Morris are:

DAVID HURST: Banstead to Neston, August 4;

ADAM CONDLIFFE: Wilmslow Wayfarers to Alderley Edge, July 24;

ADAM DISMORE, Horsford to Alderley Edge, August 5;

SALMAN HANIF, Little Stoke to Didsbury, July 21;

PAUL HEATON Wistaston to Alderley Edge July 24;

MUZAMEL TARIQ, Marple to Stockport, July 26.

NICK O'CONNELL has been given permission to make his first appearance of the season for Christleton after the five-week deadline. No players are permitted to make their first appearances of the season for their club 1st or 2nd XI XI from now onwards without special permission.

## **Forties' quarter-finals draw**

FOLLOWING the last group games played on Wednesday last week, the draw for the **Over Forties** quarter-final play-offs is:

West winners **NESTON** v Central runners-up **GRAPPENHALL (TBA)**.

Central winners **TOFT** v West runners-up **CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL BLAZERS** (Thursday, August 13, 6 p.m.).

North-East winners **SALE SILVERBACKS** v South-East runners-up **BREDBURY SAINTS** (Wednesday, August 12, 6 p.m.)

South East winners **MARPLE** v North-East runners-up **CHEADLE HULME** (Monday, August 17, 6 p.m.).

Marple and Bredbury tied for top place in the South-East section; Marple won both games against their opponents .

Finals Day is at Timperley on Sunday, August 23 (12 noon). A new draw will be made after the quarters.

**O** Paul Freedman, Secretary-manager of Cheshire Over 50s and himself a former wicket-keeper of note was at Toft v Davenham on Wednesday to see his sons Matthew and Simon keep wicket for the opposing teams. Also looking on was Paul's brother Mike on a brief visit from his home in Istanbul. Mike kept wicket for Toft in the 70s and he was the son of ex-Toft and Knutsford keeper Nat, who died in 2005 aged 89.

### ***WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 RESULTS***

#### **CENTRAL DIVISION**

**Ashley (4 pts.) beat Warrington by 3 wickets - first win of season**

Warrington 123-8 (Burgess 3-6); Ashley 127-7 (Ferris 30).

**Grappenhall (4 pts.) beat Ashton on Mersey by 6 wickets:**

Ashton on Mersey 87-5 (Cunningham 30); Grappenhall 88-4 (Holden 35).

**Mobberley lost to Timperley (4 pts.) by 7 wickets:**

Mobberley 118-6 (Wheeldon 31, Sheridan 25, Porthouse 3-24); Timperley 121-3 (Nicholson 35, Brooks 33, Beaumont 26).

**Toft (4 pts.) beat Davenham by 45 runs:**

Toft 177-2 (S Hardstaff 33, Locke 31, Hope 31, Storrow 26); Davenham 132-2 (Goff 32, Holden 30, Hudson 29).

#### **NORTH EAST DIVISION**

**Bowdon lost to Bowdon Vale Vikings (4 pts.) by 7 wickets:**

Bowdon 103-7 (Walker 31, Shenahan 24, Jordan 2-14); Bowdon Vale 104-3 (Bottomley 31, Webb 23, Mossin 2-27).

**Bramhall (4 pts.) beat Sale Silverbacks by one run:**

Bramhall 137-5; Sale 136-5.

**Cheadle Hulme v Brooklands**

No information

**Urmston Tigers (4 pts.) beat Cheadle by 38 runs:**

Urmston 136-2 (Ridler 32, Espley 32, Cartwright 31); Cheadle 98-6 (Babar 33, Newton 2-15, Bryant 2-29).

#### **SOUTH EAST DIVISION**

**Bredbury Saints (4 pts.) by Poynton Legends by 41 runs:**

Bredbury 138-4 (Maine 31, Bashford 30, Turnbull 3-24); Poynton 97 (Wood 4-21, Woodhall 3-25).

**Macclesfield (4 pts.) beat Alderley Edge Wizards by 9 wickets:**

Alderley Edge 135-6 (Brooks 32, Johnson 30, Caulfield 24, Porter 2-16); Macclesfield 139-1 (Porter 32, Jackson 31, Thompson 30, Cowan 23);

**Marple (4 pts.) beat Offerton by 8 wickets:**

Offerton 68-6; Marple 69-2 (Hayward 30).

**Woodley lost to Bollington Veterans (4 pts.) by 8 wickets:**

Woodley 82-8; Bollington 83-0 (Waters 32no).

#### **WEST DIVISION : Irby open**

**Chester Boughton Hall Blazers (4 pts.) beat Caldby by 20 runs:**

CBH 174-4 (Barr 34, Curtis 32, Fearnall 30, Thomas 22, Pilley 2-25); Caldby 154-5 (Pilley 30, Laycock 30, Luxon 28, Kegg 2-18).

**Neston v Irby: match abandoned 2 pts. each.**

Neston 121-1 (16overs: Egerton 33, Sullivan 32, Hackett 30); Irby did not bat.

**Tattenhall Wreckers (4 pts.) beat Oxtton on run rate (6.25 – 6.14: reg. 10d page 150 as no 40s reg covers)**

Oxtton 86-2 (14 overs: Latham 31, Armstrong 29); Tattenhall 78-5 (10 overs: Kettle 29, Rouse 23).



**Forties final tables****CENTRAL DIVISION**

	<b>P</b>	<b>W(4)</b>	<b>T(3)</b>	<b>C(2)</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PTS.</b>	
TOFT	14	11	0	2	1	48	champions
GRAPPENHALL	14	10	0	3	1	46	runners-up
TIMPERLEY	14	8	0	4	2	40	
DAVENHAM	14	7	0	3	4	34	
ASHTON on MERSEY	14	3	0	3	8	18	
MOBBERLEY	14	2	0	3	9	14	
WARRINGTON	14	2	0	3	9	14	
ASHLEY	14	1	0	3	10	10	

**NORTH-EAST DIVISION**

SALE SILVERBACKS	14	10	0	2	2	44	champions
*CHEADLE HULME	13	8	0	3	2	38	runners-up
URMSTON TIGERS	14	6	0	4	4	32	
CHEADLE	14	6	0	2	6	28	
* BROOKLANDS	13	5	0	3	5	26	
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	14	4	0	3	7	22	
BOWDON	14	1	0	5	8	14	
BRAMHALL	14	2	0	4	8	16	

\* Match result missing

**SOUTH-EAST DIVISION**

MARPLE	14	8	0	4	2	40	champions
BREDBURY SAINTS	14	8	0	4	2	40	runners-up
MACCLESFIELD	14	6	0	4	4	32	
POYNTON LEGENDS	14	6	0	4	4	32	
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	14	5	0	4	5	28	
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	14	5	0	3	6	26	
OFFERTON	14	1	0	5	8	14	
WOODLEY	14	1	0	4	9	12	

**WEST DIVISION**

NESTON	12	8	0	3	1	38	champions
CHESTER BO. HALL BLAZERS	12	8	0	1	3	34	runners-up
OXTON	12	7	0	0	5	28	
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	12	5	0	1	6	22	
CALDY	12	3	0	2	7	16	
IRBY	12	3	0	3	5	16	
UPTON	12	2	0	2	8	12	

**Ken plays in eighth decade**

AFTER celebrating his 80th birthday a few days earlier, Ken Rothwell turned out for Warrington in their last Over Forties' game at Ashley last Wednesday to set up a personal record of playing in eight separate decades.

Says Ken: "I first played for Warrington in 1949, then went on through the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s, not so often in the 90s and noughties, then this one in the 20teens which is possibly my last, but who knows? It felt strange going for my usual 'quick' single to get off the mark. My legs went all wobbly and I wondered if I would ever reach the other end!"

Ken finished with four runs from three overs (a fast rate, says someone who played both for and against him).

He remains on the League umpires panel and has no plans to retire.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

There will be Special Meeting of Over Forties club representatives – probably at Warrington Sports Club - on a date in October yet to be decided. All clubs will be given ample notification.

TACS Cheshire League Division Two club Kingsley have expressed an interest in applying for membership for 2016.. There is currently a vacancy in the West division.

## Cheshire need to win final game

CHESHIRE need to win their final **Unicorns county championship** match – against Herefordshire at Chester next week-end – to avoid the possibility of finishing bottom of the Western division just two years after winning the title.

Their third defeat of the campaign, by 175 runs against Berkshire at Alderley Edge from Sunday to Tuesday last week had a two-pronged outcome. It placed the southern county top of the table needing to win their final game against Dorset at Bournemouth to clinch the title. Cheshire, meanwhile, must beat Hereford to avoid the possibility of winding up 10<sup>th</sup> and will again be without their posse of Chester players, on National T20 duty. Scores at Alderley Edge:

Berkshire 213 (Harry Stephens 57, Stewart Davison 51 not out, Adam Syddall 4-61, Jimmy Warrington 3-63, Dan Woods 2-44) and 306-6 dec. (W Hussain 132, Richard Morris 75, Adam Syddall 3-81, Dan Woods 3-97);

Cheshire 119 (opener Alan Day carried his bat for 64, Tom Nugent 5-51, Chris Peplow 5-25) and 225 (James Duffy 49, Adam Worrall 46, Tyrone Lawrence 34, Chris Peplow 5-74).

### WEST DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	AB	D	L	Pts.
BERKSHIRE	5	3	0	2	0	101
OXFORDSHIRE	5	4	0	0	1	98
CORNWALL	5	3	0	1	1	81
WILTSHIRE	5	2	0	2	1	69
SHROPSHIRE	5	1	0	3	1	66
WALES	5	1	0	2	2	53
DORSET	5	1	1	1	2	51
HEREFORDSHIRE	5	1	0	1	3	51
CHESHIRE	5	1	1	0	3	43
DEVON	5	0	0	2	3	42

Final fixtures (all Sunday - Tuesday, 11 a.m.): Cheshire v Herefordshire (at Chester); Wales v Cornwall (Usk); Dorset v Berkshire (Dean Park, Bournemouth); Shropshire v Devon (Shrewsbury); Wiltshire v Oxfordshire (Devizes).

### *Umpires Quiz: by Alistair Davies*

**LAST WEEK:** There is a mix-up in running between the two batsmen. The non-striker overtakes the striker behind the popping crease at the striker's end when the wicket at the bowler's end is put down. Which batsman should be given out?

**ANSWER:** The non-striker is out, regardless of the position of the two batsmen once both are behind the popping crease. It is not possible to cross behind the popping crease. **Law 29.2 (a) (ii), (d)**

**THIS WEEK'S POSER:** The front foot of a bowler, delivering right arm over the wicket, lands beyond the middle stump at that end. The ball is then delivered. What should be the outcome of this situation?

## Sixties beat 10-men Lancs

CHESHIRE kept up their winning run in the **National Over 60s championship** when they beat 10-man Lancashire by 10 wickets on Tuesday at week.

Scores: Lancashire 96 (Ted Williams 3-22, Mike Cushion 2-6); Cheshire 97-0 (John Edwards 51, Nick Sharp 43).

Cheshire meet Durham at Grappenhall on Tuesday this week (1.30 p.m.). At home to Norfolk in the Last 16 play-off.

Cheshire visit Worcestershire also on Tuesday this week in the Over 60s 2nd XI championship.

## DEATH OF NEIL EDWARDS

SECRETARY of the League Cricket Conference and one of the best-liked administrators in the game, Neil Edwards died on Friday, aged 69. He had been diagnosed with cancer in March and his condition rapidly deteriorated last week. .

Neil had helped run the Conference for more than 35 years and was regularly available for advice to clubs in the Cheshire County League. He was also a well-known umpire in the Liverpool Competition, and formerly as a player at Formby.

He leaves a wife, Jean and two daughters.

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