

COUNTY LEAGUE NEWS

on behalf of Cheshire Clubs Cricket Committee (4 Cs)



SEPTEMBER 2018

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Nantwich's Premier season

Hyde and Brooklands champions

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CCCL PREMIER LEAGUE IN SEPTEMBER

A quick word with ASH DAVIS



'Quick' seems very much the apposite word when speaking to Ash, who as leading wicket taker in the Prem this year (and finishing fourth in the bowling averages too) has established his reputation as one of the leading quicks in Cheshire. "It's probably more about accuracy, though" said Ash. "Yes, speed is an element, but as I have gained more experience, bowling essentially stump to stump is why I think my season has been so much more successful than last. The balls we have used this year have done just a little bit too, and that is key - if you can't move the ball then speed alone is unlikely to get top batsmen out." Has the dry weather helped? "Yes, that's been another welcome factor, you know that if you do pitch short then the ball is not just going to die on the batsman. Although saying that, getting Niall (O'Brien) out this year was a personal highlight, with a slower ball that just stopped a little in the surface and he got a leading edge to, that was a plan that paid off." So the season overall? "Since I accepted cricket wasn't going to be a professional career for me, I have enjoyed playing more, and that definitely helps. It's disappointing that Neston just missed out on silverware, but we did well this year in a very competitive league, and being part of Cheshire's one-day winning side has been brilliant too."

One of the tensest final days in some years saw Nantwich claim their first title in six seasons after a dramatic one wicket victory at Oulton Park. Chester BH had earlier won at Bramhall to go to the top of the table and when Nantwich found themselves 167-9, needing a further 25 to win, Jim Law's website report conveys vividly how tense CBH players and supporters, now in the box seat, followed news of sixes at OP, and a dropped catch, as Oliver Griffiths (30 off 17 balls), in tandem with a critical 0* from Shaneil Patel saw Nantwich across the line and spark celebrations there. At Bramhall, the atmosphere was understandably subdued, not only for CBH coming so close, but also as news unfolded of two stellar Grappenhall performances at Marple, with a ton from Peter Barnes helping them to their highest total of the season, then 8-50 from Sam Guest winning the game and keep Grappers up, in turn sending Bramhall down to

Division 1. It is only the hardest of hearts that could not feel sympathy for Bramhall. It was just one of those things that their last three fixtures happened to be against the league's top three. But the wretched luck of having a fixture rearranged through no fault of their own - which was subsequently rained off - meant that three wins, a 10 point draw, and 14 points from cancelled games in the last half of the season was not enough. Certainly, no batting points from their final two fixtures cost Bramhall dearly. Cheadle finished an ever improving season with an unbeaten September, defeating (and relegating) Didsbury and then recovering from 45-6 to knock off 227 and win at Alderley Edge, thanks to a brilliant 130 stand between Josh Dooler and Dan Brown, the latter finishing on 99* after taking 9 off the first three balls of the penultimate over.

FINAL PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE, AND THE SEPTEMBER FORM GUIDE

TEAM	PTS	FORM GUIDE FOR SEPT	PTS	SEPTEMBER HONOURS BOARD
NANTWICH	416	CHEADLE	57	Centurions: Rick Moore 128*, CBH v Toft, 1.9
CHESTER B.H.	402	CHESTER B.H.	57	Andrew Hall 119*, Marp v Timp, 1.9
TIMPERLEY	397	NANTWICH	57	Peter Barnes, 110*, Grapp v Marp, 15.9
NESTON	380	NESTON	57	Brooke Guest 109*, Timp v Dids, 15.9
TOFT	350	TIMPERLEY	57	Simon Stokes 109, Neston v Toft, 15.9
ALDERLEY EDGE	318	OULTON PARK	42	David Hurst 104, Neston v Grapp, 1.9
CHEADLE	294	GRAPPENHALL	41	Robert Sehmi 100, Toft v CBH, 1.9
OULTON PARK	284	ALDERLEY EDGE	24	Bowling: Sam Guest 8-50, Grapp v Marp, 15.9
MARPLE	222	TOFT	24	Martin East 6-72, OP v AE, 1.9
GRAPPENHALL	214	DIDSBURY	19	Ash Davis 6-75, Neston v Toft, 15.9
BRAMHALL	204	MARPLE	17	Jack White, 6-85, Timp v Dids, 15.9
DIDSBURY	181	BRAMHALL	9	Josh Dooler 5-23, Chead v Dids, 1.9
				Ollie Griffiths 5-23, Nant v Bram, 1.9
				Jack White 5-63, Timp v Marp, 1.9

CCCL PREMIER DIVISION 2018 STATS & FACTS

TOP 10 HIGHEST SCORES

DATE	SCORE	PLAYER	FOR	OPP
30.6	173	R.SEHMI	TOFT	NEST
23.6	157	G.DIXON	CHEAD	OP
28.4	154*	N.O'BRIEN	NANT	CHEAD
14.7	154	D.LEECH	OP	CBH
28.7	141	W.EVANS	NEST	BRAM
30.6	138	G.HODNETT	TIMP	DIDS
9.6	135	F.SHAFIQ	TIMP	TOFT
28.7	133	N.O'BRIEN	NANT	TIMP
1.9	128*	R.MOORE	CBH	TOFT
9.6	127	R.JONES	TOFT	TIMP

There was an impressive number of 27 other centuries in the Premier Division in 2018, with Messers O'Brien, Sehmi, Moore and Hodnett in that list twice. Simon Stokes, Brooke Guest and Jamie Crawley also each scored two tons.

TOP 5 TOTALS (BEST & WORST!)

DATE	TOTAL	TEAM	OPP
9.6	362-6	TIMP	TOFT
30.6	357-9	TOFT	NEST
15.9	332	NEST	TOFT
14.7	329-6	CBH	OP
14.7	328-8	OP	CBH

DATE	TOTAL	TEAM	OPP
11.8	58	GRAPP	NANT
2.6	65	DIDS	OP
2.6	77	GRAPP	TIMP
9.6	80	GRAPP	CBH
4.8	83	DIDS	BRAM

There were five other team totals of 300 or more, plus a 298, a 294 and a 292. In addition there were a further 14 totals of 250 or more. There were 10 other instances of double figure totals, Didsbury having five in total, and Bramhall three.

TOP 5 MOST RUNS

PLAYER	RUNS	TEAM
N.O'BRIEN	915	NANT
R.MOORE	902	CBH
D.LEECH	802	OP
R.SEHMI	753	TOFT
B.GUEST	732	TIMP

TOP 5 AVERAGES

(MIN 11 INNS)

PLAYER	AV.	TEAM
H.KILLORAN	66.63	CBH
B.GUEST	66.55	TIMP
N.O'BRIEN	65.36	NANT
R.SEHMI	53.79	TOFT
R.MOORE	53.06	SALE

TOP 5 MOST WKTS

PLAYER	WKTS	TEAM
A.DAVIS	66	NEST
J.WHITE	59	TIMP
J.WILLIAMS	53	CBH
J.WARRINGTON	53	NANT
A.GREASLEY	48	MARP
K.ELLIOTT	48	A.EDGE

TOP 5 AVERAGES

(MIN 20 WKTS)

PLAYER	AV.	TEAM
J.WHITE	12.02	TIMP
A.GREASLEY	13.42	MARP
O.GRIFFITHS	13.68	NANT
A.DAVIS	13.82	NEST
N.ANDERSON	15.27	DIDS

TOP 5 BEST BOWLING

DATE	PLAYER	FIGURES	FOR	OPP
5.5	A.GREASLEY	8 - 34	MARP	BRAM
11.8	A.DAVIS	8 - 41	NEST	DIDS
15.9	S.GUEST	8 - 50	GRAPP	MARP
18.8	M.PARKINSON	8 - 51	OP	DIDS
21.7	J.WHITE	7 - 33	TIMP	CHEA

Paul Wood, Ash Davis and Danny Lamb all recorded a 7-for, and there were no less than 18 6-fors recorded, Ash Davis, Andy Greasley and Jack White having two entries each. There were also 27 five wicket hauls. Nick Anderson recorded three 'michelles', with Jack White, Matt Stewart, Tom Hyslop and Ollie Freckingham claiming two apiece.

NANTWICH ARE CHAMPIONS BUT MISS OUT IN NATIONAL T20



Nantwich's fantastic season of achievements has been well reported on in the Stoke Sentinel, and many of you will have seen reporter Chris Traver's work reflecting on that dramatic final day in the league, which are well worth a read on the Sentinel website. It was perhaps the trophies already won which helped to ease the disappointment of national T20 Finals Day on the 16th, when Nantwich lost out by 48 runs to Swardeston in their semi, but just to reach finals day of a competition that had 800 entrants to start with is a feat in itself! Nantwich had a healthy contingent travel down to Derby and it was a good day out had by all, despite the result. Swardeston themselves were beaten in the final by Hanging Heaton of Bradford.

PREM NUMBERS

132 matches

9 cancelled

14 drawn games

(of which **4** were rain-affected draws)

1 tie

SEPTEMBER IN CCCL DIVISION 1

A quick word with DANNY BERRY



After the shock of being relegated in 2017, Hyde skipper Danny Berry changed his plans to emigrate at the insistence of his Australian wife, who told him *"I don't think we should go with Hyde in Div 1."* And after success at the first go of regaining a Premier League spot, Danny is now able to put the deferred plan into action, which led to emotional scenes after his final appearance for the Werneth Low side on Saturday 15th, making 76 off 47 balls in a high scoring draw. *"Yeah, I slogged a few!"* said Danny *"but it was good to finish with a score, and with the goal of promotion achieved. There was a decent crowd in and it turned into a long night, but a special one."* For someone who has been at the club all his life, there are memories aplenty. *"Gosh yes, getting to the National T20 Finals (in 2011) was amazing, but skippering the side to their first league title in 42 years (in 2014), putting on 224 with Duffers (his best friend James Duffy) against Alderley back in 2012, playing for Cheshire...I've loved every moment and been very lucky."* Danny leaves for Perth in the New Year so will be around for a while yet, but judging by the reaction on the club twitter feed, he will be missed by many not just at Hyde but in Cheshire cricket as a whole.

After a whole range of possible outcomes, Division 1 actually stayed pretty much with the table as it started the month, with Hyde's promotion as champions confirmed, along with Widnes returning to the Premier league for the first time since 2012. Having lost to Davenham on Sept 1st, Widnes made sure by beating Barrow on the last day, at the same time condemning Barrow to relegation. Widnes only managed 136 but Qasim Hafiz's impressive season continued when he dismissed Iroshan de Silva with the first ball of the reply, one of six lbws as Majid Majeed's 5-9 brought the visitors a 44 run win. That result meant that Upton's victory over neighbours Oxton (who were 8-5 at one stage before managing 106) was not quite enough, and they finished just three points off second place. Hyde's entertaining draw with Bollington saw them record the only total in excess of

300 in Div 1 this season, although Andrej Yaksender's second successive century (and fourth of 2018) saw him pass 1000 league runs and ensured Bolly played out a respectable draw. Like Barrow, Stockport also made an immediate return to Div 2, the tense 1 wicket win at Bowdon on Sept 1st that kept hopes of survival alive not enough in the final reckoning. They had Davenham in a real mess on the last day chasing 216, but a big stand between Adam Garrod and Ryan Blackie saw the hosts home and Stockport down. Despite defeat to Barrow on Sept 1st, Macc were still able to save themselves with a win, and to their great relief, they pulled out an excellent fielding effort to dismiss Urmston for 86 on the final day and secure their first victory since July 14th to stay up. Elsewhere, the Ashling brothers both rounded off fine seasons with Pat scoring another ton and Chris claiming a 6-for as Bowdon beat Sale.

FINAL D1 LEAGUE TABLE AND THE SEPTEMBER FORM GUIDE

TEAM	PTS	SEPT FORM GUIDE	PTS	SEPTEMBER HONOURS BOARD
HYDE	442	DAVENHAM	57	Centurions:
WIDNES	378	HYDE	46	Andrej Yaksender 147* Boll v Hyde, 15.9
UPTON	375	STOCKPORT	43	Sam Hunt, 107, Davenham v Widnes 1.9
BOWDON	308	BOWDON	42	Andrej Yaksender 104, Boll v Sale, 1.9
OXTON	287	WIDNES	38	Pat Ashling 104, Bowd v Sale, 15.9
URMSTON	276	UPTON	37	Bowling:
DAVENHAM	273	BARROW	36	Chris Ashling 6-47, Bowd v Sale, 15.9
BOLLINGTON	272	MACCLESFIELD	36	Majid Majeed 5-9, Widnes v Barrow, 15.9
SALE	269	SALE	35	Liam Sundve 5-10, Upton v Oxton, 15.9
MACCLESFIELD	258	URMSTON	33	John Birchall, 5-25, Macc v Urms, 15.9
STOCKPORT	225	BOLLINGTON	24	Craig Melrose 5-28, Macc v Barrow, 1.9
BARROW	224	OXTON	20	

DIV 1 NUMBERS

132 matches: **6** cancelled: **1** abandoned:
1 tie: **27** drawn games (of which **6** were rain-affected)

CCCL DIVISION 1 2018 STATS & FACTS

TOP 10 HIGHEST SCORES

DATE	SCORE	PLAYER	FOR	OPP
21.4	202*	CALUM TURNER	URM	OXT
15.9	147*	A.YAKSENDER	BOLL	HYDE
12.5	138	C.McARTHUR	UPT	SALE
11.8	134	C.McARTHUR	UPT	HYDE
16.6	133	J.DUFFY	HYDE	OXT
11.8	130	P.ASHLING	BOWD	BARR
23.6	126*	A.YAKSENDER	BOLL	DAV
30.6	126*	K.SAWAS	MACC	URM
4.8	115	K.SAWAS	MACC	STOCK
9.6	114	P.ASHLING	BOWD	UPT

There were 14 other centuries in Div 1 games, of which Oxton skipper Dane Williams made three and Bollington's Andrej Yaksender a further two.

TOP 5 TOTALS (BEST & WORST!)

DATE	TOTAL	TEAM	OPP
15.9	307-6	HYDE	BOLL
28.7	284-7	HYDE	BOWD
4.8	281-5	HYDE	BARR
21.4	275-2	URM	OXT
4.8	261-8	BOLL	OXT

DATE	TOTAL	TEAM	OPP
23.6	46	URM	BOWD
4.8	51	BOWD	WID
19.5	59	BARR	HYDE
28.4	61	SALE	HYDE
23.6	67	BARR	OXT

There were ten other team totals in excess of 250, but 13 other instances of teams managing double figures. Urmston's unwanted record of the lowest score featured an innings of 33 by Lewis Jackson, almost 72% of his team's total that day.

TOP 5 MOST RUNS

PLAYER	RUNS	TEAM
A.YAKSENDER	1028	BOLL
C.McARTHUR	931	UPT
K.SAWAS	890	MACC
D.WILLIAMS	833	OXT
T.LAWRENCE	810	SALE

TOP 5 AVERAGES (MIN 11 INNS)

PLAYER	AV.	TEAM
A.YAKSENDER	64.25	BOLL
K.SAWAS	59.33	MACC
I.DE SILVA	56.46	BARR
T.LAWRENCE	50.63	SALE
D.WILLIAMS	46.28	OXT

TOP 5 MOST WKTS

PLAYER	WKTS	TEAM
C.ASHLING	61	BOWD
R.DIXON	58	UPT
Q.HAFIZ	52	WIDN
D.HANCOCK	49	DAV
M.MAJEED	49	WIDN

TOP 5 AVERAGES (MIN 20 WKTS)

PLAYER	AV.	TEAM
D.HANCOCK	8.78	DAV
C.ASHLING	13.61	BOWD
Q.HAFIZ	13.83	WIDN
M.MAJEED	14.45	WIDN
J.BIRCHALL	14.56	MACC

TOP 5 BEST BOWLING

DATE	BOWLER	FIGURES	FOR	OPP
4.8	I.LINWOOD	9 - 28	UPT	DAV
23.6	C.ASHLING	8 - 25	BOWD	URM
7.7	C.ASHLING	8 - 44	BOWD	MACC
14.7	J.BIRCHALL	8 - 44	MACC	OXT
18.8	D.HANCOCK	7 - 36	DAV	MACC

There were eleven 6-fors in Div 1, Ross Dixon (Upton) taking two, and Jason Whittaker's 6-19 for Hyde against Sale the most economical. There were also 37 five wicket hauls recorded, Widnes' Majid Majeed's 5-9 against Barrow on the last day being the most economical, edging out team-mate Qamar Hafiz's 5-10 against Bowdon.



CCCL April/May performance award - CALUM TURNER (Urmston)

Calum ended up with the highest individual score of 2018 across the three top divisions, after his **unbeaten 202** on the opening day of the season against Oxton, which also won him the monthly award. "My first double ton" Calum told me "and all the more special for having my dad at the other end when I did it, flat-batting the last ball of the innings for six." Quite a way to start the season! "Yes, I was hitting the ball well - I got dropped in the 80s but it was one of those days when everything came off, I got more confident and we really pushed the score on in the last five overs. I just kept finding the boundary, and I was on 188 when I got on strike with three balls left and just went for it." Calum is taking a break from cricket next year, working abroad and travelling too, but aims to be back in the CCCL in the not-too-distant future.

CCCL Aug/Sept performance award IAN LINWOOD (Upton)

Featured in the trial newsletter, Ian's spell of **10.5 - 6 - 28 - 9** against Davenham on Aug 4th won the vote of the judges. Ian's figures were the best in any CCCL 1st XI fixture in 2018.



SEPTEMBER IN CCCL DIVISION 2



A quick word with **MARK FLATTLEY**

Promotion to Division 1 for Romiley has been particularly satisfying for 'Billy', having played first team cricket at Birchvale Drive for some 13 years now. *"It's been brilliant to see our plan coming to fruition, having left the D&C league after 2008, we wanted to establish ourselves in the Cheshire competition, and this season has meant we've achieved our ambition of Div 1 cricket within 10 years"* Billy told me. *"Having come fourth last year we were confident we had the squad to do even better and so it has proved. Everyone has chipped in, the two Alex's (Barber & Hooton) have taken 80 wickets between them, all the guys have got runs."* So what will be the stand out memory of 2018? *"We won 10 games in a row which is unprecedented, certainly in my time here. We had a poor start, second game cancelled and then getting bowled out in consecutive games for double figures, but we got it together, even beating Brooklands. We almost made it 11 but lost by 7 runs at Warrington, but to go up with a game to spare is a great achievement for us."* And what about Div 1? *"It will be a massive step up for us, and we know it will be much tougher than Div 2 - which isn't easy as it is! - but we will be giving it a real go."*

The complete washout on the penultimate Saturday meant that all the issues in Div 2 were settled ahead of the last day with Romiley confirming their promotion alongside that of Brooklands, who finished as champions. The two had met at Romiley on the 1st, with Kevin Carroll again to the fore with 100 off a barely creditable 32 balls. His 13 maximums included the amazing feat of 6 sixes in an over, notwithstanding that Romiley's is one of the more tempting grounds to try such a feat on. Romiley shrugged that off with a resounding last day win against luckless Weaverham who they took for 278, whilst Brooklands celebrated their title by plundering 300 off Tattenhall for the second time this season. Despite recording the lowest and conceding the highest Div 2 totals, Tatters nonetheless had a solid season, the superb all round form of Aamir Afzal a major factor in that. Warrington finished strongly with their final day win at Lindow helping them claim third spot off their hosts,

for whom Tim Young finished as the division's leading wicket taker. Arslan Dar of Christleton almost caught him, his 6-41 on the final day reducing Northwich to 69-7 chasing 169 but they were indebted to Tharusha Fernando's wonderful 94* to help steer them to a three wicket win. Mobberley also finished strongly to finally banish relegation fears, Abdul Aqeel and Matt Mountney both contributing significant runs, with Aqeel fourth in the wicket taker's list to boot. Hale Barns will be pleased with a steady first season in Div 2, while Alvanley will perhaps be contemplating getting even closer to the summit next season. At the bottom, Runcorn's inevitable fate was sealed with their 19th defeat of a difficult season, accompanied by Weaverham who have suffered successive relegations, defeat in both their fixtures in Sept compounded by a points deduction for fielding an ineligible player.

FINAL DIV 2 LEAGUE TABLE AND THE SEPTEMBER FORM GUIDE

FINAL DIV 2 TABLE	PTS	SEPT FORM GUIDE	PTS	SEPTEMBER HONOURS BOARD
BROOKLANDS	453	BROOKLANDS	57	Centurions: Tom Rolph, 116, Rom v Weav, 15.9 Kevin Carroll, 100, Brook v Rom, 1.9 Bowling: Arslan Dar 6-41, Chris v North, 15.9 Ben Pearce 5-28, Tatt v Runc, 1.9 Adam Gittins 5-40, Chris v HB, 1.9 Dan Booth 5-43, Runc v Tatt, 1.9 Ben Hicks 5-47, HB v Chris, 1.9
ROMILEY	415	MOBBERLEY	57	
WARRINGTON	370	WARRINGTON	57	
LINDOW	366	ALVANLEY	39	
ALVANLEY	324	CHRISTLETON	39	
CHRISTLETON	316	NORTHWICH	39	
NORTHWICH	293	ROMILEY	39	
HALE BARNs	274	TATTENHALL	37	
TATTENHALL	257	LINDOW	36	
MOBBERLEY	247	RUNCORN	18	
WEAVERHAM	186	HALE BARNs	13	
RUNCORN	137	WEAVERHAM	-1	

CCCL DIVISION 2 2018 STATS &

CENTURIIONS

DATE	SCORE	PLAYER	FOR	OPP
23.6	188	K.CARROLL	BROOK	WEAV
9.6	170	K.CARROLL	BROOK	WARR
30.6	152	K.CARROLL	BROOK	TATT
26.5	142*	A.BAJWA	CHRIS	TATT
26.5	120	S.ASTLEY	ROM	MOBB
9.6	118	A.MARKS	CHRIS	MOBB
11.8	118	A.BAJWA	CHRIS	TATT
15.9	116	T.ROLPH	ROM	WEAV
28.7	114	K.CARROLL	BROOK	CHRIS
4.8	112	J.JOSEPH	CHRIS	WEAV

There were a further 12 centuries in Division 2, with Kevin Carroll recording two further tons.

HIGHS AND LOWS - TEAM TOTALS

DATE	TOTAL	TEAM	OPP
30.6	322-3	BROOK	TATT
7.7	316-7	HB	RUNC
15.9	302-7	BROOK	TATT
7.7	298-5	TATT	WEAV
5.5	295-7	MOBB	WEAV
DATE	TOTAL	TEAM	OPP
5.5	51	TATT	LIND
11.8	54	ALV	BROOK
5.5	57	HB	BROOK
25.8	59	NORTH	LIND
5.5	67	ROM	ALV

There were eight other team totals in excess of 250, but 19 other instances of teams managing double figures, including a remarkable stat on May 5th when in all of the matches played, one team made less than 100 (three of which made the table!)

TOP 5 MOST RUNS

PLAYER	RUNS	TEAM
K.CARROLL	1312	BROOK
J.FLETCHER	729	WARR
A.AFZAL	696	TATT
A.AQEEL	683	MOBB
M.MOUNTNEY	678	MOBB

TOP 5 AVERAGES

(MIN 11 INNS)

PLAYER	AV.	TEAM
K.CARROLL	69.05	BROOK
A.AQEEL	52.54	MOBB
M.MOUNTNEY	39.88	MOBB
I.EATON	39.58	WEAV
T.FERNANDO	38.69	NORTH

TOP 5 MOST WKTS

PLAYER	WKTS	TEAM
T.YOUNG	59	LIND
A.DAR	56	CHRIS
A.DUFTY	53	NORTH
A.AQEEL	51	MOBB
A.AFZAL	48	TATT

TOP 5 AVERAGES

(MIN 20 WKTS)

PLAYER	AV.	TEAM
H.BURRILL	10.48	ROM
A.BARBER	12.04	ROM
A.SCHOLES	12.20	WARR
S.RAJA	12.71	LIND
A.HOOTON	12.83	ROM

TOP 5 BEST BOWLING

DATE	PLAYER	FIGURES	FOR	OPP
19.5	A.DAR	8 - 26	CHRIS	WARR
21.4	A.SCHOLES	7 - 24	WARR	CHRIS
5.5	A.SCHOLES	7 - 26	WARR	MOBB
5.5	T.YOUNG	6 - 22	LIND	TATT
25.8	T.YOUNG	6 - 22	LIND	NORTH

Ten other bowlers got 6-fors - Tim Young (again) and Alex Barber (twice) amongst them. There were 44 '5-fors' in Div 2 cricket, 6 different bowlers taking 5-29 at some stage during the season, and Sultan Raja (Lindow) having a spell of consecutive 5-fors, and then a 6-for, in May and June.



CCCL June performance award - KEVIN CARROLL (Brooklands)

Kevin's astonishing form in 2018 was well documented in the trial news-letter last month, but after considering each of his four tons in June, it was **his 188** at Weaverham off 77 balls (20 sixes, 10 fours) which won the judges' vote for the outstanding performance of that month. It's one of those quirks of cricket that Weaverham, although relegated, didn't lose to the champions in 2018, recovering from that 'Carrolling' in June by drawing a high scoring match with a brilliant hundred from Ryan Simm, whose 105 off 79 balls (at no.6) in their spirited reply didn't merit the attention it would otherwise have attracted. Congratulations to Kevin on his award.

DIV 2 NUMBERS

132 matches

8 cancelled

13 drawn games

(no rain-affected draws)

1 tie



George Clarke:
12.3 - 5 - 18 - 8
Marple 2 v Timp 2, 1st Sept

**CCCL July performance award
JORDAN RICHARDS
(Stockport Georgians 2s)**



Jordan's return of
6.4 - 4 - 6 - 6
for Georgians 2s v
Brooklands 2s on July
14th won the judges' monthly vote.

CCCL 2ND & 3RD XI

2ND XI CRICKET

Nantwich 2s completed a club double by winning the 2nd XI Premier League, rounding off a great season by beating Oulton Park 2s with considerably more to spare than their first team counterparts! Neston finished as runners up while Timperley and Macclesfield, who both knew their fate in advance of the final day, are relegated. Cheadle and Upton will replace them in 2019, the

former winning Div 1, with Widnes and Tattenhall down. In Div 2, Romiley and Heaton Mersey joined in the double club promotion theme. Romiley won Div 2 but Mersey dived with disaster, a nine wicket banjoing by Neston 3s leaving them three points clear of third place Davenham in the final reckoning and extremely thankful for the four batting points they accrued in their loss! Cheadle Hulme and

Northwich were the bottom two. Some superb Sept performances deserve a mention; George Clarke's amazing spell for Marple, Dom Smith's 161* for Neston 2s v Grappers, and hundreds for James Crisall (Marple), Jamal Benzefar (Sale), David Patterson (Romiley), Ans Rashid Muhammad (Stockport), Jacob Wilshaw (Congleton) and Sam Walker (Lindow). Matt Worsdale took 7-44 for Davenham v H.Mersey.

3RD XI CRICKET - DOUBLE FOR DIDSBURY

Didsbury 3s wrapped up a successful season by following up their T20 triumph with a third Sunday Premier League title in four years, ending up 63 points clear despite losing an entertaining last game to relegated Oxton, who go down along with Stockport (who withdrew in August). Luke Filer was given permission to play for Oxton in that final fixture and scored an impressive 133* out of a total of 196-5,

67.85% of his team's total. Remarkably, this was bettered on the same day by Marple's Andy Mummery, who signed off in style before moving to Oxford with a brilliant 102* out of a winning total of 148-3 - 68.91% - as Marple beat Grappers. Alderley Edge finish as Prem runners-up. In the other Sunday divisions, Neston, Stockport Georgians and Toft topped Div 1 in their



Didsbury 3s, double winners in 2018

respective regions, with Urmston (Div 2) and Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge (Div 3) topping the other East region tables, so congratulations to all.

OVER 40s NEWS



Neston Silverbacks over 40s won finals day at Warrington CC on Sept 2nd, with a tense 7 run win against rivals Chester BH. Neston's 139-7 seemed no more than par, but they

held off a spirited reply from Chester, who overcame a slow start to rally well and just fall short, with the match only decided in the final over as Neston held their nerve. Earlier, both sides had contrasting semi-finals, with Neston chasing down a challenging 152 set by Urmston with 10 deliveries to spare. Two batsmen from each team had to retire on reaching 30, and only Neston's David Collyer conceded less than 20 when bowl-

ing. The other semi was a different story, with Chester only managing 116 against Alderley Edge. However, this proved to be more than enough thanks to a remarkable spell from CBH's Ian Martin, whose return of 4-1-7-6 caused havoc, with 27 from Alderley's number nine Mark Hutchinson and 16 extras the only double figure scores as AE folded for 61. All the scorecards and detail can be found on Play Cricket.

AROUND THE COUNTY.....



Stockport Georgians bowled out Disley for 41 in their final fixture to underline their dominance and return to the County League as champions, well clear of the rest. Congleton will be returning with them, having secured second spot by holding off a very strong challenge from Port Sunlight, who not only had the agony of being just nine points shy of second place, but also endured the extra heartache of seeing both their teams lose out in their T20 finals (see below). It

was a season of contrasting fortunes for the two teams relegated from the CCL in 2017, with Cheadle Hulme recovering strongly from the 52 point deduction they started the season with, but Bredbury suffering successive relegations after managing just 3 wins in 2018. The rain on the penultimate Saturday left their fate decided. Elsewhere, Champions Oakmere and Stockport Trinity go up into Div 1, while Heaton Mersey won a rare promotion to Div 2, swapping places with relegated Poynton.

FINAL UK FAST DIV 1 TABLE	PTS
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	483
CONGLETON	408
PORT SUNLIGHT	397
ASHTON-ON-MERSEY	370
KINGSLEY	337
HASLINGTON	299
CHEADLE HULME	296
DISLEY	295
BARNTON	264
LYMM OUGHTRINGTON PK	254
BREDBURY ST.MARKS	221
PRESTBURY	171

All UK Fast league info is at ukfastccl.co.uk

UK FAST T20 FINALS

Graham Beckett

Heaton Mersey was the venue for the UK Fast 1st and 2nd XI T20 finals on Sept 2nd. Division Two Poynton were the victors in the 1st XI final, where their 110-6 proved out of reach for Port Sunlight, who stumbled to 89 all out, with veteran Jimmy Williams being named man of the match for his return of 2-4, edging out team mate Andy Heath (3.3-0-7-3). It was double disappointment for the Wirral

club, whose 2nd XI had earlier misfired in their final against Oakmere, managing 92-8 in their 20 overs. It was another veteran, Mike Cushion, whose 4-1-15-3 set Sunlight back, and a magnificent boundary catch by James Hodgkinson (who was later named the M-o-M for his all round display) helped leave Oakmere a target which they reached with three overs in hand.



Poynton (left) and Oakmere 2s (beneath) celebrate cup triumphs



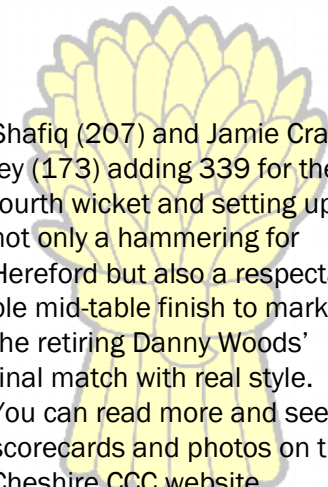
CHESHIRE'S FANTASTIC FINALE!

Cheshire Unicorns put the disappointment of their Bank Holiday T20 final loss to Berkshire behind them to win a nailbiting 50 over final two days later, beating Devon by 2 runs to end a 22 year wait to claim the trophy. Jim Law's report and scorecard on the Cheshire CCC

website has all the detail of what was by all accounts a brilliant game of cricket, including how the bowling of Simon Normanton swung a match that seemed to be going Devon's way. That win clearly galvanized the 3 day side, whose poor form was dramatically reversed in their final fixture

against Herefordshire, who they beat by the enormous margin of an innings and 160 runs in just 2 days on Sept 2/3. It was record-breaking fare from Cheshire, who racked up a barely believable 502-8 on day one - more like Stick Cricket than MCCA! - with Furqan

Shafiq (207) and Jamie Crawley (173) adding 339 for the fourth wicket and setting up not only a hammering for Hereford but also a respectable mid-table finish to mark the retiring Danny Woods' final match with real style. You can read more and see scorecards and photos on the Cheshire CCC website.





IT'S OFFICIAL(S) UMPIRES AND SCORERS

As we move into the close season, there's a chance for some down-time for the many officials that serve Cheshire cricket so well throughout the summer. But there's little respite for the tutor team, for whom this time is one to focus on recruitment and training, providing opportunities for those wanting either to take first steps in umpiring or scoring, or develop their skills further. Cheshire is very well served in being able to offer a range of courses under the oversight of Education Officer Geoff Young. The following courses are already available:

INTRODUCTORY UMPIRING & SCORING COURSE

This course is offered by Cheshire ACO for all clubs that wish to provide some basic 'how to' education for parents (and players) involved in junior cricket, to give them more confidence in undertaking these vital roles in junior games.

Clubs request a course and then make arrangements as to a suitable date etc.

The course is a 2 hour session which is lively, interactive and fun. Course cost is £50.



FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO BOOK CONTACT GEOFF YOUNG: curzon99@tiscali.co.uk

UMPIRING COURSES

ECABACO have redesigned the umpiring syllabus into stages, with stages 1 and 2 replacing the former Level 1 and Level 1A. Courses will be run on consecutive weekends; there is no obligation to do stage 2, but a discount applies if both stage 1 and 2 are taken.

UMPIRE STAGE ONE & TWO 2018

11th November (Stage 1) and 18th November (Stage 2). Oakmere CC, 9.30am - 4.45pm

2019

27th January (Stage 1) and 3rd February (Stage 2). Toft CC, 9.30am - 4.45pm

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SCORING COURSES

A number of different courses will be available in the spring of 2019.

CLUB SCORER COURSE

16th & 23rd March 2019 at Toft C.C, 9.30am - 4.00pm Suitable for beginners and/or inexperienced scorers.

ELECTRONIC SCORING MODULE DLS / DL MODULE

6th April 2019 at Toft C.C.

Two half-day modules which will cover using computer/ iPad to score, and also the use of Duckworth-Lewis, and Duckworth-Lewis-Stern

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ECBACO NATIONAL CONFERENCE , LORDS CRICKET GROUND SATURDAY OCTOBER 27TH. BOOK ONLINE VIA THE ECBACO WEBSITE.



WHAT'S THE RIGHT DECISION?

Answers to last month: 1) 5 runs. 1 for the no-ball, plus 4 for the overthrow. As the ball was thrown before the batsmen crossed, the run they subsequently completed is disregarded. 2) 1 run for the no-ball. As no shot is played, no other runs can be accrued, even penalty runs for the ball striking the helmet.

QUESTION ONE

The batsmen set off for a quick single. As one of the batsmen makes his ground his momentum carries him into the stumps, which are subsequently knocked over. A fielder appeals for hit wicket. What should the correct decision be?



QUESTION TWO

The fielding side take the field and want to know which batsman is going to take strike before deciding which player is going to bowl the first over. The batsmen come out and want to know who is bowling before deciding who is going to take strike. An impasse ensues. What should the umpires do?

CHESHIRE CUP FINAL

NARROWEST POSSIBLE VICTORY FOR OULTON PARK

Oulton Park 206-8 (45 os) (D.Leech 95, M.Latham 41, A.Davis 4-49)

Neston 206-9 (45 os) (G.Reeve 64, A.Davis 39, D.Leech 3-25)

SCORES LEVEL - Oulton Park win by virtue of losing fewer wickets

A pulsating Cheshire Cup Final on Sunday 9th, played at Little Budworth in front of crowd estimated around 200, saw Oulton Park survive a tremendous Neston fightback to lift the trophy, with the visitors unable to get the two runs they needed off the final ball of the match to win.

The heavy rain of Saturday meant a new strip was prepared with a subsequent short square boundary, and Neston's decision to field was justified immediately as Ash Davis took a wicket with the first ball of the match. OP then recovered from 16-2 thanks to an excellent 3rd wicket partnership of 123 between man-of-the-match Danny Leech (95) and Mark Latham (41), the latter having come through the ranks at OP to break into the 1st XI this season. Their efforts helped propel the hosts to the heady heights of

206, which onlookers felt was at least 20 over par on the fresher surface. It certainly looked more than enough after Neston slumped to 43-5, with Callum Begg's catch to dismiss David Hurst winning the champagne moment award. But Neston, with nothing to lose, kept chipping away, and after his efforts with the ball, Ash Davis joined forces with Guy Reeve to hammer 39 off 36 balls, adding 77 for the 7th wicket, and when Reeve was 8th out at 161 after making a superb 64, Matt Stewart and youngster Luke Jones batted brilliantly to add 40 for the 9th wicket and take the game into the final over with Neston slight favourites. However Matt Parkinson held his nerve for OP,



bowling Stewart and then keeping Jones off strike for the crucial final ball, with Neston needing two. With the umpires consulted to double-check the regulations, OP knew a tie would be enough, and Parkinson restricted Chris Finegan to just one as the celebrations began for the jubilant hosts. A wonderful game of cricket, played in a great spirit, was a fitting climax to the 2018 competition.

**Thank you to the many who informed me of the error in the trial edition in stating the wrong finalists. Apologies all round, Ed.*

10 YEARS AGO....

13th September 2008 was the final day of the CCCL season and produced some fascinating cricket. Alderley Edge had already been crowned Premier League Champions which was just as well as they lost to already relegated Heaton Mersey despite only needing 149 to win. In Division 1 the battle to avoid relegation couldn't have been closer. Bollington bowled out Cheadle Hulme for 29 to give themselves a chance of escape, but Cheadle managed to scramble a one wicket win over Birkenhead Park to survive and send Bolly down by 2 points. Already down, BP had set Cheadle 112 and at 107-6, the Kingsway side were sitting pretty, but they then lost 3-4! Irby and Grappenhall were promoted out of Division 2, Middlewich third.

PREM DIVISION		
HOME	AWAY	RES
A.EDGE	HEATON MERSEY	A
BOWDON	TOFT	H
HYDE	CHESTER BH	H
NESTON	WIDNES	H
OULTON PK	MACCLESFIELD	D
URMSTON	NANTWICH	H

DIVISION ONE		
HOME	AWAY	RES
BOLLINGTON	CHEADLE HULME	H
CHEADLE	BIRKENHEAD PK	H
CHRISTLETON	WARRINGTON	H
DIDSBURY	UPTON	H
OXTON	POYNTON	H
TIMPERLEY	BRAMHALL	CANC

DIVISION TWO		
HOME	AWAY	RES
BREDBURY	STOCKPORT GEO.	CANC
BURNAGE	WINNINGTON PK	CANC
GRAPPENHALL	TATTENHALL	H
IRBY	HALE BARNS	H
MIDDLEWICH	MOBBERLEY	H
SALE	MARPLE	D

FROM THE EDITOR



In early March I ran a scorers course at Toft CC, and had to contemplate cancelling day two because of heavy snow! That was the prelude to a wet and miserable month, which in turn led to many calls to consider delaying the start of the season, as grounds would

never be ready in time. Fast forward to September, and looking back on the long dry (and distinctly hot) spell we have enjoyed, those early days of 2018 seem even more bizarre! It was a shame that the penultimate Saturday saw a virtual washout, but for the clubs to whom this assured promotion or safety, it was very welcome! However, given such great weather, no club can say they didn't have a fair crack at 2018, and there have been no end of brilliant performances and games. I'm only sorry I can't do justice to it in this newsletter, which

can tell only the briefest of tales. As for the trial newsletter, I was encouraged by the positive response - thanks to all who got in touch, even those who are outside of the CCCL! I intend to produce one more edition this side of Christmas, which will focus on some of the issues that tend to come up for debate during the close season. I am a strong advocate for the introduction of DLS across the league and will be making the case for it, as well as examining in more detail the reality behind drawn matches. We

will all be familiar with the arguments about having only win-lose cricket in Cheshire so hopefully my research - hinted at with the brief stats on each divisional page - will shed some useful light ahead of the various meetings and votes that will determine what goes on in 2019. In the meantime congratulations to the winners and commiserations to the losers in 2018, another excellent season of cricket in the best county in England!

James

THE ANNUAL CCCL END-OF-SEASON DINNER FRIDAY OCTOBER 5TH, TOFT C.C, 6.30pm



Guest Speaker:

DAVID GOWER

Toft are our hosts for the 2018 dinner in a specially erected marquee at their picturesque ground.

- Tickets: £25 per head (book through your club)
- £10 to enter into prize draw and raffle on the night
- Separate bars available, open until 12.30am

(with club prices rather than Mere golf club prices!)

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