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2017 SEASON: NEWSLETTER NO. 22: SEPTEMBER 16

Barrow win promotion in season's last throes

CONGRATULATIONS to Barrow who won the **Second Division** title and promotion with time ticking away on the season's last day.

Admitted to the league only in 2016, going on to finish seventh, Barrow clinched top spot at Moss Farm with a six wicket win against Northwich, their 12th x 25-pointer in a consistently successful season. What's more they survived a difficult run-in without star all-rounder, Iro De Silva, currently away in Dubai representing Sri Lanka Under 35s in a World indoor tournament

Opting to bat first, Northwich were bowled out for 117, Luke Tapsfield 38, Mark Walker 30, Mal Barrow 4-18, Neil Mumford 4-28. After losing four early wickets, Barrow's run chase was held up by a heavy shower, after which they went on to win by six wickets at 118-4 Maneesh Nissanksa, 61 not out, batting superbly, aided by Les Dwyer, 22 in an unbroken 70-run stand.

The trophy was afterwards presented to Barrow skipper Alex Reid by League chairman David Humpage, who completed his traditional last day race round the county ensuring that all the silverware went to the right people.

Unbeaten since July 8, in-form Stockport clinched runners-up and the second promotion spot with a nine wickets demolition of Tattenhall at Cale Green. Tatters, whose form has varied sharply, were bowled out for 53 - the season's lowest divisional tally - by Mike Eley 5-26 and Kyle Gavin 4-23. Stuart Sadler, Max Harper and Extras were joint top scorers with eight. Stockport knocked the runs off at 54-1 in 11 overs, then had to wait three hours before news came through that their reward was second place only.

Cheshire Shield winners Romiley's hopes of completing a successful first season with promotion were dashed when they lost by 43 runs at Mobberley. No details have been posted.

Brooklands won by 42 runs at relegated Bredbury after posting 188, Mark Law 65, Jack Bagshaw 63, Graham Barlow 4-54, John Usher 3-57. St Mark's were all out for 146.

Christleton rattled up the day's highest total with 244 after opting to bat first at Lindow, going on to dismiss their hosts for 82. Again no details.

Cheadle Hulme concede to Alvanley

WOODEN spoonists Cheadle Hulme conceded their 1st and 2nd XI fixtures against Alvanley as their calamitous end of season worsened.

The Grove Park club lost 60 points the previous week when they were found to have fielded an ineligible player in two games – not two ineligible players as initially reported. This time they discovered they had insufficient players to complete their final double header with Alvanley and withdrew at late notice, leaving Alvanley players to wind down with an anti-climactic inter-club friendly.

According to rule the 1st XI will suffer a further 10 points penalty, plus a possible £40 default fee This is a very sad ending to the 44-year League career of one of Cheshire's finest and most successful clubs. One hopes they can stage a full recovery in the course of time.

Marple back in Premier League after crucial win at Macc

MARPLE won by 96 runs in their final **First Division** game at Macclesfield in what was in reality a play-off for the second promotion slot to the Premiership.

Everything depended on this vital game and Marple emerged with flying colours against their hosts, who had been relegated on the final day of the 2016 Premier League campaign..

Marple tallied an above par 215-5, thanks to a 163-run stand for the fifth wicket between James Crisall, 93 not out (12 fours and two sixes) and James Morgan 90 (12 fours and one six). They carried the score from a perilous 45-5 to 208-5 against keen bowling led by Tom Key, 3-27.

Apart from opener John Birchall, 66, the Macc batsmen could make nothing of Patrick Morahan who produced the superb analysis of 11.3 – 5 – 33 – 6 to bowl the home side out for 119.

At the top of the table, champions Oulton Park had to be content with a losing draw on the ground of mid-Cheshire neighbours Davenham. The Butcher's Stile men were the better side, posting 209-7, Sam Robbins 59, Muhammed Kashif 3-40. The consistent Danny Leech, 66, saw to it that Oulton did not lose, although they closed well short on 142-7, skipper Danny Hancock taking 3-17.

Widnes edged home against relegated Warrington by one wicket to finish third in a match notable for a superb all-round performance by the victors' Marcus Fourie. Warrington scored 157, Mal Agar 54, Fourie 15-1-51-8. Then Widnes scraped home at 160-9, Fourie completing a memorable day with an innings of 76. Aaron Soni took 4-23 and Isaac Webster 4-32, to give Warrington hope for next season.

Bollington wound up a decent campaign with a nine run victory at Urmston. Bolly totalled 189 (Jack Ward 35, Ian Grindley 4-33, Calum Turner 3-39), then bowled out their hosts for 180 (Mike Thomas 47). Jack Dickinson was the key man with a 6-60 return for Bolly.

Upton's Neil Cross takes 6-27

Another notable bowling performance was produced by Upton's former Cheshire all-rounder Neil Cross. He took 6-27 to help dismiss one of his former clubs, Oxton, for 159 at Old Greasby Road, Dane Williams 50, Andy Gibson 44. With Chris McArthur striking a superb 85 and 36 from Matt Owen in a 132 opening stand, Upton went on to reply with 160-4.

Weaverham bade farewell to the First Division with a six wickets defeat at Sale after posting 146. Rob McMillan 51, Ryan Simm 50, Jeremy McFarlane 4-31.

Sale replied with 147-4, McFarlane 68 not out, Joe Cannon 48.

SEASON'S BEST

BATTING: Marcus Fourie (Widnes) 897 runs; Dan Leech (Oulton Park) 837; oChris McArthur (Upton) 837.

BOWLING: Muhammed Kashif (Oulton Park) 62 wickets; Marcus Fourie (Widnes) 59; oDario Seale (Bollington) 52.

HYDE LOSE THEIR PLACE IN PREMIERSHIP

DESPITE giving a rousing performance in their final game on the ground of newly-crowned **ECB Premiership** champions Chester Boughton Hall, Hyde failed to win and are duly relegated to Division One, alongside Bowdon.

Hyde finished third in the league last season, but have never put a run together this summer and have won only three games

Chester skipper Ross Dixon received the Premiership trophy from chairman Humpage before the start of what became an entertaining and high-scoring game.

CBH totalled 266, Lee Dixon 63, Harry Killoran 50, Nick James 39 not out, Warren Goodwin 32, Dan Cranmer 4-80, Ian Fishman 3-32. Hyde gave it a good go after tea led by George Balderson with a splendid 102 and Tom Partridge 61, before closing on 255-4. Chester enjoyed a 12 – 9 points advantage to retain their unbeaten home record.

Hyde, however, wound up a disappointing 11th in the table well short of safety and they and Bowdon, second last season – must contemplate at least one summer in Division One before they can return.

Bramhall wound up a modest season with a 48-run victory over Bowdon at South Downs road, inflicting the wooden spoonists' 16th defeat in 22 games.

Nick Cantello's men posted a vigorous 238, lead by a fine innings of 102 by Dan Lamb, while Jack Tipton took 6-57. Bowdon lost their last wicket at 191 with the light waning, skipper Cantello claiming two victims with 'dobbers'.

Dabbers are runners-up

Nantwich wound up a markedly improved season 13 points behind the champions after winning their final match at home to Didsbury by six wickets.

Didsbury posted 163, Sam, Leech 51, Nick Anderson 30, Ollie Freckingham 4-50, Ollie Griffiths 3-17, Jimmy Warrington 3-90 off 10 costly overs. Irish cap Nial O'Brien top-scored with 77 in the Dabbers' reply of 166-4, helped by Luke Robinson 32 not out and Alex Paterson 31 not out.

Retiring champions Alderley Edge lost by four wickets at home to Neston after mustering a below par 148, teenage star Ed Fluck scoring 74. Ash Davis claimed 4-24 and Prithvi Sarvaiya 3-38. The consistent Will Evans, 67 led Neston's response of 150-6, Aussie paceman Hamish Winter-Irving rounding off a fine first season in the UK with 5-47 to become the top wicket taker with 70 victims. Cheadle have confounded many so-called experts to retain their Premiership status, producing a good performance to beat Toft by five wickets at Kingsway.

Toft mustered a below par 145, Tom Forster 36, Will Holmes 4-26 after which Cheadle strolled home with 149-5, Dan Brown 34 and excellent all-rounder Holmes 33 not out.

With relegation hanging over them all season, Grappenhall at last put their supporters to rest with a 70-run victory at Timperley. Grappers posted 190-9, James McCoy 88, Adam Roylance 31, Rudolf Brenner 3-47. Continually handicapped this season by not being able to play at home more often, Timperley were bowled out for 120, Dan Cooper 43. Matthew Titchard took a commendable 5-48 and Aaron McCabe 3-43.

SEASON'S BEST

BATTING: Lee Dixon (Chester) 803 runs; Ryan Brown (Nantwich) 767; Warren Goodwin (Chester) 741.

BOWLING: oHamish Winter-Irving 70 wickets; Jimmy Warrington (Nantwich) 60; Ollie Freckingham (Nantwich) and Ollie Griffiths (Nantwich) both 50.

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Match details from Saturday, September 16

ECB Premier League

At Moss Lane:

ALDERLEY EDGE (won toss) v NESTON

Alderley Edge 148 (41 overs: E Fluck 74, A Davis 4-24, Prithvi Sarvaiya 3-38);

Neston 150-6 (34 overs: W. Evans 67, A. Davis 29no, H Winter-Irving 5-47).

Neston (25 pts.) beat Alderley Edge (4 pts.) by 4 wickets.

At South Downs Road:

BOWDON v BRAMHALL (won toss)

Bramhall 238 (55 overs: D Lamb 102, J Tipton 6-54);

Bowdon 191 (53 overs: 191 (R. Shenkman 50).

Bramhall (25 pts.) beat Bowdon (7 pts.) by 47 runs

At Kingsway:

CHEADLE (won toss) v TOFT:

Toft 145 (32 overs: T Forster 36, W Holmes 4-26);

Cheadle 149-5 (39 overs: D Brown 34, W. Holmes 33no).

Cheadle (25 pts.) beat Toft (4 pts.) by 5 wickets.

At Boughton Hall Avenue:

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (won toss) v HYDE

Chester 266 (55 overs: L. Dixon 63, H Killoran 50, N James 39no, W Goodwin 32, D Cranmer 4-80, I Fishman 3-32);

Hyde 255-4 (55 overs: G Balderson 102, T Partridge 61)

Match drawn: Chester 12 pts., Hyde 9 pts.

At Whitehouse Lane:

NANTWICH v DIDSBURY (won toss)

Didsbury 163 (48 overs: S. Leech 51, N Anderson 30, O. Freckingham 4-50, O Griffiths 3-17. J Warrington 3-90);

Nantwich 166-4 (48 overs: N. O'Brien 77, L Robinson 32no, A. Paterson 31no).

Nantwich (25 pts.) beat Didsbury (5 pts.) by 6 wickets.

At Stockport Road:

TIMPERLEY v GRAPPENHALL (won toss)

Grappenhall 190-9 (55 overs: J McCoy 88, A Roylance 31, R Brenner 3-47);

Timperley 120 (34 overs: D Cooper 43, M Titchard 5-48, A. McCabe 3-43).

Grappenhall (25 pts.) beat Timperley (4 pts.) by 70 runs

Best of Day:

Batting: George Balderson (Hyde) 102 v Chester; Dan Lamb (Bramhall) 102 v Bowdon.

Bowling: Matthew Titchard (Grappenhall) 5-48 v Timperley.

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Division 1

At Butcher's Stile:

DAVENHAM v OULTON PARK (won toss)

Davenham 209-7 (50 overs: S Robbins 59, C Hornby 34, S. Hunt 32, Muhammed Kashif 3-40);

Oulton Park 142-7 (50 overs: D Leech 66, D Hancock 3-17).

Match drawn: Davenham 14 pts., Oulton Park 6 pts.)

At Victoria Road:

MACCLESFIELD (won toss) v MARPLE

Marple 215-5 (50 overs: J Crisall 93no, J Morgan 90 = 5th wicket stand of 163, T Key 3-27);

Macclesfield 119 (34 overs: J. Birchall 66, P. Morahan 6-33).

Marple (25 pts.) beat Macclesfield (3 pts.) by 96 runs

At Dane Road:

SALE (won toss) v WEAVERHAM

Weaverham 146 (48 overs: R. McMillan 51, R Simm 50, J. McFarlane 4-31);

Sale 147-4 (48 overs): J McFarlane 68no, J. Cannon 48).

Sale (25 pts.) beat Weaverham (5 pts.) by 6 wickets.

At Old Greasby Road:

UPTON v OXTON (won toss)

Oxton 159 (50 overs: D Williams 50, A Gibsonb 44, N Cross 6-27);

Upton 160-4 (44 overs: C. McArthur 85, M Owens 30 = 132 opening stand).

Upton (25 pts.) beat Oxton (5 pts.) by 6 wickets.

At UCG:

URMSTON (won toss) v BOLLINGTON

Bollington 189 (overs:

Urmston 180 (overs:

Bollington (25 pts.) beat Urmston (7 pts.) by 9 runs

At Warrington Sports Club:

WARRINGTON (won toss) v WIDNES

Warrington 157 (49 overs: M Agar 54, M. Fourie 8-51);

Widnes 160-9 (43 overs: M. Fourie 76, Aaron Soni 4-23, I Webster 4-32).

Widnes (25 pts.) beat Warrington (8 pts.) by 1 wicket

BEST of DAY:

Batting: James Crisall (Marple) 93no v Macclesfield

Bowling: Marcus Fourie (Widnes) 8-51 v Warrington.

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Division 2

At Frodsham Road:

ALVANLEY v CHEADLE HULME

Match conceded by Cheadle Hulme: Alvanley 25 pts., Cheadle Hulme minus 10 pts.

At Hillside Road:

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S (won toss) v BROOKLANDS

Brooklands 188 (50 overs: M. Law 65, J Bagshaw 63, G Barlow 4-54, J Usher 3-57);

Bredbury 146 (36 overs:

Brooklands (25 pts.) beat Bredbury (6 pts.) by 42 runs

At Upcast Lane:

LINDOW v CHRISTLETON (won toss)

Christleton 244 (48 overs:

Lindow 82 (22 overs:

Christleton (25 pts.) beat Lindow (4 pts.) by 162 runs

At Church Lane:

MOBBERLEY (won toss) v ROMILEY

Mobberley

Romiley:

Mobberley (25 pts.) beat Romiley (? pts.) by 43 runs; no details available

At Moss Farm:

NORTHWICH (won toss) v BARROW:

Northwich 117 (46 overs: L Tapsfield 38, M Walker 30, M Barrow 4-18, N Mumford 4-28);

Barrow 118-4 (41 overs: Maneesh Nissanka 61no, L.Dwyer 22no).

Barrow (25 pts.) beat Northwich (3 pts.) by 6 wickets.

At Cale Green

STOCKPORT v TATTENHALL (won toss)

Tattenhall 53 (20 overs: M Eley 5-26, K Gavin 4-23);

Stockport 54-1 (11 overs: G Barber 24, Zafar Jatoi 23no).

Stockport (25 pts.) beat Tattenhall (0 pts.) by 9 wickets.

Correction: Brooklands v Northwich on September 9 was abandoned not cancelled as reported in the *Newsletter* (and on the league website). Scores were: Brooklands 121 (9 pts.); Northwich 112-3 (7 pts.).

BEST of DAY

Batting: Mark Law (Brooklands) 65 v Bredbury

Bowling: Mike Eley (Stockport) 5-16 v Tattenhall.

BEST of SEASON:

Batting: oKevin Carroll (Brooklands) 804 runs; Chandrika Wathukarage (Northwich) 739; Nick Butters (Barrow) 733.

Bowling: Abdul Aqeel (Mobberley) 52 wickets; Iro De Silva (Barrow) 50; Tim Young (Lindow) 49.

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2017 final placings

ECB Premier League

	W	T (25)	WD (16)	RD (3)	LD (2)	A/C (1)	L (7)	Bat	Bowl	Total pts.
CHESTER B.H.	14	0	1	1	1	1	4	29	19	411 champ
NANTWICH	12	0	3	3	0	1	3	53	23	398
ALDERLEY E.	12	0	0	0	2	2	6	14	22	352
*TOFT	9	0	2	0	1	2	8	37	28	318
NESTON	8	2	1	1	2	3	5	34	20	317
*TIMPERLEY	8	0	3	0	1	3	7	43	28	309
DIDSBURY	7	0	1	1	1	3	9	46	30	278
*BRAMHALL	6	0	1	0	4	3	8	55	35	275
*GRAPP'HALL	7	0	2	0	1	3	9	32	31	261
CHEADLE	6	2	0	0	0	1	13	39	33	261
HYDE	3	1	3	1	2	4	8	57	37	226 rel
*BOWDON	4	0	0	0	1	1	16	32	39	186 rel

*Bowdon, Bramhall, Grappenhall, Timperley and Toft records include 7 points from matches of less than 80 overs duration.

Division 1

	W	WD	RD	LD	A/C	L	Bat	Bowl	Total pts.
OULTON PARK	15	1	0	3	0	3	17	21	419 champ
MARPLE	11	5	0	2	2	2	51	30	387 prom
WIDNES	11	3	0	3	1	4	43	29i	366
MACCLESFIELD	10	2	1	2	1	6	52	29	349
*BOLLINGTON	11	1	0	1	1	8	27	23	350
DAVENHAM	10	4	0	0	2	6	47	25	348
*UPTON	9	0	0	2	2	9	26	16	296
*URMSTON	7	3	0	1	2	9	57	28	291
*OXTON	7	1	0	1	3	10	42	21	270
SALE	6	1	0	4	2	9	45	28	247
*WARRINGTON	2	0	0	2	2	16	58	33	163 rel
*WEAVERHAM	1	0	0	1	2	18	42	33	115 rel

*Bollington, Oxtton, Sale, Upton (2), Urmston, Warrington & Weaverham records include 7 points from matches of less than 80 overs duration

Division 2

	W	T	WD	RD	LD	A/C	L	Bat	Bowl	Total pts.
BARROW	12	0	1	0	2	2	5	25	19	388 champ
*STOCKPORT	12	0	2	1	1	0	6	45	18	377 prom
*ALVANLEY	11	0	4	1	1	1	4	42	23	368
ROMILEY	10	1	2	1	0	2	6	31	23	349
BROOKLANDS	10	0	2	0	2	2	6	39	31	345
LINDOW	10	0	1	1	1	2	6	24	34	329
*NORTHWICH	7	0	4	0	3	2	6	55	30	292
MOBBERLEY	8	0	1	0	1	1	11	45	32	287
CHRISTLETON	8	0	2	0	1	2	9	37	25	283
TATTENHALL	5	0	0	0	5	0	12	33	49	237
BREDBURY	3	0	1	1	0	1	16	38	38	183 rel
**CHEADLE H.	4	0	1	0	2	2	13	42	33	138 rel

Cheadle Hulme 60 pts. deducted for fielding an ineligible player in two games. Also deducted 10 pts. for conceding game.

*Alvanley, Cheadle Hulme (2), Northwich, Romiley and Stockport records include 7 points from matches of less than 80 overs duration

Chester complete double by winning Cheshire Cup

CHESTER rounded off a memorable season by beating Neston in the **Cheshire Cup** final on Sunday after the game had been switched from Parkgate at short notice.

After postponements in the two previous weeks, the Neston ground failed to recover from a series of further heavy downpours and hasty arrangements were made for the match to be played at Boughton Hall Avenue, reduced to 30 overs each.

Neston started well at 91-2, with Cheshire wicket-keeper Will Evans hitting 63. Matt Stewart then stood firm with an unbeaten 28, but Neston reached only 156. For Chester, bowlers Harry Killoran took 2-29, Warren Goodwin 2-16 and Charlie Fleet 2-19.

Goodwin dominated the Chester reply with a typically swashbuckling innings of 83 which included two sixes and 12 fours. With Rick Moore remaining unbeaten on 54, Chester closed on 157-1 with seven overs to spare.

It was Chester's fifth final victory in six seasons, as commented upon when the presentations were made by Cheshire Cups chairman Peter Davies, the trophy being handed to victorious skipper Will Owen. There was praise for organiser Peter Hayes, who had experienced many problems during the summer.

Herself a former organiser of the competition, Elise Scrimgeour named Warren Goodwin as Man of the Match.

1st XI UPS & DOWNS IN 2017

ECB Premier League champions: Chester Boughton Hall

Runners-up: Nantwich

Relegated to Division 1: Bowdon and Hyde

Division 1 champions and promoted: Oulton Park

Runners-up and promoted: Marple

Relegated to Division 2: Warrington, Weaverham

Division 2 champions and promoted: Barrow

Runners-up and promoted: Stockport

Relegated to UKFast Cheshire League: Cheadle Hulme and Bredbury St. Mark's

Aggregate championship winners:

Joseph Holt T20 champions: Neston

Runners-up: Didsbury

Over Forties play-off winners: Grappenhall

Runners-up: Toft

Promoted from UKFast Cheshire League: Runcorn and Hale Barns.

Cheshire Cup winners: Chester Boughton Hall / Neston

Runners-up: Neston / Chester

Cheshire Shield winners: Romiley

Further winners will be revealed at the Presentation Dinner.

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Pitch & outfield marks for September 9

PITCH and outfield marks reported by panel umpires to 1st XI Competition secretary Ian Sharrock following the limited number of games played on Saturday, September 9 were (maximum 20 in each category):

ECB Premier League:

Grappenhall v Nantwich: pitch 17 outfield 20;

Toft v Chester: 17 – 19.

* Grappenhall dressing-room was marked below standard.

Division 1:

Oulton Park v Sale 18 – 19;

Upton v Marple 16 - 19

Division 2:

Barrow v Stockport 17 – 19;

Brooklands v Northwich 18 – 18

Tattenhall v Mobberley 17 – 20.

OTHER PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

BIRMINGHAM: Knowle & Dorridge

BRADFORD: Hanging Heaton

CORNWALL: Truro

DERBYSHIRE: Sandiacre

DEVON: Bovey Tracey

EAST ANGLIAN: Sudbury

ESSEX: Chelmsford

GREATER MANCHESTER: Egerton

HERTFORDSHIRE: Welwyn Garden City

HOME COUNTIES: Henley

KENT: Beckenham

LEICESTERSHIRE: Sileby Town

LANCASHIRE: Bracebridge Heath

LANCASHIRE PHASE 2 DIV. A: Clitheroe

LANCASHIRE PHASE 2 DIV.B: Enfield

LIVERPOOL COMPETITION: Ormskirk

MIDDLESEX: Ealing

NORTH-EAST: South Northumberland

NORTHERN PREMIER: Netherfield

N. STAFFS & S. CHESHIRE: Porthill Park

NORTH WALES: Bangor

N. YORKS & S. DURHAM: Great Ayton

NORTHANTS: Old Northamptonians

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: Cuckney

SOUTH WALES: Cardiff?

SOUTHERN: Havant

SURREY CHAMPIONSHIP: Normandy

SUSSEX: East Grinstead

WEST of ENGLAND: Bath

YORKSHIRE NORTH: York

YORKSHIRE SOUTH: Wakefield Thornes

● CLIFTON, the Greater Manchester League club who beat Neston at Parkgate to win the **ECB NatWest Club T20** Area final, went on to win the regional final and qualified for the National Finals Day at Derbyshire CCC .

There, Clifton met their match, losing by eight wickets to Surrey club Wimbledon, who were themselves beaten in the final by North-East League champions South Northumberland.

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Special 3rd XI meetings

THE League have called two special meetings to consider the future of 3rd XI and Sunday friendly cricket. The meetings will be at Timperley on Monday this week, September 18 and at Chester on Monday, October 16, both starting at 8 p.m. All Cheshire clubs currently inside or outside the league are invited to attend. No date has yet been fixed for the Over Forties' special meeting, which is likely to be in October.

Dinner date: Friday, October 6

THE end of season Presentation Dinner is at The Mere (aka Mere Golf & Country Club) on Friday, October 6. Former Sussex captain and England team manager John Barclay is to be the principal guest speaker.

UKFast Cheshire League finale

RUNCORN beat Disley by two wickets to finish 36 points clear at the top of the **UKFast Cheshire League** First Division and are promoted to the County League for the first time in 2018.

They are joined by Hale Barns, who were well beaten at home by Haslingden, fourth Middlewich and Irby drop down to Division Two, to be replaced by promoted clubs Kingsley and Prestbury.

SATURDAY'S DIV. 1 RESULTS

Ashton on Mersey 160 lost to Port Sunlight 161-2
Barnton 223 drew with Lymm Oughtrington Park 127-5
Hale Barns 167 lost to Haslington 171-3;
Irby 117 lost to Congleton 229-8
Middlewich 32-7 drew with Stockport Georgians 183-7
Runcorn 158-8 beat Disley 151

FINAL DIVISION 1 TABLE

	P	W	D	A/C	L	PTS	
RUNCORN	22	13	3	1	5	418	champions & promoted
<u>HALE BARNs</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>promoted</u>
STOCKPORT GEO.	22	9	7	3	4	352	
HASLINGDEN	22	10	6	3	3	348	
DISLEY	22	11	2	4	5	342	
CONGLETON	22	9	5	1	7	332	
PORT SUNLIGHT	22	10	3	1	8	308	
ASHTON on MERSEY	22	6	6	1	9	292	
LYMM OUGH. PARK	22	7	3	2	10	263	
<u>BARNTON</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>263</u>	
MIDDLEWICH	22	3	4	3	12	260	relegated
IRBY	22	3	2	0	17	195	relegated

FINAL UMPIRE'S QUIZ

set by Alistair Davies

QUESTION 20: A fair delivery which is going wide of the striker's wicket is deflected onto the wicket after it hits the boot of a fielder perched at silly mid-off. There is an appealwhat do you think should be the outcome?

ANSWER: Clearly, the striker should not be given out bowled under these circumstances, even though it was a fair delivery. The umpire should therefore call and signal No ball. **Law 30.1 (b).**

MTB: I should like to thank Alistair on behalf of all readers for the many interesting questions – and equally well-phrased answers - he has set throughout the season now closed.

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Cheshire Twos win Over 60s title

CHESHIRE won the **Sevent National Over 60s 2nd XI** title when they beat Essex by 70 runs in the final at neutral Lutterworth on Thursday last week.

The consistent Phil Thomas, 75 and Nick Bell, 60 top-scored in Cheshire's 181-6 from their 45 overs. Essex were bowled out for 11, David Cain taking 4-16 and Richard Scott 4-18.

The trophy was presented to Ian Brown deputising as skipper in the absence of Bob Ashley.

Goodwin hits 89 at Lord's

A MCC North-West team containing a group of Cheshire players, lost to MCC London in the final of a National T20 tournament at Lord's on Wednesday last week.

In a rain-hit semi-final, MCC North-West beat MCC London. The NW scored 167-3 in 17 overs, Chester's Warren Goodwin 89 and MCC London replied with 49-2 from 5 overs.

LEAGUE WEBSITES

The League's Pitchero website administered by Richard Fennah contains pictures and documents, including all 2017 issues of *Newsletter* to date. It can be located on:

www.cheshirecountycl.org.uk

For other League news including all results and tables visit Darren Sutcliffe's website:

www.cheshirecountycl.play-cricket.com/

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