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**2017 SEASON: NEWSLETTER NO. 1: April 22**

## **CBH pair add 338 on day of records against Neston**

HIGHLIGHT of the opening day's games in the **ECB Premier League** was the hammering handed out by Chester Boughton Hall to old rivals Neston at Filkins Lane. CBH rattled up the huge tally of 367-5 in 48 overs before declaring, Lee Dixon contributing 169 from 149 balls (26 fours and three sixes), aided by Warren Goodwin with 128 (126 balls, seven fours, five sixes). Back opening the Neston attack, Ash Davis claimed the decent figures of 3-78. Shell-shocked Neston were bowled out for 140, new Aussie James Claxton top-scoring with 40, while Alex Money took 3-19 and a fit-again Harry Killoran 3-30.

The Chester tally was a Premiership record as was the Dixon – Goodwin partnership, for any wicket.

Champions Alderley Edge got off to a good start with an eight wickets home win over promoted Grappenhall. Aussie bowler Hamish Winter-Irving took 6-40 on debut in Grappers' all out 177, Peter Barnes 42. Calum Rowe top scored with 85 in Alderley's response of 178-2.

### **Cheadle v Hyde tie**

There was a thrilling tied game between Cheadle and Hyde at Kingsway after the home side had struggled to post 159, Rashid Amid 35, Glyn Peacock 4-35. Hyde lost their last wicket in the 54<sup>th</sup> over at the same total, Dave Fitzsimmons 48, Will Holmes 4-51, Josh Dooler 3-40.

Grant Hodnett, Timperley's new debutant batsman from the Moorside League, struck 133 not out (15 fours and five sixes) in a tally of 246-6. This earned his side a 39 runs victory when promoted Didsbury were bowled out for 207, Tim Hughes 55, Jack White 3-57.

Toft beat Bowdon by three wickets at Booth's Park after their hosts had posted a tidy 244-7, Jack Tipton, 70 and Simon Marshall, 63 putting on 110 for the first wicket. Toft replied with 245-7 with nine balls to spare, Tom Forster 58, Henry Hughes 51.

The only drawn game saw Nantwich emerge 14 – 6 points to the good at home to Bramhall after posting 224-9, ex-Leicestershire batsman Oliver Frecklington scoring 62 and Ollie Griffiths 51, while Matt Higginbottom claimed 4-94. Bramhall struggled to 146-8 in reply, Higginbottom 68 not out, Griffiths 4-25. Jimmy Warrington 3-56. The Dabbers wound up with a 14 – 6 points advantage.

## **Marc Debrabender ton leads Oxton charge in Division 1**

ALL six games in the **Division 1** were resolved, Oxton taking the eye with a seven wicket victory over Marple on a superb wicket at Townfield Lane, led by an unbeaten century from wicket-keeper Marc Debrabender.

Marple totalled 204-9, evergreen former Cheshire skipper Andy Hall 78, Paul Wood 53, Dane Williams 4-48. Oxton were always in control in reply after tea, Debrabender's unbeaten including 25 fours and two sixes. Dane Williams, 54 helped in a second wicket stand of 120.

Promoted Warrington beat relegated Macclesfield by five wickets at Walton Lea after their visitors had totalled a handy 214-8, John Birchall 60, Keith Barron 50, Rob Batey 3-28, Johan Els 3-45. Brad McIntosh led the Warrington charge after tea with a brilliant 78 which saw his side over the line at 215-5.

The mid-Cheshire derby between Davenham and Weaverham at Butcher's Stile proved a one-way affair, Davenham winning by 110 runs after totalling 207-9, Sam Hunt 59, Chris Hornby 53, Kevin Douglas 3-34, George McCormick 3-35. Weaverham, this season without charismatic West Indian Wilden Cornwall, were all out for 97, Robin Taylor 4-32, Ben Gough 3-23.

Umpires Chris Smith and James Emmerson were delighted to find a letter from Davenham chairman Bob Floyd in their dressing-room, wishing them well for the season, thanking them for their time and pointing out some pre-match refreshments available.

Said James: "There are many clubs who offer good hospitality for umpires, but it's the first time either of us had received a warm welcome such as in this letter. It was much appreciated".

Uulton Park's batsmen began in fine form with a five wickets victory at Urmston, who totalled 195-9 batting first (Chris Turner 57, Furkan Hassan 52, Muhammed Kashif 4-53). Park responded with 199-5 (Danny Leech 43, Pat Roberts 39, Ben Gibbon 36).

Last season's Division Two champions Widnes began with a low-scoring 20 runs win at Sale after posting only 128, Sean Moore 50, Ian Spencer 39, Alisdair Barrowman 4-12. Sale mustered only 108 in reply as Moore claimed 3-26 and Marcus Fourie 3-36.

Bollington made light of the league's longest trip – to Upton – recording a 37 runs victory after posting 167-9. Upton were all out after tea for 130

## **Aqeel claims 9-21 for Mobberley**

PERFORMANCE of the day in **Division 2** was the superb 9-21 by Mobberley's Abdul Aqeel, which greeted Cheadle Hulme on their drop down into the bottom rung.

'Hulme bowled out for 108, Jan Stydom 52 as Aqeel returned figures of 12.3-5-21-9. Mark Goodstadt hit an unbeaten 42 in Mobberley's response of 112-4.

Romiley's league debut was not a memorable affair. They were routed for the day's lowest tally of 89 in a 33 runs defeat at Stockport. Aiden Van Eeden top-scored with a fine 60 for Stockport, who compiled 122 batting first.

Back in the league after a 12 months' absence, Bredbury St. Mark's enjoyed a winning draw at home to Barrow after a tense finish. Bredbury hit 204-9, Darren Carr 44, Chris Wood 41, Uzayr Parker 4-81 and Barrow reached 201-9 in response, Peter Johnson 59, Chris Wood 3-50, Graham Barlow 3-54.

Lindow beat Brooklands by 25 runs after posting 195-9, Ryan O'Brien 81. Brooklands were all out for 179 (skipper A.J. Hart 71, Tim Young and Ryan O'Brien both 4-33).

Alvanley won by six wickets in the last over at Christleton after dismissing their hosts for 212, Ul Abinin 48, James Eccleston 5-31. For Alvanley, who replied with 214-4, Mike Rowlands hit 53, Chris Wright 43 not out and Steve Charles 42.

Northwich drew with relegated Tattenhall at Moss Farm, collecting 14 points to their opponents' seven. Returning Sri Lankan Chandrika Wathukarage top scored with 68, while Lee Evans hit 49 and Alan Brock took 4-69. Glen Coppack held Tatters' reply of 181-7 together with a sturdy 57 not out aided by Andy Styan, 41.

## ***ALL SATURDAY'S SCORELINES .....***

### **ECB Premier League**

#### **ALDERLEY EDGE (won toss) v GRAPPENHALL**

Grappenhall 177 (51 overs: Barnes 42, Pennington 32, Winter-Irving 6-40);

Alderley Edge 178-2 (55 overs: Rowe 85, Day 47, Sawas 30).

RESULT: Alderley Edge (25 pts.) beat Grappenhall (5 pts.) by 8 wickets

#### **CHEADLE v HYDE (toss)**

Cheadle 159 (55 overs: Amin 35, Peacock 4-31);

Hyde 159 (53.5 overs: Fitzsimmons 48, Holmes 4-51, Dooler 3-40).

RESULT: Match tied: Cheadle 16 pts.; Hyde 16 pts.

#### **CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v NESTON (toss)**

Chester 367-5 dec. (48 overs: L Dixon 169, Goodwin 128, Davis 3-78).

Neston 140 (41 overs: Claxon 40, Money 3-19, Killoran 3-30).

RESULT: Chester (25 pts.) beat Neston (3 pts.) by 227 runs.

#### **DIDSBURY (toss) v TIMPERLEY**

Timperley 246-6 (55 overs: Hodnett 133no, Ness 30, Taylor 3-79);

Didsbury 207 (52 overs: Hughes 55, Anderson 41, White 3-53, Brenner 3-63).

RESULT: Timperley (25 pts.) beat Didsbury (5 pts.) by 39 runs

#### **NANTWICH (toss) v BRAMHALL**

Nantwich 224-9 (55 overs: Frecklington 62, Griffiths 51, Higginbottom 4-94, Wilkinson 3-78);

Bramhall 146-8 (55 overs: Higginbottom 68no, Griffiths 4-25, Warrington 3-55).

RESULT: MATCH DRAWN: Nantwich 14 pts., Bramhall 6 pts.

#### **TOFT (toss) v BOWDON**

Bowdon 244-7 (55 overs: Tipton 70, Marshall 63, Hey 59, P. Ashling 30, Stanley 3-48);

Toft 245-7 (54 overs: Forster 58, Hughes 51, Sehmi 36).

RESULT: Toft (25 pts.) beat Bowdon (11 pts.) by 3 wickets.

### **Best of Day:**

Batting: Lee Dixon (CBH) 169 v Neston

Bowling: oHamish Winter-Irving (Alderley Edge) 6-40 v Grappenhall.

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### **Division One results**

#### **DAVENHAM v WEAVERHAM (won toss)**

Davenham 207-9 (50 overs: Hunt 59, Hornby 53, Gallichan 32, Douglas 3-34, McCormack 3-35).

Weaverham 97 (36 overs: Taylor 4-32, Gough 3-23).

RESULT: Davenham (25 pts.) beat Weaverham (4 pts.) by 110 runs.

#### **OXTON (toss) v MARPLE**

Marple 204-9 (50 overs: Hall 78, Wood 53, Williams 4-48);

Oxton 205-3 (47 overs: DeBrabender 100no, Williams 54).

RESULT: Oxton (25 pts.) beat Marple (9 pts.) by 7 wickets

#### **SALE (toss) v WIDNES**

Widnes 128 (45 overs: Moore 50, Spencer 39, Barrowman 4-12);

Sale 108 (46 overs: Moore 3-26, Fourie 3-36).

RESULT: Widnes (25 pts.) beat Sale (4 pts.) by 20 runs

#### **UPTON (toss) v BOLLINGTON**

Bollington 167-9 (50 overs):

Upton 130 (44 overs).

RESULT: Bollington (25 pts.) beat Upton (5 pts.) by 37 runs

*\*No details available on website*

#### **URMSTON (toss) v OULTON PARK (toss)**

Urmston 195-9 (50 overs: Turner 57, Hassan 52, Kashif 4-53);

Oulton Park 199-5 (46 overs: Leech 43, Roberts 39, Gibbon 36, Mills 30).

RESULT: Oulton Park (25 pts.) beat Urmston (8 pts.) by 5 wickets.

#### **WARRINGTON (toss) v MACCLESFIELD**

Macclesfield 214-8 (50 overs: Birchall 60, Barron 50, Batey 3-28, Els 3-45).

Warrington 215-5 (McIntosh 78).

RESULT: Warrington (25 pts.) beat Macclesfield (10 pts.) by 5 wickets

### **Best of Day**

Batting: Marc DeBrabender (Oxton) 100no v Marple

Bowling: Alisdair Barrowman (Sale ) 4-12 v Widnes.

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### **Division 2 scores**

#### **BREDBURY ST MARK'S v BARROW (toss)**

Bredbury 204-9 (50 overs: Carr 44, Wood 41, Woodall 35no, Parker 4-81);  
Barrow 201-9 (50 overs: Johnson 59, Nissanka 44, Reid 39, Wood 3-50, Barlow 3-54).  
RESULT: Drawn: Bredbury 15 pts. Barrow 9.

#### **CHRISTLETON (toss) v ALVANLEY**

Christleton 212 (50 overs: Ul Abinin 48, O'Connell 37, Shavaiz 35, Eccleston 5-31),  
Alvanley 214-4 (49.3 overs: Rowlands 53, Wright 43no, Charles 42).  
RESULT: Alvanley (25 pts.) beat Christleton (9 pts.) by 6 wickets.

#### **LINDOW (toss) v BROOKLANDS**

Lindow 195-9 (50 overs: O'Brien 81);  
Brooklands 179 (48 overs: A.J. Hart 74, C. Hart 47, Young 4-33, O'Brien 4-33).  
RESULT: Lindow (25 pts.) beat Brooklands (7 pts.) by 16 runs

#### **MOBBERLEY (toss) v CHEADLE HULME (toss)**

Cheadle Hulme 108 (34 overs: Strydom 52, Aqeel 9-21);  
Mobberley 112-4 (28 overs: Goodstadt 42no).  
RESULT: Mobberley (25 pts.) beat Cheadle Hulme (1 pt.) by 6 wickets.

#### **NORTHWICH v TATTENHALL (toss)**

Northwich 210- 7 (50 overs: Wathukarage 68, Evans 49, Brock 4-68);  
Tattenhall 181-7 (50 overs: Coppack 57no, Styan 41no).  
DRAWN: Northwich 14 pts., Tattenhall 7 pts.

#### **STOCKPORT (toss) v ROMILEY**

Stockport 122 (Van Eeden 60);  
Romiley 89 .  
RESULT: Stockport (25 pts.) beat Romiley (4 pts.) by 33 runs.  
*\* Full details available on website*

### **Best of Day**

Batting: Ryan O'Brien (Lindow) 81 v Brooklands.  
Bowling: oAbdul Aqeel (Mobberley) 9-21 v Cheadle Hulme.

**REMINDER TO HOME CLUBS:** Home clubs are reminded of their website duties; a brief summary and full totals must be posted by 10 p.m. on Saturdays and FULL details by 12 noon on Sundays.

Fines for failure to comply will be imposed from the opening day.

## **Saturday/ Sunday, April 29/30: League fixtures & umpires**

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

ALDERLEY EDGE V DIDSBURY	Ankit Jain & Gary Zimmer
BOWDON V NANTWICH	Alistair Davies & Paul Herring
BRAMHALL V TIMPERLEY	Trevor Burnett & Graham Pugh
GRAPPENHALL V CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	Ian Greensmith & David Tate
HYDE V TOFT	David Gane & Phil Prince
NESTON V CHEADLE	Dion Kelly & Ged Kinsey

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

BOLLINGTON V OXTON	Peter Davies & Martin Howe
MACCLESFIELD V SALE	James Emmerson & Jason Pawluk
OULTON PARK V UPTON	Jon Hacking & Steve Walton
WEAVERHAM V URMSTON	Bob Ashley & Darrin Clark
WIDNES V DAVENHAM	Barrie Burns & Steve Kirkbright
<b>*To be played on Sunday:</b>	
MARPLE v WARRINGTON (at Warrington)	John Lowe & Chris Rigg

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

ALVANLEY V MOBBERLEY	Ken Rothwell & Chris Smith
BARROW V LINDOW	Ray Prescott & David Williams
BROOKLANDS V CHRISTLETON	Brian Boys & Graham Cookson
CHEADLE HULME V STOCKPORT	Garry Hambleton & Simon Smith
ROMILEY V NORTHWICH	Graham Harris & Keith Tysall
TATTENHALL V BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	Shiva Venkat & John Williams

### **\*Marple ground**

DUE to large scale work which has been ongoing since September last year and is not yet completed, no cricket will be possible on Marple's Bowden Lane ground until mid-May.

In a statement Marple say the square has been completely replaced and new drainage installed, while extensive work has been carried out on the outfield which has been scarified. A new roller has been purchased and the club say the outcome will be greatly improved playing conditions, while apologising for the delay.

### **CHESHIRE OPEN AT OXTON**

CHESHIRE take on Shropshire at Oxton on Sunday, April 30 in their opening **Unicorns Knock out trophy** game (11 a.m.).

Remaining matches are against Wales at Newport on May 7; Herefordshire at Alderley Edge on May 14 and Staffordshire at Knypersley on May 21 (all 11 a.m.).

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### **26 OVERSEAS PLAYERS APPROVED**

#### **TO SATURDAY, APRIL 22** (*additions shown in bold type*)

ALDERLEY EDGE: Hamish Winter-Irving, aged 24, Australia

ALVANLEY: Jonathan Whitley, 22, New Zealand.

BARROW: Uzayr Parker, 20, South Africa

BOLLINGTON: Dario Seale, 25, Australia

BROOKLANDS: Kevin Carroll, 24, South Africa

CHEADLE HULME: Jean-Jacques Strydom, 21, South Africa

CHRISTLETON: Joshua Joseph. New Zealand.

DAVENHAM: Peter Gallichan, 29, Australia

**DIDSBURY: Jack Rudd, 22 Australia**

GRAPPENHALL: Owen Lynch, 19, Australia

HYDE: Ian Fishman, Australia

LINDOW: Timothy Young, 25, Australia.

**MACCLESFIELD: Tom Tudor, 26, Australia**

**MARPLE: Patrick Morahan, 20, Australia**

MOBBERLEY: Nicholas Butters, 23, Australia

**NESTON: James Claxon, 24, Australia**

**NORTHWICH: Chandrika Wathuksarage, 37, Sri Lanka**

OXTON: Patrick McGann, 19, Australia

ROMILEY: Moihan D'Souza, 22, Australia

SALE: Jeremy MacFarlane, 20, Australia

TATTENHALL: Connor Windell, 25, South Africa

TIMPERLEY: Johannes Brenner, 20, South Africa

UPTON: Christopher McArthur, 23, Australia.

**WARRINGTON: John Els, 25, South Africa**

**WEAVERHAM: Cohen McElroy, 24, Australia**

**WIDNES: Marcus Fourie, 24, South Africa**

Twelve Ordinarily Resident players have also been approved.

### **FIVE CONTRACTED PLAYERS**

FIVE county contracted players have now been registered.

ALDERLEY EDGE: Jordan Clark, aged 26, Lancashire

BRAMHALL: Danny Lamb, 19, Lancashire,

NANTWICH: Niall O'Brien, 35, Leinster Dragons.

SALE: Brooke Guest, 19, Lancashire

TOFT: Robert Jones, 19, Lancashire.

### **NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS**

LEAGUE Registration and Assistant Secretary Tony Morris has a new e-mail address which is not recorded in the 2017 handbook. All clubs should make a note of the following:

[anthonymorris343@gmail.com](mailto:anthonymorris343@gmail.com)

### **Over Forties' opening games**

OPENING fixtures in the **Over 40s section** to be played on Wednesday, May 3 (6 .15 p.m.) are:

Central Division: Ashton on Mersey v Davenham; Grappenhall v Ashley; Toft v Timperley; Warrington v Mobberley.

North-East: Bowdon Vale Vikings v Whalley Rangers; Brooklands v Urmston Tigers; Cheadle Hulme v Cheadle; Sale Silverbacks v Bowdon.

South-East: Bollington Vets v Bredbury Saints; Bramhall v Alderley Edge Wizards; Macclesfield v Woodley; Offerton v Poynton Legends.

West: Chester Blazers v Cald; Irby v Upton; Oxtan v Neston; Tattenhall Wreckers v Weaverham.

## **National knock 1st round scores on Sunday**

### **Group 6 first round:**

Leigh beat UPTON by 8 wickets:

Upton 87 (Warburton 20); Leigh 88-0.

Wigan lost to CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL by 4 wickets:

Wigan 155 (Fleet 3-16); Chester 156-6 (Moore 44, Killoran 32no, Williams 30no).

New Brighton v NESTON: result not available.

### **Group 7 first round**

Sentinel lost to NANTWICH by 1 wicket.

Sentinel 164; Nantwich 165-9 (Patterson 52no, Stephens 32).

HYDE (Group 5) and BOWDON (Group 6) have first round byes.

Round 2 is on Sunday, May 14.

## **Cheadle's Will Holmes stars for Uni**

● CHEADLE spinner Will Holmes took 6-37 for Leeds/Bradford University against MCCU at Oxford on Tuesday last week.

Will's figures were the best on record for a Leeds/Bradford player in an MCCU match.

● A SUPERIOR Reader Cricket Ball will be provided without cost to clubs for use in two rounds of ECB Premier League fixtures on Weeks 5 and 6 (Saturdays, May 20 and 27). They will be delivered by the appointed panel umpires on the day.

Clubs will be asked to fill in comments with a view to possible future use.

● VIVIO, the League's principal sponsors, are to distribute a newly-designed banner by the end of April. Clubs are asked to display them in prominent positions.

● STARTING times of all matches may now be brought forward by up to an hour by mutual agreement between the clubs involved.

Two weeks' notice should be given for administrative purposes for 1st XI matches to Competition secretary Ian Sharrock, Umpires appointments secretary Geoff Young and *Newsletter* Editor Mike Talbot-Butler. Similar information about 2nd XI games should be sent to Brian Boys.

### **Peter Hanaby stands down**

● ANOTHER umpire who has stood down from the panel this season is Peter Hanaby, who is currently unwell. Peter still hopes to watch some cricket round the league this summer.

● A FINES Database is being set up to enable clubs to check on the amounts levied on them as the season goes by.

● SECOND XI results will now be recorded by home clubs on the League website and not by paper sheets as in the past. All Third XI results will continue to be recorded on paper sheets.

● PREMIER League clubs must register all their players on-line with webmaster Darren Sutcliffe without delay.



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## **UKFast Cheshire League opening results**

RESULTS of First Division games played in the UKFast Cheshire League on Saturday:

ASHTON on MERSEY 83 lost to DISLEY 84-5  
BARNTON 103 lost to STOCKPORT GEORGIANS 106-2  
CONGLETON 79 lost to HALE BARNS 174  
IRBY 155-9 beat PORT SUNLIGHT 120  
MIDDLEWICH 121 lost to HASLINGTON 122-3  
RUNCORN 211-9 beat LYMM OUGHTRINGTON PARK 208-8

### **Division One fixtures on Saturday, April 29 (1 p.m.)**

DISLEY v IRBY  
HALE BARNS v MIDDLEWICH  
HASLINGTON v BARNTON  
LYMM OUGHTRINGTON PARK v ASHTON on MERSEY  
PORT SUNLIGHT v CONGLETON  
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS v RUNCORN

## **LEAGUE WEBSITES**

The League's Pitchero website administered by Richard Fennah contains recent pictures and documents, including all 2017 issues of *Newsletter so far*.

It can be located on:

**[www.cheshirecountycl.org.uk](http://www.cheshirecountycl.org.uk)**

For other League news including all 2017 season fixtures, tap into Darren Sutcliffe's website ...

**[www.cheshirecountycl.play-cricket.com](http://www.cheshirecountycl.play-cricket.com)**

For those with difficulty locating fixtures, process the following:  
from the list of options on the index bar at top of the Home Page, select Matches, then Fixtures, then 2017 Fixtures, which are neatly set out colour.

Saturday's results will also be available on the website from this week-end.

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