

COUNTY LEAGUE NEWS

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Great month of cricket

Weather plays ball as
competitions hot up

T20 & Cheshire Cup shocks



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A very busy month of cricket has flown by and it has been such a pleasant change not to be reporting on rounds of weather blighted matches. Yes, there have been wet spells, most notably the virtual washout on Sunday 5th, but it has otherwise been remarkably dry, if lacking in real warmth at times. It's also been good to enjoy some fantastic international cricket during the month too - whether you were astonished by the incredible hitting of the England ODI team in Holland or equally amazed by the exhilarating second Test at Trent Bridge in particular, there's been much to enjoy. I have been of the view for some time now that matches be-

tween England and New Zealand are the most watchable on the international circuit - certainly if I was going to pay money to watch two teams, it would be them. And that's as much to do with the spirit in which the games between the two are played. Some of you will remember the 2008 ODI the two played at The Oval, when Ryan Sidebottom (bowler) accidentally collided with Grant Elliott (batter) as a tight run in a very close game was attempted. Both players were left sprawling on the turf, the ball returned to the bowlers' end where the helpless Elliott was run out. The England captain at the time, Paul Collingwood, insisted he wanted the appeal to stand, which led to widespread booing. The NZ players reacted angrily and their delight when they won off the last ball was extraordinary. Collingwood was (much later) to admit he got caught up in the desire to win and got his decision wrong. The Spirit of Cricket was definitely not in the mix on that occasion! Things slowly improved after that and the 2019 World Cup Final became all the more memorable because of the spirit in which it was played. And I'm not just thinking about the inci-

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dent involving Ben Stokes and overthrows either - there was a moment before that when Stokes hit a lofted drive and Trent Boult, leaping high close to the boundary edge, caught the ball but stumbled backwards, his foot just catching the boundary cushion a split-second before he released the ball to Martin Guptill, who completed the 'catch'. Guptill, however, immediately and without hesitation signalled 'six' to the umpire, a gesture I have never forgotten. At such a crucial moment, in the biggest game, one player chose to make the umpires' job easier. No matter that TV replays could have been consulted - in that moment Martin Guptill captured the Spirit of Cricket perfectly, and ever since that game, the two sides play in a wonderfully competitive but sporting way. It's because of this that you will see a focus on the spirit of the game in this and future issues of the newsletter, looking at what we can all do to ensure that, whatever our involvement, we can all embody this same Spirit and make our game better and stronger.

James

BIG BASH BONANZA FOR BRAMHALL



A hugely successful day on June 10th for Bramhall CC as they hosted the PCA England Legends side. A bumper crowd were treated to some spectacular hitting from two 'Phils' - Phil Mustard (or Colonel as he is always called) and Phil DeFreitas (who hit 90 off 51 balls) put on 113 together, while Greg Dixon finished 95* as the hosts finished 22 runs shy of victory, with the PCA side bowling their 20 overs in 57 minutes! But the many famous faces on display were more than happy to mingle with all those present and the club were rewarded for their boldness in hosting the match. Funds were also raised for Bramhall's ongoing '1000 Hearts for Harry' campaign. More info and photos on the Bramhall website and twitter feed.



OCH AYE, ALVANLEY!

Alvanley's Village Cup adventure of 2021 is being repeated this year too! Andy Bennion sent me news of Alv's progress into the National Rounds after a 21 run victory over GMCL's Stayley on June 12. Andy reports that "a packed ground" enjoyed a fine game of cricket, as Stayley - featuring ex-Hyde man Chris Tipper - were finally overcome.

This gave Alvanley an away draw at Wolviston, near Middlesbrough, and the Cheshire side won easily. 72 from Steve Charles and 99 from Alex Reid, plus late fireworks, gave Alvanley a massive 265 to defend. Wolviston never got going after early wickets for Chris Charles and Sam Mallows, before Lee Ainsworth's 4-9 polished things off, Wolviston all out 124.

Quite incredibly, Alvanley now face another away tie - at Mieggle, near Dundee! Last year all of Alvanley's national round ties were away and they will only get a home tie this year if they make the semi-finals! So you might say it puts their lengthy away trips for league fixtures into context. Good luck and safe travels to all involved in an epic day.



THE SPIRIT OF CRICKET

Often the subject of animated debates, the 'spirit of cricket' is best defined as **choosing to play fairly**. The preamble to the laws makes for an interesting statement and is worthy of an airing here:

Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws, but also within the Spirit of Cricket. The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, match officials and, especially in junior cricket, teachers, coaches and parents.

- Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket.
- Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires.
- Play hard and play fair.
- Accept the umpire's decision.
- Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct, and encourage others to do likewise.
- Show self-discipline, even when things go against you.
- Congratulate the opposition on their successes, and enjoy those of your own team.
- Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.
- Cricket is an exciting game that encourages leadership, friendship and teamwork, which brings together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played within the Spirit of Cricket.

If every game of cricket was played according to these principles, what would our match day experience be like? Many clubs across Cheshire work hard on embodying the spirit of cricket in ways described above and this can only be welcomed in growing the game.

Captains & Umpires

There are two specific statements within the laws that specify where responsibility for upholding the 'spirit of cricket' applies. This is primarily with the team captain:

Law 1.4 Responsibility of captains: *The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within The Spirit of Cricket as well as within the Laws. See The amble – The Spirit of Cricket and Law 41.1 (Fair and unfair play).*

But umpires also have a key role in this regard:

Law 41.2: Unfair Actions

The umpires shall be the sole judges of fair and unfair play. If an umpire considers that any action by a player, not covered in the Laws, is unfair, they shall call and signal Dead ball, if appropriate, as soon as it becomes clear that the call will not disadvantage the non-offending side, and report the matter to the other umpire.

So in essence, umpires hold captains to account in terms of playing within the law as written but also within the spirit implied. After a match this is reflected in the marking done by umpires of the captain and the team, and also the marks submitted by the captains that give their view on how the umpires performed.



WK 7 - JUNE 4

Six winners on the first day of June, the biggest of whom were **Toft**, who made it three on the bounce after a 211 run demolition of **Brooklands**. **Rob Jones'** great form continued with 97 and **James Scott** made a spectacular return with 25 off 13 and 4-1 as the hosts collapsed from 43-3 to 62 all out. **Nantwich** were also big winners, their 122 run win at **Oxton** a welcome boost after a barren May. No batter passed 50 but their 225-7 proved more than enough after the hosts were quickly in the doo-doo at 16-4, eventually all out 103, 4 wkts apiece for **Jimmy Warrington** and **Phil Stockton**. A 130 run stand between **Warren Goodwin** (74) and **Lee Dixon** (54) gave **Chester BH** the platform to overtake **Alderley Edge's** 152, while leaders **Didsbury** suffered a second reverse of the season, going down by 4 wkts at **Neston** after **Simon Stokes'** 87* helped the hosts recover from 95-5 and reach their 203 target with 8 balls remaining, **Sam Youds** having earlier made 72 for the visitors. **Hyde** moved back to second after a spectacular knock from **Andrew Jackson** (94* off 51 bs) turned a wobbly 78-4 into a comfortable 196-4 and victory at **Oulton Park**, his stand with **George Balderson** (50*) worth 116*. No lack of fight from bottom club **Bowdon** but it was to be a fifth defeat in six at **Widnes**, **Kieran Maher** making 81 in the hosts' 4 wkt win.

WK 9 - JUNE 18

Hyde had to work harder than they might have expected to surpass **Oxton's** 165 at Townfield Rd (**Danny Cranmer** 6-34) but **Tom Partridge's** 63 anchored their successful chase to keep them top. **Didsbury** kept in touch with a brilliant win at **Widnes** after four of the hosts' top five batters passed 40, **Widnes** making 247-6. **Dids** were flagging at 130-6 after 34 but skipper **Nick Anderson** (84*) rallied the lower order, **Dids** winning by 2 wkts in the 54th over. Much more straightforward for resurgent **Nantwich**, who won by 7 wkts at **Bowdon**. The hosts batted one ball shy of their allocation but were restricted to 144, the four man Dabbers' attack bowling 20 maidens. **Luke Robinson** (62*) and **Spencer Byatt** (36*) added an unbroken 94 as **Nantwich** won inside 28 overs. **Chester BH** won in similar fashion at **Brooklands**, their 6 wkt win attained in 27.1 overs with **Harry Killoran** (who didn't bowl) making the match top score of 42*. **Neston's** batting fired well at **Toft**, an opening stand of 88 between **Luke Camden** (89*) and **Jamie Wilson** (60) setting up an 8 wkt win after **Rowan Shelton** took 6-67. Despite **Martyn East's** fine form continuing, his 63 was the only major contribution as **Oulton Park's** mini-slump went on, losing 7-27 as **Alderley Edge's** **Ed Foster's** 5-31 saw them all out 149. **Foster** then added 52 for the first wkt with **Sam Perry** (60*) to set up a 7 wkt win.

WK 10 - JUNE 25

Hyde made it a perfect June with a comprehensive (and rapid) win over **Neston**, the visitors were bowled out for just 132. **Tom Partridge** (51*) and **Luke Young** (55) hit 19 boundaries between them as **Hyde** won inside 15 overs. **Nantwich**, by contrast, had to wait until the 54th over to reach their victory target in a gripping clash with **Widnes**, for whom **Kieran Maher** (84) and **Alex Hewitt** (79) added 121 for the 5th wkt before **Qamar Hafiz** hit 6 sixes in a 14-ball 39 to set the Dabbers 269. **Ben Wright** (93) and **Rajiv Kumar** (88) put on 151 for the 4th wkt to set up a terrific win sealed by **Oilly Griffiths** hitting 6-2-6, **Nantwich** making up for a winless May with four in a row in June. **Chester BH** likewise had a much better month with a peculiar 3 wkt win over fading **Oxton**, who recovered from 27-7 to a modest 110. **CBH** were also in a fine how-do-you-do at 78-7 but got home. 90 from **Sam Leech** was the standout in **Didsbury's** 266 at **Alderley Edge**, but a well paced chase led by **Sam Perry** (91) and **Richard Wilkinson** (61) saw the hosts to a 5 wkt win in the 52nd over. **Brooklands** enjoyed their first trip to **Oulton Park**, recording the highest total of the season so far in the Prem as **Todd Walker** (104) and **Kevin Carroll** (113* off 53 bs, 11x4, 8x6) helped the visitors soar to 317-5. A punchdrunk OP regrouped effectively and batted out at 236-8, **Rab Nawaz** claiming 5-57, but they are now winless in five matches. 84 from **Rob Lord** and 60s from **Tom Graham** and **Jack Tipton** got **Bowdon** upto 270-5 at **Toft**. A superb 117 from **Henry Hughes** led the **Toft** reply but 24 needed off the last 3 proved beyond them, the match drawn.

HYDE LEAD THE DIVISION AFTER A PERFECT JUNE



IMAGE: BOB SHAW, HYDE TWITTER FEED

WK 8 - JUNE 11

With half of the day's matches being drawn, **Hyde** moved to the top after a terrific hundred from opener **Tom Partridge**, whose unbeaten 115 (108 bs) enabled his side to survive a late burst of 3 wkts in 4 balls from **AJ Hart** and complete a 5 wkt win over **Brooklands**, who somewhat disappointingly folded for 185 after being 90-0. **Marcus Stables** was another centurion, his brilliant 156* the feature of **Nantwich's** massive 306-6 against visitors **Neston**. **Chris Simpson** made 76 as the pair added 174 for the 2nd wkt before **Jimmy Warrington** got to work, his 5-44 the standout as **Neston** were dismissed for just 122, four players each making 24. **Widnes** were the surprise winners of the day, pulling off a 43 run win at **Alderley Edge** after making a modest-looking 196-9 (**James McCoy** 67). The powerful AE top order then all fell cheaply as **Qamar Hafiz** (5-39) did the damage with an excellent spell, AE all out 153. A 46-ball knock of 77 from skipper **Nick Anderson** saw **Didsbury** post 248-8 against lowly **Bowdon**, whose last pair defied the hosts for some three overs to claim a draw on 194-9. It was a similar tale at **Filkins Lane** as **OP's** **Andrew Dufty** (who earlier took 4-84) batted out with the last man to hold off **Chester's** push for a win after they totalled 271-8. 60s' from **Martyn East** & **Rob Sehmi** seemed to have got OP into a good position but the rest of the batting fell away, saved by the last-gasp defiance. Minus **Rob Jones**, **Toft** managed a healthy 258-8 with 70s from **Ewan Williams** and **James Scott**, who then took 4-48 as visitors **Oxton** finished on 163-8.

CCCL PREMIER DIV STATS - JUNE 22



TEAM	PTS	HIGHEST	LOWEST	TOP BATTER	TOP WKTS
HYDE	211	232-2	92	LUKE YOUNG - 441	DANIEL CRANMER - 29
DIDSBURY	192	299-7	202	NICK ANDERSON - 337	LIAM BOOTH - 22
NANTWICH	178	306-6	118	MARCUS STABLES - 415	JIMMY WARRINGTON - 28
ALDERLEY EDGE	173	227-6	152	GEORGE BELL - 388	ED FOSTER - 16
CHESTER BH	171	302-8	140	ALEX MONEY - 275	JACK WILLIAMS - 20
WIDNES	134	310-4	99	KIERAN MAHER-392	QAMAR HAFIZ-24
NESTON	129	220-8	122	LUKE CAMDEN-311	ROWAN SHELTON-22
OXTON	126	180-8	103	LUKE FILER - 178	CHRIS STENHOUSE - 23
TOFT	116	273-7	91	ROB JONES - 471	JAMES LOMAS - 10
BROOKLANDS	110	317-5	62	KEVIN CARROLL-329	A.J.HART-20
OULTON PARK	107	248-8	145	MARTYN EAST-410	ANDREW DUFTY-18
BOWDON	83	270-6	38	JACK TIPTON-287	ROB LORD - 24

JUNE FORM GUIDE	
TEAM	PTS
HYDE	100
NANTWICH	100
CHESTER BH	90
WIDNES	71
DIDSBURY	58
ALDERLEY EDGE	58
NESTON	54
TOFT	52
BOWDON	29
BROOKLANDS	26
OULTON PARK	25
OXTON	17

LEADING RUNS	
PLAYER	RUNS
ROB JONES	471
LUKE YOUNG	441
TOM PARTRIDGE	419
MARCUS STABLES	415
MARTYN EAST	410
KIERAN MAHER	392

LEADING WKTS	
PLAYER	WKTS
DANIEL CRANMER	29
JIMMY WARRINGTON	28
ANDREW JACKSON	24
ROB LORD	24
QAMAR HAFIZ	24
CHRIS STENHOUSE	23

WICKETKEEPERS & FIELDERS

Spencer Byatt of Nantwich has 14 ct, 2 st, to lead the w/k stats at present, followed by Hyde's Adam Worrall (12/3). Other keepers with more than 10 victims include Dan O'Gorman of Brooklands (7/4), CBH's Alex Nash (10/1), and AE's George Bell (7/2 and 2 r/o).

Brooklands' **Kevin Carroll** and Nantwich's **Luke Robinson** have 11 catches, making them currently the leading outfielders.

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

4 Jun: Rob Jones 97, Toft v Brook; Andrew Jackson 94*, Toft v OP

11 Jun: Marcus Stables 156, Nant v Nest; Tom Partridge 115, Hyde v Brook; Jimmy Warrington 5-44, Nant v Nest

18 Jun: Daniel Cranmer 6-34, Hyde v Oxt; Rowan Shelton 6-67, Nest v Toft; Ed Foster 5-31, AE v OP

25 Jun: Henry Hughes 117, Toft v Bow; Kevin Carroll 113*, Brook v OP; Todd Walker 104, Brook v OP; Ben Wright 93, Nant v Wid; Sam Perry 91, AE v Dids; Sam Leech 90, Dids v AE; Jimmy Warrington 5-42, Nant v Wid; Rab Nawaz 5-57, Brook v OP; Rob Lord 84 and 4-41, Bow v Toft

WK 7 - JUNE 4

No stopping **Cheadle**, who hammered **Timperley** by 109 runs at Stockport Rd after another confident display. **Liam Fitzpatrick** made 92* and **Elliott Bullock** 61 as Cheadle's 247-4 proved far too many for the hosts to chase, **Abhishek Kulkarni** falling third ball and no batter passing 40 as Timperley were all out 138. An entertaining fixture at **Sale** saw the hosts chase down **Marple's** 236-6 with some 12 overs in hand, **Pat Ashling's** fine form in 2022 continuing with 101 as Sale made light work of a testing-looking total set up largely by **Mark Bennett** (99*) and **Jack Grundy** (44) who put on 119 for the 6th wkt after **Tyrone Lawrence** (5-46) had reduced Marple to 116-5 before blasting 41 off 25 to help set up the Sale charge. Another player enjoying a fine season is **Congleton** spinner **John Copeland**, his 4-28 at **Bramhall** restricting the hosts to 174-8, which looked like it might be enough as Congleton teetered at 103-6, but skipper **Jack Goode** (53*) put together a 72 run stand with **Muhammad Kashif** to secure a fourth win of 2022. **Jack Massey's** 81 was the bedrock for **Macclesfield** to claim bragging rights over neighbours **Bollington**, whose difficult season shows no signs of changing after this 64 run loss, Massey also taking two wkts while veteran **John Birchall** (5-30) enjoyed his afternoon. **Lindow** also continued to find life tough after being reduced to 16-5 in pursuit of **Grappenhall's** 174, with only a late riposte from **Ryan O'Brien** (56 batting at 9) delaying their eventual 45 run defeat. With 64 and 4-30, **Ed Barnes** enjoyed a fine match for Grappers. A low key match at **Alvanley** saw visitors **Urmston** bowled out for just 108, (**Sam Mallows** 5-45) Alv's third win of the campaign achieved with little fuss.

WK 9 - JUNE 18 It seems somehow altogether wonderfully typical of cricket that a side without a win all season and who have struggled to put totals together should get their first 25 pts of 2022 by chasing down 252 in some style. That was the target set by **Marple** for **Bramhall**, **Mark Bennett's** fantastic 111 their centerpiece. **Ashley West** was promoted to open and he responded with a superb 101, an opening stand of 141 with **Greg Dixon** (55) setting the stage for **Nick Cantello** (59*) to hit the winning runs. Leaders **Cheadle** kept their momentum going with an untidy 4 wkt at **Congleton** after they were set 141, and ended the day 31 clear of **Grappenhall**, who won by 3 wkts at **Timperley** after they chased 195 with some three overs in hand - the 29 extras Timpers conceded a significant factor. **Sale** recorded a third straight win after a terrific match against **Alvanley**, who posted 255-4, **Jarryd Basson** 82, **Simon Gee** 79* (58 bs). In a thrilling chase Sale dealt with the threat of **Sophie Ecclestone** (2-71) effectively, **Pat Ashling's** 74 anchoring things as all the batters made double figures, victory secured with two balls remaining. Another high scoring game at the Rec, where visitors **Urmston** batted brilliantly to knock off 235 in 41 overs after rain reduced their allocation of overs. **Harry Singh** had a great match, following up 3-59 with an unbeaten 95 as **Rick Hough's** 103 for Bolly proved to be in vain.

WK 10 - JUNE 25

Grappenhall's decisive victory over **Cheadle** saw them close the gap at the top of the table. **Grant Hodnett** top scored with 66 as Grappers made 227-8, which proved enough for a 110 run as the visitors batting had a real off day. **Sale** rounded off a good month with a curious draw at **Bollington**; all six of the Sale top order made double figures (**James Dodds** 68) in their 246-5, Bolly replying with 222-4, keeper **James Longhorn** reaching a unbeaten ton in the final over of the game. **Timperley** won a high scoring game at **Marple**, who had three batters make half centuries in their 264-4, but 71 from **Viraj Sorathia** in a brisk opening stand of 96 set Timpers on their way to an excellent 4 wkt in the 48th over. 53 from **Lee Ainsworth** and 58 from **Chris Charles** took **Alvanley** to 227-7, but visitors **Lindow** were inspired by **Max Law** (93) and **Johan Wessels** (82) who added 124 in 25 overs to set up a splendid 5 wkt win. **Congleton** enjoyed another visit to **Urmston**, bowling the hosts out for 158 and then recovering from losing both openers for ducks to graft out a hard fought victory in the 49th over. **Nick Cantello** hit 109 for **Bramhall** at Victoria Rd as they posted a healthy 245-8, **Macclesfield** building up some late momentum after 50s from **Jack Mattson** & **Rob Porter**, but leaving it too late to push for victory and finishing 215-5.

SALE'S PAT ASHLING



IMAGE: GEORGE FRANKS

WK 8 - JUNE 11 **Cheadle** recovered from their T20 loss with another good win on the road, 76 from **Elliot Bullock** and 55* from **Josh Dooler** taking them to a round 200 at **Urmston**, who they then bowled out for 155. News of **Marple's** loss cheered the King-sway side yet further as **Lindow** recorded a heartening first league win in Div 1, by 6 wkts at Bowden Lane. The hosts were dismissed for 157, losing 4 wkts for 2 runs after being 42-0. **Rob Herriot** (65) and **Ryan O'Brien** (75) then put things into context with a 126 opening stand which effectively settled the outcome. **Sale** were the biggest winners of the day, after 100 from **Dan Newton** took them to 219-9 against **Macclesfield**. Newton (3-16) then starred with the ball as Macc tumbled to 83 all out. **Timperley** won a thriller at **Congleton** after the home side made 221-7 (**Tom Leese** 74, **Jack Higginbotham** 51*). Despite 69* from **Nathan Brown**, Timpers looked to be adrift at 120-7, but a fine effort by the tail helped them seal a memorable win with two balls remaining. Disappointment for the bottom two sides who both lost, **Bollington** by 4 wkts at **Alvanley** after making a curious 187-3 from their allocation (**Rick Hough** 79), while **Bramhall** went down heavily at **Grappenhall**, losing by 8 wkts after being bowled out for 140. A stand of 118 for the 3rd wkt (**Grant Hodnett** 56*, **Albert Pennington** 54*) giving the hosts a comfortable 25 pts.

CCCL DIV ONE STATS - JUNE 22



TEAM	PTS	HIGHEST	LOWEST	TOP BATTER	TOP WKTS
CHEADLE	208	241-8	68	LIAM FITZPATRICK-384	WILL HOLMES- 25
GRAPPENHALL	198	233-4	171	GRANT HODNETT-347	ADAM ROYLANCE-22
SALE	172	267-8	171	PAT ASHLING-532	TYRONE LAWRENCE-18
CONGLETON	170	269-7	139	TOM LEESE-301	JOE CASH-18
MARPLE	161	264-4	135	ANDREW HALL-347	MUHAMMAD KASHIF-33
MACCLESFIELD	149	215-5	83	JACK MASSEY-245	CRAIG MELROSE-32
TIMPERLEY	145	281-3	115	JONATHAN FLETCHER-355	CHRIS CHARLES-15
ALVANLEY	140	255-4	98	JARRYD BASSON-320	CALLUM STOW-19
URMSTON	137	251-6	81	HARRY SINGH-298	CHRIS PAGE-13
LINDOW	102	241-8	117	JOHAN WESSELS-490	CHRIS CHARLES-16
BRAMHALL	98	255-6	110	NICK CANTELLO-497	SIMON WILKINSON-20
BOLLINGTON	73	237-8	85	RICK HOUGH-277	M.HAROON CHEEMA-18

JUNE FORM GUIDE		LEADING RUNS		LEADING WKTS	
TEAM	PTS	PLAYER	RUNS	PLAYER	WKTS
GRAPPENHALL	100	PAT ASHLING	532	MUHAMMAD KASHIF	33
SALE	87	NICK CANTELLO	497	CRAIG MELROSE	32
CHEADLE	79	JOHAN WESSELS	490	JOHN COPELAND	28
ALVANLEY	70	LIAM FITZPATRICK	384	WILL HOLMES	25
CONGLETON	68	JONATHAN FLETCHER	355	MILES BRADSHAW	23
MACCLESFIELD	62	GRANT HODNETT	347	ADAM ROYLANCE	22
TIMPERLEY	61	WICKETKEEPERS & FIELDERS Congleton's Jacob Wilshaw , with 12 stumpings & 6 catches, is top of the keeper stats so far, with Cheadle's Greg Dixon (9/4), Marple's Mike Schofield (6/2) and Jack Mattson of Macc (9 catches) just behind him in the stats. Cheadle's Will Holmes has 10 catches to his name so far, making him the leading outfielder, with Marple's Mark Makin (8ct/1ro) and Cheadle skipper Dan Brown (8 ct) second and third in these rankings at present.			
LINDOW	60				
BRAMHALL	50				
URMSTON	40				
MARPLE	34				
BOLLINGTON	29				

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

4 Jun: Pat Ashling 101, Sale v Marp; Mark Bennett 99* Marp v Sale; Liam Fitzpatrick 92*, Chead v Timp
 Tyrone Lawrence 5-46 (and 41) Sale v Marp; Sam Mallows 5-45, Alv v Urm; Will Espley 5-29, Lin v Grapp;
 John Birchall 5-30, Macc v Boll

11 Jun: Dan Newton 100 (and 3-16) Urm v Macc

18 Jun: Mark Bennett 111, Marp v Bram; Rick Hough 103, Boll v Urm; Ashley West 101, Bram v Marp
 Craig Melrose 7-56, Macc v Lind; Max Law 5-35 Lind v Macc; Harry Singh 95* (and 3-59) Urm v Boll

25 Jun: Nick Cantello 109, Bram v Macc; James Longhorn 101*, Boll v Sale; Max Law 93 Lind v Alv;
 Muhammad Kashif 5-47, Cong v Urm; Dan Brown 5-68, Che v Grapp

WK 7 - Jun 4: Stockport Georgians wasted little time cementing their place at the top of the division with a crushing 9 wkt win over **Upton**. **Alex Jones** bowled skipper **Matt Owen** with the first ball of the match on his way to 7-14 as the visitors were blown away for just 59. **Cheadle Hulme** continued their fine start to the season against **Ashton OM**, for whom **Henry Murray** made 73 in their 180. A solid batting effort saw CH recover from 14-2 to win by 5 wkts. **Christleton** and **Romiley** drew at Little Heath, while **Jack Taylor** (51* and 5-32) put in a terrific show for **Haslington** as they beat **Warrington** by 8 wkts, for whom skipper **Ashley Scholes** made an impressive 86 in their 155. It was hard work for **Davenham's Ben Gough** and **Robin Taylor**, who bowled 28 overs between them and then had to bat out 8 overs to secure a draw at **Mobberley**, for whom **Osman Butt** made 81. **Martin Naylor** took 5-32 as bottom side **Port Sunlight** recorded a welcome first win of the season, beating **Hale Barns** by 6 wkts.

WK 8 - Jun 11: A match that saw the lie being given to the notion that draws are dull saw leaders **Stockport Georgians** and near-neighbours **Cheadle Hulme** play out a thriller. SG needed 19 off the last 3 overs but 3 wkts fell as the hosts went for it, **Alex Read's** 4-27 going alongside the ten runs he

took off the final over of the CH allocation which proved decisive. **Port Sunlight** made it successive wins with a 29 run triumph at **Warrington**, skipper **Simon Melberzs** making 60 in their 212-7. The hosts fought hard but **James Rudd's** 51* was to be in vain. **Romiley** tumbled from 41-0 to 86-7 as they pursued **AOM's** 128 but skipper **Tom Rolph** (39* off 95) and **Alex Hooton** (30*) got them home without further alarm. **Hale Barns** lost their last 5 wkts for 13 runs to also be 128 all out at **Mobberley**, **Ibrar Latif** making 59* as the hosts won by an 8 wkt canter. **Upton** recovered from their heavy loss of wk 7 to beat **Haslington** by 66 runs, **Sophie Morris** taking 5-27 as Haslington crashed from 54-0 to 95 all out. **Brad Munro** made 84 as **Christleton** gave **Davenham** one extra over, declaring on 235-8. **Sam Hunt's** hard-fought 64 helped his side to cling on at 144-9, but after a poor start to 2022 this made it four games unbeaten for Davenham.

WK 9 - Jun 18

A crushing 117 run win got **Stockport Georgians** back to winning ways although a modest total at **Haslington** - in 38.5 overs - did not look especially wonderful. **Jack Taylor** took 4-30 as only **Ned Bailey**

(51) and some good work in the lower middle order got SG to 170. However, it was prove more than enough as the hosts were shot out in just 16.1 overs for 53, **Max Bailey** taking 7-33 and **Alex Jones** 3-16 as Haslington were 10-6 after just 8 overs. **Romiley** were left frustrated by the rain at Grove Park after three players made half-centuries in their vertiginous 273-9, play ending after 21 overs of **CH's** reply when they were an intriguing 104-1. Rain also left the **Mobberley v Warrington** match in a remarkably similar position, Mobb having made a whopping 275-5, **Sam Gainsford** hitting a brilliant 129 (105 bs) and **Nathan Turner** 63* (Warrington conceding 42 extras) before the visitors could go no further from 103-1 after 30. **Christleton** also weighed in with a big one, **Brad Munro** 130* (127 bs) and **Max Dunvaband** 111 (112 bs) putting on 209 for the first wkt against struggling **Hale Barns**, who were left with 7 extra overs to face and 277 to chase. In the event they finished on 194-6. **Ashton OM** got their first 25 pts since May 7th with a nervy 2 wkt win over **Davenham**, for whom **Sam Hunt** - again - led the way with 86* in their 182-9. **Tom Scott's** 75* held it together for AOM after they were 134-7.

WK 10 - Jun 25

Romiley's late rally to reach 188 was still not enough to hold off **Georgians**, for whom **Simon Normanton** took 5-60 and then scored a patient 40* to help secure a 4 wkt win, his side now 44 pts clear at the top. **Christleton** were undone by an in-form **Ashley Scholes**, the **Warrington** capt hitting 62 and then taking 5-34 in his side's 35 run win. **Tom Gledhill** took 6-28 as **Haslington** defended their modest 105, **Port Sunlight** bowled out for 76. **Ben Hicks'** 23-ball 50* at no.9 took **Hale Barns** from 120-7 to 190-8 and a 2 wkt win over **AOM**, while **Sam Hunt** made 79 to round off a fine personal month as **Davenham** beat **Cheadle Hulme**. **Mobberley** made 285-4 at **Upton**, who batted out at 173-8.

DIVISION TWO TABLE AND FORM GUIDE

TEAM	PTS	JUNE FORM	PTS
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	214	STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	83
ROMILEY	170	PORT SUNLIGHT	79
CHRISTLETON	163	MOBBERLEY	63
CHEADLE HULME	156	HASLINGTON	57
HASLINGTON	142	CHEADLE HULME	51
DAVENHAM	128	ROMILEY	49
WARRINGTON	122	DAVENHAM	48
HALE BARNS	118	ASHTON-ON-MERSEY	47
PORT SUNLIGHT	116	CHRISTLETON	46
ASHTON-ON-MERSEY	113	WARRINGTON	42
MOBBERLEY	106	UPTON	34
UPTON	100	HALE BARNS	32

TOP BATTERS	RUNS	BEST
NED BAILEY (S.G.)	472	77
BRAD MUNRO (CHRIS.)	458	130*
SAM HUNT (DAV)	450	86*

TOP BOWLERS	WKTS	BEST
ALEX JONES (S.G.)	33	7-14
MUHAMMAD ABID (WARR)	30	6-52
SIMON NORMANTON (S.G.)	27	8-52

WK 7 - Jun 4: North East Cheshire beat struggling **Tattenhall** by 76 runs to get their month off well. **Sam Waller** made 86 off just 39 bs (incl. 10x6) as **NEC** raced to 249. **Tom Hyslop** made 62 in Tatt's reply as they battled hard, but were all out 3 overs from safety. Much more decisive for **Oakmere** as they recorded a 110 run triumph over **Runcorn** who they bowled out for 67 (**Matthew Howard** 7-22), which was highly unpredictable after Oakmere themselves were 18-5. They were rescued by a 128 stand for the 6th wkt between **Ciaran McDonnell** (95) and **David Purcell** (54) as **Matthew Drury** returned 8-49. **Stockport** were also big winners, beating **Barnton** by 8 wks after bowling them out for 83, **Naveed Gondal** 7-18. **Kingsley** captain **Ben Stoddard** made 76, leading his team to a 6 wkt win over **Hawk Green**, while 74 from **Syed Azam Shah** helped **Ashley** to a welcome third win in a row as they beat **Maritime** by 61 runs. A middle order revival led by **Matthew George** (78) with solid assistance from **James Hendry** (55) and **Peter Room** (45) helped **Winnington Park** post 255-8 against **Barrow**, whose last pair survived five overs to draw after **Joe Williams** made 67.

WK 8 - Jun 11: Leaders North East Cheshire saw the chasing pack narrow the gap as they lost at **Ashley**. Chasing 197, **NEC** were very well

placed at 123-1 after 30 overs (**Andrew Clarke** 75, **Saul Gould** 51) but five overs later the scoreboard showed 148-7 as **Imran Butt** took five quick wkts, Ashley eventually winning by 28 runs. An identical target set at **Runcorn** for visitors **Hawk Green** to chase proved a piece of cake as **Craig Young** (80*) and **Pete Richards** (53*) added an unbroken 121 to seal victory with 7 overs unused. **Maritime's** 224 at **Barrow** (**Vensakar Kanthiraj** 66) proved more than enough as the hosts produced a horror show with the bat, **Hakeem Rauf** taking 6-15 as Barrow were bowled out for just 51. **Zander Potgeiter's** superb 122 (114 bs) helped **Oakmere** recover from 2-2 to reach 235-9 against **Stockport**, whose last man **Mark Green** survived four deliveries to defy **Nick Guest** (6-27) claiming a victory for the hosts. **Kingsley** lost both openers for ducks but still made a massive 281 against **Tattenhall** (**Tom Eyley** 76, **Matthew Dunning** 66) who they then bowled out for 204. **Barnton** made a fifth double figure total at neighbours **Winnington Park**, who won inside 17 overs.

WK 9 - Jun 18: A day for thumping wins in Div 3, as two teams recorded victory margins in excess of 200 runs, one won by 178 runs and one by 9 wkts, as **Barrow** were skittled for a second week in succession, man-

aging a miserable 33 at **North East Cheshire**, **Toby Carson** with 6-18 as the match was completed within 24 overs. **Hawk Green** managed just 55 at **Stockport** (**Naveed Gondal** 5-18) after **Zafar Jatoi** made 111 in the hosts' 233-7, **Ben Perry** 57. Four of **Maritime's** top five all made 50s as they called a halt after 44 overs on 287-7 against **Winnington Park**, for whom **James Hendry's** 26* was the only double figure inns in reply as **WP** collapsed for 69, **Hakeem Rauf** 5-18. The biggest winners of all were **Oakmere**, who racked up a humongous 334-4 against visiting neighbours **Barnton**. Captain **Craig Phelan** made 134 (138 bs) and **James Norton** 108 (120 bs), adding 238 for the 2nd wkt before a 30 ball 54 from **Zander Potgeiter** piled on the misery. **Nick Guest** then took 7-34 as Barnton succumbed for 94. **Kingsley** beat inconsistent **Ashley** by 7 wkts at The Croft, **Haris Yassin's** 82 (58 bs) easily the highest score of the match, while **Rob Magee's** 129 (145 bs) led **Runcorn** to 253-6 against visitors **Tattenhall**, who finished on 216-8.

WK 10 - Jun 25: NE Cheshire won the battle of the top two, beating **Maritime** by 46 runs. A run fest at **Ashley** saw the hosts chase 292 to beat **Runcorn**, for whom **Rob Magee's** second ton in 2 weeks, a superb 152, and a stand of 219 with **James Wells** (84) proved to be not enough, **Syed Azam Shah** making 106 as the hosts won in the 48th. High drama at **Barrow** where **Tom Birch** hit the last ball for 4 to secure a 1 wkt win for the hosts over **Kingsley**. **Stockport's** long trip to **Tattenhall** was rewarded by an easy 7 wkt win, while a remarkable 92 out of 149 by **Oakmere's** **Zander Potgeiter** at **WP** helped them secure a 52 run win. **Hawk Green** had an easy day against luckless **Barnton**.

DIVISION THREE TABLE AND FORM GUIDE

TEAM	PTS	JUNE FORM	PTS
NORTH EAST CHESHIRE	215	OAKMERE	90
STOCKPORT	178	KINGSLEY	85
HAWK GREEN	175	STOCKPORT	83
MARITIME	175	NORTH EAST CHESHIRE	81
KINGSLEY	159	ASHLEY	78
OAKMERE	159	MARITIME	62
ASHLEY	158	HAWK GREEN	58
BARROW	151	WINNINGTON PARK	47
WINNINGTON PARK	107	BARROW	36
RUNCORN	97	RUNCORN	35
TATTENHALL	84	TATTENHALL	24
BARNTON	18	BARNTON	2

TOP BATTERS	RUNS	BEST
ROB MAGEE (RUNCORN)	522	152
SYED AZAM SHAH (ASH)	444	106
VENSAKAR KANTHIRAJ (MAR)	417	103
TOP BOWLERS	WKTS	BEST
NAVEED GONDAL (STOCK)	28	7-18
WILL WESTERBY (N.E.C.)	25	6-37
NICK MUMFORD (BARR)	25	5-50

2022 1st XI T20

GROUP STAGE ROUND UP

There were some surprising results in the group stages as two Premier Division teams made exits and a number of unfancied sides progressed through. Here's a summary of what went on, including a major scare for current holders Alderley Edge in a remarkable game with Cheadle on June 9th.

GROUP 1

Winners: **Bollington**, who gained revenge for the league defeat they suffered at the hands of Macclesfield the previous Sat by hammering them in their deciding T20, Ben Gibson's 56* leading them to a 9 wkt win.

GROUP 2

Winners: **Nantwich**. Haslington conceded their fixture with the Dabbers to ensure the Prem champs progress.

GROUP 3

Winners: **Oulton Park**, who beat Alvanley by 7 wkts in an entertaining decider. A 25-ball 51 from Charlie Fletcher lifted Alv to 146-7 and although OP kept wkts in hand victory was not secured until the final over, Teix Bolingbroke falling in the 19th after making 66.

GROUP 4

Winners: **Kingsley** who pulled off the shock result of the entire knockout round, as they beat Premier Division Toft. Although not at their strongest, Toft were kept in check by a disciplined Kingsley attack and could only muster 125-8 (incl. 23 extras). opening stand of 52 in 6.3 overs gave the visitors a terrific platform, Haris Yassin making 51 as victory was attained with an over unused.



IMAGE: JEFF TENNER

GROUP 5

Winners: **Maritime**, who pulled off a notable scalp when they overcame their Prem near-neighbours Oxton, winning the only group game by 33 runs.

GROUP 6

Winners: **Neston**, who had to fight hard to see off a spirited Port Sunlight side inspired by skipper Simon Melberz (43 & 3-26). Dane Williams' 53 off 30, with good support, was the highlight of Neston's 5 wkt win.

GROUP 7

GROUP 8

Winners: **Widnes**, after beating Warrington by 36 runs. Ali Chughtai (70) and Kieran Maher (47) put on 98 for the 1st wkt in 12.2 overs as Widnes powered onto 162-3, which they defended with few alarms.

GROUP 9

Winners: **Cheadle Hulme** (as reported last issue).

GROUP 10

Winners: **Bowdon**, after a fine opening psp of 85 between Ross Zelem (32) and Thomas Graham (58) helped them to a comfortable 6 wkt win over Grappenhall who could only manage 129-8 in their allocation, Bowdon winning with some five overs unused.

GROUP 11

Winners: **Alderley Edge** who produced a most amazing comeback to inflict an extraordinary collapse on Cheadle, whose pursuit of 139 was going swimmingly at 122-4 after 16 overs. Skipper Charlie Reid turned it all round, breaking a psp of 55 between Liam Fitzpatrick (56) and Will Holmes (26) by dismissing them both in successive balls, before another wkt three balls later, and then seeing another two wkts in two balls in his next over. The upshot was four needed off the final over but despite a wide first ball, bowler James Naylor held his nerve and kept Cheadle to 3, an lbw last ball sealing an incredible win in front of an astonished crowd.

GROUP 12

Winners: **Brooklands**, who came out on top in their deciding match with Timperley. A low scoring affair saw Timpers restricted to 122-8 with Rab Nawaz taking 4-15. Brooklands were in choppy waters at 15-3 but AJ Hart's 45 and 33* from Jim Hugall got them home in the final over.

GROUP 13

Winners: **Sale**, after a surprisingly low scoring encounter at Stockport Georgians, who made just 108. Tyrone Lawrence took 3-8 and later essayed a 14-ball 20* after Pat Ashling (39) and Dan Newton (37) had added 64 in 6.2 overs.

GROUP 14

Winners: **Didsbury**, 59 off the last five overs of their inns taking them to 157-5 and a 29 run win over Lindow.

GROUP 15

Winners: **Romiley**, who came out on top after they beat Urmston, their fine 6 wkt win achieved off the first ball of the final over, a 77 run opening psp between Ans Muhammad (33) and Alex Hooton (40) the key.

GROUP 16

Winners: **Hyde** who recovered from 23-3 to post 170-4 and an eventual 43 run win over a spirited Marple side.

2022 1st XI T20

LAST 16 KNOCKOUT STAGE

MATCHES PLAYED THURSDAY JUNE 23rd

NANTWICH 191-8 BEAT **BOLLINGTON** 127 BY 64 RUNS

BROOKLANDS 197-8 BEAT **BOWDON** 125 BY 72 RUNS

ALDERLEY EDGE 149-7 BEAT **CHEADLE HULME** 125-8 BY 24 RUNS

MARITIME 109-8 BEAT **NESTON** 108-7 BY 2 WKTS

CHESTER BH 185-2 BEAT **WIDNES** 184-7 BY 8 WKTS

HYDE 83-2 BEAT **ROMILEY** 79 BY 8 WKTS

KINGSLEY 160-8 BEAT **OULTON PARK** 158-8 BY 2 RUNS

DIDSBURY 193-6 BEAT **SALE** 133 BY 60 RUNS



It was an action packed night of knockout cricket, with some extraordinary batting performances to the fore. 73 sixes and 210 fours were hit overall in the eight games, with two results really standing out. Third Division **Kingsley** claimed another Premier Div scalp, overcoming **Oulton Park** by just 2 runs in a breathless finish. **Ben Stoddart's** 60 off 34 bs saw Kingsley pile on 93 in 9.4 os, but OP got back into the game and kept Kingsley to 160-8. A strong OP lineup were subdued by a terrific effort from Kingsley, the scoreboard showing 96-6 in the 14th. **Matthew Worsdale** and **Andrew Dufty** then added 51 but both got out, leaving OP needing 3 off the last ball, as Kingsley held their nerve to go through to the quarter finals. Joining them will be **Maritime**, who shocked **Neston** in their 16 overs a side game, the Prem outfit managing just 108-7 which Maritime overtook with two balls remaining. All the other games saw far more emphatic wins. Holders **Alderley Edge** beat **Cheadle Hulme** by 24 runs, **Richard Wilkinson's** 86* off 59 bs the decisive contribution.

Todd Walker hit 66 off 33 and **Jim Hugall** 52 off 25 as **Brooklands** ran up 197-8 at **Bowdon**, who could only manage 125 in reply, **Rab Nawaz** taking 4-16. Seven **Widnes** batters got into double figures as they posted a decent 184-7 against **Chester BH**, but **Atif Qureshi's** brilliant T20 form blew the chase away, his second successive ton in the competition, 108*, coming off just 58 balls as CBH won by 8 wkts. **Luke Robinson** hit 78 off 32 and **Ray Doyle** 50 off 36 as **Nantwich** won easily at **Bollington**, while **Nick Anderson's** wonderful batting form continued, his 95* off 49 rescuing **Didsbury** from 51-4 as he and **James Green** added 101 against **Sale** in a match played at Ashton-on-Mersey (pictured above). Needing 194, Sale were 3-3 after 2 overs and despite some bold hitting from **Gareth Davies**, they were all out for 133. Perhaps the most decisive win of the night was attained by current Prem Div leaders **Hyde**, who restricted **Romiley** to just six 4s at Birchvale Drive, **Rohit Acharya** taking 4-8 as the hosts were all out for 79. **Adam Worrall** and **Luke Young** made short work of the chase.

QUARTER FINAL DRAW (TO BE PLAYED BY JUNE 30TH)

NANTWICH v **KINGSLEY**

MARITIME v **CHESTER BH**

ALDERLEY EDGE v **BROOKLANDS**

DIDSBURY v **HYDE**

2ND XI T20 2022

ROUND TWO FIXTURES ARE NOW COMPLETE AND OUTLINED BELOW. ROUND 3 IS DUE TO GET UNDERWAY ON TUESDAY 28TH JUNE.

16 June

HEATON MERSEY (168-6) beat **CHEADLE** (116-7) by 52 runs. Ayaz Cheema's 73 for HM was the standout innings in their comfortable win, HM taking their strong league form into the cup.

14 June

OULTON PARK (122-4) beat **ALVANLEY** (121-8) by 6 wkts. Teix Bolingbroke's 48 helped OP to victory in a hard fought match.

BOWDON (136-8) beat **ASHLEY** (135-5) by 2 wkts. Some welcome respite in a tough season so far for Bowdon who got home in the 19th over.

TOFT (128-3) beat **DAVENHAM** (126) by 7 wkts. A match that went much deeper than seemed likely was finally settled in the last over.

GRAPPENHALL (142-7) beat **WIDNES** (139-3) by 3 wkts. Grappers' Josh Graves hit 48 off just 18 balls in a 2nd wkt stand of 70 with Steve Rooney (47) which gave the hosts the impetus they needed.

LINDOW (152-4) beat **ALDERLEY EDGE** (149-9) by 6 wkts. Despite the comprehensive looking win, Lindow were indebted to Adam Bull (43*) who took 15 off the final over - including hitting the last ball for 4 - to seal a dramatic victory which left neighbours AE stunned.

STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (212-4) beat **HYDE** (207-7) by 6 wkts. A magnificent 110* from Chris Dodd powered SG to a notable win, his stand with Fahad Bashir (69) adding 116 in just 10 overs as Hyde's splendid batting effort - skipper Jason Ebbrell opened up with 51 off just 19 balls - was outdone in a match of exhilarating hitting.

NANTWICH beat **CHEADLE HULME**, CH conceding.

7 June

CHESTER BH 2 (192-4) beat **PORT SUNLIGHT** (119-9) by 73 runs. Ben Spaven hit a superb 131* off 68 bs for CBH.

DIDSBURY 2 (118-5) beat **ROMILEY** (115-7) by 5 wkts. A repeat of last year's semi-final - but much more low scoring - saw holders Didsbury 2 progress with 7 balls in hand, Sam Youds' 53 the decisive contribution.

BROOKLANDS (118-1) beat **TIMPERLEY** (114) by 9 wkts. Vijay Muniyasamy's 4-5 and Oliver Bowdon's unbeaten 54 were the dominant contributions in this comfortable derby win for Brooklands.

SALE (95-2) beat **URMSTON** (93-8) by 8 wkts. Jonathan Davidson took 2-19 and then hit 47* for Sale.

UPTON (129-6) beat **OXTON** (128-9) by 4 wkts. Upton's Mike McGreary made 66 as they won this Wirral derby with more than two overs to spare.

DIDSBURY 2A (92-8) beat **MARPLE** (91) by 2 wkts. A welcome relief from their poor league campaign, Dids 2A scrambled to a nervy victory, going from 25-0 to 27-4 and then a wobbly 82-8 as James Hirst's 4-12 almost rescued his side.

HASLINGTON beat **MACCLESFIELD**, Macc conceding.

6 June

NESTON (109-5) beat **CHESTER BH 3** (108-5) by 5 wkts. CBH were 7-4; an opening stand of 66 set Neston on their way to an alarm-free win.

2ND XI DIVISIONS - JUNE

2ND XI PREMIER DIVISION

Alderley Edge got a heartening win in the standout fixture on **June 4** when **Calum Wilson's** 64 led the way in their overhauling **Oulton Park's** 218-5 after the in-form **Teix Bolingbroke** made 100 for OP, he and **Jimmy Guest** adding 108 for the 1st wkt. Bolingbroke's purple patch continued the following week as he made an unbeaten 116, he and Guest (104) putting on 233 in **OP's** successful pursuit of **Hyde's** daunting-looking 253-5. **Haider Hussain** was run out for 93 before **Hri Nath** hit 62 off 29 bs, but for the second time in 2022, a double century opening stand for OP saw them to a handsome win. **Didsbury** and **Chester BH** both won twice in two weeks, both with a minimum of fuss, while **Ewan Williams** made 100* for **Toft** on June 4th as they beat **Sale**, who themselves were frustrated by the last **AE** pair on the 11th after **Ashray Bhamidipati** earlier made 112 while **Callum Ross** took 7-48 for Sale. **Ricky Rebelo** scored 56* and 51 in successive weeks as **Nantwich** won two in a row, but it was hard going for **Bowdon** who ended the 11th well adrift at the foot of the table.

2ND XI PREM	PTS
DIDSBURY	231
CHESTER BH	228
NESTON	178
NANTWICH	173
CHEADLE	160
TOFT	130
SALE	110
OXTON	105
OULTON PARK	91
ALDERLEY EDGE	70
HYDE	62
BOWDON	42

June 18th was a day of modest totals, but one which saw **Didsbury** and **CBH** pull clear of the chasing pack, both sides winning comfortably with two exciting prospects to the fore, **Stuart Stoneman** hitting 74* for Dids in their 9 wkt win over Neston while **Robin Fisher** took 4-30 as CBH beat OP. **Sale's Callum Ross** was amongst the wickets again, taking 6-46 as **Hyde** went from 115-2 to 166 all out, the visitors knocking off the runs two down inside 30 overs. **Oxton** also had a happy trip, winning by 8 wkts at **Alderley Edge**. **Jake Pearson** hit a magnificent 120 off just 93 bs for **Nantwich** but it proved to be in vain as they fell 20 runs short of **Cheadle's** 231-8, while **Bowdon's Michael Playle** hit 90* as the basement side reached the dizzy heights of 233-6 at **Toft**. **David Blackburn's** 88 was a valiant effort but the hosts were bowled out for 201 in a match featuring 62 extras.

The **final match day of June** saw **Didsbury** and **Chester BH** 53 and 50 pts clear of third respectively, both with perfect months. **Stuart Stoneman** made 110* and **Mathew Laker** took 6-35 as Dids recorded a massive 112 run win over **Nantwich**, CBH every bit as emphatic in their 9 wkt win at **Sale**. **Dan Riley** took 5-41 as extras (35) top scored in the hosts' 165 before **Matt Hodges** (61*) and **Joe Killoran** (82*) added 125* for the 2nd. With only 9 players, **Hyde** put up a valiant fight at **Oxton**, posting 188, a nervy Oxton reply reaching victory 7 down in the 47th. Just 9 pts separate the bottom three clubs (**Bowdon**, **Hyde**, **Alderley Edge**) with **Oulton Park** just 15 pts away after they conceded their fixture at Neston.

2ND XI DIVISION 1

Lindow lead the way after an unbeaten month, winning 3 times, with **Heaton Mersey** in second, Mersey's **Faisal Maqsood** taking 5-3 on Sat in their hammering of **Dids 2A**, whose 8th loss in 10 left them firmly bottom. **Marple's James Crisall** hit 158* (151 bs) on Jun 18th as his team posted 299-4 and an eventual 173 run win over **Timperley**, while **James Massey** made 111 on Sat as **Marple** beat **Widnes** to go fourth, 9 pts behind **Romiley** in 3rd. Second-bottom **Macclesfield** had a tough month but **Tom Parfett** made 122* for them in their draw with **Brooklands** on the 18th. **Grappers'** capt **Daniel Adkins** made 112 as they beat **Timperley** by 100 runs on the 11th.

2ND XI DIVISION 2

Chris Newton's 102 for **Port Sunlight** on the 25th, which he followed up with 4-43, was enough to defeat leaders **Alvanley**, whose lead over 2nd place **Bramhall** was cut to 21 pts, Bram's **Ravi Patel** hitting 108* as they crushed basement side **Bollington** by 154 runs. **PS** recovered from being 46 all out at **Hale Barns** on the 4th to take 64 pts from their next 3 games and go 3rd. **Congleton** are 16 pts away in 11th having lost four in a row, **Cheadle Hulme's Shir Wali** taking 7-15 as they were skittled for 57 on the 11th, the week after **AOM's Lee Heap** returned 8-18 as they bowled **Cong** out for 50. **Qasim Ali** hit 115* for **CH** in their rain affected draw with **Davenham** (Jun 18).

2ND XI DIVISION 3

Lymm OP lead by 1 pt, helped on the 18th by a narrow 1 wkt win over 2nd place **Ashley**, extras top scoring in Lymm's reply, making it a perfect June for them. Bottom club **Irby** had an amazing 3 wkt win at **Stockport** on Sat, chasing down 260 for victory the week after a blockade of 85-8 in 50 overs in reply to **Mobberley's** 232-5. **Stockport** themselves totalled 262 the week before at **Tattenhall**, but that was 14 runs shy of victory after Tatt's **Graham Harper** hit 117* in a match that featured 78 extras. **Upton's Chris Cunningham** took 6-10 and then 2* as **Upton** chased 63 to beat **Oakmere** by 2 wkts on the 11th.

3rd XI LEAGUE & T20 2022

After a complete washout on June 5th, the **Premier Division** is taking shape with **Didsbury 3s** leading the way from **Sale**, the latter winning all three of their completed matches, Dids two wins and a winning draw at AE, **Andrew Mashiter** making 123*. On that same day the **Georgians** openers **Saj Hussain** (127) and **Sajjad Ayub** (125) put on 206 for the 1st wkt against **Hyde**, SG piling up 297-5 and an eventual 111 run win. In **Div 1** on Sunday, the battle of the top two went the way of **N.E. Cheshire**, who beat

Didsbury 4s by 20 runs and open up a 4 pt gap. The week before, NEC had won by 1 run against **Brooklands**, a result third place **Heaton Mersey** achieved the week before against **Cheadle**, who had needed 4 off the last over with 2 wkts in hand. **Grappenhall's** twitter feed showed a bizarre scene of the **Ashley** team leaving the ground after batting first (169 all out) and conceding the match. In **Div 2**, **AOM's Tom Jenkinson** hit 100* as his side beat Haslington to go top, six pts clear of the chasing pack,

having got a game in and won on the otherwise soggy 5th. **BSM's David Norris** (104*) and **Daniel Evans** (121) put on 252 for the 2nd wkt against **Mobberley**, BSM winning by 100 runs. **Trafford Metrovicks 4s** head **Div 3 West**, continuing their long unbeaten run, and already 8 pts clear of 2nd place **Timperley 6s**. In the **C&E Div**, it's the **Metrovicks 3rd XI** leading the way, winning their June games by margins of 208, 264 and 110 runs with three centuries. Like their 4th XI, they are also 8 pts clear, 3 clubs tied for second.

3RD XI JACK GARDNER TROPHY QUARTER FINAL RESULTS

20 May: NORTH EAST CHESHIRE 142-5 (20) tied with NANTWICH 142-8 (20)
NORTH EAST CHESHIRE won on super over although information is sketchy! Nantwich needed seven off their final over to win but a run out was effected.

9 Jun: DIDSBURY 152-4 (20) beat ASHTON-ON-MERSEY 130-8 (20) by 22 RUNS
Holders Didsbury made it to a fifth successive finals day with this win, although the 21 extras they conceded made their eventual triumph somewhat untidy.

21 Jun: ASHLEY 95-2 (14.1) beat TRAFFORD METROVICKS 3s 94-9 (20) by 8 WKTS
Ashley's Mohammad Kamran took 2-7 and hit 39 as his side won comfortably.

23 Jun:
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS 65-1 (6.5) beat BREDBURY ST.MARKS 63 (16.1) by 9 WKTS
An emphatic win for the Premier Div side was achieved with a minimum of fuss.

CHESHIRE SHIELD 2022



June 19:
MOBBERLEY 276-6 beat WINSFORD 178 by 98 runs
122 from Osman Butt and 56 extras conceded gave Mobberley an insurmountable total.

WIRRAL 157-1 (32.1) beat PARKFIELD LISCARD 154-9 (34) by 9 WKTS
No information available

NORTHWICH 221-3 (37.4) beat WARRINGTON 220-6 (40) by 7 WKTS
Pranav Dhanawade made 84 off 67 to take Northwich to a notable win after Umer Zeb had made 91 for Warrington. The match featured 72 extras.*

KINGSLEY and BROADBOTTOM both went through on concession.

CHESHIRE CUP 2022

Surprise results have left an intriguing competition in the balance



ROUND 2 RESULTS

JUNE 5:

STOCKPORT RD: TIMPERLEY 235-7 (34 os) BEAT DIDSBURY 119-8 (16 os) BY 21 RUNS (DLS)

BOOTH'S PARK: BOWDON 159-5(18.5 os) BEAT TOFT 155-6 (20 os) BY 5 WKTS

JUNE 12:

TOWNFIELD LANE: OXTON 242-4 (40 os) BEAT NEW BRIGHTON 224-5 (40 os) BY 18 RUNS

WERNETH LOW: PORT SUNLIGHT 146 (31.3 os) BEAT HYDE 77 (30.3 os) BY 69 RUNS

JUNE 16:

MOORSIDE RD: ALDERLEY EDGE 153-4 (20 os) BEAT URMSTON 137-7 (20 os) BY 16 RUNS

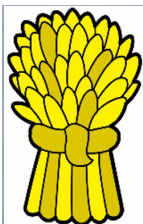
JUNE 19:

LONDON RD: ELWORTH 164-6 (38.1 os) BEAT OULTON PARK 163 (38.3 os) BY 4 WKTS

Oxton pulled off a notable win on June 12 when they beat the 2021 runners-up **New Brighton**. The Townfield Rd side, who have not passed 200 in the league this season, shrugged that off as **Henry Dobson** (101 off 104 bs) and **Matt Jones** (109* off 98) added a magnificent 187 for the 3rd wkt, the pair hitting 29 boundaries between them as NB were set 243. Another terrific psp, this time for the 2nd wkt between **Seb Botes** (96) and **Dan Cooke** (77) saw 151 added to leave NB needing 44 off the last 5 with 7 wkts in hand, but great bowling by **Jones** and **Johnny Crick** (4-44) ensured just one boundary came as Oxton held on. There was an even greater surprise at Werneth Low where Div 2 **Port Sunlight** beat Premier Div leaders **Hyde** by 69 runs, even more so when PS were bowled out for just 146 with some 10 overs unused. A dreadful start by the visitors, who lost a wkt to the first ball of the match and were soon 4-2, was tempered only slightly by skipper **Simon Melberzs** (49) and **Wayne Greve** (43), **Danny Cranmer's** 4-24 the pick of a good bowling display as Hyde looked set to progress comfortably. However, a sensational passage of play saw four of the Hyde top five out for 0 as they were left reeling at 2-4, and when top scorer **Tom Partridge** was run out they were 55-7, PS sealing a famous win when **Steve Graham** (3-7) took the last wkt, **Matthew Hodgson**, who did much of the

early damage, taking 4-26. Two rain affected matches early in the month saw two Premier Div sides depart, **Toft** beaten by **Bowdon** in a 20 over game after **Henry Hughes'** 62 off 45 was surpassed by **James Teasdale's** 66* off 32 incl, 6 sixes. **Timperley's** batting really fired as they took 152 off 17 overs in the second half of their 34 over allocation against **Didsbury**. More rain left Dids 16 overs to chase a revised 141 but they could only manage 119-8 as **Nathan Brown** returned 7-14. **Urmston & Alderley Edge** also played a 20 over evening game, **Sam Perry's** 85* (61 bs) the decisive factor in AE's 16 run win while **Oulton Park's** loss at **Elworth** on the 19th continued a poor run for the Prem team. 68 from the in-form **Martyn East** in an opening stand of 86 promised much, but all 10 wkts went for a further 75, **Stephen Morgan** (4-21) the pick of an Elworth attack that all took wkts. **East** then took 3-30 as OP made the hosts fight hard for the win which was achieved with 11 balls remaining.





CHESHIRE CC NEWS

CHESHIRE FALL SHORT IN K.O.TROPHY



Cheshire's up and down 50 over campaign ended in disappointment when they lost to Suffolk at Didsbury (pictured above) on Sunday and thus missed out on qualification from their group. It compounded the pain of losing out in the semi-finals of the T20 competition earlier in the season, when despite a number of really impressive performances, they just fell short. The 50 over competition started with a heavy defeat to eventual group winners Cambridgeshire, who racked up 391-7, Cheshire replying with 294, a total which would have won quite a number of games. A fortnight later Cheshire bounced back with an excellent win over Norfolk at Chester BH, an unbeaten 103 (70 bs) from Will Evans guiding the team to their 249 target inside 43 overs. Then, the following Sunday, Cheshire travelled to Wem to take on Shropshire, captain Rob Sehmi making a second half century in consecutive games as his team won by 4 wickets, to leave their fate in their own hands in the crucial game against Suffolk. The visitors had no hesitation in opting to bat first on a wonderful surface and Ben Claydon, a Northants contracted player, hit a superb 123, adding 137 for the 4th wicket with

Alex Oxley to put Suffolk in a very strong position, the board showing 207-3 in the 39th. Nick Anderson and Luke Young led the fightback, however, Suffolk all out 304 in the 49th - while still a daunting total, it should have been much more, and Cheshire replied confidently with Rob Sehmi again looking in great touch, the hosts looking strong at 131-2 in the 22nd when disaster struck. Alex Money hit a powerful on-drive straight down the pitch, which deflected off the bowler's boot and onto the non-striker's stumps with Sehmi (73 off 64 bs) stranded. Suffolk were jubilant and two more wickets in the next two overs tipped the balance heavily in their favour, the lower order succumbing to the pressure of a rapidly rising run rate. Everyone connected with the club was understandably dejected - after so many miles on the road, and recovering from such a pummelling from the Cambs batters first up, Cheshire had done so well to get into the position they did, just running out of steam. Selection shortages had not helped, Cheshire using 19 players across the four games and with a number of key bowlers not regularly available, they were left wondering what might have been. The 3 day competition comes next, starting with a game on July 3-5 at Alderley Edge, (normally a favourable ground for Cheshire) Oxfordshire the opposition.



NATIONAL KNOCKOUT NEWS

Nantwich are the sole team flying the Cheshire flag after their 64 run win over St.Asaph on Sun 19th, Marcus Stables (58) and Rajiv Kumar (49) adding 111 for the 4th to take them to 207, which proved more than enough as they bowled out their opponents for 143. Nantwich, who memorably reached the final in 2019, are now into the last 16. After a fine win at Knowle & Dorridge (pictured left) on the 12th, Didsbury lost out at heavyweights Porthill Park the following week, going down by 64 runs in an entertaining match.

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