

Shocks & spectaculars in Leagues & Cups

T20 & Cheshire Cup underway

Brilliant win for Cheshire in NCCA Trophy



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As we continue this very welcome dry and warm spell, the standard of cricket seems to have gone up correspondingly, with some super games and brilliant performances taking place right across the spectrum. However, in this edition's piece I am concentrating on a less savoury aspect of the game, that of player discipline. Cheshire cricket is, on the whole, maintaining its reputation as a league where major acts of indiscipline (i.e. those incurring a level 2 penalty or higher), whilst not unheard of, remain rare. Some will be aware of the actions being taken by the Huddersfield League (a competition with a proud history) who are faced with potentially losing most of their qualified umpires in the face of continuing ill-discipline and dissent from their 1st XI teams. In Cheshire we are nowhere near that point thankfully, but this cannot and should not be taken for granted. To

this end I have been asked to reiterate a message given at the preseason meeting for captains, regarding throwing the ball at or towards the batter, typically the striker when they have completed a stroke which is often (but not always) is fielded by the bowler. The chair of the Umpires & Scorers Association, Martin Roberts, and Discipline Secretary Chris Rigg, have both asked that all teams pay particular attention to the ECB Directive referred to at the aforementioned meeting, which is as follows:

"The ECB has issued instructions to umpires regarding Law 42.3.1 in relation to throwing the ball at a player, umpire or another person in an inappropriate and dangerous manner with particular attention to the bowler throwing the ball at the batter.

For the avoidance of any doubt,





the ECB has directed that where there is no attempt to run, the throwing of the ball at the striker should be considered dangerous and inappropriate, and result in 5 penalty runs, even if the batter is out of their ground. The bowler can also expect to be reported for a Level 2 breach of the code of conduct. There are also implications in this regard for that player's captain. Furthermore the ECB has directed that a 'zero tolerance' approach is to be adopted by umpires."

Please ensure every player at your club is aware of this directive.

James

# TURNING BACK TIME...PART 2



Further preparation for scoring with the press on my own went on during the May of 2013, more specifically with the ODIs taking place. There were warm-up matches for the Champions Trophy taking place, but Pakistan and Sri Lanka were not at all keen at a soggy Edgbaston on



May 30th, so I was down to Lords again for the Eng/NZ ODI the following day. The press box scorer for the game decided that I should do the announcements during the NZ reply to Eng's 227-9. The half-hour interval went all too quickly and, with the press box full and all in anticipation, off we went. Ideally for scorers the opening overs are quiet and uneventful. Not so here! Ronchi was dismissed off the third ball. "Leave the an-

nouncement until the end of the over" I was told. Two balls later, Williamson edged and was brilliantly caught behind. The journos were abuzz, so I was told "announce the details of both dismissals". Here goes. "That wonderful catch by Joss Buttler gives James Anderson two wkts in three balls, NZ 0-2 after 5 balls of their reply." Thinking I had done ok, I turned to my stony-faced colleague. "Don't say things like wonderful catch, that's not your job, Just give the details." Ah, ok then. NZ staged a recovery during the rest of the powerplay, with my colleague briefing me on what to announce details of. Things like the powerplay stats, powerplay comparisons, partnerships, team milestones (e.g. 50 runs, comparisons etc). It just so happened that Martin Guptill hit the last ball of the powerplay for six, which took NZ past 50 and therefore also brought up a 50 partnership! I floundered, did the NZ 50 first, then the partnership details, then the powerplay details. "You did those in the wrong order really" I was told. But my colleague cracked a smile. "But that was tough with all that happening at once." A couple of journos nearby told me I was doing fine, and thankfully the game settled, until Guptill hit a four to win the match and bring up his ton - more multiple announcements! But I got those pretty well nailed and I was told afterwards it was a job well done. Pleased and relieved, I took my time savouring the experience of Lords before travelling on up to Edgbaston to cover another Champions Trophy warm up match the following day. This time, all by myself!



# **CCCL PREMIER DIVISION**



# WK 5 - MAY 20

Neston's winning streak was halted after a high scoring draw with Alderley Edge, captain Sam Perry making the most of the hosts' decision to field first on a splendid Parkgate surface. His magnificent 143 (147 bs) saw AE power to 331-5, successive stands of 110 with Richard Wilkinson (63) and 157 with **Tom Foreman** (75) a further feature of a wonderful display. After losing Luke Camden in the first over, Neston found the going much tougher, closing on 244-6, Dane Williams 65. On the other side of the Wirral, Oxton pulled off the result of the day with a 2 wkt win over Nantwich, who are in unfamiliar territory after a third straight loss. They struggled to 173 at Townfield Lane, Marcus Stables' lean run continuing with only Luke Robinson (63) making a substantive score. Oxton had to fight all the way in a gripping reply, the run out of Jordan Collier (pictured) a dramatic moment, but



**Henry Dobson's** 3 hr unbeaten 86 (143 bs) saw his side claim a memo-

TABLE - MAY 27	
TEAM	PTS
NESTON	131
DIDSBURY	130
ALDERLEY EDGE	119
HYDE	110
WIDNES	99
NANTWICH	87
CHESTER BH	76
GRAPPENHALL	70
OXTON	66
CHEADLE	58
TOFT	48
BROOKLANDS	42

rable win. Didsbury scraped home in a nailbiting 1 wkt win over Brooklands, who posted 164 after being 106-8. The Champions went from 125-4 to 146-9 but Steve Green staved cool in increasing tension and saw his side over the line. Equally nervy at Cheadle after Grappenhall, who were 28-5, crawled to 115 in 54.1 overs (Ben Bodha 65\* off 133 bs). Dan Brown (65) helped his side inch to a 3 wkt win and a precious first 25 pts. Alex Money was in fine form for Chester BH at Filkins Lane, his classy 118\* (116 bs) the centrepiece of a great chase of Widnes' 253-8 (Matt Burns 78, Aagib Uppal 69). Hyde had a straightforward 9 wkt win over Toft, who were bowled out for just 105, former player Andrew Jackson 5-36. George Balderson, given permission to play, didn't bowl but helped Tom Partridge (52\*) whack 92 for the 1st wkt in under 12 overs.

# WK 6 - MAY 27

Neston won a thrilling match at Toft to stay top of the table at the month end, their 1 wkt triumph achieved as last man Tom Jones guided the penultimate ball away for four to take them past Toft's 218-9. The hosts were 116-6 in

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MAY FORM GUIDE	
TEAM	MAY PTS
ALDERLEY EDGE	88
NESTON	82
DIDSBURY	80
HYDE	79
WIDNES	69
OXTON	63
CHESTER BH	50
CHEADLE	47
GRAPPENHALL	43
NANTWICH	37
BROOKLANDS	27
TOFT	23

the 26th but Euan Williams' 55 (at no.8) helped inspire a creditable recovery from the tail. Neston were 179-6 with 10 overs remaining, Guy Bradshaw's fine 75 taking them to 216-9 in the 54th before he fell. Three successive sixes from **Didsbury's Ed Newman** took him to a superb hundred, his 105\* the mainstay of their 6 wkt win over local rivals Cheadle, who lost their last 7 wkts for 43 to post 201. Another brilliant ton at Beaconsfield Rd, Luke McCoy making 102 (114 bs) as he and Eric Botha (81) inspired an amazing Widnes recovery. 63-6 after 20 overs, the pair added 141 for the 7th, McCov seeing a further 54 added for the last with Aaron Soni (22). That left visitors Hvde with a 269-run mountain to climb, but despite George Balderson falling for just 20, Luke Young's 81 led the way as a series of solid contributions from all the Hyde batters took them to a 4 wkt win. Nantwich reversed their losing streak with a comfortable (but low scoring) 7 wkt win at Brooklands. 72 from Lewis Hill helped Oxton post 220 at Alderley Edge but the hosts' terrific form continued, the top three all making half centuries as AE won by 4 wkts. Despite 6 wkts from Chester BH's George McCormick, a patient effort by the **Grappenhall** batters took them to 238, Alex Money's 56 the most substantive contribution in reply as CBH were bowled out for 188 to give Grappers their second win.

# PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

May 20

Sam Perry 143, AE v Nest Alex Money 118\*, CBH v Wid Andrew Jackson 5-36, Hyde v Toft

May 27

Ed Newman 105\*, Dids v Chead Luke McCoy 102, Wid v Hyde George McCormick 6-41, CBH v Grapp Steve Green 5-58, Did v Chead Luke Young, 3-76 & 81, Hyde v Wid



# **CCCL DIVISION ONE**



# WK 5 - MAY 20

On a low key day in Div 1, leaders Sale opened up a 34 pt gap between them and third place, racing to a fifth straight win at Romiley after choosing to field. They skittled their hosts for just 79 with James Badrock's 33 the only double figure innings, the target knocked off in less than 20 overs. Bowdon got back on track with a 60 run win at Alvanley, their 158 after choosing to bat more than seemed likely when they were 119-8. The struggling hosts fell from 34-1 to 45-6 and couldn't recover, finally bowled out for 98 in the 40th over to make it successive double figure totals for them. Congleton, who had beaten Alvanley the week previous, lost out in a tense low scoring affair at Little Budworth, Oulton Park indebted to Pat Roberts' patient 36\*(85 bs) guiding them to their 137 target and a 2 wkt win on a day when run scoring was clearly not easy. Urmston moved into third after hammering Bramhall by 9 wkts at the RCCG. The hosts were 25-6 after 13 overs with Liam Marshall (3-20) and Josh Edwards (5-26) running amok, their final 54 all out their second double figure inns in 5 games as the match was concluded inside 48 overs. Ed Galley's 64 for Timperley

was the mainstay in their 220-9 against Lindow at Stockport Rd, Lindow reduced to 94-6 in reply and grateful to Henry James (52\*) marshalling the lower order as they played out the draw, finishing on 196-8. Stockport Georgians got their first Div 1 win after a fine recovery at Macclesfield. Georgians were in a Craig Melrose-shaped hole at 87-8, as the left-armer took 7-57, but youngster Ben Duckworth was to have the game of his SG career to date. He made a superb 84 off 86 bs, adding 90 for the 9th with Max Bailey as Georgians reached an unlikely 180. Duckworth then took an early wkt, but Macc eased to 90-2 in the 35th over before a Duckworth catch was the catalyst for a collapse inspired by the spin of Simon Normanton and Jordan Richards, Macc tumbling to 125 all out as the pair took 7-54 between them.

# WK 6 - MAY 27

A fabulous game at Dane Rd saw leaders **Sale** fall to their first loss of the season, going down by just 6 runs after their last man was run out in the final over by **Na-than Brown**, who made up for an

Timperley. Brown had also earlier
made a valuable 39 as skipper <b>Ed</b>
Galley (63) led the recovery from
Timpers' iffy-looking 82-4 to see
250 posted. Dan Newton (52) and
James Dodds (46) helped keep
Sale in touch but <b>Caedence</b>
Kuepper's 5-54 gave Timpers the
edge before the dramatic ending.
Sale remain joint-top with Bowdon,
whose fifth win of 2023 was a pe-
culiar one. Joe Chapple ripped
through the <b>Oulton Park</b> batting,
taking a hat-trick as the visitors
crashed to 86-8 in the 26th, but an
outstanding recovery led by no.8
Frank Farrington (86) and Andrew
<b>Dufty</b> (52) saw OP make it to 207.
Chapple then bagged a duck but
Sid Mahadevan (96) and Ross
Zelem (89*) added 164 for the 2nd
as Bowdon coasted home by 8 wkts
inside 37 overs. A wonderful 115*
from Alex Thompson lifted Maccles-
field to their highest total of the
season, 229-8 at Lindow. The hosts
put a superb chase together thanks
to 62 from <b>James Duffy</b> and 63
from <b>Charlie Hodge</b> , winning by 3
wkts. Successive wins for Stockport
Georgians - who made 180 for the
second week in a row - have given
them a boost, bottom club <b>Alvanley</b>
being beaten by 36 runs. Congleton
had slightly the better of their draw
at <b>Urmston</b> while <b>Romiley's</b> see-saw
month picked up with a 5 wkt win at
struggling Bramhall, who mustered
just 149-8 in their 50 overs.

unusually wicketless spell for

TABLE - MAY 27	
TEAM	PTS
BOWDON	132
SALE	132
TIMPERLEY	109
URMSTON	99
OULTON PARK	97
ROMILEY	91
LINDOW	73
S.GEORGIANS	70
MACCLESFIELD	69
CONGLETON	53
BRAMHALL	50
ALVANLEY	45

MAY FORM GUIDE	
TEAM	MAY PTS
BOWDON	82
SALE	82
URMSTON	66
S.GEORGIANS	64
OULTON PARK	63
TIMPERLEY	59
ROMILEY	58
MACCLESFIELD	56
CONGLETON	46
LINDOW	43
BRAMHALL	21
ALVANLEY	16

# **PERFORMANCES OF NOTE**

May 20

Craig Melrose 7-57, Macc v SG Michael Rowlands 5-22, Alv v Bow Josh Edwards 5-26, Urm v Bram

May 27

Alex Thompson 115\*, Macc v Lind Sid Mahadevan 96, Bowd v OP Joe Chapple 5-28 (incl. a hat-trick),

Bowd v OP

Caedence Kuepper 5-54 (& 33), Timp v Sale

Zain Sabir 5-52, Urm v Cong



# **CCCL DIVISION TWO**



# WK 5 - MAY 21

A second successive handsome win for **Mobberley** saw them take firm control of top spot in Div 2, their 9 wkt triumph at Hale Barns secured in less than 50 overs of cricket. HB were in trouble at 38-5 and struggled onto 99-7, losing their last three without addition to set Mobb a paltry target which they reached with ease. Haslington went second after bowling a side out for under 100 for the third time in five games. Cheadle Hulme's encouraging start to the season receiving a setback. The hosts' decision to bat first at Grove Park didn't go to plan as they crashed from 68-3 to 97 all out. Tom Coppenhall then put on a fine display of strokeplay, 4x6 and 8x4 in his 51-ball 70\* as Haslington won by 8 wkts. Davenham survived a few alarms at Butchers Stile to claim a narrow 2 wkt win over struggling Bollington, sliding from 107-4 to 129-8 in pursuit of 133 before getting over the line. Theo Johnson had earlier made 50 for the visitors. However. Bolly at least have a win under their belts, more than can be said for three other teams. Ashton-on-Mersey's fourth straight defeat came at the hands of inconsistent Stockport, Mike Eley taking a wicket with the first ball of the match at Little Ees Lane on his

way to 6-35 as AOM were bowled out for 108, having been 67-3 at one stage. Stockport chased the target in less than 18 overs.

Marple's lengthy trip to winless Christleton ended in frustration as the hosts's last pair survived ten overs with men round the bat (pictured) to cling on at 143-9 after Marple had earlier posted 205-8. It was a similar tale for N.E.Cheshire, who were left still waiting for their



first 25 pts after dogged resistance from **Tyler Stagg** (68) meant they only had an over to separate the last **Port Sunlight** pair at London Rd, PS surviving on 140-9 after NEC, who were asked to bat, had earlier scored 222-9.

### WK 6 - MAY 27

Haslington rounded off a great month with a whacking 145 run win over struggling Christleton, who remain winless in 2023. Three of their top six each made swift half centuries as the hosts racked up 254-6, Christleton having no answers to the relentless Hasling-

ton attack as they were all out 109, 4 wkts apiece for Imran Khan and Tom Gledhill. Mobberley's winning streak was halted by an astonishing 150 (116 bs) from NE Cheshire's Jayden Camp, who hit 8x6 and 13x4 in the innings of his life at Church Lane, NEC powering to 257-8. Despite an opening stand of 111, Mobb fell away, Matt Mountney and last man Lewis Wheeldon having to survive 10 nervy overs as the hosts finished on 217-9. A brilliant 100\* from Jamie Hodgson and a typically classy 91\* from Simon Melbersz saw Port Sunlight pile up 263-2 dec. against Cheadle Hulme, who were bowled out for 196 and thus went through May winless after 50 pts from their first 2 games. Another centurion at the BRC, Grant **Hodnett** thrashing 135\* (114 bs) as he and Conor Ramsay (87) added 178 for Marple en-route to 270-3 and an 88 run win after Bollington were all out 182. It was a case of hard lines for **Davenham** after visitors Ashton OM's James Lines made 81 in their 216. Sam Thoburn then taking 5-50 as Davenham, who fought hard from 149-7, were all out 196, AOM finally getting their first much-needed win.

TABLE - MAY 27	
TEAM	PTS
HASLINGTON	114
MOBBERLEY	112
MARPLE	102
PORT SUNLIGHT	93
DAVENHAM	89
CHEADLE HULME	81
STOCKPORT	68 <sub>†</sub>
HALE BARNS	64†
N.E. CHESHIRE	49
BOLLINGTON	48
ASHTON ON MERSEY	40
CHRISTLETON	32

MAY FORM GUIDE	
TEAM	MAY PTS
HASLINGTON	88
MOBBERLEY	83
MARPLE	81
PORT SUNLIGHT	61
DAVENHAM	57
BOLLINGTON	41
N.E.CHESHIRE	40
STOCKPORT	38 <sub>†</sub>
HALE BARNS	32 <sub>†</sub>
CHEADLE HULME	31
ASHTON ON MERSEY	29
CHRISTLETON	20

# PERFORMANCES OF NOTE May 20 Mike Eley 6-35, Stock v AOM May 27 Jayden Camp 150 (& 3-28) NEC v Mobb Grant Hodnett 135\*, Marp v Boll Jamie Hodgson 100\*, PS v CH Simon Melbersz 91\* (& 2-23), PS v CH Hodgson & Melbersz added 189\* for the 3rd wkt Sam Thoburn 5-50, AOM v Dav

# † result of Stockport v HB not posted

\*Very best wishes for a speedy recovery to Marple wk Andrew Wild, who suffered a skull fracture whilst keeping in their draw at NEC earlier this month.



# **CCCL DIVISION THREE**



# WK 5 - MAY 20

Div 3 was dominated by an extraordinary performance from Winnington Park skipper Cory Devanny, who hit 4x6 and 17x4 in a stupendous 141 (122 bs) at Barrow, adding 153 for the 2nd wkt with Sam Barnes (54) and 93 for the 3rd with Jason Holgate (61) as WP (last two totals = 82 & 91) piled up a scarcely believable 309-5

Winnington Park CC @wpcc · 17h 100 | An innings of structure, class, innovation and flare, all in one Well batted Cory | =



before bowling out their stunned hosts for 152 (the third highest total of the day in Div 3), Andrew Jackson taking 5-36 as WP claimed an amazing 157 run win. Both sides were still at the wrong end of the table however, as are Northwich, who at least avoided a fifth straight loss after their last pair clung on to claim a draw 9down at neighbours Oakmere, for whom Slade Mitrovic was left stranded three short of a ton after running out of overs. At the other end Heaton Mersey's strong start continued with

TABLE - MAY 27	
TEAM	PTS
HEATON MERSEY	121
MARITIME	110
HAWK GREEN	97
ASHLEY	93
UPTON	89
TATTENHALL	87
WINNINGTON PARK	81
OAKMERE	81
KINGSLEY	76
WARRINGTON	69
BARROW	69
NORTHWICH	47

a fourth straight win at Ashley. HM won the toss and dismissed all top three for ducks, the hosts eventually managing 144. This proved well within HM's compass as Luke Marshall followed up his 3-18 with 32\*. Maritime shook off last week's surprise loss by cantering to a 7 wkt win over Upton at Bromborough Pool, the visitors crawling to 131-7 in their 50 overs which the hosts made short work of overtaking, winning inside 25 overs. Hawk Green were left hoping their second win in a row is the shape of things to come as they swept aside visitors Tattenhall, Tearan Gleeson made a 64-ball 70 as the hosts raced to their 111 target in just 21 overs. On the other hand, Kingsley's second loss in two was a setback, Warrington bowling them out for just 98 at Walton Lea, skipper Umer Zeb returning a pacy 4-25. Although Joel Logan (5-23) went one better for the visitors, the small target was achieved with 5 wkts in hand.

# WK 6 - MAY 27

**TEAM** 

**HEATON MERSEY** 

HAWK GREEN

**TATTENHALL** 

**MARITIME** 

WARRINGTON

**UPTON** 

**OAKMERE** 

WINNINGTON PARK

**KINGSLEY** 

**ASHLEY BARROW** 

**NORTHWICH** 

There was joy inexpressible at Moss Farm as Northwich finally got a win, their 167 more than enough as they bowled out strug-

MAY FORM GUIDE

**MAY PTS** 

83

81

77

63

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56

54

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43

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38

# their 216-4. May 20 May 27 Brett Taylor 146, Tatt v Oak

# 202-7. Elliot Young's superb 101\* ensured Hawk Green's winning run continued, their whopping 253-6 at Upton leading to a 120 run win, the hosts all out with just 7 balls remaining. It was a very different but no less valuable win for Winnington Park, whose 191-8 was enough by just 10 runs to defeat Maritime, who were 118-6 but took the game to a tense conclusion as the lower order kept chipping away at the target. Two breath-taking tons at the glorious Flacca, Brett Taylor's 146\* helping hosts Tattenhall to a 4 wkt win over **Oakmere**, for whom Rick Lyons had earlier made 131 in

gling Warrington for just 108 to rec-

ord a 59 run win. The only down

side for the Vics was that Barrow

chose the same day to shake off a

hitherto wretched May with a fine

39 run win at Ashley, who lost for

the third time in 4 games. Barrow

revived from 83-6 to post 182, be-

fore Ryan McLean's 6-38 inspired

them to a vital win. At the top, Hea-

ton Mersey had to settle for a draw

their last 10 overs to finish on 213-

7, HM's **Anre Schutte** then making

72 and Hassan Rashid 51 as their

late dash for the line ended at

after visitors Kingsley hit 73 off

# PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

Cory Devanny 141, WP v Barr Slade Mitrovic 97\*, Oak v Nor Joel Logan 5-23, King v Warr Nick Guest 5-27, Oak v Nor Andrew Jackson 5-36, WP v Barr

Richard Lyons 131\*, Oak v Tatt Elliot Young 101\* (& 1-38) HG v Upt Ryan McLean 6-38 (& 27), Barr v Ash Hariprashanth Visvanathan 5-35, North v Warr

# **2ND XI CRICKET NEWS**

# PREMIER DIVISION

On May 20th (wk 5) Didsbury's mid-lower order rallied to revive a wobbly start at Brooklands, Matt Stevenson making 51, Chris Becker 45 and Ed Catt 36\* as they reached 191-7 at Brooklands, Catt then one of three bowlers who took 3 wkts as the hosts were all out for 90. Sale's Joe Molloy (pictured) made a wonderful 110\* (127 bs), adding 110 with Muneeb Iftikhar (85 off 49 bs) as they declared on a



towering 283-4 against **Cheadle** at Dane Rd, the visitors replying with 212-4. **Nihad Vaid** started the final over on 95\* and despite facing every ball in it, ended on 99\*. **Grant Hughes** was another centurion, his 111 for **Oxton** the

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2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	132
BOWDON	109
OXTON	88
CHESTER BH	87
BROOKLANDS	86
HYDE	79
TOFT	78
LINDOW	74
NESTON	73
SALE	59
NANTWICH	57
CHEADLE	38

centrepiece of their 240-8 at Nantwich, who were all out 205 (Phil Marsh 77). There were big wins for Bowdon, who hammered visitors Neston by 9 wkts after Haydn George's 5-10, and a 102 opening stand between Matt Thomas (54\*) and Oliver Simons (52), and also for Chester BH at Lindow as they won by 8 wkts. Skipper Dan Riley notched up 20 wkts for the season already with 4-25 before Joe Killoran's 76\* (58 bs) eased them past the 127 needed in less than 23 overs. Hyde mirrored their 1st XI with a win over Toft, who were all out 111 at Booths Park after Haider Hussain took 5-24. It wasn't plain sailing for the visitors but they held on from 85-7 to win by 3 wkts. May 27th (wk 6) saw Didsbury stretch their early lead further with a fine 56 from youngster Adam Slater helping them to a 7 wkt win at Oxton. James McDougall (85) and Alex Makin (67) added 131 for the 6th Bowdon wkt as they piled up an eye-watering 275-7 at Nantwich, Makin then taking 2 wkts as the hosts fell in a heap and lost by 124 runs. Chester BH were also in the mood, Freddie Ogilby (53\*) and Andrew McFarlane (68\*) adding a rapid 118\* to build on Matt Hodges earlier 62 as they declared on 263-4 against visitors Sale, who ended up clinging on at 217-9, Jared Moran (54) one of three run outs in an increasingly nervy rearguard action. Lindow's recovery from 82-8 to make 155 at Hyde was respectable but Charlie Harris (78) and Ryan Maisuria (50\*) added 104 for the 4th to secure a very useful 25 pts for the hosts. The last Brooklands pair survived to help their side draw at Cheadle, for whom Aaron Wall took 5-32, while Toft won by 6 wkts at Neston.

# 2ND XI DIV 1

May 20th: Big stands, big scores and big wins were the main story, tons for Richard Wiles (Grapp), Alishan Khan (HM) and Michael Kilbride (SG) the headline acts, all their sides winning handsomely. Widnes pair Billy Webb and Owen Price added 125 for the 7th in their 135 run win over Timperley. Further amazing batting was to the fore on May 27th, Billy Webb again in the thick of it with 106 in Widnes' 259-4 dec. at Macclesfield, who were never at the races and lost by 118 runs. An astonishing game at Timperley where Grappenhall's Steve Rooney (106\* from 119 bs) and Tom Bramhall (85\* from 77) added an unbroken 175 as they hammered 294-3. Undaunted, the prolific Shahnawaz Khan teed off in reply, his 106 off 92 inspiring Vijay Anand Sundararajan (73 from 73) and Muhammad Usman (54\*), whose combined efforts saw Timpers reach their victory target with 2.3 overs unused! Matthew Barrow made 88\* as Marple made 234-2 against A.Edge, winning by 54 runs, while Andy Mills made 94 out of 198-8 for Oulton Park against Bramhall, for whom Rhys Mallard's 85\* helped secure a pleasing 5 wkt win. Stockport Georgians beat Alvanley by 39 runs to lead the early table, 4 pts clear of Timperley.

An update on 2nd XI Div 2 & 3 can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

# 2ND XI T20 RESULTS MAY 23RD

ALVANLEY 130-8 BEAT RUNCORN 87-9 BY 43 RUNS

Jamie Stock took 4-12 as Alvanley won through comfortably.

STOCKPORT 138-4 (16.2 os) BEAT ASHLEY 137-7 BY 6 WKTS

Asim Hussain hit 61\* off 48 as Stockport progressed to the next round with something to spare.

**OAKMERE 90** (18.5 os) BEAT BARROW 87 (19.2 os) BY 3 RUNS

It was no run-fest but it was a dramatic night at The Croft. Oakmere's collapse from 81-5 looked to be costly (**Sam White** 3-4, **Nick Mumford** 3-5) but it was no easier for Barrow, who stumbled to 76-9 as the match looked over. The last pair then added a nailbiting 11 before **Alex Hodges** made up for his earlier duck to bowl the last man, finishing with 4-7.

HALE BARNS 170-6 (19.4 os) BEAT WARRINGTON 168-6 BY 4 WKTS Sadly no details was available for what looks like a superb HB run chase in a high scoring game.

HASLINGTON 147-8 BEAT DAVENHAM 110 BY 37 RUNS

Haslington's trip was a happy one for them as all their bowlers shared the wickets.

MACCLESFIELD 88-2 (8.5 os) BEAT CONGLETON 85-8 BY 8 WKTS

Congleton's opening pair took 84 balls to add 47 runs in the face of a parsimonious Macc attack, who were helped on their way to an overwhelming victory by the 22 wides Congleton's bowlers donated.

PORT SUNLIGHT 157-5 BEAT UPTON 63 (11.2 os) BY 94 RUNS

47 from Johnathon Roberts, who batted through almost all the PS innings, was the mainstay of a Sunlight total that captain Ryan Kearney's 37 and 28 extras made unassailable.

# CHESHIRE CUP ROUND-UP



# 2023 CHESHIRE CUP RESULTS

**ROUND 1 - MAY 22ND** 

MOSS LANE ALDERLEY EDGE (158-3, 25.5 os) beat BOLLINGTON (157-8) by 7 wkts. The Premier Division side eased through with a 41-ball 59 from Ben Kohler-Cadmore the standout innings.

FAIRVIEW AVE: ALSAGER (101-6, 27.2 os) beat NESTON (98) by 4 wkts. The shock result of the round saw a strong Neston side collapse from 75-4 to be bowled out inside 27 overs, the hosts surviving a few scares as they secured a famous win.

BIRKENHEAD PARK: BIRKENHEAD PARK (232–8, 39.5 os) beat BOWDON (231–7) by 2 wkts. A sizeable crowd was rewarded with a thrilling win off the penultimate ball, a stand of 42\* off 6.3 overs between captain Steve Hird (45\*) and Alex Baker (13\*) ensuring last year's runners-up didn't waste Mark Rowlands' fine 80. Earlier, Ross Zelem (73) and Rob Lord (63) added 97 together as the visitors set a testing target.

RICHARD CRAGG C.G: CHESTER BH (248-7) beat BRAMHALL (171) by 77 runs. Alex Money followed up his Saturday ton with 77 off 71 as CBH's total proved far too many for the out-of-form hosts.

WIMSLOW RD: DIDSBURY (185-0, 28.5 os) beat PORT SUNLIGHT (179-9) by 10 wkts. A second width-of-the-county journey in two days did not help the 2nd Division side, who were left to rue dropping Tim Hughes in the third over of the hosts' reply. Partnered by Ed Newman (81\*) - who earlier effected two run outs - Hughes (79\*) hit his fourth six to finish the game. Didsbury had earlier bowled their 40 overs in 2 hrs 2 mins.

LONDON RD: OULTON PARK (155-7, 35.1 os) beat ELWORTH (154-7) by 3 wkts. A surprise of sorts as OP survived a late wobble (going from 136-3 to 147-7) to knock out an Elworth side with a good recent record in the Cheshire Cup. Andrew Metcalf's 53 held things together for OP, the hosts not helping themselves by conceding 27 extras.

UPCAST LANE: NEW BRIGHTON (305) beat LINDOW (273, 38.4 os) by 32 runs. 578 runs flowed on a fabulous day for batting, Seb Botes making an unbeaten 127 (100 bs) and Owais Shah (no, not that one) 65 off 66 as the NB pair added a scorching 134. James Duffy (106 off 99) reminded everyone of his class as he and Charlie Hodge (50 off 38) helped guide Lindow to 152-1 but when Duffy was finally dismissed with the score 227, the required rate climbed too high.

VICTORIA RD: WIDNES (139-5, 32.1 os) beat MACCLESFIELD (138-9) by 5 wkts. The Premier Division side outclassed their opponents with a comfortable win in the end, although Macc had them at 51-3 at one stage before Eric Botha's aggressive 48 (38 bs) settled the matter.

BIRCHVALE DRIVE: BROOKLANDS (294-8) beat ROMILEY (120, 20.3 os) by 174 runs. Getting rid of their usual tormentor Kevin Carroll for just a single proved cold comfort for Romiley, as his dismissal followed a massive opening stand between Todd Walker and David Cunliffe, Walker's brilliant 141 including 104 in boundaries, Cunliffe run out for 84 as only Bradley Snape (3-22) escaped severe punishment. Romiley were blown away in their chase which didn't last until drinks.

BOOTHS PARK: TOFT (389-5) beat SALE (267, 34.4 os) by 122 runs.

An incredible run-fest saw 656 runs hammered off 74.4 overs of play.

Overseas player Michael Dawson (pictured right) took 31 off the 5th as Toft hit 120 in the first 8 overs, the Aussie smashing a 44-ball 107 (7x6, 12x4) before being dismissed after 11 overs (score 151-1). Jimmy O'Sullivan (86 off 61) and Henry Hughes (100 off 76) ensured no let up as Toft set the punchdrunk visitors some 10 an over to win. Dawson then trapped Pat Ashling lbw with the first ball of the Sale innings, the visitors soon 11-3, but another magnificent ton, this time from Tyrone Lawrence (132 off 97) saw 168 added with Harry Cann (62 off 59) as Sale gave their daunting chase a highly creditable go, Toby Drummond taking 3 wkts in 5 balls to finish with 1.4-0-7-4.



WALTON LEA: OXTON (151–2, 25 os) beat WARRINGTON (150–7) by 8 wkts. Thaakier Davids carried his bat for 82 but the hosts' laggardly effort was soon put into perspective as Luke Filer (56) led the Prem side to a comfortable win.

ROSCLARE DRIVE: WALLASEY (177-1, 25.2 os) beat TIMPERLEY (171, 38 os) by 9 wkts. Jamie Crawley's imperious 102\* (81 bs) ensured an emphatic win for the hosts, Jamie Matthews earlier 57 the only bright spot of Timpers' long trip.

LONDON RD: CHEADLE (101-4, 12.5 os) beat N.E.CHESHIRE (100) by 6 wkts. Josh Dooler's 5-16 was the standout display as Cheadle swept to a rapid victory, Andrej Yaksender's 53\* (29 bs) illuminating their reply.

# CHESHIRE CUP ROUND-UP cont.

FLOWERY FIELD: HYDE (215-8) beat STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (137, 31 os) by 78 runs. Despite dismissing Andrew Jackson cheaply (and thereby saving themselves several lost balls), Georgians found the ever-youthful Dave Fitzimmons in fine form, his 89 the Hyde bedrock. The hosts, who also conceded 33 extras, never really got going in reply.

URMSTON conceded their game with GRAPPENHALL.

# CHESHIRE CUP ROUND 2 DRAW

(TIES SCHEDULED JUNE 11TH)

ALDERLEY EDGE v OULTON PARK

ALSAGER v HYDE

BIRKENHEAD PARK v BROOKLANDS

DIDSBURY v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL

NANTWICH v GRAPPENHALL

NEW BRIGHTON v OXTON

WALLASEY v TOFT

WIDNES v CHEADLE



**CHESHIRE SHIELD NEWS:** a preliminary round featuring two games is scheduled to take place on Sunday June 4th. Heaton Mersey Village will host Northwich while Winsford will entertain Westminster Park. The first round is scheduled for Sunday June 18th, with the draw as follows:

Hawk Green v Ashton-on-Mersey; Heaton Mersey Village <u>or</u> Northwich v Bollington; Marple v Haslington; Mobberley v Winsford <u>or</u> Westminster Park; North-East Cheshire v Hale Barns; Parkfield Liscard v Maritime; Port Sunlight v Tattenhall; Warrington v Upton.

# SUNDAY 3RD XI ROUND UP

The win-lose league format is well underway in Sunday Cricket. **Didsbury 3s** & **Stockport Georgians** lead the way in the **Premier Division**, both sides winning all four of their games so far. **Bramhall** and **Timperley** have unfortunate 100% records with four losses apiece, **Bramhall** going down by 10 wkts at **Toft** on Sunday after the Toft openers Archie Close (80\*) and Mike Kitchen (72\*) added an unbroken 161. In **Div 1** five sides all have 12 pts so far, but **Ashley** & **AOM** thus far have zero, the latter suffering at the hands of **Cheadle's** Saad Adeem who made 121\* in their 7 wkt win on Sun. **Elworth** & **Stockport Trinity** head up **Div 2**. More Div 3 news in the next edition.

# 2ND XI DIV 2

May 20th: Sohaib Farooq took 4-40, incl. the first 3 Haslington batters for ducks, and then made a vital 20 as Cheadle Hulme won by 3 wkts and stayed top. Urmston also have 5 from 5 after a 9 wkt win over Davenham. Oliver Mills took 4-37 and then, as last man, made 5\* to help Neston secure a 1 wkt win over Warrington.

May 27th: Cheadle Hulme skittled Port Sunlight for 50 to move clear in top spot with an easy 9 wkt win, after Urmston's last pair had to survive a nervy few balls to draw at nearby Ashton OM. Hale Barns are bottom but got their first win of the season after a tense 15 run win over Stockport. Didsbury 2A, Haslington & Warrington were the other Saturday winners.

# 2ND XI DIV 3

May 20th: Congleton went level on pts with 2nd place Christleton after beating them by 25 runs defending only 94. Sheldon McGovern's 6-9 for Christleton was in vain as his side crumbled. Marius Mostert took 3-47 and then made 95 in CBH 3s draw with Oakmere, for whom Paul Guilford made 99. Josh Spraggs made 98\* out of 139 in Tatt's 8 wkt win over Upton.

May 27th: Maritime, Congleton, Bollington & Christleton are clear of the pack at the top, the first three of that group all winning their games but Christleton frustrated by the last Ashley pair who hung on to draw. Benedict Cooke made 107 (100 bs) as Tattenhall racked up an enormous 291-4 at Oakmere, who capsized for just 82. Upton bowled Mobberley out for 91 but still lot by 10 runs to remain bottom and winless thus far.



# CHESHIRE CCC NEWS

Vital win after disappointing start for Cheshire in NCCA Trophy



A new-look Cheshire 50-over side undertook the marathon trip across to East Anglia for games against Norfolk at Norwich (Horsford CC) on Sunday and Suffolk at Mildenhall CC (to the north-east of Cambridge) on Bank Holiday Monday. With the fixtures clashing with the next round of the National Knockout Trophy, some key players were absent for the first game, which resulted in an 84 run loss at the hands of Norfolk. Choosing to bat first, a third wkt stand of 121 gave the hosts a platform and, aided by 30 extras, they totalled 238-6. A promising start to the Cheshire reply was quickly cut short, 30-0 turning into 57-6 within 10 overs, and despite Pat Ashling, Luke Young and Rob Lord all battling hard, Cheshire were all out 154. But the arrival of Nick Anderson saw a change in Cheshire fortunes as they claimed an



important win the following day at Mildenhall. Asked to bat, Anderson's 40 assisted Henry Dobson (73) in building a good platform as Jack Williams hit 14 off the final over, Cheshire 236-8. Williams and Anderson then combined to put the skids under a stuttering Suffolk reply, the hosts going from 52-2 to 62-7 in the space of four overs. With opener Darren Batch taking 100 balls to make 46, Suffolk were stymied, Anderson returning a superb 5-24 as Cheshire won by a thumping 81 runs. Cheshire next face Cambridgeshire at Didsbury (June 4) and Shropshire at Toft (June 25).

Cheshire Team: Harry Dearden (c); Pat Ashling (wk); Ben Kohler-Cadmore, Alex Money, Luke Young, Henry Dobson, Rob Lord, Andrew Dufty, Matthew Strong, Jack Williams. Joe Cooke played against Norfolk, replaced by Nick Anderson for the Suffolk fixture.

# CHESHIRE SENIORS

# **OVER 50s:**

A sprightly start sees the over 50s one of three teams with two wins from two in the national championship. The over 50s racked up 259-7 to beat Derbyshire by 13 runs in a tense opener, then beat Cumbria by 7 wkts.

# OVER 60s:

The 1st XI are finding things tough in Div 1 North, a 189 run caning at the hands of Lancashire on Tuesday leaving them still winless. The 2nd XI are faring better, their dramatic win over Lancs by 2 wkts (needing 9 from the final over) their second victory of the campaign (and Lancs' first loss in some four years!) Earlier in May Don Hurst's 91 proved in vain as the 2nd XI lost out to Warwickshire.

# **OVER 70s:**

The over 70s are flying high in the national championship with four straight wins, the latest a 59 run triumph away at Worcester. Nick Bell (107) and Steve Yates (94) put on 210 for the 1st wkt in Cheshire's 236-4.

Additional info supplied by David Cain & David Wilkinson

# **OVER 40s MIDWEEK DIVISIONS**

# **CENTRAL DIV 1:**

Davenham & Grappenhall are making the early running, Dav holding on to beat Ashley by just 4 runs on Weds. Cheadle made 100-6 and then saw Sairam Subbiah take a hat-trick with the last three balls of the match which meant Bowdon Vale finished on 94-9 in reply, BV currently bottom and winless.

# **CENTRAL DIV 2:**

Nosebleed territory for **Didsbury** who lead the early table along with **Weaverham**, who racked up 161-3 in their most recent win, against **Mobberley**.

# WESTERN DIV:

**Chester BH** and **Neston** are already clear of the rest, CBH hitting 162-4 against **Wallasey** on Weds, the Wirral side having completed a 10 wkt win over **Tattenhall** the week before.

# **EASTERN DIV:**

**Bollington** have a 4 pt cushion at the top of the table, a convincing 7 wkt win over **Marple & Compstall** on Weds putting them clear of **Woodley**. Both **Bramhall & Macclesfield** are still awaiting their first wins.

# NATIONAL KNOCKOUT TROPHY



A mixed set of results for Cheshire sides saw two of our sides through but three go out on a pleasant Sunday afternoon.



Gp 7: Barnt Green 244-3 beat Oulton Park 207-8 by 37 runs. Without Andrew Dufty, OP made a decent start after choosing to field, the hosts 66-3 in the 18th, but thereafter it was a different story as Daniel Meredith made a rapid century, his 115\* off 80 bs seeing 178 unbroken runs added with BJ Chapman-Lilley (78\*). OP made a solid enough start to their reply but fell behind the rate, three wkts in 15 balls leaving them 122-7 in the 31st. Pat Roberts hit a spectacular 64 off 34 bs batting at no.9 but it proved to be in vain.

Gp 7: Didsbury 119-1 beat Shrewsbury 115 by 9 wkts
Winning the toss proved to be about the only thing that went right for
Shrewsbury at Wilmslow Rd, the under-strength visitors 39-5 after 10
overs in the face of testing bowling from Nick Anderson & James Green.
Keeper Matt Swift played a fine lone hand, making an impressive 60 off 64
bs, but he was the only Shrewsbury batter to make double figures as
Didsbury made light work of the small target. Ed Newman (who offered an

easy catch when on 9) went to an unbeaten 52\* with his third six which also finished the game. The Aussie's second six had earlier left a notable impression on the visitors changing room (pictured).

Gp 8: Nantwich 216-5 (38.1 os) beat Oxton 210 by 5 wkts
The all-CCCL clash saw Luke Filer's magnificent run-a-ball 108 (2x6, 14x4) keep an Oxton side
minus Henry Dobson afloat, Filer eventually ninth out, one of four victims for skipper Ray Doyle.
The Dabbers workmanlike reply saw Doyle again to the fore, his 25\* in partnership with Spencer
Byatt (67\*) getting his side over the line in the 39th over.

Gp 8: Porthill Park 154 (38.2 os) beat Alderley Edge 62 (22 os) by 92 runs

An AE side without several regular first-teamers were well on top in the early stages, Porthill Park
24-4 early on and then 100-8. However, captain Ben Cotton remained, his 73\* rescuing his side as
he added 54 with the last two wkts which proved to be decisive. Cotton then took the new ball and
claimed two early scalps, and when Sam Perry's dismissal left AE 38-4 their innings quickly subsided, Perry the only player to make double figures.

ROUND 3 DRAW (SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 18TH)

BARNT GREEN v DIDSBURY

PORTHILL PARK v NANTWICH

JACK GARDNER 3RD XI T20 QUARTER FINAL DRAW:

Tues 30 May: Marple & Compstall v Macclesfield

Weds 31 May: Davenham v Nantwich Thurs 8 June: Brooklands v Sale

Mon 19 June: Didsbury 3 v Didsbury 4



# 1ST T20 CRICKET - MAY



# TWO CLUBS ARE ALREADY THROUGH TO THE NEXT STAGE IN THIS YEAR'S T20.

# **GROUP 1**

# **DAVENHAM OAKMERE OULTON PARK**

**Oulton Park** and **Davenham** both recorded hard-fought wins over Div 3 **Oakmere**, who conceded 53 extras across their two games. Davenham travel to Little Budworth on Thurs.

# **GROUP 4**

# **ALVANLEY CHESTER BH CHRISTLETON**

**Rick Moore** smashed 118\* off 64 bs as **CBH** swamped **Christleton** in a 126 run win on Thurs, ending the Little Heath side's interest after **Alvanley** had beaten them the week previous. The Alv travel to CBH on Thurs.

# **GROUP 5**

# ASHTON OM TIMPERLEY HEATON MERSEY

The winners from **AOM's** trip to **Timperley** on June 1st will determine who progresses, both sides having beaten **Heaton Mersey** (AOM by 4 wkts, Timpers by 25 runs).

### **GROUP 8**

# **WINNERS: PORT SUNLIGHT**

**Port Sunlight's** 146-8 proved more than enough to beat Premier Division **Oxton**, PS winning by 36 runs.

# **GROUP 11**

# WARRINGTON GRAPPENHALL NORTHWICH

**Thaakier Davids** scored 53 and took 3-14 in **Warrington's** win over **Northwich**, but there was to be no repeat as **Grappenhall** recorded a comfortable 66 run win over **Warrington** on Thurs.

### **GROUP 12**

# MARITIME NESTON TATTENHALL

**Neston** beat **Maritime** by 7 wkts, and **Maritime** then bowled **Tattenhall** out for 52 en-route to a 9 wkt win. Tattenhall go to Parkgate on June 8th for the final game with Neston strong favourites to win and thus qualify.

### **GROUP 15**

# ASHLEY BOWDON

The two sides will play at Bowdon on June 8th.

# **GROUP 13**

### BRAMHALL CHEADLE LINDOW

Alex Matthews took 5-13 as Lindow reduced Cheadle (without skipper Josh Dooler) to 36-6, but 43 from Andrej Yaksender (batting at 9) helped lift them to 163. Lindow were 80-6 in reply but also recovered, Sam Battersby's 45 off 26 not quite enough as Cheadle won a gripping match by 7 runs. The other group games take place on the 1st & 8th June.

### GROUP 2

### **BOLLINGTON CONGLETON NANTWICH**

**Bollington** didn't last 15 overs in their 50 run loss to **Congleton**, so their hopes will understandably not be high for their trip to **Nantwich** on June 1st after the Dabbers pulverised Cong by 174 runs on Thurs, **Luke Robinson** hammering 107 off 46 bs.

# **GROUP 3**

# MACCLESFIELD TOFT

The two sides meet on Thursday.

# GROUP 6

# HAWK GREEN HYDE ROMILEY

**Hawk Green** pulled off a major surprise with an 8 wkt win over a strong **Hyde** team, but then **HG** made only 111 at inconsistent **Romiley** on Thurs and lost by 4 wkts. Romiley travel to Hyde on Thursday for the decisive fixture in the group.

### **GROUP 7**

# SALE STOCKPORT URMSTON

Whipping boys **Stockport** went down by 10 wkts defending 153 against **Urmston** (**Harry Singh** made 103\* off 63 in a 158 run stand with **Liam Marshall**) and then conceded 232 as **Sale's Dan Newton** smashed 110\* off 51 bs, their respectable 187-5 in reply still some way short. Sale host Urmston on Thursday in the decisive fixture.

# **GROUP 10**

# ALDERLEY EDGE CH. HULME N.E. CHESHIRE

Having each comfortably beaten **Cheadle Hulme**, defending champions **Alderley Edge** and **North East Cheshire** meet at Moss Lane on June 1st in the decisive fixture.

# **GROUP 9**

# BROOKLANDS HALE BARNS

The sides meet at Brooklands on June 1st.

# **GROUP 14**

# WINNERS: STOCKPORT GEORGIANS

Remarkably, **Stockport Georgians** scored 150 batting first against both **Marple** & **Didsbury** and held on to win both games by 3 runs! **Ed Bailey's** aggressive 64\* (37 bs) was the mainstay of their win at Bowden Lane, while **Nick Gladman** made 45 off 35 and took 2-34 as Didsbury, who needed 7 off the last with 2 wkts in hand, were outdone by some fine bowling & fielding which saw them bowled out.

### **GROUP 16**

# KINGSLEY WIDNES WINNINGTON PARK

A fine knock of 73 off 52 from skipper **Haris Yasin** helped **Kingsley** to 143-6 against **Winnington Pk**, which proved just enough as WP finished 11 runs short. Widnes play both their games next month.