

## Cheshire County Cricket League

### **2015 NEWSLETTER: WEEK 4**

# Toft – and Hancock – in top form

ANOTHER wet day failed to dampen spirits, especially those of Toft who registered their third victory at Grappenhall to go 15 points clear at the top of the **ECB Premier League**. And what a fine start their popular Aussie opener Jason Hancock has made, following up knocks of 108 and 127 not out with an unbeaten 71 to top the 300 runs mark.

Grappenhall were all out for 138, by Matt Cornes, 3-33 and Jimmy Lomas, 3-51, Toft replying with 139-1 in 22 overs Hyde beat neighbours Marple by seven wickets in a low scorer at Werneth Low after dismissing their visitors for 129, Mark Bennett 47, Jason Whittaker 5-54. Harry Dearden's 57 helped the champions over the line in 27 overs.

The only other winners were Bowdon, by three wickets in a low-scoring match at Macclesfield, who were bowled out for 113 after opting to bat first, Chris Ashling 5-43. The Macc bowlers fought hard with Ian Tate taking 3-13, but solid knocks of 47 not out from Mark Leathley and 36 by Pat Ashling saw them home.

The Match of the Day between unbeaten Nantwich and Chester was reduced to 60 overs by morning rain and Boughton Hall must have fancied their chances when they opted to field. Nantwich went on to pocket full batting points on 141-9, Chris Simpson 39, Liam Livingstone 36, Ian Linwood 3-27, Harry Killoran 3-39. But the Dabbers bowled and fielded like tigers and might have won, but for a defiant unbeaten 59 from Ollie Law who steered his side to safety at 124-7. Nantwich thus took the draw honours 13 – 9.

There was a fine game at Cheadle where Neston gave their best batting display yet sparked by a 136 opening stand between ex-Oxton skipper Simon Stokes, 99 and Mark Garrett, 53 in a tally of 246-8.. Cheadle went for them and did well to reach 242-8, thanks to Dan Brown, 103 and Elliott Bullock, 78, who added 137. Neston shaded the points 14-8 to move off the foot of the table.

Rain prevented play in the Bramhall v Alderley Edge game.

### ***Third win for Sale***

SALE recorded their third win in **Division One** to retain the lead, winning by four wickets at Middlewich with Rick Halkon taking 5-51 and Tyrone Lawrence, 5-56 again in control.

Weaverham, who continue do well after promotion, won by two wickets at Christleton after restricting their hosts to 181-9 (Wilden Cornwall 5-87). Weaverham replied with 183-8, skipper Ian Eaton, 60 not out and number eight K. Clarke, 48.

Timperley won by 66 runs at Didsbury after posting 189-8, David Cooper 63, Jonny Fawcett 6-44. Didsbury's batting failed and they were all out for 113, John White 5-44.

Tattenhall won by four runs at Davenham despite posting only 101, Tim Niemand 4-18. Davenham were all out for 97, left arm spinner David Shewring returning the best bowling figures of the day with 12-3-18-7.

Urmston shot up from 11th to fifth thanks to a 65 runs win at Oxton after posting 179-7, Callum Turner 72, Mahesh Rajaratna 4-64. Oxton were all out for 114, England U 19 leg-spinner Matt Parkinson 5-32.

The Cheadle Hulme v Oulton Park match was rained off.

### ***Bollington first to 100 points***

BOLLINGTON became the only club to win their first four games and reach 100 points when they coasted home by nine wickets at Alvanley in **Division Two**, Alex Durie claiming 4-37.

Warrington kept up their good start with a 90 runs win at Stockport, Liam Heaphy 81, Mark Green 4-22.

Congleton won their first game by 82 runs at home to Brooklands, new Aussie Max O'Sullivan hitting an unbeaten 108 before Paul Beaumont claimed 4-37.

Widnes are looking good and they continued their winning ways with an eight wickets win at Bredbury, Danny Moore 5-26.

Mobberley won a thriller at Northwich by two runs after being bowled out for 115 by newly-arrived Sri Lankan player Chaminda Ishanka 6-33, Nathan Wood 54. But the Northwich batting also flopped and they were all out for 114, J. Gittings 40, Aqeel 5-44.

The Wirral derby honours went to Upton when they beat Irby by 65 runs, their man of the match being Richard Battersby with a key 5-26 return.

## **Saturday's scores in detail**

### **ECB Premier League**

**BRAMHALL v ALDERLEY EDGE: cancelled, 7 pts. each**

**CHEADLE (won toss, 8 pts.) drew with NESTON (14 pts.).**

Neston 246-8 (55 overs: S. Stokes 99, M. Garrett 53, J. Crick 38no, P Sperring 3-97);

Cheadle 242-8 (55 overs: D Brown 123, E Bullock 78, J. Prince 39, J Fennah 3-33, O Usan 3-37);

**GRAPPENHALL (2 pts.) lost to TOFT (won toss, 25 pts.) by 9 wickets.**

Grappenhall 138 (55 overs: A Roylance 31, M. Cornes 3-33, J. Lomas 3-51);

Toft 139-1 (22 overs: J. Hancock 71no, J Drummond 32, R. Jones 33no).

**HYDE (won toss, 25 pts.) beat MARPLE (1 pt.) by 7 wickets**

Marple 129 (49 overs: M Bennett 49, J Whittaker 5-54);

Hyde 135-3 (27 overs: H Dearden 57, K Sawas 30). This was a 104 overs game.

**MACCLESFIELD (won toss, 3 pts.) lost to BOWDON (25 pts.) by 3 wickets**

Macclesfield 113 (39 overs: P Barron 22, C Ashling 5-43)

Bowdon 114-7 (33 overs: M Leathley 47no, P. Ashling 36, I Tait 3-13, J. Ward 3-35).

**NANTWICH (13 pts.) drew with CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (won toss, 9 pts)**

Nantwich 141-9 (30 overs: C. Simpson 39, L Livingstone 36, I Linwood 3-27, H Killoran 3-39);

Chester 124-7 (30 overs: O Law 59no) This was a 60 overs game.

### **First Division**

**CHEADLE HULME v OULTON PARK: cancelled, 7 pts. each**

**CHRISTLETON (9 pts.) lost to WEAVERHAM (25 pts.) by 2 wickets**

Christleton 181-9 (50 overs: M. Astbury 43, M Renwick 32, W. Cornwall 5-57);

Weaverham 183-8 (48 overs: I Eaton 60no, K Clarke 45, Z. Abbass 3-53).

**DAVENHAM (won toss, 4 pts.) lost to TATTENHALL (25 pts.) by 4 runs**

Tattenhall 101 (45 overs: D Power 36, O. Thompson 31, T. Niemand 4-18, D. Hancock 3-9);

Davenham 97 (32 overs: J Loveridge 26, S. Hunt 26, D Shewring 7-28, O Thompson 3-11).

**DIDSBURY (won toss, 4 pts.) lost to TIMPERLEY (25 pts.) by 66 runs**

Timperley 189-8 (46 overs: D. Cooper 63, Hampson 43, M Ness 35, J. Fawcett 6-44);

Didsbury 123 (27 overs: S Normanton 31, J White 5-41, C Page 3-65). This was a 92 overs match.

**MIDDLEWICH (won toss, 4 pts.) lost to SALE (25 pts.) by 4 wickets.**

Middlewich 110 (49 overs: K Clowes 51, R Halkon 5-52, T Lawrence 5-56);

Sale 111-6 (38 overs: I. Dixon 38, R. Rickelton 33, P Hurley 3-30, S Bliss 3-33).

**OXTON (won toss, 5 pts.) lost to URMSTON (25 pts.) by 65 runs**

Urmston 179-7 (50 overs: C Turner 52, C Parkinson 35, M. Rajaratne 4-64);

Oxton 114 (49.2 overs: M. Rajaratne 32, M Parkinson 5-32, C. Parkinson 3-25);

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### ***Match results continued***

#### **Second Division**

##### **ALVANLEY (0 pts) lost to BOLLINGTON (25 pts.) by 9 wickets**

Alvanley 104 (46 overs: C Jones 47, A Durie 4-37, S Plant 3-15);

Bollington 107-1 (31 overs: M Jahangir 39, S Mallie 32no, R. Hough 30no)..

##### **BREDBURY ST. MARK'S (2 pts.) lost to WIDNES (won toss, 25 pts.) by 8 wickets**

Bredbury 121 (48 overs: D Carr 68, D Moore 5-26, J. Menzies 5-42);

Widnes 125-2 (26 overs: L. McCoy 45no, C Kirby 34).

##### **CONGLETON (25 pts) beat BROOKLANDS (won toss, 5 pts.) by 82 runs**

Congleton 201-9 (50 overs: M O'Sullivan 108, E Parmakelis 5-79, M Law 3-40);

Brooklands 119 (42 overs: P Beaumont 4-27).

##### **NORTHWICH (won toss, 5 pts.) lost to MOBBERLEY (25 pts.) by 2 runs**

Mobberley 115 (46 overs: N. Wood 54, C. Ishanka 6-33);

Northwich 113 (42 overs: J. Gittings 40, A. Aqeel 6-44, C. Nield 3-34). This was a 78 overs match.

##### **STOCKPORT (won toss 3 pts.) lost to WARRINGTON (25 pts.) by 90 runs**

Warrington 197-7 (50 overs: L Heaphy 81, P. McIntosh 32no);

Stockport 107 (M Green 4-22).

##### **UPTON (25 pts.) beat IRBY (won toss, 4 pts.) by 65 runs**

Upton 145 (50 overs: C Evans 24, L. Eastham 3-46);

Irby 80 (41 overs: R Battersby 5-20).

#### **PICK OF WEEK**

##### **ECB Premier League:**

Batting: Dan Brown (Cheadle) 103 v Neston

Bowling: Jason Whittaker (Hyde) 5-54 v Marple.

##### **Division 1**

Batting: Calum Turner (Urmston) 72 v Oxtou

Bowling: Dave Shewring (Tattenhall) 7-18 v Davenham

##### **Division 2:**

Batting: oMax O'Sullivan (Congleton) 108 v Brooklands

Bowling: oC. Ishanka (Northwich) 6-33 v Mobberley.

### ***Timperley ground plans***

TIMPERLEY need to be off their main ground three weeks before the end of the season following a grant of £62,000 which will enable them to improve the drainage and level the square at Stockport Road.

They will be shortly be approaching Oulton Park 1st XI and the 2nd XIs of Sale and Tattenhall with a series of proposals for fixture re-arrangements for the last portion of the season.

The League have already given approval to Grappenhall making a similar early move off their Broad Lane ground, which is to be entirely resurfaced, with games to be played on alternative venues after August 21.

## **Saturday, May 2 feedback**

### **ECB Premier League**

Marple v Macclesfield: **no result sheet received** \*Pitch and outfield reports will not be recorded due to wet weather.

### **First Division**

Tattenhall v Cheadle Hulme: **no result sheet received.** \*Pitch and outfield reports will not be recorded.

### **Second Division**

Bollington v Bredbury: only one umpire attended: Nigel Simms \*Pitch and outfield reports will not be recorded

### **Missing sheets**

April 18: Irby v Bredbury St. Mark's. April 25: Cheadle v Nantwich; Macclesfield v Chester Boughton Hall

### **CLUBS SHOULD OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING:**

- O When telephoning after the match please submit **clearer spoken reports** with number of overs bowled and correct points scored. Many callers are using sub standard mobiles.
  - O Ensure that correct points are signed off by both umpires and both captains on result sheet before despatch;
  - O Post results on League website by 10 p.m. on Saturday at latest together with points and full individual details **if possible**;
  - O In the event of games abandoned after a start, the result sheet should be tendered as usual with the names of all players taking part. Ground reports are not required if matches do not continue after tea interval.
- No sheet is required for cancelled matches.

## **Death of Peter Marron**

BOWDON's former long-serving Lancashire groundsman Peter Marron died in hospital on Monday, May 4, aged 59.

Peter collapsed while preparing the South Downs Road pitch for the first game of the season and was rushed to hospital.

Suffering from bowel cancer, he never recovered.

His death prompted many tributes including one from former Lancashire and England star Andy Flintoff who tweeted: "The cricket world has lost a great man, a Lancashire legend and an amazing friend who took me under his wing when I was 16. Pete will be missed by everyone who passed through the Lancashire ranks and by many England players".

Marron retired from Old Trafford in 2008 before taking on the groundsmanship at Bowdon and nearby Altrincham GS. He was credited with preparing some of the best pitches in English cricket during 25 years career with the Red Rose county and latterly he helped to improve the declining condition of the square at Bowdon.

He was an avid reader of *Newsletter* and told me he used to make a careful note of the points allotted to his beloved pitches by visiting umpires – often disagreeing when they gave low marks . MTB

## **Here and there ...**

O MOBBERLEY are to stage their 4th annual Beer Festival from Friday – Sunday, May 22 – 24, with 13 Real Ales available. There will be live bands playing 80s music and cricket played on all three days for an admission fee of £5, part of which will go to the Nepal Earthquake Disaster Fund.

O CHESTER'S second '*Boughton Hall's Got Talent*' contest is to be staged in the clubhouse after the match against Neston on Saturday, May 16. All Chester players will be expected to do a turn and the visitors will be invited to volunteer.

Organiser Phil Thomas says anyone from other clubs who wish to attend to see Ross Dixon attempt to repeat last season's triumph will be welcomed. Contact him at 01244 326 072.

O CHESHIRE Women are to stage a T20 Day at Timperley on Sunday, June 14.

O FORMER England captain Graham Gooch will be guest speaker at a pre-Ashes Dinner at Bowdon's South Downs Road on Friday, June 17 (7 p .m.). The event is black tie and tickets cost £45 or £450 for a table of 10. Contact organiser Steve Kettle at [steve@eventsinthecity.co.uk](mailto:steve@eventsinthecity.co.uk)

O SOME sets of Vivio stumps & bails sent out to all clubs pre-season were misfits. At least three clubs have been affected and they, plus any others with complaints, should notify the League secretary at [GeoffWellsted@hotmail.com](mailto:GeoffWellsted@hotmail.com)

O THE CORRECT e-mail address of League Junior chairman Mike Carswell is [mikecpms@aol.com](mailto:mikecpms@aol.com)

**League tables @ Week 4**

<b><u>ECB Premier League</u></b>	<b>W</b>	<b>WD</b>	<b>RD</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>A/C</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Bat</b>	<b>Bowl</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
	<b>(25)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(7)</b>				
TOFT	3	0	0	0	0	1	8	2	85
NANTWICH	2	0	1	0	1	0	8	3	70
CHESTER BO. HALL	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	4	66
ALDERLEY EDGE	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	64
BOWDON	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	60
HYDE	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	59
MACCLESFIELD	1	0	0	0	1	2	4	4	40
BRAMHALL	0	1	0	0	2	1	16	7	40
NESTON	0	1	0	0	1	2	14	4	28
MARPLE	0	1	0	1	1	1	9	7	27
CHEADLE	0	0	0	1	0	3	15	9	25
GRAPPENHALL	0	0	0	1	1	2	7	4	19

**Division 1**

SALE	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	82
WEAVERHAM	2	1	0	0	1	0	8	4	72
TIMPERLEY	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	4	64
TATTENHALL	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	60
URMSTON	1	0	0	0	1	2	12	4	48
OULTON PARK	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	46
DIDSBURY	1	0	0	0	1	2	9	4	45
MIDDLEWICH	1	0	0	1	1	1	4	5	42
DAVENHAM	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	6	40
OXTON	0	1	1	0	0	2	24	5	34
CHEADLE HULME	0	1	0	0	2	1	7	7	31
CHRISTLETON	0	0	0	0	1	3	8	5	20

**Division 2**

BOLLINGTON	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
WARRINGTON	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	82
WIDNES	2	1	0	0	1	0	8	3	71
MOBBERLEY	2	0	0	1	1	0	3	3	64
STOCKPORT	1	0	1	0	1	1	8	5	47
UPTON	1	0	1	0	1	1	8	4	46
BROOKLANDS	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	9	42
IRBY	0	2	0	0	1	1	14	10	37
CONGLETON	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	36
* BREDBURY ST. MARK'S	0	0	0	1	0	3	13	3	24
NORTHWICH	0	0	0	0	1	3	11	6	24
ALVANLEY	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	4	15

\* Bredbury's record includes 7 points awarded for a defeat in an under 80 overs game (new Match Reg. 7f)

## **Saturday, May 16: League fixtures & umpires**

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

ALDERLEY EDGE V MACCLESFIELD  
BOWDON V HYDE  
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL V NESTON  
GRAPPENHALL V CHEADLE  
MARPLE V NANTWICH  
TOFT V BRAMHALL

David Gane & Ged Kinsey  
David Goulding & Paul Herring  
Mark Turner & Steve Walton  
Ian Greensmith & Martin Howe  
Alistair Davies & Phil Prince  
Barrie Burns & David Tate

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

DIDSBURY V DAVENHAM  
OULTON PARK V TATTENHALL  
SALE V CHEADLE HULME  
TIMPERLEY V CHRISTLETON  
URMSTON V MIDDLEWICH  
WEAVERHAM V OXTON

Nigel Simms & Gary Zimmer  
Ken Rothwell & Geoff Wellstead  
Graham Harris & Liam Spires  
James Emmerson & John Williams  
Glyn Roberts & Tom Spencer  
Don Flanagan & Tony Morris

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

BOLLINGTON V STOCKPORT  
BROOKLANDS V BREDBURY ST MARK'S  
MOBBERLEY V CONGLETON  
NORTHWICH V UPTON  
WARRINGTON V IRBY  
WIDNES V ALVANLEY

Trevor Burnett & Simon Smith  
Howard Briggs & Geoff Young  
Steve Duckers & Ray Prescott  
Brian Boys & Graham Pugh  
Ankin Jain & Martin Roberts  
Darrin Clark & Steve Wilkinson

### **2nd XI Premier Division (1 p.m.)**

BRAMHALL V TOFT  
CHEADLE V DIDSBURY  
HYDE V URMSTON  
MACCLESFIELD V ALDERLEY EDGE  
NESTON V CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL  
STOCKPORT V MARPLE

Peter Davies & no panel umpire available  
Steve Kirkbright & no panel umpire available  
No panel umpires available  
John Lowe & no panel umpire available  
No panel umpires available  
No panel umpires available

## **Joseph Holt Brewery T20 fixtures & umpires**

GROUP games in the **Joseph Holt Brewery T20** to be played during the week commencing Monday, May 11 (6.15 pm.) are:

### **GROUP 1: FRIDAY, MAY 15:**

Timperley v Hyde (reserve date Thursday, May 21).

Umpires: Chris Smith & Alistair Davies

### **GROUP 2: THURSDAY, MAY 14:**

Alvanley v Tattenhall;  
Christleton v Chester Boughton Hall.

Umpires: Neville Abberley & Ged Kinsey  
Umpires: Jon Hacking & Ankit Jain

### **GROUP 3: TUESDAY, MAY 12**

Toft v Brooklands.

Umpires: Brian Boys & Ken Rothwell

### **GROUP 3: THURSDAY, MAY 14**

Sale v Didsbury.

Umpires: Graham Harris & Ian Wilson

### **GROUP 4: THURSDAY, MAY 14:**

Bramhall v Bollington.  
Mobberley v Macclesfield.

Umpires: David Gane & Martin Howe  
Umpires: Graham Pugh & Gary Zimmer

### **GROUP 6: THURSDAY, MAY 14:**

Alderley Edge v Warrington (reserve date, Thursday, May 21) Umpires: Phil Prince & Steve Wilkinson  
Remaining group fixtures begin on May 21

## **OVER 40s OPENING .... WAS IT A WASH OUT?**

ALTHOUGH several clubs failed to submit notification, it is probable that all 15 fixtures in the opening week of the **Over 40s section** on Wednesday last week were rained off.

Clubs are reminded that they must notify the Competition secretary of the results of all matches including those cancelled or abandoned. This should be done ASAP after the close of play or by Saturday at the latest by telephone or e-mail, otherwise fines of £15 will be imposed.

Results should also be posted on the league website. It is not required to submit a result sheet.

These were the scheduled fixtures:

### **CENTRAL DIVISION**

Davenham v Grappenhall: cancelled, 2 pts. each  
Mobberley v Ashley; cancelled 2 pts. each  
Timperley v Ashton on Mersey: cancelled, 2 pts. each  
Toft v Warrington; cancelled, 2 pts. each

### **NORTH EAST DIVISION**

Brooklands v Bowdon: cancelled, 2 pts. each.  
Cheadle v Bramhall; **result not known**  
Cheadle Hulme v Sale Silverbacks: cancelled, 2 pts. each  
Urmston Tigers v Bowdon Vale Vikings, cancelled, 2 pts. each

### **SOUTH EAST DIVISION**

Alderley Edge Wizards v Marple: cancelled, 2 pts. each  
Bredbury Saints v Woodley: cancelled, 2 pts. each  
Macclesfield v Bollington Veterans: cancelled 2 pts. each  
Poynton Legends v Offerton, cancelled, 2 pts. each.

### **WEST DIVISION**

Irby v Tattenhall Wreckers: cancelled, 2 pts. each  
Neston v Caldy, **not known**  
Upton v Chester Boughton Hall Blazers: cancelled, 2 pts. each  
Open: Oxton

### **Fixtures on Wednesday, May 13 (6.15 p.m.)**

**CENTRAL DIVISION:** Ashley v Davenham; Ashton on Mersey v Toft; Grappenhall v Mobberley; Warrington v Timperley

**NORTH-EAST DIVISION:** Bowdon v Cheadle; Bowdon Vale Vikings v Cheadle Hulme; Bramhall v Brooklands; Sale Silverbacks v Urmston Tigers.

**SOUTH-EAST DIVISION:** Bollington Veterans v Poynton Legends; Marple v Bredbury Saints; Offerton v Macclesfield; Woodley v Alderley Edge Wizards

**WEST DIVISION:** Chester Boughton Hall Blazers v Irby; Oxton v Neston; Tattenhall Wreckers v Upton. Open: Caldy.

## **Girls' debuts in National Club ko**

FIRST team debuts were made by two England women players when Bramhall beat Alderley Edge in the second round of the **ECB National Club championship** on Sunday.

Lancashire Academy batsman Danny Lamb scored 85 for Bramhall and enjoyed a 65 runs partnership with his sister Emma, who plays for England Under 19s. Also in the team was England Under 15s' Ellie Mason who took two smart catches.

ROUND 2 results:

GROUP 5: Urmston v Hyde not to hand.

Alderley Edge 99 (R Wilkinson 35, S. Wilkinson 3-8, A. ur-Rana 3-21) lost to Bramhall 202-9 (D. Lamb 85, C Cook 3-36, D Fesman 3-67).

Bowdon walk over v Littleborough

GROUP 6: Chester Boughton Hall 192-8 beat Knypersley 191-9 by two wickets.

Nantwich 116-3 (R. Brown 54no, L. Livingstone 31) beat Colwyn Bay (O. Griffiths 4-16, B Mogg 3-25) 113 by 7 wickets.

## **CHESHIRE CUP UP-DATE**

RESULTS of games in the **Cheshire Cup** played on Sunday are not yet available.

**ROUND 1:** Bredbury St. Mark's v Mottram

**ROUND 2:** Parkfield Liscard v Wilmslow Wayfarers;

Port Sunlight v Stockport

Cheadle Hulme v Elworth

Warrington v Broadbottom

Weaverham v Romiley

Alvanley v Urmston

Upton v Barrow

Davenham v Congleto

Disley v Ashley

Tranmere Vics v Brooklands

Irby v Lindow

Bredbury or Mottram v Prestbury

Oulton Park v Timperley: Timperley 239-7 (D Cooper 112) Oulton Park 242-4 (D. Leech 64, I De Silva 55no, P/Roberts 46no).

Northwich v Ashton on Mersey

Hale Barns v Didsbury

Middlewich v Sale

*Information provided by Cheshire Cup organiser Barrie Burns.*

## **TACS Cheshire League results & placings**

BARROW beat Stockport Georgians by 49 runs to establish an eight points lead in the **TACS Cheshire League** First Division..

Relegated Heaton Mersey and Poynton both lost heavily after being dismissed for double figure totals.

### **DIVISION 1 RESULTS**

Ashton on Mersey 159-8, Heaton Mersey 87. Points 25-5

Barrow 149-7 Stockport Georgians 100. Points: 25 – 5.

Hale Barns 92-7 Disley 170-6. Points: 7 – 16;

Malpas 123 Romiley 124-2. Points: 5 – 20.

Poynton 65 Lindow 68-2. Points: 1 – 20.

Runcorn 211-8 Prestbury 91. Points: 25 – 4

Late result from May 2: Heaton Mersey 95-8 beat Runcorn 94 by 2 wickets: 20 – 4 pts.

Points to date: 1. Barrow 95; 2. Ashton on Mersey 88; 3. Lindow 70; 4. Disley 66; 5. Stockport Georgians 63; 6. Romiley 57; 7.

Poynton 53; 8. Runcorn 50; 9. Malpas 45; 10. Hale Barns 45; 11. Heaton Mersey 43; 12. Prestbury 30.

### **SATURDAY, MAY 16 DIVISION 1 FIXTURES (1.30 p.m.)**

Disley v Malpas; Lindow v Hale Barns; Poynton v Ashton on Mersey; Prestbury v Heaton Mersey; Romiley v Barrow; Stockport Georgians v Runcorn.



## **Cheshire must win at Hyde**

CHESHIRE need to beat Northumberland at Hyde on Sunday, May 17 (11.30 a.m.) to ensure a place in the **Unicorns Knock-out** quarter-finals.

Having won one, lost one and had one cancelled in their opening three games, Cheshire take on the current group leaders who have won both games so far. Cheshire do so with the following team: Danny Woods captain, Danny Berry, Khalid Sawas (Hyde), Warren Goodwin, Mark Rowland (wicket keeper), Rick Moore, Lee Dixon, Harry Killoran (Chester), Rob Jones (Toft), Nick Anderson (Didsbury), Adam Syddall (Nantwich).

### **Fine victory for Sixties**

CHESHIRE won their opening game in the **Over 60s National championship** when they beat Shropshire by seven wickets at Neston on Tuesday last week. Scores:

Shropshire 193-4 (45 overs: Steve Yates 3-26); Cheshire 194-3 (39 overs: John Edwards 66, Nick Sharp 65 – opening stand of 121, Steve Yates 33 not out).

Cheshire next meet Yorkshire at News Rover, Leeds on Tuesday this week (1.30 p.m.).

**CHESHIRE FIFTIES'** opening match, the annual friendly for the **CAT Trophy** against Shropshire at Grappenhall on Wednesday last week was cancelled due to rain.

Next: v Yorkshire at Neston on Wednesday this week (1.30 p.m.).

### ***Umpires' quiz by Alistair Davies***

**WEEK 3 POSER:** During a match, one of the bails is broken and a replacement cannot be found. What should happen?

**ANSWER:** It is not acceptable to play with bails on the wicket at one end and not the other, so the match should continue without bails on either wicket. Law 8.5

**WEEK 4 POSER:** The side batting second in a limited overs match need seven runs to win with one ball left after the bowlers' end and strikers' end umpires had both called no ball for the previous delivery. If the final delivery is then hit for six, what is the result of the match?

## **THE NEWSLETTER**

THE weekly *Newsletter* is now being circulated in a different style, posted on the new and improved League website:

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

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Normally the *Newsletter* is ready for circulation by mid-day on Monday, but this week it may be late for personal reasons.

If any individual wishes to contact me with a request to continue the normal e-mail operation please do so, but these must be exceptions. I have already received several such contacts which I shall do my best to honour.

Copies to the National, Regional and Local Press will be despatched in the traditional way early on Mondays to catch deadlines.