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Shock defeats for Top Two

CHESTER Boughton Hall must have feared their **ECB Premier League** lead was about to be extinguished when they were dismissed for 90, their lowest total of the season, at Timperley.

However, not far away, Alderley Edge's shaky form continued when they lost by 20 runs at home to wooden spoonists Bowdon, leaving the gap at the top a fascinating 14 points with five games remaining.

Timperley's return to action at Stockport Road for the first time in 12 months was played on a bowler's paradise, Chris Page taking 5-19 and Tyrone Lawrence 4-34 to dismiss CBH for 90 from 42 overs, Jack Williams top-scoring with 23 runs at nine. Chester's bowlers put up a real fight after tea before Timperley scraped through at 91-7 thanks to key knocks of 23 from Nathan Brown and 22 by Grant Hodnett, while Warrren Goodwin took 3-21.

Meanwhile, at Alderley Edge, Bowdon could hardly have fancied their chances at tea after being dismissed for 147, Pat Ashling 28, Aussie paceman Hamish Winter-Irving having carved them up with a fine 6-28. But the home batsmen were even more at sea, Calum Rowe, 31 and Sam Perry, 27 being top scorers against keen bowling – notably Alec Makin 3-37 - and they were all out for 127.

The upshot is that Chester remain 14 points clear at the top as they prepare to take on Alderley in a '50 pointer' next Saturday.

Bowdon stay bottom by eight points, but could start a late upsurge.

Watch out for Nantwich

Nantwich moved up to a challenging third place with an overwhelming 145-run victory at Kingsway against fading Cheadle, whom they dislodged for 97, Ollie Griffiths 5-20, Jimmy Warrington 4-49. Earlier the Dabbers had run up 242-6 declared – it was a 102 overs game – Ryan Brown hitting 132 (98 balls: 11 fours and seven sixes) in a 125-run stand for the third wicket with Henry Dobson, 45. Rashid Amin took 3-29.

Inconsistent Toft had to be content with 15 draw points from a high-scoring game at Booth's Park against Bramhall after posting 238. Wicket-keeper Rob Sehmi scored 78 and Andy Jackson 50, with Ifti Naseer taking 4-47. As ever, Bramhall replied spiritedly with 220-9, Danny Lamb 69 and Adam Wilde 40. Fresh from 12th man duties for England in the Test against South Africa at Old Trafford, Rob Jones took 4-56 and James Lomas 3-40.

There was a surprise result at Neston where drop-threatened Grappenhall won by four wickets to ease their worries. Luke Camden's 69 and 44 from Chris Hackett helped Neston post 207-7. But Grappers' spirit was in evidence after tea as they reached 209-6 with 10 overs to spare, James McCoy 59, Jamie Bye 44, Peter Barnes 40. Best Neston bowler was Prithvi Sarvaiya with 4-58.

Sporadic rain which threatened the region in the morning, caused the cancellation of the Hyde v Didsbury fixture at Werneth Low

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It's hotting up in Division One

WHILE Oulton Park continue serenely on in pole position, competition for the second promotion spot in **Division One** becomes fiercer by the week.

Davenham slipped from second to fifth placed when they lost by 21 runs against Marple at Butcher's Stile. After the visitors had posted a below par 148, Andrew Hall 42, Steve Bliss 4-23, Davenham collapsed against master spinner Andy Greasley after tea. He returned 6-43 from 15 superb overs to bowl Davenham out for 127, Ben Gough 40.

Second place in the table is now occupied by Widnes who ended Bollington's hopes with a 94-run win at the Recreation Ground after bowling their hosts out for 70, Marcus Fourie, taking 5-20 and Tom Evans 3-7. Earlier Widnes had run up 164-8, splendid all-rounder Fourie being run out for 99.

In third spot are Macclesfield who kept up their late challenge with an eight wickets win at Oxtan after dismissing the Wirral men for 140, Andy Gibson 35, Craig Melrose 5-38, Rob Porter 3-21. Macc replied with 142-2, Tom Tudor 54 not out.

Oulton Park, meantime, were registering their 12th victory – more than any other team in the league – by seven wickets at home to Weaverham to establish a lead of 42 points. Alex Nash top scored with 32 in Weaverham's 86 all out, in-form duo Muhammed Kashif taking 4-17 and Matt Pritchard 4-49. Danny Leech was unbeaten with 54 in Park's reply of 89-3, Kevin Douglas 3-22.

Highest divisional score of the day was posted by Urmston skipper Calum Turner with 120 in his side's massive 258-4 at home to Sale, Mike Ness adding 46 and Sumit Panda 43. Sale were bowled out for 130, Turner 3-15, Chris Barlow 3-39.

Upton were too good for Warrington at Old Greasby Road, winning by 61 runs after posting 195-4, Chris McArthur 97 not out, Matt Owen 37, Dan Owen 36. Relegation-bound Warrington were dismissed for 134, Ashley Scholes 36, Matt Ingram 4-23.

Division 2 is still wide open

THERE is still all to play for at both ends of the **Second Division**.

New boys Romiley remain in the driving seat after winning by 49 runs at Brooklands to retain an eight points advantage. Romiley scored 159-9, Mohan D'Souza 51, then bowled Brooklands out for 110, to which Kevin Carroll contributed a superb 80 alongside 10- single figure scores. MofM D'Souza took 4-23 and Paul Garner 3-17 post-tea.

Congrats to Romiley for winding up a successful week end by beating Ashton on Mersey in the Cheshire Shield final next day (see page 9).

Barrow stay close behind after beating Tattenhall by 19 runs at The Croft. Barrow compiled 191, B. Desicic contributing 93 and Mel Dobson taking 5-44, then Tatters were bowled out for 162, John Gibbon 31. Maneesha Nissanka, Iro De Silva and Phil Johnson shared nine of the wickets.

Lindow's hopes took a dive when they were thrashed at home by Mobberley, their guests running up 211-9, Tom Morris 47, Abdul Aqeel 39, Rob Spilsbury 33 not out, Ben Tyler 5-45. That man Aqeel was at it again post-tea with 6-37 as Lindow were routed for 73, Matt Mountney bowling unchanged alongside his partner with 4-36.

Having a splendid season, Alvanley remain in the promotion mix after their three-wicket low-scoring win at Northwich. The Moss Farm men were restricted to 120-9 in their 50 overs, Stephen Charles 3-26. Emergency opener Andy Bennion, 38, top-scored in Alvanley's response of 124-7, Andy Dufty taking 3-13.

Cheadle Hulme fell back to the foot of the table, albeit after a fighting performance at Christleton, where only 18 runs separated the teams at the close. Jack Gittins top scored with 57 in Christleton's tally of 201, Alex Read 3-26, after which 'Hulme were bowled out for 183, Jordan Potts 62, Tom Whitehouse 55, Zaighum Abbas 5-39, Shavaiz Saif 3-51.

Bredbury collected 10 points from a high-scoring defeat at home to in-form Stockport after posting 272-3 batting first, Darren Carr hitting a fine unbeaten 123, Will Mairs 52 – his maiden 1st XI half century and Major Khan 67. Aiden Van Eeden became the game's second centurion after tea, his fine innings of 116, together with 90 from Z. Jatoi carrying Stockport to victory at 274-5 with two overs left.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 MATCH DETAILS

ECB Premier League

At Moss Lane:

ALDERLEY EDGE (won toss) v BOWDON

Bowdon 147 (53 overs: P Ashling 28, S. Marshall 25, H. Winter-Iving 6-28);

Alderley Edge 127 (36 overs: C. Rowe 31, S Perry 27, A Makin 3-37).

Bowdon (25 pts.) beat Alderley Edge (4 pts.) by 20 runs

At Kingsway:

CHEADLE (won toss) v NANTWICH

Nantwich 242-6 dec. (47 overs: R Brown 131, H Dobson 48 = 125 for 3rd wicket, Rashid Amin 3-29);

Cheadle 97 (39 overs: O. Griffiths 5-20, J Warrington 4-49).

Nantwich (25 pts.) beat Cheadle (2 pts.) by 145 runs.

Match reduced to 102 overs by morning rain

At Werneth Low:

HYDE v DIDSBURY:

Cancelled due to rain: 7 pts. each

At Parkgate:

NESTON v GRAPPENHALL

Neston 207-7 (55 overs: L Camden 69, C Hackett 44, W Evans 29);

Grappenhall 209-6 (45overs: J McCoy 59, J Bye 41, P Barnes 40, Prithvi Sarvaiya 4-55).

Grappenhall (25 pts.) beat Neston (8 pts.) by 4 wickets

At Stockport Road:

TIMPERLEY (won toss) v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL

Chester 90 (42 overs: J. Williams 23, C Page 5-19, T. Lawrence 4-34);

Timperley 91-7 (26 overs: N Brown 23, G Hodnett 22, W Goodwin 3-21).

Timperley (25 pts.) beat Chester (3 pts.) by 3 wickets.

At Booth's Park:

TOFT v BRAMHALL (won toss)

Toft 238 (49 overs: R Sehmi 78, A Jackson 50, Ifti Naseer 4-47);

Bramhall 220-9 (57 overs: D Lamb 69, A. Wilde 40, A. West 36, R. Jones 4-56, J. Lomas 3-40).

Match drawn: Toft 15pts., Bramhall 9 pts.

Leading performers to August 5

500 PLUS RUNS

Lee Dixon (CBH) 647; 2. Warren Goodwin (CBH) 588; 3. Grant Hodnett (Timperley) 543; Jack Rudd (Didsbury) 515.

40 PLUS WICKETS:

oHamish Winter-Irving (Alderley Edge) 55; 2. Jack White (Timperley) 46; 3. Jimmy Warrington (Nantwich) 44; 4. Matt Higginbottom (Bramhall) 42.

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Division 1

At Recreation Ground:

BOLLINGTON (won toss) v WIDNES

Widnes 164-8 (50 overs: M. Fourie 99, M Byrne 20, D Seale 3-57);
Bollington 70 (38 overs: J Ward 16, M. Fourie 5-20, T. Evans 3-27).

Widnes (25 pts.) beat Bollington (3 pts.) by 94 runs

At Butcher's Stile:

DAVENHAM (won toss) v MARPLE

Marple 148 (50 overs: A Hall 42, S. Bliss 4-23);
Davenham 127 (39 overs: B Gough 40, A Greasley 6-43).

Marple (25 pts.) beat Davenham (5 pts.) by 21 runs

At Pinfold Lane:

OULTON PARK (won toss) v WEAVERHAM

Weaverham 86 (23 overs: A Nash 32, Muhammed Kashif 4-27, M Parkinson 4-49);
Oulton Park 89-3 (21 overs: D. Leech 54no, M East 38, K Douglas 3-22).

Oulton Park (25 pts.) beat Weaverham (1 pt.) by 7 wickets

At Townfield Lane:

OXTON v MACCLESFIELD (won toss)

Oxton 140 (48 overs: A Gibson 35, C Melrose 5-38, R. Porter 3-21);
Macclesfield 142-2 (39 overs: T Tudor 54no, A. Griffiths 35).

Macclesfield (25 pts.) beat Oxton (4 pts.) by 8 wickets

At Old Greasby Road:

UPTON v WARRINGTON (won toss)

Upton 195-4 (50 overs: C McArthur 97no, M Owen 37, D. Owen 36);
Warrington 134 (49 overs: A Scholes 36, M Ingram 4-23).

Upton (25 pts.) beat Warrington (2 pts.) by 61 runs

At the UCG:

URMSTON v SALE (won toss)

Urmston 258-4 (50 overs: C Turner 120, M Ness 46, Sumit Panda 43);
Sale 130 (34 overs: M. Spels 37, C. Turner 3-15, C. Barlow 3-39).

Urmston (25 pts.) beat Sale (2 pts.) by 128 runs

LEADING PERFORMERS TO AUGUST 5

500 runs

1. Paul Wood (Marple) 660; 2. Marcus Fourie (Widnes) 648; 3. oChris McArthur (Upton) 582; 4. Calum Turner (Urmston) 565; 5. Rob Porter (Macclesfield) 563; 6. Dan Leech (Oulton Park) 542; 7. oTom Tudor (Macclesfield) 541; 8. Rick Hough (Bollington) 539; 9. Sam Hunt (Davenham) 538; 10. oPaul Gallichan (Davenham) 526.

40 wickets:

Muhammed Kasshif (Oulton Park) 44

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Division 2

At The Croft:

BARROW v TATTENHALL (won toss)

Barrow 191 (50 overs: B. Desicic 93, L Deyer 34, M. Gibson 4-44, A Styan 3-56);
Tattenhall 162 (47 overs: J Gibbon 31, Maneeshka Nissanka 3-27, I. De Silva 3-37, P Johnson 3-54).

Barrow (25 pts.) beat Tattenhall (6 pts.) by 29 runs

At Hillside Road:

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

Bredbury 272-3 (50 overs: D. Carr 123no, Major Khan 67, W Mairs 53),
Stockport 274-5 (48 overs: A Van Eeden 115, Z Jatoi 90).

Stockport (25 pts.) beat Bredbury (10 pts.) by 5 wickets.

At Brooklands Sports Club:

BROOKLANDS (won toss) v ROMILEY

Romiley 159-9 (50 overs: Mohan D'Souza 51, T Rolph 30, G Foreman 3-31, D. Wynter 3-39);
Brooklands 110 (30 overs: K Carroll 80, Mohan D'Souza 4-23, P. Garner 3-17).

Romiley (25 pts.) beat Brooklands (5 pts.) by 49 runs

At Little Heath:

CHRISTLETON v CHEADLE HULME (won toss)

Christleton 210 (50 overs: J. Gittins 57, J. Joseph 40, A. Read 3-26);
Cheadle Hulme 183 (41 overs: J. Potts 62, T. Whitehouse 55, Zaighum Abbas 5-39, Shavaiz Saif 3-51).

Christleton (25 pts.) beat Cheadle Hulme (7 pts.) by 27 runs

At Upcast Lane:

LINDOW (won toss) v MOBBERLEY

Mobberley 221-9 (50 overs: T. Morris 47, Abdul Aqeel 39, R. Spilsbury 33no, B Tyler 5-45).
Lindow 73 (25 overs: A Matthews 23, Abdul Aqeel 6-37, M Mountney 4-36).

Mobberley (25 pts.) beat Lindow (4 pts.) by 148 runs

At Moss Farm:

NORTHWICH v ALVANLEY (won toss)

Northwich 120-9 (50 overs: G, Cherian 23, S Charles 3-26);
Alvanley 124-7 (46 overs: A Bennion 38, A. Dufty 3-13).

Alvanley (25 pts.) beat Northwich (5 pts.) by 3 wickets.

TOP STATS TO AUGUST 5 ...

500 runs

1. oNick Butters (Mobberley) 614; 2. Iro De Silva (Barrow) 593; 3. Kevin Carroll (Brooklands) 586; 4. Alex Reid (Barrow) 578; 5. Ryan O'Brien (Lindow) 514.

40 wickets:

1. Iro De Silva (Barrow) 47; 2. Shavaiz Saif (Christleton) 44; 3. Mohammed D'Souza (Romiley) 42.

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TABLES INC. SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 all played 17

ECB Premier League

| | W (25) | T (16) | WD (3) | RD (2) | LD (1) | A/C (7) | L | Bat | Bowl | Pts. |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----|-----|------|------|
| CHESTER BH | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 21 | 18 | 317 |
| ALDERLEY E. | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 17 | 303 |
| NANTWICH | 8 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 45 | 22 | 287 |
| TOFT | 9 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 20 | 17 | 283 |
| TIMPERLEY | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 35 | 20 | 251 |
| NESTON | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 26 | 19 | 244 |
| DIDSBURY | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 42 | 29 | 209 |
| *BRAMHALL | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 53 | 34 | 208 |
| HYDE | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 52 | 29 | 197 |
| GRAPP'HALL | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 27 | 26 | 194 |
| CHEADLE | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 33 | 30 | 170 |
| BOWDON | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 28 | 33 | 162 |

* Bramhall record includes 7 pts. for defeat in a match of less than 80 overs duration.

Division 1

| | W | WD | RD | LD | A/C | L | Bat | Bowl | Pts. |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|------|------|
| OULTON PARK | 12 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 16 | 331 |
| WIDNES | 9 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 31 | 24 | 289 |
| MACCLESFIELD | 8 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 51 | 23 | 285 |
| MARPLE | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 51 | 30 | 280 |
| DAVENHAM | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 39 | 22 | 277 |
| BOLLINGTON | 8 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 29 | 23 | 261 |
| URMSTON | 7 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 38 | 30 | 247 |
| *OXTON | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 24 | 13 | 230 |
| *UPTON | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 23 | 14 | 226 |
| SALE | 4 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 39 | 26 | 174 |
| *WARRINGTON | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 13 | 50 | 23 | 131 |
| *WEAVERHAM | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 30 | 29 | 85 |

* Oxtton, Upton, Warrington & Weaverham records include 7 pts. for matches of less than 80 overs duration

Division 2

| | W | T | WD | RD | LD | A/C | L | Bat | Bowl | Pts. |
|------------|----|---|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|------|------|
| *ROMILEY | 9 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 31 | 19 | 306 |
| BARROW | 10 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 21 | 16 | 298 |
| *ALVANLEY | 9 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 30 | 19 | 292 |
| STOCKPORT | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 37 | 16 | 282 |
| LINDOW | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 22 | 275 |
| BRK'LANDS | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 37 | 27 | 255 |
| CHRIS'TON | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 29 | 22 | 230 |
| *NORT'WICH | 5 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 51 | 29 | 228 |
| MOBBERLEY | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 41 | 28 | 222 |
| TATT'HALL | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 29 | 33 | 175 |
| BREDBURY | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 49 | 28 | 157 |
| *CH. HULME | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 34 | 29 | 154 |

* Alvanley, Cheadle Hulme, Northwich and Romiley records include 7 pts. from matches of less than 80 overs duration

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FIXTURES & UMPIRES for Saturday, August 19

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

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ALDERLEY EDGE V CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL | Ged Kinsey & Geoff Wellstead |
| BOWDON V GRAPPENHALL | Phil Prince & Gary Zimmer |
| BRAMHALL V HYDE | David Gane & Martin Howe |
| DIDSBURY V NESTON (11.30 a.m.) | Darrin Clark & Steve Walton |
| NANTWICH V TOFT | Barrie Burns & Martin Roberts |
| TIMPERLEY V CHEADLE | Trevor Burnett & Dion Kelly |

First Division (all 1 p.m.)

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| DAVENHAM V URMSTON | Ron Bedson & Steve Jackson |
| MACCLESFIELD V BOLLINGTON | Alistair Davies & Simon Smith |
| MARPLE V WEAVERHAM | Paul Herring & David Tate |
| SALE V UPTON | Jain Ankit & Matthew Nord (07855 961 631) |
| WARRINGTON V OXTON | Peter Davies & Grahan Pugh |
| WIDNES V OULTON PARK | Jon Hacking & David Williams |

Second Division (all 1 p.m.)

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ALVANLEY V TATTENHALL | Ian Greensmith & Ken Rothwell |
| CHEADLE HULME V BROOKLANDS | Vankat Shiva & John Williams |
| MOBBERLEY V CHRISTLETON | Ian Baker & Graham Cookson |
| NORTHWICH V BREDBURY ST. MARK'S | Graham Church & Graham Harris |
| ROMILEY V BARROW | Brian Boys & Chris Rigg |
| STOCKPORT V LINDOW | John Potts & Ian Wilson |

Pitch and outfield marks for August 5

PITCH and outfield marks reported by panel umpires for games played on Saturday, August 5 (maximum 20 in each category) were:

ECB Premier League:

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Alderley Edge v Timperley: | pitch 16; outfield 19 |
| Bowdon v Neston | 19 - 20 |
| Bramhall v Cheadle | 17 - 20 |
| Didsbury v Toft | 17 - 19 |
| Grappenhall v Hyde | 18 - 18 |
| Nantwich v Chester | 16 - 18 |

Division 1:

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Macclesfield v Upton | pitch 17; outfield 20 |
| Marple v Oulton Park | 17 - 18 |
| Sale v Davenham | 18 - 18 |
| Warrington v Urmston | 16 - 19 |
| Weaverham v Bollington | 16 - 20 |
| Widnes v Oxtton | 17 - 19 |

Division 2:

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Alvanley v Barrow | pitch 17; outfield 19 |
| Cheadle Hulme v Lindow | 17 - 18 |
| Mobberley v Bredbury | 14 - 18 |
| Romiley v Christleton | 17 - 19 |
| Stockport v Northwich | 17 - 20 |
| Tattenhall v Brooklands | 16 - 19 |

Marked below standard: scoreboard at Cheadle Hulme; umpires rooms at Alderley Edge, Grappenhall, Nantwich, Warrington.

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Grappenhall first to reach Forties' finals

FIRST team to reach Finals Day in the **Over Forties section** are Grappenhall, who beat Chester Boughton Hall Blazers by 46 runs on Wednesday last week, with former Lancashire and England batsman Neil Fairbrother top-scoring.

The remaining quarter-finals yet to be played are:

TOFT v NESTON (Wednesday, August 16, 6 p.m.);

BOLLINGTON VETERANS v BOWDON VALE VIKINGS (Sunday, August 20, time to be agreed);

URMSTON TIGERS v ALDERLEY EDGE VIKINGS (to be arranged)

Finals Day is at Chester on Sunday, September 3 (12 noon).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 RESULTS

Quarter-final play-off

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL BLAZERS lost to GRAPPENHALL (won toss) by 46 runs:

Grappenhall 159-3 (Fairbrother 35, Newell 32, Wright 30, Green 30);

Chester 113-7 (Martin 30, Curtis 24, Hayes 2-27).

Central Division

ASHLEY lost to DAVENHAM (4 pts.)

FINAL TABLE

| Central Division | P | W | T | A/C | L | Pts. |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|-------------|
| GRAPPENHALL | 14 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 44 |
| TOFT | 14 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 44 |
| DAVENHAM | 14 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 32 |
| **TIMPERLEY | 14 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 32 |
| WARRINGTON | 14 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 28 |
| MOBBERLEY | 14 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 16 |
| ASHLEY | 14 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 11 |
| ASHTON on MERSEY VIKINGS | 14 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 11 |

***8 pts. deducted for fielding ineligible player in two games.*

The North-East Division was won by Urmston Tigers with Bowdon Vale Vikings runners-up.

Unbeaten Bollington Veterans topped the South-East Division, chased by Alderley Edge Wizards.

Chester won the West Division, with Neston runners-up.

Learning from Elite umpires

THERE is an opportunity for Cheshire members of the ECB ACO to listen to international umpires Marais Erasmus, Chris Jeffrey, Sundeman Ravi and referee David Boon before the Headingley Test between England and the West Indies.

They will be speaking and answering questions from fellow umpires in the Thomas Ambler Suite in the Marriott Hotel, Trevelyan Square, Leeds 4 from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23

Further information from League Umpires chairman Ian Greensmith at igre@blueyonder.co.uk

CHESHIRE GOING STRONG

CHESHIRE were dominant on the first day of their final **Unicorns county championship** match against Oxfordshire at Chester on Sunday.

Oxford were dismissed for 235 after reaching 91-1, Dan Woods claiming 4-66, Wayne White 3-62 and Rick Moore 2-40.

Former Leicestershire paceman White, now professional at Leek in the North Staffs & South-Cheshire League, was awarded his county cap by chairman David Bailey during the tea interval.

Openers Calum Rowe (93 – 11 fours and one six) and Danny Leech (65 - six fours and a six) combined in an unbroken stand worth 172 from 45 overs in reply.

When play resumed on Monday, Cheshire lost Rowe for 95 and Rick Moore for 13, but Leech was still there on 75 as the total reached 200-2 inside 45 minutes with the sun breaking out again. Play will resume on Tuesday at 11 a.m.

Cheshire cannot catch unbeaten Western division leaders Berkshire, who lead by 26 points, both with one game remaining.

The Cheshire team which underwent late changes is: Lee Dixon captain, Rick Moore, Harry Killoran (Chester Boughton Hall), Calum Rowe, Ed Fluck (Alderley Edge), Danny Leech (Oulton Park), Wayne White (Leek), Matt Stewart (Neston), Luke Robinson (Nantwich), Will Evans wicketkeeper (Neston), Dan Woods (York).

GOLF DAY

Entries are being taken for Cheshire County Cricket Club's annual Golf Day at Styal Golf Club on Friday, September 29.

The event is open to teams of four: past or present players, club members, ladies and supporters at £110 per team which includes a bacon butty and coffee at 12.30 p.m. Start at 1.30 p.m.

Contact any of the following: Peter Babbage 0161 612 8213 / 07906 540240; Rob Sproston 01270 624 638; or John Petch 0161 428 0381.

Romiley win Cheshire Shield

ROMILEY beat Ashton on Mersey by 96 runs in the final of the **Cheshire Shield** on Sunday.

In a match played at Birchvale Drive, the current League Division 2 leaders posted 217-7 from their 40 overs, then restricted Ashton on Mersey to 121-8 in reply.

Top scorer with 79, Romiley batsman Rick Holt was awarded the Man of the Match prize.

Cheshire Cup semi-finals on Sunday

THE **Cheshire Cup** semi-finals to be played on Sunday, August 20 (1 p.m.) are:

Chester Boughton Hall v New Brighton (umpires: Trevor Burnett & Phil Prince);

Timperley v Neston (umpires: Martin Roberts & Gary Zimmer)

WOMEN'S FINALS

ALSO to be staged at Boughton Hall on Sunday on the second ground is a triple header of **Cheshire Women's T20 League** finals (*reports Press Officer Martin Saxon*).

Starting at 10 a.m. is the Development Knock out final between Didsbury 2nd and Stockport Georgians.

This will be followed at 1.30 p.m. by the Knock out cup final between Chester Boughton Hall Deemons and Didsbury Swordettes

Lastly, with wickets pitched at 4.30 p.m., is the Divisional Competition final between Chester Boughton Hall Deemons and Stockport Trinity Fire.

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Runcorn lead UKFast League

RUNCORN established a 13 points lead at the top of the UKFast Cheshire League First Division on Saturday with a four wickets win at home to Hale Barns.

Beaten at Port Sunlight, Stockport Georgians lie second.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Ashton on Mersey 173-5 beat Barnton 171-4

Congleton 238-5 beat Haslington 79

Disley v Lymm Oughtrington Park cancelled

Irby 203-5 beat Middlewich 157

Port Sunlight 168-6 beat Stockport Georgians 166-7

Runcorn 216-6 beat Hale Barns 215-8

LATEST PLACINGS

1. Runcorn 311 points; 2. Stockport Georgians 298; 3. Disley 283; 4. Haslington 279; 5. Hale Barns 277; 6. Lymm 251; 7. Ashton on Mersey 239; 8. Congleton 237; 9. Port Sunlight 225; 10. Barnton 188; 11. Middlewich 173; 12. Irby 163.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 FIXTURES (1.30 p.m.)

Barnton v Irby

Hale Barns v Lymm Oughtrington Park

Haslington v Port Sunlight

Middlewich v Congleton

Runcorn v Ashton on Mersey

Stockport Georgians v Disley

***Umpire's quiz:* by Alistair Davies**

QUESTION 15: The front foot of a bowler, delivering right arm over, lands beyond the middle stump at that end. The ball is then delivered. What action should the umpire take?

ANSWER: If some part of the right-arm over bowler's front foot, in the delivery stride, does not land (whether grounded or raised) to the left hand side of an imaginary line joining the two middle stumps, the delivery should be called No ball. **Law 25.5 (b) (i)**

QUESTION 16: A match is being played without bails on the stumps. A fair delivery is missed completely by the striker. The ball glances the off stump as it goes by, but would probably not have dislodged a bail. There is an appeal. What should be the reaction of the umpire?

Cheshire 60s host Bedford

CAPTAINED by Nick Sharp, Cheshire are to meet Bedfordshire at Neston – not Grappenhall as originally arranged - on Tuesday this week in the **Seevent National Over 60s championship** Last 16 play-off (1 p.m.).

Macclesfield junior taken ill abroad

IN his latest excellent club Newsletter, Macclesfield chairman Simon Griffiths has sent the best wishes of all at the club to the club's prominent junior Under 15 cricketer Matthew Warham, who has suffered a heart attack while on holiday in Switzerland.

O The Macclesfield issue is one of several excellent publications sent regularly to the Editor of the *League Newsletter*. Others are Marple, Sale and Cheshire Women.

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LEAGUE WEBSITES ...

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

It can be located on:

www.cheshirecountycl.org.uk

For other League news including all 2017 season results, tables and fixtures visit Darren Sutcliffe's website:

www.cheshirecountycl.play-cricket.com/

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

Saturday's 1st XI results and tables are available on the website, together with scores from other divisions and cup competitions. .

Home clubs are reminded they **must post match results with points, plus brief details by 10 p.m. on Saturdays** - and ideally in full by that time. **Full details need to be posted by noon on Sundays**. Failure to do this will result in a fine. Several clubs are regularly failing to comply and fines are being imposed.

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