

Toft take lead as 100 per centers draw

FOLLOWING the first wet day of the season, Toft are the new ECB PREMIER LEAGUE leaders – by one point – Alderley Edge and Timperley losing their 100 per cent records when drawing with one another.

Almost all games were reduced in length after heavy morning rain and Toft had just nine balls to spare when they completed their three wickets victory over Didsbury at Booth's Park which took them into pole position.

In a 60 overs game, Didsbury were restricted to 130-8, Jack Rudd 39, Joe Stanley 3-24, Toft replying with 135-7 from 28.3 novers, Tom Forster 47, Matt Gregson 4-27.

The clash of the Big Two was transferred from Timperley to Alderley Edge by mutual agreement and reduced to 66 overs. Timperley opted to bat first and were almost completely reliant on Grant Hodnett for their tally of 189-9 from 33. He received 100 balls and hit 10 fours and four sixes in a splendid 102, while Aussie quick Hamish Winter-Irving (4-47) again made his mark.

Alderley were going well in response while Khalid Sawas, 53 was at the wicket, but later only skipper Adam Worrall, 38 and Tom Foreman, 28 made any mark as Jack White, 3-22 restricted the 2016 champions to a closing tally of 167-6. This allotted the draw points 13 – 9 in Timperley's favour,

Bowdon bowled out for 80

Runners-up in 2016 Bowdon suffered their fourth defeat and dropped to bottom spot in the table when they were bowled out for 80 and beaten by six wickets at Neston. Matt Tully top-scored with just 12 in Bowdon's poor tally, Ash Davis doing the main damage with 5-42. Neston were 8-3 at an early stage of their in reply before David Hurst's 27 steadied the ship in a closing tally of 81-4.

Cheadle did well to beat Bramhall by 105 runs at Kingsway after posting a decent tally of 192-7, Greg Dixon, 78 and Elliott Bullock 65, adding 134 for the fourth wicket, Simon Wilkinson 4-43. Bramhall then flopped to 87 all out after tea, Aamir Afzal 27, Josh Dooler 3-18, Rashid Amin 3-26.

Nantwich emerged 15 – 9 points ahead from their drawn game at Chester Boughton Hall. Luke Robinson top-scored with 77 and Ryan Brown 31 in the Dabbers' all-out 185, Jack Williams 3-38. Teenage all-rounder Harry Killoran continues to make big strides with the bat, top-scoring with 83 in Chester's reply of 180-9, Jack Williams, 34, helping him add 103 for the sixth wicket. Ollie Freckingham took 3-38 to keep CBH in check at the death.

It was very wet up in them thar hills where the Hyde v Grappenhall match was called off at Werneth Low without a ball bowled – seven points each.

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Fourth win for Widnes

WIDNES registered their fourth victory to stay top of **Division One** by an impressive nine wickets margin at Oxton.

Oxton were sent back for 115, Chris Williams 46, Marcus Fourie 5-12, to which Widnes responded with 118-1, F. Ughradar and all-rounder Fourie, 43, enjoying a century unbroken second wicket partnership.

Davenham continue to impress and their 11 runs victory over Sale at Butcher's Stile keeps them second, only three points behind the leaders. In a reduced game they totalled 132-5, then dismissed Sale for 121, despite a fine knock of 89 by Lancashire starlet Brooke Guest. Robin Taylor took 4-40.

Weaverham chalked up their first win of the season by nine runs to halt Bollington's gallop. Alex Nash scored 67 and Cohen McElroy 36 in Weaverham's tally of 166-4, to which Bolly replied with 157, Nathan Edgar 84. George McCormick 3-29, Russ Walker 3-28 and Rob McMillan 3-36 shared the wickets.

There was a close finish to the Oulton Park v Marple game at Little Budworth. The home side posted 159-8, Ben Kettle 37, Jack Grundy 3-18, Paul Wood 3-58. Skipper Wood then played a fine innings of 62 in Marple's reply which fell just short at 156-7, Mohammed Kashif keeping them in check with 3-44.

Urmston had much the better of a rain-reduced draw against Warrington at the UCG. They piled up 159-7, then restricted Warrington to 79-6.

Macclesfield are fourth after emerging with 13 – 7 draw points in a 70 overs match at Upton after posting 161-6. Upton got to 95-5 in reply

Barrow fend off Alvanley challenge

THE meeting of top two teams in **Division Two** – Barrow and Alvanley – resulted in a 13-7 draw in favour of the Crofters.

Alvanley replied with 80-6 (Mike Rowlands 24, Iro De Silva 3-17) after the home batsmen had totalled 176-8, David McClements 54. England women's off spinner Sophie Ecclestone took 3-36 and her brother James 2-42.

Lindow beat Cheadle Hulme by one wicket chasing just 86 (Waqar Hassan 25, Alex Matthews 4-38). Lindow batsmen also struggled to reach 87-9, Ryan O'Brien 38, Tom Whitehouse 4-15 before number 10 batsman Alex Matthews nicked the winning single.

Mobberley won by 25 runs at Bredbury after scoring 180-8 batting first, Nick Butters 71, Graham Barlow 3-40. Bredbury got to 155 in response.

Christleton beat Romiley by 13 runs in a low scoring affair at Little Heath. The home side scored 102, Shavaiz Saif 27, Mohan D'Souza 4-13, then bowled out the league newcomers for 89, Sam Astley 24, Saif winding up a good day with 5-26.

Stockport were four wickets winners against Northwich at Moss Farm, putting the home side in, then dismissing them for 109, Mark Walker 32, Andy Barber 3-20, Mark Green 3-32. Sam Edwards' not out 30 saw Stockport over the line at 114-6, Mohammed Ajmal taking 3-14 and Andy Dufty 3-40.

Brooklands emerged with a 14 – 8 draw from their home game against Tattenhall. Brooklands scored 199-7, A.J. Hart 81, David Madden 58 in a fourth wicket stand worth 123, Andy Styan 4-36. Tatters got to 166-6 after tea, the highlight being Glen Coppack's not out 93.

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SATURDAY, MAY 20 SCORELINES

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At Moss Lane:

ALDERLEY EDGE v TIMPERLEY (*switched from Timperley*)

Timperley 189-9 (33 overs: Hodnett 102, Winter-Irving 4-47).

Alderley Edge 167-6 (33 overs: Sawas 53, Worrall 38, White 3-22).

This was a 66 overs match.

RESULT: Drawn – Timperley 13 pts., Alderley Edge 9.

At Kingsway:

CHEADLE (won toss) v BRAMHALL

Cheadle 192-7 (39 overs: Dixon 86, Bullock 65 = 134 for 2nd wicket, Wilkinson 4-43)

Bramhall 87 (32 overs: Dooler 3-18, Amin 3-26).

This was a 78 overs match.

RESULT: Cheadle (25 pts.) beat Bramhall (7 pts.) by 105 runs

At Boughton Hall Avenue:

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v NANTWICH (won toss):

Nantwich 185 (40 overs: Robinson 77, Brown 31, Williams 3-38);

Chester 180-9 (40 overs: Killoran 83, Williams 34 = 103 for 6th wicket, Freckingham 3-38).

This was an 80 overs match.

RESULT: Drawn – Nantwich 15 pts., Chester 9 pts.

At Werneth Low:

HYDE v GRAPPENHALL:

Cancelled due to rain: 7 pts. each.

At Parkgate:

NESTON v BOWDON (won toss)

Bowdon 80 (41 overs: Tully 12, Davis 5-42, Stewart 2-13);

Neston 81-4 (21 overs: Hurst 27).

RESULT: Neston (25 pts.) beat Bowdon (1 pt.) by 6 wickets.

At Booth's Park

TOFT (won toss) v DIDSBURY

Didsbury 131-8 (30 overs: Rudd 39, Stanley 3-24);

Toft 135-7 (29 overs: Forster 47, Gregson 4-27).

RESULT: Toft (25 pts.) beat Didsbury (9 pts.) by 3 wickets.

Best of the Day

BATTING: Grant Hodnett (Timperley) 102 v Alderley Edge.

BOWLING: Ash Davis (Neston) 5-42 v Bowdon

ALL-ROUNDER: Jack Williams (Chester) 34 and 3-38 v Nantwich

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Division 1

At the Recreation Ground:

BOLLINGTON (won toss) v WEAVERHAM

Weaverham 166-4 (39 overs: Nash 67, McElroy 36);
Bollington 157 (38.1 overs: Edgar 84, McCormick 3-36, Walker 3-28, Walker 3-28).
This was a 78 overs match.

RESULT: Weaverham (25 pts.) beat Bollington (7 pts.) by 9 runs.

At Butcher's Stile:

DAVENHAM v SALE (won toss)

Davenham 132-5 (28 overs: Hunt 46);
Sale 121 (33 overs: Guest 69, Rizvi 32, Taylor 4-40).

RESULT: Davenham (25 pts.) beat Sale (8 pts.) by 11 runs.

At Pinfold Lane:

OULTON PARK v MARPLE (won toss)

Oulton Park 159-8 (35 overs: Kettle 37, Grundy 3-18, Wood 3-59);
Marple 156-7 (35 overs: Wood 62, Kashif 3-44).

This was a 70 overs match

RESULT: Drawn – Oulton Park 14 pts. Marple 8 pts.

At Townfield Lane:

OXTON v WIDNES (won toss)

Oxton 115 (- overs: Williams 46, Fourie 5-12, Ughradar 3-51);
Widnes 118-1 (20 overs: Ughradar 60no, Fourie 42no = 100 2nd wicket stand).

RESULT: Widnes (25 pts.) beat Oxton (0 pts.) by 9 wickets.

At Old Greasby Road:

UPTON (won toss) v MACCLESFIELD

Macclesfield 161-6 (35 overs);
Upton 95-5 (35 overs);

This was a 70 overs match.

RESULT – Drawn – Macclesfield 13 pts. Upton 7 pts.

At USC:

URMSTON v WARRINGTON (won toss)

Urmston 159-7 (30 overs);
Warrington 79-6 (30 overs).

This was a 60 overs match

RESULT: Drawn – Urmston 11 pts., Warrington 4 pts.

Best of Day ...

BATTING: Brooke Guest (Sale) 69 v Davenham

BOWLING: oMarcus Fourie (Widnes) 5-12 v Oxton

ALL-ROUNDER: o Marcus Fourie (Widnes) 42no and 5-12 v Oxton

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Division 2

At The Croft:

BARROW v ALVANLEY (won toss)

Barrow 176-8 (37 overs: McClements 54, Reid 34, Sophie Ecclestone 3-36);
Alvanley 80-6 (37 overs: I De Silva 3-17).

This was a 74 overs match.

RESULT: Drawn – Barrow 13 pts., Alvanley 7 pts.

At Hillside Road:

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

Mobberley 180-8 (30 overs: Butters 71, Barlow 3-40).

Bredbury 155 (29).

This was a 60 overs game

RESULT: Mobberley (25 pts.) beat Bredbury (7 pts.) by 25 runs

At Brooklands Sports Club:

BROOKLANDS v TATTENHALL (won toss)

Brooklands 199-7(38 overs: A.J. Hart 81, Madden 58 = 123 for 4th wicket, Styan 4-36);

Tattenhall 166-6 (38 overs: Coppack 93no.)

This was a 76 overs match.

RESULT: Drawn – Brooklands 13 pts., Tattenhall 8 pts.

At Little Heath:

CHRISTLETON (won toss) v ROMILEY

Christleton 102 (31 overs: D'Souza 4-13);

Romiley 89 (overs: Saif 5-26).

This was a 70 overs match.

RESULT: Christleton (25 pts.) beat Romiley (7 pts.) by 13 runs

At Upcast Lane:

LINDOW (toss) v CHEADLE HULME

Cheadle Hulme 86 (26 overs: Matthews 4-38);

Lindow 87-9 (33 overs: O'Brien 38, Whitehouse 4-15);

Cheadle Hulme 86 (26 overs: Matthews 4-38). *This was a 70 overs match.*

RESULT: Lindow (25 pts.) beat Cheadle Hulme (7 pts.) by 1 wicket.

At Moss Farm:

NORTHWICH v STOCKPORT (won toss)

Northwich 109 (32 overs: Walker 32, A. Barber 3-26, Green 3-32);

Stockport 114-6 (32 overs: Edwards 30no, Ajmal 3-24, A Dufty 3-40).

This was as 70 overs match.

RESULT: Stockport (25 pts.) beat Northwich (7 pts.) by 4 wickets.

Best of Day

BATTING: Glen Coppack (Tattenhall) 93no v Brooklands

BOWLING: Shavaiz Saif (Christleton) 5-26 v Romiley

ALL-ROUNDER: Shavaiz Saif (Christleton) 27 and 5-26 v Romiley

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TABLES INCLUDING SATURDAY, MAY 20

.... all played 5 games

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	W (25)	T (16)	WD (3)	RD (2)	LD (1)	A/C (7)	L	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
TOFT	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	3	114
TIMPERLEY	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	2	113
ALDERLEY E.	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	109
NESTON	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	5	86
CHEADLE	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	8	75
CHESTER BH	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	13	5	72
NANTWICH	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	22	12	65
* BRAMHALL	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	6	10	49
GRAPP'HALL	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	7	8	47
DIDSBURY	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	11	45
HYDE	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	16	6	45
BOWDON	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	8	10	44

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

<u>Division 1</u>	W	WD	RD	LD	A/C	L	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
WIDNES	4	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	106
DAVENHAM	3	2	0	0	0	0	16	6	103
BOLLINGTON	3	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	87
MACCLESFIELD	2	1	0	1	0	1	18	6	82
MARPLE	2	1	0	1	0	1	20	9	82
OXTON	2	1	0	0	0	2	14	3	77
OULTON PARK	2	1	0	1	0	1	10	10	70
* UPTON	1	0	0	0	0	3	18	7	55
WARRINGTON	1	0	0	1	0	3	12	7	51
URMSTON	0	1	0	0	0	3	33	8	47
WEAVERHAM	1	0	0	1	0	3	8	8	42
SALE	1	0	0	1	0	3	7	9	42

* Upton record includes 7 pts. for drawn match of less than 80 overs

<u>Division 2</u>	W	WD	RD	LD	A/C	L	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
BARROW	3	1	0	1	0	0	12	6	97
LINDOW	3	0	0	1	0	1	10	6	92
STOCKPORT	3	0	0	1	0	1	9	5	90
MOBBERLEY	3	0	0	1	0	1	7	4	87
BROOKLANDS	2	1	0	0	0	2	15	8	76
*ALVANLEY	2	1	0	1	0	1	10	6	76
*ROMILEY	2	1	0	0	0	2	8	7	72
CHRISTLETON	2	0	0	0	0	3	13	3	66
TATTENHALL	1	0	0	2	0	2	19	10	56
*NORTHWICH	0	3	0	0	0	2	28	13	57
*CHEADLE HULME	1	0	0	1	0	3	12	6	48
BREDBURY ST. MK.	0	1	0	0	0	4	21	10	34

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

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Saturday, May 27: League fixtures/umpires

ECB Premier League (all 12.30 p.m. - Reader Superior balls again to be used)

BOWDON v ALDERLEY EDGE

Phil Prince & John Potts

BRAMHALL v TOFT
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v TIMPERLEY
DIDSBURY v HYDE
GRAPPENHALL v NESTON
NANTWICH v CHEADLE

Paul Herring & Steve Walton
Chris Rigg & Gary Zimmer
Alistair Davies & Barry Burns
Chris Smith & Graham Pugh
David Gane & John Williams

First Division (1 p.m. unless stated)

MACCLESFIELD V OXTON
MARPLE V DAVENHAM
SALE V URMSTON
WARRINGTON V UPTON *(12 noon)*
WEAVERHAM V OULTON PARK
WIDNES V BOLLINGTON

Ron Bedson & Ian Greensmith
Graham Harris & Ken Rothwell
John Lowe & Martin Roberts
Ankin Jain & Garry Hambleton
Trevor Burnett & Nord
Brian Boys & Graham Church

Second Division (all 1 p.m.)

ALVANLEY V NORTHWICH
CHEADLE HULME V CHRISTLETON
MOBBERLEY V LINDOW
ROMILEY V BROOKLANDS
STOCKPORT V BREDBURY ST. MARK'S
TATTENHALL V BARROW

Ian Baker & Darrin Clark
Dion Kelly & Seville (tel. 7843 389 62)
Peter Davies & Shiva Venkat
Steve Kirkbright & Jason Pawluk
Ray Prescott & Keith Tysall
Graham Cookson & Steve Jackson

Saturday, May 13 Ground reports:

UMPIRES' Pitch and Outfield reports from Saturday, May 13 (maximum 20):

ECB Premier League:

Bowdon v Timperley: pitch 16; outfield 20.
Bramhall v Chester 16 – 18;
Didsbury v Cheadle 15 - 19
Grappenhall v Toft 16 - 20
Nantwich v Alderley Edge 16 - 20
Neston v Hyde 16 – 20.

Division 1:

Macclesfield v Urmston pitch 17 outfield 18. ;
Marple v Sale 16 - 17
Oulton Park v Bollington 17 - 18
Warrington v Davenham 16 – 16
Weaverham v Oxtun 18 – 19.
Widnes v Upton 16 – 19.

Division 2:

Alvanley v Stockport: pitch 18 outfield 19
Barrow v Brooklands 18 – 19
Cheadle Hulme v Bredbury 17 – 18
Mobberley v Northwich 19 – 18
Romiley v Lindow 17 – 17
Tattenhall v Christleton 19 - 20

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JOSEPH HOLT T20 ROUND-UP

Tons for Brenner and Goodwin

SUPERB centuries by Timperley's Rudolf Brenner and Warren Goodwin of Chester Boughton Hall highlighted the second round of group games in the **Joseph Holt T20 Trophy**.

Brenner scored 148 off 62 balls (seven fours and 15 sixes) in a brilliant first wicket stand of 251 against Lindow with Dan Cooper, 86 as Timperley rattled up 277-3 from their 20 overs. Lindow replied with a spirited 182-6, Ryan O'Brien 50.

Goodwin's century for CBH came off 61 balls and included nine fours and five sixes, helping his side total 195-4 at nearby Barrow, who replied with 175-5.

England women's spinner Sophie Ecclestone took 3-24 to help Alvanley win at Christleton, while Bowdon enjoyed a five wickets victory at Mobberley, Dewi Jones 4-23.

Trophy holders Bramhall got off to a winning start, by seven wickets at neighbours Cheadle Hulme, Simon Wilkinson 4-8, Adam Wilde 49 not out.

Stockport beat Premiership side Cheadle by 14 runs at Cale Green, Zafar Jatoi 73 not out.

There was a tight finish to the Alderley Edge v Toft game, 'Edge winning by one run, Tom Foreman 56

In the derby clash between Bollington and Macclesfield, there was a time penalty imposed and Macc scraped home by two runs off the last ball chasing 155.

Hyde showed their true form for the first time this season with a nine wickets win at Marple.

The Romiley v Bredbury result was not filed.

O All queries should be directed to Competition secretary Geoff Wellsteed, who reminds clubs of the new ruling which allows games unplayed due to rain to be mutually re-arranged within six days.

If that is not achievable, both teams receive one point.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Wednesday: Group 3:

BARROW (won toss) lost to CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (2 pts.) by 20 runs.

Chester 195-4 (20 overs: Goodwin 106, Law 32, Moore 31);

Barrow 175-5 (20 overs: McClements 47, Johnson 32, Charlie Fleet 2-31).

Thursday: Group 3

CHRISTLETON (won toss) lost to ALVANLEY (2 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Christleton 91-7 (20 overs: Saif 22, Sophie Ecclestone 3-24);

Alvanley 92-2 (8 overs: Rowlands 61no).

Group 4:

LINDOW (won toss) lost to TIMPERLEY (2 pts.) by 95 runs:

Timperley 277-3 (20 overs: Brenner 148, Cooper 86 = 251 for 1st wicket);

Lindow 182-6 (20 overs: O'Brien 50, Butt 34, Parfett 32, Lawrence 2-11, Brown 2-34).

MOBBERLEY (won toss) lost to BOWDON (2 pts.) by 5 wickets:

Mobberley 103 (20 overs: Aqeel 61, Tully 4-13, Jones 4-23);

Bowdon 104-5 (13 overs: Hey 29, Butters 20-2, Northover 2-15).

Group 7:

CHEADLE HULME (won toss) lost to BRAMHALL (2 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Cheadle Hulme 103 (19 overs: Hassan 28, Wilkinson 4-8, Littlewood 2-8, Naseer 2-38);

Bramhall 106-3 (8 overs: Wilde 49no.)

STOCKPORT (2 pts.) beat CHEADLE (won toss) by 14 runs:

Stockport 154-4 (20 overs: Jatoi 73no, Appleyard 2-31);

Cheadle 140 (20 overs: Bullock 29, Van Eeden 3-21, Facer 3-24).

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T20 results contd

Group 9:

ALDERLEY EDGE (won toss, 2 pts.) beat TOFT by 1 run.

Alderley Edge 149-8 (20 overs: Foreman 56, Lomas 3-19, Talbot 3-21);

Toft 148-6 (20 overs: Sehmi 62, Winter-Irving 2-17, Foreman 2-21).

BOLLINGTON lost to MACCLESFIELD (won toss, 2 pts.) by 2 runs:

Macclesfield 157-5 (20 overs: Melrose 43, Smith 31no, Seale 2-16, Dickinson 2-42);

Bollington 155 (19 overs: Ward 34, Birchall 2-16, Porter 3-20, Melrose 2-32, Marsden 2-41).

Group 10: Thursday

MARPLE lost to HYDE (won toss, 2 pts.) by 9 wickets:

Marple 99-8 (20 overs: Wood 47, Whittaker 2-12, Young 2-15, Cranmer 2-29);

Hyde 102-1 (14 overs: Waterhouse 46no, Duffy 42no).

ROMILEY v BREDBURY result not reported.

Thursday's group fixtures & umpires (6 p.m. starts)

Group 2: UPTON v OXTON	John Hacking & Jason Pawluk
Group 2: WARRINGTON v GRAPPENHALL	Ian Greensmith & David Williams
Group 5: DAVENHAM v NORTHWICH	Ian Wilson & Steve Walton
Group 6: OULTON PARK v TATTENHALL	Geoff Young & Barrie Burns
Group 8: SALE v DIDSBURY	Chris Rigg & Chris Smith
Group 8: BROOKLANDS v URMSTON	Shiva Venkat & Martin Roberts

2nd XI Joseph Holt group games & umpires (Tuesday, May 23)

ALDERLEY EDGE v BRAMHALL	Steve Walton & Graham Cookson
BOLLINGTON v CHEADLE	Steve Kirkbright & John Lowe
CHEADLE HULME v LINDOIW	Martin Howe & Graham Harris
OXTON v WEAVERHAM	Dion Kelly & David Williams
WIDNES v ALDERLEY EDGE	Steve Jackson & Graham Pugh
DAVENHAM v CHESTER	Nord & Brian Boys

Friday, May 26

MARPLE v HYDE (at Hyde)	Paul Herring & Keith Tysall
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T20 tables including Thursday, May 18

Group 1	P	W (2)	C/AB (1)	L	Pts.	Run rate
NESTON	1	1	0	0	2	9.1
OXTON	1	0	0	1	0	4.95
UPTON	0	0	0	0	0	-

Group 2

WARRINGTON	1	1	0	0	2	7.6
WIDNES	1	0	0	1	0	5.9
GRAPPENHALL	0	0	0	0	0	-

Group 3

ALVANLEY	1	1	0	0	2	11.5
CHESTER BO. HALL	1	1	0	0	2	9.75
BARROW	1	0	0	1	0	8.75
CHRISTLETON	1	0	0	1	0	4.55

Group 4

TIMPERLEY	1	1	0	0	2	13.85
BOWDON	1	1	0	0	2	8.10
LINDOW	1	0	0	1	0	9.10
MOBBERLEY	1	0	0	1	0	5.15

Group 5

NORTHWICH	1	0	0	0	2	8.65
WEAVERHAM	1	0	0	1	0	7.0
DAVENHAM	0	0	0	0	0	-

Group 6

NANTWICH	1	0	0	0	2	7.9
OULTON PARK	1	0	0	1	0	5.2
TATTENHALL	0	0	0	0	0	-

Group 7

STOCKPORT	1	1	0	0	2	7.70
BRAMHALL	1	1	0	0	2	5.88
CHEADLE	1	0	0	1	0	7.00
CHEADLE HULME	1	0	0	1	0	5.42

Group 8

DIDSBURY	1	1	0	0	2	7.65
SALE	1	1	0	0	2	7.66
BROOKLANDS	1	0	0	1	0	?
URMSTON	1	0	0	1	0	6.9

Group 9

BOLLINGTON	1	1	0	0	2	8.16
ALDERLEY EDGE	1	1	0	0	2	7.45
MACCLESFIELD	1	0	0	1	0	7.85
TOFT	1	0	0	1	0	7.40

Group 10

HYDE	1	1	0	0	2	7.3
MARPLE	1	0	0	1	0	4.95
ROMILEY	-	-	-	-	-	-
BREDBURY ST. MK.	-	-	-	-	-	-

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OVER 40s ROUND-UP

Hat-trick for Neil Fairbrother

ONE of Grappenhall's longest-serving and definitely best-known players. Neil Fairbrother took a hat-trick in a 4-4 return in an **Over Forties** Central Division game victory over Ashton on Mersey Vikings at Broad Lane on Wednesday last week.

Former Lancashire and England Test batsman Fairbrother, who fits in his mid-week cricket alongside many other responsibilities – he is a leading agent - helped his side to a 77 runs victory, his 4-4 coming off four overs to restrict Ashton on Mersey to 65-8. Earlier, Grappers had scored 142 and top the table after three games.

Weather dealt a hand for the first time, the only other game completed in the division seeing Toft beat Ashley by 33 runs.

In the North East zone, Brooklands beat Bowdon, but the other three games were rained off.

All games in the South East Division were hit by rain.

Three games were played in the traditionally drier West division, with victories for Chester Blazers, Oxton and reigning champions Neston. Weaverham v Caldy was off.

Home clubs are urged to use the website as the favoured method of reporting results – full details if possible, please - whether or not the match was played. Alternatively e-mail mike.t.b@talktalk.net.

Fines will be imposed on home clubs not posting results within 48 hours.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 RESULTS

Central Division

GRAPPENHALL (4 pts.) beat ASHTON ON MERSEY VIKINGS by 77 runs:

Grappenhall 142 (Radage 33, Green 32, Savage 4-23);

Ashton on Mersey 65-8 (Fairbrother 4-4 inc. hat-trick).

MOBBERLEY vTIMPERLEY: Cancelled 2 pts. each (assumed result; no report received).

TOFT (4 pts.) beat ASHLEY by 33 runs:

Toft 130-3 (S. Hardstaff 32, S. Locke 31);

Ashley 97-8 (Busby 31, Bishop 2-8, Scott 2-10).

WARRINGTON lost to DAVENHAM (4 pts.) by 10 wickets:

Warrington 101-7;

Davenham 107-0.

North-East Division

BOWDON VALE VIKINGS v CHEADLE no result – Cancelled: 2 pts. each

BROOKLANDS (4 pts.) beat BOWDON by 8 wickets:

Bowdon 98-7 (Mitchell 4-15, Law 3-11);

Brooklands 99-2 (Law 31, White 30).

CHEADLE HULME v SALE SILVERBACKS: Cancelled due to rain 2 pts. each.

WHALLEY RANGERS URMSTON TIGERS: Cancelled due to rain 2 pts. each.

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South-East Division

BOLLINGTON VETERANS v ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS: Cancelled due to rain 2 pts. each

MACCLESFIELD v BREDBURY SAINTS: Cancelled due to rain 2 pts. each

OFFERTON v BRAMHALL: Cancelled due to rain 2 pts. each

WOODLEY v POYNTON LEGENDS: Cancelled due to rain 2 pts. each

West Division

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL BLAZERS (4 pts.) beat UPTON by 9 wickets:

Upton 86-7 (Charles 30, I Sharrock 20, Yahathugoda 2-30);

Chester 88-1 (Stedman 33, Curtis 30)

IRBY lost to OXTON (4 pts.) by 34 runs:

Oxton 140-5 (Clayton 32, Anijeet 30, Filer 340);

Irby 106-5 (Lea 30, D. Newman 27).

TATTENHALL WRECKERS lost to NESTON (4 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Tattenhall 132-3;

Neston 133-3.

WEAVERHAM v CALDY: Cancelled due to rain 2 pts. each

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 FIXTURES (6 p.m.)

Central Division: Ashley v Mobberley (Thursday, May 25); Ashton on Mersey Vikings v Warrington; Davenham v Toft; Timperley v Grappenhall (Tuesday, May 23).

North-East Division: Bowdon v Bowdon Vale Vikings; Cheadle v Urmston Tigers; Cheadle Hulme v Whalley Rangers (to be played on Tuesday, May 23); Sale Silverbacks v Brooklands

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

West Division: Caldly v Irby; Chrster Boughton Hall Blazers v Neston (original fixture switched to Chester); Oxton v Tattenhall Wreckers; Upton v Weaverham.

Iain in D Day Sky dive

SALE Silverbacks skipper Iain Harrop, aged 50, took part in a D Day Veterans World record sky-dive on Saturday, May 13, which received national television and newspaper coverage.

Iain is a close friend of D Day veteran Verdun Hayes who organised the event which raised funds nationally and for Sale CC

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Forties tables after 3 games

Central Division	P	W	T	A/C	L	Pts.
		(4)	(3)	(2)		
GRAPPENHALL	3	3	0	0	0	12
WARRINGTON	3	2	0	1	1	10
DAVENHAM	3	2	0	0	1	8
TIMPERLEY	3	2	0	0	0	8
TOFT	3	2	0	0	1	8
ASHTON on MERSEY	3	0	0	0	3	0
ASHLEY	3	0	0	0	3	0
MOBBERLEY	3	0	0	1	2	2

Games conceded: Mobberley 1.

North-East Division	P	W	T	A/C	L	Pts.
BROOKLANDS	3	2	0	1	1	10
SALE SILVERBACKS	3	2	0	1	0	10
CHEADLE	3	2	0	1	0	10
CHEADLE HULME	3	1	0	1	1	6
URMSTON TIGERS	3	1	0	1	1	6
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	3	1	0	1	1	6
BOWDON	3	0	0	1	2	2
WHALLEY RANGERS	3	0	0	1	2	2

South-East Division	P	W	T	A/C	L	Pts.
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	3	2	0	1	0	10
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	3	2	0	1	0	10
BRAMHALL	3	1	0	1	1	6
BREDBURY SAINTS	3	1	0	1	1	6
MACCLESFIELD	3	1	0	1	1	6
POYNTON LEGENDS	3	1	0	1	1	6
OFFERTON	3	0	0	1	2	2
WOODLEY	3	0	0	1	2	2

Games conceded: Woodley 1.

West Division	P	W	T	A/C	L	pts.
CHESTER BO. HALL BLAZERS	3	3	0	0	0	12
NESTON	3	3	0	0	0	12
UPTON	3	2	0	0	1	8
OXTON	3	2	0	0	1	8
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	3	1	0	0	2	4
CALDY	3	0	0	1	2	2
WEAVERHAM	3	0	0	1	2	2
IRBY	3	0	0	0	3	0

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Unicorns ko group completed

STAFFS PIP CHESHIRE FOR

TOP QUARTER-FINAL SPOT

CHESHIRE let a golden situation slip from their grasp before losing by 55 runs to Staffordshire at Knypersley in their final **Unicorns knock out** group game on Sunday.

This means that Staffs win the group while Cheshire earn a place in the quarter-finals as runners-up and travel to Herefordshire on Sunday, June 11.

Staffs were in deep trouble at 129-9, but recovered with a remarkable 10th wicket stand of exactly 100 between tail-enders Karl High, 50 not out and Greg Gillett, not out 48. Leek paceman Warren White claimed 6-37

In reply, Cheshire were well poised at 131-5 with 20 overs left, with Calum Rowe out for 29 and Warren Goodwin 27. But when Rick Moore was dismissed for a top-scoring 71, the innings collapsed to 174 all out, Tom Maxfield returning 5-25.

Cheshire team: Lee Dixon captain, Rick Moore, Jack Williams, Warren Goodwin (Chester), Will Evans (Neston), Jack Seward (Formby), Dan Woods (York), Wayne White (Leek), Callum Rowe (Alderley Edge), Ollie Freckingham (Nantwich), Jack White (Timperley).

O Cheshire's next outing is their 50 overs challenge match against Staffs to be played at Nantwich on Bank Holiday Monday (11 a.m.).

Three left in National ko

ROUND 3 draw in the **Royal London National Club knock out** to be played on Sunday, June 4 (1 p.m.) includes the following games involving County League clubs:

Group 5:

Bamford Fieldhouse v HYDE

Group 6:

BOWDON v Bootle

Norrthern v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL

New electronic scoreboard @ Warrington

WARRINGTON's new electronic scoreboard is to be officially opened at a ceremony on Sunday, June 4.

The scoreboard, to be dedicated to the cub's long-serving player and groundsman Paul Agar, will be opened at 1 pm., with a short ceremony, followed by refreshments.

Cheadle Hulme's new skipper

NEW captain of Cheadle Hulme is South African Juan-Jacques Strydom, who takes the place of Jordan Potts.

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Bramhall amass 358-5 in Cheshire Cup

BRAMHALL were top scorers by a wide margin in the first round of the **Cheshire Cup** on Sunday, picking 358-5 off the Broadbottom attack to win by 172 runs

Reigning County League champions Alderley Edge shocked the competition by conceding their tie at New Brighton through shortage of players.

Other concessions were by Davenham at Oxtron and Widnes at home to Toft.

Bowdon were bowled out for 67 and lost by five runs at Cheadle and holders Hyde cruised through by nine wickets at home to Nantwich.

ROUND 1 RESULTS

DIDSBURY 234-8 (Normanton 51) beat CALDY 161

GRAPPENHALL 110-2 (Lynch 78) beat OULTON PARK 109

WIDNES conceded to TOFT

UPTON 72 lost to PORT SUNLIGHT 73-7

NEW BRIGHTON walk over ALDERLEY EDGE conceded

BROADBOTTON 186 lost to BRAMHALL 358-5 (Walsh 77, Wilkinson 82, Afsal 62, Johnson 60)

MACCLESFIELD 225-5 (Tudor 70) beat BOLLINGTON 212-7 (Barrass 56, Ward 60);

CHEADLE 72 beat BOWDON 67

WESTON 190-5 beat URMSTON 163

OXTON walk over DAVENHAM conceded

HYDE 92-1 beat NANTWICH 88

Sunday, May 28:

WALLASEY v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL

Round 2 draw (Sunday, June 25)

Didsbury v Warrington

Wallasey or Chester Boughton Hall v Grappenhall

Toft v Elworth

Port Sunlight v New Brighton

Bramhall v Macclesfield

Timperley v Cheadle

Weston v Neston

Hyde v Oxton

Cheshire Shield preliminary round centurions

IN their heavy defeat of Stockport Trinity at Moss Farm, Northwich batsmen Mark Walker (115 not out) and Sri Lanka Chandrika Wathukarage (112) enjoyed a double century partnership)

Sunday's results:

NORTHWICH 285-3 (Walker 115no, Wathukarage 112) beat STOCKPORT TRINTY 156

HALE BARNS 154 lost to HAWK GREEN 158-5.

Above information kindly provided by Cheshire Cup organiser Peter Hayes.

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Cheshire Sixties rained off

CHESHIRE's **National Over 60s championship** home game against Lincolnshire at Barnton on Tuesday last week was postponed due to rain. No new date has yet been agreed.

FIFTIES LOSE IN NORTH-EAST

IN their first National Over 50s championship match, against Northumberland at Allandale on Wednesday last week, Cheshire lost by 7 wickets. Scores:

Cheshire 205 (Gary Cash 71, Phil Catterall 28); Northumberland 209-3.

On Wednesday this week Cheshire take on Lancashire at Grappenhall (1 p.m.).

Haslington lead Cheshire League

HASLINGTON top the **UKFast Cheshire League** First Division by two points after winning by five wickets at Irby on Saturday. Results:

Ashton on Mersey 144-1 beat Middlewich 141-8

Congleton 198-4 drew with Stockport Georgians 154-9

Disley 142-7 beat Hale Barns 137

Irby 94 lost to Haslington 95-5

Port Sunlight 159-8 beat Lymm OP. 140

Runcorn 153-9 drew with Barnton 188-8.

Placings after 5 games: 1. Haslington 87 pts.; 2. Stockport Georgians 85; 3. Ashton on Mersey 77; 4. Lymm 72; 5. Runcorn 71; 6. Port Sunlight 64; 7. Hale Barns 63; 8. Disley 57; 9. Barnton 47; 10. Congleton 47; 11. Irby 45; 12. Middlewich 38.

Division 1 fixtures to be played on Saturday, May 27 (1.30 p.m.):

Barnton v Ashton on Mersey; Hale Barns v Runcorn; Haslington v Congleton; Lymm OP v Disley; Middlewich v Irby; Stockport Georgians v Port Sunlight.

***Umpires' quiz:* by Alistair Davies**

LSST WEEK'S QUESTION: The striker is standing on the popping crease. He misses a fair delivery and the ball strikes the helmet of the wicket-keeper standing up to the stumps. The ball rebounds directly onto the stumps. The striker has not moved. There is an appealshould the umpire give the batsman out or not out?

ANSWER: The batsman having made his ground is protected if he then leaves it in order to avoid being hit or because of injury. The decision is therefore Not Out.

THIS WEEK'S POSER: The striker is standing on the popping crease. He then misses a fair delivery and the ball strikes the helmet of the wicket-keeper standing up to the stumps. The ball then rebounds directly onto the wicket. The striker has not moved. There is an appeal. What should be the outcome?

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WEBSITE INFORMATION ...

The League's Pitchero website administered by Richard Fennah contains recent 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 fixtures and results to date 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, then Fixtures, then 2017 Fixtures, which are set out in colour.

Saturday's 1st XI results are available on the website, together with scores from lower divisions.

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 an immediate fine and several clubs have failed to toe the line in the first three weeks

A Diamond Day

WYN and Mike Talbot-Butler would like to thank the many kind people who sent cards and best wishes on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding anniversary on Thursday, May 18.

MTB says: "We were joined by our sons Mark and Nicholas and their wives on a very happy 60th which we shall long remember. I would especially like to thank my colleagues on the Cricket Committee who sent us an autographed card, as I was unable to be present at their May meeting that evening - for obvious reasons".

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