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NESTON ARE T20 CHAMPIONS

NESTON won the League's **Joseph Holt T20** competition - and with it the coveted Fred Graham Trophy for the second time - when they beat Didsbury by four wickets in a superb Finals Day at Hyde on Sunday.

Neston now go on to represent the league by hosting the ECB National T20 Area Finals at Parkgate on Sunday, July 30 when they will take on the Greater Manchester League winners; also appearing will be the North & South Cheshire League and North Wales winners.

Hyde put on a great show on Sunday with the crowd nearing 1,000 at the peak of a gloriously sunny afternoon – until the host club themselves were knocked out in a sensational semi-final by the ultimate winners.

The Neston v Hyde semi was the highlight of the summer-long competition, wonderful batsmanship realising 480 runs - and the loss of many pink balls into the foothills of the Pennines.

Hyde racked up 243-7 from 20 overs, skipper Danny Berry hitting 130 off 52 balls and Elliott Young 34 not out, while Matt Stewart took 3-48. Berry's remarkable innings was to be topped by David Hurst in Neston's reply of 247-4 in 19 overs, scoring 150 off 58 balls in alliance with left-hander Luke Camden, 81 not out from 47 balls.

In the earlier, less boisterous semi-final, Didsbury reached 170-7 (Tim Hughes 45, Jack Rudd 40, Sam Leech 38, Ed Galley 2-31), then played some fine cricket to bowl Timperley out for 139 (Nathan Brown 52, Ed Galley 31, Liam Booth 3-21).

Tight final

The final was a less spectacular, yet equally tense and enjoyable game. Didsbury scored a par 187-8, Jack Rudd outscoring his colleagues with a fluent 75. Ash Davis took 3-32 and veteran Chris Hackett 2-24 including a spectacular caught & bowled to dismiss Alan Day.

Needing more than eight an over, Neston were in trouble with earlier heroes Hurst and Camden out for a combined total of two runs. But Cheshire wicket-keeper/batsman Will Evans became their rock with a masterful 88 before being lbw to Matt Gregson with work still to do. However, Dom Smith with 34 and Hackett, 19, were up to the job and saw their side home at 188-6 with seven balls to spare. The best bowler of the day, Liam Booth finished with 3-28.

In the aftermath, Ron Graham, over from his home in Spain, presented the family-donated trophy to Neston skipper Simon Stokes. The Man of the Match award went to Will Evans and a pack of sponsors' beer to David Hurst for the Innings of the Day. Cheques of sponsorship cash were presented to all four finalists.

Competition organiser Geoff Wellsted praised the four teams for the high standard of play to which they had treated the large crowd and thanked the Hyde club, notably Paul Chorlton and Keith Duffy, for their excellent organisation.

The umpires were Brian Boys, Alistair Davies, Gary Zimmer and Darrin Clark.

Newsletter offers special thanks for the provision of detailed information on the League website by Neston scorer Nigel Hardern.

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ECB PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Timperley's home to be King's School, Chester

DUE to the continuing unfitness of their ground at Stockport road, Timperley have agreed to stage the next three **ECB Premiership League** home fixtures at King's School, Chester, with the approval of the League.

Having played all 12 matches so far away from home because their ground has not recovered from extensive winter drainage and surface repair work, Timperley will play their next three games at King's against Bramhall next Saturday, Nantwich on July 22 and Bowdon on July 29.

A further assessment of Timperley's home ground will be made by a league inspection team later in July.

Meanwhile, beleaguered Timperley lost further leeway in the title race when they suffered their second defeat, by four wickets at Didsbury after totalling 218-9.

Dan Cooper scored 51 and Nathan Brown 44 as the innings wilted to 113-7. Then Rudolf Brenner came in at nine to smack a speedy unbeaten 60. Matt Gregson took 5-67.

Didsbury replied with 220-6 in 43 overs, Jack Rudd 82 and Simon Normanton 79 adding 132 for the third wicket.

Leaders Alderley Edge and Chester Boughton Hall both won to create a gap at the top. Alderley's ninth win was by seven wickets at Grappenhall whom they bowled out for 111, Peter Barnes 51, Richard Wilkinson 5-37, Charlie Reid 4-19. Calum Rowe contributed an unbeaten 70 to a reply of 113-3 in 24 overs.

Harry Killoran 7-40 for Chester at Neston

Highlight of Chester Boughton Hall's eighth victory, by 58 runs at Neston, was a fine performance by teenage off spinner Harry Killoran. He enjoyed figures of 15-4-40-7 to help dismiss Neston for 142, David Hurst 58.

Earlier Chester had scored 200, Rick Moore 41, Warren Goodwin and Alex Money both 32 and Ross Dixon an unbeaten 30, while Chris Finegan took 4-50.

Nantwich continued their upsurge with a 15-run victory in an entertaining game at Bramhall after posting 247, Irish World Cup player Niall O'Brien 107, Ifti Naseer 5-71. Bramhall got close at 232, Naseer completing a good day personally with 80.

Toft trounced bottom club Bowdon by 118 runs at South Downs road after posting a best of the day tally of 266-5, Tom Forster's 110 including 16 fours in partnerships with Henry Hughes, 58 and James Drummond, 56 not out. Sultan Raja took 3-37.

Pat Ashling's 47 was top scorer in Bowdon's innings of 148 after tea, Forster taking 2-16.

Hyde showed something like last season's form with a high-scoring five wickets victory against Cheshire at Werneth Low. Will Holmes scored a splendid 139 (20 fours and four sixes) in Cheshire's 259-5, Jason Whittaker 5-48.

Hyde hit back with 260-5 in only 44 overs, Danny Berry 68 not out, George Balderson 39, Ryan Waterhouse 39 not out.

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DIVISION 1: *Mid-Cheshire in lead*

OULTON Park and Davenham are aiming to introduce a Mid-Cheshire element into Premier League cricket next season.

Oulton increased their **First Division** lead to 36 points with a hard-earned 61-runs victory at Little Budworth against Urmston, which seemed unlikely when they were 53-5 after an hour's play. Martin East held the innings together with a fine 68 aided by Ben Gibbon 39 and Jack Oldham 32, in an impressive final tally of 201, James Espley taking 4-41.

Urmston had no such mid-innings stalwarts and collapsed to 140, Max Buckley 28 not out, against Andy Hards 3-16 and Matt Parkinson 3-61.

Davenham moved up to second place with an overwhelming 10-wicket derby win at Weaverham, after bowling out their hosts for 71, Danny Hancock 4-12, Robin Taylor 3-30. Davenham knocked off the runs in 16 overs.

Bollington suffered an unexpected 52-runs home defeat to Upton, mustering only 122 in reply to the Wirralians 174, Darren Warburton 56, Jake Dikckinson 4-48, Dario Seale 3-42.

Macclesfield moved up with a four wickets win over struggling Warrington, who were ousted for 173, Jo Els 83, Rob Porter 4-30, Craig Melrose 3-66. With 77 not out, Tom Tudor led Macc's charge to 176-6 from 38 overs.

Marple enjoyed a winning draw at home to Oxton after Mark Makin's splendid unbeaten 136 (13 fours and a six) and Mark Bennett, 30 added 115 for the second wicket in a tally of 229-4. Oxton held out at 178-8 largely due to skipper Andy Gibson, 73. Andy Greasley took 3-37.

Widnes kept up their promotion hopes with a 13-7 points draw at home to Sale after posting 207, Dan Naughton 75. Sale hung on grimly at 167-5, Mat Spels 81 not out. Widnes tried 10 bowlers, all but James Wearden having a go.

DIVISION 2: Ninth win for Barrow

TOP versus Bottom in **Division Two** proved no match with leaders Barrow beating winless Bredbury St. Mark's by nine wickets at The Croft.

The only league club yet to taste victory, Bredbury mustered only 98, Darren Carr 35, Iro De Silva 5-37, Phil Johnson 4-25, Barrow replying with 101-1, Alex Reid 58 not out.

New boys Romiley keep them close company in second place with a nine wickets home win against Stockport, whom they dismissed for 128, Aiden Van Eeden 41, James Bashford 5-37, Mohan D'Souza 3-34. Romiley replied with 132-1, Rick Holt 65, David Badrock 47, both not out.

Third placed Lindow lie 19 points further behind after managing only a winning draw at Brooklands, batting first to post 168-9, Charlie Williams 41 not out, Rob Leach 4-53. Brooklands held out at 151-9, Kevin Carroll 64, Tim Young 3-32.

Alvanley continue to improve , a score of 233-7 earning them a winning draw at home to Christleton, Si Gee 69, Stephen Charles 50. Christleton responded with a sturdy 198-8, Josh Morgan Jones 71.

Mobberley won by 37 runs at Cheadle Hulme, batting first to post 219-9, Matt Mountney 80 not out, Nick Butters 53, Tom Whitehouse 4-26. The Grove Park side reached 182 thanks to Jordan Potts 69 and Richard Richardson 54. But the key was held by Abdul Aqeel with 5-38 and Josh Northover 4-37.

Northwich had the better of a low-scoring draw against Tattenhall on sharply-turning pitch at the Flacca. Their tally of 134 did not look enough at the tea interval, Joe Walker 34, Glinoj Cherian 32, Stuart Sadler a fine 6-32. But Tatters mustered only 129-8 , John Gibbon 33. Mel Dobson held out with a gritty 20 not out from 61 balls to deny further success to off-spinner Andy Dufty, 4-25.

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SATURDAY, JULY 8 MATCH DETAILS

ECB Premier League

At South Downs Road:

BOWDON v TOFT (won toss)

Toft 266-5 (55 overs: Forster 110, Hughes 58, J. Drummond 56no, Sultan Raja 3-37);

Bowdon 148 (44 overs: P Ashling 47).

Toft (25 pts.) beat Bowdon (3 pts.) by 118 runs

At Church Lane:

BRAMHALL v NANTWICH (toss)

Nantwich 247(49 overs: O 'Brien 107, Naseer 5-71);

Bramhall 232 (50 overs: Naseer 80).

Nantwich (25 pts.) beat Bramhall (8 pts.) by 15 runs

At Wilmslow Road

DIDSBURY (toss) v TIMPERLEY

Timperley 218-9 (55 overs: Brenner 60no, Cooper 51, Brown 44, Gregson 5-67);

Didsbury 220-6 (43 overs: Rudd 82, Normanton 79 = 132 for 3rd wicket, Brenner 5-65).

Didsbury (25 pts.) beat Timperley (8 pts.) by 4 wickets.

At Broad Lane

GRAPPENHALL v ALDERLEY EDGE (toss)

Grappenhall 111 (35 overs: Barnes 51, Wilkinson 5-57, Reid 4-19);

Alderley Edge 113-3 (24 overs: Rowe 70no.).

Alderley Edge (25 pts.) beat Grappenhall (1 pt.) by 7 wickets.

At Werneth Low

HYDE (toss) v CHEADLE

Cheadle 259-5 (55 overs: Holmes 139, Dixon 33, Whittaker 5-48);

Hyde 260-5 (44 overs: Berry 68no, Balderson 39, Waterhouse39no, Fitzsimmons 30).

Hyde (25 pts.) beat Cheadle (10 pts.) by 5 wickets

At Parkgate:

NESTON (toss) v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL

Chester 200 (54 overs: Moore 41, Goodwin 32, Money 32, R Dixon 30no, Finegan 4-50);

Neston 142 (49 overs: Hurst 58, Killoran 7-40).

Chester (25 pts.) beat Neston 5 pts.) by 58 runs

PICK of DAY

BATTING: Will Holmes (Cheadle) 139 v Hyde.

BOWLING: Harry Killoran (Chester) 7-40 v Neston.

ALL-ROUNDER: Ifti Naseer (Bramhall) 80 and 5-71 v Nantwich

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Division 1

At Recreation Ground:

BOLLINGTON v UPTON (won toss)

Upton 174 (50 overs: Warburton 56, Dickenson 4-48, Searle 3-42);

Bollington 122 (45 overs):

Upton (25 pts.) beat Bollington (5pts.) by 52 runs

At Victoria Road:

MACCLESFIELD (toss) v WARRINGTON

Warrington 173 (42 overs: Els 83, Porter 4-30, Melrose 3-66);

Macclesfield 176-6 (38 overs: Tudor 77no, Batey 3-27).

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

At Bowden Lane:

MARPLE v OXTON (toss)

Marple 229-4 (50 overs: Makin 136no, Bennett 30);

Oxton 178-8 (50 overs: Gibson 73, Greasley 3-37, Morahan 3-46).

Drawn: Marple 14 pts., Oxton 6 pts.

At Pinfold Lane

OULTON PARK v URMSTON (toss)

Oulton Park 201 (46 overs: East 68, Gibbon 39, Oldham 32. Espley 4-41, Cole Turner 3-61);

Urmston 140 (45 overs: Buckley 28no, Hards 3-16, Parkinson 3-61).

Oulton Park (25 pts.) beat Urmston (6 pts.) by 61 runs

At Wallerscote Road:

WEAVERHAM v DAVENHAM (toss)

Weaverham 71 (32 overs: Walker 23, Hancock 4-12, Taylor 3-30);

Davenham 72-0 (16 overs).

Davenham (25 pts.) beat Weaverham (0 pts.) by 10 wickets

At Beaconsfield Road:

WIDNES v SALE (toss)

Widnes 207 (50 overs: Naughton 75, B Hewitt 31);

Sale 167-5 (50 overs: Spels 81no).

Drawn: Widnes 13 pts., Sale 7 pts.

PICK OF DAY

BATTING: Mark Makin (Marple) 136 not out v Oxton

BOWLING: Rob Porter (Macclesfield) 4-30 v Warrington

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Division 2

At Frodsham Road:

ALVANLEY (won toss) v CHRISTLETON

Alvanley 233-7 (50 overs: Gee 69, S Charles 50, Bennion 42);

Christleton 198-8 (50 overs: Morgan Jones 71, Gittens 41, Ouuzounidis 3-64).

Drawn: Alvanley 14 pts., Christleton 7 pts.

At the Croft:

BARROW v BREDBURY ST. MARK'S (toss)

Bredbury 98 (41 overs: Carr 35, De Silva 5-37, Johnson 4-25);

Barrow 102-1 (26 overs: Reid 58no).

Barrow (25 pts.) beat Bredbury (0 pts.) by 9wickets

At Brooklands Sports Club:

BROOKLANDS (toss) v LINDOW

Lindow 168-9 (50 overs: Williams 41no, Butt 39, Leach 4-53, Raj Singh 3-49);

Brooklands 151-9 (50 overs: Carroll 64, Bagshaw 33, Young 3-32).

Drawn: Lindow 11 pts., Brooklands 7 pts.

At Grove Park:

CHEADLE HULME (toss) v MOBBERLEY

Mobberley 219-9 (50 overs: Mountney 80no, Butters 53, Whitehouse 4-26, Read 3-72);

Cheadle Hulme 182 (49 overs: Potts 89, Robinson 54, Aqeel 5-38, Northover 4-37).

Mobberley (25 pts.) beat Cheadle Hulme (7 pts.) by 37 runs

At Birchdale Drive:

ROMILEY (toss) v STOCKPORT

Stockport 128 (40 overs: Van Eeden 41, Bashford 5-37, D'Souza 3-34);

Romiley 132-1 (28 overs: Holt 65no, Badrock 47no).

Romiley (25 pts.) beat Stockport (2 pts.) by 9 wickets

At the Flacca:

TATTENHALL (toss) v NORTHWICH

Northwich 134 (47 overs: J Walker 33, Cherian 32, Sadler 6-32);

Tattenhall 129-8 (53 overs: A, Dufty 4-25).

Drawn: Northwich 8 pts., Tattenhall 6 pts.

PICK OF DAY

BATTING: Jordan Potts (Cheadle Hulme) 89 v Mobberley)

BOWLING: Stuart Sadler (Tattenhall) 6-32 v Northwich

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TABLES INC. SATURDAY, JULY 8: all played 12

ECB Premier League

	W (25)	T (16)	WD (3)	RD (2)	LD (1)	A/C (7)	L	Bat	Bowl	Pts.
ALDERLEY E.	9	0	0	0	1	0	2	5	9	240
CHESTER BH	8	0	0	0	1	0	3	19	11	231
TIMPERLEY	6	0	2	0	1	1	2	32	12	208
TOFT	7	0	1	0	0	1	3	9	10	204
NANTWICH	5	0	3	0	0	1	3	36	19	191
NESTON	4	1	1	0	2	1	3	18	17	163
DIDSBURY	4	0	1	1	1	0	5	29	21	156
CHEADLE	3	1	0	0	0	0	8	25	21	137
HYDE	2	1	2	1	0	1	5	37	19	137
GRAPP'HALL	3	0	1	0	1	2	5	18	18	129
*BRAMHALL	2	0	0	0	3	1	6	33	26	126
BOWDON	2	0	0	0	0	0	10	21	27	98

* 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	8	1	0	1	0	2	11	14	229
DAVENHAM	6	3	0	0	1	2	30	14	210
WIDNES	6	2	0	3	0	1	16	19	203
BOLLINGTON	6	1	0	1	0	4	10	17	197
MARPLE	4	4	0	2	1	1	45	22	188
*OXTON	5	1	0	1	1	4	19	9	171
MACCLESFIELD	4	1	1	2	0	4	43	19	170
*UPTON	5	0	0	1	1	5	19	8	166
URMSTON	3	2	0	1	1	5	38	19	146
SALE	3	0	0	2	1	6	23	15	117
*WARRINGTON	2	0	0	1	0	9	38	15	110
*WEAVERHAM	1	0	0	1	0	10	27	30	73

* 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.
BARROW	9	0	1	0	1	1	0	12	6	254
*ROMILEY	6	1	1	1	0	0	3	22	13	213
LINDOW	6	0	1	0	2	1	2	16	16	194
*ALVANLEY	5	0	3	1	1	0	2	34	14	191
BK'LANDS	5	0	2	0	2	1	2	26	18	185
CHRIS'TON	5	0	1	0	1	0	5	24	17	170
STOCKPORT	5	0	0	0	1	0	6	27	14	167
*NORT'WICH	3	0	4	0	0	1	4	39	19	160
MOBBERLEY	4	0	1	0	1	0	6	34	19	156
*CHEADLE H.	3	0	0	0	2	1	6	19	18	128
TATT'HALL	2	0	0	0	3	0	7	25	35	113
BREDBURY	0	0	1	1	0	0	10	39	25	69

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

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Saturday, July 15: fixtures & umpires

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

CHEADLE v NESTON	David Gane & Phil Prince
CHESTER B.H. v GRAPPENHALL (12 noon)	Martin Howe & David Tate
DIDSBURY v ALDERLEY EDGE	Martin Roberts & John Potts
NANTWICH v BOWDON	Darrin Clark & Dion Kelly
TIMPERLEY v BRAMHALL (at King's School, Chester)	Alistair Davies & Ian Greensmith
TOFT v HYDE	Trevor Burnett & Gary Zimmer

First Division (1 p.m. unless stated)

DAVENHAM v WIDNES	Steve Kirkbright & Simon Smith
OXTON v BOLLINGTON	Jain Ankit & Steve Jackson
SALE v MACCLESFIELD	Ken Rothwell & David Williams
UPTON v OULTON PARK	Brian Boys & Jon Hacking
URMSTON v WEAVERHAM	Graham Cookson & Wilf Seville (07843 389 629)
WARRINGTON v MARPLE (12.30 p.m.)	Ged Kinsey & Matthew Nord (07855 961 631)

Second Division (1 p.m.)

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S v TATTENHALL	Path Kapoor (07880 884 485) & Graham Pugh
CHRISTLETON v BROOKLANDS	Peter Davies & Ray Precott
LINDOW v BARROW	Keith Tysall & Ian Wilson
MOBBERLEY v ALVANLEY	Jason Pawluk & Steve Walton
NORTHWICH v ROMILEY	Duncan Anderson (07775 632 507) & Chris Rigg
STOCKPORT v CHEADLE HULME	Paul Herring & John Lowe

Pitch and outfield marks for July 1

PITCH and outfield marks reported by panel umpires for games played on Saturday, July 1 (maximum 20 in each category) were as follows:

ECB Premier League:

Bramhall v Bowdon	pitch 15; outfield 19
Didsbury v Nantwich	15 - 20
Grappenhall v Timperley	19 - 20
Hyde v Chester	16 - 20
Neston v Alderley Edge	18 - 20
Toft v Cheadle	17 - 18

Division 1:

Bollington v Urmston	18 - 14
Marple v Macclesfield	17 - 16
Oulton Park v Davenham	13 - 17
Oxton v Upton	14 - 20
Weaverham v Sale	18 - 18
Widnes v Warrington	18 - 19

Division 2:

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

Scoreboard reports: 15 good, 3 average. Scoreboxes: 14 good, 4 average. Umpires rooms: 10 good; 6 average; 2 below standard (Grappenhall & Weaverham).

FORTIES ROUND-UP

Second tie on trot for Bowdon Vale

BETTER weather blessed the 10th round of **Over Forties section** fixtures on Wednesday last week, when Bowdon Vale Vikings broke a club record by tying their second successive game, at Cheadle in the North-East Division.

Both teams scored 140, the result meaning that Vikings stay two points behind leaders Urmston Tigers, who beat Whalley Rangers by 51 runs at the UCG.

Bollington Veterans boosted their South-East Division title chances when they beat closest rivals Alderley Edge Wizards by 16 runs. Macclesfield have emerged as serious challengers for a play-off spot after winning by 24 runs at Bredbury Saints.

Chester Blazers and Neston look odd-on to qualify from the West Division, both winning comfortably, at Upton and at home to Tattenhall Wreckers respectively. Plaudits to Irby who won their first game, by six runs at Oxton.

It's tight at the top of the Central Division with Grappenhall and Timperley still level after recording eighth victories. Toft remain in the running after a 101-run win at Ashley.

Clubs e-mailing or web-siting scores are urged to include individual details, which make summarising more interesting.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5 RESULTS

Central Division

ASHLEY lost to TOFT (4 pts.) by 101 runs:

Toft 168-4 (Sheldon 33, Nightingale 31, S Hardstaff 31, Petch 2-33);
Ashley 67-7 (Birch 21, Kenyon 2-12, Bishop 2-19)

ASHTON on MERSEY VIKINGS lost to GRAPPENHALL (4 pts.) by 65 runs:

Grappenhall 179-2;
Ashton on Mersey 114-8.

DAVENHAM v WARRINGTON

No result received.

TIMPERLEY (4 pts.) beat MOBBERLEY by 10 wickets:

Mobberley 106-3 (Freebrey 31, Zain Ali 29);
Timperley 112-0 (Shahnawath Khan 33, Ogden 30,

North-East Division

BOWDON lost to BROOKLANDS (4 pts.,) by 532 runs:

Brooklands 159-3 (Cutting 33, Lamb 31, Lee 29, Williams 25, Mo Saeed 2-26);
Bowdon 106-9 (Pickup 12=7, McCoy 3-15, Shailesh 2-13).

CHEADLE (3 pts.) tied with BOWDON VALE VIKINGS (3 pts.)

Cheadle 140-6 (Shazad 31, Blood 30, Bardsley 23, Jordan 2-29);
Bowdon Vale 140-7 (Hopton 30, Thorpe 27,

SALE SILVERBACKS lost to CHEADLE HULME (4 pts.) by 57 runs:

Cheadle Hulme 148-2 (Dare 31, Battye 31);
Sale 91-7.

URMSTON TIGERS (4 pts.) beat WHALLEY RANGERS by 51 runs:

Urmston 158-2 (Cartwright 35, Watson 30, C. Turner 30, Higginbottom 30);
Whalley Rangers 107 (Vorha 30, Jahangir Abbas 3, Watson 3-11, Bivan Saha 2-5).

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Over 40s results contd ...

South-East Division

ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS lost to BOLLINGTON VETERANS (4 pts.) by 16 runs:

Bollington 116-6;
Alderley Edge 100-9.

BRAMHALL lost to OFFERTON (4 pts.) by 4 wickets

Bramhall 105-8 (Patel 29, Thomas 3-15, Field 2-6);
Offerton 106-4 (Kirkham 30, Smith 29).

BREDBURY SAINTS lost to MACCLESFIELD (4 pts.)

Macclesfield 108-8 (Whittingham 31, Farmer 27, Hughes 21, Usher 2-11);
Bredbury 84 (Wilks 25, Wood 20, Frame 4-11, Farmer 2-14).

POYNTON LEGENDS conceded to WOODLEY (4 pts.)

West Division

CALDY lost to WEAVERHAM (4 pts.) by 18 runs:

Weaverham 141-6 (Hayes 30, Wylde 2-11);
Caldy 123-8 (Mellor 31, C. Findlay 30, Bratherton 3-15).

NESTON (4 pts.) beat TATTENHALL WRECKERS by 84 runs:

Neston 158-6;
Tattenhall 74.

OXTON lost to IRBY (4 pts.) by 6 runs:

Irby 129-6 (Jay 31, Lea 21, Filer 3-25);
Oxton 123-7 (Benson 31, Kumar 26, Cottrell 2-18).

UPTON lost to CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL BLAZERS (4 pts.) by 47 runs:

Chester 131-7 (Martin 33, Barr 29, Atkin 23, I. Sharrock 3-6, Owen 2-20, Oliver 2-25).
Upton 84-7 (Warburton 26, Dalat Gulzan 3-15).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 FIXTURES (6.15 p.m.)

Central Division: Grappenhall v Timperley; Mobberley v Ashley; Toft v Davenham; Warrington v Ashton on Mersey Vikings

North-East Division: Bowdon Vale Vikings v Bowdon; Brooklands v Sale Silverbacks; Urmston Tigers v Cheadle; Whalley Rangers v Cheadle Hulme

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

West Division: Irby v Cald; Neston v Chester Blazers; Tattenhall Wrecker v Oxton; Weaverham v Upton.

Play-off details ...

The Over 40s quarter-final play-offs are to be played on Wednesday, August 9 or by Sunday, August 20 at the latest. The draw is:

West winners v Central runners-up; Central winners v West runners-up; North East winners v South East runners up; South East winners v North-East runners-up.

Finals Day is at Chester Boughton Hall on Sunday, September 3 starting at 12 noon.

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LATEST FORTIES TABLES

Central Division	P	W	T	A/C	L	Pts.
GRAPPENHALL	10	8	0	1	1	34
TIMPERLEY	10	8	0	1	1	34
TOFT	10	7	0	1	2	30
*DAVENHAM	9	5	0	1	3	22
*WARRINGTON	9	4	0	1	4	18
ASHLEY	10	1	1	1	7	9
ASHTON on MERSEY VIKINGS	10	0	1	2	7	7
MOBBERLEY	10	0	0	2	8	4

* Result missing

North-East Division	P	W	T	A/C	L	Pts.
URMSTON TIGERS	10	7	0	2	1	32
BOWDON VALE VIKINGS	10	5	2	2	1	30
SALE SILVERBACKS	10	5	0	2	3	24
CHEADLE HULME	10	4	1	2	3	23
BROOKLANDS	10	4	1	1	4	21
CHEADLE	10	3	1	2	4	19
WHALLEY RANGERS	10	2	1	2	5	15
BOWDON	10	0	0	1	9	2

South-East Division	P	W	T	A/C	L	Pts.
BOLLINGTON VETERANS	10	8	0	2	0	36
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS	10	6	0	2	2	28
MACCLESFIELD	10	6	0	2	2	28
BREDBURY SAINTS	10	4	0	2	4	20
OFFERTON	10	2	0	3	5	14
WOODLEY	10	2	0	3	5	14
BRAMHALL	10	2	0	2	6	12
POYNTON LEGENDS	10	1	0	2	7	8

West Division	P	W	T	A/C	L	pts.
CHESTER BO. HALL BLAZERS	10	8	0	2	0	36
NESTON	10	7	0	2	1	32
UPTON	10	5	0	2	3	24
TATTENHALL WRECKERS	10	5	0	1	4	22
OXTON	10	3	0	1	6	14
WEAVERHAM	10	3	0	2	5	16
CALDY	10	1	0	2	7	8
IRBY	10	1	0	2	7	8

International Disability cricket starts this week

THE INEAS Tri-Series Learning Disability International 40 overs and T20 tournaments are to be staged exclusively on Cheshire County League grounds during the remainder of July.

The ECB-backed, high profile tournaments begin with 40 overs games at Chester Boughton Hall on Monday this week, July 10 between England and South Africa, followed by England v Australia at Grappenhall on Tuesday (both 11 a.m.).

Games continue at Nantwich on Wednesday, July 12; Bramhall on Thursday, July 13; Tattenhall on Friday, July 14; Oxton on Sunday, July 16 followed by the final on Monday, July 17 at Neston (all 11 a.m.).

This will be followed by a T20 series between the three nations at Toft on Tuesday, July 18 (12.30 p.m. and 5 p.m.); at Chester on Wednesday, July 19 (1 p.m. and 3 p.m.); at Oxton on Thursday, July 20 (2 p.m. and 6 p.m.) with the final scheduled for Nantwich on Friday evening, July 21 at 5 p.m.). Admission to all matches is free.

The England team is captained by Caldys Chris Edwards.

Cheshire lose at Sidmouth

AFTER a second innings collapse on the second afternoon, Cheshire lost their **Unicorns county championship** game against Devon at Sidmouth by eight wickets on Tuesday last week.

Cheshire scored 251 on the first day (Calum Rowe 75), but were then overwhelmed by strong Devon batting, their hosts rattling up 358-7 declared to lead by 107. Best bowlers were Jack Williams 3-104 and Leek professional Wayne White 2-83.

Cheshire then slumped to 97-6 on the second afternoon and the following morning, a fine four-hour innings of 88 by Wayne White enabled them to reach 184, a lead of 77.

Devon knocked them off at 77-2 to take full points and record their first victory.

O Next outing for Cheshire, currently placed fourth in the Western division table at the half-way stage, is against wooden spoonists Wales at Alderley Edge from Sunday, July 16 – Tuesday, July 18 (11 a.m. daily).

UNICORNS WEST DIVISION TABLE AFTER 3 GAMES

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Berkshire	3	2	1	0	57
Shropshire	2	1	2	0	43
Dorset	3	1	1	1	39
CESHIRE	3	1	1	1	37
Wiltshire	3	1	1	1	36
Cornwall	3	1	1	1	35
Devon	3	1	1	1	35
Oxfordshire	3	1	1	1	34
Herefordshire	3	0	2	1	24
Wales	3	0	1	2	2

Cheshire Cup date

DRAW for the quarter-finals of the **Cheshire Cup** on Sunday, July 23 is:

DIDSBURY v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL

TOFT v NEW BRIGHTON

BRAMHALL v TIMPERLEY

NESTON v HYDE (holders) is now on Sunday, August 6

SHIELD SEMIS

SEMI-FINAL draw for the **Cheshire Shield** (Sunday, August 20) is:

NORTHWICH v ASHTON on MERSEY

ROMILEY v BROOKLANDS

Hyde bid for National quarter-finals deferred

HYDE hosting Bradford League leaders Hanging Heaton in the **Royal London National knock-out** last 16 has been postponed until Sunday, July 23 (1 p.m.). Full draw (other games on Sunday, July 16):

BATH v NORMANTON

HYDE v HANGING HEATON

OCKBROOK & BORROWASH v CUCKNEY

REIGATE PRIORY v EAST GRINSTEAD

SOUTH NORTHUMBERLAND v ORMSKIRK

TEDDINGTON v HIGH WYCOMBE

WANSLOW v SWARDESTON

WOLVERHAMPTON v BOOTLE

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UK Fast Cheshire League

RUNCORN have a 13 points lead in the First Division of the UKFast Cheshire League after beating Lymm Oughtrington Park by 103 runs on Saturday.

SATURDAY'S DIVISION 1 RESULTS

Disley 162-4 beat Ashton on Mersey 161-6
Hale Barns 244-8 drew with Congleton 191-8
Haslington 215 beat Middlewich 143;
Lymm Oughtrington Park 127 lost to Runcorn 229-5
Port Sunlight 224-6 beat Irby 177
Stockport Georgians 212-5 beat Barnton 109

PLACINGS

1. Runcorn 227 pts.; 2. Haslington 214; 3. Disley 204; 4. Stockport Georgians 196; 5. Lymm 182; 6. Port Sunlight 277; 7. Hale Barns 170; 8. Ashton on Mersey 161; 9. Congleton 143; 10. Barnton 134; 11. Irby 114; Middlewich 112.

SATURDAY, JULY 15 FIXTURES (1.30.m.)

Ashton on Mersey v Lymm Oughtrington Park
Barnton v Haslington
Congleton v Port Sunlight
Irby v Disley
Middlewich v Hale Barns
Runcorn v Stockport Georgians

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

QUESTION 10: A short-pitched delivery bounces over the head of the striker standing upright at the crease. Without going to ground, the ball lands on top of the flag marking the boundary. How many runs are scored?

ANSWER: A No ball should be called, for which there would be one run. A boundary four is also scored, making five runs in total (a six can only be scored off a hit) **Laws 42.6 (a) (ii) and 19.5 (b).**

QUESTION 12: The striker, after playing at and making contact with a fair delivery, sees the ball going towards his wicket. He knocks it away with the arm of the hand holding the bat. There is an appeal. What is the outcome?

League suspend 10 players, caution six

THE following list of players issued with suspensions and cautions has been provided by League disciplinary chairman Ian Greensmith:

SUSPENDED

J. Tipton (Bowdon) 1 week from May 12;
G. Barber (Stockport): 2 weeks from May 26
T. Facer (Stockport) 3 weeks from May 26
A.J. Hart (Brooklands) 3 weeks from June 3
F. Ughradar (Widnes) 2 weeks, plus 3 weeks suspended from June 9
J. Birchall (Macclesfield) 1 week from June 9
R. Robinson (Cheadle Hulme) 1 week from June 9
L. McCoy (Grappenhall) 2 weeks, plus 1 week suspended from June 23
M DeBrabender (Oxton) 1 week, plus 1 week suspended from July 7
J. McCoy (Grappenhall) 4 weeks from July 7

CAUTIONED

M. Woodall (Bredbury) issued May 20
S. Edwards (Stockport) May 20
R. Wilkinson (Alderley Edge) June 2
S Guest (Grappenhall) June 24
O. Griffiths (Nantwich) June 24
D. Osborne (Grappenhall) July

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Mixed fortunes for busy Cheshire Seniors

CHESHIRE **Over 50s** lost to Derbyshire on Wednesday last week in the National championship. Derbyshire scored 220-7, Bhautak Shulka taking 3-43 and Cheshire were bowled out for 110, Tim Jackson 30. Tail-ender Chris Moore was promoted from 11 to nine and scored 20, his highest innings since 1990.

Next match: versus Cumbria at Widnes on Wednesday this week (1.30 p.m.)

OVER 60s beat Yorkshire at Crewe Vagrants by two wickets on Tuesday last week to stay top of their National championship group. Scores:

Yorkshire 174-7, Steve Yates 2-16; Cheshire 177-8. Mike Cushion scored 33 off 22 balls and Bob Ashley 30 in a late onslaught to clinch victory off the penultimate ball.

Cheshire meet the Australian tourists at Cheadle Hulme on Monday, 17 (11 a.m.)

In their latest outing, **Over 60s 2nd XI** beat Gloucestershire at home by four runs: Cheshire 176-2 P. Findlater 54, N. Bell 54) Glos. 171-6. In a recent game, skipper Bob Ashley, who plays for Toft, scored an unbeaten 147.

Next game is against Somerset at Birlington on Thursday this week.

OVER 70s beat Hants at Kingsholme last Friday, the highlight being an innings of 102 not out by Ian Brown. Scores: Cheshire 159-8; Hants 73 (Billy Smith 4-12).

Cheshire lie second to Warwickshire, five points behind with two games in hand.

LEAGUE WEBSITES ...

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 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, then 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 lower 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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