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Would Jubilee-ve it!

Surprise results shake up Prem

Weather largely holds fair

Cup Cricket drama aplenty



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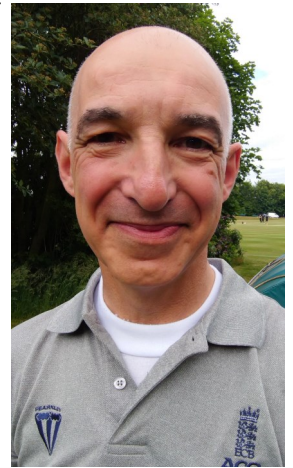
We continue to be very fortunate with the weather, one of the driest starts to any season I can recall, and there have been plenty of surprise results already, many being captured on camera. An increasing amount of games are now being broadcast via various YouTube streams, and in the case of a number of clubs (including my own), commentary is being added. It's a largely positive development and one I believe can help boost participation in clubs - but of course, there have to be caveats. Both players and officials have to give consent to be filmed and where commentary turns negative, derogatory or even slanderous, repercussions could be quite serious. It is a shame that at Didsbury, for example, we have long since turned off the 'comments' facility on our live streams because of the number of frankly cretinous remarks being made by puerile individuals who seem to think that the laws of defamation do not apply to them. Personally I would be more than happy for such people to face the full consequences of their pathetic online 'banter' (and there's a misused term if ever there was one!) but as clubs

could also be punished if guilty of not monitoring such comments, it seems again that a moronic minority spoil it for the majority. I do hope that more clubs can benefit from the many positive aspects of live streaming, of course, and it does bring to attention a whole range of cricket feats that would otherwise be lost. There are some remarkable moments, a fair amount of hilarity captured, and some controversial ones too - I have devoted some of this page to a specific occurrence in a recent match involving Richmondshire CC. But anything that can stimulate interest in club cricket, attract new members and even improve standards must be welcomed. Let's just pay attention to the fine detail and bring those who would ruin it through their thoughtlessness face to face with the result of their actions.


There's been some great cricket being played - some might say

FROM THE EDITOR

too much - and the Cheshire CC T20 squad deserve a huge amount of credit for coping with a ridiculous scheduling of matches that saw them playing T20 cricket before league fixtures had even started, and then two consecutive days of back-to-back T20s, which would not even be countenanced in the professional game! It really does beggar belief. In any case, I hope that this newsletter captures the best of all that has gone on. Please be aware that I have produced a fortnightly edition whilst this especially busy spell is upon us, but in June and July there will just be the one newsletter per month - an extended edition - to summarise everything that has been happening. I hope you enjoy it and, whatever your role in Cheshire cricket, you are able to experience many encouraging days across the season.



James

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Alexa, show us a cricket dismissal that will divide opinion...



WILL 'THE MANKAD' EVER BE ACCEPTABLE?

It's always been a puzzle to me how one act that occurred over 70 years ago has gained such a notoriety within cricket. When Indian Vinoo Mankad ran out Australia's Bill Brown, who was 'backing up', in the 1947 Sydney Test - a dismissal which Don Bradman himself strongly approved of, incidentally - I don't imagine he can have known that his name would be permanently associated with an act that some still see as 'against the spirit of the game'. The recent act captured in this screenshot led to a host of comments on the feed, almost equally split between 'that's absolutely fine' and 'that's terrible sportsmanship'. Setting apart the curiosity that batters not walking when they know they are out is rarely condemned in the same way, I think it's a form of dismissal that will become more common - and personally, I'm fine with that. When MCC last revised the Laws of Cricket in 2019 they sought to 'de-stigmatise' this act by placing it under Law 41 (Unfair Play) and terming it 'Non-Striker leaving his/her ground early' (Law 41:16), putting the emphasis on the non-striker having to be mindful of their position prior to delivery. The next Laws revision which kicks in from October 2022 - which personally I see as pointless - will see this action classed under the 'Run Out' law, further legitimising its place within the game. But will it ever be embraced as such?

WK 5 - MAY 21

A morale boosting day for the two clubs currently occupying the bottom places, both **Widnes** and **Toft** recording notable triumphs on their travels. Without overseas player **Fergus McKenna**, **Widnes** won at form side **Oxton** by an impressive 70 runs, 62 from **Kieran Maher** and a battling 45 from **Matt Burns** the substance of their 208. Burns (3-29) then starred with the ball as the last four Oxton wkts fell without addition, a startling 138 the result. Meantime **Toft** made it successive home defeats for **Chester BH**, as **Rob Jones** justified their decision to bat by hitting a superb 138 in their highest total of 2022 so far, 256. In a dramatic reply, CBH were looking comfortable at 119-2 in the 23rd, before losing 6-61. An injured **Warren Goodwin**, batting at 9, was unable to turn the tide and Jones claimed the final wkt in a memorable match for him, CBH all out 219. Another fine individual performance at Little Budworth as **OP** capt **Martyn East** led by example in his team's dramatic 9 run win over **Nantwich**. East's 56 helped OP reach 94-3, so their eventual 177 was something of a disappointment, although as they were 139-7 he will have been pleased to

see the tail fighting hard. The available **Ben Gibbon** had made 36, before he and East had the home crowd pinching themselves, the scoreboard showing 95-9 in the 29th. Last pair **Scott Wardley** and **Jimmy Warrington** then produced a fantastic fightback, the pair adding 73 in some 22 overs as the atmosphere became unbearably tense, before their heroic effort was ended by a stumping in the 53rd. It was far more straightforward for **Didsbury** in their 6 wkt win at **Brooklands** while **Alderley Edge** also made it three in a row with a surprisingly comfortable 89 run win over **Hyde**. **George Bell** again starred for AE with 100, **Charlie Barnard** 6-42. Hyde were 80-4 but an amazing spell of 6-5 from **Ed Foster** saw them all out for 92. **Neston** recorded a workmanlike 6 wkt win over **Bowdon**, reaching their 207 target in 53 overs.

WK 6 - MAY 28

Unfancied **Brooklands** pulled off the biggest surprise in the Prem so far when they beat Champions **Nantwich** at Whitehouse Lane. The visitors' 172 off just 41 overs did not look especially challenging

for a strong Dabbers line up, despite an exhilarating 39-ball inns of 74 from **Kevin Carroll**. But the four man Brooklands attack produced a disciplined display, and backed up with great fielding they sensationally bowled out the hosts in just 38 overs for 118, which meant no league wins in May for Nantwich. **Chester BH** have also had a lean month, and with their full strength line up bowled out in under 40 overs at **Hyde** (**Andrew Jackson** 5-52), they suffered a third reverse in four, the hosts easing home by 5 wkts in a match where no batter passed 40. A very different story at **Widnes**, where brilliant hundreds from **Ali Chughtai** (103) and **Matt Burns** (115) saw the hosts post 310-4, their 3rd wkt psp worth 190. **Matthew Strong's** 65 led **Neston** to 220-8. **OP's Martyn East** topped off a fantastic personal month with 110 as his side reached 248-8 v **Toft**, but **Rob Jones** outdid him with a magnificent second successive ton, his 119 partnered by **Tom Forster's** 93, the pair adding 205 as Toft made it successive wins. All of which left **Didsbury** and **Alderley Edge** sitting pretty, both having perfect months after thumping wins over **Oxton** and **Bowdon** respectively, to leave the division fascinatingly poised.

TABLE - MAY 31

| TEAM | PTS |
|---------------|-----|
| DIDSBURY | 134 |
| ALDERLEY EDGE | 115 |
| HYDE | 111 |
| OXTON | 109 |
| BROOKLANDS | 84 |
| OULTON PARK | 82 |
| CHESTER BH | 81 |
| NANTWICH | 78 |
| NESTON | 75 |
| TOFT | 64 |
| WIDNES | 63 |
| BOWDON | 54 |

MAY FORM GUIDE

| TEAM | MAY PTS |
|---------------|---------|
| ALDERLEY EDGE | 100 |
| DIDSBURY | 100 |
| BROOKLANDS | 76 |
| OULTON PARK | 63 |
| HYDE | 61 |
| OXTON | 59 |
| TOFT | 59 |
| WIDNES | 49 |
| NESTON | 45 |
| CHESTER BH | 41 |
| NANTWICH | 28 |
| BOWDON | 20 |

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

May 21

Rob Jones 138 (& 3-47), Toft v CBH
 George Bell 100, AE v Hyde
 Ed Foster 6-5 (& 45) AE v Hyde
 Charlie Barnard 6-42, Hyde v AE
 Martyn East 17-6-57-5 (& 56),
 OP v Nant

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Rob Jones 119, Toft v OP
 Matt Burns 115, Wid v Nest
 Martyn East 110, OP v Toft
 Ali Chughtai 103, Wid v Nest
 Ed Foster 95, AE v Bow
 Andrew Jackson 5-52, Hyde v CBH

FAIR PLAY NEWS: DIDSBURY, HYDE & OXTON all have 4.0 scores to jointly head the early table.

WK 5 - MAY 21

Cheadle had few problems recording a fourth straight win at **Lindow**, a 6 wkt win their reward after dismissing the hosts for just 107, by some way Lindow's lowest of the season so far. **Marple** continued their unbeaten start, just about having the better of a curious draw at **Alvanley**. Put into bat, the visitors made 184-8 - which was, incidentally, the highest total of the afternoon in the division - a handy alliance of 30* for the 9th between **Mike Schofield** and **Jack Grundy** proving crucial, as Grundy's 5-54 saw the hosts stuck on 174-8 when the overs ran out. **Grappenhall** won easily and quickly after restricting **Bollington** to just 140-8 at the BRG, Grappers knocking the runs off inside 30 overs just two down. Another low scoring *concourse* at the Richard Cragg Cricket Ground where an unbeaten 73 from **Johan Harms** helped **Timperley** garner a modest-looking 154, but it proved almost enough for a win, skipper **Nick Cantello** batting 104 bs for 58* as **Bramhall** batted out at 142-9. **Macclesfield's** **Craig Melrose** (3-41) and **Miles Bradshaw** (6-37) were the only bowlers the hosts needed to dismiss **Urmston** for a surprisingly paltry 81, Macc reading the conditions right as

they completed a 6 wkt win. **Congleton's** **Muhammad Kashif** was in business with the ball again at **Sale**, his 6-40 (a fortnight after taking 8-40 against Alvanley) seeing the hosts (without **Tyrone Lawrence**) dismissed for 171, **Pat Ashling** 76. But a fine all round effort saw Congleton all out for 139, losing their last 4 wkts for 6 runs, **Josh Patel's** 4-41 being the star turn as Sale recorded their first win since the opening day.

WK 6 - MAY 28

Any lingering concerns about their relegation from the Prem, or their shock opening day defeat, having an adverse impact on **Cheadle** were well and truly banished after their fifth win in a row put them on top of the table. **Dan Brown** (4-14) was one of four bowlers to take four wkts in the game, but his earlier 64 proved a decisive contribution in their 201-9, as **Bramhall** slumped to 110 all out. Few would have predicted that **Nick Cantello's** side, who were only 11 pts away from being promoted to the Prem last season, would still be waiting for their first win going into June. Likewise **Bollington**, who were also with in a win of promotion in 2021, have

found the new season a whole different kettle of ballgames. Since they beat Bramhall on the opening day, their heavy reverse at **Marple** on Sat, where **Albert Hall's** superb 107 powered the hosts to 243-8 and an eventual 142 run win, was their fifth on the trot. No such issues for the Bowden Lane side, however, who sit a proud second, with **Congleton** also passing the 100 pt mark after another thumping win at home, this time a 127 run triumph over **Lindow**. Skipper **Jack Goode** (88) and **Ali Azmat** (63) added 143 before **John Copeland's** fantastic 8-23 dominated post-match bar chat. **Adam Roylance** will also have been in talkative mood after a terrific display in **Grappenhall's** third straight win, his 6-56 followed by 68 in their 7 wkt victory over **Sale**, for whom **Pat Ashling** made 75. **Urmston's** **Joshua Edwards' 8-38** produced an amazing scorecard at Moorside Rd as visitors **Timperley** were reeling at 19-8, before the last two wkts added an equally unlikely 96. The victory target of 116 proved small beer for the hosts, however, as did the 134 **Alvanley** needed to record a heartening second win of 2022, by 6 wkts over **Macclesfield**.

TABLE - MAY 31

| TEAM | PTS |
|--------------|-----|
| CHEADLE | 129 |
| MARPLE | 127 |
| CONGLETON | 102 |
| GRAPPENHALL | 98 |
| URMSTON | 97 |
| MACCLESFIELD | 87 |
| SALE | 85 |
| TIMPERLEY | 84 |
| ALVANLEY | 70 |
| BRAMHALL | 48 |
| BOLLINGTON | 44 |
| LINDOW | 42 |

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| TEAM | MAY PTS |
|--------------|---------|
| CHEADLE | 100 |
| MARPLE | 87 |
| GRAPPENHALL | 81 |
| CONGLETON | 68 |
| MACCLESFIELD | 58 |
| URMSTON | 58 |
| TIMPERLEY | 53 |
| SALE | 46 |
| ALVANLEY | 39 |
| BRAMHALL | 30 |
| LINDOW | 30 |
| BOLLINGTON | 15 |

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

May 21

Miles Bradshaw 6-37, Macc v Urm
Muhammad Kashif 6-40,

Cong v Sale

Jack Grundy 5-54, Marp v Alv

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Albert Hall 107, Marp v Boll

John Copeland 8-23, Cong v Lind

Joshua Edwards 8-38, Urm v Timp

Adam Roylance 6-56 (and 68)

Grapp v Sale

Max Fitzgerald 5-11, Marp v Boll

Chris Charles 5-26, Alv v Macc

FAIR PLAY NEWS: With 4.08, ALVANLEY are the top of five clubs with 4.0 or more.

WK 5 - MAY 21

It is difficult to know whether to wax lyrical about **Upton's** magnificent opening stand of 183 or bemoan the subsequent collapse of 9-40, but either way their 222-9 proved too much for visitors **Hale Barns** who were all out 114 in the 46th after **Philip McGowan** took 5-16. The Upton opening stand featured 61 from capt **Matt Owen** and a superb 108 from **Chris Stowell-Smith**. **Cheadle Hulme** scored highest of the day in the division, though, **Adam Wilde** run out for 87 as they made 224-8 at **Mobberley**, whose spluttering 2022 stalled again, all out 155 as **Reuben Jamieson** took 5-25. **Christleton's** impressive start to the season continued with a fourth win in five, 69* from **Kamran Hussain** (who also took 3-46) and 61 from **Brad Munro** taking them to a 6 wkt victory over **Ashton-on-Mersey**, for whom **Miraj Patel** made 68. **Stockport Georgians** found run scoring tough at **Warrington**, **Muhammad Abid** taking 6-52 for the hosts as the usually fluent SG made just 161-9. Abid then batted 117 bs for 49 before becoming one of five victims for **Alex Jones** as Warrington found batting equally tricky, all out 138 some 10 balls shy of safety as SG shook off last week's

hiccup. **Romiley** just shaded a low scoring affair at **Port Sunlight**, the hosts struggling to 145-9 and Romiley making equally heavy weather of the reply, belly flopping home by 3 wkts in the 48th. Far more watchable at **Haslington**, although not for the home supporters as lowly **Davenham** left with 25 pts after pulling off a stunning 7 run win. Asked to bat, an all-too-familiar tale of woe saw the visitors lose 7-28, a meagre 111 the outcome with Haslington having 70 overs to chase. Set fair at 73-4, a sudden loss of 3 wkts in 8 balls without addition turned the match on its head, Haslington slumping to 79-9 before the last pair valiantly eked out 25 as the tension mounted. Step forward the long serving **Dean Jackson** whose fourth wkt brought jubilation to the Davenham ranks.

WK 6 - MAY 28

Simon Normanton took 8-52 as **Stockport Georgians** bowled **Ashton OM** out for 167 on Sat, making it five wins out of six and top spot in the table. SG's top three had all passed 50 as they posted 249-6, but **Henry Murray**

(59) and **Macca Hooton** (73) put on 125 in 22 overs for the 1st AOM wkt in reply, before Normanton's spin was chiefly responsible for all 10 wkts going for just 41 more. Second place **Romiley** had a very different game with **Mobberley**, squeezing home by just 18 runs in a gripping match where all four results were possible right up until the crucial loss of **Abdul Aqeel** (63 off 85) with 24 still needed. Fourth beat third in a low scoring contest at Grove Park, **Cheadle Hulme** continuing their encouraging start to life back in the CCCL with a 4 wkt win over **Christleton**, whose 107 was a real off-day for them. An unbroken stand of 96 between **Connor Mizzi** (58*) and **Sam Hunt** (44*) made it successive wins for **Davenham** - a statement that hasn't appeared in these columns for some considerable time - as they beat **Port Sunlight** by 8 wkts. It was even more emphatic at Brooks Drive as **Hale Barns** recorded a 10 wkt win over **Haslington**, who collapsed from 80-3 to 106 all out, **Joshua Agar** (59*) and **Joe Cooper** (39*) doing the HB business after 5-40 from **Philip Dodd**. In the remaining game **Warrington** had the better of their draw with **Upton**.

TABLE - MAY 31

| TEAM | PTS |
|---------------------|-----|
| STOCKPORT GEORGIANS | 131 |
| ROMILEY | 121 |
| CHRISTLETON | 117 |
| CHEADLE HULME | 105 |
| HALE BARNS | 86 |
| HASLINGTON | 85 |
| DAVENHAM | 80 |
| WARRINGTON | 80 |
| UPTON | 70 |
| ASHTON ON MERSEY | 66 |
| MOBBERLEY | 54 |
| PORT SUNLIGHT | 37 |

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| TEAM | MAY PTS |
|---------------------|---------|
| ROMILEY | 82 |
| STOCKPORT GEORGIANS | 81 |
| CHEADLE HULME | 80 |
| CHRISTLETON | 77 |
| DAVENHAM | 65 |
| HALE BARNS | 58 |
| UPTON | 57 |
| HASLINGTON | 54 |
| WARRINGTON | 48 |
| ASHTON ON MERSEY | 43 |
| MOBBERLEY | 40 |
| PORT SUNLIGHT | 24 |

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

May 21

Chris Stowell-Smith 108, Upt v HB

Muhammad Abid 6-52, Warr v SG

Philip McGowan 5-16, Upt v HB

Alex Jones 5-20, SG v Warr

Reuben Jamieson 5-25,

CH v Mobb

Ed Faulkner 5-45, AOM v Chr

Joe Cooper 5-54, HB v Upt

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Simon Normanton 8-52, SG v AOM

Philip Dodd 5-40, HB v Hasl

FAIR PLAY NEWS: UPTON are top with a 4.04 mark, Cheadle Hulme and Warrington both on 4.0.

WK 5 - MAY 21

134-9 in 50 overs does not exactly get the spectating public's pulses racing but it was more than enough for **North East Cheshire** to become the only side in the 1st XI competition to win five out of five, as **Will Westerby's** brilliant season so far continued apace - 45 runs, 4 wkts and a run out his personal contribution as visitors **Oakmere** crashed from 21-0 to 26-5 and an eventual total of 78. **Barrow** head the chasing pack, their fourth straight win coming courtesy of a tight squeak in their derby with **Tattenhall**, **Nick Mumford** and **Gareth Hughes** taking nine wkts between them as the visitors were bowled out for 166. The prolific **Matthew Parks** fell cheaply as Barrow were made to fight for every run and at 128-7 it was anyone's game, but the lower order did the necessary and got the hosts over the line in the 48th for a nervy 2 wkt win. **Hawk Green's** long ride to **Maritime** proved more than satisfactory, bowling the hosts out for just 95 and completing a comfy 6 wkt win. **Winnington Park** were another side to enjoy their travels, racking up a super 259-6 at **Ashley**, 58 apiece from **Cory Devanny** and **Jason Holgate** setting the stage

for **Matthew George** to go gang-busters, his 72 off just 46 putting the tin lid on it for the dizzied hosts, who could only manage 174 in reply, **Andrew Jackson** 5-33. **Stockport** recorded successive wins for the first time in a while, a spectacular debut by **Naveed Gondal** (6-22) seeing hosts **Runcorn** bundled out for 129, although conceding 37 extras did Stockport no favours. Gondal then came to the rescue with the bat, his 34* along with 50 from **Taimoor Malik** steadying the ship after Stockport were an uncertain 78-4. It was another dismal day for **Barnton**, with their season, after a third game in a row with no points, looking very challenging. A third consecutive double figure total made a heavy derby day loss at **Kingsley** inevitable.

WK 6 - MAY 28

North East Cheshire's winning start finally came to an end as their closest rivals **Hawk Green** won a very watchable game by 3 wkts. **Will Westerby's** run-a-ball 54* lifted NEC to 183-9, but **Elliott Young** made an un-

beaten 92, and along with **Jordan Henderson** making 25 to go with his earlier 3-50 (I don't think he also played in the CL final that evening though!), HG got home after a few scrapes. **Barrow** stayed third despite losing by 50 runs at **Ashley**, **Jibran S. Khan** taking 5-32 for the hosts, while **Maritime** finished an encouraging month by trouncing **Tattenhall** by 8 wkts, Tatt 84 all out. **Stockport** ended a May that started poorly with some much better results, and they had the better of a hard fought draw at **Winnington Park**, **Naveed Gondal** following up his impressive all round display last week with a handy 28 and 5-30 as the last WP pair held out on 166-9 in reply to Stockport's 180-8. A wonderful 97 from capt **Ben Stoddard** powered **Kingsley** to 246-7 at **Oakmere**, who were taking a standing count at 41-5, but managed to hang on with a dogged 142-8. Slightly better news for **Barnton** who at last managed some points, and a three figure total, but their 140 proved a mere bagatelle for visitors **Runcorn**, who coasted to an impressive ten wicket victory, opening pair **Rob Magee** (75*) and **James Wells** (54*) putting on an unbroken 143 in under 23 overs.

TABLE - MAY 31

| TEAM | PTS |
|---------------------|-----|
| NORTH EAST CHESHIRE | 134 |
| HAWK GREEN | 117 |
| BARROW | 115 |
| MARITIME | 114 |
| STOCKPORT | 95 |
| ASHLEY | 80 |
| KINGSLEY | 74 |
| OAKMERE | 69 |
| TATTENHALL | 63 |
| RUNCORN | 62 |
| WINNINGTON PARK | 60 |
| BARNTON | 16 |

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| TEAM | MAY PTS |
|---------------------|---------|
| NORTH EAST CHESHIRE | 84 |
| HAWK GREEN | 84 |
| BARROW | 81 |
| MARITIME | 76 |
| KINGSLEY | 69 |
| STOCKPORT | 67 |
| ASHLEY | 60 |
| RUNCORN | 54 |
| WINNINGTON PARK | 46 |
| TATTENHALL | 38 |
| OAKMERE | 29 |
| BARNTON | 4 |

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

May 21

Naveed Gondal 6-22, Stock v Runc
Martyn Jenks 5-12, King v Barn
Andrew Jackson 5-33, WP v Ash
Nick Mumford 5-50, Bar v Tatt

May 28

Ben Stoddard 97, King v Oak
Elliott Young 92*, HG v NEC
Naveed Gondal 5-30, Stock v WP
Jibran S.Khan 5-32, Ash v Bar
Michael Dunning 5-32, WP v Stock

FAIR PLAY NEWS: BARNTON are top of one table at least, with Maritime, Barrow, NEC, Runcorn and Oakmere all 4.0 or higher.

2ND XI CRICKET MAY 17-31 ROUND-UP

PREMIER DIVISION

On **May 21st (wk 5)** **Chester BH** maintained their grip on top spot with a comfortable 104 run win at **Toft**, a splendid 105 from opener **Matthew Griffiths** the main reason for their 222-5 which Toft never threatened to challenge, with only a grim lower order rearguard staving off an even heavier loss. **Grant Hughes** carried his bat for a superb 112, helping add 40 for the last wkt as visitors **Oxton** posted 158 at Kingsway against high flying **Cheadle**, promising youngster **Dave Dooler** returning 4-21. **Richard Fennah's** 6-40 then seemed to have given Oxton all the aces only for 61* from no 8. **Patrick Draper** (on debut) and 33 from no.9 **Taiyyib Khan** to turn things round completely, Cheadle's 2 wkt win their third in a row. **Sam Youds** took 6-26 as **Didsbury 2s** demolished an under-strength **Sale** while 50 apiece from **Ben Wright** and **Simon Till** took **Nantwich** to a daunting 226-8 against **Oulton Park**, the pair then taking 2-19 and 3-18 respectively as a 51 run win was secured. The only drawn fixture was an entertaining one at Moss Lane as **Haider Hussain's** 76 enabled visitors **Hyde** to declare after 49 overs on 225-6. **Ashray Bhamidipati's** 75 and 67 from **Dilruk Yahathugoda** took **Alderley Edge** to 124-2 in the 33rd but a great fightback from the Hyde attack kept things in check, AE finishing on 204-6. **Bowdon** conceded their fixture with **Neston**. **Wk 6 (May 28th)** saw the leading sides swap places, **Didsbury** on top and indebted to 46 from no.10 **James Bidwell** to lift them to 170 at Oxton, who they bowled out for 145, **Mahdi Quadri** making a fine 74. **Chester BH** are just 3 pts behind after being frustrated by a dogged **AE** rearguard. A magnificent opening stand of 258 between **Matthew Griffiths** (128*) - his second successive ton - and **Luke Ramsay** (134) enabled CBH to declare after just 43 overs on 274-1, AE surviving 57 overs. **Cheadle**, who were similarly denied a fifth win in six by the last **Bowdon** pair (no details available), are 7 pts off the top, while **Neston** and **Nantwich** are also past the 100 pt mark. The Parkgate side were rescued by **Paddy Brown's** 70 to post 174-9 against **Hyde**, whose reply was sinking without trace until a doughty response from the lower order took them to within 19 runs of victory before **Finley Scullion's** sixth wkt won the match. 92 from **Jake Pearson** helped **Nantwich** beat **Sale**, while **Toft's Andy Bones** made 108 at **Oulton Park**, skipper **Paul Ashley** with 31 before taking 5-37, which, along with Gohar Rashid's 5-33, saw his side win by a mile.

2ND XI DIV 1

May 21: Keeper **Louis Mundin** hit 101 as **H.Mersey** chased 195 in the last over of their thrilling match with **Grappenhall** to stay top. **Widnes'** Stephen Dean took 6-24 and hit 45 at no.11 in his side's loss to **Lindow**, who beat **Romiley** and went top on **May 28**. **H.Mersey** lost to **Marple** (now 2nd). **Shahnawaz Khan** made 96 and took 4-55 but **Timp** lost to **Widnes**.

2ND XI DIV 2

May 21: **Ryan Speak** took 6-22 as **Conington** beat **P.Sunlight**. **Chris Watson's** 109 for **Urmston** was bettered by **Alex Berry's** 122 as he and **Thomas Jones** (91*) put on 201 for the first **Warrington** wkt in their 9 wkt win. **Alvanley** beat **Urm** on **May 28** to go top. **P.S.** openers **Chris Newton** (93) and **Jonathan Roberts** (74) put on 170 in their win over **Davenham**.

2ND XI DIV 3

May 21: **Haslington** recovered from 13-3 to reach their 262 target and beat **CBH**. **Adam Atkin** took 6-13 as **Ashley** beat **Irby** to stay top. **Prashant Pandey** scored 114* and took the last wkt as **Barrow** stayed 2nd, before making 100* (and 3-37) on **May 28** as his side beat **Irby** to go top. **Michael Bowen** made 102 for **Runcorn**.

2ND XI T20 RESULTS MAY 24TH

CHEADLE HULME 134-4 BEAT BRAMHALL 117 BY 17 RUNS

Alex Read hit 40 and took 3-18 as CH won a tense game.

DIDSBURY 2A 141-5 BEAT STOCKPORT 135-4 BY 6 RUNS

Despite a brave effort, the 20 Stockport needed off the last over proved too much.

ALVANLEY 175-6 BEAT OAKMERE 143-5 BY 32 RUNS

78* from Oakmere's **Alex Hodges** in an excellent 102 run stand for the 4th wkt was not enough for Oakmere, who were left ruing the 40 extras they conceded. **Chris Wright** hit 50* and **Andy Bennion** 46 for Alvanley.

PORT SUNLIGHT 196-5 BEAT IRBY 96-7 BY 100 RUNS

Jonathan Roberts hit 80 off 59 as PS won comprehensively.

URMSTON 207-2 BEAT ASHTON OM 171-3 BY 36 RUNS

Ab Hayat (91 off 59) and **Duncan Hood** (81 off 48) put on 154 for the first wkt as Urmston racked up a formidable total. Despite a brilliant 68-ball 109* from keeper **Henry Murray**, AOM couldn't get close enough on a night for the batters.

WIDNES 161-1 BEAT RUNCORN 159-3 BY 9 WKTS

Alex Curlett's 82* (60 bs) helped Widnes win this particular 'battle of the Bridge' with plenty to spare despite Runcorn hitting 57 off their last 5 overs.

CHESTER BH 92-1 BEAT TATTENHALL 91-9 BY 9 WKTS

ASHLEY 103-3 BEAT HALE BARNES 101 BY 7 WKTS

Two sides, **Bollington** and **Lymm OP** conceded their fixtures to **Haslington** & **Davenham** respectively.



1ST T20 CRICKET - MAY



TWO CLUBS ARE ALREADY THROUGH TO THE NEXT STAGE, WITH A SURPRISE IN GROUP 9.

GROUP 1

MACCLESFIELD BOLLINGTON BARNTON

Barnton conceded their fixture with Macclesfield on May 19 and then lost a thriller to Bollington on Thurs, with **Ben McLintock** hitting the last ball for 6 to seal a 2 wkt Bolly win and set up a decider with Macclesfield (scheduled June 2).

GROUP 4

KINGSLEY TOFT WINNINGTON PK

A weather affected fixture saw Kingsley beat Winnington Park on average run-rate on May 19. One week later a magnificent 124 off 62 bs (13x4, 5x6) by Toft's **Henry Hughes** at WP - his opening psp with **Phil Raikes** (61) was 157 off 15.5 os - helped the Prem side to a 65 run win.

GROUP 5

MARITIME OXTON

A date has yet to be arranged for this match.

GROUP 8

RUNCORN WARRINGTON WIDNES

Runcorn beat Warrington by 5 wkts on May 19 to set up their pivotal clash with Widnes on Thurs. And, in an unbelievable finish, **Qamar Hafiz** hit a jaw-dropping 19 off the last over - 2,2,0,6,2,wd,6 - to claim an incredible 5 wkt win for the Prem side, who looked for all money to be going out.

GROUP 9

BRAMHALL CH.HULME N.E.CHESHIRE

Cheadle Hulme have upset the form book and won this group. On May 19 they pulled off a surprisingly comfortable 9 wkt win over NEC, who were bowled out for just 86, and on Thurs beat Bramhall by 7 wkts in the final over, thanks to a brilliant unbroken stand of 95 between **Hashir Khan** (51* off 49) and **Reuben Jamieson** (49* off 36, and earlier 2-22).

GROUP 14

DIDSBURY LINDOW STOCKPORT

Lindow skipper **Alex Matthews** produced a fine personal display in their 48 run win over Stockport on May 19, a quickfire 14 followed by a spell of 4-2-11-5. The remaining fixtures in this group are scheduled for June.

GROUP 15

ASHTON OM ROMILEY URMSTON

Romiley (196-4) beat Ashton OM (150-9) in a high scoring game on Thurs featuring 34x4 and 11x6. Romiley's **Andrew Harrison** was responsible for 5 of the maximums in his 15-ball 39 before claiming 2-17. Ashton OM are scheduled to entertain Urmston next Thurs (June 2).

GROUP 2

DAVENHAM HASLINGTON NANTWICH

Olly Griffiths hit 39 off 9 bs and then took 3-16 (incl. both openers first ball) as Nantwich beat Davenham on May 19. Davenham's match with Haslington on May 26th was washed out, leaving the remaining fixture the pivotal one.

GROUP 3

ALVANLEY OULTON PK OAKMERE

Div 3 Oakmere pulled off a surprise, beating Alvanley by 5 wkts on May 19. But no encore on Thurs when **Martyn East** hit 27 (the top score of the match) and took 3-12 as OP won at Oakmere by 56 runs to set up an intriguing final group match.

GROUP 6

NESTON PORT SUNLIGHT

Neston (153-5) qualified after winning a high scoring match by 5 wkts, overcoming PS's creditable 150-6 with 11 balls left.

GROUP 7

BARROW CHESTER BH TATTENHALL

Tattenhall beat Barrow by 10 runs in a entertaining clash on May 19 but were predictably outgunned by Chester BH on Thurs who, in no mood to muck about, won by 114 runs.

GROUP 10

ALDERLEY EDGE CHEADLE

The holders' first go at defending their title will be on June 9 when in-form Cheadle visit Moss Lane.

GROUP 11

ASHLEY BOWDON GRAPPENHALL

In the only game so far, Grappenhall hammered 204-7 off the Ashley attack en-route to an easy win on May 19.

GROUP 12

BROOKLANDS HALE BARNs TIMPERLEY

Another group with no action so far, Hale Barns conceding their game with Timperley scheduled for May 19.

GROUP 13

SALE STOCKPORT GEORGIANS

This fixture is scheduled for June 2nd.

GROUP 16

HAWK GREEN HYDE MARPLE

Marple won a thriller with Hawk Green on Thurs, claiming victory with two balls to spare as **Connor Ramsay** hit 81* (61 bs) to seal a 6 wkt win, his stand with **Andrew Hall** worth 74 off 7.2 overs. Hawk Green had earlier collapsed from 85-1 to 99-6 before rallying to take 51 off the last 5 overs as they pushed their higher-ranked opponents all the way.

CHESHIRE CUP & SHIELD ROUND-UP



2022 CHESHIRE CUP RESULTS

MAY 22ND:

SOUTH DOWNS LANE: BOWDON 214-5 (39.1 os) BEAT SALE 213-8 (40 os) BY 5 WKTS

RICHARD CRAGG C.G: NANTWICH 133-4 (28.5os) BEAT BRAMHALL 130 (38.2 os) BY 6 WKTS

BROOKLANDS C.G: BROOKLANDS 303-5 (40 os) BEAT ROMILEY 196-8 (40 os) BY 107 RUNS

KINGSWAY: CHEADLE 276-5 (40 os) BEAT NESTON 140 (32.5 os) BY 136 RUNS

LONDON RD: WIDNES 191-9 (40 os) BEAT NORTH EAST CHESHIRE 134 (29.1 os) BY 57 RUNS

WALTON LEA: ELWORTH 174-5 (40 os) BEAT WARRINGTON 169-9 (40 os) BY 5 RUNS

BROAD LANE: WALLASEY 193-9 (40 os) BEAT GRAPPENHALL 185-9 (40 os) BY 8 RUNS

BOOTH'S PARK: TOFT 202-9 (40 os) BEAT MACCLESFIELD 192-8 (40 os) BY 10 RUNS

LITTLE BUDWORTH: OULTON PK 243-9 (39.3 os) BEAT LINDOW 241-5 (40 os) BY 1 WKT

A number of very tight finishes made for a dramatic full first round of Cheshire Cup fixtures. Premier Div **Oulton Park** had an almighty scare getting past **Lindow** in a gripping game after a super 106 psp for the 5th wkt between **Charlie Hodge** (79) and **Fraser Phillips** (48*) lifted the visitors to 241-5. OP needed 82 off the last 10 with just 3 wkts but **Andrew Dufty** - more associated with bowling feats - hit a 32-ball 46*, including a six in the final over, to claim a pulsating victory, Lindow left to rue bowling 25 wides. The 32 extras **Warrington** conceded bowling first against **Elworth** also came back to bite them. Warrington needed 76 off the last 10 with 7 wkts in hand but a loss of 4 wkts in

13 balls left the last pair needing 7 off 4, which proved just beyond them. It was a similar tale at **Grappenhall** as the 19 wides conceded by the hosts gave **Wallasey** a boost, and despite 76 from **Grant Hodnett**, and 17 coming off the last over, last year's q-finalists just held on. In the South Cheshire derby, **Macclesfield's Miles Bradshaw** took an amazing 6-10 (the day after taking 6-37) but 86 from **Henry Hughes** and 57 from **Ewan Williams** proved enough to help **Toft** survive a nervy finalé to progress. The other games all had more emphatic conclusions, not least at **Brooklands**,

where visitors **Romiley** were put to the sword - not for the first time - by **Kevin Carroll**, who smashed an astonishing 150* off just 66 balls. Coming into bat in the 17th over, Carroll hit 15x4 and 10x6 before later picking up 3-26. 75* from **Max Fisher**, plus 60s from **Liam Fitzpatrick** and **Ben Samuels**, helped **Cheadle** to 276-5 and an impressive 136 run win over **Neston**. **Widnes** and **Nantwich** were not unduly extended in their wins but **Bowdon** were taken to the last over by **Sale** before securing a morale boosting 5 wkt victory.

CHESHIRE CUP ROUND 2 DRAW

(TIES SCHEDULED JUNE 5TH)

BIRKENHEAD PARK v CHEADLE

ELWORTH v OULTON PARK

OXTON v NEW BRIGHTON

TOFT v BOWDON

WALLASEY v NANTWICH (date tbc)

TIMPERLEY or DIDSBURY v CHESTER BH

URMSTON or ALDERLEY EDGE v BROOKLANDS

WIDNES v HYDE or PORT SUNLIGHT

CHESHIRE SHIELD R1 DRAW 2022

June 19: Ashton-on-Mersey v Hale Barns
Broadbottom v Caldý
Hawk Green v Bowdon Vale
Kingsley v Irby
Port Sunlight v Sandbach*
Warrington v Northwich
Winsford v Mobberley
Wirral v Parkfield Liscard

**If Port Sunlight progress in the Cheshire Cup, Sandbach will receive a bye into R2.*

BYES TO R2: Bunbury, Knutsford, Maritime, North East Cheshire, Romiley, Upton, Westminster Park, Woodley



CHESHIRE CC NEWS

VALIANT CHESHIRE BOW OUT

THE CHESHIRE SQUAD TRAVELLED DOWN TO HERTFORDSHIRE TO TAKE PART IN THE NATIONAL COUNTIES T20 FINALS DAY ON MAY 22ND. SADLY THEY LOST OUT IN THE SEMI-FINAL.

Captain **Nick Anderson** chose to field first in this early semi final against a strong Oxfordshire side, and it was a fairly even 20 overs between bat and ball as Oxfordshire, 83-4 at halfway, lost three wickets in seven balls to be bowled out for 156, no batter passing 30 and all the Cheshire bowlers taking wickets. Unusually for T20 cricket, but to Cheshire's great credit, no extras were conceded, a wonderful effort by a set of bowlers who had all played testing league fixtures the day before and had a lengthy trip and early start to contend with. Cheshire replied well and looked favourites after 10 overs of their reply at 85-2 but things took a dramatic turn shortly after the dismissal of **Will Evans** for 26 in the 12th over. **Oliver Currill**, who had already accounted for **Rob Sehmi** and **Sam Perry**, took three wickets in the 14th over to leave Cheshire stunned at 107-6. **Alex Money** fought back with a quickfire 14 but he was caught to leave Cheshire needing 27 off the last three, and with only three runs then coming off the 18th, Cheshire faced a massive task, which was all but rendered impossible when Currill took two more wkts in three balls to finish with the extraordinary figures of 4-0-12-7. The 22 needed off over 20 understandably proved beyond the last pair, a 20 run loss a great shame after being in such a strong looking position. However, Cheshire performed wonderfully well to qualify and they should be encouraged by the showing in the competition - they had to deal with late withdrawal of Harry Dearden before finals day, and can also point to the fact that they lost out to the eventual winners of the competition, as Oxfordshire beat Cambridgeshire in the last over of the final.



IMAGE: TRING CC WEBSITE

Cheshire were in action again on Sun as the 50-over National KO began, but they lost out to an impressive Cambridgeshire team. Full details are on the Cheshire CC website, with more news of their fortunes in the rest of the competition in the June newsletter.

3RD XI CRICKET

Didsbury 3s attempt to win a fourth **Premier Division** title in a row has got off to a strong start after a third straight win on Sun. In **Division 1**, both **Didsbury 4s** (who bowled **Cheadle** out for 27) and **North East Cheshire** have made perfect starts, while in **Division 2**, **Woodley's Charlie Hallas** hit 124 and took a wkt as his side hammered **AOM** but **Bowdon** are top, having won 4 from 4, with four sides locked on 12 pts chasing them. In **Div 3 West**, **Widnes' Peter Findlater** scored 95 and then took 5-8 as his side beat **Ashley** by 13 runs on May 22, before **Umar Chughtai** hit 155* in their whopping 106 run win on Sun, but **Trafford MV 4s** are top with max pts, as are **Trafford MV 3s** in **Div 3 Central and East** after bowling out **Cheadle Hulme 4s** for 46 on Sun. **Stockport's Arindam Nath** returned 6-6-0-5 as his side dismissed **Georgians** for 48, while **Cheadle's Peter Reeves** hit 114 in his side's 3 wkt loss to **Heaton Mersey**.



DIDS'3s ADAM SLATER HITS A SIX IN THEIR WIN AT ROMILEY ON SUNDAY.

SHOWCASE CRICKET IN CHESHIRE

BRAMHALL BASH 2022



Bramhall are hosting a special game on Friday 10th June, with a game between themselves and the England PCA Masters, which will also be a fundraising event for their ongoing '1000 Hearts For Harry' appeal. Prices are £10 adults, £5 U18s, £20 for a family tkt, all available (along with full event details) via the Bramhall CC website (bramhallcc.com).



RECOGNITION FOR CHESHIRE GROUNDSMAN

Chester BH's Alex Kegg recently won an official ECB commendation in the 'outgrounds' category, as a result of his hard work at Filkins Lane. Congratulations Alex!



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