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Things hotting up!

All divisions finely poised

2nd XI T20 Finals Day

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FROM THE EDITOR

We are not so very far away from the end of another season which has gone by all too quickly. It has been the driest season for many years, with the weekend just gone another sweltering spell which presents its own difficulties for ground-staff - so please remember to do what you can to appreciate yours! It's odd to think that in just over a month our cricket will have come to an end - although of course, it is far

from the end for professional cricket, which continues on relentlessly. Recently we have seen Ben Stokes end his ODI career and Trent Boult effectively hand back his New Zealand contract in order to become the latest in a line of cricketers 'guns for hire', happy to be part of any franchise willing to pay as the mass of T20 tournaments around the world continues to grow. After an already packed 2022, England are sending a team to Pakistan to take part in a seven match IT20 series in September prior to the IT20 World Cup in October - which will be decided over the course of 45(!) matches. Incidentally, England will also play three IT20s and 3 ODIs against Australia prior to the tournament starting. And that's just part of one country's schedule! Mark Nicholas pointed out in a recent *CricInfo* column that there will be three major T20 tournaments taking place in January alone next year, making the suggestion that ODIs should be drastically reduced in number as it will be impossible to stop the T20 franchise juggernaut. I wonder how much impact

the professional schedule will have on the recreational game? Personally I hope we will retain our mixture of T20 and longer format games, draws included, although it does seem that the groundswell towards win/lose throughout is growing. I am not unsympathetic to the frustration felt when a side bats out for a draw and makes little or no effort to attempt the target set. And it's doubly ironic when it's those same sides that berate opponents for so doing! I have umpired a number of uninspiring drawn games this year - but also, the most gripping, tense game I've stood in was drawn. The 'split format' season, with a mixture of timed and win-lose cricket, should also get another look too - it seems to work well in other counties. As should the introduction of DLS. Wherever we end up, all too soon we'll be done for another season, so let's make the most of the weather and our precious game while we can. Good luck to all as things hot up.

James

OVER 40s ROUNDUP

Central Division 1, Sale Silverbacks (with Mark Rowe pictured, hitting the winning runs in their title-clinching game) came out on top, winning nine of their last 10 games to hold off the challenge of Cheadle Hulme and Grappenhall, with Toft finishing fourth on 34 pts. Alderley Edge propped up the rest with Urmston finishing second bottom, despite a big win in their last game.

Central Div 2: Bowdon Vale came out on top in a tight division, finishing 5 pts ahead of the rest, the 3 pts gained from a tie with Warrington on May 4th helping their cause. Ashley were runners-up, finishing two and three pts clear respectively of Woodford and Warrington, whilst Didsbury's first foray into over 40s cricket saw them end the season still waiting to taste victory after their 13 games.

East Division: Hyde won 9 of their 12 games to win the division, losing only once, and being the only team to top 200 all season (208-2 v Macc on May 5) finishing 7 pts clear of Offerton, whose match with Marple & Compstall on July 27 (when M&C took 13 off the last over of the match to tie it) was the closest finish in the group. Woodley finished third to make the Plate s/f, while Bredbury SM only fulfilled 3 of their 13 fixtures, bowling out NE Cheshire for just 43 on May 11th in their solitary win.

West Division: With ten wins and two wins on concession, Chester BH (48 pts) won the group comfortably, with nearest rivals Wallasey (40 pts) well clear of the rest. Neston, some way back in third, qualified for the Plate competition. Upton maintained an unfortunate 100% record through the season - played 12, lost 12.

OVER 40s CUP QUARTER-FINAL RESULTS (Weds Aug 10)

CHESTER BH 144-5 beat Toft 141-5 by 5 wkts CHEADLE HULME 156-5 beat Offerton 138-6 by 18 runs
HYDE 153-6 beat Grappenhall 149-8 by 4 runs SALE 143-4 beat Wallasey 139-6 by 6 wkts

OVER 40s CUP FINALS DAY: SUN 4 SEPTEMBER, NESTON CC

SEMI-FINALS (11.00 start) SALE v CHESTER BH CHEADLE HULME v HYDE

OVER 40s PLATE SEMI-FINAL RESULTS (Weds Aug 10)

NESTON 94-3 beat Bowdon Vale 92-7 by 7 wkts DAVENHAM 140-7 beat Woodley 123-8 by 17 runs

OVER 40s PLATE FINAL: SUN 4 SEPTEMBER, NESTON CC (14.00 start) NESTON v DAVENHAM



IMAGE: GEORGE FRANKS

WK 16 - AUGUST 6

A major surprise heralded the start of the new month as lowly **Toft**, without a win in eight games, bundled out **Chester BH** for just 76 at Booths Park, the visitors losing 8-16 in nine sensational overs as **Matthew Cornes** and **Joe Stanley** set up a priceless victory for the hosts, who were made to sweat for almost two hours for the 77 needed, **Tom Forster's** cool head the key. Fellow strugglers **Oxton** also picked up 25 pts, their second win in a row courtesy of **Joe Mennie** (5-30) and then 75* from **Matty Jones** as **Widnes** were overcome. Bottom side **Bowdon** just avoided defeat at home to **Neston**, **Luke Camden's** fine 118 seeing the visitors post 250-6 as Bowdon's last pair survived on 223-9. **Brooklands** went down by 6 wks at **Didsbury** while **Oulton Park** came surprisingly close to ending their 10 match winless streak, at **Nantwich** of all places. Opting to bat first, skipper **Martyn East's** brilliant form continued with his third ton of 2022, following up last week's century with a magnificent 114 here before retiring not out with an injury which prevented him bowling. East and **Jimmy Sullivan** (90) put on 189 for the second wkt as the hosts endured an untypical struggle for a breakthrough, OP finishing on 276-6 and then keeping the powerful

Dabbers batting well in check as they finished on 222-8. All of which was great news for **Alderley Edge**, who again were left indebted to the class of **Sam Perry**, his knock of 123 taking him (like East) pass 700 league runs for the campaign, and more significantly yielded a 6 wkt triumph over leaders **Hyde**, **Kenshana Fonseka's** 79* the only highlight of a rare off-day for them. AE moved to second in the table with 23 pts separating the top four, and 28 pts the bottom four, at the close of a fascinating match day.

WK 17 - AUGUST 13

An extraordinary matchday which saw eight centuries recorded, an 8-for, and a tie, saw just one side claim 25 pts. **Nantwich** were the big winners on a highly unusual day after **Luke Robinson** made a brilliant 120 (110 bs), putting on 170 with **Marcus Stables** (82*) for the 3rd to claim a 7 wkt win at **Brooklands**. Earlier **Kevin Carroll** had made an amazing 103 off just 57 bs in the hosts' 247. Leaders **Hyde** gorged themselves with the bat, two players who both had recent spells at **Chester BH** returning in style, **Luke Young** batting throughout to make 141* (146 bs) while **Noah Vickery** hit 9 sixes and 13 fours in his 138, the pair add-

ing a monumental 255 in 34 overs as Hyde declared on a gargantuan 372-3. CBH were given 59 overs to chase with **Alex Money** (100) and **Rick Moore** (88) adding 175 for the 2nd, their stand spanning 40 overs as CBH finished 265-6. **Didsbury** seemed to have everything under control at **Oxton** as the hosts fell to 58-8, but a remarkable 58* from no.10 **Jack Corran** and patience from **Jordan Collier** saw 92 runs added for the 9th, **Nick Anderson** (8-39) finally ending it, Oxton 150. Despite plenty of starts, Dids could not get going and at 104-7 were staring at defeat, but the lower order fought hard to bring the scores level. **Joe Mennie** then took two in two balls, both sides getting 16 pts for the tie. **Alderley Edge** were held to a low scoring draw at **Bowdon**, **Archie Vaughan's** 78 the standout inns, while Widnes' **Luke McCoy** (117) and **Matt Burns** (105) put on 232 as they racked up 305-5 against **Neston**, who were in desperate trouble at 68-6 before **Luke Jones** (101) marshalled the tail, the last six overs all maidens as Neston clung on to draw, 227-9. **Oulton Park** had the better of their game with **Toft** but were left frustrated as Toft finished 190-8 in reply to 268-9.

TABLE - AUG 13

TEAM	PTS
HYDE	335
NANTWICH	324
DIDSBURY	320
ALDERLEY EDGE	318
CHESTER BH	266
NESTON	236
WIDNES	219
OXTON	207
TOFT	184
OULTON PARK	179
BROOKLANDS	170
BOWDON	155

AUGUST FIXTURES

AUG 20 (11.00 START)
ALDERLEY EDGE v CHESTER BH
DIDSBURY v NESTON
HYDE v OULTON PARK
NANTWICH v OXTON
TOFT v BROOKLANDS
WIDNES v BOWDON
AUG 27 (11.30 START)
BOWDON v DIDSBURY
BROOKLANDS v HYDE
NESTON v NANTWICH
OULTON PK v CHESTER BH
OXTON v TOFT
WIDNES v ALDERLEY EDGE

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

Aug 6

Sam Perry 123, AE v Hyde
 Luke Camden 118, Nest v Bow
 Martyn East 114*, OP v Nant
 Jimmy O'Sullivan 90, OP v Nant
 Joe Mennie 5-30, Oxt v Wid

Aug 13

Luke Young 141*, Hyde v CBH
 Noah Vickery 138, Hyde v CBH
 Luke Robinson 120, Nant v Brook
 Luke McCoy 117, Wid v Nest
 Matt Burns 105, Wid v Nest
 Kevin Carroll 103, Brook v Nant
 Luke Jones 101*, Nest v Wid
 Alex Money 100, CBH v Hyde
 Nick Anderson 8-39, Dids v Oxt
 Sid Mahadevan 5-33, Bowd v AE
 Joe Mennie 5-36, Oxt v Dids
 Charlie Reid 5-61, AE v Bowd
 Phil Stockton 5-67, Nant v Brook

WK 16 - AUGUST 6

Grappenhall's 13th straight win saw them within touching distance of a return to the Premier League. Relegated in 2019, Grappers now look unstoppable as they recorded consecutive 8 wkt wins, bottom side **Bollington** this time the victims as **Ian Hall** and **Arran McCabe** took 4 wkts apiece, **Peter Barnes** (80) and **Ben Bodha** (52*) adding 124 for the 1st wkt to ensure a comfortable passage to the 169 needed. On the other hand, Bolly now require a miracle to avoid relegation, 61 pts adrift at the foot - astonishing to think they were within a win of Premier Division cricket last season. Like Grappers, **Cheadle** are also well on course to reclaim a Prem spot, 57 pts clear of Timperley in third after **Liam Fitzpatrick** again impressed, his 75* guiding the Kingsway club to a 6 wkt win over **Lindow**, skipper **Josh Dooler** taking 6-26. Lindow remain second bottom but are still within range of the sides above - **Bramhall** dropped to tenth after narrowly avoiding defeat at Stockport Rd as **Timperley** piled up 261-7 before declaring, **Jack Bridgeman's** 68 the mainstay of the resistance as Bram's last pair survived four overs ending 225-9. A quite in-

credible match at Booth St saw visitors **Sale**, chasing 168 to beat **Congleton**, 114-0 in the 26th over. **James Dodds** (46) then fell, the prelude to a shattering collapse as Sale were bowled out for 150. **Ali Azmat** (5-39) was the catalyst, taking the key wicket of **Pat Ashling** (75) as three wkts fell in an over, **John Copeland** with 4-27 as the hosts were left cock-a-hoop defending a modest looking total which, having been 89-6 at one stage, still did not look enough. **Alvanley**, with 113 from **Michael Rowlands** - as part of a 166 opening stand with **Steve Charles** (65) - got a timely (and comfy) 84 run win against fading **Marple**, who, having been second at the end of May, fell to eighth, while **Urmston** made it successive wins with a whacking 117 run triumph over **Macclesfield**, **Callum Stow** having a stormer with 6-37 as **Khalid Sawas** made a rare appearance on a bad day for Macc, extras their top scorer in an exiguous 141.

WK 17 - AUGUST 13

Grappenhall's unstoppable push towards Premier league cricket continued apace with an untroubled 6 wkt win over **Sale**, **Albert**

Pennington hitting 46* after earlier taking 3-39. **Tyrone Lawrence's** 73 was the best on offer from the visitors who have now lost four in a row. Leading for so long, **Cheadle** are now second and suffered a setback after a 5 wkt loss at **Bramhall**, who themselves claimed a crucial 25 pts in their quest to stay up. In an entertaining match, **Dan Brown** hit 93 off 60 bs to take the visitors to a testing 233-5, but **Jack Clark** went one better, his 94* around other solid contributions claiming victory in the final over. **Lindow's** 3 wkt win over **Congleton** (**Johan Wessels** 70*) took on an even greater significance as both Bramhall and Lindow prepare to take on Grappers over the next 2 weeks. **Bollington's** **Ben Gibson** hit a fine 94 but the bottom side were left bewildered as **Mark Bennett's** magnificent 149* saw his **Marple** side surge to a 10 wkt win in just 34 overs. Bolly are now 78 pts away from safety and need something unprecedented to save themselves. **Timperley** brushed **Urmston** aside to keep alive their promotion hopes, while **Alvanley** took a major step to survival with a six wicket win over **Macclesfield**.

TABLE - AUG 13

TEAM	PTS
GRAPPENHALL	373
CHEADLE	340
TIMPERLEY	298
SALE	254
CONGLETON	250
MARPLE	241
URMSTON	226
MACCLESFIELD	223
ALVANLEY	220
BRAMHALL	213
LINDOW	185
BOLLINGTON	135

AUGUST FIXTURES

AUG 20 (12.00 START)		
CHEADLE	v	TIMPERLEY
CONGLETON	v	BRAMHALL
GRAPPENHALL	v	LINDOW
MACCLESFIELD	v	BOLLINGTON
MARPLE v SALE		
URMSTON v ALVANLEY		
AUG 27 (11.30 START)		
BOLLINGTON	v	ALVANLEY
BRAMHALL	v	GRAPPENHALL
CHEADLE v URMSTON		
LINDOW v MARPLE		
SALE v MACCLESFIELD		
TIMPERLEY v CONGLETON		

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

Aug 6

Michael Rowlands 113, Alv v Marp
 Josh Dooler 6-26, Chead v Lind
 Callum Stow 6-37, Urms v Macc
 Ali Azmat 5-39 (& 32) Cong v Sale

Aug 13

Mark Bennett 149*, Marp v Boll
 (opening stand of 220* with
 Matt Barrow, 63*)
 Jack Clark 94*, Bram v Chead
 Ben Gibson 94, Boll v Marp
 Dan Brown 93*, Chead v Bram
 Max Fitzgerald 6-39, Marp v Boll

WK 16 - AUGUST 6

Stockport Georgians took a major step towards Div 1 cricket next year with a straightforward 8 wkt win over lowly **Warrington**, who themselves remain in deep relegation mire after a sobering day in which they were never in the contest. The two skippers were the decisive figures in the Warrington innings, **Ashley Scholes** with 54 as **James Locke** claimed 5-58. **Ned Bailey** (64*) and **Francis Yates** (45*) then added an unbroken 93 as SG won with more than half their overs unused. Their mood was further lifted when news came through of **Romiley's** draw in a penurious struggle at **Port Sunlight**. The hosts wheezed to 145 in 49 overs (**Simon Melberzs** 50) but what looked like a modest chase for Romiley became an improbably arduous task as they managed just 135-9 in 51 overs, narrowly avoiding defeat in the end as Melberzs took 5-39. And it got better for Georgians as third place **Cheadle Hulme** were well and truly gubbed by **Mobberley**, losing by 129 runs at Grove Park after they were bundled out for 87 with the ageless **Abdul Aqeel** to the fore once more, 5-25 his figures after **Ibrar Latif** biffed 82 in Mobb's 216. **Davenham** also had a thoroughly enjoyable day, with

Sam Hunt (50*) and **Connor Mizzi** (64*) adding an unbroken 115 as they swept out-of-sorts **Haslington** aside in an 8 wkt win at Butchers Stile. **Christleton's Brad Munro** was the division's only centurion, with a superb 120 at **Ashton OM**, opening partner **Max Dunvaband** an agonising five runs short of joining him as the pair put on a stellar 211, the visitors declaring after 45 overs on 275-3, with AOM a spirited 230-8 when the overs ran out. The basement battle at Brooks Drive was not exactly box-office viewing but **Hale Barns** will care not one jot after their priceless 5 wkt triumph over **Upton**, whose 144-9 proved to be a fair way short. The Wirral outfit went bottom as a result, but they are far from adrift with a game against struggling Warrington next up for them.

WK 17 - AUGUST 13

With the top two both losing, **Mobberley** were the biggest winners after they claimed a 3 wkt win over second place **Romiley** at Church Lane, where it is now nosebleed time as Mobb moved up to third. An excellent 9th wkt stand between Messers **Hooton**

and **Flattley** lifted a hitherto flaccid Romiley innings upto 219-9, with **Ibrar Latif's** 57* the steady hand on the tiller to guide his side through a late wobble after **Osman Butt** earlier made 76. **Stockport Georgians** made an inexplicable horlicks of chasing 178 at **Ashton OM**, all out 126 as **Aadam Ali** took 6-25, Georgians thankful for a 47 point cushion to third at close of play. Elsewhere, **Brad Munro's** brilliant season for **Christleton** continued with his second ton in two weeks, 101 the ballast in his side's 270-8 against **Cheadle Hulme** as **Kamran Hussain** (91) added 174 for the 3rd. The pair then took 5 wks between them as CH's woeful 134 was compounded by having keeper **George Robinson** given out obstructing the field after he used his hand to push the ball away from the stumps. Two extremely tense finishes saw bottom side **Upton** lose by just 8 runs at **Warrington**, **Matt Owen** carrying his bat for 83* but in vain for Upton, while **Hale Barns** lost by just 4 runs at **Haslington**. **Steve Graham** will have been a tired man after hitting 102* for **Port Sunlight** as they beat **Davenham**, that after 13 overs in which he took 4-74.

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TEAM	PTS
STOCK. GEORGIANS	316
ROMILEY	301
MOBBERLEY	269
CHEADLE HULME	250
PORT SUNLIGHT	237
CHRISTLETON	236
DAVENHAM	229
ASHTON-ON-MERSEY	227
HASLINGTON	225
WARRINGTON	203
HALE BARNES	193
UPTON	180

AUGUST FIXTURES

AUG 20 (12.00 START)

C.HULME v ASHTON OM

DAVENHAM v MOBBERLEY

HALE BARNES v P.SUNLIGHT

ROMILEY v CHRISTLETON

S.GEORGIANS v UPTON

WARRINGTON v HASLINGTON

AUG 27 (11.30 START)

ASHTON OM v ROMILEY

C.HULME v S.GEORGIANS

CHRISTLETON v DAVENHAM

HASLINGTON v UPTON

MOBBERLEY v HALE BARNES

P.SUNLIGHT v WARRINGTON

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

Aug 6

Brad Munro 120, Chris v AOM

Max Dunvaband 95, Chris v AOM

(the pair added 211 for 1st wkt)

Abdul Aqeel 5-25, Mobb v CH

Joe Cooper 5-25, HB v Upt

Simon Melberzs 5-39 (& 50), PS v Rom

James Locke 5-58, SG v Warr

Aug 13

Steve Graham 102* (&4-74) PS v Dav

Brad Munro 101, (& 2-23)

Kamran Hussain 91 (& 3-19) Chris v CH

Matt Owen 83* (carried bat), Upt v Warr

Aadam Ali 6-25, AOM v SG

WK 16 - AUGUST 6

North East Cheshire comfortably defeated **Oakmere** by 66 runs to take a significant step towards promotion. **Saul Gould** hit 96 and **Dave Oldfield** took 4 more wkts as the leaders won by 66 runs. Their nearest pursuers **Maritime** lost out by 4 runs in a thriller at third place **Hawk Green**, after **Jack Needham** (50) and last pair **Sam Clarke** (34*) and **Jake Skelton** (10*) added 60 for the last two wickets to lift HG to 190-9. Maritime were four sheets to the wind at 45-6 but no.8 **Pratham Shetty** (65*) marshalled a brilliant recovery with the tail, the last pair adding 24 until, in unbearable tension, last man **Vishal Barigela** was caught with five runs needed. The result left HG four pts behind Maritime in the table, with **Stockport** just one point behind and closing fast after a fourth win in five, this one an 8 wkt hammering of **Runcorn** who could only cobble together 82 and departed Cale Green pointless. **Tattenhall** had the rare but sweet taste of victory to savour after defeating near-neighbours **Barrow** in a close run thing at The Flacca. Tattenhall were bowled out for an underwhelming 120 but produced a magnificent fighting response as

Barrow were dismissed for 101, unable to get any fluency going and suffering the unusual fate of having a player (**Zak Rogers**) dismissed for obstructing the field. The win lifted Tattenhall out of the relegation zone at Runcorn's expense, with **Winnington Park** also gaining a little breathing space after an unusual win over **Ashley**. WP could only muster 93, and when Ashley cruised to 49-1 in the 20th it seemed just a matter of time. **Andrew Jackson** (4-18) and in particular **Mark Hamblett** had other ideas, though, as he returned figures of 10.2-6-5-5, Ashley losing 9 wkts for just 19 runs in an astonishing collapse. In the other game, **Kingsley** kept themselves just in touch with the promotion picture after a 78 run win over **Barnton**, whose relegation is one step closer to being formally confirmed.

WK 17 - AUGUST 13

NE Cheshire produced a near perfect team performance and make a serious statement after they beat promotion rivals **Hawk Green** by 8 wkts at London Rd. Four bowlers shared the wickets to see HG 150 all out, **Brad Holme's** 38 the top score. **Saul Gould** (70) and **Jake Reynolds** (55) put on 85 for the first and victory was wrapped up inside 30 overs. Having been on the end of

an agonising defeat the week previous, second place **Maritime** had the boot on the other shoe with a 1 wkt win over **Tattenhall**. In a remarkable match, **Vishan Barigela** and **Vensakar Kanthiraj** shared 9 wkts for 67 runs as Tatt were all out 140. Maritime were five down in the blink of an eye before **Joseph Mikel Akeem** came to the crease and smote an unbelievable 102* from just 61 balls although wickets continued to fall, Akeem just doing enough to get his side home. **Naveed Gondal** made 86* as **Stockport** continued their good form with a 2 wkt win over **Winnington Park**. At the bottom, **Runcorn's** huge 211 run win over **Barnton** (**Will Magee** 101*) saw them clamber out of the relegation spots for now, while Barnton's demotion will be mathematically confirmed next week if they fail to win. Tattenhall and Runcorn meet in early September with both sides facing tough games in the run-in.

TABLE - AUG 13

TEAM	PTS
N.E. CHESHIRE	369
MARITIME	320
STOCKPORT	315
HAWK GREEN	291
KINGSLEY	274
ASHLEY	265
BARROW	245
OAKMERE	234
WINNINGTON PARK	193
RUNCORN	169
TATTENHALL	164
BARNTON	41

AUGUST FIXTURES

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ASHLEY v MARITIME
BARNTON v STOCKPORT
HAWK GREEN v KINGSLEY
OAKMERE v RUNCORN
TATTENHALL v N.E.CHESHIRE
WINNINGTON PK v BARROW
AUG 27 (11.30 START)
BARNTON v WINNINGTON PK
KINGSLEY v TATTENHALL
MARITIME v BARROW
N.E.CHESHIRE v ASHLEY
RUNCORN v HAWK GREEN
STOCKPORT v OAKMERE

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

Aug 6

Saul Gould 96, NEC v Oak
 Mark Hamblett 5-5, WP v Ash
 Nick Mumford 5-21, Barr v Tatt
 Vensakar Kanthiraj 5-32, Mar v HG

Aug 13

Joseph Mikel Akeem 102*,
 Mar v Tatt
 Will Magee 101*, Runc v Barn
 Matthew Drury 5-12, Runc v Barn
 Zander Potgeiter 5-35, Oak v King
 Vishal Barigela 5-44, Mar v Tatt
 Rob Magee 61 (and 4-9),
 Runc v Barn

2ND XI CRICKET APRIL ROUND-UP

PREMIER DIVISION - Aug 6 & 13

Chester BH and **Didsbury** continued their battle for the title on **Aug 6** with another win for both sides. **Chester** comfortably beating **Toft** by 9 wkts (**Robin Fisher** 11-6-14-5, and 4 wkts for skipper **Dan Riley**) while **Didsbury** had a distinctly harder battle for their 25 pts, finally bowling **Sale** out for 158 after themselves posting 180-8, **Jason Jeffrey** dropped several times on his way to a decisive 51 for Dids as **Grant Whittaker** took 6-48. Despite 50s from **Joe Molloy** and **Josh Patel** Sale were bowled out with one over remaining. **Nantwich** kept themselves interested with a 6 wkt win at **Oulton Park**, **Jake Pearson** taking 4-50 and putting in handy 37 runs. **Oxton** and **Cheadle** drew their mid-table clash, while two of the bottom three at the start of play drew, **Hyde's Liam Grindlay** making 110 off 97 bs in their chunky 255-9 against **Alderley Edge**, who replied with an indeterminate 173-5. Struggling **Bowdon** meantime picked up a priceless 25 pts with a 5 wkt win at **Neston** to stir the pot further at the foot of the table.

2ND XI PREM	PTS
CHESTER BH	385
DIDSBURY	376
NANTWICH	330
NESTON	266
CHEADLE	246
OXTON	238
TOFT	209
SALE	188
OULTON PARK	163
ALDERLEY EDGE	158
BOWDON	155
HYDE	150

Ahead of T20 Finals Day, **Chester** and **Didsbury** picked up 25 more pts each on Aug 13 as their title tussle stayed as it was, **Chester BH** beating **Alderley Edge** while **Didsbury** were indebted to a battling 60 from **Sam Youds** to secure a 3 wkt triumph over a determined **Oxton** side with just 7 deliveries remaining. **Nantwich** kept themselves in touch with an astonishing 209 run win over **Sale**, who crumbled for just 46 with **Freddie Woodfine** taking 6-21, three Dabbers batters (**Jake Pearson**, **Rob Cook-Seivewright** and **Ben Wright**) all making fifties in their 255-4. Even better bowling figures were returned by **Toft's Zain Basharat**, who marked a rare appearance with a wonderful 7-10 as **Oulton Park** were all out 136, **Andy Bones** making an unbeaten 84 from 65 bs as **Toft** cantered home by 9 wkts. That result left **OP** with another nervous run-in, although with **Bowdon** losing by 35 runs at **Cheadle** (for whom **Matt Samuels** made 86 to steer them to 221-9) and **Hyde** only able to field nine at home to **Neston** and being sunk by 9 wkts as a result, just 13 pts separate the bottom four sides. **Oulton Park** play **Alderley Edge** on the 20th, and **Hyde** on the 27th, **Hyde** - along with **Bowdon** - having assignments against the top two on the 20th, before their own meeting on the final day of the season, September 17th.

2ND XI DIV 1

Lindow have strengthened their grip on top spot in the Div 1, although they have had to battle hard to stay there. **Shashwat Rusia** made 120 as **Widnes** racked up 269-4 against them on the 6th, **Lindow** holding on to draw, before claiming a thrilling 1 wkt win over **Romiley** on Sat after **Bailey Bourke** made 100 for Rom. **Heaton Mersey** have faltered recently, losing by 13 runs to **Grappenhall** on the 6th after chasing just 123, before being well beaten by a resurgent **Marple**, **Alex Pannell** making 115 in their massive 304-4, **HM** only managing 197 in reply. **Marple** had also enjoyed their trip to **Upton** the week previous, **James Massey** 108* and **James Hirst** 5-59 as the **Bowden Lane** side are now third. **Upton**, on the other hand, are now bottom with **Dids 2A**, despite a gripping 6 run win over **Timperley** on the 6th, still in big trouble after **Sam Hughes** took 7-44 for **Macc**, who claimed a useful 7 wkt win. On the 6th, **Macc's Otis Palmes** took a hat-trick against **S.Georgians**, who tumbled from 162-2 to 181-9 and lost by 5 wkts as a result.

2ND XI DIV 2

Alvanley and **Bramhall** keep on winning to maintain their healthy cushion over the rest in their promotion chase. **Alv's Phil Erasmus** took 6-31 as they beat **Hale Barns** on the 6th, then repeated the feat with 6-51 on the 13th as they comfortably beat **Urmston**. **Bramhall** beat **Ashton OM** by 7 wkts on 6th, **AOM's Max Davies** making 16 off 100 balls incl. a six! 88 from **Rishi Kannah** then sealed a 3 wkt win at **Warrington** on the 13th. The afore mentioned defeat for **Urmston** saw them slip into the bottom two, **Congleton** still adrift despite a heartening win on Sat over **Neston**. **Bollington** had hopes of successive wins after they had seen **Davenham** slide from 31-0 to 88, winning by 8 wkts), having **Hale Barns** 135-5, but an amazing 95* from no.7 **Fisal Nasir** (in concord with **Tom Entwistle**) took HB to 277-5, and despite **Jake Dickinson** making 116, **Bolly** were all out 249 after a gutsy chase in which **Nasir** took 6-54. The upshot is that just 8 pts separate three of the bottom four as **Bollington** and **Urmston** meet next Saturday in a pivotal clash.

2ND XI DIV 3

The title race in Div 3 is hotting up nicely, leaders **Haslington** having a one point advantage over **Stockport**. **Haslington** were held to a draw on the 6th by a defiant **CBH 3s** while **Stockport's Sifat Zaman** hammered 19 fours in his 107, the opening stand of 173 seeing them knock off a victory target of 228 at **Runcorn** in under 32 overs. It was even more emphatic on Sat for the **Cale Green** side with a 10 wkt win over 68 all out **Upton**. **Haslington** beat **Tattenhall** by 7 wkts. **Lymm OP** are 15 pts behind in third, their whacking 104 run win over **Oakmere** on the 6th being tempered by defeat at **Chester BH** on Sat, the victors themselves now fourth, just 3 pts behind **Lymm**! One point further back are **Ashley**, held at **Runcorn** on Sat after clamoring to a nervous nervous 2 wkt win at **Irby** the week before, **Dan Barlow's** 85-ball 14* inching them home. Four clubs will battle to avoid the drop but it is looking bleak for **Mobberley**, 43 pts away from safety.

3RD XI FINALS DAY UPDATE: SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST AT DIDSBURY CC

10:30 DIDSBURY v STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (Umpires: Chris Hyde & Parth Kapoor)

13:30 (approx) N.E.CHESHIRE v ASHLEY (Umpires: Graham Church & Ian Goldstone)

17:00 (approx) FINAL (Umpires: Graham Church & Ian Goldstone)

GRAPPENHALL CC, SUNDAY 13th AUGUST

DIDSBURY 2s RETAIN THE TROPHY



A glorious day on Sunday saw three excellent games of highly competitive T20 cricket, with Didsbury 2s (left) making it back-to-back Trophy triumphs after beating Premier Division leaders Chester BH by 42 runs in the final.



SEMI-FINAL 1

CHESTER BH 203-2 (18.5 os) beat Grappenhall 202-5 (20) by 8 wkts

Hosts Grappenhall made the most of winning the toss as, in front of a large, noisy crowd, they posted a massive score, 88 off 49 bs from **Iain Wright** the standout as he added 105 with **Ben Clissold** (43 off 27). But an explosive start to the Chester reply saw **Ben Spaven** (77 off 51) and **Martin Green** (68 off 35, right) add 118 in 10.2 overs for the 1st wkt, **Matthew Griffiths** keeping the momentum going as a crestfallen Grappers side saw the game run away, CBH winning in the 19th.



SEMI-FINAL 2

DIDSBURY 198-6 (20 os) beat Brooklands 141-8 (20) by 57 runs

Didsbury openers **Sam Youds** (47 off 34) and **Harry Rigby** (left, 52 off 30) took a leaf out of the CBH book as the pair added 108 in the first 10 overs, Dids almost doubling their score in the second 10 with at least one boundary in 17 of the 20 overs they faced. Brooklands played their shots but the required rate was always too steep and the regular loss of wickets against a parsimonious Dids attack, who conceded just 3 extras, saw their excellent cup run come to an end.

FINAL

DIDSBURY 168-9 (20 os) beat Chester BH 126-9 (20) by 42 runs

A nip-and-tuck start saw Didsbury 54-3 after their powerplay, which became 89-5 at halfway as **Harry Rigby** continued his impressive form with another half century. **Owen Griffiths** kept momentum going as Dids finished on 168-9 and a still sizeable crowd pondered the outcome. However it was to be Didsbury who held their nerve, a superb opening burst seeing just 3 boundaries hit in the powerplay, CBH 28-2. Wickets continued to fall at regular intervals, CBH needing 106 off the last 10 with 7 wkts in hand. 18 runs came off the 15th over to renew their hopes but a stunning one handed catch by **Rohan Aggarwal** at long off was decisive, no further boundaries hit as Didsbury, who bowled just 1 wide and a no-ball (off what should have been the final delivery) were jubilant.



VITALITY CLUB T20 AREA FINALS DAY

There was disappointment for Alderley Edge on a hot August 7th as they lost out in their area group final to Barnt Green, narrowly failing to repeat their feat of the previous year.

SEMI FINAL 1

Menai Bridge 129-8, Alderley Edge 133-4 (17.4 os)

ALDERLEY EDGE WON BY 6 WKTS

Having beaten Menai Bridge in last year's group area final, Alderley Edge again had too much for the Welsh qualifiers, whose decision to bat first backfired after they struggled to get beyond a run-a-ball scoring rate. Richard Wilkinson took 3-11 in 4 parsimonious overs before starring with the bat, MB unable to capitalise on dismissing Sam Perry as Wilkinson made 34*, AE winning with plenty to spare.

SEMI FINAL 2

Longton 152-8, Barnt Green 153-3 (17.5 os)

BARNT GREEN WON BY 7 WKTS

An unbroken stand of 70 in 8.5 overs between Amrinder Brar (67*) and captain Dom Harding (23*) saw BG safely home after Longton's competitive looking total was brought into perspective.

FINAL

Barnt Green 194-4, Alderley Edge 171-4

BARNT GREEN WON BY 23 RUNS

Choosing to bat, an explosive first six overs set Barnt Green on their way to a formidable total which, despite a sublime unbeaten century from Sam Perry, was to prove some way beyond AE's reach. Despite only taking 1 run from the fifth over, BG were 62-0 after the powerplay and 104-1 at halfway, Rheedyi Amin (pictured) the main man with 78 off 46 balls. AE pulled things back only marginally in the second half of the BG innings, 28 extras not helping their cause. 39-2 after their powerplay, AE were really up against it and were left needing 129 off the last 10 overs. Perry and Richard Wilkinson added 75 in 7.4 overs but Wilkinson's dismissal meant 55 were needed off 17 balls, with Perry's innings of the day (108* off 63 balls, 10x4, 5x6) sadly being in a losing cause. It was nonetheless a highly creditable effort from the current Cheshire T20 champions.



CHESHIRE CC NEWS

Cheshire skipper Rob Sehmi (left) hit a brilliant 108 (117 bs) as Cheshire piled up a sparkling 451-8 in their 90 overs against Berkshire on day one of their 3 day Western Division 1 championship game at Nantwich on Sunday. After Sehmi's dismissal, David Wainwright (89*) and Andrew Jackson (93 off 70 incl. 12 sixes) added 143 in just 21 overs

for the 7th wkt as the Berkshire attack withered in the hot afternoon sun. Cheshire need to win this game against the current Division leaders and will have been encouraged by such a fluent display, although with Berkshire 70-0 in 21 overs at the close, and then rain (yes really) disrupting play on the Monday, they will need to take every chance to try and press for victory. Admission at Nantwich is free and all spectators are welcome.



CHESHIRE CUP 2022



QUARTER FINAL RESULTS

AUGUST 7:

BIRKENHEAD PK: BIRKENHEAD PK 202-6 (37 os) BEAT CHESTER BH (201-8) BY 4 WKTS

After rain forced the abandonment of the original fixture, BP produced a fine performance to overcome a strong Chester side. 49 from Andrew Metcalf and 37 from Warren Goodwin (and 32 extras) were the only contributions of substance for CBH, who had BP in a spot of difficulty at 96-4 in the 20th, but Michael Rowlands' 92 (79 bs) and a patient 46* from Sam Beadsworth ensured a semi-final berth for the Wirral side.

AUGUST 14:

MOSS LANE: WIDNES 255-7 (40) BEAT ALDERLEY EDGE 247-9 (40) BY 8 RUNS

Having each made a century the previous day and added 232 together, Matt Burns (83 off 99) and Luke McCoy (53 off 39) put on 102 for the 4th wkt as Widnes posted a challenging total. With Sam Perry (and Ali Chughtai of Widnes) on Cheshire duty, AE still managed a great start as Tom Foreman (53) and Ashray Bhamidipati (43) added 64 in the first 10 overs, but Widnes pegged the hosts back as they found themselves needing 82 off the last 10 with just 4 wkts in hand, and despite some bold blows, 21 needed off the last over proved to be just out of reach.

SOUTH DOWNS RD: NANTWICH 204-6 (36.5 os) BEAT BOWDON 203 (39.5 os) BY 4 WKTS

Jack Tipton made 87 and Rob Lord 55, the pair adding 105 as Bowdon got past 200, and they were in the game when Nantwich slipped to 29-3, but Jake Pearson (33) and Spencer Byatt (41) kept Marcus Stables company, Stables ending 91* (having made 82* the day before) as the 2020 winners went through.



CHESHIRE SHIELD 2022

QUARTER FINAL RESULTS (SUN AUG 7TH)

MARITIME 210-7 (32.2) beat BROADBOTTOM 208 (39.5) BY 3 WKTS

Maritime's epic trip across the length of Cheshire was rewarded with a hard fought victory and a semi-final spot for the first time.

MOBBERLEY 302-7 (40) beat KINGSLEY 129 (21.2 os) BY 173 RUNS

Ibrar Latif followed up his 82* the previous day with 96 at The Croft, some useful lower order contributions and an eye-watering 54 extras (incl. 48 wides) giving Moberley a stupendous total which blew the hosts out of the water. Toby Ancell made 62 off 50 balls but the pressure of the chase proved too much for the Div 3 side.



Terry Marnick > Cheshire Cricket News & Banter
8 August at 12:55

Umpired the Cheshire Shield at Kingsley yesterday against Moberley. I'd like to pass on my thanks to Ben Stoddart and his team for their actions during the game when two Moberley players collided whilst fielding and both were injured.

Both players were helped by their own team and the Kingsley members, once we were satisfied that they could be moved and were being helped from the pitch both Ben and Martyn Jenks had already got changed back into their kit and came out to field for Moberley, before anyone had asked or even suggested that they should.

A brilliant display of sportsmanship by the Kingsley team! Thanks to you all.

My very best wishes to the Moberley players that were injured, and I wish them both a speedy recovery.

ROMILEY 236-7 (40) beat N.E.CHESHIRE 96 (18.5 os) BY 140 RUNS

A solid batting effort from promotion chasing Romiley, aided by 36 extras, proved some way beyond the Div 3 leaders, capt. Jake Reynolds' 63 almost two-thirds of his team's eventual total which subsided quickly from 90-6.

SANDBACH 226-5 (39.2 os) beat HAWK GREEN 222-8 (40 os) BY 5 WKTS

Hawk Green were 134-1 after 26 overs but were pegged back somewhat in the closing stages, Sandbach always in touch with the rate as Jack Taylor (65*) and Conah McFarlane (59) timed the chase to perfection.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW (Aug 21): Moberley v Maritime Romiley v Sandbach

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