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Getting hot!

Weather plays ball as
competitions hot up

T20 Quarter Finals draw

Cheshire through after washout



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A very busy month of cricket has been largely blessed with fine hot weather, although disruptive downpours have played their part too! But we are well into our season now, almost halfway in fact, and with this season running in tandem with the Ashes, it can only be good for our sport. What did you make of it all at Edgbaston? Were you wowed or horrified by Stokes' declaration? There's any number of so-called experts rushing to judgement on social media, let alone the visual and audio media - it seems everyone has to express an opinion about anything and everything, instantly. I try to steer clear of that these days, especially with cricket, preferring to let a game unfold. Any of you who have heard my

commentaries at Didsbury will know how foolish you can sound trying to predict what's going to happen! Personally I like Stokes' approach - it resonates with me, echoing as it does one of the great sporting quotes from Irish footballing great Danny Blanchflower. Legendary both at Spurs and captaining Northern Ireland, he once said:

"the great fallacy is that the game is first and last about winning. It's nothing of the kind. The game is about glory. It's about doing things in style, with a flourish, about going out and beating the other lot, not waiting for them to die of boredom."

I love everything that quote embodies - the attitude, the focus, the desire to put entertainment and enjoyment at the heart of sport. Cricket should be just like that. Everyone remembers the miracle of Headingley 2019, by Stokes himself, set up an incredible win in the most stylish (and dramatic) way imaginable - but who remembers the overall result of the series? The powers-that-be have gone into overkill mode with interna-

FROM THE EDITOR



tional cricket - Ashes series that used to be so savoured because of their once-every-four-years cycle are now so common as to almost merge into one. So let's be thankful for an England captain that is indeed dead set on making Test Cricket memorable and enjoyable. And, where lessons can be applied to the cricket played in Cheshire, more power to all the teams that take their inspiration from what's unfolding before us.

Apologies for a truncated newsletter this edition but various calls on my time made it unavoidable. More news on 3s cricket, the over 40s and Cheshire seniors next time.

James

TURNING BACK TIME – PT 4 2013 CHAMPIONS TROPHY

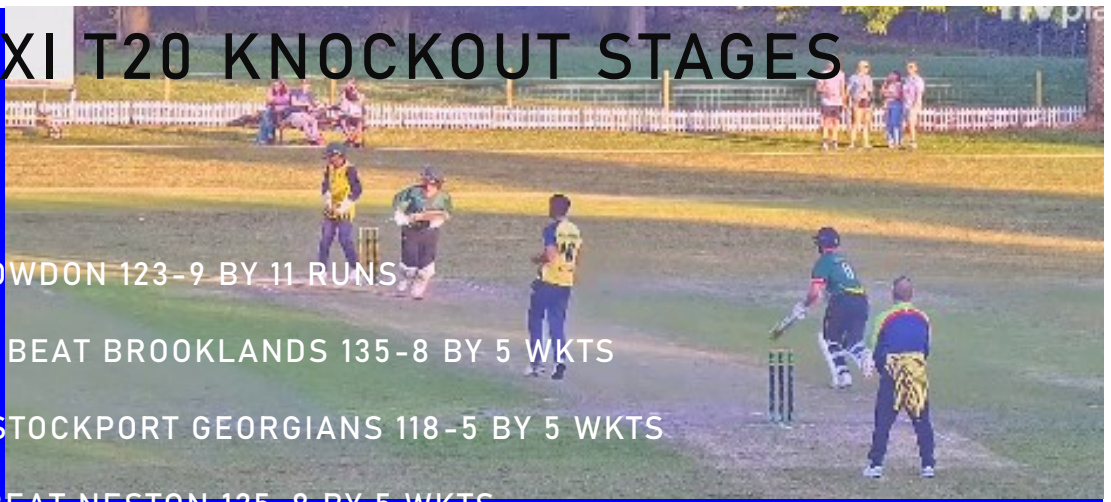
I'd never been to Cardiff before I travelled there for the start of the Champions Trophy proper, so it was a real journey of discovery. The Millennium Stadium, on the site of the old Arms Park, is right in the centre of the city, and the cricket ground, Sofia Gardens, although much changed over the years, is still on its original site too. I got there late on Monday evening ahead of a practice game between India and Australia the following day, and was allowed to look all round the ground to get my bearings. The media centre was much smaller than at Edgbaston and I met several of the team working there, who were all intensely busy staring at screens, as they were throughout the practice game (India won easily after skittling Aus for 65, so my stats were in demand for the excited throng of journos), and two days later we were in for the real thing! India played South Africa on a beautiful day and, as I was to learn, whenever India play, there is serious interest. Even through plate glass the roars when the Indian team just warm up were noticeable, and when Sharma and Dhawan added 127 it was delirium. And that's before Kohli appeared! The Indian journalists were as excited as the fans - I learned of the numbers of requests received by the team from 'journalists' working for spurious publications basically trying to blag their way in! Both sides scored over 300 on a fantastic day and I just about kept up, but



remember being exhausted at the end of it. But no time to rest as it was off to London for the Pakistan/West Indies match the following day. Another first time ground, but unlike Cardiff, I have never been back to The Oval since that day and haven't missed it in all honesty. The media centre, being low down directly behind the pitches, has darkened glass, dimmed lighting and a low ceiling, so not only can you not see a scoreboard from in there, it looks permanently gloomy and feels quite oppressive. The noise and joy of the Pakistan fans helped lift the mood, although their team, as is their wont, got themselves into a hole and almost dug themselves out before jumping back in feet first, losing by 2 wkts! But I did a good job with a low scoring game before heading home, then back to Cardiff, for a match I will never forget.

1ST XI T20 KNOCKOUT STAGES

MATCHES PLAYED
THURSDAY JUNE 22



WIDNES 134-7 BEAT **BOWDON** 123-9 BY 11 RUNS

ALDERLEY EDGE 136-5 BEAT **BROOKLANDS** 135-8 BY 5 WKTS

CHEADLE 120-5 BEAT **STOCKPORT GEORGIANS** 118-5 BY 5 WKTS

GRAPPENHALL 126-5 BEAT **NESTON** 125-8 BY 5 WKTS

NANTWICH 200-4 BEAT **OULTON PARK** 182-4 BY 6 WKTS

SALE 186-5 BEAT **PORT SUNLIGHT** 140-8 BY 46 RUNS

HYDE 185-8 BEAT **TIMPERLEY** 156-8 BY 29 RUNS

TOFT 150-5 BEAT **CHESTER BH** 147-6 BY 5 WKTS

A day of fine weather enabled all the last 16 ties to be played, most of which came to a predictable conclusion, with seven Premier Division sides in the quarter finals. High-flying Div 1 side **Sale** make up the last eight, with **Pat Ashling's** 86 (58 bs) giving his side a total which proved some 46 runs out of reach of Div. 2 **Port Sunlight**. Sale's reward is a trip to one of last year's semi-finalists **Hyde**, who won a watchable clash at **Timperley** by 29 runs. Put in, four of the top five passed 25 as Hyde - aided by 31 extras - totalled 185-8. In reply Timpers lost **Jonathan Fletcher** first ball but recovered through skipper **Ed Galley** (39 off 19). But the asking rate kept climbing despite **Shahnawaz Khan's** 57* (28 bs), Hyde skipper **Danny Cranmer** rounding off a good personal display with 4-6 (including 3 wkts in 4 balls) to go with his earlier 25. Holders **Alderley Edge** came through a tricky tie at **Brooklands**, winning by 5 wkts after **Dan Fesmer's** 4-27 helped them restrict the hosts to 135-8. Despite losing **Ben Kohler-Cadmore** first ball, AE chipped away with **Tom Foreman's** 23-ball 45 the stand-out, seeing his side through with 8 balls to spare. Standing in the way of a third successive finals day appearance for AE will be **Grappenhall**, who pulled off perhaps

the result of the night after beating Premier Division leaders **Neston** by 5 wkts. **Adam Roylance's** 52 in a stand of 61 for the 2nd with **Kieran Lawton** (37) helping their side to a victory target of 126 in the 17th over, after Neston had struggled for fluency, **Chris Hackett's** 33* one of only two inns where the strike-rate surpassed 100. Another of last year's semi-finalists **Nantwich** progressed through, they being the highest scorers of the night as they took 200-4 off **Oulton Park**. **Marcus Stables** (54 off 28) and **Chris Simpson** (47 off 39) set a platform for **Spencer Byatt** (22*) and **Jake Pearson** (24*) to take 67 off the last 5 overs. **Ollie Law** (85 off 51 incl. 6x6 and 6x4) led a spirited reply but once he fell in the 17th over, OP couldn't match the late Nantwich firepower. They will face **Toft** (pictured above) who pulled off a fine win over **Chester BH**, **Rohan Fernando** (44*) and **Ewan Williams** (24*) putting on 65 together to take their side over the line. Elsewhere **Widnes** defended 134 at Div 1 leaders **Bowdon**, overseas player **Eric Botha** (31* off 19) giving their inns a later turbo-charge before taking 2 in 2 as 4 wkts went in 7 balls to scupper Bowdon hopes. They travel to **Cheadle** who beat Stockport Georgians in a low-scoring game at **Kingsway**, reaching their 119 target in the 19th over.

QUARTER FINAL DRAW (SCHEDULED THURS JULY 6)

NANTWICH v **TOFT**

CHEADLE v **WIDNES**

ALDERLEY EDGE v **GRAPPENHALL**

HYDE v **SALE**

WK 9 - JUNE 17

Sensational wins for the bottom two really grabbed the attention on a baking hot day. Winless since the opening day, **Toft** would have been fearing the worst after **Alderley Edge** called a halt with five overs unused and a daunting 269-6 on the board, after 77 from **Subhaan Mahmood**, 56 from **Sam Perry**, and Lancs keeper **George Bell** chipping in with 37 from 28. But Toft kept their nerve brilliantly, **Jimmy O'Sullivan** batting some 42 overs for his 96 which held things together as his partners all contributed (every Toft batter reached double figures), a heroic victory attained six down in the 56th over. Meanwhile, at Filkins Lane, **AJ Hart** (right) was the architect of the finest win in **Brooklands** recent history, his 6-38 dismantling a strong **Chester BH** batting line up who were 66-9 before a carefree 42* from **Jack Williams** took them to 103. Williams then took an early wkt but an 11-ball 39* from **Kevin Carroll** secured a superb 25 pts. At the top, a hard-fought 2 wkt win for **Neston** took them clear of rivals **Didsbury**, **Ash Davis** again to the fore with 5-80 as Dids did well to make 210 after being 86-6. That looked like a winning total as Neston slipped to 176-8 but Davis came to the rescue with the bat, his 26* in an unbroken 37 stand for the 9th taking Neston to a 7th win of the season. **Hyde** kept pace although they were pushed hard by **Cheadle**, who batted their full 55 overs to make 182-9, the **Dooler** brothers (**Adam** 62, **Josh** 41) the main contributors. An equally plucky effort in the field actually had Hyde 93-5 and then 138-6, but **Andrew Jackson** (42* from 13 bs) joined **Ben Balderson** (61*) to ruthlessly squash Cheadle hopes. A fourth win in a row for **Nantwich** came as **Mitchell Spencer's** 5-53 led their attack to bowl out **Widnes** for 153, **Spencer Byatt** (47*) and **Luke Robinson** (46 off 29) guiding them hope and consigning the Beaconsfield Rd side to a fifth straight loss. An opening stand of 135 between skipper **Luke Filer** (75) and **Henry Dobson** (117*) set **Oxton** up for an exciting 7 wkt win over **Grappenhall**, Grappers' competitive looking 237-8 largely courtesy of **Ben Bodha** (60*). Oxton needed 14 off the last over, **Jordan Collier** (31* after an earlier 4-69) hitting the penultimate ball for six to give his side a fifth win in six matches.



IMAGE: BROOKLANDS INSTAGRAM FEED

WK 10 - JUNE 24

A day of remarkable results saw the table roughly split into three, with the top and bottom both covered by a handful of points. **Cheadle's** win over leaders **Neston** by a convincing 93 runs was the standout, **Andrej Yaksender's** 114 (113 bs) the mainstay of their splendid 274-6, well supported by his colleagues. A strong Neston side were soon 11-3 in reply and despite solid resistance from the middle order led by **David Hurst's** 59, four more wkts for **Will Holmes** wrapped up victory in the 52nd. That meant 81 pts in a splendid June for the Kingsway side. **Toft** also had a great day, making it successive 25 pt hauls after winning at **Brooklands** by 88 runs. Asked to bat, Toft went from 31-0 to 39-3, but a stand of 127 between **O'Shay Reddy** (79) and the returning **James Scott** (51) gave Toft the impetus to climb to 256-8, Brooklands missing the talismanic **AJ Hart**. **Matt**

Cornes than had a day of days as he caused early mayhem with two wkts in his second over, Brooklands quickly 15-3. **Kevin Carroll** (78 off 55) led a typically fiery response but he became the last of three wkts in four balls for Cornes, who finished with 7-34 as Toft passed the 100 pt mark (having taking zero pts in 3 of their 10 matches). Another side turning it on when it mattered were **Chester BH**, who emphatically ended a run of four straight losses with a splendid 118 run win over joint leaders **Hyde**, 81 from **Alex Money** and 77 from **Andrew McFarlane** taking CBH to 305. **Luke Young**, who returned 16-2-80-4, showed tremendous powers of stamina as well, playing a lone hand with 103, but the rest of the Hyde batting unusually failed, all out in the 43rd as **Josh Leach**

claimed 5-63. **Nantwich** rounded off a perfect league month with a typically dominant 8 wkt win at **Grappenhall**, wkts shared around as the hosts were all out 151 in the 39th, **Marcus Stables** (53*) and **Luke Robinson** (49*) helping the Dabbers coast to an 8 wkt win. **Didsbury** went back to the top after they made light work of an in-form **Oxton** side, three more wkts for **Steve Green** (pictured) who also assisted in the r/o of key



IMAGE: HENRIK HOLM

man **Jordan Collier** seeing Oxton all out 138, with **Ed Newman's** 59* guiding his side home. **Sam Perry** ended 91* as **Alderley Edge** won easily at **Widnes**, **James Naylor's** earlier 5-31 seeing the hosts manage just 159 and slump to a sixth straight loss, their visit to Toft next week taking on added significance.

CCCL PREMIER DIV STATS - JUNE 23



TEAM	PTS	HIGHEST	LOWEST	TOP BATTER	TOP WKTS
DIDSBURY	194	322	139	ED NEWMAN - 332	STEVE GREEN - 36
HYDE	191	269-6	154	LUKE YOUNG - 400	DANIEL CRANMER - 25
NESTON	189	267-6	122	MATTHEW STRONG - 384	ASH DAVIS - 32
NANTWICH	187	220	44	LUKE ROBINSON - 358	JASON FOULKES - 32
ALDERLEY EDGE	180	331-6	100	SAM PERRY - 457	RICHARD WILKINSON - 20
OXTON	144	238-3	112	HENRY DOBSON - 431	JORDAN COLLIER - 25
CHEADLE	139	274-6	145	ANDREJ YAKSENDER - 425	WILL HOLMES - 19
CHESTER BH	113	305	96	ALEX MONEY - 356	JACK WILLIAMS - 24
WIDNES	110	301-7	103	MATT BURNS - 329	AAQIB UPPAL - 20
TOFT	109	271-6	49	JIMMY O'SULLIVAN - 282	TOM FORSTER - 14
GRAPPENHALL	109	238	115	BEN BODHA - 288	TOM MacRURY - 29
BROOKLANDS	86	264-9	103	KEVIN CARROLL - 289	A.J.HART - 22

JUNE FORM GUIDE	
TEAM	JUNE PTS
NANTWICH	100
HYDE	81
CHEADLE	81
OXTON	78
DIDSBURY	64
ALDERLEY EDGE	61
TOFT	61
NESTON	68
BROOKLANDS	44
GRAPPENHALL	39
CHESTER BH	38
WIDNES	11

LEADING RUNS	
PLAYER	RUNS
SAM PERRY	457
HENRY DOBSON	431
ANDREJ YAKSENDER	425
LUKE YOUNG	400
SUBHAAN MAHMOOD	388
MATTHEW STRONG	384
LUKE ROBINSON	358

LEADING WKTS	
PLAYER	WKTS
STEVE GREEN	36
JASON FOULKES	32
ASH DAVIS	32
PHIL STOCKTON	29
TOM MacRURY	29
DANIEL CRANMER	25
JORDAN COLLIER	25

WICKETKEEPERS & FIELDERS

Angus Kilby of Chester BH has 15 ct, 6 st, to lead the w/k stats at present, followed by Nantwich's **Spencer Byatt** (13/1), Hyde's **John Ashley** (10/2) and Grap-penhall's **William Fell** (8/4). (Do Grappers play an overture for him when he goes out to bat, I wonder?)

Alderley Edge's Sam Perry has 9 ct, 1 st and 2 fielding catches, and Hyde's **Tom Partridge** also has 12 catches in total (3 as w/k). Didsbury's **Ed Newman** is the leading fielder per se with 8 ct and 2 r/o.

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

17 Jun: Henry Dobson 117*, Oxt v Grapp
Danny Cranmer 5-40, Hyde v Cheadle

Jimmy O'Sullivan 96, Toft v AE
Mitchell Spencer 5-53, Nant v Wid

AJ Hart 6-38, Brook v CBH
Ash Davis 5-80 (& 26*), Nest v Dids

24 Jun: Andrej Yaksender 114, Chead v Nest
Matt Cornes 7-34, Toft v Brook
Kevin Carroll 78 (& 4-79), Brook v Toft

Luke Young 103 (& 16-2-80-4) Hyde v CBH
James Naylor 5-31, AE v Wid

Sam Perry 91*, AE v Wid
Josh Leach 5-63, CBH v Hyde

WK 9 - JUNE 17

The top three pulled further clear and, barring some highly untoward, will be scrapping for the two Premier Division spots come September. **Bowdon's** fifth win in a row was another emphatic one as **Joe Chapple** (pictured right) tore through the **Stockport Georgians** line-up to leave them 15-5. It took a doughty knock from the son of another Lancs great to rescue things somewhat for Georgians, **Francis Yates'** 48 (102 bs) halting the slide but they could still only manage 112, **John Sanders** (54) paving the way for a comfortable 8 wkt win. **Sale's Dan Newton** again underlined his potential with a match winning 85* (93 bs) as his side recorded an impressive 7 wkt win at **Oulton Park**, chasing down 229 with almost four overs in hand. A stand of 109 with **Tyrone Lawrence** (78) did the business, both players earlier taking a wkt apiece as **Andrew Metcalf** (67) and **Pat Roberts** (55*) put OP in what looked a good position. **Urmston's** trip to **Timperley** started disastrously with **Ryan O'Brien** run out without facing second ball (pictured below), an ominous portent which saw them slide to a third defeat in a row, despite **Liam Marshall's** 63 and 46* from **Rahul Premrajh** taking them to 214-9. O'Brien did at least take an early wkt but **Jonathan Fletcher's** increasingly fluent 92* made it four on the bounce for Timpers. **Romiley's** third successive total of 240+ didn't turn into 25 pts, their 44 overs a side game at **Macclesfield** ending in a draw. **David Badrock's** 98 helped them post 242-9, Macc replying with 194-8. **Congleton** got a much needed 25 pts after a 56 run win over upwardly-mobile visitors **Lindow**.



The hosts got away to a great start, **Harry Podmore** (37) and **Tom Leese** (49) putting on 86, but a familiar collapse saw 119-6 on the board some 11 overs later. Congleton were indebted to **Arslan Dar** (68*) and **Muhammad Kashif** (21*) putting on 101* for the 7th, Dar then taking two wkts in the first over before Kashif grabbed the ball and claimed 6-35, as **Cam Hawkins** (85* off 76) watched a succession of partners come and go. The meeting of the bottom two turned out to be - well, politely put, an attritional affair - which did neither **Alvanley** (178) or **Bramhall** (147-7) any favours, **Steve Charles'** 15-4-26-6 to no avail for Alvanley as both sides still await a second win of the season.

WK 8 - JUNE 11

A fascinating end to the month saw leaders **Bowdon** downcast after a 7 wkt loss at Upcast Lane in a high scoring match with **Lindow**. Put in, Bowdon added 184 runs in 23 overs after drinks with **Rob Lord** (115* off 101) and **Tom Graham** (50 off 31) added 104 in 11 overs, Lord reaching his ton with a six (pictured) as Bowdon declared on 279-6.



But Lord was upstaged by **James Duffy**, who batted over 3 hours for 135*, finishing the match with his seventh 6 as a succession of solid partnerships took the hosts to a fantastic win. Although staying top, the visit of **Sale** to South Downs Rd next week takes on extra significance, Sale easing to a 6 wkt win over lowly **Congleton**. **Isaac Brooks** took 6-58 as the visitors were all out 181. **Pat Ashling** was once more the key man, his 93 off 79 all but settling the game. **Macclesfield** rounded off a really encouraging June with what looked to be a tense 10 run win at

Timperley, although unfortunately no details were available at the time of writing. It was even closer at Moorside Rd where **Urmston's Ryan O'Brien** showed what a game cricket is after his game to forget the previous week. His patient 94 (162 bs) and a vital 52 from the returning **Sumit Panda** helped Urmston accrue 198 (although the horror collapse from 197-5 gave **Stockport Georgians** a real fillip). A fine opening burst from **Josh Edwards** saw Georgians quickly 28-4 which became a precarious 70-6, but **Francis Yates** (53) and **Jordan Richards** (63) added 95, Richards finally bowled by **Liam Marshall** with the score 190-8. Georgians inched to 196-9 after 47.4 overs before O'Brien returned to clean bowl the last man, finishing with 3-10 as Urmston won for the first time in five matches. Equal jubilation at Church Lane where **Bramhall** arrested their worrying form with a hard fought 3 wkt win over **Oulton Park**, who have had a June to forget. Put in, OP laboured to 175-8 on a difficult surface, **Frank Farington** (30) and **Pat Roberts** (36) taking over 90 mins to add 67 for the 3rd

as **Oliver Webb**, who had a fine personal match, snared them both on his way to 4-65. Bramhall found batting no easier but skipper **Nick Cantello** was in resolute mood, watching his side wobbling on 123-7 but finally finding an ally in Webb, whose 26* helped Cantello (95*) add an unbroken 53 as Bramhall celebrated only their second win. **Alvanley** are still waiting to enjoy their second 25 pts after another fruitless trip across Cheshire, losing **Steve Charles** to the first ball of the match at Birchvale Drive as only **Henry Young's** 70 and 39 from **Jono Whitley** held up the **Romiley** bowlers. **Isaac Willett** (54) and **Ans Muhammad** (57*) added a rapid 86 before skipper **Tom Rolph** closed out proceedings with a 30-ball 33*, as the hosts swept to a comprehensive 9 wkt win.

CCCL DIV ONE STATS - JUNE 23



TEAM	PTS	HIGHEST	LOWEST	TOP BATTER	TOP WKTS
BOWDON	216	279-6	158	ROSS ZELEM - 365	JOE CHAPPLE - 24
SALE	215	264-2	148	PAT ASHLING - 566	DAN NEWTON - 21
TIMPERLEY	192	264-9	140	CAEDENCE KUEPPER - 317	CAEDENCE KUEPPER - 25
ROMILEY	167	267-6	79	ISAAC WILLETT - 425	ALEX HOOTON - 21
LINDOW	152	283-3	108	JAMES DUFFY - 379	MAX LAW - 13
MACCLESFIELD	152	229-8	125	BEN GIBSON - 366	CRAIG MELROSE - 20
URMSTON	141	263-3	156	RYAN O'BRIEN - 379	LIAM MARSHALL - 21
OULTON PARK	130	228-6	140	ANDREW METCALF - 326	ANDREW DUFTY - 21
STOCK.GEORGIANS	129	250-5	96	NED BAILEY - 264	SIMON NORMANTON - 30
BRAMHALL	93	176-6	54	NICK CANTELLO - 282	OLIVER WEBB - 22
CONGLETON	91	230-7	111	JAKE WILSHAW - 208	MUHAMMAD KASHIF - 22
ALVANLEY	74	240-6	66	JONO WHITLEY - 254	MICHAEL ROWLANDS & CHRIS CHARLES - 17

JUNE FORM GUIDE	
TEAM	PTS
BOWDON	84
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ROMILEY	76
S.GEORGIANS	59
BRAMHALL	43
URMSTON	42
CONGLETON	38
OULTON PARK	33
ALVANLEY	29

LEADING RUNS	
PLAYER	RUNS
PAT ASHLING	566
ISAAC WILLETT	425
JAMES DUFFY	379
RYAN O'BRIEN	379
DAN NEWTON	378
DAVID BADROCK	374

LEADING WKTS	
PLAYER	WKTS
SIMON NORMANTON	30
CAEDENCE KUEPPER	25
JOE CHAPPLE	24
OLIVER WEBB	22
MUHAMMAD KASHIF	22
ALEX HOOTON	21

WICKETKEEPERS & FIELDERS
 Sale's **Pat Ashling**, with 14 catches & 2 stumpings (plus two fielding catches) is top of the keeper stats so far, with Bowdon's John Sanders (10/3), OP's Frank Farrington (6/6), Macc's Ben Gibson (10/2), Timperley's Jonathan Fletcher (12/2) and Bramhall's Greg Dixon (6/4) all in double figures
 Stockport Georgians' **Ned Bailey** has 10 catches so far, with Timpers' Caedence Kuepper having 9 catches to his name.

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

17 June: David Badrock 98, Rom v Macc; Jonathan Fletcher 92*, Timp v Urm
 Steve Charles 6-26, Alv v Bram; Muhammad Kashif 6-35 (& 21*), Cong v Lind; Joe Chapple 5-15, Bow v SG;
 Liam Molloy 5-26, Alv v Bram

24 June: James Duffy 135*, Lind v Bow Rob Lord 115*, Bow v Lind Nick Cantello 95*, Bram v OP
 Ryan O'Brien 94 (& 3-10), Urm v SG Isaac Brooks 6-58, Sale v Cong

WK 9 - JUNE 17

Another round of games, another hundred for **Marple's Grant Hodnett**, whose third ton of 2023 helped his side claim a 14 run win over **Mobberley** in a wonderful game of cricket at Bowden Lane. Hodnett's 122 (105 bs) took the leaders to a daunting 269-4 although there were no ifs or buts about Mobb's approach - well, actually, two **Butts, Osman** (115 off 124 bs) & **Sohaib** (64 off 67) rattling off 121 at 5 an over for the opening wkt. However, Sohaib holed out, one of five victims for **Joe Cash** as Mobb stalled, Osman completing a fine ton but with his dismissal, Mobb went from 231-4 to 239-9, in the end were bowled out with 5 balls remaining for 255. **Haslington** kept up their pursuit with a very different sort of win over **Port Sunlight**, taking a wkt with the first ball of the match and bowling PS out for 133. Although Has eased to 105-2, they tumbled to a nervy 117-7, but got the 25 pts with no further alarms. Similar scores at Grove Park where **Davenham** made it three in a row with a 5 wkt win over **Cheadle Hulme**, CH's **Aayush Singh Slathia's** 50* in stark contrast to everything else as his side were all out 110, Dav winning in the 32nd over. It was a miserable day for the bottom two, **Christleton** hammered by **Stockport** at Little Heath by 179 runs

after putting the visitors in. **Zafar Jatoi** (80) and **Ben Perry** (77) put on 150 for the 1st as Stockport totalled 251-9, **Max Dunvaband's** fine 7-50 to little avail as his side were shot out for 72. It went even worse for **Ashton OM**, who put **NE Cheshire** in at London Rd and were flogged all round the ground, skipper **Jake Reynolds** (120) and **Jayden Camp** (147*) putting on 218 in 28 overs, **Jackson Noske's** curious tactic of bowling short leaving him with painful figures of 9-0-100-1. The NEC pair (pictured) hit 11 x 6 and 33 x 4 between them as Reynolds



called a halt after 40 overs on 320-3 with a stunned AOM side reduced to

15-7 in the 19th over, and all out 66 in the 28th. All of this made struggling **Bollington's** 4 wkt win at **Hale Barns** all the more valuable, the wheel of fortune turning for **Keegan Fortune** with 3-50 and a crucial 63*.

WK 10 - JUNE 24

Grant Hodnett's purple patch shows no signs of slowing, his 684 runs (average 114) giving **Marple** such a strong start, but even his fourth ton of 2023 (108*) was not enough to pre-

vent defeat at an equally buoyant **Stockport**, the Cale Green side rounding off an fine month with a 6 wkt win after an impressive chase of 249 led by **Tom Facer's** 69*, **Muhammad Wasim's** 58 also a key factor as the previously effective Marple attack just couldn't engineer a breakthrough. **Haslington's** massive 102 run win at **Mobberley** sent them top, **Imran Khan's** 6-27 seeing Mobb crash to 97 all out in pursuit of 200 to win. **Muhammad Abid's** brilliant display was the key to **Davenham** making it four wins from four in June, his 7-41 seeing **Christleton** dismissed for 151 before contributing a vital 33 in Dav's 3 wkt victory, Christleton still winless and in deep do-do. **Andrew Clarke** made a superb 114 (135 bs) as **NE Cheshire** enjoyed another comprehensive win, this one by 82 runs at **Hale Barns**, NEC going from 97-5 to 233-9 as a result of Clarke's efforts. **Jayden Camp** then made up for missing out with the bat with 6-40 as HB were all out for 151 in the 40th (having been 137-5). At the foot, **Bollington** recorded a valuable 6 wkt win over **Port Sunlight**, whose long trip to the Rec saw them muster just 130 (**Wayne Greve** 50*), Bolly easing to 25 pts which rounded off an encouraging month. No such joy for **Ashton OM** who despite having **Ed Faulkner** back, lost by 3 wkts to **Cheadle Hulme**. AOM had to declare on 158-9 in the 41st due to an injury, and even though **Jackson Noske** made amends for last week, his 4-35 wasn't enough as **Aayush Singh Slathia** starred again, making 53*.

DIVISION TWO TABLE AND FORM GUIDE

TEAM	PTS	JUNE FORM	PTS
HASLINGTON	195	DAVENHAM	100
DAVENHAM	189	STOCKPORT	85
MARPLE	186	MARPLE	84
STOCKPORT	177	N.E.CHESHIRE	82
MOBBERLEY	149	HASLINGTON	81
CHEADLE HULME	138	BOLLINGTON	70
N.E.CHESHIRE	131	CHEADLE HULME	57
HALE BARNS	120	HALE BARNS	50
BOLLINGTON	118	MOBBERLEY	39
PORT SUNLIGHT	116	ASHTON OM	29
ASHTON OM	69	CHRISTLETON	25
CHRISTLETON	58	PORT SUNLIGHT	20

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

JUNE 17

Jayden Camp 147*, NEC v AOM
 Jake Reynolds 120, NEC v AOM
 (Reynolds & Camp added 218 for 2nd wkt)
 Grant Hodnett 122, Marp v Mobb
 Osman Butt 115, Mobb v Marp
 Max Dunvaband 7-50, Chris v Stock
 Dave Oldfield 5-3, NEC v AOM
 Naveed Gondal 5-15, Stock v Chris
 Ben Istead 5-19, Has v PS
 Joe Cash 5-54, Marp v Mobb
 Keegan Fortune 63* (& 3-50) Boll v HB

JUNE 24

Andrew Clarke 114, NEC v HB
 Grant Hodnett 108*, Marp v Stock
 Muhammad Abid 7-41 (& 33), Dav v Chris
 Imran Khan 6-27, Has v Mobb
 Jayden Camp 6-40, NEC v HB

WK 9 - JUNE 17

Heaton Mersey remained top after a gripping draw at **Maritime**, who pushed the leaders all the way after declaring early on 264-9. **Vishal Barigela** (69) and **Bilal Anwar** (64) paved the way for a 29-ball 54 from **Mickel Akeem Joseph** as HM faced a sizeable chase, and **Anre Schutte's** superb unbeaten 120 kept them there or thereabouts throughout. **Luke Marshall** hit four sixes in a 20-ball 39 but when he was run out, HM had to settle for a draw. **Ashley** moved up into second after a heart-stopping 1 wkt win at **Oakmere**. **Slade Mitrovich's** fine season continued with 87 (91 bs) before he became one of 6 victims for **Jibran S.Khan** as Oakmere made 209. Ashley lost regular wkts but **Jahangir Mush-taq** (74) led the way, laying the foundation for a vital 25 pts which were claimed amid great tension in the 49th over. **Hawk Green** suffered another setback after losing at home to lowly **Barrow**, the visitors' **Nick Mumford** taking 5-58 as HG didn't really build on an opening stand of 85, bowled out within 37 overs for 213. Barrow had to make their highest score of the season to win and **Ryan McLean's** 64 set them on their way, with Mumford (24*) capping a fine personal display with the winning hit

as his side withstood late pressure from the host to win by 2 wkts. The 25 pts for Barrow became even more valuable with news from Moss Farm of a third win in four for **Northwich**. **Pranav Dhanawade** (90) continued in his purple patch, with 78 from **Glinoj Cherian** taking the hosts to a splendid 240-9 against **Tattenhall**, who slumped to 103 all out in just 26 overs as Northwich won by 136 runs. All of which meant the bottom four were separated by just 15 pts, **Winnington Park** going to the foot after drawing a high scoring game at Walton Lea. **Warrington** made a healthy 255-7 with a fine 101 from **Malcolm Agar** the backbone. WP fell to 144-6 in the 35th and decided to bat out from there, ending on 207-7. **Ian Sharrock** took the final **Kingsley** wkt (pictured) to finish with 5-26 and give



Upton a vital first win in five matches as they won by 30 runs.

WK 10 - JUNE 24

Ashley walloped **Warrington** by 137 runs to end a fine month for them on top. **Ammad Mushtaq** making a second ton of the season, his 109 steering Ashley to

288-7, which proved way beyond the visitors as **Jibran S. Khan** (5-50) and **Jahangir Mushtaq** ripped through the batting, Warrington slumping from 85-1 to 121-8 at one stage. **Elliot Young** also took 5-50 as **Hawk Green** bowled **Maritime** out for 168, Young going on to top score for HG with 47, but the lower order was quickly dismantled as HG's width-of-the-county trip ended in a disappointing 144 all out. However, **Tattenhall**, who had an equally long ride to **Heaton Mersey** and travelled without **Tom Hyslop**, returned westwards ecstatic after pulling off a stunning 23 run win defending just 144. HM had 61 overs to chase but lost 3-0 in 8 balls to be 13-3, their innings stuttering along before **Mel Dobson's** 4-27 polished the tail off, HM 121 all out. **Oakmere's James Hodkinson** was the performer of the day, following up 5-45 with a magnificent 103* as his side recorded a handsome 8 wkt win at **Barrow**, while **Northwich's** remarkable form continued with a fourth win in five as they won by 2 wkts at **Upton**. **Michael Dunning** induced a stunning **Kingsley** collapse at **Winnington Park**, their 130-4 becoming 135 all out, his figures 6-3-9-5. **Matthew George** then anchored things with 74* as struggling WP ended the month with a much needed win.

DIVISION THREE TABLE & FORM GUIDE

TEAM	PTS	JUNE FORM	PTS
ASHLEY	181	ASHLEY	88
MARITIME	180	OAKMERE	87
HEATON MERSEY	169	NORTHWICH	76
OAKMERE	168	MARITIME	70
HAWK GREEN	146	KINGSLEY	60
TATTENHALL	145	TATTENHALL	58
KINGSLEY	136	HEATON MERSEY	48
UPTON	134	BARROW	48
NORTHWICH	123	HAWK GREEN	45
WINNINGTON PARK	121	UPTON	45
BARROW	117	WINNINGTON PARK	40
WARRINGTON	106	WARRINGTON	37

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

JUNE 17

Anre Schutte 120*, HM v Mar
 Malcolm Agar 101, Warr v WP
 Pranav Dhanawade 90 (& 1 ct & 1 st) Nor v Tatt
 Slade Mitrovich 87 (& 3-47), Oak v Ash
 Jibran S Khan 6-39, Ash v Oak
 Ian Sharrock 5-25, Upt v King
 Nick Mumford 5-58 (& 24*), Barr v HG

JUNE 24

Ammad Mushtaq 109, Ash v Warr
 Hassnain Shah 7-28, HM v Tatt
 James Hodkinson 103* & 5-45, Oak v Barr
 Michael Dunning 5-9, WP v King
 Jibran S Khan 5-50, Ash v Warr
 Elliott Young 5-50, HG v Mar
 Sophie Morris 5-57, Upt v North

2ND XI T20 2023

ROUND TWO FIXTURES WERE COMPLETED ON JUNE 13TH, WITH INFORMATION BELOW.
ROUND THREE IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 27TH.

BOWDON (226-7) beat MARPLE (141-9) by 85 runs. Bowdon's openers Ben Atkinson (46 off 17) and Matt Thomas (62 off 33) led off with a rapid 63 opening stand, James Teasdale's 71 off 42 providing more pyrotechnics as his side piled up a huge total, Marple unable to remotely match the Bowdon firepower.

CHEADLE (105) beat HEATON MERSEY (75, 19.1 os) by 30 runs. A low scoring game left Heaton Mersey ruing the 22 extras they conceded, as Mohsin Malik's 23 was the highest score of the game. Three run outs checked HM's chase, as Alex Read (3.1-2-2-3) proved unplayable, the side currently bottom of the Prem getting an encouraging morale boost.

GRAPPENHALL (146-3, 14.1 os) beat HALE BARNES (142-4) by 7 wkts. Joshua Knowles' fine 79 off 47 bs (7x4, 6x6) gave Hale Barnes a good score but Grappenhall paced their response perfectly, Steve Rooney's 40 off 29 and then a brisk stand of 66 between Tom Higham (32*) and Ben Clissold (38 off 25) taking them to a comfortable victory.

MACCLESFIELD (151-6) beat ALDERLEY EDGE (120-4) by 31 runs. Dan Evans' 37 and 34 from Ben Curwen - along with 29 extras - gave Macc a healthy total, Curwen's 2-12 then helping to keep the AE chase well in check.

HASLINGTON (149-7) beat NANTWICH (143-7) by 3 wkts. In a dramatic conclusion, Haslington's Kamran Shinwari hit the last ball of the match for 6 to put them through, ensuring Will Dale's earlier 55 was not wasted. Umpire Graham Church sent the following summary through: *"End of 19th over Haslington were 134 for 6 requiring 10 to win the match; 19.4 Haslington bring scores level; 19.5 unnecessary and panicked run-out - and had umpires conferring on competition regulations as both teams had now lost 7 wickets; 19.6 Haslington score 6 to win the match. Both teams applauded off the field by 100+ spectators."*

STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (203-5) beat HYDE (183-5) by 20 runs. The in-form Chris Dodd (pictured hitting a boundary), with 47 off 33, and Carols Wakefield (56 off 34) walloped 106 together for the 1st, as Sam Bailey's 44 off 27 kept the momentum going, Georgians topping 200. Hyde's reply was a spirited one, 54 from Jahangir Hussain and then 56* off 39 bs from Chris MacKenzie giving the visitors hope, but they were always just a little too far behind the required rate, despite accruing a total that would have won many a match. Georgians' twitter feed reported that "it was nip and tuck for a long time."



BROOKLANDS (103-5, 16.2 os) beat TIMPERLEY (102, 17.5 os) by 5 wkts. All six Brooklands bowlers took wickets in a parsimonious display which saw Timpers all out with 2.1 overs unused. Dom Booth's 34* steered last years' semi-finalists through without too many problems.

ROUND 3 DRAW (SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 27th)

Oulton Park v Chester BH
Oxton v Neston
Stockport v Didsbury
Urmston v Widnes
Stockport Georgians v Cheadle
Macclesfield v Bowdon
Grappenhall v Alvanley
Brooklands v Haslington

2ND XI CRICKET

2ND XI PREMIER DIVISION

Wk 9: June 17 Chris Becker's 79 set **Didsbury** on their way to 221-7 and a 103 run win over **Hyde**, Dan Ward's 4-12 polishing off the tail. **Toft** went second after their 2s copied their 1s with an excellent win, **Ed Stubbs** (84*) and **David Blackburn** (66*) putting a great stand together to complete a 9 wkt win over **Oxton**, 4 wkts apiece from **Joe Stanley** and **Pete Talbot** earlier seeing Oxton all out 153. **Ian Gill** made 100 for **Neston** as they reached 226-8 at **Brooklands**, but **Mark Bloomfield** followed suit for the hosts, his 100 allied with 70* from **Caleb Jones** secured victory with six overs unused. **Syed Bilal Hussain Shah** hit a third ton of the season, his 121 (128 bs) the mainstay of **Lindow's** 243-5 as he and **Olly James** (68) added 149 for the 2nd wkt against **Bowdon**. **Olly Simons** then atoned for successive ducks with 102 as his side suffered two collapses either side of a 104 stand for the 6th (**Zach Thompson** 52), the second of which saw Bowdon go from 191-5 to 195-9, Simons falling to the penultimate ball of the match, but last man **Haydn George** survived as the match ended in a gripping draw. **Ben Jarvis** scored 103* for **Nantwich** in their 220-7 at **Sale**, who replied with a solid 221-3 to win by 7 wkts with 2 overs unused. **Cheadle** remain at the foot despite having the better of their entertaining draw with **Chester BH**, whose last pair had to survive a couple of nervy overs on 200-9, after a brave pursuit of 218 just fell short.

2ND XI PREM	PTS
DIDSBURY	223
BOWDON	170
TOFT	157
BROOKLANDS	152
LINDOW	148
CHESTER BH	130
NESTON	128
SALE	120
HYDE	118
OXTON	115
CHEADLE	103
NANTWICH	88

Wk 10: June 24 Needing two off the last ball, **Didsbury's Matt Laker** was kept to a single as the leaders recorded a thrilling level-scores draw at Neston. Skipper **Ben Thomas** earlier made 92 for the hosts, who were 143-7, but this season it's not unusual to see **Tom Jones** making a contribution and his handy 42 rallied Neston to reach 216-9, before he took two wkts and bowled the dramatic final over which went: leg bye, one, dot, dot, three, one. Second place **Bowdon** recovered from 7-2 to reach 202-8 in the 49th and thus beat **Sale**, **Muneeb Iftikhar's** 5-57 in vain. **Toft** lost ground on the leading two after going down by 83 runs at home to **Lindow**, their main man **Syed Bilal Hussain Shah** making a useful 37 before returning 6-23 (and taking a catch). **Chris Hart** was another man starring with bat and ball, a useful 25 at no.7 and then 5-20 (and a run out) seeing **Brooklands** notch a 40 run win over struggling **Nantwich** at Whitehouse Lane. **Chester BH** were to be yet again frustrated by a rearguard action, this time at **Oxton** as the hosts finished on 172-8 in reply to CBH's 213-8, **Chris Williams' 68** (106 bs) for Oxton their backbone. **Cheadle's Kevin Moss** was the only centurion of the day in the division, his superb 116* (126 bs) leading his side to 232-5 at Hyde, who found **Mark Hampson's** pace too much as they folded for a disappointing 132 to make it successive defeats, Hyde slipping back down the table after an encouraging spell.

2ND XI DIVISION 1

June 17: Dan Evans made 118 for **Macc** who couldn't separate the last **Bramhall** pair. **Fameesh Azeez** took 6-23 for **Grapers** who beat **Marple**; **Shabaz Shafiq** made 74* for **H.Mersey** who beat **Alvanley** by 4 wkts; **Timperley** beat **Romiley** by 21 runs to stay 2nd; **Georgians** stayed top, **Carlos Wakefield** making 67* as they beat **OP** by 7 wkts. **Ben Hewitt** made 59* & took 3-52 as **Widnes** beat **A. Edge** in a high scoring game.

June 24: the meeting of the top 2 saw **Widnes** beat **Georgians** by 3 wkts, but SG are still 26 pts clear. **Timperley** lost a thriller by just 3 runs at **OP**, who stay in the drop zone but closed the gap on **Marple**, for whom **Dan Cox** made 127* in their draw with **H.Mersey**. **Kieran Berlington** made 97* for **Bramhall** in their draw with **Alvanley**.

2ND XI DIVISION 2

June 17: Neil Greenless took 5-36 and then made a crucial 18* for **Cheadle Hulme** as they maintained their 100% record at the top. **Sujoy Jiswal's** superb 111* was not enough for **Hale Barns** as they lost by 26 runs at **Ashton OM**. **Didsbury 2A** were emphatic 143 run winners over Davenham to stay third, Dav still bottom. **June 24:** the meeting of top & bottom went to form, **Cheadle Hulme** sweeping to a 7 wkt win over **Davenham** after bowling them out for just 93. Meanwhile third place **Dids 2A** recorded an excellent 6 wkt win over second place **Ashton OM**, Dids skipper **Tom Brady** with 63*. At the foot, **Hale Barns** scrambled a vital 4 wkt win over **Warrington** and **Stockport** held on for a valuable 22 run win at **Haslington**, leaving the bottom four separated by just 19 pts.

2ND XI DIVISION 3

June 17: Maritime beat **Barrow** by 5 wkts to stay top, ahead of **Congleton** who racked up 256-4 against Runcorn, a good job as Runcorn got to 219 before being bowled out. **Chester BH 3s** walloped **Mobberley** by 9 wkts. The derby at the Flacca saw **Christleton's Ian Mitchell** make 100* (99 bs), but he was upstaged by **Benedict Cooke's** 111 (94 bs) as **Tattenhall** made 245-3 to win by 7 wkts. **June 24: Maritime** stayed top with a 64 run win over **Christleton**, they and **Congleton** some way clear of the rest after Cong beat **Bollington** by 59 runs. It's also getting spread out at the foot although **Mobberley's** concession to **Tattenhall** means they are already 53 pts away from safety with less than half the season played.

3rd XI LEAGUE & T20 2023

The meeting of the top two in the **Premier Division** on Sunday was disappointingly washed out with leaders **Stockport Georgians** 144-8 after 33 overs at **Didsbury. Sale** were also rained off at **Alderley Edge** but have a game in hand - they host Didsbury next week in a key fixture. **Bramhall**, still in search

of a first win, had **Romiley** 112-8 when rain had the final say. In **Div 1** **Sam Hill** made 110 for **Brooklands** in their win over **NEC**, Brooklands now top ahead of **Grappenhall**, for whom **Stanley Pennington** took 4-11 before hitting 54* as they beat **Cheadle. Ashley** bowled out **AOM**

for 31 in a match which lasted just 16 overs. **Stockport Trinity** are two pts ahead of **Traff. Metrovicks 3s** in **Div 2** while **Davenham** and **Traff. Metrovicks 4s** lead the **West** and **East** divisions respectively while **Sale 4s** top **Div 4**, washouts and a concession the story of the day on Sunday there.

3RD XI JACK GARDNER TROPHY QUARTER FINAL RESULT

19 June: DIDSBURY 3s 195-7 (20) beat Didsbury 4s 190-8 (20) by 5 runs

A superb game of cricket saw the reigning T20 holders squeak through in a thrilling finish. Adam Slater's 63 (23 bs) got the 3s off to a rapid start, 114-2 at halfway, but the impetus went out of the second part of their innings and it took a late dash of 30 from the last 2 overs (including a six off the last ball) to get the 3s close to the 200 they wanted. Unbowed, the Didsbury 4s side, with three U15s and an U13, grew in confidence, also 114-2 at halfway before an awful collapse saw them lose 5 wkts in 10 balls. The game looked over but a brilliant cameo from U15 Seb Byrne (38 off 16) left the 4s needing 10 from the last as a stunned 3s scrambled hard, keeping it to 4 runs amidst real tension. Didsbury 3s thus join Sale, Nantwich & Macclesfield for finals day.



CHESHIRE CUP & SHIELD LATEST



Toft's match at Wallasey was washed out on Sunday (Wallasey 82-4 in the 18th) meaning the two will meet again to decide who plays Oulton Park in the Cheshire Cup quarter-finals. The three other QFs are: Nantwich v Didsbury; Hyde v Birkenhead Park;

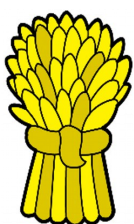
New Brighton v Widnes, all scheduled for July 2nd. The first round of Shield matches (June 18) were badly affected by the torrential downpours across the region. Although the actual results were unclear at time of writing, the sides presently through to the next round are Bollington, Maritime, Hawk Green, NE Cheshire, Warrington & Tattenhall, with Marple & Mobberley also in the hat.



NATIONAL KNOCKOUT NEWS

Despite a magnificent 120 (114 bs) from keeper Charlie Lowen (pictured) Didsbury lost at Barnt Green on June 18 to exit the competition. Didsbury chose to bat first and Lowen's wonderful knock oversaw a total of 273-8, a partnership of 154 for the 2nd wkt with Ed Newman (71) a superb exhibition. Torrential rain during the interval led to a long delay and a twice-revised DLS target for the hosts (but no change to the fielding restrictions), and led by a 44-ball 70* from Amrinder Brar, BG reached 128-2 in 18 overs to go through.

On the same day Nantwich got the right side of the downpours, having conceded 304 at Porthill Park before rain meant the match was abandoned and replayed. Second time around PP were restricted to 212-6, but with rain again interfering, Nantwich had a revised total of 203 in 38 but made a terrible start, 18-4 in the 7th over with PP bowling 3 maidens in the first 10 overs. Ray Doyle then fell to leave Nantwich 40-5 in the 13th, but Spencer Byatt (89 off 75) and Phil Stockton (55*) added a brilliant 135 in 18 overs, Stockton going on to make the winning hit after a brisk unbroken stand of 30 with Jason Foulkes. Nantwich host Kimberley Institute in R4 on July 9, the sides having also met at the same stage in 2022.



CHESHIRE CC NEWS

CHESHIRE THROUGH TO K/O STAGES

Cheshire's game with Shropshire at Toft on Sunday was abandoned after 3.3 overs of the hosts reply to Shropshire's impressive 336-7, with former Worcester player Tom Fell hitting a superb 110. Fell then caught Ben Kohler-Cadmore with Cheshire 18-1 before no further play proved possible. In the final equation both Cheshire and Shropshire finished with 5 pts, but Cheshire's superior net run rate saw them through with group winners Suffolk, Cheshire to face Cumbria away next Sunday, July 2nd.

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