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Things hotting up!

All divisions taking shape

T20 & Cheshire Cup latest

Brilliant chase by Cheshire in NCCA Trophy



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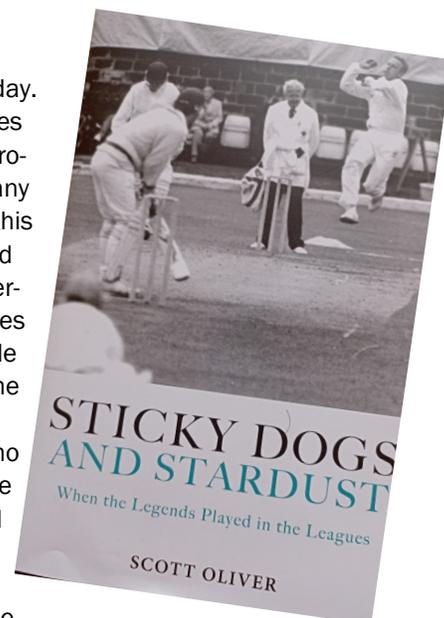
FROM THE EDITOR



A very busy month of cricket is over, but we pitch into an even busier month, with several different competitions all in full swing. The 1st XI T20 knockout stages are underway after a round-robin stage which has attracted a fair bit of adverse comment and which to my mind could be dealt with a little more satisfactorily. No-one disputes the difficulties that evening T20 fixtures present, with players and officials often battling to grounds in heavy traffic, many also with work commitments that cannot be easily dispensed with, leading to the inevitable but unavoidable 'sameness' of many of the mini-group teams. There's also the need to ensure that out of all the entrants, there are 16 qualifiers for the knockout stages, which in turn has led to four mini-groups of just two teams, one match deciding who goes forward. I don't see why these groups can't be contested over two matches, with net run-rate (or some other agreed method) deciding who goes through in the event of each team winning a match. It would certainly seem to be a more satisfactory way of determining quali-

ers than just (potentially) winning two matches and being through to finals day. All of this, however (as with all else) lies in the gift of the competing clubs to propose such changes, so we will see if any proposals are forthcoming. Certainly this year's 1st XI T20 to date has produced some excellent games and brilliant performances, and, pleasingly, no matches conceded (although Didsbury & Marple agreed to cancel their final group game after neither could have progressed). Congratulations to the 3rd XI sides who have made it through to finals day, the 2nd XIs still in T20 contention, and all those involved in the longer Cup formats (be it in the National KO, the Cheshire Cup or Shield). There's some great cricket being played and I hope more clubs will do more to promote themselves, their teams and their achievements on their social media platforms. Many clubs have them but very few, it seems, update them regularly, which is a shame.

I also want to devote some space to the publication of a new book which I have been thoroughly enjoying and which I know many of my other colleagues would be glad to have a copy of too. Scott Oliver has put together a real labour of love about the regional game, entitled 'Sticky Dogs and Stardust', telling the tale of 22 professionals - stellar internationals, in



point of fact - who turned out for league clubs, most (but not all) based in Lancashire (where it was a League regulation that clubs had to have a professional player, to cultivate interest in the club and the game). You'll know all 22 players whose stories are told in the book, and while I can only imagine the amount of work it took to research and write, it is a wonderful piece of work, a real gem amongst too many flaccid cricket books, and I recommend it to you without hesitation.

James

FAIR PLAY TABLES

After the first five weeks of the season, the tables for each division are as follows:

Premier Division

Alderley Edge	4.0
Brooklands	4.0
Cheadle	4.0
Chester BH	4.0
Grappenhall	4.0
Hyde	4.0
Neston	4.0
Oxton	4.0
Toft	3.95
Widnes	3.95
Didsbury	3.8
Nantwich	3.75
Average	3.95

Division 1

Oulton Park	4.05
Macclesfield	4.0
Romiley	4.0
Stockport G	4.0
Congleton	3.95
Alvanley	3.94
Urmston	3.85
Bowden	3.81
Bramhall	3.8
Lindow	3.7
Sale	3.7
Timperley	3.6
Average	3.86

Division 2

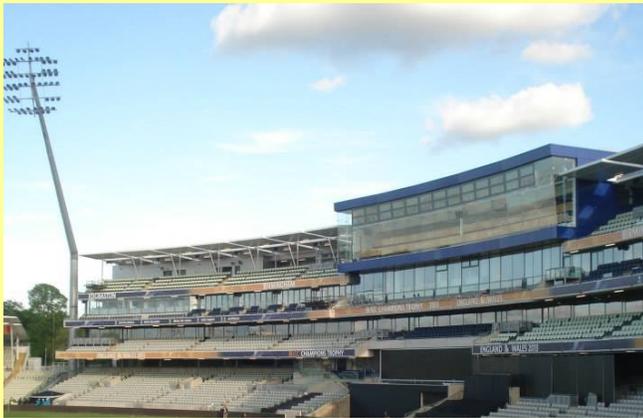
NE Cheshire	4.05
Cheadle Hulme	4.0
Hale Barns	4.0
Haslington	4.0
Marple	4.0
Mobberley	3.95
Davenham	3.95
Port Sunlight	3.9
Christleton	3.85
Ashton OM	3.8
Stockport	3.8
Bollington	3.75
Average	3.92

Division 3

Ashley	4.0
Hawk Green	4.0
Heaton Mersey	4.0
Kingsley	4.0
Maritime	4.0
Oakmere	4.0
Upton	4.0
Tattenhall	3.95
Barrow	3.9
Northwich	3.9
Warrington	3.9
Winnington Park	3.9
Average	3.96

TURNING BACK TIME...PART 3

So my scoring adventure was about to start a new chapter as I went solo, working on warm-up matches for the 2013 Champions Trophy as press box scorer.



I was at Edgbaston all by myself on Saturday 1st June, mercifully dry and fine, and getting into the media centre in plenty of time for the Sri Lanka v. India match. I used the stairs - a long climb up five floors - and took some time to enjoy the wonderful view from without doubt the best media centre in English cricket (left). It's also the biggest, with space for some 130 journalists, but as the tournament had not exactly captured the cricketing public's imagination (it was an Ashes year, after all) there was a grand total of precisely 6 accredited journo's in attendance. Spread right across the room. However, it was ideal for me, as a low-key dress rehearsal. My experience at Lords had shown me some things not im-

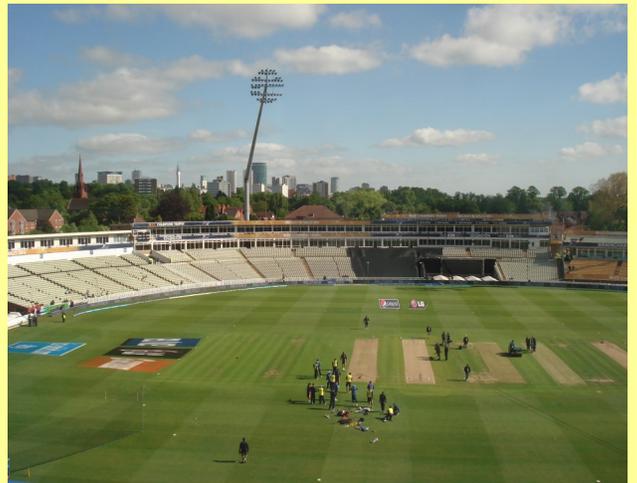
mediately obvious to the casual observer. I had noticed all the journo's wearing ear-pieces tuned into either radio or TV commentary at Lords, and wondered why - but it's simply because all media centres are fronted by plate-glass and thus virtually no sound from outside is audible. Turn the volume right down on your TV next time you're watching a game and you will soon see how hard it is to follow a cricket match without sound, especially if you're scoring it. So an ear-piece is a pretty essential piece of kit if you are working in a cricket media centre.

Except this match, being a warm-up, had zero radio commentary and although Sky were covering it, there was no feed of their commentary available. And because it was still a bit on the cool side, the powers-that-be had decided against opening the media centre windows. This all dawned on me about the time of the toss, which is also a scramble to ensure you have the right teams and the right shirt numbers! It was thus a rather frazzled press box scorer that nervously watched Kusal Perera and Tillikeratne Dilshan stroll out to face the Indian attack.

Initially, however, it was all quite straightforward. The two Sri Lankans walloped everything - the crack of the ball off Perera's bat was heard even through plate glass as the Indian seamers were taken to pieces. So Dhoni soon turned to spin, which is where my nightmare started. Ashwin and Jadeja are without doubt fine bowlers, but I hate them. This is because their run-ups, such as they are, are about three paces, and when your head is looking at sheets or a screen it is very easy to miss something without the sound of the action to nudge you into looking up. It turns out I missed a no-ball, which I only discovered a couple of overs after it had happened. Jadeja was bowling his over so quickly that I had no idea he'd had to bowl an extra delivery!

One of the journo's told me I had announced a score different to the board. I discreetly panicked, my heart started racing, and I went to the CricInfo text commentary to see where I had gone wrong. I did this at the same moment as the wifi went down in the media centre! It took all my focus to keep as calm as I could, watch the game (which was still going on of course), record what I saw, and, when after an eternity (probably about two minutes) the wifi was restored, I scrolled through the text commentary (still watching the game), found the no-ball (phew) and then set about correcting the computer record, whilst keeping my sheets accurate so that I could then catch the computer record up. I did it, and got back to everything being right, but it was a horrible 20 minutes. And a salutary, very useful experience!

Next it was off to Cardiff - a place I had never been to before - for another warm up game and then, the real thing.





CRICKET

PINK

23rd – 25th June 2023

prevent
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Cheshire County Cricket League are
delighted to announce their first
League Charity Partnership



Across the final weekend of June (Fri 23 - Sun 25) the Cheshire County Cricket League are strongly encouraging clubs to raise funds for

Prevent Breast Cancer

the only UK Charity funding research solely aimed at preventing breast cancer for future generations (visit preventbreastcancer.org.uk). The aim through this special weekend is to support their work by raising funds through activities at your club. There are many ways you can get involved:

- ◆ Use your Friday evening junior fixture or junior training to raise funds through wearing pink. What about selling pink lemonade for children? Perhaps a pink prosecco/pink gin evening may be possible to arrange.
- ◆ Pink cake sales, pink bottle raffle (where all bottles are wrapped in pink?)
- ◆ Pink sweep stakes on the games being played at your club (number of runs scored, highest partnership)
- ◆ Pink fancy dress

There's plenty more scope for your own ideas and initiatives, and you can email Emma Slater via paintcricketpink@yahoo.com for more information. All monies raised will help the charity develop their crucial work.

WK 7 - JUNE 3

Neston made surprisingly short work of an uncharacteristically flat **Widnes** side at Parkgate to stay top of the table, knocking off the paltry 104 they were set inside 18 overs as the visitors didn't get out of first gear. **Luke Jones** took 5-22 as Widnes lost 8-51 on a day to forget for them. **Alderley Edge** were another side who put in a surprisingly off-key display, their strong batting line up totally blunted by the **Nantwich** trio of **Stockton, Foulkes** and **Spencer**, who dismissed them for 100 (AE were 43-1 at one stage). **Marcus Stables** was glad to reverse a run of low scores for the Dabbers with 52 as they won by 6 wkts. At Filkins Lane, **Didsbury** skipper **Nick Anderson** was also shrugging off a bad run (his league inns to date: 0,1,0,28,0) with a magnificent 103 (92 bs) including 6 sixes, he and **Sam Leech** (66 off 59) adding 160 for the 5th wkt as Dids reached 322, their highest League total in several years. Several **Chester BH** batters all got starts, but 4 wkts apiece for the **Green** brothers saw them all out for 154. **Hyde** are delighted that **George Balderson** has been surprisingly overlooked for Lancs' T20 campaign, the all-rounder really in the mood for his home club, as **Grappenhall** discovered

to their cost, Balderson with 5-19 and then 73* as a formidable-looking Hyde made it three wins in a row. Predicted by some to struggle this year, **Oxton's** third win in four - a nail-biting 2 wkt victory at Townfield Lane against **Toft** - propelled them firmly into mid-table. The visitors made 224-8 (**O'Shay Reddy** 57) which looked way short as **Luke Filer** (71) and **Henry Dobson** (72) added a brilliant 152 for the 1st wkt in reply. However, that crumbled to 199-7 in the 51st (3 wkts fell in 4 balls at one stage) as the tension mounted, but with 5 needed off the last, **Will Clayton** found the boundary with two balls remaining to claim a vital win. **Andrej Yaksender's** 100 rescued **Cheadle** from 132-7, he and debutant **Parth Gaikwad** (39) adding 86 for the 8th as their side made 242. Despite being 62-0 after a rapid 48 off 24 from **Todd Walker, Brooklands** couldn't get other partnerships going, Gaikwad taking the last wkt as they were all out 185.

WK 8 - JUNE 10

A fascinating day of Premier Division cricket saw three sides tied at the top. **Hyde** convincingly beat **Didsbury** after a fine personal display from **Luke Young**, his 4 wkts

helping dismiss Dids for just 160, then leading off with 68 before **Andrew Jackson** hit successive sixes (6 in total in his 20-ball 47) to finish the game. A strong **Neston** side surprisingly came unstuck at **Grappenhall**, for whom Lancs 2s player **Arav Shetty** starred with 66 and then 5-19 as Neston slumped to 122 all out and a resounding 93 run defeat. **Alderley Edge's Subhaan Mahmood** made 100* as his side won by 5 wkts at luckless **Brooklands**, who couldn't capitalise on dismissing **Kohler-Cadmore, Perry** and **Wilkinson** with just 16 on the board. Mahmood and **Charlie Barnard** (63) added 138 to seal the win. **Nantwich** won a third game in a row with a demolition of an all at sea **Toft**, 58 all out as **Phil Stockton** and **Jason Foulkes** each took 5 wkts — the third time this season Toft take zero pts. **Cheadle's Will Holmes** (66 & 5-41) was their star turn in a splendid victory over **Chester BH**, who lost by 64 runs at Kingsway and slipped to their lowest position in many years. **Oxton's** surge continued, a fourth win in five coming after a thumping 117 run win over an out-of-sorts **Widnes** who are now without a win in four.

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

June 3

Nick Anderson 103, Dids v CBH
 Andrej Yaksender 100, Chead v Brook
 George Balderson 5-19 (& 73*)
 Hyde v Grapp
 Luke Jones 5-22, Nest v Wid

June 10

Arav Shetty 5-19 (& 66), Grapp v Nest
 Phil Stockton 5-20, Nant v Toft
 Jason Foulkes 5-38, Nant v Toft
 Will Holmes 5-41 (& 66), Chead v CBH
 Luke Young 4-51 & 68, Hyde v Dids

TABLE - JUNE 10

TEAM	PTS
NESTON	160
DIDSBURY	160
HYDE	160
ALDERLEY EDGE	145
NANTWICH	137
OXTON	116
CHEADLE	118
WIDNES	104
GRAPPENHALL	98
CHESTER BH	87
TOFT	59
BROOKLANDS	56

LEADING PLAYERS

PLAYER	RUNS
MATTHEW STRONG (NES)	313
BEN KOHLER-CADMORE (AE)	288
HENRY DOBSON (OXT)	288
LUKE YOUNG (HYDE)	288
SAM PERRY (AE)	286
ED NEWMAN (DIDS)	267
PLAYER	WKTS
STEVE GREEN (DIDS)	31
TOM MacRURY (GRAPP)	29
JASON FOULKES (NANT)	27
PHILIP STOCKTON (NANT)	26
ASH DAVIS (NEST)	20
AAQIB UPPAL (WID)	20

WK 7 - JUNE 3

The top vs. bottom fixture proved to be a one-sided affair as **Bowdon** swept to their victory target of 136 inside 22 overs at **Congleton**, whose sixth defeat in seven games left them at the foot of the table. Four wkts apiece for **Joe Chapple** and **Matt Tully** put the skids under the hosts, who were 85-8 until **John Copeland** injected some zest into proceedings. But it only delayed the inevitable, Chapple (49) the only man to be dismissed, skipper **Jack Tipton** 66* as the pair added 119 for the opening wkt. However, Congleton are only a point adrift of two other sides who have also lost six out of seven. **Alvanley** at least picked up 11 pts after a 2 wkt loss in an entertaining encounter with **Lindow**. **Simon Gee** finished 92* as Alv recovered from 14-2 to reach 240-6, adding 99 with **Chris Charles** who hit 68 from 39 bs. **James Duffy's** 70 anchored the Lindow response with other solid contributions getting them over the line - just - in the 49th. The other struggling side, **Bramhall**, had a similar chase at **Timperley**, where they needed 231 (having had the home side 164-7). However, a bright opening led to a familiar tail-off, **Greg Dixon's** defiant 79 (118 bs) the one

bright spot, the opener the last wkt to fall as his side were 148 all out. The surprise result of the day was at Victoria Rd where high-flying **Sale** lost to a **Macclesfield** team who'd only once previous. Fresh from his ton last week, **Alex Thomson** starred again, firstly with the ball, his 6-58 including the last wkt to fall, that of **Pat Ashling** for 98, stumped after a brilliant knock. Thomson then made 45, which along with 60 from **Khalid Sawas** saw Macc claim a fine 4 wkt win. Inconsistent **Romiley** came good, **David Badrook's** excellent 89* the bed-rock of their whopping 267-6 against **Urmston**, who got nowhere close as **Alex Hooton's** 5-44 saw them all out 156. **Simon Normanton's** 94* was the glue holding **Stockport Georgians** together at **Oulton Park**, an 8th wkt stand of 86 with **Jordan Richards** lifting them from 127-7 to 214-8. The pair then bagged 7 wkts between them as the hosts were bowled out for 176.

WK 8 - JUNE 10

The top three all won and the bottom three all lost as both ends of the table maintained a familiar

look. **Bowdon** made it 7 wins for the season after **Jack Tipton** (92) and **Ross Zelem** (73) added 149 for the 2nd in their 268-3 at **Urmston**, and even with **Rob Lord** not bowling, dismissed the hosts for 172, **Luke McLaughlin's** dashing 72 (50 bs) in stark contrast to the grim resistance of his colleagues. **Sale** made light work of an under-strength **Alvanley**, winning by 9 wkts after **Pat Ashling** - dropped fourth ball - eased to an unbeaten 63. **Timperley** won a thriller off the last ball at **Romiley**, the hosts tailing off batting first after a strong start but still posting 260. Timpers' top five all contributed well and **Jonathan Fowler's** hard-hitting 50* led to last ball delight for his side. **Lindow** also chased well after **Andrew Metcalf's** 83* saw **Oulton Park** set them 222, **James Duffy's** 92* the anchor in a 6 wkt win, while at Flowery Field **Ben Staniforth** made 93 as **Georgians** overpowered lowly **Congleton**, winning by 100 runs after **Simon Normanton's** fine form continued with 7-41. **Bramhall's** fifth loss on the bounce came after **Macclesfield** got to 185 having been 128-8, Bram all out 125 after 5 more wkts for **Alex Thompson**.

TABLE - JUNE 10

TEAM	PTS
BOWDON	182
SALE	165
TIMPERLEY	159
ROMILEY	128
LINDOW	123
S.GEORGIANS	120
MACCLESFIELD	119
OULTON PARK	112
URMSTON	107
BRAMHALL	61
CONGLETON	59
ALVANLEY	58

LEADING PLAYERS

PLAYER	RUNS
ISAAC WILLETT (ROM)	371
PAT ASHLING (SALE)	341
ROSS ZELEM (BOW)	326
BEN GIBSON (MACC)	302
LIAM MARSHALL (URM)	300
JAMES DODDS (SALE)	296
PLAYER	WKTS
SIMON NORMANTON (SG)	26
JOE CHAPPLE (BOW)	19
DAN NEWTON (SALE)	19
LIAM MARSHALL (URM)	19
CAEDENCE KUEPPER (TIM)	19

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

June 3

Pat Ashling 98, Sale v Macc

Simon Normanton 94* (& 4-56)

SG v OP

Simon Gee 92*, Alv v Lind

Alex Thomson 6-58 (& 45),

Macc v Sale

Alex Hooton 5-44, Rom v Urm

Joe Chapple, 4-32 & 49, Bowd v Cong

June 10

Ben Staniforth 93, SG v Cong

Jack Tipton 93, Bowd v Urm

James Duffy 92*, Lind v OP

Simon Normanton 7-41, SG v Cong

Alex Thompson 5-28, Macc v Bram

Andrew Horsfield 5-40, Timp v Rom

WK 7 - JUNE 3

Marple recorded a hard-fought 41 run win over **Haslington** at Bowden Lane to leapfrog the visitors and nick top spot. Asked to bat, the hosts worked hard against what many regard as the best attack in the division and reached 213-7, only one batter not making double figures. Despite 64 from **Matt Kennerley-Ryan**, Haslington only had one 50+ partnership and were all out 172. Marple's **Mark Makin** (44 & 3-47) and Has' **Tom Gledhill** (3-55 and 25) were both mentioned in dispatches. **Mobberley** went third but struggled again, a second loss of 2023 coming at Grove Park after choosing to bat and being knocked over for 143 by **Cheadle Hulme**, 60 from **Matt Mountney** their one consolation. It looked even more valuable as CH were 15-3 early doors, but a 4th wkt stand of 92 between **Hashir Khan** (45) and **Rhys Collister** (43) steadied the ship, the hosts winning by 3 wkts. **Davenham** got a valuable win after a thrilling 2 wkt victory at **Hale Barns** after the hosts posted 189-7. A 39-ball 54 from **Jason van der Meulen** gave Davenham real impetus and at 159-4 they were looking well set, but **Jack Garner** (33) was run out which led to panic stations, Dav

stuttering to 182-8 as the overs ticked away. However, the 9th pair held the nerve and nicked the winning runs with three balls remaining, HB reflecting, *inter alia*, on a costly 23 extras. The other two games were drawn, **Port Sunlight** (151-8) declining to chase 212 for a win at **Christleton**, while two struggling sides met at the Beets. Put in by **Bollington**, hosts **Ashton OM** were soon 16-3, but Bolly dropped 5 catches, **Macca Hooton** (15 at the time) one of the beneficiaries who cashed in by crunching a splendid 121, **Akash Patel's** 72 then helping take AOM to a soaraway 267-9. In reply, skipper **Harri Dickinson** led off with 67 off 64 bs in an opening stand of 103 before becoming one of 5 victims (for the second game in a row) for **Sam Thoburn**, as Bolly's valiant attempt fell short, the last pair surviving three overs, Bolly 250-9.

WK 8 - JUNE 10

A second century of 2023 from **Grant Hodnett** saw **Marple** go top after a 51 run at **Port Sunlight**. The first ever meeting between the sides saw Hodnett hit

141* (143 bs, 3x6, 17x4), his stand of 150 with **Max Fitzgerald** (66) putting 262-4 on the board. PS (without **Simon Melberzs**) were all out in the 45th, a stand of 114 for the 3rd between **Tyler Stagg** (70) and **Jamie Hodgson** (63) their highlight. **Haslington** kept their good form going after a terrific chase at **Bollington**, who again posted a good total (241-8), but were undone by two **Bens**, **Tomlinson** (92) and **Istead** (66) adding 142 as Has squeaked home by 2 wkts in a gripping finish. 77 from **Jason van der Meulen** helped **Davenham** to 215 against **NEC**, despite 6-39 from **Will Westerby**. **Jayden Camp** (79*) ran out of partners after adding 76 with **Will Ritchie** (39), NEC all out 186. The quickest winners of the day were **Mobberley** who bowled out visitors **Christleton** for 100, knocking off the target inside 20 overs, while **Cheadle Hulme** were back to square one after going from 51-1 to 93 all out at **Stockport**, **Naveed Gondal** 7-38 before again coming to the rescue with the bat after his side were 47-6 in reply, he & **Danny Barber** (39) securing a 3 wkt win. The writing was on the wall for **Ashton OM** after **Sam Smith's** 86 took visitors **Hale Barns** to 228, 7-61 from **Joe Cooper** seeing the hosts dismissed for 154.

TABLE - JUNE 10

TEAM	PTS
MARPLE	152
HASLINGTON	145
MOBBERLEY	142
DAVENHAM	139
STOCKPORT	127
CHEADLE HULME	109
PORT SUNLIGHT	108
HALE BARNS	104
N.E. CHESHIRE	81
BOLLINGTON	68
ASHTON ON MERSEY	61
CHRISTLETON	47

LEADING PLAYERS

PLAYER	RUNS
GRANT HODNETT (MAR)	454
JAYDEN CAMP (NEC)	413
TYLER STAGG (PS)	272
JAMIE HODGSON (PS)	271
NAVEED GONDAL (STO)	268
HARRI DICKINSON (BOL)	244
PLAYER	WKTS
ABDUL AQEEL (MOB)	30
LUKE STOW (MOB)	22
JOE COOPER (HB)	22
MUHAMMAD ABID (DAV)	21
WILL FRASER-SMITH (MAR)	21
TOM BALDERSON (CH)	18

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

June 3

Macca Hooton 121, AOM v Boll
Naveed Gondal 92 (& 2-34)

Stock v NEC

Toby Carson 5-41, NEC v Stock
Sam Thoburn 5-66, AOM v Boll
Toby Phipps 5-79, Boll v AOM

June 10

Grant Hodnett 141*, Marp v PS
Ben Tomlinson 92, Has v Boll
Naveed Gondal 7-38 (& 23*)

Stock v CH

Joe Cooper 7-61, HB v AOM
Will Westerby 6-39, NEC v Dav
Ben Istead 66 (& 4-47), Has v Boll



CCCL DIVISION THREE



WK 7 - JUNE 3

A fifth win in six saw **Heaton Mersey** maintain top spot, the latest 25 pts courtesy of a 5 wkt win at **Barrow**, who slid from 117-2 to 134-7 after choosing to bat. 71 from **David McClements** and a last wkt stand of 37 lifted them to 203. But HM got off to a flying start, skipper **Josh Ainscough** (54) and **Anre Schutte** (81) adding 99 inside 16 overs which built the platform for 25 pts. **Hawk Green's** poor start is a distant memory now after their fourth straight win, this one a demolition of **Winnington Park** by an eye-watering 204 runs at Upper Hibbert Lane. Skipper **Josh Hampson** (102 off 115 bs) and **Tearan Gleeson** (94 off 78) led off with a rapid 158 opening stand, the pair hitting 21x4 and 7x6 between them. **Sam Messih** then weighed in with 73 off 50 as the boundaries continued to flow, HG calling a halt after 45 overs on 328-5. WP were not surprisingly out for the count and were dismissed inside 35 overs for 124, **Elliot Young** 5-42. An altogether closer match at **Maritime** where visitors **Ashley** won a thriller by just 3 runs, posting 182-9 after choosing to bat. This was a lot more than seemed likely after four early wkts went but **Jahangir Mushtaq's** splendid 91* stabilised things. Mari-

time built a succession of partnerships but nothing substantive, Mushtaq again at work with 3-49 as Maritime got to one boundary away from victory when the last man was lbw. Both sides remained close together in 3rd & 4th spot, with the altitude sickness pills on order at The Flacca after **Tattenhall's** win at **Warrington** lifted them to 5th. **Freddie Cheshire's** 5-28 saw the hosts bowled out for just 124, with Tatt's **Brett Taylor** then teeing off with 50 from 45, **Archie Mobbs** taking up the baton with 46* from 40 as the visitors won with bags of overs unused. Four wkts apiece for **Nick Guest** and **Slade Mitrovic** helped **Oakmere** defend 152 against **Upton**, who despite having 54 overs to chase kept losing wkts and were all out 141. Meanwhile 6-33 from **Ben Stoddard** ensured **Northwich** hopes of building on their win last week were dashed in short order as **Kingsley** skittled them for just 62, the match all done in 39 overs.

WK 8 - JUNE 10

A blistering stand of 42* in 5 overs between **Joby Mathew**

and **Soruban Dk** saw **Northwich** pull off a sensational win at leaders **Heaton Mersey**, the basement side reaching their 192 target with 7 balls to spare in the result of the day. It was to be a memorable weekend for the Moss Farm side - see the Cheshire Shield news! **Maritime** won by 3 wkts at **Barrow** to stay second in a low scoring scrap, the visitors reaching their 153 target in the 30th over despite **Nick Mumford's** heroics, his 29 at no.10 lifting Barrow from 112-8, then 6-62. **Hawk Green's** winning run was ended as they drew at **Ashley**, who went into the stratosphere as a fine 116 (106 bs) from **Ammad Mushtaq** and a 31-ball 81 from **Jahangir Mushtaq** took them to 336-5. 75* from **Elliot Young** and 73 from **Tearan Gleeson** saw HG end on 213-7. **Oakmere** took advantage to sneak up to fourth after a 25 run heist defending 139 at **Winnington Park**, while **Upton** (170-9) clung on - just - to claim a draw with **Warrington**, who for once had the better of a game, **Thaakier Davids** battling 67 and a rasping 40* from **Umer Zeb** taking them from 146-6 to 210-8. **Tattenhall** hit the buffers though, their good recent run halted by **Kingsley**, who beat them by 42 runs, skipper **Tom Hyslop's** defiant 69 not able to hold off **Joel Logan**, whose 5-18 proved decisive.

TABLE - JUNE 10	
TEAM	PTS
HEATON MERSEY	155
MARITIME	142
ASHLEY	131
OAKMERE	131
HAWK GREEN	129
KINGSLEY	126
TATTENHALL	117
UPTON	102
WINNINGTON PARK	89
WARRINGTON	87
BARROW	86
NORTHWICH	73

LEADING PLAYERS	
PLAYER	RUNS
AMMAD MUSHTAQ (ASH)	415
ELLIOT YOUNG (HG)	390
BRETT TAYLOR (TATT)	356
TEARAN GLESSON (HG)	328
ANRE SCHUTTE (HM)	301
JOSH HAMPSON (HG)	293
PLAYER	WKTS
JOEL LOGAN (KING)	29
LUKE MARSHALL (HM)	23
VENSAKAR KANTHIRAJ (MAR)	21
NICK GUEST (OAK)	21
VISHAL BARIGELA (MAR)	21
AMMAD MUSHTAQ (ASH)	19

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE
June 3
Josh Hampson 102, HG v WP
Tearan Gleeson 92 (& 2-27) HG v WP
<i>(Hampson & Gleeson 158 for 1st Wkt)</i>
Jahangir Mushtaq 91*(& 3-49), Ash v Mar
Ben Stoddart 6-33, King v Nor
Freddie Cheshire 5-28, Tatt v Warr
Elliot Young 5-42, HG v WP
June 10
Ammad Mushtaq 116, Ash v HG
Nick Mumford 6-62 (& 29), Barr v Mar
Joel Logan 5-18, King v Tatt

2ND XI CRICKET NEWS

PREMIER DIVISION

On **June 3 (wk 7) Didsbury** marched serenely on with a 9 wkt hammering of visitors **Cheadle**, the only grumble for the leaders allowing the basement side to get to 103 after being 28-6. No.10 **Angus Spencer** (37*) top scored as **Mathew Laker** took 5-33, **Stuart Stoneman** hitting 53* as Dids won inside 20 overs. **Bowdon's** good form continued despite losing skipper **Ollie Simons** for a duck, **Ben Atkinson's** 75 helping them to 220-9 against Oxton, **Hugh McGarry** contributing 42* before taking 4-4 as Oxton fell in a spectacular heap, 94-0 (**Jack Perry** 62) turning into 140 all out. **Ben Wright** made 71 as **Nantwich** totalled 214-8 at **Toft**, who were taking a standing count before **Dan Gibbon** (55*) and no.9 **Ben Calvin** (38)



2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	182
BOWDON	139
TOFT	128
HYDE	111
LINDOW	108
CHESTER BH	108
NESTON	106
OXTON	104
BROOKLANDS	102
SALE	84
NANTWICH	71
CHEADLE	63

helped guide them to a 2 wkt win. **Chester BH** were frustrated for a second time by a last wkt stand denying them 25 pts, the **Brooklands** rear-guard led by **Oliver Bowdon** (48 off 95 bs) as their last pair held out for 4 overs at 173-9. Earlier healthy contributions from four of the CBH top five (top score **Freddie Ogilby's** 57) took them to 242-8. **Syed Bilal Hussain Shah** (pictured) made a magnificent 107 (109 bs) for **Lindow** and then chipped in with 2-67 (and a catch), but sadly for him and his side it was all in vain as **Neston** pair **Will Brewster** (83*) and **Jamie Wilson** (70) added 91 en route to their side winning by 6 wkts. **Sale** revived from 93-6 to post 210-9 (**Dattu Vadakutte** 59) at home to **Hyde**, **Haider Hussain's** 50 helping them avert disaster, finishing on 160-8.

On **June 10 (wk 8) Didsbury** pulled further clear after a 5 wkt win at **Chester**, **Jack Hastings' 48*** sealing a seventh 25 pt haul of 2023, while **Bowdon** were beaten by **Toft**, **Paul Ashley's 5-24 & 21*** helping his side get the 139 they needed, despite a fine display from Bowdon's **Ben Sheridan** (59* and 3-32). **Lindow's Syed Bilal Hussain Shah** was again to the fore, this time with 15-10-19-6 (and a handy 23) as his side won by 6 wkts at struggling **Nantwich**, **Gus Watson's 84** (83 bs) the standout innings for the visitors. A run bonanza in the heat up on Werneth Low, **Brooklands' Ollie Bowdon** hitting a fantastic 118 as his side piled up 266-8. But **Hyde**, who just avoided relegation in 2022, are a different proposition this year, and powered to 270-4 with four balls remaining, **Jahangir Hussain** (80), **Zak Kelly** (62*) and **Charlie Harris** (50*) batting brilliantly. **Cheadle** recorded an impressive (and morale boosting) 5 wkt win at **Oxton**, excitingly chasing 229 with 2 balls in hand, but on the other side of the Wirral, **Neston's** chase of **Sale's 213-9** (they were 137-8) was intriguingly poised on 153-3 when a storm ended play in the 31st over.

2ND XI DIV 1

June 3: Stockport Georgians skipper **Chris Dodd** hammered a superb 123* (116 bs) as a stand of 126* with **Fahad Bashir** (63*) saw the leaders cruise to a 7 wkt win over Marple, for whom **James Crisall** had earlier made 99. **Timperley** were held at **Heaton Mersey** but **Widnes** slipped up after visitors **Alvanley** ground out a hard-nosed win, **Andy Bennion** making 84* from 163 bs as his side reached their 181 target in the 58th over. **Charlie Fletcher** earlier took 7-68 as **Billy Webb** continued his purple patch with 84. **Henry Stevinson** made 88* as **Alderley Edge** romped to an 8 wkt win over **Oulton Park**, while **Henry Mitchell** (72) and **Finley Nash** (81) added 132 in **Macclesfield's** 241-9, Nash then taking a cheeky 3-8 as **Grappenhall** subsided for 83, **Tom Bramhall** top scoring with 21 to go with his earlier 6-50.

June 10: Chris Dodd hit another unbeaten ton for **Stockport Georgians**, his 106* (94 bs) taking the leaders to a 10 wkt hammering of **A.Edge**, which became even sweeter when all 5 other games in the division were drawn. Second place **Timperley** were again denied, **Bramhall** finishing 141-8 replying to 240, **Shahnawaz Khan** with 61 & 3-23 for Timpers. **Romiley** had the best of the game between the bottom two but **Oulton Park** batted out comfortably enough, while **Daniel Adkins** hit 117 (121 bs) for **Grappenhall** (280-6) at **Alvanley** (224-6).

2ND XI DIV 2

June 3: Cheadle Hulme made it 7 from 7, albeit with an untidy 3 wkt win chasing just 89 at **Upton**. **Urmston** lost ground after a thrilling draw with **Hale Barns**, who finished on 213-8 (**Sanjeev Bhatia** 101) chasing 215. **Farhan Ghous** hit 100 (81 bs) in **AOM's** 166-run demolition of bottom side **Davenham**. **Jack Airey** made 109 & **Fred Timmins** 90, adding 185 as **Dids 2A** beat **Stockport** by 92 runs while **Carl Wilkinson** finished 97* and **Jake Harris** 72* as **P.Sunlight** raced to 240-3 in just 34 overs to beat **Neston**. 'Woo-ooo' Gary Davies returned 7-22 for **Haslington** in their easy 9 wkt win over **Warrington**.

June 10: Richard Robinson's 96* & 77* from **Sam Walker** saw **Cheadle Hulme** to 185-0 in just 26 overs as they beat **Stockport** by 10 wkts. **Ashton OM** also won emphatically at **Warrington**, **Dids 2A** beat **Urmston** by 150 runs, and **Davenham** beat **Hale Barns** by 9 wkts. **Haslington** chased 203 to beat **Port Sunlight** by 4 wkts.

2ND XI DIV 3

June 3: Maritime beat high-flying **Bollington** by 5 wkts to go top, **Congleton** keeping pace with a 5 wkt win over **Tattenhall**. **Josh Northover's** heroics (5-35 & 40) for **Mobberley** were in vain as his side lost by 1 run in an unbearably tense finish against **Oakmere**, **Marius Mostert** made 111* (99 bs) for **CBH 3s** as they cruised to a 116 run win over **Christleton**.

June 10: Maritime won again, beating **Ashley** by 3 wkts to stay top, with **Congleton's** 111 run win over **Mobberley** (42 all out) kept them second and Mobb not surprisingly bottom. **Christleton** whacked 275-7 but couldn't bowl visitors **Barrow** out, while **Bollington** missed out, losing by 18 runs at **Upton** after the hosts only managed 98. **Nathan Gee** (168 off 115 bs) and **Paul Guilford** (99) adding 216 for the 3rd wkt for **Oakmere** (317-5) who beat **Runcorn** by 189 runs. **Ian Metcalf** made 101 for **Chester BH 3's** as they chased 224 to beat **Tattenhall**.

2ND XI T20 R2 RESULTS

JUNE 1:

HEATON MERSEY 148-5 BEAT DIDSBURY 2A 138-6 BY 10 RUNS

A 46-ball 73 from **Zeb Saleem** and 45 from **Shabaz Shafiq** propelled HM away from a difficult start to a total that proved just enough to hold off a determined challenge from the visitors.

JUNE 5:

CHESTER BH 117-2 (15 os) BEAT MARITIME 116-9 BY 8 WKTS

Last year's runners-up got their campaign off to a solid start with a straightforward victory, **Robin Fisher's** 4-20 featuring clean bowling both openers first ball. **Ben Spaven** (48) and **Josh Hollinshead** (40) added 103 for the 1st wkt for CBH.

JUNE 6:

DIDSBURY 2 180-4 BEAT ROMILEY 78 (16 os) BY 102 RUNS

In the end it was as routine as it gets for the defending cup holders but visitors Romiley had them 30-3 in the 4th over, before **Chris Becker** (71 off 47) and **Marcus Fisher** (46 off 37) added 96 in 10 overs. **Stuart Stoneman** (32*) then helped Becker add another quickfire 54*, powering their side to an unassailable total. **Ed Catt** took 4-15 as the Div 1 side came quietly.

OULTON PARK 126-3 (15.5 os) BEAT OAKMERE 125-9 BY 7 WKTS

OP won through easily enough against their Div 3 opponents, **Alex Hodges'** 47 the only innings of real substance. Oakmere did reduce OP from 47-0 to 48-3 but **Andy Mills** (43*) and skipper **Damian Barton** (33*) - and 27 wides - ensured no further alarms.

WIDNES 118-8 (18.5 os) BEAT SALE 114-9 BY 2 WKTS

Div 1 Widnes knocked out their Premier Division opponents in a tense tussle at Dane Rd. The hosts were 59-6 at one stage but took 36 off the last 5 overs to set a target of 115, which looked a long way away when Widnes stumbled to 89-8, but **Daniel Wearden** (33* after earlier taking 3-21) found an ally in **Will Myers**, the pair coolly adding 29 as Myers hit a six (right) to win the game.



STOCKPORT 135-6 BEAT LINDOW 121-6 BY 14 RUNS

An upset at Cale Green as Div 2 Stockport outplayed their Premier Division opponents, putting together a good working total and holding their nerve as **Olly James** (40) and **Syed Bilal Hussain Shah** (31) put on 70 for the 1st Lindow wkt. Stockport's accurate attack then exerted a winning grip on the game, conceding just 6 extras (Lindow = 24) as they went through.

OXTON 129-7 (20 os) BEAT TATTENHALL 128-8 (20 os) BY 3 WKTS

A dramatic finish in a low-scoring contest at The Flacca saw Premier Division Oxtton through by the skin of their teeth against their Div 3 opponents, who found it difficult to get going against a disciplined Oxtton attack. Tattenhall followed suit, Oxtton soon 19-3 and then 65-6 and in real trouble. But **Jack Perry** (55) played a crucial hand, adding 56 with **Callum Andrews** (30*) before **James Shillinglaw** hit the winning run off the final ball in a heartbreaking climax for the hosts.



ALVANLEY 142-7 BEAT TOFT 115(20 os) BY 27 RUNS

Another Premier Division side departed the competition, Div 1 Alvanley building a good total around 62 (56 bs) from **Henry Young** and boosted by 28 extras. Toft's reply started calamitously for them, opener **Joe Stanley** bowled first ball (pic) and 6-3 on the board in the 3rd over, losing wickets regularly thereafter. **David Blackburn** (57) was last man out after the last pair added 26 in a valiant attempt to get close but there was just too much to do.

URMSTON 120-4 (19.2 os) BEAT BRAMHALL 119-6 BY 6 WKTS

Bramhall worked hard after a sticky start, **Ian Milligan** (26) and **Adam Mohammad** (47*) adding 55 to leave their opponents needing a run a ball to win. Urmston were in problems at 6-2 but 39 from **Ritesh Shetty** helped steer them to a nervy final over win.

JUNE 7:

NESTON 194-4 BEAT PORT SUNLIGHT 150-3 BY 44 RUNS

All six Neston batters had three-figure strike rates, Chris Hackett's 63 (46 bs) and David Manchett (42 off 37) the standouts as the hosts reached an imposing total. PS opened up with 91 but it left them behind the rate, an explosive 40 (18 bs) from skipper Ryan Kearney providing some cheer for his side as the game petered out.

CHESHIRE CUP ROUND-UP

2023 CHESHIRE CUP RESULTS

ROUND 2 - JUNE 11

FAIRVIEW AVE: HYDE (230-8) BEAT ALSAGER (157-8) by 73 runs. Hyde had to work hard from 90-5 to post an imposing total, Dave Fitzimmons (70 off 72) working with a succession of lower order partners, Cole Tuner's 47* assisting notably. The strength of Hyde's bowling then choked off any hope Alsager had of repeating their heroics of the previous round.



MOSS LANE OULTON PARK (224-7) beat ALDERLEY EDGE (187-9) by 37 runs. OP rolled back the years with a convincing win at Moss Lane. Skipper Martyn East recorded a second duck of the weekend but in contrast Andrew Metcalf followed up his unbeaten 83* on Saturday with 73* here, Danny Leech chipping in with a helter-skelter 43 off 49 as OP put together a good total. It looked even better when Max Butler (pictured, trapping Ben Kohler-Cadmore lbw) claimed three key scalps to leave AE reeling on 11-3 in the 7th, from which they never really recovered, only a last wkt stand of 50* delaying a well deserved victory for the Division 1 side.

BIRKENHEAD PARK: BIRKENHEAD PARK (119-2, 21.2 os) beat BROOKLANDS (118, 30.3 os) by 8 wkts. Last year's runners-up progressed easily through after a below-strength Brooklands batting failed - Todd Walker (50) apart. BP's Michael Barnes (49*) just missed out on a half century as the hosts cruised through.

WIMSLow RD: DIDSBURY (328-4) beat CHESTER BH (245, 34.2 os) by 83 runs. A magnificent 106 from just 56 balls by Didsbury skipper Nick Anderson mercilessly took the game away from Chester, Anderson hitting 6x6 and 13x4 as he and Jack Hastings added 149 in under 15 overs. Hastings went on to complete his own unbeaten ton off the penultimate ball of the innings as 73 came off the last five overs. CBH made a poor start to their reply, 19-2 in the 4th, but with thunderstorms about, Atif Qureshi (64 off 48) and Rick Moore (53 off 56) put on an exhilarating 94 in less than 12 overs as the visitors got ahead of DLS, one Moore six breaking another window in the new dressing rooms (after Ed Newman did so in a game two weeks previous). However, when Qureshi fell in the 15th, the size of the chase was just too much, a feisty stand of 54 in 4 overs between Angus Kilby (34) and Joe Killoran (43 off 20) at least providing some cheer to their team mates after a disappointing weekend for them.

WHITEHOUSE LANE: NANTWICH (125-2, 21.3 os) beat GRAPPENHALL (124, 30.1 os) by 8 wkts. Nantwich continued their strong vein of form with a comprehensive victory over their Premier Division opponents, Phil Stockton (4-31) and Jason Foulkes (3-28) again proving an unplayable combination. Luke Robinson hit 51* off just 28 bs as the Dabbers comfortably secured their place in the next round.

RAIKES LANE: NEW BRIGHTON (120-3, 21 os) beat OXTON (119, 40 os) by 7 wkts. Oxtton could not replicate their encouraging league form as they were swept aside in the Wirral derby, Luke Filer's bright start the only highlight as Oxtton tumbled from 50-1 in the powerplay to 77-9 some 18 overs later. The last Oxtton pair batted carefully to at least use the overs, but it was all academic as a 4th wkt stand of 70* between Ashley Watkins (39*) and Suliman Safi (38*) powered NB to a comprehensive victory.

BEACONSFIELD RD: WIDNES (229-9) beat CHEADLE (173, 32.5 os) by 56 runs. Widnes shrugged off their recent disappointing league form with a morale-boosting win, Matt Burns (73) and Aaron Soni (43) providing the base and ballast as an untidy Cheadle bowling display saw them gift 30 extras to their opponents. Aaqib Uppal and Qamar Hafiz then took 4 wkts apiece as the visitors offered little resistance, the notable exception being Andrej Yaksender, who fell ninth out for a superb 98 (81 bs, 5x6, 8x4).



CHESHIRE SHIELD NEWS

The two preliminary round matches have both been decided, **Winsford** through (to face Mobberley) after **Westminster Park** conceded, and **Northwich** pulverising **Heaton Mersey Village** by 318 runs, after **Pranav Dhanawade** hit 204* off 105 bs (13x6, 18x4) and **Glinoj Cherian** 114* (retired n.o.), 356 runs added in total for the second wk as Northwich made 389-1. The HMV bowlers, not helping themselves with 28 wides and 6 no-balls (and 5 penalty runs), were relentlessly flogged on a traumatic afternoon for them, **Covely Newell** (5-0-72-0) the only HMV batter to make double figures in their 71. Northwich now take on Bollington in round 1.



CHESHIRE CCC NEWS

**Brilliant run-chase
at a sun-drenched
Didsbury puts
Cheshire in good
position**



ALEX MONEY HITS A SIX DURING HIS DESTRUCTIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH SKIPPER HARRY DEARDEN

Cheshire pulled off a highly impressive chase of 301 to defeat Cambridgeshire at Didsbury on June 4th putting them second in their group behind Suffolk on NRR.

Cambridgeshire had little hesitation in choosing to bat and took full advantage of a superb strip and lightning-quick outfield to post 300, former Cheshire man Wayne White hitting 100 off 112 bs (1x6, 12x4) before becoming one of four victims for Steve Green. The bowlers generally found it tough going though, and 30 extras did not help as the visitors posted an imposing score. However, conditions were just as good for the Cheshire reply, and the Alderley Edge pair of Ben Kohler-Cadmores and Sam Perry had 82 on the board inside 11 overs before Kohler-Cadmores (43 off 28 bs) was lbw. But the tone was set, and a dominant Alex Money (64* off 41) added 92 in just 11 overs with skipper Harry Dearden (46 off 48) as the Cambridgeshire bowling wilted under the relentless boundary hitting (7x6 and 30x4 in total). Nick Anderson had the honour of hitting the winning runs on his home ground as a good crowd showed their appreciation of a fabulous day's cricket.

In the other game, Norfolk, who had beaten Cheshire in the first group game, were thrashed by Suffolk (who Cheshire beat!), losing by 103 runs after being set 207 to win. So it is set to be an intriguing final match for Cheshire, who will want to make home advantage count as they entertain Shropshire at Toft on June 25th, which will be Shropshire's third game in three weeks.

Cheshire Team v Cambridgeshire: Ben Kohler-Cadmores, Sam Perry, Henry Dobson, Joe Cooke, Harry Dearden (c); Alex Money, Nick Anderson, Pat Ashling (wk); Luke Young, Andrew Dufty, Jack Williams, Steve Green



After three good wins against Caldby, Over Peover and Barrow, Alvanley were disappointed to exit the Village Cup in their regional final with Stayley on June 4th, losing a tight match by 2 wickets after the visitors reached the 191 needed with 7 balls and two wickets in hand. Former CCCL man Chris Tipper top scored with 48 for Stayley.

JACK GARDNER 3RD XI T20 QUARTER FINAL NEWS

30 May: Macclesfield (146-5, 17.4 os) beat Marple & Compstall (145-6) by 5 wickets
Macc booked their spot at finals day thanks to Chris Flint's 65 off 48 bs, the 30 extras they gifted to Marple & Compstall not proving costly in the end.

31 May: Nantwich (185-3) beat Davenham (113-4) by 72 runs
Jack Baston (33) and Callum Pearson (46), helped by 32 extras, added 101 for the 1st wkt as Nantwich comfortably overcame their lower-ranked opponents with an impressive total.

8 June: Sale (123-2, 16.1 os) beat Brooklands (122-6) by 8 wickets
Having chosen to bat, a run-out at the start of the second over set the tone for Brooklands, who were stifled by an accurate Sale attack and lively fielding display. Sale hit 52-2 in their powerplay and an unbroken stand of 71 for the third comfortably ensured their appearance at finals day.

To be played: Mon 19 June: Didsbury 3 v Didsbury 4

3RD XI CRICKET

PREMIER DIVISION

The transition to win-lose cricket in the top Sunday division has had an impact, but there has been a one-sided feel to a number of fixtures. In the first 30 games (one of which was conceded), there have been 11 results with a sizeable winning margin (classified as a win by 7 wkts or more, or by 75 runs or more). The clash between Didsbury and Stockport Georgians on June 25th is going to be the pivotal one at the top, both sides with 100% records, Dids winning their June games by 196 runs (v Romiley) and 6 wkts (v A.Edge), Georgians beating Nantwich by 6 wkts and then winning their game against Romiley in circumstances that are being looked into, Romiley apparently conceding after 24.4. overs. Sale's Tom Jenkinson (60*) and Jamie Coombes (69*) added an unbroken 136 to record a 10 wkt win over Marple & Compstall on June 4, while Bramhall are finding it tough going, still without a win. They were probably breathing a sigh of relief after their game at Marple on Sunday was washed out by a deluge after 19 overs, with the hosts 101-2.

DIVISION ONE

Brooklands are top, a storm washing out their game at Hyde on Sun, with three teams all just 2 pts back. Cheadle won a thriller by 2 runs against Bowdon on June 4th (Bowdon were 107-1 chasing 194) but lost by 99 at H.Mersey on Sun, while Bowdon lost another tight one by 13 runs against Dids 4s, while Grappenhall are also in the mix after a 50 run win over AOM. Charlie Hewitt hit 70 off 33 bs as Hyde chased NEC's 195 down with some 14 overs unused on June 4.

DIVISION TWO

Stockport Trinity are already some way clear, Trafford Metrovicks (205 run winners over winless Timperley on Sun) and Stockport (whose opponents Woodley conceded on Sun) both on 16 pts, Woodley by 105 runs on the 4th as Trinity's Amir Hamza Hijrat hit 60 off 26 bs and then bowled 10-2-17-1.

DIVISION 3 WEST

Davenham and Middlewich both lead the early table, while Lymm OP beat Oakmere by 72 runs on Sun to record their first win, leaving Oakmere winless at the foot. Northwich's Matthew Evans took 5-14 and then hit 33 in his side's 5 wkt win over Barrow on the 4th.

DIVISION 3 EAST

Trafford Metrovicks march on, their 100% record maintained with a 9 wkt win over Heaton Mersey on Sun. The previous week Steven Foster made 96* for Ashley as they set Heaton Mersey 234, but HM batted superbly to win by 2 wkts in the 39th. Georgians beat Macclesfield by 1 run on the 4th before losing by 104 runs to Urmston, Aryan Saha taking 7-4! Finlay Nash made 105* for Macc, and then took 2-11 (and a catch) as they beat Hale Barns by 74 runs.

DIVISION 4

An extraordinary first win for Macclesfield Sunday 2s, who racked up 435-4 in 40 overs against Stockport. After Macc opener Noah Bourne was bowled fourth ball for a duck, Prem Chandar Anandan made 224 (108 bs, 19x6, 21x4) and Vignesh Vijayskumar (118 off 93) thrashing 323 for the second wkt on the Parkside ground at Macc. Stockport's Qasim Ali hit a wonderful run-a-ball 103* in reply in his side's perfectly respectable 222-7 but the incredible run scoring of earlier saw Macc win by 213 runs. However, neither Macc player was available on Sun, when they managed just 130 and lost to Langley by 5 wkts. Cheadle Hulme won the CH derby with a handsome 110 run win over Ladybridge, CH themselves racking up 298-6 in the heat before bowling Ladybridge out for 188. Sale 4s, without a game on Sunday, remain top of the table, winless Stockport bottom.





1ST T20 CRICKET - JUNE



STOCKPORT GEORGIANS & PORT SUNLIGHT ALREADY THROUGH TO THE KNOCKOUT STAGES

GROUP 1

WINNERS: OULTON PARK

A magnificent 103* (featuring 11x6 and 5x4) from OP skipper **Martyn East** powered his side to an 8 wkt win over Dav-enham, who earlier recovered from 3-2 to post 151-8.

GROUP 4

WINNERS: CHESTER BH

Dismissing **Rick Moore** second ball was as good as it got for Alvanley, as **Noah Vickery** (92 off 40) led an unstoppable CBH charge to 234-5. **Michael Rowlands** 64* anchored a doughty reply but CBH won out by 60 runs.

GROUP 5

WINNERS: TIMPERLEY

Captain **Ed Galley's** 79 off 39 and a rapid 42 from **Caedence Kuepper** saw Timpers to an imposing 217-9, Ashton OM using 8 bowlers but with little joy. A dashing stand of 83 for the first wkt gave AOM some hope, but when that was broken the reply tailed off, Timperley winning by 76 runs.

GROUP 9

WINNERS: BROOKLANDS

Johnathan Aiken's 76* off 49 bs was the mainstay of a good Hale Barns total of 163-5. The Premier Division side got off quickly, 59-1 in the powerplay, but **Kevin Carroll** fell cheaply, and Brooklands were indebted to a booming 36* off 19 bs from **Jim Hugall** to get them over the line in the 19th over.

GROUP 11

WINNERS: GRAPPENHALL

Pranav Dhanawada's fighting 62 (59 bs) was the only crumb of comfort for Northwich, the side currently bottom of Div 3 struggling to a lightweight 110-8 at Broad Lane. Grappers did not have things all their own way, going from 47-0 to 81-5 at one stage, but won through with some 4 overs unused.

GROUP 12

WINNERS: NESTON

A creditable effort from Div 3 **Tattenhall** required a serious chase from the Premier Division leaders, 5x6 and 6x4 from skipper Tom Hyslop in his 68 (& 25 extras) helping Tatt to 171-8. Luke Camden's 53* anchored **Neston's** chase, other solid contributions ensuring they won by 5 wkts in the 19th.

GROUP 15

WINNERS: BOWDON

This one-match group was decided by 53* (33 bs) from **Rob Lord** as **Ashley's** 109-9 was overtaken in the 15th.

GROUP 2

WINNERS: NANTWICH

Fresh from his 107 off 46 bs against Congleton, **Luke Robinson** hit 94 off 39 bs (8x6,7x4) as Nantwich piled up 211-5 and predictably outgunned Div 2 Bollington by 74 runs.

GROUP 3

WINNERS: TOFT

Toft's 136-9 proved 24 runs too many for Macclesfield, who were held back by an accurate Toft attack, **Jimmy O'Sullivan** atoning for his duck with 4-1-9-3, a catch and a run out.

GROUP 6

WINNERS: HYDE

Hyde go through after beating Romiley by 7 wkts, knocking off their 151 target inside 15 overs to ensure progression. **Rohit Acharya's** 5-26 put the brakes on a fast Romiley start, **Isaac Willett's** 63 off 34 helping his side to an eventual 150-8, but a typically robust knock from **Andrew Jackson** (76 off 35) and 44 off 33 from skipper **Danny Cranmer** not only won Hyde the game but crucially got them ahead on NRR to decide the tightest mini-group, all three teams winning once.

GROUP 7

WINNERS: SALE

A breathtaking 119* off 65 bs (7x6,11x4) from Sale's **Pat Ashling** was the star turn, he and **Will Valentine** (70 off 42) adding 171 for the 1st wkt as an under-strength Urmston side was hit to all parts, Sale ending up with 212-4. Unsurprisingly the reply got nowhere close as Sale won by a comfortable 81 runs.

GROUP 10

WINNERS: ALDERLEY EDGE

The defending champions went through after seeing off a plucky effort from Div 2 N.E.Cheshire, for whom **Ben Waller** fired 5 sixes away in his 25-ball 51 as NEC posted a respectable 141-6. The plot thickened with the cheap dismissals of both **Ben Kohler-Cadmore** & **Sam Perry**, but a 61 run stand in just 6 overs between **Subhaan Mahmood** (70*) and **Tom Foreman** (44) tipped the balance decisively AE's way.

GROUP 13

WINNERS: CHEADLE

Cheadle completed their progression with an easy 7 wkt win over **Bramhall**, who could only manage 82-9 in their 20, **Andrej Yakensder** (43* off 34) sealing victory in the 12th over.

GROUP 16

WIDNES WINNINGTON PARK KINGSLEY

The determining match in the group is scheduled for June 15th, with Widnes meeting Winnington Park.

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