

# COUNTY LEAGUE NEWS

on behalf of Cheshire Clubs Cricket Committee (4 Cs)



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## It's a washout!

Soggy Saturday marks  
second half of season

1st XI T20 Finals Day lineup decided

Cheshire out of NCCA Trophy



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## FROM THE EDITOR



Not the ideal start to the second half of our league campaign, was it, although a few sides managed to claim wins on a day when most sides had a single-figures points tally. I must find a way to become a weather forecaster as I am convinced it is the easiest job in the world, bar none. Day after day these people appear on TV, radio and online with all kinds of predictions and without fail they are almost always wrong. And yet they carry on with their forecasting regardless, suffering no penalty for their wide of the mark guesswork of the previous

day! I was told there would be downpours on Saturday morning which in the event materialised some ten hours later. I found myself umpring at Stockport Georgians pleasant ground in a match which was marred by the rain, three interruptions in all with the third one terminal. The match was just the tonic I needed after the innings I had to endure the week previous, this one full of good cricket played in an excellent spirit. It was also a game which once again exposed the need for the introduction of adjusted targets via DLS, with Georgians left just 23 overs to chase a target of 188 which Sale had taken their 50 overs to accumulate (which is no criticism, by the way). There were no complaints from Georgians, whose stand-in skipper Ned Bailey played an absolute gem of a knock which took his side to the brink of what would have been a famous win before the ground was hit by a deluge just after 7pm, 37 needed off 30 with 8 wkts in hand. Phlegmatic as the rain hammered down, Ned and Georgians went rather quiet when they learned that they would have needed 118 off their 23 under a DLS revised target. And I have no doubt that other

matches played could have been positively affected. As I have said before, the imperative to introduce this sort of solution to rain-affected days is all about fairness - it simply cannot be right that a side gets a reduction in overs but no reduction in target. However, as with all matters related to league rules, it will take clubs to get such changes voted in. Hopefully a proposer and seconder for such a motion can be found.

England have managed to claw their way back into contention in both Ashes series, and I was glad (but not surprised) to see the men at Headingley shrugging off the reams of media hysteria over Jonny Bairstow's dismissal at Lords and just getting along together with that camaraderie unique amongst professional sportsmen. To paraphrase Brian Clough's footballing observation (*'if he's not interfering with play, what's he doing on the pitch?'*) if a batter is not attempting a run, why are they out of their ground when the ball's in play?

*James*

### DAVID MOSS 1955 - 2023

Many involved with Cheshire Cricket were shocked to learn of the death of David Moss, a highly respected umpire of many years who was also heavily involved with cricket administration and management. The following statement was released on the news of David's death:

*"Lancashire Cricket and The Manchester Grammar School are deeply saddened to announce the passing of David Moss on Wednesday 28 June 2023, aged 68. One of the most accomplished, respected cricket managers and enthusiasts of his generation, David served Lancashire Cricket with distinction over many years as the manager of the former U19 Federation side and more recently took up a part time role as Head of Scouting and County Age Group Manager, since his retirement. He was also named as a Vice President of the Club.*

*David also gave 40 years of service to Manchester Grammar School between 1977 and 2017 - as an inspirational Chemistry teacher and a Master in charge of Cricket - where he mentored the likes of Michael Atherton and Mark Chilton, playing a key role on their journey into professional cricket.*

*A lifelong cricket supporter, David would often spend his time away from coaching by following England abroad on their winter tours. David impacted so many and he will be greatly missed by all of those who worked with him, were taught by him, or played in one of his cricket sides.*

*Our thoughts are with all those who knew David."*



*David with arguably the most famous of the MGS production line of talent.*

# 1ST XI T20 QUARTER FINALS

2023 Finals Day is a virtual repeat of last year's occasion, with three of the four sides who competed in 2022 set to do battle again. Holders Alderley Edge, along with Nantwich and Hyde, will be joined this year by Cheadle, who will host Finals Day on Sunday 16th July.

An all-Premier Division T20 finals day was assured on Tuesday 4th July after Division 1 leaders Sale were soundly beaten at Hyde. Having been put in, only two Sale batters made double figures as Hyde skipper Danny Cranmer led the attack with 3-9, including the key wicket of Pat Ashling (pictured), as all the Hyde bowlers made inroads, Sale bowled out for 92 inside 17 overs. Tom Partridge then made 48 as Hyde reached 93-4 in the 14th over.



July 6: Alderley Edge made it through to Finals Day for a second defence of their crown - but only just. In a low scoring scrap with Grappenhall at Moss Lane, the visitors' 81-9 (one man unable to bat) looked way short, with James Naylor returning 4-17. However, AE found the going no easier, losing wickets whilst not getting the scoreboard moving. In the end it was Ben Kohler- Cadmore's 45\* (49 bs) that got AE home at 82-6 with just five balls remaining. Curiously, for such a low scoring game, there were no maiden overs, and only 10 fours and 4 sixes hit in the entire match.

July 6: No such issues at Whitehouse Lane for Nantwich with Luke Robinson (pictured), having hit 107 and 94 in two group stage matches, continuing his stellar T20 form with an astonishing 44-ball 107\* (7x6, 11x4) in his side's 196-5 against Toft. The visitors didn't bowl any wides in their 20 overs but it was to little avail with Robinson in such form, and when Toft then went four down in the first five overs the match really was all over bar the shouting, Robinson taking the final wicket as Toft were all out for 107 in the 17th over.



July 6: A superb stand of 134 in 14 overs between Dan Brown (63\* off 51 bs) and Andrej Yaksender (66 off 45) propelled Cheadle to Finals Day with a 7 wkt win over Widnes, completed with 11 balls unused. Widnes made 158-6 from their allocation, with Aaqib Uppal's 45 the main contribution as all but one of the Cheadle attack took wkts. Brown and Yaksender paced their effort beautifully to assure victory, Yaksender falling with the scores level but Brown clipping the winning run.

**SEMI-FINAL DRAW (VENUE: KINGSWAY, CHEADLE CC, SUN JULY 16)**

**10.00 CHEADLE v ALDERLEY EDGE**

**13:00 NANTWICH v HYDE**

## WK 11 - JULY 1

The table was broadly split into three after today's games with 28 pts separating the top five, a group of 4 in lower-mid table, and three teams looking like they will be involved in the toughest scrap to avoid relegation. **Didsbury** are top at halfway, a second successive win at **Nantwich**, and as last year, this one was also by some margin as **Rob Sehmi's** superb 102 and a terrific 39-ball 50 from **Sam Leech** took Dids to 270-6. Nantwich were quickly in strife at 13-3, **Luke Robinson's** 91 a note of defiance as **Nick Anderson** swept through the tail, Nantwich's 155-4 becoming 175 all out. **Andrew Jackson** (7-29) was rampant with ball in hand at Werneth Low as **Hyde** bowled **Brooklands** out for just 84, winning by 7 wkts in short order, to remain three pts off top spot. **Alderley Edge** rounded off an encouraging first half of the campaign with a seventh win, beating **Grappenhall** by 6 wkts with something to spare. Four wkts apiece for **Ed Foster** and **Charlie Barnard** saw Grappers all out 153, with 75 from **Ben Kohler-Cadmore** securing the pts. **Neston's** third loss in four was a disappointing way for them to reach halfway but it was delightful for **Chester BH**, who won successive games for the first time this season

after leaving Parkgate with a handsome 8 wkt win, bowling the hosts out for 140. An excellent opening stand of 124 between **Rick Moore** (52) and **Reg Wyatt** (54) pretty much settled matters. **Cheadle's** long trip to **Oxton** was fruitless, as the visitors struggled to just 111 in some 54 overs (**Jordan Collier** 5-29). **Luke Filer's** 62\* anchored the chase as Oxton won by 5 wkts. **Widnes** arrested their awful recent run with a much needed 71 run win at **Toft**, **Luke McCoy's** 77 helping them amass 261-7. In a dra-



matic conclusion (pictured) **Eric Botha** took three wkts in 10 balls, including the last man off the penultimate ball of the game, meaning all the bottom three sides lost their matches.

## WK 12 - JULY 8

Leaders **Didsbury** picked up what may prove a useful extra point above the standard seven after notching 191 at rivals **Alderley Edge**, **Ed Newman's** 78 the centre-

piece as **James Naylor** returned 5-51, AE only facing three balls in reply before terminal rain arrived. **Nantwich's Marcus Stables** hit a brilliant 137\* (142 bs), he and **Spencer Byatt** (74) adding 152 for the fourth wkt as the Dabbers declared on 250-4 against **Cheadle**, who reached 79-2 in reply before that was that, Nantwich a useful 10 pts. An intriguing basement battle was shaping up at **Toft**, after **Grappenhall's Arav Shetty** (94) and **Tom MacRury** (86) piled on 171 for the 3rd wkt before then losing 4 wkts in 2.1 overs to tumble to 175-6. **Kieran Lawton** then crashed 43 off 26 as Grappers declared on 233-8 after just 36 overs and gave Toft 50 overs to chase. They reached 109-1 (**Phil Raikes** 64\*) before play was halted, but Grappers did pick up 10 pts to reward their enterprising approach and are now dead level with Toft in what will be a tense battle at the bottom. **Luke Young's** superb form continued but he was left six short of another accomplished ton at **Neston**, **Hyde** going great guns on 148-0 (**Tom Partridge** 51\*) before no further play was possible. **Noah Vickery** was 77\* for **Chester BH** at **Oxton** before they were washed out, and **Brooklands** were 175-7 at **Widnes** before they were forced off.

## TABLE - JULY 9

TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	227
HYDE	223
ALDERLEY EDGE	212
NANTWICH	201
NESTON	198
OXTON	176
CHEADLE	148
CHESTER BH	145
WIDNES	142
TOFT	122
GRAPPENHALL	122
BROOKLANDS	94

## LEADING PLAYERS

PLAYER	RUNS
LUKE YOUNG (HYDE)	511
LUKE ROBINSON (NANT)	449
SAME PERRY (AE)	445
ED NEWMAN (DIDS)	444
HENRY DOBSON (OXTON)	440
ANDREJ YAKSENDER (CHE)	405
PLAYER	WKTS
STEVE GREEN (DIDS)	37
JASON FOULKES (NANT)	33
TOM MacRURY (GRAPP)	33
JORDAN COLLIER (OXTON)	33
ASH DAVIS (NEST)	32

## PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

### July 1

Rob Sehmi 102, Dids v Nant  
 Luke Robinson 91, Nant v Dids  
 Andrew Jackson 7-29, Hyde v Brook  
 Jordan Collier 5-29, Oxt v Chead  
 Nick Anderson 5-47, Dids v Nant

### July 8

Marcus Stables 137\*, Nant v Chead  
 Luke Young 94\*, Hyde v Nest  
 Arav Shetty 94, Grapp v Toft  
 James Naylor 5-51, AE v Dids

## WK 11 - JULY 1

**Sale** went to the top of the division after a bizarre draw at high-flying **Bowdon**. Put in, Sale struggled with the pace and movement of **Rob Lord**, who helped reduce the visitors to 75-8 in the 22nd over. Skipper **Mike Bishop** (42) inspired the last two pairs, Sale's total doubling in the next 24 overs, but Bowdon still had 55 overs to chase 153. Despite batting conditions easing notably, the hosts opted to block out from 47-5 in the 24th, adding just 64 runs in the next 31 overs for the loss of two further wkts. All of this made **Timperley's** 10 run win at bottom club **Alvanley** all the more precious, skipper **Ed Galley** leading from the front with 71 in his side's 200 (they were 196-6). Alvanley were teetering at 159-8 but **Chris Charles** and **Ben Tumilty** added 32 amidst increasing tension before Galley had Charles caught behind to end a gripping match. **Romiley's** good form kept going with a hard-fought win by just 15 runs at **Oulton Park**, **James Badrock's** 53\* helping turn 97-6 into 178-8. OP's lack of confidence was clear at 43-5 in reply, but **Ollie Law** (62) and **Pat Roberts** (38) added 86 and although OP were then in further strife at 149-9, a defiant last wkt stand of 14 saw them inching towards

the target before **Badrock** pounced with a direct hit to condemn OP to a sixth successive loss. That they are still some distance from the bottom two places is due to **Congleton's** batting again failing, **Simon Wilkinson** tying them in knots with 7-25 as **Bramhall** skittled them for just 50, going on to an 8 wkt win and some precious breathing space. A superb 5th wkt stand of 108 between **Liam Marshall** (49) and **Matt Kilcourse** (56) was to no avail for **Urmston** as John Birchall's bustling 6-38 saw them 146 all out, Jack Massey's fine 71\* seeing **Macclesfield** to a fourth win in five. **Lindow** went one better, their fifth win in six courtesy of an amazing fight-back from 48-7 chasing 159 at **Stockport Georgians**, **Finn Gavaghan** capping a brilliant personal display with 59\* (after 4-47) in a 104 stand for the 8th with **Olly James** (38\*).

## WK 12 - JULY 8

The rain which wrecked the Div 1 programme was especially disappointing for **Stockport Georgians**, who almost beat the leaders despite being handicapped by having just 23 overs

to chase 189 after **Sale** had taken their 50 overs (having been put in) to make 188, **Harry Cann's** patient 42 baling his side out from a precarious 104-6. **Ned Bailey** (pictured) led from the front with a dazzling 88\* (57 bs) as he and



**Simon Norman** (44) added 129 in just 14 overs, the equation for SG 37 needed off 30 with 8 wkts in hand when rain

forced the teams off. **Bowdon** were probably more relieved by the weather intervention after **Bramhall** skipper **Nick Cantello** hit a superb 109\* in his side's 249-8, their first 200+ total this season, **Bowdon** 113-4 in the 22nd when play ended. **Timperley** were in a spot of bother chasing **Oulton Park's** 207-7 (**Danny Leech** 73), Timpers 68-4 off 19 when rain closed in. Bottom side **Alvanley** were 128-6 against **Macclesfield**, for whom **Alex Thompson** took 4-29, when play was washed out. **Romiley** bucked the trend with a 2 wkt win at **Congleton** in a low scoring match reduced to 40 overs a side, Romiley home in the 32nd over. Rain spoiled a fascinatingly poised match at Upcast Lane. **Urmston**, welcoming back **Lewis Jackson**, recovered from 53-6 to post 178 against **Lindow**, skipper **Matt Kilcourse** 55, **Rahul Premraj** 42. The hosts then went from 32-0 to 33-3 in a dramatic spell before getting to 72-4, play sadly ended.

## TABLE - JULY 9

TEAM	PTS
SALE	233
BOWDON	226*
TIMPERLEY	221*
ROMILEY	217
LINDOW	184
MACCLESFIELD	184
URMSTON	155
OULTON PARK	146
S.GEORGIANS	144
BRAMHALL	129
CONGLETON	98
ALVANLEY	88

## LEADING PLAYERS

PLAYER	RUNS
PAT ASHLING (SALE)	510
ISAAC WILLETT (ROM)	488
LIAM MARSHALL (URM)	419
DAN NEWTON (SALE)	416
ROSS ZELEM (BOWD)	414
NICK CANTELLO (BRAM)	399
PLAYER	WKTS
SIMON NORMANTON (SG)	34
CAEDENCE KUEPPER (TIMP)	29
JOE CHAPPLE (BOWD)	25
BRADLEY SNAPE (ROM)	25
SIMON WILKINSON (BRAM)	25

## PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

### JULY 1

**Simon Wilkinson** 7-25, Bram v Cong  
**John Birchall** 6-38, Macc v Urm  
**Rob Lord** 6-45, Bow v Sale  
**Sam Battersby** 5-32, Lind v SG  
**Finn Gavaghan** 59 & 4-47, Lind v SG

### JULY 8

**Nick Cantello** 109\*, Bram v Bowd

## WK 11 - JULY 1

**Haslington** reached the halfway mark on top of the tree after thrashing a **Stockport** side who had won five of their last six. Clearly missing **Naveed Gondal**, Stockport subsided for a paltry 76, **Jack Taylor** in business with 6-34 as the game was all done within 32 overs, **Tom Coppenhall's** 53\* (35 bs) securing a 9 wkt win. The meeting of second and third at Bowden Lane went the way of **Marple** who ran out convincing 69 run winners over **Dav-**



IMAGE: MARPLE CC

**enham**, who at least restricted **Grant Hodnett** to a mere half-century this time out, his 53, and 47 from **Max Fitzgerald**, helping Marple to 231-9. **Muhammad Abid's** defiant 57\* (116 bs) and a late 43 from **Sam Hunt** the only bright spots for the visitors as Marple (pictured) had too much for them. **Rhys Collister** hit 80 for **Cheadle Hulme**, who seem on the up again after beating **Hale Barns** by 51 runs at Grove Park. **Johnathon Aikins** remarkably carried his bat for 45\* as

HB were bowled out for 133 en-route to a third straight loss. That's also **Mobberley's** record after they were beaten at **Port Sunlight**, the hosts relieved to record their first win since May. **Osman Butt's** 84 dragged Mobb from 40-6 upto 154 but **Ben Nuttall** followed his 2-24 with a well made 75 as PS won by 6 wkts in the 41st over. **Bollington** continued their revival with a third successive win, this one a 93 run triumph at **NE Cheshire**, who were bowled out for 104 (**Toby Phipps** 6-29) having been 94-4 at one stage in pursuit of Bolly's 197 (**George Lomas** 53). The meeting of the bottom two went decisively **Ashton OM's** way, their long ride west well worth it after hammering 307-6 at Little Heath. **Macca Hooton** made a second ton of the year, his 134 (137 bs) the stand-out, he and **Matthew Rhind** (71) putting on 154 for the 1st wkt. **Christleton** fought hard in reply (**Max Dunvaband** 60, **Josh Morgan-Jones** 54) but they were all out for 210 in the 47th.

## WK 12 - JULY 8

**Marple** benefitted from being at the extreme east of the county as

they were able to complete a sixth win in seven before any terminal rain, this one by 6 wkts over **Ashton OM**, who were bowled out for 194, with four wkts apiece for the impressive **Will Fraser-Smith & Joe Cash**. **Albert Hall** (50 off 44) and **Mark Bennett** (73 off 63) then enjoyed a glorious throwback Saturday, the pair adding 99 for the 1st as Marple opened up a 12 pt gap to second, now occupied by **Davenham** who claimed an unlikely 14 run win at **Haslington** after being bowled out for just 85. Haslington were in shock at 11-4 in reply, **Muhammad Abid** (3-35) and then **James Jones** (4-6) keeping the pressure on as Has surprisingly crumbled, all out 71. All the other matches fell victim to the torrential rain which closed in across the region. **Hale Barns** (221-4) didn't get a crack at **Christleton** with the ball at Little Heath, and **Stockport** likewise didn't get to defend their 145 at **Port Sunlight**. **Mobberley** (197-9) and **Bollington** (75-4 after 21) were forced to shake hands at Church Lane with their game in favour of the hosts, as were **Cheadle Hulme**, (205-4 dec.) probably more relieved to do so than were **N.E.Cheshire**, who were 145-3 off 34 when play ended, **Jayden Camp** (37\*) and **Will Westerby** (50\*) having added an unbroken 92 but left frustrated.

## TABLE - JULY 8

TEAM	PTS
MARPLE	236
HASLINGTON	224
DAVENHAM	220
STOCKPORT	184
CHEADLE HULME	174
MOBBERLEY	163
BOLLINGTON	150
PORT SUNLIGHT	148
N.E.CHESHIRE	140
HALE BARNs	134
ASTON O.M.	101
CHRISTLETON	71

## LEADING PLAYERS

PLAYER	RUNS
GRANT HODNETT (MAR)	756
JAYDEN CAMP (NEC)	605
OSMAN BUTT (MOBB)	485
MACCA HOOTON (AOM)	419
JOHNATHON AIKENS (HB)	395
HARRI DICKINSON (BOLL)	330
PLAYER	WKTS
MUHAMMAD ABID (DAV)	37
ABDUL AQEEL (MOBB)	35
WILL FRASER-SMITH (MAR)	33
LUKE STOW (MOBB)	28
JOE COOPER (HB)	28

## PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

### 1 July

**Macca Hooton 134, AOM v Chris**  
*(opening psp of 154 with*  
*Matthew Rhind, 71)*  
**Toby Phipps 6-28, Boll v NEC**  
**Jack Taylor 6-34, Has v Stock**  
**Mark Weighill 5-27, AOM v Chris**

### 8 July

**Jack Taylor 5-41, Has v Dav**

## WK 11 - JULY 1

**Maritime's** lightweight-looking 105 at **Oakmere** actually represented something of a recovery from 23-6 as **Matthew Holland** (6-37) called the shots for the in-form hosts. But Oakmere found it even tougher going, their grinding chase wound up in the 39th over as they were all out 70. **Ashley's** draw thus gave Maritime a 10 pt cushion at the top, **Ammad Mushtaq's** stellar form (109 off 88, his third ton of 2023) not enough to help his side convert 243-8 into a win at **Kingsley**, who held onto reach 216-8 at the close, **Martyn Jenks** (70\*) and **Charlie Loy** (47) adding a vital 91 after Kingsley slipped to 75-6. **Heaton Mersey** were left ruing a slump from 186-4 to 217 all out at **Hawk Green**, as **Tearan Gleeson** (100) and **Jack Needham** (58, after earlier taking 4-30) put on 159 to take HG to a first win in four. **Northwich's** amazing revival continued with a fourth straight win, restricting near-neighbours **Winnington Park** to 167-8 at Moss Farm before securing local bragging rights with a 5 wkt win, **Pranav Dhanawade's** great season continuing with an unbeaten 90. **Tattenhall** turned 66-5 into 196 courtesy of **Adrian Waddelove** (59) and

**Max Harper** (63) at the Flacca, but even with 52 overs to use, **Upton** weren't minded to have a real tilt at it, finishing on 140-7 (**Daniel Seaton** 62). But the extra point may have a bearing at the foot of the table, 27 pts currently covering seven sides. Two of those seven, **Warrington** and **Barrow**, met at Walton Lea with the hosts claiming a first win since May 20 after **Umer Zeb** (5-35) produced the decisive spell of the match for the hosts, Barrow all out 126 and losing by 53 runs.

## WK 12-JULY 8

It was a miserable scene across the division as all matches were curtailed by the heavy rains across the region. **Warrington** were perhaps the most relieved as the rain arrived at Walton Lea as they were precariously placed at 54-4 after 15.2 overs in reply to leaders **Maritime's** 188, Warrington's chase already cut to 32 overs after earlier interruptions. **Northwich** continued their upward ascent with a jaunty 215 against high-flying **Ashley** at Moss Farm, the visitors 115-3 after 24 in reply when the players were forced off, Northwich hav-

ing claimed the crucial scalp of the in-form **Ammad Mushtaq** who had earlier taken 4-45. **Hawk Green**, asked to bat at **Oakmere**, reached 219-8 after 49 overs before declaring, **Josh Hampson's** patient 58 (123 bs) anchoring things as **Nick Guest** returned a splendid 6-55. The hosts reached a none-too-certain 44-3 in the 10th before the rain arrived. A 90 over match was embarked on at The Croft where **Kingsley** made 185-8 against lowly **Barrow**, **Toby Mullins'** 67 the stand-out, the visitors a wobbly 48-3 after 12 when no further play proved possible. Having been 169-6, **Winnington Park** were disappointed to fold for 176 at the Flacca, **Tattenhall** off brightly at 43-1 in the 10th before they shook hands after a downpour, but **Heaton Mersey's** long trip across to **Upton** was even less fruitful for the visitors, Upton plodding to 132-5 after 37 before the rain which swept across the Wirral caused an abandonment.

## TABLE - JULY 9

TEAM	PTS
MARITIME	216
ASHLEY	202
HEATON MERSEY	185
HAWK GREEN	182
OAKMERE	179
TATTENHALL	164
NORTHWICH	159
KINGSLEY	153
UPTON	148
WARRINGTON	138
WINNINGTON PARK	135
BARROW	128

## LEADING PLAYERS

PLAYER	RUNS
AMMAD MUSHTAQ (ASH)	678
TEARAN GLEESON (HG)	524
ELLIOT YOUNG (HG)	491
ANRE SCHUTTE (HM)	444
SLADE MITROVICH (OAK)	415
BRETT TAYLOR (TATT)	414
PLAYER	WKTS
JOEL LOGAN (KING)	36
NICK GUEST (OAK)	28
VISHAL BARIGELA (MAR)	28
JIBRAN S KHAN (ASH)	28
AMMAD MUSHTAQ (ASH)	28

## PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

### JULY 1

Ammad Mushtaq 109, Ash v King  
 (& 2-48, plus 2 catches)  
 Tearan Gleeson 100, HG v HM  
 Pranav Dhanawade 90\*, Nor v WP  
 Matthew Holland 6-37, Oak v Mar  
 Umer Zeb 5-35, Warr v Barr  
 Jack Needham 58 & 4-30, HG v HM

### JULY 8

Nick Guest 6-55, Oak v HG

## PREMIER DIVISION

**Wk 11 (July 1) Didsbury** ended the first half of the season with a 70 pt lead over Bowdon after a confident 7 wkt win over bottom side **Nantwich**, 53 from **Dan Ward** and 59\* from **Matthew Stevenson** doing the business. Second place **Bowdon** lost more ground after drawing at third place **Brooklands**, the hosts recovering from 105-5 to reach 241-9. **Finlay Grosfils** then made 85 in Bowdon's 174-8. Fourth place Toft lost at Sale, **Joe Molloy** making 91\* in an opening stand of 124 with **Jamie Coombes** (57) as the hosts won by 9 wkts. **Chester BH** drew for the sixth time, **Ben Spaven's** superb 122 and 75 from **Josh Hollinshead** helping them declare on 282-5 against visitors **Hyde**, who batted 55 overs for 210-6. **Neston's** long trip to **Cheadle** resulted in a thrilling 1 run win, the last Cheadle batter run out, while **Oxton's** equally long ride to **Lindow** almost saw a similarly dramatic finish, the last Lindow batter having to survive one ball as the match was drawn. **Wk 12 (July 8)** Second place **Bowdon** were relieved that the rain arrived at Wilmslow Rd when it did, teetering on 91-6 with more than half their overs to bat chasing **Didsbury's** imposing 250-4 (**Joe Gaudie** 88, **Evan Turner** 75\*). **Toft** were as relieved as Bowdon when their chase of **Brooklands'** 213 was in a bit of a spot at 114-7, with **Chris Hart** (6-13) causing mayhem, while at Filkins Lane it was **Neston**, and especially **Rohith Muthuvelu** (84\*) who were left frustrated, their 217-4 with five overs left to bat looking healthy, but ultimately the rain prevented them and **Chester BH** resuming battle. **Cheadle** produced an urgent run chase to beat their weather and also fellow strugglers **Nantwich**, knocking off the 127 they needed in under 20 overs after **Alex Read** had earlier taken 6-37. **Hyde** made the most of better luck with the elements, hitting 198-4 to beat **Oxton** by 6 wkts, while **Syed Bilal Hussain Shah** passed 600 runs for the season as he made 94 for **Lindow** in their eventually washed out match with **Sale**.

## 2ND XI PREM

TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	260
BOWDON	185
BROOKLANDS	166
NESTON	165
LINDOW	164
TOFT	163
SALE	152
HYDE	150
CHESTER BH	150
OXTON	139
CHEADLE	134
NANTWICH	98

## 2ND XI DIV 1

**July 1: Stockport Georgians & Widnes** both won to maintain their lead at the top, Widnes' **Daniel Wearden** recording 10-9-3-6 and **Chris Gordon** then making 64\* out of 76-1 as they walloped **Oulton Park**, who are looking odds-on for successive relegations. **Romiley** look doomed already, some 75 pts adrift after **Alvanley** knocked off 197 in 40 overs to make it a ninth loss from eleven for the bottom side. **Macclesfield** got from 119-8 to 167-8 to win at **Timperley** and go third. A good day for **Alan Day** who took 3-22 and scored 84 in **A.Edge's** win at **Heaton Mersey** while **Marple** won a thriller with **Bramhall** by 9 runs. **July 8:** An even better day of sorts for **Alan Day!** He made 126 as **A.Edge** declared on 218-1 at **Bramhall**, who ended on 153-7. **Chris Dodd** fell just two short of a fourth ton for **Georgians**, who were frustrated by the rain and **H.Mersey's** resistance, while **Widnes** were 76-0 having a tilt at **Grappers'** 231-7 (**Steve Rooney** 84). **Andy Massey** took 6-49 as **Marple** beat **Romiley**, **Macc** beat **Oulton Park**, while **Timperley** (181-3) were denied by the rain chasing **Alvanley's** 216-9.

## 2ND XI DIV 2

**July 1: Cheadle Hulme's** winning streak was finally ended at **Ashton OM**, CH opting to grind out a bums-off-seats 124-8 in reply to AOM's 188, AOM upto third behind **Didsbury 2As**. Fourth-place **Urmston** had a nailbiting 2 wkt win over **Haslington**, **Mark Soans** (46\* off 105) and **Michael Perkins** adding 39\* for the 9th wkt to win with an over to spare. **Adam Thompson** made 107\* for **P.Sunlight** in a tight game at **Stockport**, PS ending on 201-6 chasing 207. **July 8: Didsbury 2A** stole a march on all the others, theirs the only definitive result in the division, an emphatic 138 win over **Warrington**. **Tom Beresford's** superb 108\* was the highlight of their 208-4 before skittling Wire for just 70. Leaders **Cheadle Hulme** were unfortunate, with their match at **Hale Barns** halted with CH needing just 23 more to win with 6 wkts in hand. Both **Davenham** and **Haslington** had reason to rue the rain that stopped their delicately poised match, Has 132-9 in pursuit of Dav's 144, Dav's **Josh Sharples** having figures of 4-4. **Matt Brookes** crunched 96 for **Neston 3s** at **Ashton OM**, Neston 262, AOM 184-6, **Mike Roberts & Asim Khan** adding 127.

## 2ND XI DIV 3

**July 1: Maritime & Congleton** are some way clear of the rest, both with 10 wins from 11 now. Maritime beat **Upton** (still second bottom) while **Congleton** won a thriller with Ashley by 5 runs; **Lyndon Booth** hit 125\*, adding 169\* with **Sean Cardall** (77\* & later 5-79) in Cong's 251-5, Booth then running out the last Ashley batter in the final over. **Jake Wundke** hit 96\* in CBH's 10 wkt win over **Bollington**. **Mobberley** remain at the foot. **July 8:** Another 5 wkts for **Sean Cardall**, but his 5-40 was of little avail as **Congleton's** match at **Barrow** was washed out before Cong had a chance to reply to 163-9, but they are still some way clear at the top along with **Maritime**, who were 5-0 chasing 145 to win against **Oakmere** when that was that. **Ashley** managed to get enough play in to beat **Chester BH** 3s by 5 wkts, and **Tattenhall's** odyssey across to **Bollington** was rewarded with a 4 wkt win after a good chase of 185 on the side of the county that stayed driest for longest.



# CHESHIRE CUP & SHIELD NEWS

## CHESHIRE CUP QUARTER FINALS:

**July 2: (Rakes Lane) New Brighton (260-8) beat Widnes (160) by 100 runs**  
Seb Botes (92) and Suliman Safi (91) put on 167 for the 3rd wkt as NB powered to a daunting total which proved way out of Widnes' reach, only Luke McCoy's defiant 75\* delaying the hosts' march to the semi-final.

## July 9: (Rosclare Drive) Wallasey (182-8, 40 os) v Toft - Match abandoned

After not conceding any wides at all in their T20 quarter-final earlier in the week, Toft bowled 20 amongst 34 extras - the highest score of the innings - this being the only downside of an otherwise impressive display as the strong Wallasey line up was well contained by a Toft attack which had to cope with overseas Michael Dawson only being able to bowl 2.1 overs. However, rain swept in during the interval and meant no further play was possible, the two sides looking for another date.

## CHESHIRE SHIELD QUARTER FINALS:

### BRC: Bollington 90-4 (16.4 os) beat Maritime 153 (33 os) by 6 wkts

Maritime's lengthy trip ended in disappointment as only Mikel Akeem Joseph (60) got to grips with the Bolly attack, Keegan Fortune and Peter Henshall taking three wkts apiece. Bolly's target was revised due to rain interruptions and reached after Henshall biffed 36\* to secure a semi-final spot.

### Upper Hibbert Lane: Hawk Green 326-6 v Mobberley 42-1 (7.1 os) result unknown

### The Flacca: N.E.Cheshire 227-9 (40 os) beat Tattenhall 124-8 (18 os) by 12 runs (DLS)

NE Cheshire's long trip west was rewarded with a place in the semis, Jake Reynolds' 91 the centrepiece as a couple of other 30s, and 39 extras, gave them a healthy total. Rain reduced the Tattenhall chase to 136 off 18, NEC keeping their composure to progress.

### Walton Lea: Marple 83-4 (13.1 os) beat Warrington 82 (31.4 os) by 6 wkts

Marple secured a straightforward passage into the semi-finals before any rain had chance to intervene, the Div 2 leaders sweeping aside the hosts. James Hirst made a bid for a regular first-team spot with 4-15 as only two Warrington batters got to double figures.



# CHESHIRE CC NEWS



Cheshire suffered a frustrating 14 run loss to Cumbria at picturesque Keswick CC (pictured) on Sunday 2nd to exit the NCCA Trophy at the quarter-final stage. Led by Gary Pratt's 69, Cumbria made 208-8, Chris Sanders marking his return to the Cheshire ranks with 4-40. Cheshire's reply started poorly as they slipped to 36-4 and when skipper Harry Dearden fell in the 19th over it was 64-5. Alex Money (61) and Luke Young then added 82 but both fell, Young to a fine boundary catch, as Cheshire were bowled out for 194 after 47.2 overs.

## CHESHIRE SENIORS

The over 50s are third in group 1 but, despite a good win over Notts at Grappenhall on Weds 5th, can't catch leaders Lancashire. The Over 60s 1st XI are struggling at the foot of the Div 1 North, ahead of only Lincs, and that on average pts. The Over 60s 2nd XI are faring better, third in their division (decided on average pts), having lost to Yorks/Lincs Ridings in their most recent game. The over 70s' most recent match was a triumphant trip to the romantically named Electricity Sports CC (close to Leicester City FC), winning by 5 wkts. I wonder if Electricity Sports are having a shocking season?

**Cheshire CCC v Yorkshire CCC**  
 ECB Showcase Match  
 50 overs  
 11am Sunday 30 July 2023  
 Nantwich CC  
 FREE ADMISSION

# 3RD XI CRICKET



The **Sunday Premier Division** is intriguingly poised, champions Didsbury suffering successive defeats, firstly at Sale (pictured) in a tense match on July 2, Sale winning by 1 wkt in the final over, and then by 3 wkts off the penultimate ball at Bramhall in a rain-affected match on Sunday. Stockport Georgians are now the only undefeated side, their game at Sale washed out completely. Despite 119 from Rhys Mallard, Bramhall (238-7) lost to Alderley Edge (240-3) on July 1st, for whom Calum Wilson made 95 and Sam Woolf 87\*, AE one of four clubs separated by four pts at the foot. **Div 1** remains finely poised, Grappenhall stealing a march on others by winning their game on Sun whilst all the others were ultimately rained off, Bowdon's Anoop Jois having made 102 against NEC. Brooklands are second while the next six teams are separated by just 4 pts. **Div 2** is increasingly a two-horse race, Stockport Trinity & Trafford Metrovicks the teams some way clear, Trinity denied by the rain having bowled out Bredbury SM for just 58. Qasim Ali made 130 for Stockport against Elworth. **Div 3 West** sees Davenham, Middlewich & Runcorn at the top, with bottom side Oakmere recording a first win by 95 runs over Northwich, the week after a 162 run pummelling at Davenham. In **Div 3 East** Trafford Metrovicks are six pts clear of Macclesfield & Urmston, having beaten Didsbury Wanderers on July 2nd (a day when there were 250 extras conceded across the five matches) and Stockport Georgians on the 9th. John Pollard made 120 for Urmston in their 9 run win over Hyde. Sale 4s still top **Div 4**, six points clear after all matches were washed out on Sun.

## OVER 40s

### Central Div 1

Grappenhall and Davenham are the top two, with Sale and Brooklands just a point behind, both sides having played out tied games on the same night in June. Bowdon Vale remain winless at the bottom.

### Central Div 2

Warrington lead the table with 34 pts, three teams (Didsbury, Hale Barns & Woodford) all on 30 pts just behind, Woodford beating Didsbury by 10 wkts in their game on 28 June, the same night Mobberley caused an upset, their first win of the campaign a 57 run triumph over HB.

### Western Div

Chester BH lead the way here, unbeaten thus far and well on course to defend their title at finals day, with Neston & Wallasey contesting second spot. Caldys are bringing up the rear, the west-Wirral side still winless although they did tie with an Upton side recovering from being bowled out for just 23 by Wallasey, and lost out by just 5 runs to Neston.

### Eastern Div

Bollington & Hyde are some way clear of the rest, while at the bottom, winless Bramhall can still overtake Macclesfield or N.E.Cheshire to avoid the wooden spoon.

## CHESHIRE CRICKET LEAGUE UPDATE

Just past the halfway stage in Div 1 and it's Over Peover's ground (photo) that looks most likely to be hosting County League Cricket next season, OP having won 11 out



of 12 after a Saturday when all six matches played through to finishes. Bredbury St.Marks, are second and will be hoping their splendid new home on Dark Lane will be welcoming back CCLL cricket after a long hiatus, although BSM, despite losing to Trinity on Sat, are the only side to have inflicted defeat upon OP on June 24, although BSM also surprisingly lost at Barnton (all out 98, chasing 132) which will give hope to the chasing clubs. At the foot, five clubs are separated by just 25 pts, with Bunbury some way adrift at the bottom. In Div 2, Middlewich are putting together a long overdue good season, ten wins from their first 12 matches nudging them ahead of Cholmondley, with the makings of a right royal scrap at the foot between four clubs (WP, TMV, BV, CCO - can you guess them?) to avoid the drop. Aston & Prestbury are tied on pts at the top of Div 3, Glazebury miles adrift at the foot.

Nantwich beat Kimberley Institute by 6 wkts in the National KO on Sunday, their rain-affected target of 199 from 35 still a stiff task. Chris Simpson made 70 and Spencer Byatt 50\* off 43 to claim a superb last over win. Nantwich travel to Cuckney (Mansfield) for their semi-final on July 30th, Cuckney having knocked out Barnt Green on Sun.