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Blooming heck!

Rain dogs fixture schedule

Cheadle claim T20 Trophy

Cheshire 3 day side washed out



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FROM THE EDITOR



It wasn't just the final two dramatic Ashes Tests that were hard-hit by the weather! Cheshire cricket has taken a hammering from the elements with scores of cancellations, abandonments and rain-affected draws dominating the programme. Such a shame at this stage of the season, when promotion and relegation battles are becoming more defined and the various cup competitions also are nearing the 'business end'. The 1st XI T20 competition, as you are no doubt aware, was ultimately decided by a bowl-out (details on another page), such a contrast to 2022, and a not especially satisfying way to decide what has been something of a subdued competition all told this year. Apart from the mini-group stage situation, which I have commented on before and remains largely unsatisfactory to my way of thinking, the sad sight of Finals Day being ruined by the weather will hopefully force a re-think of the way that we conduct our T20 competitions at all levels. Having a Finals Day for-

mat which copies the format in the professional game doesn't really work in recreational cricket. As Finals Day is traditionally held at the venue of one of the finalists, it is more common than not to have just one ground in use. Even on a day of fine weather, three games in one day is a lot for that one ground to cope with, especially as it will likely have been used the day before for a lengthy league fixture. Clubs don't have the groundstaff or the multitude of equipment that professional clubs have to, for example, quickly cover or uncover a pitch. Then we have the prospect of one side facing a lengthy hiatus between semi-final and final - not ideal - and neither is the other semi-final winner having to play back-to-back matches. And when the weather wreaks havoc, as was the case this year, the consequences are really unfortunate. It's time to play the T20 semi-finals as separate, stand-alone games, at 1st, 2nd and 3rd XI levels. One match, both teams fully focused on the

prize, best side wins. 1st XI Final is then scheduled and has all day (if needed) to come to a conclusion, with a reserve day pencilled in. The other finals day features the 2nd XI Final followed by the 3rd XI Final, or vice-versa. Two games, four fresh teams, with time automatically built in to cope with weather interventions - a great occasion for all to enjoy. Surely it makes sense? Hopefully there will be clubs willing to propose and second such a motion for debate at the AGM - so that these real occasions of the cricket calendar can be given the best possible chance to succeed in all ways.

This three-match edition of the newsletter will be replicated in August, due to my mid-month holiday coming up, so the next edition will be produced after the fixtures on the 19/20 Aug weekend.

James

TURNING BACK TIME - PART 4

CHAMPIONS TROPHY 2013 AND THE DAFTEST (AND SECOND DAFTEST) THING I HAVE EVER SEEN ON A CRICKET FIELD

My scoring adventures in the 2013 Champions Trophy were to encompass a memorable game between West Indies and South Africa at a soggy Sofia Gardens in Cardiff (or the EON Welsh Electricity Stadium, as it had been renamed for the tournament). It was a sadly familiar bleak day in the Welsh capital for a game which would decide one of the semi-finalists, and eventually a 31 overs a side match got started. South Africa, put in to bat, clattered 230, David Miller hitting one of the biggest sixes I have ever seen in a fabulous cameo. West Indies started off ok, 87-2 in the 15th when the afore-mentioned second daftest thing occurred. Devon Smith was hit on the pad sweeping Robin Petersen. Not out the verdict. SA referred it to DRS, at which point, the heavens opened, the players all charged off and the groundstaff swung into action. However, the umpires had to wait in the pouring rain to get the DRS verdict, which revealed Smith to be plumb. So the umpire had to raise his finger to an empty field! We did get restarted under threatening skies, Marlon Samuels and Kieron Pollard taking WI to the brink of victory with some fantastic strokeplay. After 26 overs WI were 190-5, with the DLS par score at that stage 187. In other words, WI needed to be 188 at the end of the next over to be ahead - so even playing out a maiden, they would still be in a winning position. And it was starting to rain again. It was then that the daftest thing I have ever seen - before or since - occurred as Pollard (pictured) completely ignored the scoreboard, and had a wild swing at a half tracker from Ryan McLaren, as the rain started to pour down. Dale Steyn held a one-handed catch running full-tilt at third man, he and his team-mates celebrating wildly. The effect of the wicket adjusted the DLS par score to 190 - in other words, the match was now tied. Despite Darren Sammy sprinting onto the field to bat as all the other players dashed past him to the dressing room, no more play proved possible and, on the basis of a superior net run-rate, SA qualified for the semi final. A crestfallen Dwayne Bravo refused to publicly blame anyone, but Pollard's numbskullery in not checking the scoreboard and playing the situation more appropriately (given that rain was imminent) I have never forgotten. An object lesson to all players to check the board!

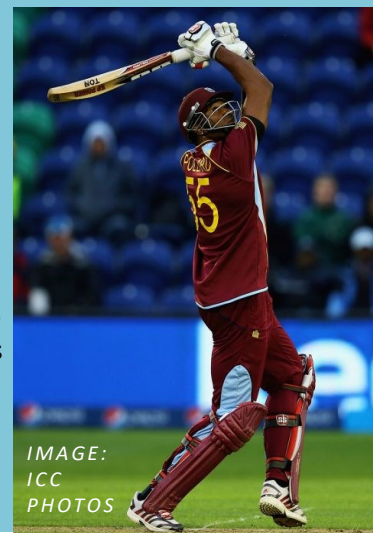


IMAGE:
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1st XI T20 FINALS DAY(S)

THE FRED GRAHAM TROPHY

CHEADLE CC, SUN 16 JULY; HYDE CC SUN 23 JULY

CHEADLE IN FIRST EVER T20 TRIUMPH

Bowl out settles 2023 competition after rain ruins Finals Day

A rain-ruined 1st XI T20 Finals Day saw the event carried over to the reserve day, when Cheadle beat Nantwich in a bowl out. Cheadle's appearance in the final had been secured the week before with a sensational win over holders Alderley Edge after a super over. Hyde were left ruing the numerous weather interventions after being in a strong position in their semi v Nantwich, but the match was abandoned, annulled and ultimately replayed as a bowl out, which Nantwich won 4-1.

In the first semi final (July 16), Cheadle, having been comprehensively beaten by AE in the league the day before at Kingsway, posted what looked a modest 115-9. AE got off well, 55-1 after 9, but found run scoring harder and harder, the key wkt of George Bell leaving AE 69-3 after 12. Thereafter, the holders found the boundary just twice more, but got to the final over needing 2 to win with 7 wkts in hand, but remarkably, after two dot balls, three wkts fell amidst a combination of disbelief and tension, as the ball-by-ball sheet (*right*) shows. A single desperately scrambled off the last delivery brought scores level and a super-over was thus needed, AE hitting 14-1 off their over (4-wd-0-1-1-6-wd+W-0) with Cheadle, set 15, winning off the last ball, Max Fisher hitting a boundary to seal an incredible victory. The second semi-final was abandoned with Hyde 56-1 after 4.4 overs chasing 105 to beat Nantwich. There had been a lengthy interruption after 14 overs

of the Nantwich innings with the score 89-6, Hyde understandably keen to play with the sun now out. The Nantwich innings resumed, was interrupted again more briefly, and resumed again, when they were bowled out for 104. After the interval, and with dark clouds building again, Andrew Jackson blasted 39* off just 13 balls, before terminal rain arrived which saw the match abandoned, Hyde 49 short of victory with some 15 overs in hand.



IMAGE:CHEADLE CC TWITTER

Run	Score
1 Run	115/6
19.6	1 Holmes to Smith, 1 run
19.5	W Holmes to Reid, OUT Charlie Reid b Will Holmes 0 (2)
19.4	W Holmes to Reid, OUT Ed Foster run out (Josh Dooler)
19.3	W Holmes to Mahmood, OUT Subhaan Mahmood st Da
19.2	Holmes to Mahmood, no run
19.1	Holmes to Mahmood, no run
4 Runs	114/3

ANDREW JACKSON HITS ANOTHER SIX DURING HIS BLISTERING INNINGS IN THE HYDE/NANTWICH SEMI-FINAL BUT IT WAS TO BE TO NO AVAIL



SEMI-FINALS, SUN 16 JULY, CHEADLE CC

Cheadle 115-9 (20 os) (A.Yaksender 40, D.Osborne 21, E.Foster 4-11)

A.Edge 115-6 (20 os) (G.Bell 32, S.Mahmood 28, W.Holmes 3-13)

MATCH TIED, CHEADLE WON ON SUPER OVER

Umpires: David Tate & John Potts

Nantwich 104 (19.4 os)

Hyde 56-1 (4.4 os) (A.Jackson 39*)

MATCH ABANDONED

Umpires: Trevor Burnett & Andy Crick

Scorers: James Howe (Hyde) & Ian Ellis (Nantwich)

SEMI-FINAL, SUN 23 JULY, HYDE CC

No play possible due to rain

Nantwich beat Hyde 4-1 in a bowl-out

2023 T20 Fred Graham Trophy Final, Sun 23 July, Hyde CC:
No play possible due to rain

CHEADLE beat Nantwich 2-0 in a bowl-out (Parth Gaikwad, Josh Dooler)

WK 13 - JULY 16

Alderley Edge stole a march on the other leading sides, winning at **Cheadle** in quick time after bowling the hosts out for just 69, **Andrew Windle** and **Richard Wilkinson** with 5 wkts apiece. AE won by 8 wkts before the rain closed in across the region - **Didsbury** had reduced **Toft** to 29-3 in pursuit of their 227, **Ed Newman** making an excellent 84, before that was that, and **Hyde** were similarly frustrated at Werneth Low, a typically muscular 68 (40 bs) from **Andrew Jackson** seeing the hosts declare after 44 overs on 222-8 against **Oxton**. Jackson then took two wkts but at 78-3 after 27, play was halted. Further west **Chester BH** claimed a morale boosting win as **Nantwich** suffered successive defeats. Despite several players getting starts, **Marcus Stables'** 50 was the highest score as **Nantwich**



were unable to get away, 216 all out. After a solid start **Alex Money** (pictured) played the innings of the match, making the winning hit as he finished 84* (100 bs), CBH winning at the end of the 46th over. **Brooklands** were especially frustrated that rain ruined their game with **Neston** as they had one of their better batting days, making 221-9 with **Sudanshu Rajshetty's** run-a-ball 67 the highlight. Rain reduced Neston's reply to 46 overs but they only got 9 overs in when that was that. **Aaqib Uppal's** good form for **Widnes** continued at **Grappenhall** as he made 55 out of his side's 120-4 before the rain set in there - terminally, as it turned out.

and the in-form **Alex Money** (102 off 114) put on a stupendous 199 for the 3rd **Chester BH** wkt, the hosts calling a halt after 50 overs on 289-3. A superb effort by Toft, led by **O'Shay Reddy's** 79, was to fall cruelly short for them, with their final pair just two balls from safety when the last man was bowled, CBH winning by 32 to round off a much brighter month for them. At Parkgate, the 8 runs added by **Neston's** last pair **Ash Davis** and **Chris Dixon** seemed of little consequence as the hosts ground out just 98 in 45.4 overs against a parsimonious **Nantwich** attack, and when the Dabbers reached 49-3 in reply, the outcome seemed inevitable. However, Davis and Dixon, along with **Chris Finegan**, induced a shuddering seizure which saw 58-7 on the board. The tail fought back bravely but Neston held their nerve, Davis taking the last wkt to see Nantwich 93 all out and give his side a first win in six matches. **Qamar Hafiz** had a match to remember for **Widnes** at Kingsway, firstly taking 3-11 as hosts **Cheadle** were bundled out for just 107. Widnes found it no easier in reply, **Dan Brown** with 4-29 in a straight 17 over spell which saw the visitors wobbling at 76-7. Hafiz then made 24*, partnering with obdurate opener **Rohan Luthra** (42* off 119 bs) to give Widnes just a second win in 11. **Luke Filer** (63) and **Henry Dobson** (55) put on 101 as **Oxton** chased 167 successfully at **Brooklands**.

WK 14 - JULY 22

7 overs at Oxton were all that was bowled on a bleak Premier Division day, Neston 38-0 in that time. Cancelled: AE v CBH; Grappenhall v Brooklands; Nantwich v Hyde; Toft v Cheadle; Widnes v Didsbury.

WK 15 - JULY 29

Two sensational results stood out on a welcome return for Premier Division cricket. Title chasers **Hyde** and **Alderley Edge** tied a thrilling match at Werneth Low. Put in, Hyde were looking shaky at 185-9 but a boisterous 47 added for the last - keeper **John Ashley** hitting 5 sixes in his 33* - lifted them to 232. **Ben Kohler-Cadmore** led off with an imperious 107, stands of 124 with **Sam Perry** and then 85 with **Ed Foster** taking AE to 192-2 in the 41st. A sudden about-turn saw 6 wkts fall for 23 as Hyde fought back, but their former player **Charlie Barnard** stood firm, ultimately tying the scores off the penultimate ball before a dramatic run-out of last man **Dan Fesmer** saw both sides take 16 pts. This kept them both firmly on the heels of leaders **Didsbury**, who won out by 45 runs in a wonderfully entertaining match against **Grappenhall**, two outstanding catches the highspot as Didsbury defended 267 (**Rob Sehmi** 80, **Ed Newman** 61). **Albert Pennington's** 77, along with a 45-ball 54 from **Arav Shetty**, were to be in vain. One remarkable stat stood out at Filkins Lane - a year ago, on the equivalent Saturday, **Noah Vickery**, then playing for Hyde, hit 128* against Toft. 12 months on, Vickery was again putting **Toft** to the sword, this time with an unbeaten 110 (93 bs) as he



HYDE'S BEN BALDERSON RUNS OUT AE'S DANIEL FESMER TO SEAL A DRAMATIC TIE AT WERNETH LOW

CCCL PREMIER DIV STATS - JULY 23



TEAM	PTS	HIGHEST	LOWEST	TOP BATTER	TOP WKTS
DIDSBURY	270	322	139	ED NEWMAN - 589	STEVE GREEN - 41
ALDERLEY EDGE	260	331-6	100	BEN KOHLER-CADMORE 520	RICHARD WILKINSON - 32
HYDE	257	269-6	154	LUKE YOUNG - 547	LUKE YOUNG & DANIEL CRANMER - 25
NESTON	237	267-6	98	MATTHEW STRONG - 380	ASH DAVIS - 38
NANTWICH	220	250-4	44	LUKE ROBINSON - 497	JASON FOULKES - 37
OXTON	215	238-3	112	HENRY DOBSON - 519	JORDAN COLLIER - 36
CHESTER BH	202	305	96	ALEX MONEY - 523	JACK WILLIAMS - 34
WIDNES	181	301-7	103	ROHAN LUTHRA - 331	AAQIB UPPAL - 23
CHEADLE	158	274-6	69	ANDREJ YAKSENDER - 415	WILL HOLMES - 20
GRAPPENHALL	143	238	115	ARAV SHETTY - 370	TOM MacRURY - 35
TOFT	141	271-6	49	JIMMY O'SULLIVAN - 338	MATT CORNES & TOM FORSTER - 18
BROOKLANDS	117	264-9	84	KEVIN CARROLL - 423	A.J.HART - 23

JULY FORM GUIDE		LEADING RUNS		LEADING WKTS	
TEAM	JULY PTS	PLAYER	RUNS	PLAYER	WKTS
CHESTER BH	89	ED NEWMAN	589	STEVE GREEN	41
ALDERLEY EDGE	80	LUKE YOUNG	547	ASH DAVIS	38
DIDSBURY	76	ALEX MONEY	523	JASON FOULKES	37
OXTON	71	BEN K-CADMORE	520	JORDAN COLLIER	36
WIDNES	71	HENRY DOBSON	519	TOM MacRURY	35
HYDE	67	SAM PERRY	504	JACK WILLIAMS	34
NESTON	48	LUKE ROBINSON	497	RICHARD WILKINSON	32
GRAPPENHALL	34	WICKETKEEPERS & FIELDERS Angus Kilby of Chester BH has 16 ct, 8 st, to lead the w/k stats at present, followed by Toft's O'Shay Reddy (13/6 and 1 ctach as a fielder) and Nantwich's Spencer Byatt (15/1 & 1 r/o). AE's Sam Perry (13/1 and 2 fc) and Hyde's John Ashley (11/2 and 3 fc) make up the top five. With 9 catches and 3 r/o, Didsbury's Ed Newman is the leading outfielder, followed by David Hurst (Neston) with 10 catches & 1 r/o.			
NANTWICH	33				
TOFT	32				
BROOKLANDS	31				
CHEADLE	19				

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

15 July

Richard Wilkinson 5-24, AE v Chead; Andrew Windle 5-27, AE v Chead; Chris Stenhouse 5-71, Oxt v Hyde

29 July

Noah Vickery 110*, CBH v Toft; Ben Kohler-Cadmore 107, AE v Hyde; Alex Money 102, CBH v Toft

WK 13 - JULY 15

Div 1 was badly affected by the wet weather, with leaders **Bowdon** stealing a march on their promotion rivals by clinching a win in the far east of the county, **James Bottomley's** fine 6-60 (along with two catches and a run out) seeing **Romiley** dismissed for 163 at Birchvale Drive. Bowdon slipped to 32-4 in reply but after some interruptions, keeper **John Sanders** (55*) and **Shardul Viinoaday** (58*) added a superb 139* together, 32 extras in an untidy Romiley bowling effort also assisting Bowdon to a first win in four. **Sale** were left frustrated at Dane Rd after visitors **Lindow** spluttered to just 133 in 46.1 overs, Sale 20-0 when play was washed out. It was a similar story not so far away at **Timperley**, but it was actually the home side who were perhaps more grateful for it after lowly **Congleton** had put together 217-4, **Arslan Dar** 71*, **Ali Azmat** 59. Dar was then in action with the ball, two quick wkts part of an uncertain 33-4 from Timpers before rain stopped play. A brilliant run chase after a lengthy rain interruption at Victoria Rd saw **Macclesfield** upto fifth after they chased 131 inside their allocated 18 overs after visitors **Oulton Park** had been dismissed for just 130. **Bradley Porter's** 6-34, and 4 wkts for **Miles Bradshaw**, followed by a 43-ball 62 from **Jack Massey**, helped extend OP's winless run to eight matches. However, attention was deflected from this concerning run by a calamitous afternoon for **Stockport Georgians**, bowled out for just 31 at **Bramhall** as **Lachlan Anson** (6-21) and **Simon Wilkinson** (4-10) ran amok, Anson taking three wkts in an over at one stage as Bramhall's 122 astonishingly proved way too much. After such a poor start to the season, Bramhall have now won three out of four to move well clear of the relegation spots, with both Congleton and **Alvanley** some way adrift. Alv were perhaps relieved not to have to chase **Urmston's** 265-5 at Moorside Rd after **Gautam Gn's** 94 and 60s from **Lewis Jackson** and **Matt Kilcourse** had put the hosts in a strong position, rain ending play after just six overs of the Alv reply.

a tight match with **Stockport Georgians** where both sides found run scoring hard going. **Ben Staniforth's** 60 (122 bs) the highest score of the match. Timpers managed to keep their noses just in front during their chase, reaching their target in the 47th over, and then further heartened by news of a defeat for leaders **Bowdon**, who went down by 1 wkt in a dramatic game at Victoria Rd as another side who enjoyed a good July, **Macclesfield**, made it six wins from their last nine games. Bowdon's underwhelming 151-8 in their 50 overs seemed light, but Macc found it just as tough, **Ben Gibson's** painstaking 41 (105 bs) holding them together. **Craig Melrose** (34*) gave the hosts a late push which saw them reach the last over needing 2. Melrose took a single off the third ball to level the scores, before youngster **Sam Hughes** perished next ball attempting the winning hit. **Will Jennings** became the Macc hero, however, scrambling the run needed off the penultimate ball. Elsewhere, **Romiley** stole a march on others by climbing to third with a 39 run win over **Lindow** at Birchvale Drive. The hosts carefully compiled 203-8 before debutant **Finlay Testa** returned a superb 5-11, six Lindow batters recording ducks as they slumped to 124-9. **Sam Battersby** (70*) and keeper **Matt Barnes** then added 40 as they took the game into the last over before Testa bowled Barnes. A similar total proved more than enough for **Oulton Park**, who much to their relief claimed a first win in 10 matches away at **Urmston**, who, chasing 202 to win, were blown away for just 48, **Andrew Dufty** wreaking havoc with 6-16 in a terrific spell of spin bowling as OP won by a massive 153 runs. Earlier, **Teix Bolingbroke** (54 off 121 bs) top-scored, while loyal servant **Danny Leech** (pictured, 36 off 77) passed 12,000 runs in all competitions for OP. In the basement battle, **Alvanley** exacted revenge for their dismal defeat at Booth Street earlier in the year, beating **Congleton** by 40 runs, 5 wkts for skipper **Michael Rowlands** and four for **James Ecclestone** doing the business, but both sides are still some way adrift at the foot.

WK 14 - JULY 22 No play in any 1st Division fixtures sadly. Matches cancelled: Bowdon v Timperley; Congleton v Macclesfield; Lindow v Bramhall; Oulton Park v Alvanley; Sale v Urmston; Stockport Georgians v Romiley.



ACTION FROM ALVANLEY v CONGLETON

WK 15 - JULY 29

Astonishing results really caught the eye in Division 1, team of the month **Bramhall** skittling high flying **Sale** for just 43 at Church Lane en-route to a 9 wkt win, their fourth win in their last six games. Third bottom and just two pts off the relegation zone at the end of June, an excellent July has seen **Nick Cantello's** men climb the table, this second successive home demolition job courtesy of **Simon Wilkinson** (15-9-14-4) and **Oliver Webb** (8-3-14-4), with the other two wkts for former Sale player **Josh Patel** as a strong Sale line-up inexplicably crumbled. **Timperley** were the team to take advantage, squeaking home by 2 wkts in



CCCL DIV ONE STATS - JULY 23



TEAM	PTS	HIGHEST	LOWEST	TOP BATTER	TOP WKTS
BOWDON	269	279-6	158	ROSS ZELEM - 441	JOE CHAPPLE - 30
TIMPERLEY	263	264-9	140	CAEDENCE KUEPPER - 357	CAEDENCE KUEPPER - 34
ROMILEY	254	267-6	79	ISAAC WILLETT - 557	BRADLEY SNAPE & ALEX HOOTON 27
SALE	247	264-2	43	PAT ASHLING - 525	DAN NEWTON - 25
MACCLESFIELD	241	229-8	125	BEN GIBSON - 420	CRAIG MELROSE - 25
LINDOW	203	283-3	108	JAMES DUFFY - 413	SAM BATTERSBY - 17
BRAMHALL	186	249-8	54	NICK CANTELLO - 421	SIMON WILKINSON - 33
OULTON PARK	185	228-6	140	ANDREW METCALF - 337	ANDREW DUFTY - 35
URMSTON	175	265-6	48	LIAM MARSHALL - 419	LIAM MARSHALL - 24
STOCK.GEORGIANS	162	250-5	31	NED BAILEY - 338	SIMON NORMANTON - 43
ALVANLEY	127	240-6	66	JONO WHITLEY - 281	MICHAEL ROWLANDS - 27
CONGLETON	120	230-7	86	ARSLAN DAR - 307	MUHAMMAD KASHIF -30

JULY FORM GUIDE

TEAM	PTS
BRAMHALL	93
MACCLESFIELD	89
ROMILEY	87
TIMPERLEY	68
ALVANLEY	53
BOWDON	52
OULTON PARK	52
LINDOW	51
URMSTON	34
S.GEORGIANS	33
SALE	32
CONGLETON	29

LEADING RUNS

PLAYER	RUNS
ISAAC WILLETT	557
PAT ASHLING	525
ROSS ZELEM	441
NICK CANTELLO	421
DAN NEWTON	420
BEN GIBSON	420

LEADING WKTS

PLAYER	WKTS
SIMON NORMANTON	43
ANDREW DUFTY	35
CAEDENCE KUEPPER	34
SIMON WILKINSON	33
JOE CHAPPLE	30
MUHAMMAD KASHIF	30

WICKETKEEPERS & FIELDERS

Bowdon's **John Sanders**, with 5 stumpings & 15 catches (and a r/o and fc) and Macc's **Ben Gibson** (4 st/16 ct) are joint-top of the keeper stats to date, with Timperley's Jonathan Fletcher (16 ct/2 st), Sale's Pat Ashling (16/2, plus 3 fc and a r/o) are next on the list

Stockport Georgians' **Ned Bailey** has 13 catches to his name so far, making him the leading outfielder.

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

15 July: Gautam Gn 94, Urms v Alv; Lachlan Anson 6-21, Bram v SG; Bradley Porter 6-34, Macc v OP; James Bottomley 6-60, Bowd v Rom; Simon Normanton 5-32, SG v Bram

29 July: Andrew Dufty 6-16, OP v Urm; Finlay Testa 5-11, Rom v Lind; Muhammad Kashif 5-17, Cong v Alv; Mark Rowlands 5-34, Alv v Cong; Caedence Kuepper 5-52, Timp v SG

WK 13 - JULY 15

Marple's seventh win in their last eight games at **Hale Barns** left them sitting pretty for an immediate return to Div 1. **Jack Grundy** (pictured, leading his side



off) took 6-17 as HB folded for just 89, **Grant Hodnett** whacking 42 as Marple

made sure the weather wouldn't ruin their day. Their nearest challengers **Haslington** were to be denied, however, the rain reaching **Ashton-on-Mersey** with the hosts 107-5 in reply to Has' 224-8. Has were in some strife at 139-7 but skipper **Ben Istead** struck a magnificent 108* (71 bs) as the next two pairs added 85. Istead took a catch and a wkt but the rain scuppered their hopes of victory. **Port Sunlight** were not to be denied, however, as an aggressive 71 from **Tyler Stagg** in an opening stand of 121 helped them surpass **Davenham's** 176-5 from a full allocation, PS making it two win from three to pull clear of the bottom two, AOM and hapless **Christleton** stuck there with the Little Heath side 65 pts adrift, another batting disaster seeing them spend as much time travelling to **NE Cheshire** than batting, slumping to 58 all out in 35 overs, NEC winning by 6 wkts. **Stockport** also had a day to forget, skittled by **Abdul Aqeel** (6-25) as they made their second dou-

ble figure total in the last three matches, 69 all out, **Luke Stow** contributing 3-25 and then a patient 37* (81 bs) as Mobb got a most welcome first win in five.

Bollington were 45-4 against visitors **Cheadle Hulme** when their match was abandoned.

WK 14 - JULY 22

All matches cancelled without play.

WK 15 - JULY 29

Leaders **Marple** suffered a setback at Grove Park, their second loss of a strong campaign occurring as **Cheadle Hulme** restricted them to 178-4 in their allocation - having been 107-1 at drinks, Marple would have been hopeful of something more substantive. Key man **Grant Hodnett** fell for 45 as CH's two spinning **Toms, Whitehouse & Balderston**, returned combined figures of 30-3-86-3. Whitehouse also starred with the bat, his 33* part of an unbroken 65 stand with **Jordan Potts** (60*) to keep CH just in touch with the leading pack. **Davenham** took advantage of a surprise result at London Rd to move into second, Dav cruising to a 7 wkt win over **Stockport** at Butchers Stile. **Ben Gough** rolled back the years with 5-46, including a remarkable three wkts in an over as the visitors crashed to 24-6 at one stage. **Naveed Gondal** played a lone hand, ending on 48* (58 bs) as four more wkts for **Muhammad Abid** saw Stockport all out 91. Gondal did take two wkts but 53* from **Jason van der Muelen** did the business for Dav, round-

ing off a decent July for them, while in contrast Stockport garnered just 17 pts (14 of those from two cancelled games) in a miserable month at Cale Green.

Haslington's setback at **NE Cheshire** was the surprise of the day, however, especially as the hosts managed just 109, **Jayden Camp's** 51 keeping them only just afloat, 4 wkts apiece for **Jack** and **Freddie Taylor**. In a dramatic start to the visitors reply, **Toby Carson & Dan Williams** caused havoc, Haslington 6-5 after 6 overs, staggering to 37-8 after 23 until the Taylors intervened again, adding a vital 40 before Jack fell, Freddie and last man **Dan Goodier** then putting on 21 as the tension mounted before Williams bowled Taylor for 30, Has 98 all out. **Mobberley** kept up their challenge, an unbroken stand of 125 between **Osman Butt** (60*) and **Will Beresford-Ince** (74*) taking them to an 8 wkt win at struggling **Ashton OM**, who are now 58 pts from safety after **Hale Barns** swept to a comprehensive 9 wkt win over **Port Sunlight** who departed Brooks Drive pointless as a result. At the very bottom it looks like game over for **Christleton**, whose long trek east to **Bollington** in search of a first win ended instead in a ninth defeat of 2023. Bolly took advantage of winning the toss, bowling Chris out for just 109, four wkts apiece for **Harri Dickinson** and **Toby Phipps**. The wheel of **Keegan Fortune** also spun again, 2-21 and 35* as Bolly's revival continued.

DIVISION TWO TABLE AND FORM GUIDE

TEAM	PTS	JULY FORM	PTS
MARPLE	276	MARPLE	90
DAVENHAM	259	CHEADLE HULME	75
HASLINGTON	247	BOLLINGTON	71
MOBBERLEY	220	MOBBERLEY	71
CHEADLE HULME	213	DAVENHAM	70
N.E.CHESHIRE	199	N.E.CHESHIRE	66
STOCKPORT	194	PORT SUNLIGHT	64
BOLLINGTON	189	HASLINGTON	52
PORT SUNLIGHT	180	ASHTON OM	50
HALE BARNES	167	HALE BARNES	47
ASHTON OM	119	CHRISTLETON	23
CHRISTLETON	81	STOCKPORT	17

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

15 July

Ben Istead 108* (& 1 wkt, 1 catch) Has v AOM
Jack Grundy 6-17, Marp v HB
Abdul Aqeel 6-25, Mobb v Stock

29 July

Daniel Williams 5-16 NEC v Has
Toby Carson 5-39, NEC v Has
Ben Gough 5-46, Dav v Stockport

TOP BATTERS	RUNS	BEST
GRANT HODNETT (MAR)	843	141*
JAYDEN CAMP (NEC.)	666	150
OSMAN BUTT (MOBB)	546	115
TOP BOWLERS	WKTS	BEST
ABDUL AQEEL (MOBB)	44	7-20
MUHAMMAD ABID (DAV)	41	7-41
WILL FRASER-SMITH (MAR)	36	4-36



CCCL DIVISION THREE



WK 13 - JULY 15

Maritime's decision to bowl first in a 70 over game with visitors **Kingsley** almost backfired badly, only a nervy rearguard action by their last pair staving off defeat at 106-9 after Kingsley had reached 139-8. However, the leaders' mood improved when they learned of a shock defeat for second place **Ashley**, who inexplicably collapsed to just 56 all out at home to inconsistent Tattenhall. **Adrian Waddelove** was the star man for Tatt, his 6-20 spinning out the hosts in under 20 overs, Tatt winning by 7 wkts. The other big winners on a rain-affected afternoon were **Winnington Park**, who got a crucial win in their battle to avoid the bottom two spots at home to fellow strugglers **Upton**. The visitors batted with a familiar torpor, reaching just 136-9 despite having a full allocation of overs, **Sam Barnes** then following up a handy 3-21 with 56* (104 bs) as WP withstood going from 54-2 to 55-5 to win by 4 wkts, **James Hendry's** 38 (71 bs) helping Barnes add a vital 79. Two other games were drawn, **Northwich** maintaining their sterling revival by being all over hosts **Barrow** after making 181, **Prasanth Prassanan** 61 off 52 bs (and **Pranav Dhawande** 35 off 348, according to the scorecard!) Despite having 52 overs to chase, Barrow decided firmly against, crawling to a buttock-clenching 97-9 in that time. **Slade Mitrovich's** fine 73 (112 bs) helped **Oakmere** to 176 at **Heaton Mersey**, rain reducing the hosts alloca-

tion to 37 overs. Mitrovich then took a catch as both HM openers were out for ducks, and later added two wkts, but HM batted out at 134-6 (their target under DL would have been 151, incidentally). **Warrington** had reached 95-3 at **Hawk Green** (**Thaakier Davids** 52*) when rain prevented further play.

WK 14 - JULY 22

Two games were played to a conclusion in the only meaningful CCCL 1st XI action of the day and what remarkable games they were! **Barrow**, without a win in four, made the short trip to **Tattenhall** but batted at a similar crawl to the week previous, just 148-7 managed in their 50 overs. Incredibly it was to prove more than enough, the first four Tatt batters all out for 0 and all others struggling as the scoreboard showed 17-8 (**Phil Johnson** 5-12). A last wkt stand of 26 pushed the score to 50 but it was all over casanova on a humiliating/exultant afternoon at the Flacca (delete as appropriate). On the Wirral, although only 7 overs were possible at Premier Division Oxton, an 80 over game took place at **Upton**, the hosts clearly buoyed by the shortened game as they batted at a positively breakneck pace, passing 200 for the first time this season and even declaring on 202-8 after 39 against **Ashley**, **Dan Seaton** 52. Despite 55 from **Ammad Mushtaq**, it was the dismissal of skipper **Sabtain Baig** (51) that proved crucial, as Ashley collapsed under

pressure from certain victory at 190-5 to 193 all out, David Williams (5-40) and Rich Battersby (4-51) sealing an amazing win for the ecstatic Uptonians.

WK 15 - JULY 29

An astonishing day saw **Warrington** climb out of the bottom three with a dramatic one run win at **Heaton Mersey**, the hosts left stunned after 4 wkts and 30 from skipper **Luke Marshall** proved not enough, the last two Mersey pairs adding a tense 19 before no.11 Ali Raza was clean bowled. Warrington's ecstasy was mirrored by **Kingsley's** despair, their winless run extending to seven games as they lost at high-flying **Oakmere**, and also by **Ashley**, who have had a July to forget. They lost a third straight game despite a magnificent 104* from **Alex Morfitt** helping them total 175-9 against struggling **Winnington Park**, and it looked all over when the visitors slumped to 48-6 in reply. However, **Johnny Wales** (53*) and **Martin Evans** (51*) added a superb 129* to pull off a stunning win. Leaders **Maritime** hammered **Tattenhall** by 156 runs and **Tearan Gleeson** made a brilliant 123 (118 bs) for **Hawk Green** as they crushed **Northwich** by 120 runs. A positively giddy **Upton** chased 193 in the 49th over to record a fine win at **Barrow**, who are bottom but still well in touch with other sides.

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

15 July

Adrian Waddelove 6-20, Tatt v Ash
Hariprashanth Visvanathan 5-13, Nor v Barr
Gareth Hughes 5-39, Barr v North
Sam Barnes 56* & 3-21, WP v Upt

22 July

Phil Johnson 5-12, Barr v Tatt
David Williams 5-40, Upt v Ash

29 July

Tearan Gleeson 123, HG v North
Alex Morfitt 104*, Ash v WP
Jordan Henderson 5-30, HG v North

DIVISION THREE TABLE AND FORM GUIDE

TEAM	PTS	JULY FORM	PTS
MARITIME	255	MARITIME	75
HAWK GREEN	221	HAWK GREEN	75
OAKMERE	221	WINNINGTON PARK	71
ASHLEY	218	WARRINGTON	71
HEATON MERSEY	205	UPTON	68
UPTON	202	NORTHWICH	62
TATTENHALL	194	OAKMERE	53
WINNINGTON PARK	192	BARROW	50
NORTHWICH	185	TATTENHALL	49
WARRINGTON	177	KINGSLEY	39
KINGSLEY	175	ASHLEY	36
BARROW	167	HEATON MERSEY	36

TOP BATTERS	RUNS	BEST
AMMAD MUSHTAQ (ASH)	767	116
TEARAN GLEESON (HG)	647	123
SLADE MITROVICH (OAK)	496	97*
TOP BOWLERS	WKTS	BEST
JOEL LOGAN (KING)	43	5-18
LUKE MARSHALL (H.M)	33	5-19
VISHAL BARIGELA (MAR)	33	6-21

2ND XI T20 2023

T20 QUARTER FINAL RESULTS

Monday 17 July

Alvanley CC: ALVANLEY 149-8 (20 os) beat Brooklands 131-8 (20 os) by 18 runs

Last year's semi-finalists Brooklands made the perfect start by taking a wkt with the first ball of the match. However, a dashing 61 off 40 balls from exciting prospect Andy Bennion pushed hosts Alvanley towards a competitive total, boosted by 22 extras which were to prove of particular significance during the Brooklands reply, as was the contribution of Alv's Dave Shewring. He hit a late 10 of 8, then took two wkts and claimed two run-outs, as Brooklands, having got off to a flyer with 34 off 19 from Sudanshu Rajshetty, were increasingly becalmed.

Filkins Lane: NESTON 170-4 (20 os) beat Chester BH 139-8 (20 os) by 31 runs

The 2022 runners-up fell well short in the end, as visitors Neston piled up an imposing total after the top four all contributed well, Matt Brookes (45*) and Will Brewster (41) building on a good opening stand between Chris Hackett (35) and Ian Gill (22). 22 extras, including 20 wides, did not help the CBH cause, and neither did the loss of both Joe Killoran and Reg Wyatt without scoring, Hackett amongst the wkts as well. Paul Stimson (4-11) then wrecked the middle order, only a defiant ninth wkt stand between Freddie Ogilby (32*) and skipper Dan Riley (26*) adding some cheer on a disappointing night for the hosts.

Thursday 20 July

Kingsway: BOWDON 120-8 (20 os) beat Cheadle 116-6 (20 os) by 2 wkts

A low-scoring match nonetheless provided gripping viewing as Cheadle fought hard to defend their modest total, made possible only by an aggressive 34 from no.7 Hamza Rais. 27 extras also boosted the hosts' total, which looked for a long time as though it could be enough as the side going well in the Prem struggled for fluency, two late run-outs causing some panic. Cheadle conceded only 3 extras in an impressive bowling and fielding display but Bowdon found the boundary they needed off the last ball of the match.

DIDSBURY 2s v WIDNES

The current holders are scheduled to play on Tuesday 1st August, after a washout on the previously arranged dates.

3RD XI CRICKET UPDATE

In the Premier Division Stockport Georgians have maintained their advantage at the top of the table, although Sale have a game in hand, both sides winning on Sunday. Georgians' scrappy 4 wkt win at Marple featured 54 and 2-10 from Sean Duckworth, while 71 from Tom Jenkinson helped Sale to a 7 wkt win over Timperley, chasing their 155

target in 27 overs. Didsbury 3s remain in touch in third, beating Nantwich on Sun, but their hopes of a sixth successive title are hanging by a thread after two washouts preceded by two defeats. The Dabbers remain fourth, however with two games in hand, 14 pts off the top. Four sides are separated by four points at the foot in what is proving to be the most competitive Premier Division for some years, Bramhall's loss at Toft on Sunday a setback for their hopes of survival. Grappenhall lead Div 1 by 2 pts from Didsbury 4s and Bowdon, with Cheadle and Brooklands two pts further back but with a game in hand. Stockport Trinity head Div 2 from Trafford Metrovicks 3s, Timperley still winless at the foot despite Fred Vaughan-Hawkins scoring 118 in their 223-5 on Sun, BSM 55-1 in reply when rain stopped play. Rob Bushell whacked 64 out of 81-2 for Middlewich as they won at Lymm OP to stay top of Div 3 West, while in Div 3 East Neil Walmsley's 142* for Georgians 4s was in vain as rain truncated proceedings against Hale Barns, SG still bottom, Trafford Metrovicks 4s some way clear at the top. Sale 4s head Div 4.



STOCKPORT GEORGIANS WON AT MARPLE ON SUN

2ND XI DIVISIONS - JULY

15 July: The **2nd XI Premier Division** suffered along with the 1st XI matches, but leaders **Didsbury** snuck in an important win at **Toft**, **Jack Harland** with 5-32 and **Rohan Aggarwal** 3-14 as they bowled out their hosts for just 81, Dids securing 25 pts as they won by 8 wkts inside 22 overs, thus just beating the rain. **Brooklands** were another side to likewise get a handy victory, they being indebted to skipper **Mark Bloomfield**, who hit a superb 112* (120 bs) as he and **David Cunliffe** (50*) put on an unbroken 126 to secure a 9 wkt win over **Lindow**, pushing them past the 200 point mark. **Hyde** also recorded a win but theirs was a lot tighter, beating **Neston** by 2 wkts in pursuit of just 111. Neston were bowled out inside 29 overs, only a lower order revival pushing them upto 110 after **Yousef Haq** took 4-14. The old firm of **Chris Finegan** and **Chris Hackett** took 7 wkts between them as Hyde stuttered, but **Charlie Hewitt's** 30 (after 2-18 earlier) just tipped the balance Hyde's way, Haq rounding off a good day with 1* to help seal the pts. The other three games didn't finish however - **Oxton** and **Sale** never even got started, **Chester BH** were 66-5 at **Nantwich** when that was halted, and **Cheadle** were 4-1 after 2 overs in pursuit of 173 to win at **Bowdon** when they too were washed out, **Alex Read** having taken 5-23 for the visitors.

2ND XI PREM	PTS
DIDSBURY	317
BROOKLANDS	236
BOWDON	224
LINDOW	202
CHESTER BH	189
HYDE	183
TOFT	180
NESTON	174
SALE	166
OXTON	155
CHEADLE	151
NANTWICH	137

22 July: no play in any matches

29 July: A case of 'as you were' with the top three all winning. **Didsbury** knocked **Sale** over for just 94 at Dane Rd, going on to win by 5 wkts. **Brooklands** were revived by a 9th wkt stand of 58 which took them to 196-8 at **Oxton**, bowling the hosts out for 115, **George Foreman** putting in a heavyweight performance with 29 at no.10 and then taking 2-27, while **Nevan Meisuria** took 4-14. Both these matches saw the losing sides slip closer towards the danger zone. **Bowdon's** **James McDougall** hit 100* in his side's whopping 170 run over a bedraggled **Hyde**. The **Makin** boys weighed in alongside McDougall's 120-ball knock, **Tom** making 80 and **Alec** 36* as Bowdon declared on 245-4, Hyde blown away for just 75. **Chester BH** weren't inconvenienced by skipper **Dan Riley's** absence, winning by 6 wkts at **Toft**, while basement side **Nantwich** recorded a convincing 7 wkt victory over **Neston**, their second win of the campaign seeing **Callum Pearson** and **Jack Hayter** both 52* as they chased down the 167 needed in 33 overs. Another bad day for **Cheadle** saw them beaten by 7 wkts at **Lindow**, skipper **Ben Hamilton-Ryan** taking 6-51 and then making 36* in Lindow's 140-3, **Gus Watson's** 66 helping to seal the 25 pts.

2ND XI DIVISION 1

July 15: **Stockport Georgians** maintained their lead at the top, beating **Bramhall** by 6 wkts, while both **Macclesfield** and **Widnes** won to stay in pursuit, Macc bowling out **Alvanley** for just 57. **Romiley** remain rock bottom, losing to **A.Edge**, while **Oulton Park** are still in danger, their thrilling draw with **Grappenhall** going down to the last ball, OP 223-9 chasing 245. **Timperley** were 100-2 chasing 192 at **Marple** when rain stopped play.

July 22: **Alvanley** reached 141-5 against **A.Edge** before the rain which washed out all the other games did for that one too.

July 29: **Timperley** beat leaders **S.Georgians** while **Widnes'** **Dan Wearden** took 6-17 as they beat rock-bottom **Romiley** to stay second. **Oulton Park** lost by 70 runs at **H.Mersey** to stay in deep trouble. **A.Edge's** **Andrew Kennedy** made 102, adding 179 with **Oilly Kenyon** (76) in their draw with **Macclesfield**.

2ND XI DIVISION 2

July 15: A stubborn rearguard action enabled leaders **Cheadle Hulme** (128-9) to avoid defeat to second place **Dids 2A** (189-5). Third place **Ashton OM** were hammered by **Haslington**, their 64-0 in just 6.5 overs enough to secure a 10 wkt win. Fourth placed **Urmston** also had a mare, all the way to **Upton** and then 73 all out in a 74 over game, Upton 141-8. Bottom club **Warrington** didn't get to bat against **Stockport**, perhaps just as well as Stock were 190-3 after 40 when rsp.

July 22: All games cancelled.

July 29: **C.Hulme's** **Alex Read** took 9-31 in his side's 9 wkt win at **Neston** to stay top, **Dids 2A** keeping up with a 43 run win at **Haslington** who were 95 all out **Haris Umair** taking 6-42. At the bottom, **Warrington's** result against **Urmston** was not recorded, while second bottom **Davenham** narrowly avoided defeat at struggling **Stockport**, clinging on to draw at 114-9 after 50 stoic overs.

2ND XI DIVISION 3

July 15: Sadly the meeting of the top two was washed out, **Maritime** having reached 125-5 at **Congleton**. **Ben Harvey** took 4-8 as **CBH 3s** beat **Barrow**. At the foot **Mobberley** lost to **Bolington** by 6 wkts, for whom **Cameron Smail** took 6-52. **Upton 3s** are the other strugglers, losing at **Oakmere**, who knocked off 168 in under 29 overs. **Ashley** were 82-3 in pursuit of 124 to beat **Tattenhall** but managed to lose by 21 runs.

July 22: **Barrow's** **Chris Andrews** made 50 out of a total of 72 as his lost to neighbours **Tattenhall** by 6 wkts in the only game played.

July 29: **Maritime** marmalised **Tattenhall** by 160 runs to pass 300 pts at the top, **Gayan Samarakoon** making 104*, while **Congleton** lost by 12 runs to **Oakmere**. **Lawrence Dale** made 101* for **CBH 3s** who beat **Upton**, while **Mobberley** won by 91 runs.

CHESHIRE CUP 2023

ROUND 2 UPDATE:

JULY 30:

WALLASEY CC: WALLASEY v TOFT: Toft conceded, after two abandoned games between these sides, Toft were unable to raise a side for a third attempt.



The three outstanding Round 3 Cheshire Cup games are all to be played on Sunday August 27.

Nantwich v Didsbury; Hyde v Birkenhead Park; Wallasey v Oulton Park

The date is at the request of Cheshire CCC who have fixtures every Sunday in August until the 27th and would otherwise have to field much weakened teams - or if players chose to play for Cheshire, under strength club sides would devalue the Cup. Semi Finals are scheduled for September 3 and the Cheshire Cup Final for Sept 10, with Sept 17 and 24 available as reserve dates.

The draw for the Semi Finals will take place this week so that clubs will know whether they are home or away in advance should they win their R3 game.

CHESHIRE SHIELD 2023



One of the two semi-finals scheduled is set to take place on Aug 6, NE Cheshire facing Bollington. Plans for a potential revamp of the Shield competition in 2024 are still under consideration at this time with more news expected shortly.

OVER 40s UPDATE

All matches on Weds 26th July washed out.

CENTRAL DIV 1: Grappenhall lead from Davenham, who have four other clubs within 5 pts of them.

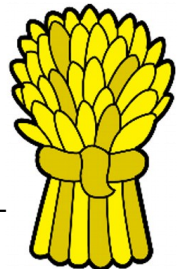
CENTRAL DIV 2: Didsbury & Warrington are tied on 40 pts each at the top, Woodford & Hale Barns in pursuit.

WEST: Wallasey now head the table from Chester BH on games won, both sides with 38 pts.

East: Bollington and Hyde lead the way with Bredbury SM and Marple/Compstall their closest pursuers.

CHESHIRE CC NEWS

Cheshire's showcase match with Yorkshire at Nantwich CC on Sun.30th was abandoned at halfway after rain prevented Yorks from replying to Cheshire's impressive 268-9, Harry Dearden making 76, Chris Sanders 61* (41 bs) and Sam Perry 50. The week previous, Cheshire's championship game with Herefordshire at Alderley Edge was washed out without a ball bowled in a depressing start to the 3 day format.



NATIONAL KNOCKOUT NEWS

Nantwich, the last Cheshire representatives in the National KO, were unable to repeat their heroics of 2022, losing in the quarter final by 124 runs at Cuckney CC (Mansfield) on Sunday. With one eye on the forecast, Nantwich opted to bowl first, but the hosts batted brilliantly, Tom Rowe (pictured, hitting a six) making 108 off 90 bs, stands of 126 for the 2nd followed by 58 for the 3rd giving Cuckney a solid platform as 83 came off the final 10 overs, the hosts ending on an imposing 284-7. It then got worse for Nantwich as Jake Pearson fell to the first ball of their reply. Marcus Stables replied positively, though, an exhilarating 87 off 83 bs the highlight of the day for the Dabbers, but sadly no-one could stay with him to build a substantive partnership, Archie Shannon recording 8-2-9-4 as Nantwich were all out 160 in the 32nd over. Elsewhere, Teddington's marathon journey to Penzance was at least worth it as they won by 144 runs, while St.Anne's trip across the Pennines to picturesque Richmondshire saw them soundly beaten, the hosts winning at a canter by 9 wickets after bowling St.Anne's out for just 112.



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