

Cheshire Cobras Visually Impaired Cricket Club

Mid-Season (Competitive) Report 2026

Introduction

The first half of the 2026 season has been another positive chapter for Cheshire Cobras. The club remains unbeaten across all completed fixtures, has secured the Midlands Regional Development T20 title and continues to challenge at the top of the inaugural BCEW Midlands Development League.

The season has also seen continued growth both on and off the field, with several new players making valuable contributions and the club strengthening its B1 playing group.

In the David Townley National T20 Cup, Cheshire defeated Yorkshire Vikings in the opening round before Bradford & District conceded the quarter-final. Blind Cricket England & Wales has confirmed Cheshire's progression to the semi-final, subject only to the ECB appeals process. If upheld, it will represent the club's first appearance in the competition's semi-final since 2017.

With one Midlands Development League fixture, the Northern Regional Development T20 Final and the David Townley National T20 Cup Semi-final still to come, the club is well placed to finish the season strongly.

Season at a Glance

Matches Played: 7

Won: 5

Drawn: 2

Lost: 0

Midlands Development League: 2nd (77 points)

Regional Development T20: Midlands Champions

David Townley National T20 Cup: Semi-final qualification confirmed by BCEW*

*Subject only to the ECB appeals process.

Results Summary

19 Apr – MDL – RNC Hereford Bulldogs – Won by 9 wickets

Batting: Paul Knowles 36*, Mike Harrison 25

Bowling: David Viner 3/7, Mike Harrison 2/8

26 Apr – MDL – Gloucestershire Growlers – Won by 8 wickets

Batting: Mike Harrison 50*, Adrian Snelgrove 50*

Bowling: David Keeling 1/14, Mike Harrison 1/22

30 May – David Townley National T20 Cup – Yorkshire Vikings – Won by 9 wickets

Batting: Roy Turnham 32, Paul Knowles 29*

Bowling: Matt Lancett 3/17, David Viner 2/22

21 Jun – MDL – RNC Hereford Bulldogs – Won by 9 wickets

Batting: Matt Lancett 50*, Dave Knowles 35*

Bowling: Matt Lancett 3/15, Mike Harrison 1/3

28 Jun – Regional Development T20 Midlands Final – Birmingham Stars – Won by 8 wickets

Batting: Matt Lancett 52*, Mike Harrison 50*

Bowling: Matt Lancett 1/42

12 Jul – MDL – Birmingham Stars – Draw

Batting: Mike Harrison 50, Adrian Snelgrove 18

Bowling: Julio Graham 1/20, Dave Knowles 1/17

19 Jul – MDL – Gloucestershire Growlers – Draw

Batting: Mike Harrison 51*, Dave Knowles 51*

Bowling: Jon Prashar 1/15, David Viner 1/18

Competition Review

Midlands Development League

2026 marks Cheshire Cobras' first season competing in the BCEW Midlands Development League. The club remains unbeaten after five completed fixtures, recording three victories and two draws, and currently sits second with one fixture remaining.

Regional Development T20

Cheshire hosted the Midlands Finals Day and defeated Birmingham Stars by eight wickets to become Midlands Champions and qualify for the Northern Regional Final.

David Townley National T20 Cup

Following victory over Yorkshire Vikings and Bradford & District's concession of the quarter-final, BCEW has confirmed Cheshire's progression to the semi-final, subject only to the ECB appeals process.

Player Contributions

Mike Harrison

- Four half-centuries across all competitions.
- Consistent performances with both bat and ball.

Matt Lancett

- Match-winning unbeaten half-centuries against Hereford and Birmingham Stars.
- Best bowling figures of 3/17 and 3/15.

Dave Knowles

- Unbeaten half-century against Gloucestershire Growlers.
- Valuable contributions with both bat and ball.

David Viner

- Outstanding opening spell of 3/7.
- Five wickets across completed fixtures.

Adrian Snelgrove (B1)

- 68 runs, including an unbeaten 50* against Gloucestershire Growlers.
- 1 wicket, best figures of 1/4.

Mark Turnham (B1)

- Claimed his first wicket for Cheshire Cobras during the Midlands Development League campaign.
- Contributed with the ball while strengthening Cheshire's B1 bowling options.

Key Achievements

- Remained unbeaten across all completed fixtures.
- Successfully integrated into the inaugural BCEW Midlands Development League.
- Won the Midlands Regional Development T20 title.
- Qualified for the Northern Regional Development T20 Final.
- Progression to the David Townley National T20 Cup Semi-final confirmed by BCEW, subject to the ECB appeals process.
- Continued to strengthen the club's B1 playing group.

Looking Ahead

The second half of the season includes the final Midlands Development League fixture, the Northern Regional Development T20 Final and, subject to completion of the ECB appeals process, the David Townley National T20 Cup Semi-final.

The progress made during 2026 reflects the continued growth of Cheshire Cobras and visually impaired cricket across Cheshire.