

Cheshire County Cricket League

2015 NEWSLETTER: WEEK 15 - J25 / 26

Alderley Edge take lead, now only 3 points separate top 4

ALDERLEY EDGE have deposed Toft and taken the lead in the **ECB Premier League** for the first time.

They did so with a four wickets win over Bramhall, while Toft were held to a losing draw by Grappenhall, Hyde trounced Marple and Nantwich won a thriller at Chester Boughton Hall to leave just three points separating the top four clubs.

Consistent Alderley replied with a comfortable 187-6 (Richard Wilkinson 65, Alan Day 60, Rupes Kitzinger 4-41) to Bramhall's 185-9, Dan Lamb 75, Charlie Reid 3-38.

Match of the day was a close and low-scoring affair at Chester where Boughton Hall were restricted to a modest 170, which would have been 64 less but for a stubborn 10th wicket stand between Alex Kegg, 40 and Harry Killoiran 37 not out. Their colleagues had no answer to the pace of in-form, Jimmy Warrington, who took 8-68. The Dabbers replied with 174-9, but only after a match-winning last wicket stand of 12 between Lancashire's Liam Livingstone who wound up with 93 not out and the aforementioned Jimmy Warrington, a vital 0 not out. Jack Williams claimed 4-54 for CBH, now rank outsiders for honours.

Champions Hyde made it seven wins in eight in a one sided game at Marple, bowling the home side out for 61, Dan Woods continuing his superb form with 7-26. Hyde knocked the runs off in 8.4 overs at 65-2.

Toft took a miserly eight points from a losing draw at home to Grappenhall, the second week in succession they have struggled against lowly opposition. In a fine tally of 272, Rick Green hit 73, James McCoy 60 and Albert Wilkinson 50, Rob Jones claiming 5-62. Toft reached 192-8 in reply, Jones 51, Henry Hughes 44 and Ed Stubbs a match-saving 33 not out against an onslaught from Gaz Burns, 5-48.

Cheadle produced another bright performance and could stave off relegation on current form. They restricted Neston to 162, debutant Dominic Smith 58, Dan Brown 6-46, responding with 163-5, led by skipper Paul Sperring's 66 and 49 to Drew Carswell. Simon Mugarva took 3-59 for Neston who badly need to start winning.

Bowdon suffered a lapse in form, beaten by five wickets at South Downs Road by Macclesfield, for whom veteran Rob Porter was the stand out player. Carl Hey, 69 top-scored in Bowdon's 164, Porter 6-46, Macc replied with 165-4, Porter 51 not out.

Rick Halkon's 9-32 keeps Sale top

RICK HALKON produced the League's best bowling performance of the season with a return of 17.2-8-32-9, including a hat-trick to rout Middlewich and keep his side nine points clear at the top of **Division One**. Middlewich were ousted for 88 and Sale's reply of 91-2 included 46 not out from Ian Dixon.

Timperley stay hard on their heels after a 145-run victory over Didsbury, who have gone right off the boil. Mike Ness top-scored with 56 in Timpers' 220-5, then Didsbury were bowled out for 75 in 22 overs by lethal pair Jack White, 5-36 and Chris Page 3-28. Oulton Park's chase is hotting up and they made short work of Cheadle Hulme at Little Budworth after dismissing them for 140, Andy Hards 5-61. Oulton replied with 141-1, Nick James 56 not out, Martyn East 52.

Oxton pulled off an impressive win at Urmston, thanks largely to Sri Lankan all-rounder Gayan Fernando. With Shaiq Choudhry scoring 68, Fernando assisted with 59 as Oxton totalled 198-8, Matt Parkinson 4-66. Urmston fell 18 runs short at a gallant 180, Chris Turner 46, Fernando steaming in for 24 overs to return 7-88.

Tattenhall's 10 wickets win at The Flacca over Davenham was a surprise as they started the game below their visitors and the match was played on one of groundsman Brian Jarrard's near-perfect pitches. After Mark Greaves' 33, Davenham slumped to 95 all out against an attack in which Dave Shewring (3-21) had the best figures while the real stars were in the field where Callum Wilson and Dan Power took the eye. Tatters knocked off the runs at 98-0 in 17 overs, Glen Coppack 56, Jack Harding 33. With a finish little after 5 pm what a waste of a glorious afternoon on a ground which is literally a breath of fresh air!

Arguably the two best batsmen in the division both scored centuries in the drawn game between Weaverham and Christleton. Kiwi Mitch Renwick clocked an unbeaten 122 - his fourth century - in a Christleton tally of 280-6, enjoying a 128 fourth wicket stand with Ben Patterson, 59. Weaverham made a go of it and reached 250-8, largely due to 112 from Antiguan Wilden Cornwall while an unbeaten 34 by Kevin Douglas ensured against a late defeat.

Warrington lead by 50 points

WARRINGTON stretched their lead to 50 points in **Division Two** after another successful run chase, this time at home to Stockport. The Cale Green men posted 174-9, Nathan Green 4-59 and Warrington made it comfortably at 178-5, the consistent Adam Green top-scoring with 77.

Alvanley's win at Bollington improves their chances of avoiding the drop and sets their promotion-seeking opponents back. Steve Gee top scored with 81 in Alvanley's 217-8, Bolly being bowled out for 141, Stuart Plant 44, Jason Eccleston 6-28.

Upton are mounting a serious challenge and their win by seven wickets at Irby sets them up for a late charge. Irby were all out for 108, Greg Shillinglaw 43, Gary Dixon a best of the day 6-22, to which Upton responded with 108-3, James Williams 52.

Mobberley beat Northwich by four wickets at Church Lane after their hosts had closed on 183-8, James Gittings 45. Charlie Nield top-scored with 59 as his side made it with four wickets in hand.

Brooklands continue to go well, but they had a struggle to beat Congleton by one wicket at Georges Road after their South Cheshire visitors had posted 163-8, Max O'Sullivan 43, Mark Law 4-31. Brooklands edged home at 164-9, A.J. Hart 77 not out enjoying a last wicket stand with an injured colleague.

Bredbury St. Mark's spirited struggle to avoid the drop brought them a losing draw at Widnes, who declared on 248-4, Luke McCoy 101 not out. Bredbury got to 173-8, James Barber 72 not out, James Menzies 4-72.

SATURDAY'S DETAILED SCORES

ECB Premier League

ALDERLEY EDGE (25 pts.) beat BRAMHALL (won toss, 6 pts.) by 4 wickets

Bramhall 185-9 (55 overs: D Lamb 78, C Reid 3-38);

Alderley Edge 187-6 (49 overs: R. Wilkinson 65, A Day 60, R. Kitzinger 4-41).

BOWDON (won toss, 5 pts.) lost to MACCLESFIELD (25 pts.)

Bowdon 164 (54 overs: C. Hey 69, R Porter 6-46);

Macclesfield 165-4 (40 overs: R Porter 51no, T Parfett 42no, J. Birchall 30).

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (won toss, 8 pts.) lost to NANTWICH (25 pts.) by 1 wicket

Chester 170 (55 overs: A. Kegg 40, H Killoran 37no, J Warrington 8-68);

Nantwich 174-9 (39 overs: L. Livingstone 93no, J. Williams 4-55).

MARPLE (0 pts.) lost to HYDE (won toss, 25 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Marple 61 (29 overs: S Harbinson 15, D Woods 7-26);

Hyde 65-2 (8.4 overs: D Berry 23, E. Young 2-11).

NESTON (6 pts.) lost to CHEADLE (won toss, 25 pts.) by 5 wickets:

Neston 162 (53 overs: D. Smith 48, D Brown 6-46);

Cheadle 163-5 (51 overs: P. Sperring 66, D Carswell 49, S Mugava 3-59.)

TOFT (8 pts.) drew with GRAPPENHALL (won toss, 14 pts.)

Grappenhall 272 (55 overs: R Green 73, J McCoy 60, A Pennington 50, R Jones 5-62);

Toft 192-8 (55 overs: R. Jones 51, H Hughes 44, E. Stubbs 33no, G Burns 5-48).

Division One

OULTON PARK (won toss, 25 pts.) beat CHEADLE HULME (4 pts.) by 9 wickets:

Cheadle Hulme 140 (45 overs: D Tantis-Hall 35, A Hards 5-61);

Oulton Park 141-1 (23 overs: N James 56no, M East 52).

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Div. 1 results contd ...

SALE (won toss, 25 pts.) beat MIDDLEWICH (0 pts) by 8 wickets

Middlewich 88 (38 overs: J Williams 33, R Halkon 9-32 inc. hat-trick);
Sale 92-2 (17 overs: I Dixon 46no).

TATTENHALL (won toss, 25 pts.) beat DAVENHAM (0 pts.) by 10 wickets:

Davenham 95 (34 overs: M Greaves 33, D. Shewring 3-21);
Tattenhall 98-0 (17 overs: G Coppack 55no, J. Harding 33no).

TIMPERLEY (25 pts.) beat DIDSBURY (2 pts.) by 145 runs:

Timperley 220-5 (50 overs: M Ness 56, C. Grindley 43);
Didsbury 75 (22 overs: J. White 5-36, C. Page 3-28).

URMSTON (won toss, 6 pts.) lost to OXTON (25 pts.) by 18 runs:

Oxton 198-8 (50 overs: S. Choudhry 68, G. Fernando 59, M. Parkinson 4-66);
Urmston 180 (overs: C Turner 46, G. Fernando 7-88)

WEAVERHAM (7 pts) drew with CHRISTLETON (won toss, 14 pts.)

Christleton 280-6 (50 overs: M. Renwick 122no, B..Patterson 59, W. Cornwall 3-98);
Weaverham 250-8 (50 overs: W Cornwall 112, K Douglas 33no, J. Abbas 4-63).

Division Two

BOLLINGTON (won toss, 5 pts.) lost to ALVANLEY (25 pts.) by 76 runs:

Alvanley 217-8 (50 overs: S Gee 81, M Rowlands 51, M. Jahangir 3-56);
Bollington 141 (40 overs: S Plant 44, J Eccleston 6-28).

BROOKLANDS (won toss 25 pts.) beat CONGLETON (pts.) by 1 wicket:

Congleton 163-8 (50 overs: M. O'Sullivan 43, M. Law 4-31);
Brooklands 164-9 (49 overs: A.J. Hart 77no)

IRBY (won toss, 1 pt.) lost to UPTON (25 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Irby 108 (overs: G. Shillinglaw 43, G. Dixon 6-22);
Upton 109-3 (overs: J Williams 52).

MOBBERLEY (won toss, 25 pts.) beat NORTHWICH (8 pts.) by 4 wickets:

Northwich 183-8 (50 overs: J Gittings 45, C Ishanka 30, C Nield 3-41, A Aqeel 3-64);
Mobberley 184-6 (46 overs: C Nield 59, M Goodstadt 34, N Wood 33no).

WARRINGTON (25 pts.) beat STOCKPORT (won toss, 8 pts.) by 5 wickets:

Stockport 174-9 (50 overs: S. .Edwards 49, T Facer 44, N. Green 4-59);
Warrington 178-5 (overs: A Green 77).

WIDNES (won toss, 14 pts.) drew with BREDBURY ST. MARK'S (5 pts.)

Widnes 248-4 dec. (48 overs: L McCoy 101no, S. Whiston 46, S Moore 33);
Bredbury 173-8 (52 overs: J Barber 72no, J Menzies 4-72).

PICK OF THE WEEK

ECB Premier League: Batting: oL Livingstone (Nantwich) 93no v Chester. Bowling: Jimmy Warrington (Nantwich) 8-68 v Chester

Division 1. Batting: oM. Renwick (Christleton) 122no v Weaverham. Bowling: Rick Halkon (Sale): 9-32 v Middlewich including hat-trick

Division 2. Batting: Luke McCoy (Widnes) 101no v Bredbury. Bowling: Gary Dixon (Upton) 6-22 v Irby.

End of Phone-in a reminder

THE Saturday evening Phone-In by which method clubs have reported their 1st XI results to the League for many years, has now been phased out, so it's goodbye to many trusted and familiar voices.

Starting next Saturday, August 1, 1st XIs will no longer be required to report their scores and other match details on the League's dedicated results telephone line 01606 888 745.

With results now available on the League website, the Competition Secretary and 1st XI Results secretary, Mike and Wyn Talbot-Butler, wish to reduce the post-match admin pressure on home captains and scorers.

Clubs are welcomed to phone in if they wish to notify the League of any notable performances or occurrences they would like included in the *Newsletter*.

In return for this post-match concession, home clubs are asked not only to post their basic score lines and results on the website by 10 p.m. on a Saturday as required by rule, **but also the FULL SCORECARD by 10 a.m. on Sunday**. By doing this clubs will provide most, if not all, the information required to compile the front page, results pages and the League table for the *Newsletter*.

Home clubs should continue to complete both sides of the official League result sheet and submit it to the Results secretary ASAP and not later than the following Wednesday

If any clubs have queries or problems with the above, please contact mike.t-b@virgin.net or call 01606 883715.

Saturday, July 18 ground marks

ECB PREMIER

Bramhall v Bowdon: pitch 18; outfield 19.

Cheadle v Toft: 14 – 19

Grappenhall v Alderley Edge: 17 – 18

Hyde v Chester: 18 – 20.

Macclesfield v Marple: 18 – 20

Nantwich v Neston: 17 – 19.

DIVISION ONE

Cheadle Hulme v Tattenhall: 16 – 18;

Chistleton v Urmston: 19 – 20;

Davenham v Timperley: 16 – 17;

Didsbury v Weaverham: 19 – 20

Middlewich v Oulton Park: 20 – 20 – full house

Oxton v Sale: **result sheet missing**

DIVISION TWO

Alvanley v Warrington: 20 – 19

Bredbury v Bollington: 18 – 20

Congleton v Widnes: 17 – 19

Northwich v Brooklands – **result sheet missing**

Stockport v Irby: 18 – 19. Graham Pugh was the lone umpire.

Upton v Mobberley: 17 – 17.

CAPTAINS' REPORTS

Missing captains' umpires marks for July 18 (7): Macclesfield; Middlewich, Oxton, Tattenhall, Weaverham; Irby, Northwich.

MISSING RESULT SHEETS EXCLUDING JULY 18:

ECB Premier League: Toft v Hyde May 30;

Division 1: Weaverham v Cheadle Hulme May 30; Davenham v Sale June 6; Didsbury v Oulton Park June 27;

Timperley v Sale June 27; Tattenhall v Middlewich July 11; Weaverham v Timperley July 11.

These sheets are urgently required for ground marking purposes – please submit soonest.

League tables @ Week 15 ...all played 15

ECB Premier League	W LD Bowl	T A/C Pts.	WD L	RD Bat (25) (1)
	(16) (7)	(3)	(2)	
ALDERLEY EDGE	2	9	0	1
	23	0	2	1
TOFT	1	9	278	9
	1	0	1	1
	1	2	15	10
	276			
HYDE	0			10
	1	0	0	0
	275	4	7	11
NANTWICH	1		9	0
	3	1	0	1
		27	11	275
CHESTER BO. HALL	3	7	0	1
	35	0	1	3
		21	247	
BOWDON	0		7	0
	5	0	2	1
		17	13	214
MACCLESFIELD	1	3	0	3
	48	1	2	5
		23	172	
BRAMHALL	1		3	0
	8	0	1	2
		46	22	161
CHEADLE	0		3	1
	9	0	1	1
		29	14	142
GRAPPENHALL	1	2	0	1
	43	2	1	8
		25	132	
MARPLE	1		2	0
	9	1	1	1
		39	26	128
NESTON	1		2	0
	9	1	1	1
		38	19	120
Division 1	WD L	RD Bat	W LD Bowl	T A/C Pts.

SALE					9
	0		3	0	1
	1		1	23	13
	278				
TIMPERLEY				8	0
	2		0	1	1
	3		36	19	269
OULTON PARK			7	0	0
	0		2	3	3
	25		12	235	
OXTON				6	0
	2		1	1	0
	5		41	20	220
WEAVERHAM				6	0
	1		0	1	1
	6		31	19	211
URMSTON				6	0
	1		0	0	1
	7		31	19	210
CHEADLE HULME			5	0	1
	1		1	2	5
	26		23	194	
DIDSBURY				4	0
	3		0	0	1
	7		52	25	193
TATTENHALL				5	0
	0		0	4	2
	4		12	24	179
DAVENHAM				5	0
	0		0	0	1
	9		20	23	175
CHRISTLETON			3	0	2
	1		1	1	7
	41		18	150	
MIDDLEWICH				2	0
	0		0	2	2
	9		26	21	113
Division 2					
	WD		RD	W	T
	L		Bat	LD	A/C
				Bowl	Pts.
WARRINGTON			12	0	0
	0		2	1	0
	4		6	319	
BOLLINGTON				9	0
	1		1	1	0
	3		23	15	269
UPTON					8
	0		1	2	0
	1		3	30	17
	261				
MOBBERLEY				9	0
	0		0	1	1
	4		17	9	259

BROOKLANDS			7	0
	1		1	0
	5		31	23
WIDNES			6	0
	3		0	1
	4		41	26
NORTHWICH			6	0
	0		0	1
	7		33	17
CONGLETON			5	1
	0		0	0
	7		15	18
STOCKPORT			3	0
	1		3	0
	7		55	29
ALVANLEY			2	1
	2		0	2
	7		44	27
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S			0	0
	2		0	0
	3		0	10
	20		115	
IRBY				0
	0		2	0
	1		12	37
	79			29

**Bredbury's record includes 7 points for a defeat in an under 80 overs game (new Match reg 7f).*

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Saturday, August 1: fixtures & panel umpires

ECB Premier League (12.30 p.m.)

BRAMHALL V TOFT

Steve Walton & Gary Zimmer

CHEADLE V GRAPPENHALL

Don

Flanagan & Glyn Roberts

HYDE V BOWDON

Steve Duckers & Martin Howe

MACCLESFIELD V ALDERLEY EDGE

Alistair Davies & David Goulding

NANTWICH V MARPLE

Howard Briggs & David Gane

NESTON v CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL

Phil Prince & Mark Turner

First Division (1 p.m.)

CHEADLE HULME V SALE

John Lofthouse & Ian Wilson

CHRISTLETON V TIMPERLEY & David Williams	Brian Boys
DAVENHAM V DIDSBURY Kinsey & Graham Pugh	Ged
MIDDLEWICH V URMSTON Trevor Burnett & Steve Kirkbright	
OXTON V WEAVERHAM Greensmith & Peter Hanaby	Ian
TATTENHALL V OULTON PARK & Tony Morris	Ankit Jain

Second Division (1 p.m.)

ALVANLEY V WIDNES Peter Davies & Ken Rothwell	
BREDBURY ST. MARK'S V BROOKLANDS CONGLETON V MOBBERLEY Smith & David Tate	Graham Harris & Liam Spires Simon
IRBY V WARRINGTON Dion Kelly & John Lowe	
STOCKPORT V BOLLINGTON Hambleton & Paul Herring	Garry
UPTON V NORTHWICH Darrin Clark & John Williams	

2nd XI Premier Division (1 p.m.)

ALDERLEY EDGE V MACCLESFIELD CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL V NESTON DIDSBURY V CHEADLE Tom Spencer	Clive Rice No panel umpire available
MARPLE V STOCKPORT Steve Wilkinson	
TOFT V BRAMHALL	Ray Prescott
URMSTON V HYDE	James Emmerson

SUNDAY

Royal London National Club knock-out quarter-final (1 p.m.)

CHESTER LE STREET V BOWDON appointed by ECB	Umpires
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Chester retain T20 (or T5 x 2) Trophy

CHESTER Boughton Hall became the first club to win the **League T20 tournament** two seasons in succession when the National champions beat Toft in a unique two innings final after long rain delays at Upton on Sunday.

In semi-finals which were both reduced to 10 overs each after a late start, Chester overcame a spirited effort by Grappenhall who compiled 97-6, Richard Green 35, Albert Pennington 32, Alex Money 2-2 on the number two ground. Boughton Hall's reply was interrupted by more rain at 54-2 from five overs and was later completed when they reached 100-3 with one ball left, Lee Dixon 41, Ollie Law 31 - 15 runs coming off the last over.

Toft outplayed Urmston in the semi-final played on the main ground after totting up 113-2, Jake Hancock 56 not out, Rob Jones 51. Urmston were disgruntled at having to bat in continuous rain and mustered only 52, Joe Stanley 3-8, Jake Dickenson 2-7, Jones 2-10, Jimmy Lomas 2-15.

It was touch and go whether the final could be started after more rain, but the captains were determined to see the competition through and when match day organiser Geoff Wellsteed and the umpires came up with a proposal for two innings of five overs each, allowing the game to be settled once one innings had been completed in the event of further rain, the game began at past 6 p.m. and continued uninterrupted.

Toft scored 48-4 (Rob Jones 28, Harry Killoran 2-7) and Chester replied with 55-4, Ollie Law hitting a massive 39 after being dropped three times, giving the holders a seven runs lead.

Toft's second knock totalled 77-1 Jason Hancock 44 not out. This left Chester to score 71 and they reached their target at 71-3 with an over to spare thanks to more huge six-hitting by Lee Dixon, not out 30 and Warren Goodwin, 26. Rob Jones just missed a hat-trick in his 2-14.

Three full boxes of pink balls were lost as sixes galore were smashed into the surrounding fields and gardens, giving the large crowd plenty to cheer.

Both teams were given a rousing reception at the end of a very wet, but eventually enjoyable day.

CHESTER SQUAD: Lee Dixon captain, Warren Goodwin, Rick Moore, Alex Money, Ollie Law, Ross Dixon, Jack Williams, Steve Ogilby, Tom Marsland, Harry Killoran, Ian Linwood, Shane Patel.

TOFT TEAM: Toby Drummond, captain, James Drummond, Rob Jones, Jake Hancock, Jake Dickinson, Sam Hatcher, Ed Stubbs, Henry Hughes, Jimmy Lomas, Chris Drummond, Joe Stanley.

The awards

The organisation was carried out smoothly by League secretary Wellsteed, who revealed that Warren Goodwin was Man of the Match and Toft's Toby Drummond the winner of a case of beer (provided by his own company Joseph Holt Brewery) for the day's Special Moment when one of his sixes hit the roof of a passing car !

Prize money cheques were presented to the four semi-finalists and Joseph Holt Brewery were thanked for their generous sponsorship of the competition. The Brewery's representative – Toft captain Drummond - presented the Fred Graham Memorial Trophy to Chester skipper Lee Dixon.

There were words of praise for Upton chairman Jez Lamb and his hard-working band of helpers without whom none of the games would have been started. Deserved accolades were accorded to umpires Dion Kelly, Darrin Clark, Ged Kinsey and Jon Hacking, who soaked up the damp weather - and pressure from the players - without turning a hair.

Chester now go through to the ECB t20 Areas finals at Stone Cricket Club next Sunday when they will meet the host club starting at 10 a.m. Walsall (Birmingham League) then take on Mochdre, the North Wales champions and the two winners then play-off at 4 p.m. for the right to enter the Regional finals on Sunday, August 16.

Chester went through all these stages before going on to win the 2014 National final at Northampton. This year's final is at the Swalec Stadium, Cardiff on Monday, September 1 and will be broadcast live on Sky television.

Chester's date at Stone clashes with Cheshire v Berkshire in the Unicorns county championship at Alderley Edge, for which several of their players would normally have been selected. They will now have a choice to make.

Cheshire quartet in Bunbury Festival

CHESHIRE - and County League clubs - provide a record number of four players for the North of England squad to compete in the **Bunbury Under 15 Festival** at Malvern College starting on Monday this week. They are Henry Dobson (Tattenhall), Lewis Clarke (Cheadle Hulme) and Sam Perry and Edward Fluck (Alderley Edge).

O Minus their star players, Alderley Edge play in the North Under 15 finals at York on Tuesday this week

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Husband & wife pair up in Forties !

IT could only happen in **Over Forties** cricket: a 22-runs husband and wife partnership between Stuart and Lisa Stoneman helped to make a game of it for Bramhall against Bowdon Vale Vikings in the North-East section last Wednesday.

To add to the family atmosphere, Lisa's brother Trevor Burnett, a Premier League umpire, also made his debut for Bramhall. Vikings spoiled the show with a seven wickets win, yet remain well behind leaders Sale Silverbacks who are now assured of a play-off spot after beating Bowdon.

Oxton pulled off a surprise six wickets win at Chester Blazers in the West zone which handed the title to unengaged Neston.

The South East section was thrown open by Macclesfield's victory at Poynton Legends, which means there is a three-way tie at top between Bredbury, Marple and Poynton. Offerton won their first game by beating Woodley.

The last unbeaten record ended when reigning champions Toft lost at Timperley, who have to an outside chance of a top two place. Toft had not lost a group game since 2013. Grappenhall remain favourites for the play-offs after a Neil Fairbrother-inspired victory at Warrington.

Quarter-finals draw (Wednesday, August 12 or Sunday, August 16): West winners v Central runners-up; Central winners v West runners-up; North East winners v South East runners-up; South East winners v North East runners-up. If teams finish level on points in group tables with same wins and defeats, outcome is resolved by results against one another.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 RESULTS

CENTRAL DIVISION

Ashley lost to Ashton on Mersey (4 pts.) by 3 wickets:

Ashley 106-7 (Noble 30, Griffiths 20, Farjad 2-19); Ashton on Mersey 107-7 (Farjad 30, Woods 2-14).

Mobberley lost to Davenham (4 pts.) by 6 wickets:

Mobberley 143-5 (Sheridan 32, Leech 31, Mode 31, Litherland 26, Floyd 2-32); Davenham 144-4 (Holden 32, Jones 31, Hudson 31, Freebrey 2-22).

Timperley (4 pts.) beat Toft by 18 runs:

Timperley 155-5 (Matthews 35, Nicholson 35, Porthouse 30); Toft 137-8 (Hope 30, Simons 30).

Warrington lost to Grappenhall (4 pts.) by 88 runs:

Grappenhall 124-8 (Fairbrother 32, Clissold 30, Nunn 2-18, Soni 2-21); Warrington 36 (Fairbrother 3-6, Priest 3-7, Hartley 2-10)

NORTH EAST DIVISION

Bramhall lost to Bowdon Vale Vikings (4 pts.) by 7 wickets:

Bramhall 160-4 (Milligan 32, Stoneman 31, Eady 31, Bailey 22); Bowdon Vale 161-3 (Webb 33, Jessop 30, Sinclair 30).

Cheadle lost to Brooklands (4 pts.) by 5 wickets - off last ball:

Cheadle 118-6 (Bardsley 30, Roberts 25); Brooklands 119-5 (Mitchell 31, Horsford 29).

Sale Silverbacks (4 pts.) beat Bowdon by 13 runs:

Sale 149-2 (Rowe 32, Almond 31, McDonald 30); Bowdon 136-6 (Simpson 33, Kupsarevic 26).

Urmston Tigers (4 pts.) beat Cheadle Hulme by 4 wickets:

Cheadle Hulme 86-9 (Battye 20, Mobley 20, Pollard 3-14, Tootell 2-16); Urmston 90-6 (Cartwright 35, C Beckley 4-12, Battye 2-14).

SOUTH EAST DIVISION

Bollington Veterans lost to Marple (4 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Bollington 122-5 (Burns 35, Hart 30, Dawson 26, Smith 3-25); Marple 124-2 (Hayward 33, Cash 30).

Bredbury Saints (4 pts.) beat Alderley Edge Wizards by 9 wickets:

Alderley Edge 94-5 (Cheetham 35, Mayne 2-33); Bredbury 97-1 (Coulson 35, Clarke 29).

Poynton Legends lost to Macclesfield (4 pts.) by 33 runs:

Macclesfield 138-4 (Thompson 35, Porter 30); Poynton 105-6 (Kingham 32, Porter 3-21).

Woodley lost to Offerton (4 pts.) by 9 wickets:

Woodley 124-8 (Goodwin 30, Walsh 30); Offerton 128-1 (Thomas 30, Bates 30, Kirkham 30).

WEST DIVISION : Neston open

Caldy lost to Tattenhall Wreckers (4 pts.) by 15 runs:

Tattenhall 136-5 (Hope 30, Hill 30, Wylde 2-27); Caldly 121-2 (Findlay 30, Luxon 30).

Chester Boughton Hall Blazers lost to Oxton (4 pts.) by 6 wickets:

Chester 90-8 (Stedman 32, Atkin 25, Filer 2-5, Sridhar 2-14); Oxton 91-4 (Mitchell 28, Ankit 27, Kegg 2-8).

Upton lost to Irby (4 pts.) by 8 wickets:

Upton 123-4 (I. Sharrock 30, Warburton 30); Irby 127-2 (Wadkin 31, Jones 30).

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Forties' tables up-dated

CENTRAL DIVISION**W(4)****TOTAL PTS.**

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	12	9	0	2
	1	40		
GRAPPENHALL			12	8
	0	3	1	38
TIMPERLEY				12
	7	0	3	2
	34			
DAVENHAM				12
	7	0	2	3
	32			
ASHTON on MERSEY			12	2
	0	3	7	14
MOBBERLEY				12
	2	0	3	7
	14			
WARRINGTON				12
	2	0	3	7
	14			
ASHLEY				12
	0	0	3	9
	6			

NORTH-EAST DIVISION

SALE SILVERBACKS

in play-offs

CHEADLE HULME

CHEADLE

BROOKLANDS

URMSTON TIGERS

BOWDON VALE VIKINGS

BOWDON

BRAMHALL

SOUTH-EAST DIVISION

BREDBURY SAINTS

MARPLE

POYNTON LEGENDS

	0	2	1	40
			12	7
	0	3	2	34
				12
	6	0	2	4
	28			
				12
	5	0	3	4
	26			
			12	4
	0	4	4	24
		12	3	0
	3	6	18	
				12
	1	0	4	7
	12			
				12
	1	0	3	8
	10			
			12	6
	0	4	2	32
				12
	6	0	4	2
	32			
			12	6
	0	4	2	32

MACCLESFIELD			12	5
	0		4	3
ALDERLEY EDGE WIZARDS			12	4
	4		4	24
BOLLINGTON VETERANS			12	3
	3		6	18
OFFERTON				12
	1		0	5
	14			6
WOODLEY				12
	1		0	4
	12			7

WEST DIVISION

<u>NESTON</u>				<u>10</u>
	<u>8</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>34 champions</u>			<u>1</u>
CHESTER BO. HALL BLAZERS			10	6
	1		3	26
OXTON				
	10		6	0
	4		24	0
TATTENHALL WRECKERS			10	4
	1		5	18
CALDY				
	10		3	0
	5		16	2
IRBY				
	10		3	0
	6		16	2
UPTON				
	11		2	0
	8		10	1

Forties' fixtures on Wednesday, July 29 (6.15 p.m.)

CENTRAL DIVISION: Ashton on Mersey v Warrington; Davenham v Timperley; Grappenhall v Ashley; Toft v Mobberley.

NORTH-EAST DIVISION: Bowdon v Bramhall; Bowdon Vale Vikings v Sale Silverbacks; Brooklands v Urmston Tigers; Cheadle Hulme v Cheadle

SOUTH-EAST DIVISION: Alderley Edge Wizards v Poynton Legends; Macclesfield v Bredbury Saints; Marple v Woodley; Offerton v Bollington Veterans.

WEST DIVISION: Neston v Upton; Oxtan v Cald; Tattenhall Wreckers v Chester Boughton Hall Blazers.

Open: Irby.

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CHESHIRE CUP QUARTER-FINALS

DRAW for the quarter-finals of the **Cheshire Cup**, to be played on Sunday, August 9 (1 p.m.) is:

Wallasey v Oulton Park; Chester Boughton Hall (holders) v Hyde; New Brighton v Toft; Didsbury v Nantwich or Urmston

ROUND 4: Nantwich v Urmston (Sunday, August 2):

Games must be played on published dates despite players being on county duty.

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Timperley v Romiley; Bollington v Stockport due to be played on Sunday, were postponed to Sunday, August 2.

O Competitions organiser Barrie Burns reminds home clubs that they MUST notify him of results by 9 p.m. on match-days and send in result sheets ASAP. If they fail to do so current results may not be carried in *Newsletter*.

Clubs are invited to e-mail *Newsletter* direct with results, but should also notify BB.

Barrow regain TACS League lead

BARROW are back at the top of the **TACS Partnership Cheshire League** First Division after winning by 55 runs at Stockport Georgians.

They depose Lindow, held to a level scores draw in a thrilling finish at home to Poynton, who scored 198-6 batting first. Lindow replied with 198-9, taking 18 points to their rivals' 17.

At the foot of the table, Prestbury scored a rare win at home to Runcorn, but Malpas lost at Romiley and both clubs remain favourites for relegation.

In the lower divisions, Lymm Oughtrington Park lead the way in Division Two and Port Sunlight in Division Three.

SATURDAY'S DIVISION 1 RESULTS: Disley 196-3 beat Hale Barns 192-8; Heaton Mersey 143 drew with Ashton on Mersey 142-9; Lindow 198-9 drew with Poynton 198-6 batted first; Prestbury 201-9 beat Runcorn 175; Romiley 250-1 beat Malpas 119; Stockport Georgians 129 lost to Barrow 184.

PLACINGS: 1. Barrow 310 pts; 2. Lindow 305; 3. Ashton on Mersey 270; 4. Poynton 243; 5. Stockport Georgians 230; 6. Romiley 230; 7. Disley 221; 8. Runcorn 216; 9. Heaton Mersey 194; 10. Hale Barns 194; 11. Malpas 146. 12 Prestbury 117.
Division 2: 1. Lymm Oughtrington Park 291; 2. Winnington Park 236; 3. Barnton 235. Division 3: 1. Port Sunlight 326; 2. Alderley Park 283; 3. Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge 261.

DIVISION 1 FIXTURES ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 (1.30 p.m): Ashton on Mersey v Poynton; Barrow v Romiley; Hale Barns v Lindow; Heaton Mersey v Prestbury; Malpas v Disley; Runcorn v Stockport Georgians.

Under 16 trophy for Sale

SALE beat Central Lancashire League club Radcliffe by five runs to win the **Salford Youth Cricket Association Under 16s Cup final** at Dane Road.

Sale scored 127-6, top scorers Joe Cannon 33, Wilf Radcliffe 31 and Sam Battersby 28. Radcliffe replied with 122-9, Tom Kellett 2-9, Gabe Smith 2-11. The trophy was presented to Sale captain Dan Osborne, who kept wicket impeccably. With a strong junior section of more than 100 active members, Sale need only one more victory to complete a Salford YCA league and cup double.

O CHEADLE HULME have to be off their Grove Park ground by the end of August to allow for large-scale turf replacement work to begin. They have arranged to play their 2nd XI home game against Christleton on Saturday, September 5 on the 3rd XI ground and have brought forward their final Division One fixture at home to Oxton from Saturday, September 12 to Bank Holiday Monday, August 31, when appearance restrictions will apply

O FORMER 1st XI player Andy Atkin is the new chairman at Widnes. He succeeds Peter Hewitt, who steps down after many years' fine work. Peter will continue to help run the junior section.

Widnes say their 150th anniversary celebrations went well and thank all clubs who agreed to earlier starting times to help them enjoy their successful Ball. .

O CHESHIRE beat Derbyshire by eight wickets in the **National Over 60s championship** at Tattenhall on Tuesday last week. They have qualified for the last 16 play-offs.

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Cheshire outplayed by Cornwall - despite Dan Woods' 12 - 169

CHESHIRE were comprehensively beaten by 262 runs after their long trip to play Cornwall at St Austell in the **Unicorns county championship** from Sunday to Tuesday last week.

Two unexpected batting breakdowns resulted in Cheshire always trailing their hosts, who opened up on the first day with a tally of 240, skipper Dan Woods taking 6-55.

Cheshire replied with 124, closing 116 behind, Lee Dixon, 26, top scoring

Cornwall's second innings of 299 gave them an unassailable lead of 415, Woods completing a splendid 12-wicket match tally with 6-114, while late choice Will Homes did well to return 4-76.

Cheshire did no better in their second dig and it was only a last wicket stand of 42 between Jimmy Warrington, 29 not out and Woods, 13 that helped them post a final tally of 153.

This was Cheshire's second defeat in four games and means they have little chance of finishing top of the Western group.

Their next outing is against Berkshire at Alderley Edge from Sunday – Tuesday, August 2 – 4 (11 a.m. daily)

The team at St. Austell was: Danny Berry captain, Danny Woods, Khalid Sawas (Hyde), Lee Dixon, Rick Moore (Chester), Alan Day, Calum Rowe (Alderley Edge), Jimmy Warrington, Rick Brown wicket-keeper, Adam Syddall (Nantwich), Will Holmes (Cheadle).

O CHESHIRE Development XI beat their against Shropshire counterparts at Barnton by four wickets on Thursday: Shropshire 216-8; Cheshire 217-6 (Weston's Alex Banks 60, Alex Money of Chester, 38 not out).

Umpires Quiz: by Alistair Davies

LAST WEEK: The team batting second have scored 150 - 6 and need one run to win. A fair delivery is hit and (a) the batsmen run and complete two runs; (b) the ball crosses the boundary with the batsmen not attempting a run. What total should be entered into the scorebook in the two alternate cases?

ANSWER: Once the winning run has been scored the match is over. However, in case (a) one run would be scored rendering the final total 151-6, while in (b) a boundary has accrued raising the final tally to 154-6. **Laws 21.6 (a) and (c)**

THIS WEEK: A fair delivery is deflected from the wrist band attached to the striker's glove holding the bat onto his helmet, then caught by the wicket-keeper. There is an appeal – should it be upheld?

Death of former Cheshire skipper WHR (Bill) Jones

ONE of the last men alive to have played pre-war cricket for Cheshire, William Harry Reynolds Jones has died at his home at Guilden Sutton near Chester, aged 96.

A member of a well-known sporting family, WHR was born in Chester in 1919 and completed his education at Cambridge University, becoming a city solicitor. He played for Chester Boughton Hall from 1938 until 1959 holding many major posts in the club.

He played 44 games, scoring 1,356 runs, for Cheshire from 1939 - 53 and was captain in his last three seasons. He also played hockey for Cheshire and England

Uncle of the late former Cheshire and Chester president Bruce Jones, Bill had an interesting life away from cricket and used to write scripts for the famous radio programme ITMA featuring Tommy Handley.

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