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Past halfway!

All divisions finely poised

1st XI T20 Finals Day lineup

Alvanley progress in Village Cup



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On July 2 I was fortunate to umpire at Sale when they took on Urmston. A match played in an excellent spirit throughout, it turned into a fantastic game, Sale finishing one run shy of a rare level scores draw after a dramatic last over. Amidst all the tension, however, Urmston ended up going over their allotted time for their overs. Now, we had to take time to replace balls (one split and two were irretrievably lost), a fielder copped one in the jaffas, batters needed drinks on a warm evening, a couple of times I had to confer with the scorers - so we could find reasons which covered the excess time. It wasn't as though either side

were deliberately slowing the game down - the mounting tension as both sides responded to the situation, fielders being precisely positioned, instructions being repeated, batters agreeing tactics - all of these things were going on, but nobody minded. Light and weather weren't a problem, and as I say, we had a gripping finish. Cricketers don't get to be involved in these kinds of games very often, and neither do officials! However, on another day, this game could have seen sides get into bother with time penalties and points deductions, which would have been a real shame. So the vote and subsequent decision regarding time allowances for matches is a welcome one. As of now, 110 over games will see an allowance of 3 hr 35 per inns, and a 3 hr 15 allowance in 100 over cricket. Both these time allowances include one stoppage for drinks, although how long such an interval lasts is largely down to the fielding side. Further allowances (e.g. retrieving balls, injuries etc) will be determined by the standing umpires as necessary. Teams face a 1 pt deduction for every 3 mins 30 secs over their allowance they go. Over rates have been a source of angst amongst clubs for some years, although it has always escaped me as to why this should be so. Slow play is a blight on our game (as it

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is in other sports, such as golf) and deserves to be penalised as such. And we are entering the second half of our season when fading light is more likely to cause issues in matches going the distance, so tardy over rates need addressing. However, with these new timings being introduced, it is hoped we will find a 'middle ground' where play proceeds at the stipulated rate of 17 overs per hour but sides are not rushing unduly. Personally I welcome these amendments to our playing conditions. And of course, the quicker a team bowls its overs, the more benefit they attain. It exerts more pressure on the batting side seeing the overs clicking by rapidly, and it keeps the fielding side buoyed, energetic and alert. And you get off the field quicker! Hopefully we will have far fewer issues with over rates and the pace of play as the various divisions start really taking shape. And more games like Sale v Urmston wouldn't go amiss either!

ps I was also fortunate to witness Andrew Jackson's extraordinary T20 innings in late June - do check the detail of it later in this newsletter.

James

THE SPIRIT OF CRICKET - LAW 42

Following on from the feature in the last newsletter about the oft-discussed 'spirit of the game', and how it is defined within the actual laws, it is worth looking in more detail at how we can all act both within the law and the spirit on matchday. Many are now aware that Law 42 ('Unfair Play') was specifically redrafted in the 2017 revision to empower umpires to deal with incidents of poor behaviour, starting with Level 1 for actions

42.2.1 Any of the following actions by a player shall constitute a Level 1 offence:

- wilfully mistreating any part of the cricket ground, equipment or implements used in the match
- showing dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action
- using language that, in the circumstances, is obscene, offensive or insulting
- making an obscene gesture
- appealing excessively
- advancing towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
- any other misconduct, the nature of which is, in the opinion of the umpires, equivalent to a Level 1 offence.

deemed unacceptable (but not serious in themselves), upto Level 4, covering occurrences which are also potentially criminal. The list of Level 1 offences opposite are typically the most commonly encountered - most players will recognise themselves at some stage! Umpires also have a duty to use 'cricketing sense' - recognising that an appeal that is upheld or declined is likely to provoke some sort of reaction, before wading in with sanctions. But we can also infer that acting in the opposite way to the behaviours listed is in fact also playing within the spirit of the game; so, for example, only appealing when there is a genuine conviction that the batter is out; being selective about the language we choose to use; not booting a boundary marker in frustration when leaving the field after dismissal - these are ways in which players can uphold both the letter and the spirit. And although there will inevitably be examples where such self-control is not in evidence, there are many examples of captains and players actively adopting a positive approach towards the spirit of the game.

WK 11 - JULY 2ND

Hyde made it six straight wins, easing clear at the top with an emphatic triumph at **Bowdon**, almost identical to their hammering of Neston the week previous. The struggling hosts were quickly all over the place at 9-5 after 11 overs and only some determined lower order resistance from **Alex Makin** (47) and **Joe Chapple** (30), plus a last wkt stand of 43, gave the score a hint of respectability. As it was, **Tom Partridge** (78*) and **Luke Young** (53*) knocked off the 134 needed inside 22 overs, to go with a 126 opening stand seven days ago. Of the chasing pack, **Didsbury** drew their game with **Nantwich** at Wilmslow Rd, the visitors reaching 223-9 and Dids replying with 178-8 - half centuries for **Spencer Byatt** and **James Green**, with five wkt hauls for **Steve Green** and **Olly Griffiths**. **Alderley Edge** won a third game in a row after a 42 run victory at **Brooklands**, **Sam Perry's** 93 the key contribution in their 217-8, captain **Charlie Reid** chipping in with a 14-ball 30 before taking 4-46. **Chester BH** also kept their revival on track with a comprehensive 8 wkt win at Neston. **Rowan Shelton** (58*) and **Luke Jones** (39) added 72 for the 8th wkt as the hosts got to 191-9 off their allocation,

but an opening stand of 128 in 25 overs between **Rick Moore** (77) and **Lee Dixon** (73) effectively settled the outcome. Two teams on poor runs of form drew their encounter, **Oulton Park** taking 14 pts away from **Oxton** after **Rob Sehmi** (100) and **Danny Leech** (78) put on 145 for the 3rd wkt, OP finishing on 231-4. **Henry Dobson** was eighth out for 87 as Oxton batted out to finish 161-8. The most gripping encounter of the day was at Beaconsfield Rd, where a 9th wkt stand of 66* (**Archie Phillips** 53*) helped **Toft** grind out 145-9 in their allocation. **Widnes** slumped to 45-5 in the 16th but were rescued by **Rohan Luthra** (61*) who marshalled the lower order effectively, but at 135-9 it was anyone's game. In a tense finale, Luthra hit a six which got his side over the line.

WK 12 - JULY 9TH

On a day when the divisional table really took shape, **Hyde's** winning steak, stretching back now to May 28, put them in a strong position at the top, a solid batting anchored by **Charlie Barnett** (61) and finished off by **Andrew**

Jackson (87* off 67) powering them to a 5 wkt win at Widnes, whose top five all scored 30 or more without anything substantive. **Didsbury** got a first win in three thanks to a ton from Aussie **Noah Croes** (103*), his unbroken psp with **Marcus Fisher** (53*) worth 155 as Dids beat **Toft** by 9 wkts. **Chester BH** made it four in a row with a comprehensive 8 wkt win at **Bowdon**, who despite the appearance of **Glen Chapple**, could only reach 200-8, Glen's son **Joe** making 48 and **Matt Tully** 45* at no.9. A super 107 (101 bs) from **Warren Goodwin** and 59 from **Alex Money** saw CBH home with bags of overs in hand, their psp 138 for the 2nd wkt. An opening stand of 104 in 31 overs between **Ed Foster** and **Sam Perry** seemed to set **AE** up for a big score at **Nantwich**, Perry making 130, but the hosts fought back to restrict AE to 225. In early strife at 24-3, **Luke Robinson** (101*) and **Spencer Byatt** (83*) put on an unbroken 204 for the 4th, Robinson reaching his ton with a 6 as Nantwich won in the 43rd over. **Oulton Park's** poor run continued, losing by 7 wkts at **Neston**. Two sides who haven't tasted victory since May drew, **Jordan Collier** making 54* and taking 3-63 as **Oxton** held on against **Brooklands**, for whom **AJ Hart** took 5-21 and **Todd Walker** made 68.

TABLE - JULY 9

TEAM	PTS
HYDE	261
DIDSBURY	224
CHESTER BH	221
NANTWICH	217
ALDERLEY EDGE	207
WIDNES	168
NESTON	160
OXTON	138
BROOKLANDS	129
OULTON PARK	128
TOFT	126
BOWDON	91

LEADING PLAYERS

PLAYER	RUNS
LUKE YOUNG	530
SAM PERRY	529
TOM PARTRIDGE	497
ROB JONES	471
NOAH CROES	447
MARTYN EAST	441
PLAYER	WKTS
DANIEL CRANMER	36
JIMMY WARRINGTON	32
ANDREW JACKSON	27
ROWAN SHELTON	27
JACK WILLIAMS, STEVE GREEN	27

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

July 2

Rob Sehmi 100, OP v Oxt
Sam Perry 93, AE v Brook
Steve Green 5-46, Dids v Nant
Olly Griffiths 5-29, Nant v Dids

July 9

Sam Perry 130, AE v Nant
Warren Goodwin 107, CBH v Bowd
Noah Croes, 103*, Dids v Toft
Luke Robinson 101*, Nant v AE
AJ Hart 5-21, Brook v Oxt
Rowan Shelton 5-68, Nest v OP

WK 11 - JULY 2

Cheadle's march towards an immediate return to the Premier Division continued apace with a 135 run demolition of **Marple** at Kingsway, the visitors losing their fifth game in a row as their bright start to 2022 continued to fade. Three half-centuries (**Nick Reid**, **Ben Marsden** and **Dan Brown**) took the hosts to 250-7. Brown was one of four bowlers amongst the wkts as Marple struggled to 115. **Grappenhall's** eighth consecutive win put them second, **Aaron McCabe** taking 5-36 as they bowled Congleton out for 108 before **Albert Pennington's** 50 off 34 took the match to a rapid conclusion. **Sale** stayed third after a thrilling finish to their drawn game at Dane Rd with **Urmston**. Reduced to 45 overs a side, the visitors reached 226-5, **Lewis Jackson's** 60 the leading contribution. Sale replied with an opening stand of 128 which seemed to be setting them up nicely, but despite **Pat Ashling's** brilliance (149*) the chase faltered as wickets fell, with 10 needed off the last over. A tiring Ashling played an audacious flick over fine leg for six off the third ball but couldn't connect as well with the other five, Sale finishing one short of a tie after consecutive run outs. **Lindow** got an encouraging

win over bottom side **Bollington**, who made a curious 182-4 in their allocation with **Ben Gibson** finishing 106*. Despite losing a wkt first ball, Lindow needed less than 33 overs to overtake their target, **Ryan O'Brien** making 87 and **Johan Wessels** 54*. An unbroken stand of 98 for the 3rd wkt between **Greg Dixon** (61*) and the in-form **Nick Cantello** (56*) took **Bramhall** to a valuable 8 wkt win at **Alvanley**. An even bigger 3rd wkt stand of 168 between **Jamie Matthews** (114) and **Johan Harms** (90) took **Timperley** to a whacking 274-5 against **Macclesfield**, for whom **Jack Mattson's** 64 almost saved them after they lost 5-7 mid-innings, Mattson last man out in the 51st as Timpers won by 57 runs, their third win in four games.

WK 12 - JULY 9

Cheadle won their 10th game of the season, avenging their shock defeat at **Macclesfield** on the opening day with a crushing 145 run win. **Adam Dooler** (105) and **Liam Fitzpatrick** (127) put on 207 for the 2nd wkt, Cheadle calling a halt at 271-5 before Macc were bowled out for 126. **Grappenhall** also kept their winning run going,

their ninth in a row by 5 wkts over **Urmston** in an unspectacular match, **Peter Barnes' 61*** the standout as they reached their 141 target in the 32nd over. Very different at **Lindow** where three batters (**Ryan O'Brien**, **Max Law**, **Johan Wessels**) all passed 50 for the hosts, who ran up 248-4 against **Sale**. **Pat Ashling** (70) **Tyrone Lawrence** & **Dan Newton** (52 apiece) mirrored that feat to help Sale home in the 46th - they are now upto third. **Timperley** made it four wins out of five as they racked up 278-6 (dec) in 49 against **Alvanley**, **Jonathan Fletcher** 105*. Alv almost escaped with a draw, the last wkt falling with three balls remaining as they were all out 217. Another last over finish at Booth St as **Marple** got a welcome first win in six with a narrow 2 wkt win over **Congleton**, who were 85-0 in the 19th but all out 215. Marple were also well placed at 93-0 in the 18th but a neryv scrap ensued before **Joe Cash** hit a six to settle it. The battle of the bottom two at the start of play went decisively the way of **Bramhall**, **Greg Dixon** 92* as they completed a comprehensive 8 wkt win over **Bollington**.

TABLE - JULY 9

TEAM	PTS
CHEADLE	258
GRAPPENHALL	248
SALE	204
TIMPERLEY	195
MARPLE	190
CONGLETON	182
MACCLESFIELD	158
URMSTON	153
ALVANLEY	150
BRAMHALL	148
LINDOW	136
BOLLINGTON	84

LEADING PLAYERS

PLAYER	RUNS
PATRICK ASHLING	751
JOHAN WESSELS	605
NICK CANTELLO	589
LIAM FITZPATRICK	522
GREG DIXON	494
JONATHAN FLETCHER	460
PLAYER	WKTS
MUHAMMAD KASHIF	37
CRAIG MELROSE	33
WILL HOLMES	30
JOHN COPELAND	29
SIMON WILKINSON	24

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

2 July

Pat Ashling 149*, Sale v Urm
Jamie Matthews 114, Timp v Macc
Ben Gibson 106*, Boll v Lind
Johan Harms 90, Timp v Macc

9 July

Jonathan Fletcher 105*, Timp v Alv
Greg Dixon 92*, Bram v Boll
Sean McNicholl 6-33, Bram v Boll

**Apologies to Macc & Craig Melrose, whose 7-56 in their 3 wkt win at Lindow on 18.6.22 was inadvertently omitted from mention in the previous edition.*

WK 11 - JULY 2

Port Sunlight captain **Simon Melberzs** led a remarkable recovery as they hosted leaders **Stockport Georgians**. Coming in on a hat-trick, Melberzs rescued his side from the early calamity of 11-3 with an unbeaten 97 as the last three PS wkts added 138 to set SG 199 to win. The in-form **Ned Bailey** fell to his first ball which set the tone for an unusually subdued SG batting display, **Simon Normanton's** patient 55 the best as SG just could not build momentum, the last pair surviving a nervous final over to finish 173-9. Another captain leading by example is **Davenham's Sam Hunt**, his fourth consecutive half century the standout as his side made 163-8 at second place **Romiley**. The hosts were made to work for the points, however, the mid-lower order keeping calm at 122-6 to secure a 3 wkt win. **Cheadle Hulme** stayed third after beating **Hale Barns** at Grove Park, the hosts making 176 (**Adam Wilde** 52). HB reached 91-1 in the 21st but an horrendous collapse saw them 119-9 just 15 overs later, and an eventual 135 all out. That result left HB bottom of a fascinating table - they were, notionally, one win away from going fifth, so tight are things in Div 2. Another

struggling side, **Upton**, pulled off the surprise result of the day, winning by 35 runs at **Christleton**. A good start saw Upton 148-3 with 8 overs remaining (**Luca de Stefano** 51) so their eventual 184-9 was a disappointment, especially when **Brad Munro's** 56 led Christleton to a comfy looking 82-1 but **David Williams** (5-35) induced a slump to 90-6, also taking the final wkt as the hosts were all out 149. With 6-34 and 41 from **Sam Gainsford**, **Mobberley** beat inconsistent **Haslington**, while **Ashton OM** were the only team to pass 200 on the day, all their batters into double figures in their 228-4 against **Warrington**, who fought hard from being 93-6 but were all out 167, capt **James Marshall** taking 4-66 to go with his earlier 39* off 26 balls.

WK 12 - JULY 9

Business as usual for the top two, **Stockport Georgians** winning at **Davenham** despite a low-key batting display after choosing to bat. **Ben Duckworth's** 70 at no.6 the mainstay of their 185. It proved to be more than enough as **Alex Jones** again led the way with 5-54 as the hosts were all out 121. A

good day at **Badrock** house, twins **David** (51*) and **James** (40*) putting together an unbroken 4th wkt stand to see **Romiley** safely home against **Hale Barns**, **Alex Hooton** earlier taking 6-32 for the home side as HB were bowled out for 167. **Haslington** recovered from 13-2 to post 262-7 against **Christleton**, **Jack Taylor** making 74, **Ben Istead** 56, **Joe Goodier** 52*. Taylor took the last two wkts as Christleton were all out 176, **Kamran Hussain** 70, **Max Dunvaband** 54. **Port Sunlight** were again indebted to skipper **Simon Melberzs**, whose unbeaten 111 at **Mobberley** helped them claim a draw, Melberzs' earlier decision to insert the hosts backfiring as **Sam Gainsford** (109) and **Matt Mounthey** (55) added 152 for the 4th wkt, Mobb reaching 273-6 as PS finished on 219-8. **Adam Wilde** was another centurion, his 105* helping **Cheadle Hulme** to 211-6 and a 4 wkt win over **Warrington**, helping CH consolidate third spot. **Ashton OM** were 6-2 in the third over against **Upton** but **Miraj Patel's** 68, and other soild knocks, took them to 257-7. **James Marshall** then took 6-69 as Upton were all out 163, although a last wkt stand of 40 brought some cheer.

TABLE - JULY 9

TEAM	PTS
STOCK. GEORGIANS	246
ROMILEY	220
CHEADLE HULME	205
CHRISTLETON	175
HASLINGTON	171
ASHTON ON MERSEY	163
MOBBERLEY	156
DAVENHAM	140
PORT SUNLIGHT	136
WARRINGTON	135
UPTON	134
HALE BARNs	128

LEADING PLAYERS

PLAYER	RUNS
BRAD MUNRO	524
JOSHUA AGAR	524
SAM HUNT	510
NED BAILEY	483
SAM GAINSFORD	455
SIMON MELBERZS	443
PLAYER	WKTS
ALEX JONES	40
MUHAMMAD ABID	35
SIMON NORMANTON	34
JACK TAYLOR	31
SAM GAINSFORD	30

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

2 July

Simon Melberzs 97*, PS v SG
 Sam Gainsford 6-34 (and 41)
 Mobb v Has
 David Williams 5-35, Upt v Chr

9 July

Simon Melberzs 111*, PS v Mob
 Sam Gainsford 109, Mobb v PS
 Adam Wilde 105*, Ch v Warr
 Alex Hooton 6-32, Rom v HB
 James Marshall 6-69, AOM v Up
 Alex Jones 5-54, SG v Dav



CCCL DIVISION THREE



WK 11 - JULY 2

A ninth win out of 11 saw **North East Cheshire** cement their lead in Div 3, **Winnington Park** not detaining them unduly as they fell from 76-4 to 112 all out, **Dave Oldfield** taking 5-16. Captain **Jake Reynolds** hit 56 off 59 as NEC won by 6 wkts within 31 overs. **Vensakar Kanthiraj** continued his good form with 83* as **Maritime** made 237-6 against **Kingsley**. **Hakeem Rauf** then took 5-15 as Kingsley looked on the brink at 49-7, but a superb rearguard by **Dom Freer Carmichael** (72) and **Patrick Phelan** (36) saw 115 added for the 8th in some 30 overs, Phelan there at the close as his side finished 170-8. **Ashley** got themselves to 142-2 in the 28th batting first at **Stockport** but the hosts fought back well, Ashley closing on 197-9, but this still proved out of Stockport's reach as capt. **Sabtain Baig** took 5 wkts and ran out **Naveed Gondal**. **Ben Perry's** 57 was the mainstay of the hosts' 180-9 as the match finished in a tense draw. It was even more on a knife-edge at **Oakmere** where visitors **Hawk Green** scrambled a 1 wkt win after bowling the hosts out for 137, the HG last pair just doing enough to get their team over the

line despite the best efforts of skipper **James Hodgkinson**, who took 3-39 after earlier top-scoring for his side with 39. **Runcorn** beat **Barrow** after **Jack Beech's** 77 helped them to 175, **Gareth Hughes** returning 5-33, but it was **Daniel Booth's** five wkt haul that proved decisive as Barrow were bowled out for 140, a first win in 5 games for Runcorn. Veteran **Tom Hyslop** had a day to remember opening the batting for **Tattenhall**, hitting 17x4 and 7x6 as he made 158* off 114 bs, Tatt calling a halt after 38 overs as visitors **Barnton** were given plenty of time to have a go at 237. Although they were bowled out for 167, a 65-ball 70 from skipper **James Hodgkinson** in a 9th wkt stand of 53 at least gave Barnton some cheer on another difficult day for the bottom side.

WK 12 - JULY 9

With figures of 13-5-18-8 and the top score of the match (36), little doubt about player of the match in the **Kingsley v N.E.Cheshire** clash, skipper **Ben Stoddard's** one man show seeing the league leaders three match winning streak abruptly ended as Kingsley kept their

good run going. **Maritime** took full advantage of NEC's off-day with a comprehensive win at **Runcorn**, who were restricted to 182-9 before Maritime went on a batting rampage, as **Vensakar Kanthiraj** (61 off 37) and **Joseph Mickel Ak-eem** (60 off 37) saw the visitors win inside 20 overs. Far more pro-saic at **Stockport** who won a third game in four after beating **Barrow** by 5 wkts in an undistinguished match in which only two batters passed 30. **Elliott Young** made 74 after taking 3-34 as **Hawk Green** cruised past **Winnington Park's** 187, skipper **Josh Hampson** unbeaten on 66 as his side won by 8 wkts. **Ashley** beat **Barnton** by 7 wkts, **Syed Azam Shah's** good form continuing with 77 for the hosts. A most entertaining afternoon at **Oakmere** as the hosts eventually overcame **Tattenhall** by 37 runs. **James Hodgkinson** made 91 in Oakmere's 198, **Freddie Cheshire** with a second consecutive 5 wkt haul for Tatt. Captain **Tom Hyslop** opened up with an aggressive 51 but a steady tumble of wickets, including two for Hodgkinson, saw the visitors all out in the 44th.

TABLE - JULY 9

TEAM	PTS
N.E. CHESHIRE	244
MARITIME	238
STOCKPORT	211
ASHLEY	196
HAWK GREEN	191
KINGSLEY	190
OAKMERE	190
BARROW	161
RUNCORN	129
TATTENHALL	118
WINNINGTON PARK	116
BARNTON	28

LEADING PLAYERS

PLAYER	RUNS
ROB MAGEE	569
SYED AZAM SHAH	569
VENSAKAR KANTHIRAJ	561
ZANDER POTGEITER	420
ZAFAR JATOI	410
ELLIOTT YOUNG	404
PLAYER	WKTS
NAVEED GONDAL	35
HAKEEM RAUF	30
WILL WESTERBY	26
NICK MUMFORD	25
JACK NEEDHAM	25

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

2nd July

Tom Hyslop 158*, Tatt v Barn
 Hakeem Rauf 5-15, Mar v King
 Dave Oldfield 5-16, NEC v WP
 Gareth Hughes 5-33, Barr v Runc
 Sabtain Baig 5-34, Ash v Stock
 Daniel Booth 5-37, Runc v Barr
 Freddie Cheshire 5-43, Tatt v Barn

9th July

Ben Stoddard 8-18 (& 36),
 King v NEC
 James Hodgkinson 91, Oak v Tatt
 Freddie Cheshire 5-65, Tatt v Oak

2ND XI CRICKET APRIL ROUND-UP

PREMIER DIVISION - July 2 & 9

Didsbury and **Chester BH** opened up a 50+ point gap on the rest after big wins for both on **July 2**. Despite losing in-form **Stuart Stoneman** second ball, the next five Didsbury batters scored 39, 48, 51, 46, and 64* (**Sam Youds**) which along with 26 extras took them to 281-5 and an eventual 165 run win at **Toft** as Youds returned 4-31. **CBH** recorded an 8 wkt win over **Oxton** at Filkins Lane, **Will Clayton** making 70 for the visitors as they were all out 173. **Matthew Griffiths** (47) and **Matt Hodges** (95) laid the foundation with a big opening stand, Hodges perishing trying to hit a 6 for his ton, but the game was won in the 42nd over. The battle between third and fourth went the way of **Nantwich**, eight double figure scores taking them to a healthy 246 against **Neston**, who fell in a bit of a heap to be all out 115. **Alderley Edge** got a first win in four, beating **Cheadle** by 6 wkts. A fifth wkt stand of 103 helped **Oulton Park** total 179 against **Sale**, for whom **Ian Habershon** took 5-22 before biffing a useful 34, one of five double figure contributions as Sale won by 3 wkts. The meeting of the bottom two at Werneth Low went the way of **Hyde** - but only just. Visitors **Bowdon** went from 133-6 to 147 all out in 48 overs, but that seemed like plenty when captain **Haydn George** (7-24) tore into the Hyde batting, his left-arm pace reducing them to 36-7 after 21 overs. **Hri Nath** counterattacked with 46 off 43 as **Jamie Richardson** (39* off 108) provided the ballast, last man **Nevan Meisuria** (16* off 53) staying with him to add 25, dramatically hitting the last ball of the match for 4 to seal a 1 wkt win.

July 9th saw the top two swap places as leaders **Didsbury** couldn't break down **Alderley Edge** at Moss Lane. Dids making 263-9 as AE replied with 218-6. At Filkins Lane, **Chester BH** took full advantage, **Joe Killoran** making 96 and **Kam Hornby** 50* as CBH chased **Bowdon's** 219-9 with 5 overs unused. Didsbury visit Chester on July 23rd in what will be a pivotal clash for the title. **Nantwich** consolidated third spot with an 8 wkt win at **Toft**, **James Rowland** hammering 46 off 19 before **Rob Cook-Siewewright's** 53 saw the visitors to their target in 21 overs. **Matt Brookes** made 90 for **Neston** at **Sale** as the visitors made 244-7 but a solid Sale reply (all the top five passing 30) yielded a 5 wkt win. **Oulton Park's** peculiar campaign continued, an unbroken 141 stand taking them to a 10 wkt win over **Oxton**, **Alex Gill** 78*, **Jimmy Guest** 45*, Oxton having earlier subsided from 57-0. **Ryan Meisuria** made 93 for **Hyde** as they scored 191-4 in their allocation against **Cheadle**, who were all out 90.

2ND XI PREM	PTS
CHESTER BH	278
DIDSBURY	269
NANTWICH	226
NESTON	193
CHEADLE	180
SALE	164
TOFT	145
OXTON	140
OULTON PARK	125
HYDE	121
ALDERLEY EDGE	110
BOWDON	85

2ND XI DIV 1

Lindow lead the way from **Heaton Mersey** after the two played out a dramatic draw on the **9th**, Lindow finishing 168-9 in 51 overs after HM made 174. Having reached 80-0 against **Mersey** on the 2nd, **Brooklands** were all out 130, **Faisal Maqsood** 6-33. **Lindow** bowled Upton out for 65 to win by 81 runs. **Dids 2A** thumped **Grappers** by 158 runs on the **2nd** but remain bottom after losing at **Brooklands** on the 9th, Chris Hart 5-9 as Dids were all out 111, Brooklands now upto 4th. **Chris Dodd** made 119 for **SG** in their draw with **Romiley**, who remain third, while the prolific **Shahnawaz Khan** made 135* for **Timperley** as they only needed 29 overs to power past **Upton's** 196-9, Khan chipping in 2-35 in that.

2ND XI DIV 2

AOM's 141 was Div 2's highest total on the **2nd**, and it was just enough for an 8 run win over **Warrington**. Even tighter for **Hale Barns**, a last wkt stand of 26 helping them to 101 against bottom side **Congleton**, whose own last wkt eked out 12 runs before capt **Paul Beaumont** fell, Cong all out 99. The top two, **Alvanley** and **Bramhall**, both won easily, as was also the case on the **9th**, **Alvanley** chasing the 97 set by **AOM** with few alarms while **Bramhall** had to work harder to win at **Port Sunlight**, **Stewart Jackson** making 77 in their chase of 178. **Duncan Hood** made 126* for **Urmston**, he and **Zain Sabir** putting on 181 for the 1st in their 57 run win over **Congleton**. **Bollington**, **Davenham** and **Cheadle Hulme** all won.

2ND XI DIV 3

Second place **Haslington** had the better of their clash with leaders **Lymm OP** on the **2nd**, Lymm's last pair surviving four overs to claim a draw. Despite going from 94-2 to 130 all out, **Stockport** won by 15 runs at **Ashley** while **Runcorn's** **Mike Bowen** (108) and **Matt Keenan** (129*) added 187 in their side's 305-6 against **CBH 3s**, who replied with 217-8. **Upton** won a tense derby at **Irby** by 13 runs. On the **9th**, **Haslington** bowled 9-man **Mobberley** out for 35, their easy win putting them top while **Ashley** beat **Upton** to go second. **Lymm** slipped to 3rd, **Aatrayo Daw** making 114 in their 252-7, **Runcorn** clinging on to draw.

3RD XI ROUND UP

Didsbury 3s remain top of the **Sunday Prem**, their winning draw at Sale on Sun taking them 50 pts clear. A number of sides have games to catch up, however, while at the foot three sides are currently separated by 12 pts. In **Div 1**, **Shaad Shibley** took 6-30 as **Dids 4** won at **Grappers** on the **3rd** (overtaking **NE Cheshire** at the top after the latter were bowled out for 64 at **Cheadle**), and then won a nailbiter on Sun against **H.Mersey** by 4 runs on the **10th**. Mersey's **Rob Lisney** made 103* the week previous as they beat **Ashley**, who also had **Bramhall's** **Ravi Patel** take them for a ton on the **10th**. In **Div 2** **Mobberley** conceded their game with **Ashton OM**, who went six pts clear of **Didsbury 5s** as a result. **Sean Gibson** made 116 for **Woodley** in their 86 run win over **Mobb** on the 3rd, while on Sun **BSM's** **Craig Emerson** made 91* in a 2nd wkt stand of 160* as they beat **Hale Barns**. **Trafford MV's** **3rd & 4th** XI still top the **C/E** and **West** respectively. **Prestbury's** **William Worswick** made 109 in their C&E Div 95 run win over **Bolly** while **Timpers 6** made 301-3 in their West clash with **Bowdon** on Sun.

ROUND 3: TUES JUNE 28

CHESTER BH (154-8) beat Oulton Park (100) by 54 runs

CBH recovered from 20-3 to post a total which proved more than enough, Luke Ramsay scoring 48* before taking 3-10 as only Jimmy Guest (32) got into double figures in OP's reply, which included 27 extras.

DIDSBURY 2 (135-8) beat Stockport Georgians (112-9) by 23 runs

Holders Didsbury got through a tricky match reduced to 17 overs a side, a psp of 69 between Dan Ward (25) and Stuart Stoneman (51) rescuing them from early strife. SG got off to a bright start but Mathew Laker's 4-16 was the standout as a match evenly poised for the most part got away from Georgians.

GRAPPENHALL (113-8) beat Bowdon (101) by 12 runs

A low scoring match reduced to 18 overs a side was largely determined by two Bens. Grapper's Clissold scored 22 off 11 before being dismissed by Bowdon's Atkinson, who then whacked 17 off the first over of the Bowdon reply and reached 34 off just 17 balls before Clissold bowled him, finishing with 3-15.

LINDOW (82-3) beat Haslington (81-8) by 7 wkts

All six Lindow bowlers took wickets, bowling three maidens and conceding just nine boundaries in 20 overs as they won through at a canter, knocking off the target in 10 overs.

NANTWICH (138-7) beat Toft (135-9) by 3 wkts

Nantwich keeper Simon Till hit 51* (33 bs) in the decisive innings of the match, his unbroken stand of 43 with Henry Hine taking Nantwich to their victory target after they were 95-7 with 7 overs remaining.

UPTON (108-3) beat Neston (106-9) by 7 wkts

This 16 overs a side match saw an upset as 41* from Darren Warburton saw Upton past their Prem Div neighbours.

ROUND 3: WEDS JUNE 29

BROOKLANDS (208-6) beat Sale (173-7) by 35 runs

Played at Ashton OM, a blistering 101 (46 bs, 12x4, 6x6) from Mark Bloomfield helped Brooklands set a massive target, and despite a spirited reply led by Mike Bishop (72 off 52), the asking rate was just too much on the night for Sale.

ROUND 3: TUES JULY 5

HEATON MERSEY (156-5) beat Didsbury 2A (155-7) by 5 wkts

After an opening stand of 99 in 13 overs (Andrew Mashiter 62, Shah Meeran Zia 52) Dids 2A seemed well set but Heaton Mersey fought back as Dids 2A lost 4 wkts in 11 balls at one stage. Mersey needed 43 off the last 5 overs, Hassnain Shah hitting 24 off 7 balls at the crucial juncture as Mersey won with 4 balls remaining.

T20 QUARTER FINALS DRAW (MATCHES SCHEDULED JULY 19TH)

GRAPPENHALL v NANTWICH
LINDOW v BROOKLANDS

UPTON v CHESTER BH
DIDSBURY 2 v HEATON MERSEY

OVER 40s ROUND-UP

CENTRAL DIV 1: Cheadle Hulme & Sale joint top with identical records, Toft two behind in 3rd.

CENTRAL DIV 2: Bowdon Vale & Warrington level on pts (BV a game in hand), Ashley 1 pt behind, three others on 20.

EAST DIV: Hyde have a 2 pt advantage over Bollington - at the bottom, Bredbury SM have conceded 5 of their 8 games.

WEST DIV: Chester BH are 8 pts clear of Wallasey.

ALVANLEY ARE THE McWINNERS!



Alvanley's incredible journey to Dundee to take on Meigle in the Voneus Village Cup on Sunday coincided with the hottest day of the year, but Alv overcame the heat and the miles to record a sporrantastic 122 run win! They chose to bat and got to 187-9, Michael McRowlands 43 the top score, 32 extras donated by Meigle also costly. In reply, the hosts subsided for 65 as the Alvanley attack established total hegemony. Full story and pics are on the club Twitter feed. It's the quarter finals now for Alvanley, on July 17, with a much more reasonable trip to Rainford ahead of them. Best of luck, all!

1ST XI FRED GRAHAM TROPHY T20 NEWS

The T20 quarter finals ended up all being one-sided affairs with big wins for the triumphant sides. But one performance in particular stood out, as the top two in the Premier Division met.

QUARTER FINALS

Wed 29 June: NANTWICH (190-5) beat Kingsley (55) by 135 runs

Kingsley's brilliant run in the 2022 competition came to an end as the Premier Div Champions outgunned their Div 3 opponents. A late blitz from Olly Griffiths (47 off 16) and Spencer Byatt (49* off 30) saw 79 runs added in the last 5 overs, before Griffiths took 3-14, incl. both openers in the first over, as Kingsley's reply fell away rapidly.*

Thurs 30 June

CHESTER BH (201-2) beat Maritime (95) by 106 runs

CBH predictably overwhelmed their Div 3 opponents, Warren Goodwin (95) and Alex Money (63) contributing the bulk of their massive total, an early burst from Shakeem Clarke ensuring the outcome.*

ALDERLEY EDGE (86-2) beat Brooklands (82) by 8 wkts

The holders made surprisingly short work of their Premier Division opponents, Brooklands bowled out in 15 overs and AE needing only 12 to wrap things up.

HYDE (190-3) beat Didsbury (186-8) by 7 wkts

A match of explosive batting saw the current Premier Division leaders romp to finals day after a 42-ball 117 from Andrew Jackson. Earlier, Nick Anderson hit 58 off 23 after Dids reached 102-2 from 9 overs, but his dismissal saw Hyde fight back to restrict the rest of the batting. In the event, Jackson's incredible hitting would have rendered any target of no account - his 50 came off 17 balls and after another 17 he was 101*, hitting 12 sixes and 8 fours in total. Jackson batted for 51 mins, in which time 172 runs were added in 13.3 overs - psp of 101 off 46 bs and 71* off 36 with Luke Young & Dave Fitzsimmons.*



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FINALS DAY - SUN JULY 17, NANTWICH CC

S/F 1 (10.00am) - NANTWICH v CHESTER BH

S/F 2 (1.00pm) - HYDE v ALDERLEY EDGE

Final at 4.00pm



CHESHIRE CUP 2022

ROUND 2 RESULTS

JULY 3:

BIRKENHEAD PK: BIRKENHEAD PK 111-7 (27.1 os) BEAT
CHEADLE 108 (29 os) BY 3 WICKETS

A disappointing exit for the current Div 1 leaders as extras (26) top scored, only two batters in double figures as Ahmad Safi Abdullah took 5-37. Although BP lost 3 in 4 balls at one stage, they eased home with some 12 overs unused.

WALLASEY CC: NANTWICH 135-5 (32.5 os) BEAT WALLASEY 134 (30.3 os) BY 5 WICKETS

Phil Stockton took 4-32 and then made 27*, his unbroken stand of 49 with Spencer Byatt enough to see Nantwich overcome a strong Wallasey side in a low scoring encounter.

BEACONSFIELD RD: WIDNES 228 (39.1 os) BEAT PORT SUNLIGHT 154 (33.4 os) BY 74 RUNS

Kieran Maher's fine form continued, last out for 108 (81 bs, 6x6, 7x4), as Widnes survived a collapse from 115-2 to 118-7, the last 3 wkts adding 110. A superb lone hand from PS skipper Simon Melberzs (81 off 77, and 5-33) was the only real crumb of comfort for the Div 2 side as they exited what will nonetheless be a memorable competition for them.

JULY 10:

MOSS LANE: ALDERLEY EDGE 235-5 (40 os) BEAT BROOKLANDS 188 (35.3 os) BY 47 RUNS

A repeat of the recent T20 quarter final saw a repeat of the outcome, as AE eased through to the next stage, 89 from Sam Perry helping the hosts build a solid total. Brooklands were 100-2 after 19 overs but were 126-5 four overs later, and when AJ Hart (67) and Caleb Jones later fell in the same over, the match was effectively decided.

QUARTER FINAL

TOWNFIELD LANE: ELWORTH 218-4 (35.4 os) BEAT OXTON 214-8 (40 os) BY 6 WICKETS

A stand of 73 for the 4th Oxton wkt between Alex Risk (67) and Mahdi Quadri (57) helped Oxton accelerate past 200 but Elworth replied well, an opening psp of 95 between Alex Banks (59) and Russ Ballard (40) setting the tone for a confident reply, all the batters into double figures as Elworth booked their semi-final spot.



CHESHIRE SHIELD 2022

Round 2 fixtures (scheduled July 17)

Bunbury v Kingsley; Broadbottom v Knutsford;
Hawk Green v Westminster Park; North East Cheshire v Wirral; Northwich v Romiley;
Sandbach v Upton; Woodley v Maritime

The winners of the Ashton-on-Mersey v Hale Barns round 1 tie (date tbc) will play Mobberley.



Disappointment for Cheshire in their first three day encounter of 2022 when Oxfordshire took a leaf out of England's book by knocking off the highest score of the match in their second innings to win by 4 wkts at Alderley Edge (July

3 - 5). 91 from capt Rob Sehmi in Cheshire's first inns was the mainstay of their 246 before Oxon were bowled out for 189.

Cheshire reached 103-3 in their second inns before tumbling to 199 all out just 22 overs later, leaving Oxon 257 to win.

Capt Harrison Smith made 134*, sharing an unbroken stand of 97 for the 6th wkt with Prav Chahal (55*, after 4-21 in inns two) to settle an intriguing game of cricket.

Cheshire try again away to Herefordshire, July 24-26, the fixture being played at Brockhampton.



The ECB have paired all 20 NCCA counties against first class counties in 'showcase' matches, with the above fixture at Chester Boughton Hall. It's a 50 over-a-side game, starting at 11am. Details of admission costs, parking and hospitality packages, plus other match-day info, are on the CBH website.

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