

COUNTY LEAGUE NEWS

on behalf of Cheshire Clubs Cricket Committee (4 Cs)



JULY 17-31 2022

The heat ~~is~~ ^{was} on

Rain takes effect as divisions shape up

Alderley Edge retain T20 Trophy

Cheshire struggle in 3 day Championship



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FROM THE EDITOR



Briefer than usual thoughts from yours truly this month as there is a lot to fit into this edition, given that it covers a five week month. And what a month it has been!

Gripped by unprecedented heat for a short time before seeing the first significant weather interruptions of the whole season as the month draws to a close. We've had our first major honours decided and some excellent cricket to enjoy, but I also wanted to allow some space to get up to date with the Fair Play table. Now I appreciate that while this is not the table uppermost in clubs minds come match day, it remains a significant indicator of the health of our game overall. I have been featuring fair and unfair play in recent editions and will continue to do so, as it's one thing that all clubs and all players can positively model even as the 'pressures' of the various leagues and cup competitions become quite intense. As the often decisive month of August is upon us, play hard, play fair, and good luck to all.

James

FAIR PLAY TABLES (upto & including wk 11)

These tables are compiled from the umpires marks submitted after every 1st XI fixture, with a mark of '4' being the standard for a match. Marks can be lost for incidents that umpires have felt necessitated an intervention - and these can be of varying levels of severity. Marks can also be gained for exceptional sportsmanship. But overall you will see that standards have remained encouragingly high through the first of our season.

PREMIER DIVISION

=1) Didsbury, Hyde, Oxton (all averaging 4.0 per game)
4) Alderley Edge (3.95) 5) Oulton Park (3.94)
Current lowest: Neston (3.77); Widnes (3.75)

DIVISION ONE

1) Alvanley (4.05) 2) Sale (4.02) 3) Macclesfield (4.0)
=4) Cheadle, Marple (3.98)
Current lowest: Congleton (3.8); Timperley (3.7)

DIVISION TWO

1) Mobberley (4.05) 2) Upton (4.02) 3) Warrington (4.0)
4) Romiley (3.98) 5) Ashton on Mersey (3.95)
Current lowest: Davenham (3.82); Port Sunlight (3.8)

DIVISION THREE

1) Barnton(4.09) 2) Maritime (4.05)
=3) Kingsley, Oakmere, Tattenhall (all 4.02)
Current lowest: Winnington Park (3.8); Hawk Green (3.77)



CHESHIRE CC NEWS

More disappointment for Cheshire after their trip to Brockhampton to take on Herefordshire in the 3 day Championship ended with a four wicket defeat (July 24-26). Despite a magnificent debut ton for Widnes's Ali Chughtai (129 off 246 bs), his second inns stand of 137 with Nick Anderson (65) for the 7th wkt was not quite enough for a Cheshire side that battled hard in an even encounter that could have gone either way. The reality is they are now bottom of the Western Div 1 and have two remaining games to turn things around, starting against leaders Berkshire at Nantwich, 14-16 Aug.

CHESHIRE SENIORS IN SOUTH AFRICA, FEBRUARY 2023



Barrie Burns has got in touch regarding the above planned tour for Cheshire Seniors. Barrie says *"We have toured successfully for a number of years now and are looking to reintroduce our tours after all the covid problems. We are opening this planned tour up to anyone who might be interested in joining us - people's partners would also be most welcome"*. If you are interested, Barrie asks that you contact him directly via email in the first instance:

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ALVANLEY OUT OF VILLAGE CUP

It was perhaps something of an irony that it was one of Alvanley's shortest trips in the Voneus Village Cup that saw them go out of the competition, losing by 8 wkts at Rainford on July 16th. Alvanley made 188-9 in their 40 overs after being put in, Simon Gee top scoring with 69. The hosts eased home in the 34th over with an unbroken 101 stand for the 3rd wkt. Clearly a good day was had by all, however, and as last year, Alvanley have done Cheshire cricket proud with their performances and good sportsmanship.

Senior @JohnDottersSnr · Jul 17

Replying to @AlvanleyCC @RainfordCC and @TheCricketerNVC

Everyone who attended today were a credit to @AlvanleyCC, it was a pleasure to score with Colin he was a top fella & great company the pair of us were likened to a couple on gogglebox by people sat in front of the scoreboard 😊😊. Go well for the rest of the season 🙌

1st XI T20 FINALS DAY

THE FRED GRAHAM TROPHY

NANTWICH CC, SUN 17 JULY

ALDERLEY EDGE MAKE IT SUCCESSIVE T20 TRIUMPHS

Perry-Perry the source for AE's record breaking win on scorching finals day



2022 finals day saw four Premier Division heavyweights going head to head, all sides in excellent recent league form and all enjoying convincing wins the day before. It was Alderley Edge's Sam Perry who cemented his reputation as the best batter in Cheshire, 76 off 55 bs in their semi followed by the first ever century in a T20 final, as AE chased down the highest ever score made in a T20 final to make it back-to-back wins for the Moss Lane club.

In the final, three-time winners Chester BH (making their sixth appearance on finals day) scored 197-7 after being put in, a record total for a final. A blistering start courtesy of Messers Qureshi, Goodwin and Duffy saw CBH race to 77-1 after the 6 powerplay overs, and even though Duffy fell two balls later, Alex Money ensured no let up as CBH reached the halfway point 110-3 and looked set for a monster score. The pivotal moment occurred in the 14th over, when both Money and Rick Moore fell, meaning a relatively modest 41 runs came from the last five overs - some comfort for AE, but a sizeable task nonetheless on what was still a hot afternoon. AE's reply became an object lesson in chasing, starting quietly with just three 4s in their powerplay (their total 40-1), but it was the coming together of captain Ed Foster with Perry that proved decisive. No strangers to fruitful stands, the pair added a magnificent 142 in just 11.2 overs with a barely perceptible acceleration, both reaching 50 off 30 bs, and although Foster was well run out in the 18th over, Perry remained dominant, finishing with an imperious 13th four to bring up a brilliant hundred (54 bs) and simultaneously take AE to a quite remarkable 200-3 with two deliveries remaining. So, as last year, Alderley Edge will fly the Cheshire flag in the regional rounds, and again as last year will take on Menai Bridge CC at Smethwick CC (Birmingham) on Sun Aug 7th (13:00) with the winners taking on the victors of the early match between Barnt Green and Longton. As there are five area finals days arranged (!) it is unclear what happens to the overall winners of Alderley Edge's group.



2022 T20 Fred Graham Trophy Final: ALDERLEY EDGE won by 7 wkts. Toss = Alderley Edge

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL 197-7 (20 os) James Duffy 40, Warren Goodwin 34, Alex Money 29

ALDERLEY EDGE 200-3 (19.4 os) Sam Perry 100*, Ed Foster 59

Umpires: Graham Pugh & Trevor Burnett

Scorers: Chris Smith (AE) & James Law (CBH)

Player of the Match: Sam Perry



SAM PERRY MADE 76 OFF 55 BALLS IN THE SEMI-FINAL

SEMI-FINALS

Chester BH 194-5 (20 os) (A.Money 55, W.Goodwin 42, R.Moore 39)

Nantwich 176-9 (20 os) (S.Byatt 55, C.Simpson 42, G.McCormick 3-27)

CHESTER BH WON BY 18 RUNS

Umpires: Graham Pugh & John Williams

Scorers: James Law (CBH) & Ricardo Rebelo (Nant)

Hyde 141-8 (20 os) (D.Fitzsimmons 44, D.Cranmer 24, A.Windle 3-18)

A.Edge 142-3 (16.1 os) (S.Perry 76, J.Naylor 34)

ALDERLEY EDGE WON BY 7 WKTS

Umpires: Trevor Burnett & Brian Boys

Scorers: James Howe (Hyde) & Chris Smith (AE)

WK 13 - JULY 16

Three of the four T20 finalists enjoyed comfortable wins with extra 'feet up' time as the heat really started to build in the Premier Division. **Hyde** showed no signs of letting up in their pursuit of the title with an untroubled win over **Didsbury**, whose great start to the season continued to stutter, just one win in their last four. After a bright start the Dids batting faltered at Werneth Low, 5 wkts apiece for **Andrew Jackson** and **Charlie Barnard** as Hyde were set 174. A sparkling 68 from **Noah Vickery** propelled them to victory in the 35th over. **Chester BH** moved up to second with a fifth straight win, as they bowled **Widnes** out for just 116 and knocked off the runs within 24 overs, **Rick Moore** finishing 59*. **Alderley Edge** were the other team with the luxury of an early finish as they demolished **Oxton**, who were bowled out for 97 as AE made it four wins in their last five, their 7 wkt win completed in the 19th over. **Nantwich** had to work hardest for their 25 pts, **Marcus Stables** making his third ton of 2022, a run-a-ball 119 powering them to a successful pursuit of 245 at **Toft**. A terrific match at **Brooklands** saw visitors **Neston** snatch an 11 run win in a high scoring encounter. **Dom Smith** made a superb 109* as the visitors notched their highest total of the season, 257-6. **Todd Walker** hit 88 but **Rowan Shelton's** 6 wkts put the skids under Brooklands, who lost 4 wkts without addition on 155. The hosts revived with a 7th wkt stand of 69 but a pacy burst from **Ash Davis** finally did for them. Meantime bottom side **Bowdon** produced an excellent display to bag their second 25 pts of the season with a 6 wkt win at struggling **Oulton Park**. Put into bat, a last wkt stand of 37 lifted OP to 178, and when **Ben Gibbon** struck twice to leave Bowdon 13-2 the hosts were in with a shout. **Ross Zelem** remained defiant however, batting throughout to record a brilliant 100* as skipper **Matt Tully** hit a six to seal a superb 6 wkt win. OP slipped into a relegation spot as a result but four of the bottom five were separated by just six pts after today's round of matches.

WK 15 - JULY 30

A remarkable innings of 128* from **Noah Vickery** saw **Hyde** maintain their title push with a five wkt win over **Toft**. Chasing a moderate 192, Hyde were in real trouble at 87-6 but Vickery, who hit 13 sixes and 8 fours in his 81 ball knock, added an unbroken 113 with **Andrew Jackson** as Hyde raced to win no.12. There was an equally remarkable recovery at Little Budworth as **Sam Leech** (63* off 45 bs) and **Liam Booth** (31*) added an unbroken 90 for the 9th wkt to take **Didsbury** to a stunning 2 wkt win against **Oulton Park**, for whom **Martyn East** had earlier scored a superb 105 as OP reached 204-7 in a reduced 48 overs. With Dids teetering on 117-8 OP looked in sight of a first win since May but saw it snatched away. Talking about last winning in May, **Oxton** produced a glorious batting performance to sweep **Bowdon** aside, **Joe Mennie** (64) and **Luke Filer** (53*) adding 122 for their 1st wkt to all but assure a 9 wkt victory. Back at the top, **Nantwich** squeezed home in the battle of the big guns at Filkins Lane in a match reduced to 90 overs, bowling out a strong **Chester** side for 155 and then holding off an attack strengthened by **Cole Turner** (4-30) as **Marcus Stables** (53) impressed again. **Alderley Edge** rounded off an excellent month for them with a curious 71 run win over **Neston**, AE labouring to 143-9 in 48 overs at Moss Lane before despatching the visitors for just 72. A very different tale at **Brooklands** who hammered 331-7, **Kevin Carroll** (87) and **AJ Hart** (60) adding 128 in 17 overs at one stage. **Widnes** replied with a spirited 254-9 (Luke McCoy 67), Hart taking 6-69 as the match was drawn.

ACTION FROM NANTWICH v HYDE AS TOM PARTRIDGE FALLS TO PHIL STOCKTON



IMAGE: NANTWICH CC YOUTUBE

WK 14 - JULY 23

Hyde's lead was significantly trimmed after they suffered their first league reverse since May 21, going down by 95 runs at bang-in-form **Nantwich**. Putting the hosts in, **Dan Cranmer** led his charges - with **George Balderson** available to play - expertly, reducing Nantwich to 139-8 in the 45th, but seven overs later, **Scott Wardley** and **Phil Stockton** had added 51 to post a total of 194. Stockton and **Jimmy Warrington** then tore into the powerful Hyde batting, which was all but blown away in 23 relentless overs as Hyde folded for just 92. Another equally redoubtable batting line up, that of **Chester BH**, also surprisingly capitulated at **Didsbury** chasing just 185, CBH collapsing from 93-5 to 112 all out as Dids did the double over CBH for the first time. **Alderley Edge's** fifth win in six - a comfortable 8 wkt win at **Toft** - kept them very much in the title hunt, with 40 pts covering the top five at stumps. It was even tighter at the bottom, with just 3 pts covering five clubs. **Oulton Park** slid from 49-0 to 58-5 in their 47 run loss at **Widnes**, for whom **Ali Chughtai** made the standout inns of 64. OP went bottom as a result, but only a point behind **Bowdon**, who, with both **Chapple senior and junior** in their side, conjured a nerve-wracking 1 wkt win in a 60 over match against **Brooklands**, **James Bottomley** the hero with 22* and 3-37. **Rowan Shelton** made it successive six-wkt hauls as **Neston** made it three wins in a row, despatching struggling **Oxton** for just 123 and going onto win by 4 wkts. Oxton, who won their first four games in 2002, haven't won since, gaining just 41 more pts.

CCCL PREMIER DIV STATS - JULY 22



TEAM	PTS	HIGHEST	LOWEST	TOP BATTER	TOP WKTS
HYDE	315	234-4	92	TOM PARTRIDGE - 547	DANIEL CRANMER - 44
NANTWICH	292	306-6	118	MARCUS STABLES - 615	JIMMY WARRINGTON - 36
ALDERLEY EDGE	282	271-5	152	SAM PERRY - 600	JAMES NAYLOR - 28
DIDSBURY	279	299-7	202	NOAH CROES - 498	STEVE GREEN - 33
CHESTER BH	259	302-8	112	RICK MOORE - 448	JACK WILLIAMS - 32
NESTON	214	257-6	72	LUKE CAMDEN - 376	ROWAN SHELTON - 42
WIDNES	202	310-4	99	ALI CHUGTAI - 510	QAMAR HAFIZ - 32
OXTON	166	197-7	97	LUKE FILER - 307	JORDAN COLLIER - 33
BROOKLANDS	158	331-7	62	TODD WALKER - 543	A.J.HART - 36
TOFT	151	273-7	91	ROB JONES - 471	JAMES LOMAS - 14
OULTON PARK	151	248-8	145	MARTYN EAST - 624	ANDREW DUFTY - 24
BOWDON	141	270-6	38	ROSS ZELEM - 383	ROB LORD - 27

JULY FORM GUIDE

TEAM	PTS
NANTWICH	114
ALDERLEY EDGE	109
HYDE	104
CHESTER BH	88
DIDSBURY	87
NESTON	85
WIDNES	68
BOWDON	58
BROOKLANDS	48
OULTON PARK	44
OXTON	40
TOFT	35

LEADING RUNS

PLAYER	RUNS
MARTYN EAST	624
MARCUS STABLES	615
SAM PERRY	600
TOM PARTRIDGE	547
TODD WALKER	543
LUKE YOUNG	539

LEADING WKTS

PLAYER	WKTS
DANIEL CRANMER	44
ROWAN SHELTON	42
JIMMY WARRINGTON	36
A J HART	36
ANDREW JACKSON	36
STEVE GREEN	33

WICKETKEEPERS & FIELDERS

Spencer Byatt of Nantwich has 20 ct, 3 st, to lead the w/k stats at present, followed by Hyde's Adam Worrall (16/3 and an r/o) and Brooklands' Dan O'Gorman (16/4). AE's George Bell (13/2 and 2 r/o) and Chester BH's Alex Nash (13/2) make up the top five.

With 15 catches, Brooklands' **Kevin Carroll** is the leading outfielder, followed by **Luke Robinson** (Nantwich) with 13.

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

16 July

Marcus Stables 119, Nant v Toft; Dom Smith 109*, Nest v Brook; Ross Zelem 100, Bow v OP; Rowan Shelton 6-52, Nest v Brook; Charlie Barnard 5-27, Hyde v Dids; Andrew Jackson 5-47, Hyde v Dids

23 July

Rowan Shelton 6-57, Nest v Oxt; Richard Wilkinson 5-25, AE v Toft; Phil Stockton 5-39 (and 34*), Nant v Hyde; Daniel Cranmer 5-58 (and 24), Hyde v Nant

30 July

Noah Vickery 128*, Hyde v Toft; Martyn East 105, OP v Dids; AJ Hart 6-69 (and 60) Brooklands v Widnes

WK 13 - JULY 16

Div 1 was absolutely the place for dramatic cricket on matchday 13. **Cheadle** played out a thrilling draw at **Alvanley** after the hosts posted a feisty 247-8, **Jarryd Basson** making 88 and the lower order whacking 71 between them to set the visitors their biggest target of the season. **Liam Fitzpatrick's** 58 helped set the base and the lower order got within one hit of a win as nerves on all sides were evident, Cheadle finishing 245-7. That result enabled **Grappenhall** to leapfrog them after their 10th straight win, four wkts apiece for **Ed Barnes** and **Aaron McCabe** paving the way for a 5 wkt win at **Marple**. Two other form sides, **Sale** and **Timperley**, both won, **Sale** enjoying a super all-round display from **Dan Newton** who finished 96* after taking 4-25 in their 6 wkt win over **Bramhall**, for whom **Nick Cantello** again shone with 84. **Timpers** had a thrilling one run win at **Bollington**, eight of their ten batters making double figures including **Chris Page**, who took 14 off the last over as Timpers posted 241-8. Bolly slumped to 145-7 in the 39th over but a brilliant lower order fightback led by **Cameron Small's** 48 left Bolly needing 10 off the last. **Tom Horsfield** then hit the first ball of over 50 for six, but was caught off the last ball going for the winning hit in a thoroughly gripping climax. Quite incredibly, for the second time in three weeks **Urmston** were almost involved in a level scores draw, 67 from **Lewis Jackson** the highest of several chunky contributions in their 250-5 at home to **Lindow**. **Ryan O'Brien** then made a magnificent 105, putting on 106 for the 3rd wkt with **Johan Wessels** (53), the visitors needing 65 off the last 8 with 7 wkts in hand. Amidst a steady flow of wickets and runs, three were needed off the last ball, skipper **Alex Matthews** run out going for a second as Lindow finished 249-8. Veteran **Rob Porter** took 3-22 and top scored with 46 as **Macclesfield** won by 7 wkts at **Congleton**.

WK 15 - JULY 30

The match of the day turned out to be a drawn fixture at Upcast Lane where hosts **Lindow** played out a high scoring thriller with in-form **Timperley**. In a match reduced to 46 overs each, Timpers were 156-6 in the 29th before an explosive 7th wkt stand of 131 in just 12 overs by **Jonathan Fowler** (67 off 36) and **Ed Galley** (78 off 59) powered them to 287-7, giving Lindow an extra six overs to chase. **Johan Wessels** was joined by **Finn Gavaghan** in the 33rd over at 151-4, the pair then adding 125 before Gavaghan (56) was out, 10 needed off the last over. Despite the best efforts of Wessels, who finished unbeaten on 120, Timpers kept it to six. It was still a great July for Timpers, who were second only to **Grappenhall** in the form table, Grappers winning again with something to spare as struggling **Alvanley** were brushed aside at Broad Lane. **Ben Broadhurst** produced a remarkable return of 8-23 as **Cheadle** demolished **Sale** at Dane Rd, the hosts all out for just 66, while not so far away at **Urmston** an almost identical occurrence was going on as Bramhall were shot out for just 65, **Joshua Edwards** taking 7-26 as Urmston completed a welcome first win in six games. **Rob Porter** took 2-23 and made 54 as **Macclesfield** beat **Marple** by 6 wkts, **Ben Curwen** with a five-for for Macc as Marple's indifferent form continued. **Bollington** remain bottom of the pile but notched their first win since the opening day in a 90 over game at the Recreation Ground, when their 189-7 proved 80 too many for **Congleton**, **Toby Phipps** playing his first game since April for Bolly and taking 5-24.



Macc skipper James Cross presents a commemorative pennant marking their 175th anniversary to Bramhall's Nick Cantello at their recent game. Macc are making this presentation to every visiting side this season.

WK 14 - JULY 23 **Grappenhall** continued their promotion surge with an eleventh win in a row, comfortably defeating **Macclesfield** in a reduced overs game, **Albert Pennington** the start turn with 6-40 and 47* in their 76 run win. Meanwhile **Cheadle** recorded consecutive draws after a stubborn **Bollington** rearguard denied them at Kingsway, **Liam Fitzpatrick's** rapid 74* the match highlight. **Timperley's** fifth straight win enabled them to close the gap to second spot by 35 pts after they produced an impressive display to beat in-form **Sale** by 7 wkts, **Johan Harms** (79*) and **Jonathan Fletcher** (65) adding 124 for the 3rd wkt. It was equally emphatic at Booth St as **Congleton's** **Tom Leese** (71*) oversaw a 9 wkt win over **Alvanley**, who are now winless in six. Despite some good displays, **Urmston** are another side in a rut with just one win in eight, and they were not helped by how the reduced overs panned out at **Marple**. **Mark Bennett** scored a fine ton for the hosts as they declared on 206-8, Urmston eventually ending up with just 32 overs, 147-5 their total. **Bramhall** remain in the clutch of sides separated by a few points but their third win in four - a 69 run win over **Lindow** - gave them a welcome lift. And indeed, as **Sean McNicholl** gave it the beans with 8-42, only a last wkt stand of 60 put any gloss on Lindow's 94 all out. Incidentally the 30 extras Lindow gave away in the match meant they have now conceded 353 all told in 2022.

CCCL DIV ONE STATS - JULY 22



TEAM	PTS	HIGHEST	LOWEST	TOP BATTER	TOP WKTS
GRAPPENHALL	323	233-4	171	GRANT HODNETT - 495	ED BARNES - 24
CHEADLE	305	271-5	68	LIAM FITZPATRICK - 656	WILL HOLMES - 33
TIMPERLEY	258	287-7	115	JONATHAN FLETCHER - 594	JONATHAN FOWLER-24
SALE	239	267-8	66	PAT ASHLING - 784	TYRONE LAWRENCE-28
MACCLESFIELD	215	215-5	83	JACK MASSEY - 314	CRAIG MELROSE-36
CONGLETON	214	269-7	108	TOM LEESE - 414	MUHAMMAD KASHIF-46
MARPLE	209	264-4	125	ANDREW HALL - 410	JOE CASH - 27
URMSTON	199	251-6	81	HARRY SINGH - 479	CALLUM STOW - 33
BRAMHALL	180	255-6	65	NICK CANTELLO - 696	SEAN McNICHOLL - 29
ALVANLEY	170	255-4	98	JARRYD BASSON - 464	STEPHEN CHARLES-18
LINDOW	155	249-8	94	JOHAN WESSELS - 779	WILL ESPLEY - 27
BOLLINGTON	123	240	85	BEN GIBSON - 394	M.HAROON CHEEMA-20

JULY FORM GUIDE	
TEAM	PTS
GRAPPENHALL	125
TIMPERLEY	113
CHEADLE	97
BRAMHALL	82
SALE	67
MACCLESFIELD	66
URMSTON	66
LINDOW	53
BOLLINGTON	50
MARPLE	48
CONGLETON	44
ALVANLEY	30

LEADING RUNS	
PLAYER	RUNS
PAT ASHLING	784
JOHAN WESSELS	779
NICK CANTELLO	696
LIAM FITZPATRICK	656
JONATHAN FLETCHER	594
GREG DIXON	518

LEADING WKTS	
PLAYER	WKTS
MUHAMMAD KASHIF	46
CRAIG MELROSE	36
WILL HOLMES	33
CALLUM STOW	33
JOHN COPELAND	31
JOSH DOOLER	29

WICKETKEEPERS & FIELDERS

Congleton's **Jacob Wilshaw**, with 13 stumpings & 10 catches (and a r/o) is top of the keeper stats to date, with Cheadle's Greg Dixon (12 ct/7 st), Bolly's James Longhorn (15/1) and Urmston skip Lewis Jackson (8/5) next on the list.

Cheadle's **Dan Brown** has 12 catches to his name so far, making him the leading outfielder, with Marple's Mark Makin, Braamhall skip Nick Cantello, and Cheadle's Josh Dooler and Will Holmes all on 11.

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

9 July: Adam Dooler 105, Liam Fitzpatrick 127, Chead v Macc (omitted in error from previous edition)

16 July: Ryan O'Brien 105, Lind v Urm; Dan Newton 96* & 4-25, Sale v Bram

23 July: Mark Bennett 100, Marp v Urm; Sean McNicholl 8-42, Bram v Lind; Albert Pennington 6-40 (and 47*), Grapp v Macc; Alex Matthews 5-29, Lind v Bram

30 July: Johan Wessels 120*, Lind v Timp; Ben Broadhurst 8-23, Chead v Sale; Joshua Edwards 7-26, Urms v Bram; Toby Phipps 5-24, Boll v Cong; Ben Curwen 5-28, Macc v Marp

WK 13 - JULY 16

Stockport Georgians had their lead trimmed after a surprise defeat at home to inconsistent **Mobberley**. The visitors' 165 seemed no great shakes, but, having hit 49 off 57, **Abdul Aqeel** took a wkt first ball of the Georgians reply which set the tone for an untypically laboured response from the hosts who were unable to cope with a disciplined Mobberley bowling display, being bowled out for 128. Some good news for SG came from Walton Lea as **Romiley** could only draw with **Warrington**. **James Badrock** (86) and **Andrew Harrison** (63) out on 133 for the sixth as Romiley reached 234-9, Badrock's 4-22 then not quite enough as Warrington finished 217-8. **Cheadle Hulme** took full advantage with a 5 wkt win at **Upton** to keep well in touch in third. **Ashton OM** led a cluster of clubs separated by 7 pts, picking up a handy 3 wkt win at **Haslington** (in that cluster) **Miraj Patel** scoring 55 and taking 4-25, **Akash Patel** unbeaten on 65 as they made the most of four extra overs to win in the 52nd. **Christleton** are also mired mid-table after a bright start, going down at **Port Sunlight** after managing just 180-8, **Josh Morgan Jones** 72. The top three did the heavy lifting for PS, **Steve Graham** making 55 after earlier taking 4-48. But bowling performance of the day went to **Davenham's Connor Mizzi**, a splendid 8-15 seeing **Hale Barns** bundled out for 80. Dav were quickly 9-3 but suffered no further

alarms as, to precisely no surprise at all, **Sam Hunt** led the way with the bat, 46* seeing him pass 550 league runs.

WK 14 - JULY 23

On a day when many games were affected by wet weather, a major surprise at Brooks Drive heightened the battle for promotion. Bottom at the start of play, **Hale Barns** confounded all expectations as **Joe Cooper's** superb 110* led them to a 5 wkt win over leaders **Stockport Georgians**, who, despite a powerful 91 off 69 from **Neil Pennington** in their 215-8 dec. suffered consecutive defeats. This enabled **Romiley** to close the gap to two pts after they recovered from a wobbly 16-3 to successfully chase the 128 set by **Upton**, who had earlier collapsed from 95-3 to 127 all out in 12 disastrous overs. Third place **Cheadle Hulme** had their match with Haslington abandoned after 10 overs, while elsewhere, **Port Sunlight** had the better of their draw at **Ashton OM**, whose last pair had to survive 9 balls after PS had earlier recovered fabulously from 35-6 to post 218, **Steve Graham** again to the rescue with 73 and 4-65. In a spirited reply, AOM also recovered, from 40-4, as **Miraj Patel** (69) and **Zohaib Khan** (44) led the fight-back in a super game as they finished 199-9. All six **Mobberley** batters made double figures in their truncated draw at **Christleton**, the hosts being set 202 in 40 overs to win and ending 188-6. **Davenham's** upturn continued, inspired again by a dominant **Connor Mizzi** who

hammered 73* off 52 bs before taking 4-8, as **Warrington** were defeated by a chasmic 101 runs at Butchers' Stile, dropping into the relegation spots as a result but still well in touch.

WK 15 - JULY 30

6 winners on this matchday, including the top two, **Stockport Georgians** holding on from 87-6 to reach their 162 target to beat **Christleton**, whose season has tailed right off, while **Romiley** defended a modest looking 141 at **Haslington** with some ease. **Cheadle Hulme** lost ground after their 2 wkt defeat at **Port Sunlight**, who were again indebted to **Steve Graham** (6-28) and **Simon Melberz** (37*) to get them home after being 86-7. 11th at the end of June, **Mobberley** are now fourth after bowling out **Ashton OM** for 64, while **Warrington** recovered from 36-6 to reach 153-7 and defeat **Hale Barns**. **Dan Owen** made 75 for Upton, the highest individual score of the day, as they got a precious first win in four to beat **Davenham**, now one of eight clubs separated by 39 pts.

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

16 July

Connor Mizzi 8-15, Dav v HB
James Badrock 86 and 4-22, Rom v Warr
Miraj Patel 55 & 4-25, AOM v Hasl
Steve Graham 55 & 4-48, PS v Chris

23 July

Joe Cooper 110* (& 2-48) HB v SG
Neil Pennington 91, SG v HB
Connor Mizzi 73* & 4-8, Dav v Warr
Steve Graham 73 & 4-65, PS v AOM
James Marshall 5-80, AOM v PS

30 July

Steve Graham 6-28, PS v CH
James Badrock 5-15, Rom v Hasl
Abdul Aqeel 5-15, Mobb v AOM
Tom Gledhill 5-20, Hasl v Rom
Sam Smith 5-25, HB v Warr

DIVISION TWO TABLE AND FORM GUIDE

TEAM	PTS	JULY FORM	PTS
STOCK. GEORGIANS	286	ROMILEY	114
ROMILEY	284	MOBBERLEY	102
CHEADLE HULME	242	CHEADLE HULME	87
MOBBERLEY	219	PORT SUNLIGHT	85
PORT SUNLIGHT	201	ASHTON-ON-MERSEY	83
DAVENHAM	200	STOCK. GEORGIANS	72
CHRISTLETON	197	DAVENHAM	72
ASHTON-ON-MERSEY	196	UPTON	63
HASLINGTON	193	WARRINGTON	54
WARRINGTON	176	HASLINGTON	51
UPTON	167	HALE BARNES	43
HALE BARNES	161	CHRISTLETON	34

TOP BATTERS	RUNS	BEST
BRAD MUNRO (CHRIS)	584	130*
SAM HUNT (DAV.)	567	86*
JOSHUA AGAR (H.B.)	562	120

TOP BOWLERS	WKTS	BEST
ALEX JONES (S.G.)	44	7-14
STEVE GRAHAM (P.S.)	41	6-28
SIMON NORMANTON (S.G.)	40	8-52



CCCL DIVISION THREE



WK 13 - JULY 16

Recovering from 71-7 to post 137 batting first, **North East Cheshire** still had more than enough to see off **Runcorn**, who lost 5 wkts in 3 overs at one stage as they collapsed to 64 all out. NEC's day got better as news came through from Cale Green of **Maritime's** surprising capitulation at the hands of **Stockport**, **Mike Eley** taking 6-27 as the visitors were dismissed for just 59, Stockport's subsequent 9 wkt win taking them to within two pts of second place. Three sides just below them were separated by 6 pts after all recording convincing victories. At 105-1 **Ashley** would have been looking at way more than their eventual 198, but that was still 61 too many for **Oakmere**, who fell from 58-1 to 72-5 in the game's decisive stanza. **Hawk Green** needed less than 6 overs to race past **Tattenhall's** doleful 61 all out, while **Kingsley's** batting really fired, **Kieran Ollier** making 115* and sharing stands of 103 and 97* as his side racked up 254-3 in just 45 overs at **Winnington Park**. Ollier then pounced on two catches as Kingsley finally ended WP's dogged 138 in the 44th. **Barrow's** **Chris Morrison** scored 109* in his side's 250-6 against **Barnton**, who had no answer to **Ryan Holloway's** 6-50, all out 114.

WK 14 - July 23

North East Cheshire came out on top in their big battle with **Stockport**, **Jake**

Reynolds hitting 107 as NEC reached 219-8, Stockport having a real off day as they were bowled out for 121. The chasing pack took full advantage, a dominant **Maritime** needing just 15 overs of batting to complete a 10 wkt win over **Barnton**, while **Hawk Green's** **Jack Needham** hit a run-a-ball 96 to pull off a brilliant chase of 234 at **Ashley**. That enabled them to stay a point ahead of **Kingsley**, who recorded an untidy but valuable 3 wkt win in a scrappy game at **Runcorn** after the hosts were dismissed for 136. Despite **Mel Dobson's** 5-25 restricting **Winnington Park** to 185-9 at the Flacca, hosts **Tattenhall** could only manage 136 in reply, spiralling from 76-2 to 107-9 in just 9 overs at one stage, while **Barrow** claimed a heartening 5 wkt win at **Oakmere**, the hosts bowled out for 155 but still having a 60 pt cushion between them and the bottom four at close of play.

WK 15 - JULY 30

There were six winners on the last matchday of July, and although **Barnton's** fate seems to have been clear for some weeks now, they nevertheless gave it a real go against leaders **NE Cheshire**. Chasing a daunting 223, Barnton took it into the 51st before being bowled out for 193, **Dave Oldfield** with an important 5-30 for NEC, who are in pole position going into the final third of the season. **Maritime** kept up their pur-

suit with **Hakeem Rauf** again amongst the wickets, his 6-28 the main factor in **Oakmere** being dismissed for 58. **Hawk Green** enjoyed a perfect month with a 7 wkt win at **Barrow**, for whom **Matthew Parks** made 94 in their 167-9. Skipper **Josh Hampson** made 65* as HG reached their target with 9 overs unused. **Stockport's** **Naveed Gondal** enjoyed his visit to picturesque **Kingsley**, an unbeaten 131 and 3 wkts as his team bowled the hosts out for just 118 to bring their three-match winning streak to an abrupt end. **Ashley** claimed a 5 wkt win in an entertaining clash with **Tattenhall** but the big story of the day came at **Winnington Park**, their relegation scrap with **Runcorn** dominated by **Michael Dunning's** marvellous 9-30 which enabled WP to defend 131, Runcorn regretting allowing the last two WP wkts to add 54 as Dunning's magic saw them all out for 101.

PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

16 July

Kieran Ollier 115*, King v WP
Chris Morrison 109*, Barr v Barn
Mike Eley 6-27, Stock v Mar
Ryan Holloway 6-50, Barr v Barn
Jack Needham 5-11, HG v Tatt
Nick Guest 5-42, Oak v Ash
Ryan Beech 5-56, Runc v NEC
Manning Berry 5-24, NEC v Runc

23 July

Jake Reynolds 107, NEC v Stock
Mel Dobson 5-25, Tatt v WP
Hakeem Rauf 5-34, Mar v Barn
Jack Needham 96* & 2-76, HG v Ash

30 July

Naveed Gondal 131* (& 3-30) Stock v King
Matthew Parks 94, Barr v HG
Michael Dunning 9-30, WP v Runc
Hakeem Rauf 6-29, Mar v Oak
Dave Oldfield 5-30, NEC v Barn

DIVISION THREE TABLE AND FORM GUIDE

TEAM	PTS	JULY FORM	PTS
NORTH EAST CHESHIRE	319	HAWK GREEN	125
MARITIME	288	NORTH EAST CHESHIRE	104
HAWK GREEN	266	ASHLEY	98
STOCKPORT	265	MARITIME	89
ASHLEY	256	STOCKPORT	87
KINGSLEY	243	KINGSLEY	84
BARROW	216	BARROW	65
OAKMERE	204	WINNINGTON PARK	61
WINNINGTON PARK	168	RUNCORN	47
RUNCORN	144	OAKMERE	45
TATTENHALL	131	TATTENHALL	44
BARNTON	36	BARNTON	18

TOP BATTERS	RUNS	BEST
ROB MAGEE (<i>RUNCORN</i>)	600	152
VENSAKAR KANTHIRAJ (<i>MAR</i>)	588	103
SYED AZAM SHAH (<i>ASH</i>)	575	106
TOP BOWLERS	WKTS	BEST
NAVEED GONDAL (<i>STOCK</i>)	43	7-18
HAKEEM RAUF (<i>MAR</i>)	41	6-20
JACK NEEDHAM (<i>HAWK GR.</i>)	35	8-28

2ND XI T20 2022

QUARTER FINAL RESULTS (Tuesday 19th July)

Wilmslow Rd: DIDSBURY 2s 190-4 (20 os) beat Heaton Mersey 165-7 (20 os) by 25 runs
 Stuart Stoneman hit a 17-ball half century, going on to make 83 off 49 balls as holders Didsbury overcome a dogged Heaton Mersey. At 103-1 after 10 overs, Didsbury looked set for a massive total but were pegged back, the 26 scrambled from the last two overs proving crucial to the final outcome.

Broad Lane: GRAPPENHALL 174-8 (20 os) beat Nantwich 133 (18.5 os) by 41 runs
 Ben Clissold hit five 6s in his 34-ball 57 which, along with 45 off 35 from Daniel Adkins, proved invaluable as they lost four wkts in the last 10 balls of their innings. Nantwich started very brightly, but lost both openers within eight balls of each other, as 65-0 after 7.3 became 71-2 after 8.5, things changing dramatically from that point as the visitors could only manage three more boundaries. James Knowles polished things off with 4-21 as Nantwich lost their last four wkts in 7 deliveries.

Upcast Lane: BROOKLANDS 132-2 (14.2 os) beat Lindow 130 (19.4 os) by 8 wickets
 Lindow opener Syed Shah hit 54 from 39 bs, his alliance with Ian Park promising a potentially wondrous total before Tom Lett took three wkts in an over, Lindow tumbling from 97-2 to 102-7, then rallying briefly to 129-7 before losing their last three in four balls in an untidy denouement. The Brooklands openers were in no mood to muck about, hammering 70 off the powerplay (Mark Bloomfield 45 off 19) before easing home with bags of overs in hand, Sudanshu Rajshetty also making 45.

Old Greasy Rd: CHESTER B.H. 192-2 (20 os) beat Upton 118-7 (20 os) by 74 runs
 Ben Spaven hit 89 off 57 (5x6, 5x4) as he and Luke Ramsay (35 off 27) got CBH off to a towering start, Joe Killoran weighing in with 51* off 35 as the target proved way beyond the hosts.

Finals Day: SUN 14TH AUGUST BROAD LANE, GRAPPENHALL

10:30 Grappenhall v Chester Boughton Hall

13:30 Brooklands v Didsbury

FINAL - 16:30



RUNCORN PLAYER TAKES ALL 10

Runcorn 2nd XI player Calum McCaffery (on the left of the photo) produced a once-in-a-lifetime spell on July 23rd, taking all 10 Mobberley wickets in his side's 8 wkt win. In one of those neat little cricket occurrences, McCaffery's 10-34 was completed with the very last ball of his 15 over bowling spell, and his last victim was Mobberley veteran John Whittick, who himself is no stranger to that experience, once taking 10-64 in Mobberley 2nds' game with Marple back in 2009. But many congratulations to Calum!

IMAGES: RUNCORN CC TWITTER

Calum McCaffery
 Mobberley CC v Runcorn CC
 23rd July 2022

Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Dots
15	4	34	10	77(90)
1 st	•	•	•	•
2 nd	•	•	•	•
3 rd	•	•	•	•
4 th	W	2	•	•
5 th	•	•	•	•
6 th	1	W	•	•
7 th	•	•	•	•
8 th	•	•	•	•
9 th	•	•	•	•
10 th	•	•	•	•
11 th	W	•	•	•
12 th	•	•	•	•
13 th	•	•	•	•
14 th	•	•	•	•
15 th	•	•	•	•

2ND XI DIVISIONS - JUNE

With games against Didsbury and Nantwich to come. **July 16** saw **Chester BH** scrape to a vital 1 wkt win at **Cheadle**, chasing 134 to maintain their 9 pt cushion at the top. Second place **Didsbury** were indebted to a remarkable 41* from just 20 balls by no.10 **Ed Catt**, which was the main factor in a 9th wkt stand of 56* and a penultimate ball win over **Hyde**, for whom **Liam Grindlay** had earlier made 90 in their 226. Five wkts for **Simon Till** and 63* from **Rob Cook-Siewwright** were the key factors in **Nantwich** consolidating third, with a 7 wkt win over **Alderley Edge**. **Chris Williams** made 80* in a 3rd wkt stand of 129 with **Toby Brown** as **Oxton** beat **Sale** by 7 wkts, while **Neston** beat **Toft**. Bottom club **Bowdon** sneaked a narrow win over **Oulton Park**, Bowdon's 8th wkt pair putting on 30 to help them scrape a two wkt win. That meant the bottom four sides were separated by just 22 pts at close of play.

Sadly the weather was the winner on **July 23**, the big **CBH/Didsbury** clash cancelled, as was **Sale v Bowdon**. **Nantwich** took advantage with a 129 run demolition of **Hyde**, **Ricky Rebelo** scoring 100* as the Dabbers moved to within a win of second. **Oulton Park** bagged a much needed 25 pts with a 6 wkt win over **Cheadle** while **Alistair Crick** took 4 wkts, 2 catches and a useful 15 for **Oxton** as they won their derby with **Neston** by 3 wkts. At Moss Lane **Alderley Edge** dominated their match with **Toft** but were left frustrated by their inability to prise out the final wicket as the last pair stubbornly batted out several overs, Toft finishing 162-9 in reply to AE's 247-9.

The **final Saturday** of July saw the top two both win but in contrasting ways. **Didsbury** made short work of **Oulton Park** who were bowled out for 58, but **Chester BH's** match at third place **Nantwich** was a low scoring thriller. **Luke Ramsay's** 50 and some lower order fiest got CBH to 121, but when the hosts reached 61-1 after 9 overs it seemed as though Nantwich were well on their way. It was left to exciting prospect **Robin Fisher**, aided by some excellent catching, to help CBH claw their way back amidst increasing tension, the last man caught via a deflection as Nantwich were all out 113, Fisher 12.4-10-9-6. At the bottom of the table there is still much to play for; **Bowdon** were thwarted by **Grant Hughes' 89** as they were beaten by **Oxton**, while **Hyde** got a, er, hiding at **Toft**, going down by 9 wkts, but even though Toft are now 7th they are not quite clear of the vortex just yet. The same is true of **Sale**, who like their first 1st XI counterparts were dismissed for a double figure total by **Cheadle**, while **Alderley Edge** had a sixth draw of the season despite making 253-7 at **Neston**, the hosts holding out with 207-7.

2ND XI PREM	PTS
CHESTER BH	335
DIDSBURY	326
NANTWICH	280
NESTON	235
OXTON	215
CHEADLE	214
TOFT	182
SALE	180
OULTON PARK	156
ALDERLEY EDGE	144
HYDE	137
BOWDON	123

2ND XI DIVISION 1

July 16: **Jamie Peel** (74) and **Gus Watson** (65) enabled a 10 wkt win for **Lindow**, who stayed top; **H.Mersey** lost a high scorer to **Timperley** after **Jordan Ruff** made 102*; **Shashwat Rusia** hit 134 for **Widnes v Upton** in an opening stand of 158; **Mudassar Panchbhaya** 91 for **Marple v btoom side Didsbury 2A**.
July 23: **Lindow** went further clear with a 5 wkt win over **Dids 2A**; **H.Mersey** drew with **Widnes**. **Tom Woods** made 98* for **Upton v Romiley** (drawn); **Marple's Ed Saxelby** took 5-39 & hit 32 in a big win over **SG**. **Steve Rooney** made 95 for **Grapp v Macc** (drawn) and **David Cunliffe** 101 for **Brooklands** who beat **Timperley**.
July 30: **Lindow** were pegged back after losing at **Timpers** while **H.Mersey** beat **Romiley** by 4 runs after managing just 92. **Dids 2A** managed a rare win against **SG** with just 14 points now separating the bottom three (Dids 2A, Upton, Macc).

2ND XI DIVISION 2

July 16: **Alvanley** and **Bramhall** are some way clear at the top but the bottom three - **Congleton, Bollington & Urmston** - all lost, the latter despite **Zain Sabir** taking 7-55 and scoring 43 against **Davenham**.
July 23: **Alvanley** won at **Congleton** and **Bramhall** won at **Neston**, their 8th wkt pair putting on 77* to claim a 3 wkt win; a big psp for **Urmston's** 4th wkt saw them chase 216 and a vital win at **H.Barns**. The **P.Sunlight** last pair added 27 to take them to 135 at **AOM**, who were 63-8 before their last pair added 31. In tense scenes the last man was run out going for a winning second, the match tied.
July 30: **Alvanley** won at **Davenham** but **Bramhall** were sunk by 70 at **Urmston**. **Qasim Ali** scored 101 for **C.Hulme** as they bowled **P.Sunlight** out for just 40 to move within 28 pts of second spot. Four of the bottom five sides are separated by just 18 points, **Congleton** adrift at the foot.

2ND XI DIVISION 3

July 16: A big win for **Stockport** who beat leaders **Haslington** by 8 wkts (incl. a 137* psp for 3rd); **Jake Wundke** scored 107* and **Ian Metcalf** 65*, as the **CBH 3s** openers put on 184 for a 10 wkt win over **Irby**; **Nick Mumford** 4-49 and 63* as **Barrow** beat **Upton**.
July 23: **Haslington** won but **Stockport** again got the big result, bowling out second place **Lymm OP** for 99. **Irby** beat **Tattenhall** but stayed second bottom, while **Calum McCaffery** achieved a rare feat at **Runcorn** (see previous page).
July 30: **Callum Istead** took 6-6 as **Haslington** skittled **Oakmere** for a paltry 30. **Ashley** were the only side of the top 5 not to win, **Matt Wardle's** 110* in vain as **Tattenhall** held on at 128-9. But it is tight at the top, 14 pts separating Haslington, Lymm OP, CBH 3s, Ashley and Stockport.

CHESHIRE CUP 2022

QUARTER FINAL UPDATE:

JUNE 24:

BIRKENHEAD PK:

CHESTER BH 47-2 (12 os) v BIRKENHEAD PARK

Rain caused the abandonment of this fixture, to the particular relief of CBH's Warren Goodwin, who bagged his second golden duck in two days, Rick Moore also falling cheaply before the match was called off. No revised date has yet been announced.

AUGUST 14:

SOUTH DOWNS LANE: BOWDON v NANTWICH

MOSS LANE: ALDERLEY EDGE v WIDNES



3RD XI - BRIEF UPDATE

PREMIER DIVISION

With 5 games to go, Didsbury 3s are 67 pts clear of second place Marple, whom they play on Sun. A special mention for Romiley's Tom Roberts who made 164* on Sun 10th in their 148 run win over Timperley 5s, who themselves had Fred Vaughan-Hawkins make 150* in their draw with Sale on Sun.

DIVISION ONE

Didsbury 4s lead by 4 pts from N.E.Cheshire, for whom Matthew Mullany (104*) and Scott Parkinson (94) added 185 in their 188 run win over Elworth on Sun.

DIVISION TWO

Ashton OM beat Didsbury 5s by 48 runs on Sun to all but guarantee top spot, 10 pts clear with 5 games remaining.

WEST DIVISION

Trafford Metrovicks 4 have an unassailable 50 pts at the top.

CENTRAL & EAST DIVISION

Trafford Metrovicks 3 cannot be caught with 52 pts, bowling out Stockport Georgians 4s for just 28 on Sun.

CHESHIRE SHIELD 2022

JULY 17

MOBBERLEY 175-7 (28.4 os) beat Hale Barns 174 (39.4 os) by 3 wkts

Osman Butt's 61 secured a reasonably comfortable passage for Mobberley in a match which featured 58 wides.

ROMILEY 253-5 (40 os) beat Northwich 176-7 (40 os) by 77 runs

67 from skipper Tom Rolph, and 59* from David Badrock helped Romiley build an impregnable total.

N.E.CHESHIRE 40-0 (5.3 os) beat Wirral 39 (15.3 os) by 10 wkts

Lowly Wirral spent more time travelling than playing as they were swept aside by the Div 3 leaders.

SANDBACH 163 (37.2 os) beat Upton 130 (36.3 os) by 33 runs

Dale Tinsley's 82 for Sandbach was the batting highlight of this low-scoring encounter, as Upton, 98-5 after 25, fell away.

MARITIME 137-4 (18 os) beat Woodley 136 (29.3 os) by 6 wkts

An extraordinary 92* (53 bs) from Joseph Mickel Akeem saw Maritime through with indecent haste, their long journey more than worth it as the hosts were all out inside 30 overs, Bradley Heginbotham's 51 their sole crumb of comfort.

QUARTER FINAL DRAW (AUG 7TH):

BROADBOTTOM v MARITIME KNUTSFORD v MOBBERLEY
ROMILEY v KINGSLEY SANDBACH v HAWK GREEN or WESTMINSTER PARK



NATIONAL KNOCKOUT NEWS

Nantwich's 4 wkt win at Sandiacre Town on July 10 in R4 of the National Knockout gave them a home tie against Nottinghamshire's Kimberley Institute who themselves had dumped out Porthill Park (conquerors of Didsbury in R3). The match, played in front of a large crowd at Whitehouse Lane (left) saw Nantwich come out on top, winning by 4 wkts after an unbroken stand of 97 for the 7th wkt between Spencer Byatt (68*) and Olly Griffiths (47*) in just under 12 overs took the Dabbers to their target of 209. The visitors had earlier been in some difficulty at 80-5 but were rescued by a sixth wkt partnership between Messers King and Brown who added 102, King finishing 70*. It was by all accounts a terrific match played in an excellent spirit, Nantwich's relentless schedule now featuring a semi-final against Wallasey at Whitehouse Lane on August 21st, the Wirral side pulling off a nail-biting two wkt win over the mighty South Northumberland to progress. Bexley play Potterne in the other semi with the final taking place at Lords.

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