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CHESHIRE COUNTY CRICKET LEAGUE

2010 season Newsletter number 1: April 17th

Champions soon back in old routine

ON a day of brilliant sunshine and high run-scoring **ECB Premier League** champions Oulton Park began the 2010 campaign where they left off last September with a comfortable seven wickets win, at Bramhall

Chasing their promoted hosts' 202-8, James Day 36, Jonny Kettle hit an unbeaten 62, Ben Spendlove 55 and Nathan Dumelow 54 not out as Oulton collected 25 points to give an early pointer that they will take some knocking off that perch.

The second promoted club Urmston registered a surprise four wickets win at Bowdon after the South Downs men had declared at a healthy 219-7, Stephen Ball 110, new skipper Carl Hey 59 and J. Khan 4-46. Urmston batted even better, closing on 220-6, Samit Panda 74 and Adam Landry 50 not out with two overs remaining. Lancashire pacesman Steven Cheetham took 3-63.

Hyde's Cheshire left-hander James Duffy cracked a rapid 121 as Hyde rattled up 280-6, receiving good support from former Oulton Park left-hander Danny Leech, 84 and Tom Twiney 67. Didsbury got close at 264-6 on a summer-like Werneth Low pitch, Paul Sperring 67.

Toft win at Nantwich

Nantwich suffered a shock 64 runs home defeat at the hands of Toft after their visitors' 10th wicket pair Jimmy Lomas (38 no) and Rupe Kitzinger (33) had put on 62 to take their team's tally to 197, Jamie Warrington 6-68. The Dabbers' batting collapsed to 133 all out, George Cairns 44, Lomas claiming 4-22, while Denton Brock's 4-31 contained a triple-wicket maiden.

Neston made a bright start with a nine wickets mauling of old rivals Chester Boughton Hall at Parkgate. After they had dismissed CBH for 114, debut pacesman James Hawley 4-13 and Jordan Free 3-26, Neston replied with a comfortable 115-1, skipper Jack Smith dominating with an unbeaten 76.

Oxton's bowlers were hammered at Alderley Edge after their batsmen had performed well to post 236-8, teenager Ross Dixon 91 and new skipper Chris Davies 51. Alderley won with six wickets and two overs to spare on 238-4 thanks to an unbroken fifth wicket stand worth 123 between Mark Currie (110) and new captain Jason Whittaker (57).

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Division One

Good start for promoted Bolly

NEWLY-promoted to **Division One**, Bollington's 125th anniversary season could be one to remember if they can maintain the all-round form they showed beating Christleton by eight wickets.

Christleton were bowled out for 158 by Mo Ali – who dismissed Division Player of the Year Iroshan de Silva for a duck – and Tom Cullen 4-39. Bolly replied with 153-2, Callum Rowe 69 and new Aussie Aaron Hazlewood 30, both not out, de Silva 3-33.

Widnes' first-ever game in the middle division proved a one-sided affair at Irby, who were shot out for 84 by Damien Moore, 6-12 and Tony Hurdley, 3-26. Aussie Scott Henry top-scored with an unbeaten 33 as Widnes eased home by eight wickets in just 17 overs.

Playing their first-ever game in the league's middle division, Middlewich put up a spirited performance at relegated Macclesfield, the home side declaring on 209-6, Rob Keen 75 and Khalid Sawas a sparkling 70 after his winter in Aussie grade cricket. Middlewich replied with 194-6, the returning Lee Challinor 43 not out, John McGregor 43, Barney Cutbill 3-48.

WILDE 148no FOR NEW CLUB

Playing his first game since moving from Cheadle Hulme, Adam Wilde hit a best of the day unbeaten 148 in Cheadle's four wickets win against Upton at Kingsway. Irby declared on 202-5 (George Earl 62) and Cheadle responded with 206-6, Ian Sharrock 4-44.

Cheadle Hulme enjoyed the better of a high-scoring draw against Heaton Mersey on a tip-top Grove Park pitch after running up 232-3 declared, Danny Hawes (77) and Jordan Potts (56) putting on 134 for openers. Mersey responded with 178-6, H. Rashid 102 not out, Dan Schuppan 4-48.

Grappenhall made short work of Poynton at Broad Lane, winning by nine wickets after their visitors had declared on a modest 166-8, Paul Gould 48, new Aussie Dean Riches 3-47. After losing an early wicket, Grappers' Ian Hall (85) and Richard Green (67) knocked off the runs without being parted.

Division Two

Congleton comeback success

LAST season's Meller Braggins Cheshire League runners-up Congleton made a good start on their return to **Division Two** with a four wickets win at Bredbury St. Mark's.

Darren Carr hit 76 in St. Mark's 186-8 declared and Congleton made it home in the 48th over with talented New Zealand batsman Jerrym Lamb (not Jerry M. Lamb) unbeaten on 76.

MBCL champions Ashton on Mersey did not fare so well, losing by two wickets in a low-scoring game at Stockport Georgians. Ashton were shot out for 139, Mark Timms 32, John Coxon 5-18, Ifti Hussain 3-28, after which Georgians struggled to 143-8, Adam Gaskarth 48 and new skipper Nick Tyers a match-winning 30 not out.

WILLIAMSON 9-64 IN TATTERS' DEBUT

One of the most successful debuts on record was made for Tattenhall by former Oulton Park left-arm spinner Craig Williamson, aged 17, who returned 24.1-6-64-9 to bowl Timperley out for 172 at Flacca Field, the other wicket being a run out. For Timperley Paul Ashling scored 52 and new Aussie Peter Herrick 51. Barry Mitchell, 87 and John Hope, 78 enjoyed an unbroken second wicket partnership of 165 to carry their side to a nine wickets success.

Sale recorded an impressive 133 runs win at Mobberley after posting 252, Ian Dixon 78, Hasan Khan 56. Mobberley crumbled to 119, Y. Khan 39, Mike Halkon 5-41, Rick Halkon 3-17.

Marple proved too good for Birkenhead Park at Bowden Lane after restricting their Wirral visitors to 186-7, debut Aussie batsman Adam Watson 64. James Crisall top-scored with 62 in Marple's reply.

Warrington won with their last pair at the crease at Brooklands, after they had sent their hosts back for 143, Dave Madden 56, Dan Pascoe 6-56. R. Healey hit a vital 40 for relegated Warrington.

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Saturday's results in detail

ECB PREMIER LEAGUE

ALDERLEY EDGE (won toss, 20 pts.) beat OXTON (12 pts.) by 6 wickets.

Oxton 236-8 dec. (55 overs: R. Dixon 91, C. Davies 51, P. Deehan 31no, A. Day 3-27, J. Whittaker 3-30);

Alderley Edge 238-4 (53 overs: M. Currie 110no, J. Whittaker 57no = 5th wicket stand of 123, R. Wilkinson 32).

BOWDON (won toss, 11 pts.) lost to URMSTON (25 pts.) by 4 wickets.

Bowdon 219-7 dec. (55 overs: S. Ball 110, C. Hey 59, J. Khan 4-46);

Urmston 220-6 (53 overs: S. Panda 74, A. Landry 50no, C. Watson 34, S. Clarence 30, S. Cheetham 3-63)

BRAMHALL (won toss, 10 pts.) lost to OULTON PARK (25 pts.) by 7 wickets.

Bramhall 202-8 dec. (55 overs: J. Day 36, S. Wilkinson 31no);

Oulton Park 203-3 (45 overs: J. Kettle 62no, B. Spendlove 55, N. Dumelow 54no).

HYDE (15 pts.) drew with DIDSBURY (won toss, 10 pts.)

Hyde 280-6 dec. (55 overs: J. Duffy 121, D. Leech 84, S. Turner 3-52);

Didsbury 264-6 (55 overs: P. Sperring 67, D. Morgan 60no, M. Fisher 42).

NANTWICH (won toss, 7 pts.) lost to TOFT (24 pts.) by 64 runs.

Toft 197 (51 overs: J. Lomas 38no, R. Kitzinger 33, J. Warrington 6-68, A. Shaw 3-67);

Nantwich 133 (45 overs: G. Cairns 44, J. Lomas 4-22, D. Brock 4-31).

NESTON (25 pts.) beat CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL (won toss, 3 pts.) by 9 wickets.

Chester Boughton Hall 114 (39 overs: Kegg 14no, Hawley 4-13, Free 3-26);

Neston 115-1 (23 overs: Smith 76no, Rasool 29no).

BEST OF DAY:

Batting: James Duffy (Hyde) 127 v Didsbury.

Bowling: Jamie Warrington (Nantwich) 6-68 v Toft.

All-rounder: Jimmy Lomas (Toft) 38no and 4-22 v Nantwich.

FIRST DIVISION

BOLLINGTON (won toss, 20 pts.) beat CHRISTLETON (8 pts.) by 8 wickets.

Christleton 158 (46 overs: M. Ali 5-44, T. Cullen 4-39);

Bollington 153-2 (45 overs: C. Rowe 69no, A. Hazelwood 30no, I. de Silva 3-33).

CHEADLE (25 pts.) beat UPTON (won toss, 11 pts.) by 4 wickets.

Upton 202-5 dec. (50 overs: G. Earl 62, D. Warburton 41no, J. Williams 33);

Cheadle 206-6 (37 overs: A. Wilde 148no).

CHEADLE HULME (15 pts.) drew with HEATON MERSEY (won toss, 7 pts.)

Cheadle Hulme 232-3 dec. (50 overs: D. Hawes 77, J. Potts 56 = 1st wicket stand of 130, C. Durham 47no, W. Rashid 3-75);

Heaton Mersey 178-6 (50 overs: H. Rashid 102no, D. Schuppan 4-48).

GRAPPENHALL (won toss, 20 pts.) beat POYNTON (7 pts.) by 9 wickets.

Poynton 162-8 dec. (50 overs: P. Gould 48, D. Riches 3-47);

Grappenhall 169-1 (45 overs: I. Hall 85no, R. Green 67no).

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IRBY (1 pt.) lost to WIDNES (won toss, 20 pts.) by 8 wickets.

Irby 84 (34 overs: J. Hurworth 29, D. Moore 6-12, A. Hurdley 3-26);
Widnes 86-2 (17 overs: S. Henry 33no).

MACCLESFIELD (13 pts.) drew with MIDDLEWICH (won toss, 9 pts.)

Macclesfield 209-6 dec. (50 overs: R. Keen 75, K. Sawas 70, P. Davies 3-65);
Middlewich 194-6 (50 overs: L. Challinor 43no, J. McGregor 43, J. Cornford 32, B. Cutbill 3-48).

BEST OF DAY:

Batting: Adam Wilde (Cheadle) 148no v Upton.
Bowling: Damien Moore (Widnes) 6-12 v Irby.
All-rounder: Tony Hurdley (Widnes) 24 and 3-26 v Irby.

SECOND DIVISION

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S (9 pts.) lost to CONGLETON (won toss, 20 pts.) by 4 wickets.

Bredbury St. Mark's 186-8 dec. (50 overs: D. Carr 76, P. Zybrands 33, G. Baxter 3-56, J. Lamb 3-60);
Congleton 190-6 (48 overs: J. Lamb 76no, A. Brodie 43, R. Booth 32, S. Raja 3-35).

BROOKLANDS (9 pts.) lost to WARRINGTON (won toss, 20 pts.) by 1 wicket.

Brooklands 143 (50 overs: D. Madden 56, D. Pascoe 6-56);
Warrington 144-9 (28 overs: R. Healey 40).

MARPLE (25 pts.) beat BIRKENHEAD PARK (won toss, 10 pts.) by 3 wickets.

Birkenhead Park 186-7 dec. (50 overs: A. Watson 64, J. Costain 32);
Marple 186-7 (47 overs: J. Crisall 62, G. Cash 33).

MOBBERLEY (won toss, 5 pts.) lost to SALE (25 pts.) by 133 runs.

Sale 252 (50 overs: I. Dixon 78, C. Canning 63no, H. Khan 56, A. Aqeel 3-70, S. Spiteri 3-80);
Mobberley 119 (40 overs: Y. Khan 39, M. Halkon 5-41, R. Halkon 3-17).

STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (won toss, 20 pts.) beat ASHTON on MERSEY (6 pts.) by 2 wickets.

Ashton on Mersey 139 (50 overs: M. Timms 32, J. Coxon 5-18, I. Hussain 3-29);
Stockport Georgians 143-8 (45 overs: A. Gaskarth 48, N. Tyers 30no, C. Roscoe 3-28).

TATTENHALL (25 pts.) beat TIMPERLEY (won toss, 7 pts.) by 9 wickets.

Timperley 172 (50 overs: P. Ashling 52, P. Herrick 51, C. Williamson 9-64 on debut);
Tattenhall 173-1 (45 overs: B. Mitchell 87no, J. Hope 78no = 2nd wicket stand of 165).

BEST OF DAY:

Batting: Barry Mitchell (Tattenhall) 87no v Timperley.
Bowling: Craig Williamson (Tattenhall) 9-64 v Timperley.
All-rounder: Jerrym Lamb (Congleton) 76no and 3-60 v Bredbury St. Mark's.

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Cheshire sign professional all-rounder

CHESHIRE have caused a stir by signing Berkshire's 2009 Player of the Year Richard Logan to stiffen a depleted squad in 2010.

Aged 30, the six foot all-rounder is expected to make his debut in Cheshire's opening Minor Counties Cup game against Shropshire at Marple on Sunday, May 2nd

The Staffordshire-born right hand batsman and right-arm medium fast bowler played for England at Under 15, 17 and 19 levels before embarking on a varied first-class career with Northants in 1999, Notts from 2000-2003 and Hampshire from 2004-06 helping them win the county championship in 2005, returning to Northants, then moving to Surrey at the start of the 2009 season. He was released by the Oval authorities with a modest total first-class record of only 533 runs at an average of 9.03 and 135 wickets at 39.60, while his one-day figures were 220 runs at 11 and 70 wickets at 36. Logan went on to play a full season of Minor Counties cricket for Berkshire, winding up as winner of their Player of the Year Trophy by scoring most runs (607) and taking most wickets (38).

Popular policy

For several seasons during which time they won the championship outright and the Western Division title twice without a divisional defeat in 2008-09, Cheshire operated a system of relying entirely on Cheshire-based talent, which was widely welcomed by members

Selector Andy Newton comments: "With the retirement of Jason Whittaker and Chris Finegan and the loss of batsman Chris Tipper and possibly James Duffy for some three-day games, we felt it was time to alter the policy and sign a top-line Minor Counties player, with decent coaching experience in the hope of continuing our recent successes. It is a one-off and we shall concentrate on building up our own home-grown talent both at the first team and Development XI levels."

O Cheshire's remaining cup group games are against Northumberland at Jesmond on Sunday, May 9th; Staffordshire at Grappenhall on Sunday, May 16th and Cumberland at Netherfield on Sunday, May 23rd.

Their first championship match is against Oxfordshire at Banbury starting on Sunday, June 6th. Cheshire are due to play Berkshire at Finchampstead in July.

VETS' EARLY START: Cheshire Over 50s open their programme with the traditional friendly match against Shropshire at Bomere Heath on Wednesday, May 5th. Cheshire Over 60s begin with a competitive fixture away to Leicestershire on Tuesday, May 11th.

News in brief ...

NO CHANGE FOR SANDY

LEAGUE Fixture secretary Sandy Scrimgeour remains seriously ill in Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport, six months after suffering a stroke and undergoing a brain operation. He is visited regularly by his wife Elise and family, but no other visitors by request. Clubs are asked not to contact Elise about League matters

TIT FOR TAT

THIS season's Newsletter will carry weekly results and table from the First Division of the Meller Braggins Cheshire League which begins on Saturday, April 24th. Likewise, the CCL Division 2 results and table will figure in the Meller Braggins Newsletter.

NEW POYNTON COVERS

POYNTON have obtained a grant of £7,265 to buy a set of covers, incorporating side sheeting and sheets to cover the bowling run ups. These are being purpose built by David Ward of Sports Amenity Services, a Toft Over 40s player who regularly advertises in the League handbook. Souter Sports have carried out extensive work on the square and it is hoped this will improve the quality of the entire ground

Following the resignation of chairman Mark Williams, popular long-serving member Wally Walton has joined the committee.

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UMPS' TERRY HILL TROPHY

THE League Umpires & Scorers Association are to purchase a trophy in memory of the late Terry Hill which will be awarded annually to the outstanding umpire officiating outside the Premier League.

The Association plan a men-only hot pot at Sale CC at the end of the season., The recent dinner at Lymm was attended by 23 people.

The Association bank balance stands at £582.

Clubs are instructed to continue making weekly Umpires assessment reports to co ordinator Ken Spilsbury, who is happy to receive them by telephone, fax or preferably text. Ken does not possess an e-mail address. He asks that when texting details it is made clear which are marks for Control and which for Adjudication.

Approved expenses for CCL games this season are: Premier League £36; First & Second Divisions £33; T20 £20. Cheshire Cup exes are £30; Cheshire Development XI £35; ECB Under 17 £40 per day; National ko first two rounds £35.

Panel and ICC umpire Ian Ramage is currently in Jamaica and has stood in ODI games between West Indies against Canada and Ireland at Sabina Park.

FLICX PITCH FOR SALE AT CALDY

CALDY have an outdoor 22 yard Flicx cricket coaching pitch for sale. RRP when new £2,500, in good condition. Pics are available if interested and viewing can be arranged. Buyer to collect or arrange collection. Any reasonable offers considered. Contact Richard Battersby on e-mail richbatts@fsmail.net

BROOKLANDS DEVELOPMENTS

Brooklands Sports Club have appointed Alexis Fuller as Sports Development Officer for an initial two year period. Himself a cricketer and hockey player, Alexis's job will be to develop all sports within the club, basically tennis, cricket and hockey.

ANOTHER THESPIAN

THE League possess another high-profile thespian (apart from Peter Bolger and Tony Morris) in Cheshire Over 50s captain and Boughton Hall batsman Phil Thomas. Phil has been known to burst into Shakespearean quotations during team talks, claims 50s secretary-manager Paul Freedman mischievously.

Phil Thomas is also on the look out for more 50s squad members (tel. 07842 190 515).

TWO SEEKING SUNDAY FRIENDLIES

TIMPERLEY have formed a Sunday Friendly XI and are seeking fixtures against other like-minded clubs especially during the middle 12 weeks of the season when they have more players available.

Contact Adam Horan tels. 0161 946 3266 (h); 07967 444 503 (m); or e-mail adam.horan@whittakerbell.co.uk

The same goes for Bollington who are celebrating their 125th anniversary and plan a series of Sunday friendlies. Contact chairman Colin Rowe e-mail colrowe@hotmail.com

REHMAN JOINS CLAY CROSS

FORMER Pakistan fast bowler Ata ur Rehman, who played for Widnes last season, has joined Derbyshire County League club Clay Cross.

GEORGIANS BUSY

STOCKPORT Georgians have been spending the fruits of their considerable labours on new covers, a drainage scheme, two new mowers and new netting totalling £11,500. They plan to spend a further £5,000 levelling a section of the outfield in September

On the field, three new players who have arrived at Cromley Road – apart from Aussie Matthew Naughtin – are Stockport bowlers Chris Dodd and Rizwan Jameel and all-rounder Gareth Friday from Prestatyn in the Liverpool Competition premier division.

EDDIE IS A DAD

NEWS arrives from former Alsager and Toft all-rounder Eddie Gilhooley, now a leading coach in New Zealand's beautiful South Island. . Eddie celebrated the birth of his first child Hannah Rebecca on March 31st. The Gilhooleys plan to visit family and friends in the UK in July.

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SALE SEC. ON CRICKET COMMITTEE

SALE secretary John O'Donnell has been co opted to the League Cricket Committee. John joins Didsbury chairman Duncan Anderson as a new member for 2010 – 2011.

It has been confirmed that the 2011 AGM and January Rules meetings will be combined and held at Bowdon on Wednesday, January 26th.

JUNIOR AGM

ONLY 20 out of a possible 43 clubs attended the League Junior section AGM when Gary Dixon was re-elected chairman and David Vallance secretary.

There are two additional competitions in 2010 for under 12s and under 14s.

The Junior section are to buy a supply of their own cricket balls in 2011 costing approx. £4 each.

David Vallance has produced a splendid Junior Handbook which has been distributed to all clubs and officers.

SPONSORS' DISPLAYS

SPONSORS Chapel Press have been given official blessing to distribute advertising hoardings at 22 League grounds in the Stockport area. The displays are 8 feet wide x 3 feet deep. Chapel Press will contact individual League reps to discuss visits and placement etc.

CRICKET BALLS

A TOTAL of 2,445 cricket balls costing £36,919 were distributed to full member clubs and associates at the pre-season meeting at Warrington on April 7th. Any clubs who want more balls should contact the Treasurer, who reported balances of £31,175 in the bank and Building Society.

26 Overseas players registered

A TOTAL of 26 Overseas players were registered with the League prior to the opening games on April 17th:

ASHTON on MERSEY: Sifiso Clive Jomo Mbili (South African all-rounder); Aged 28, widely experienced in provincial grade cricket.

BIRKENHEAD PARK: Adam Watson (Australian all-rounder); Plays for Berwick in Victoria Premier League.

BOLLINGTON: Aaron Hazlewood (Australian all-rounder, 21); elder brother of Josh Hazlewood, Man of the Match in Australia's recent World Under 19s Cup final victory against Pakistan.

BRAMHALL: Kieron O'Connor (Australian all-rounder, 20), returning for second season.

BREDBURY ST. MARK'S: Peter Zybrands (Australian batsman); returns for second of last three seasons.

CHEADLE: Ashwin Punja (Indian all-rounder); ex-Alsager, Toft and Urmston. Played in Karnataka Premier League during winter; his team featuring on tv with crowds of 25,000; also for Reserve Bank on India (non first-class).

CHEADLE HULME: Dan Schuppan (Australian all-rounder); played for Cheadle in 2007, scoring 560 runs and taking 63 wickets.

CHRISTLETON: Iftikmar Naseer (Pakistani all-rounder); has played grade two cricket for Okara in Pakistan. Currently studying in Manchester.

CONGLETON: Jerrym Lamb (NZ batsman); top player in Marlborough District cricket, South Island; recommended by Eddie Gilhooley, now head of Marlborough Cricket.

GRAPPENHALL: Dean Riches (Australian fast bowler); plays for Thompson in Geelong Division 2 (Melbourne).

HEATON MERSEY: Gareth Basson (South African all-rounder, 25); 6 ft. 4 ins. tall and has appeared in Kwa Zulu Natal premier league.

HYDE: Leigh Hazlewood (Aussie bowler); played at Hyde 2003-05. Lived in UK since summer of 2008 after marrying English woman.

IRBY: William Passas (Australian batsman, 22); played with Irby captain Steve Hurworth at Randwick, Sydney last winter. .

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MARPLE: Brendan Couchi (Australian all-rounder); plays for Ivanhoe in Melbourne grade.
NANTWICH: Lou Vincent (New Zealand all-rounder); returning for second season. Played one-day cricket for Auckland in winter, but not in first-class cricket.
NESTON: Bradley Rasool (South African born wicket-keeper/batsman, now living in Australia); aged 23), became first overseas player-coach at Trinity College Dublin in 2009.
OXTON: Amit Uniyal (Indian all-rounder); former Punjab first-class cricketer, now plays for Chandigarh Lions and for Rajasthan Royals with Shane Warne in IPL.
POYNTON: Rhys Burke (Australian all-rounder); plays for Geelong, runners-up in 2009-2010 third grade final.
SALE: Richard Leishman (Australian fast bowler); plays for North Sydney in third grade cricket. Studying at Manchester University and expects to play for Varsity XI.
STOCKPORT GEORGIANS: Matthew Naughtin (Australian all-rounder); plays for Loganholme in Gold Coast League, Queensland.

TIMPERLEY: Peter Herrick (Australian all-rounder); plays for Footscray in Victoria second grade.
TOFT: Jeremy Hart (Australian spin bowler); plays for Geelong in Victoria premier league.
UPTON: George Earl (NZ batsman); returning for second season.
URMSTON: Sean Clarence (Australian batsman); plays for Hawkesbury in Sydney first grade. Ex-Worsley, is NSW Cricket Development Officer.
WARRINGTON: Dan Pascoe (Australian all-rounder); was successful at Didsbury in 2007, scoring 563 runs and taking 63 wickets.
WIDNES: Scott Henry (Australian all-rounder); has played for NSW 2nd XI, NSW Under 23 and for Sydney University in Sydney top grade.

OVERSEAS EXEMPT PLAYERS (13)

Malkin Singh, Mohammed Azam, Jaan Shanaka (Brooklands); Iroshan de Silva (Christleton); Jack Smith (Neston); Hasan Abbas Khan (Sale); Ifkhan Khan, Iftikhar Hussain (Stockport Georgians); Andrew Cruice (Upton); Sumit Panda (Urmston); Steve Heydon, Jon-Derek Stoker, Ryan Swart (Warrington).

COUNTY CONTRACTED PLAYERS (2)

BOWDON: Steven Cheetham. (Bowdon). Lancashire first team squad fast bowler.
NANTWICH: Ashley Shaw (Nantwich). Two year professional contract with Kent.

Bowdon notified the league that they had signed JORDAN CLARK, a 19 year-old player from Cumbria. Clark is on Lancashire's books and Lancashire Academy Director John Stanworth has submitted a letter confirming his status as a non-professional 12-months Scholarship Agreement player. This was approved.

Widnes informed the league that their player since aged 12 BEN WILLIAMS has signed a two year retaining agreement with Warwickshire to play Under 18 and 2nd XI cricket. He is receiving expenses only. He may be available for Widnes later in the season. This was approved.

O Further Overseas player applications may be made together with a full cv on or before May 31st. Forms are available by e-mail from MTB and on the League website. Forms registering County Contracted players and Overseas exempt players (those resident in the UK for between two and four years) also need to be filed, but without a cv.

O All special registrations requiring players to be available on a Saturday need to be registered by noon the previous day.

O Premier League clubs are reminded to register their Overseas players together with all other squad members including those who have newly joined them on the ECB play-cricket.com website. ALL 1st XCI scoresheets must be posted on the website, not merely highlights.

Red Insure T20

COORDINATOR Jon Hacking has appointed umpires for a Red Insure T20 first round game between Neston and Tattenhall on Wednesday, April 28th.

Remaining first round games: Timperley v Brooklands; Ashton on Mersey v Grappenhall (to be played by May 10th).

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Red Insure T20 second round games to be played by May 31st: Timperley or Brooklands v Toft; Bowdon v Urmston; Didsbury v Bramhall; Marple v Heaton Mersey; Cheadle Hulme v Bollington; Cheadle v Bredbury St. Mark's; Poynton v Alderley Edge; Hyde v Macclesfield

Ashton on Mersey or Grappenhall v Mobberley; Middlewich v Sale; Congleton v Nantwich; Warrington v Oulton Park; Irby v Christleton; Birkenhead Park v Widnes; Upton v Chester Boughton Hall; Neston or Tattenhall v Oxton.

Clubs should arrange these games without delay and inform Jon Hacking of the dates agreed.

Cheshire Cup begins

ROUND one games in the Cheshire Cup to be played on Sunday, May 2nd (1.30 p.m.) are:

Aston v Trafford MV (umpires T. Baines & M. Tute); Birkenhead St. Mary's v Ashton on Mersey (J. Hacking & B. Burns); Chester County Officers v Weaverham (G. Young & P. Hutchinson); Warrington v Brooklands (J. Plumpton & S. Walton); Lymm O.P. v Hawk Green (D. Lawson & C. Hughes).

Round 2 game on May 2nd (1.30 p.m.): Bollington v Romiley (N. Abberley & C. Smith). Round 2 on Sunday, May 9th: Grappenhall v Parkfield Liscard (G. Young & G. Kinsey).

How's zat?Alistair's umpiring quiz

ALISTAIR DAVIES has agreed to continue his popular weekly series of questions on the Laws of Cricket. He starts with the following poser:

"The wicket-keeper misfields a ball not previously touched by the striker and it rolls towards the protective helmet laid out behind him. The keeper goes to retrieve the ball, which he again misfields and it makes contact with the helmet, by which time the batsmen have set off and crossed for a run. This time the keeper retrieves the ball, throws it and knocks the bails off the stumps, with the non-striker out of his ground.

Is the non striker out and how many runs should be scored?"

Answer next week.

o Congratulations to Alistair, with John Lofthouse one of the League's two Minor Counties umps, on his appointment to stand in a match at Lord's on Tuesday, May 18th between MCC North West and MCC Ireland/Scotland/Wales.

Handbook amendments

PLEASE make the following corrections to your copy of the League Handbook:

FRONT COVER: League website address is www.cheshirecountypl.play-cricket.com/home/home/asp

PAGE 4: Webmasters Darren and Sharon Sutcliffe e-mails: dsooty54@btinternet.com & ssooty54@btinternet.com

PAGE 8: 2010 meeting dates: delete meeting on Wednesday January 12th, 2111 and Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, February 16th, 2111. **Replace with: ANNUAL GENERAL & RULES MEETING on Wednesday, January 26th at Bowdon.**

PAGE 9: **Co-opted member of Cricket Committee: John O'Donnell, 53, Pasturegreen Way, Irlam, Manchester M44 6TE. Tels. 0161 777 6337 (h); 07957 431 210 (m). E-mail: j.od@sky.com**

PAGE 19: E-mail address of website coordinator: dsooty54@btinternet.com

PAGE 134: second line in para 7: read **Warrington** for Chester Boughton Hall (venue for O40s play-offs).

PAGE 147: Bredbury St. Mark's officers: **4th XI contact Matthew Whittaker; Over 40s captain Dave Downes (see Secretary).**

PAGE 154: Delete Heaton Mersey Treasurer Peter Jackson. **All correspondence pro tem to secretary Nicola Bennett.**

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PAGE 160: Mobberley Child Welfare Officer now **Sharon Sutcliffe** address and home phone as for **League rep. Mobile 07736 837 717; mobile 07736 837 717.**
Under 15 manager: B. Spilsbury (see Juniors co ordinator).

PAGE 163: Oxton chairman's e-mail: **david.ewing@bcpssoftware.com**
Oxton 4th XI captain Darrin Clark address and e-mail: 61, **Claremount Road**, Wallasey;
dazzlar@hotmail.co.uk

PAGE 173: Warrington League rep. Brian Boys' e-mail: **brian@mvirtual.net** (as on page 3).

PAGE 186: Umpire Jon Hacking mobile **07746 239 553**;
Peter Hanaby home tel: **01352 770 231**.

PAGE 187: Umpire Ian Ramage mobile **07818 252 828**.
Don Speakman mobile **07539 241 441**.

PAGE 189: Umpires' chairman Ian Greensmith postcode: **WA12 8DG**.
Appointments secretary Jon Hacking **add mobile 07746 239 553**.

PAGE 194: Cars & Vans 4U advertisement address omitted: **Allan Sherratt, Sunrise House, Hulley Road, Macclesfield SK10 2LP**. (*Charge for advert has been waived*).

PAGE 239: League representative matches: Derbyshire & Cheshire League fixture is at **Hawk Green on Sunday, September 12th (12.30 p.m.)**. Match against **Merseyside Competition** at Upton is on **Sunday, June 27th (1 p.m.)**.

PAGE 263: Rule 7a CONTRACTED PLAYER should read: Any player currently under a **professional** contract to play for a first-class county club.

PAGE 265: In section (d) delete words **or Over 40s**.
(*To be discussed at mid-season management meeting*). .

PAGE 291. Bank Holiday Monday, August 30th: Over 40 play-offs at **Warrington**.

Kindly notify MTB with any further amendments

Apology: new fax problems at HQ, please have patience

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***Fixtures & umpires for
Saturday, April 24th***

PREMIER LEAGUE (12.30 p.m.)

CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL v HYDE	Jon Hacking & Ian Ramage (07818 252 828)
DIDSBURY v BRAMHALL	Glyn Roberts & Geoff Wellstead
OULTON PARK v BOWDON	John Lofthouse & George Murphy
OXTON v NESTON	Ged Kinsey & Chris Smith
TOFT v ALDERLEY EDGE	Ian Greensmith & Tom Park
URMSTON v NANTWICH	Stuart Anderson & Ian Drury

FIRST DIVISION (1 p.m.)

CHRISTLETON v MACCLESFIELD	Ron Bedson & Brian Jones
HEATON MERSEY v BOLLINGTON	Phil Prince & Liam Spires
MIDDLEWICH v CHEADLE	Garry Hambleton & Jim Whitehead
POYNTON v CHEADLE HULME	Wyn Harris & Dave Goulding
UPTON v IRBY	Jeff Plumpton & Steve Walton
WIDNES v GRAPPENHALL	Paul Herring & Clive Rice

SECOND DIVISION (1 p.m.)

ASHTON ON MERSEY v TATTENHALL	Peter Bolger & Kern Simpson
BIRKENHEAD PARK v MOBBERLEY	Ray Prescott & Don Speakman
CONGLETON v MARPLE	Phil Greasby (01270 766925) & John Silver
SALE v STOCKPORT GEORGIANS	Graham Harris & Peter Ogden#
TIMPERLEY v BROOKLANDS	Stan Davies & Peter Hayes
WARRINGTON v BREDBURY SM	Chris Moore (01925 860 697) & Dave Sutton

The following are standing in 2nd XI fixtures:

Bramhall v Didsbury:	Trevor Burnett.
TBA:	Colin Byrom

Swaps standing in Meller Braggins Cheshire League fixtures:

Runcorn v Bowdon Vale:	Bob Cunningham & John Lowe.
Malpas v Alvanley:	Barrie Burns & David Williams.

Any club whose 2nd XI would like a panel umpire for a Saturday League match should contact Appointments Secretary Jon Hacking (tel. 01244 814 110).

AND LASTLY - CRICKET QUOTES

On sledging

"Hey Randall! Your mother wanted a boy and your father wanted a girl. But they had you so they were both happy".

Aussie wicket-keeper Rodney Marsh to England batsman Derek Randall.

