

THE DAZZLER EXTRA – ON THIS WEEK – MAY 10

May 12 2009

Chester Boughton Hall decisively defeated Poynton in the 2008 Knockout Final but so nearly fell at the first hurdle to the same opposition here. Poynton posted 89-4, with Sarah McCann reaching the retirement score of 25 and Kate Coppack conceding just ten runs in four overs. Chester lost two early wickets to Hannah Gradwell but were scoring in excess of the required rate in the middle overs when Nic Capes and Carly Timmins were together. 13-year-old Ellie Barker took 1-8 in four overs, all bowled at the end of the innings, for Poynton, and the final twist came when Chester scampered a bye to the 'keeper from the final ball to secure the winning run.

May 11 2010

Two clubs lost T20 divisional matches on the same evening despite making scores of 102. Helen Smith, Jemma Bentley and Emily Harrison all reached the retirement mark for Oakmere, but Emma Barlow and Natalie Lyons both made 25 retired and Anni Rashid 21 not out for Appleton, who won with 13 balls and eight wickets in hand.

The derby clash at South Downs Road went the way of Bowdon. Jess Richards, Sarah Stevens and Rachel Reed were their retirees in a total of 111 for no loss. In contrast, Trafford could only produce one retiree – Mary Priestner – and finished nine runs short on 102-6. Reed's good match continued with 2-14 and Olivia Teasdale took 3-15.

May 9 2011

A dropped catch was all that prevented Mary Priestner of Trafford from recording a 'clean sheet' bowling analysis, as she took three wickets for one run in her full four over allocation in a 113-run victory over Lymm. At the time it equalled the record set by Oakmere's Kate Skelhorn, who conceded one run in four overs in the previous year's Plate Final against Trafford. It would be several more years before a bowler finally achieved the feat of bowling the full T20 allocation of four overs for no runs (Chester's Annette Axon if you're wondering).

May 13 2012

A surely unprecedented feat in the League's history was achieved by Oakmere's Shami Ahmed, as she made her third successive league century. Having scored centuries in each of the last two matches of last season, Ahmed scored a magnificent unbeaten 125 on this occasion, having been made to wait to commence the 2012 season after the first two league dates were washed out.

May 13 2012

You could say that Didsbury's 'amazing journey' started here. The South Manchester club essentially went all the way from the bottom to the top, and after joining the league as a collection of new players here, 2019 would see them crowned champions. Didsbury passed Oxton's total of 74-8 for the loss of only two wickets.

May 12 2015

After Wistaston had shocked Chester by not only beating them in the previous year's final, but restricting them to 38, the two clubs met here in the Western Division. Laura Newton made 27 retired

and took 3-9 as Wistaston made 101-5 and restricted Chester to 89-7. Wistaston would go on to top the division and then beat Chester in the final once again.

May 8 2016

In what would be one of her final appearances (to date) in Cheshire women's club cricket, Sophie Ecclestone – at this time still awaiting an England senior squad call-up – made 133 not out and took 3-7 in a big Chester Boughton Hall win over Appleton. Her runs came off just 92 deliveries with four sixes and 18 fours, and in doing so she became the youngest player in league history to score more than 130 in a single innings.

May 8 2016

Despite her Oakmere side losing by one run at Didsbury, Jane Tarpey repeated the figures of one wicket for two runs from a full allocation of eight overs that was achieved by Didsbury's Lauren Smith the week before.

May 7 2017

2017 would see Oakmere win their first Championship in three years and this was a major step towards glory as they made it three wins from three by negotiating a tough-looking trip to Appleton. Dawn Prestidge (97*) and Raffaella Rodighiero (52*) led Oakmere to 185-2 and when Appleton could only reply with 116, Oakmere were the only remaining unbeaten side in the first division.

May 13 2018

Upton edged out Nantwich by six runs, led by Lily Scudder's 68 not out, and the Wirral side would indeed be the ones that won Division Three West that year, but both clubs were ultimately deservedly promoted to Division Two for 2019.

If anyone has any memories of the matches reported in an issue of the Dazzler Extra, and they would like to share these with the readership, please let me know.

For next week

Who was the first player to score a century in a losing cause in a league match?

From Enid Bakewell to Claire Taylor – the England and England Academy players we have welcomed to Cheshire in the MCC teams

In the 10 years since the League XI started welcoming the MCC for a showpiece annual fixture, we have been privileged to welcome a number of players with full international experience, and others who have played for the national second team. Indeed, until the Super League was launched, the MCC team would not infrequently include current members of the Academy squad, which was perhaps most noticeable in the very strong MCC team that came to Cheshire in 2014.

Here we look back to some of the bigger names who have graced those MCC teams in the 10 matches against the League XI.

Stephanie Davies

Matches played for MCC v CWCL XI:

- 2009 58 & no bowling

International career statistics

- 4 full caps (all ODIs) in 2008
- Best bowling – 4-47 v Australia, 2008

Caroline Atkins

Matches played for MCC v CWCL XI:

- 2009 59 & 2-0-12-0

International career statistics

- 86 full caps (nine Tests, 58 ODIs, 19 IT20s) between 2001 and 2011
- World Cup winner in 2009
- Test career best – 90 v India, 2002
- ODI career best – 145 v South Africa, 2008

Natasha Miles

Matches played for MCC v CWCL XI:

- 2009 41 & 1-1-0-1

England Academy squad member between 2012 and 2014

Bev Nicholson

Matches played for MCC v CWCL XI:

- 2009 0 & 4-1-10-0
- 2010 9 & 3-0-12-0
- 2017 35* & 6-0-16-1
- 2018 10 & 10-3-14-2
- 2019 7* & 3.1-0-13-1

International career statistics

- 6 full caps (all ODIs) between 1996 and 1999
- ODI career best – 34 v Denmark, 1999

Enid Bakewell

Matches played for MCC v CWCL XI:

- 2009 No batting & 6-1-18-3
- 2010 No batting & 3-0-7-2

International career statistics

- 35 full caps (12 Tests, 23 ODIs) between 1969 and 1982
- 1078 Test runs, including four centuries and seven fifties, in only 22 innings at an average of 59.88
- Test batting career best – 124 v New Zealand, 1969
- 50 Test wickets @ 16.62 with an economy rate of 1.84
- 3 five-wicket hauls in Tests with 1 ten-wicket match
- Test bowling career best – 7-61 v West Indies, 1979
- 500 ODI runs, including two centuries and two fifties, in only 16 innings at an average of 35.71
- ODI batting career best – 118 v Australia, 1973 (in the World Cup Final)
- World Cup winner in 1973
- Appointed MBE in 2019

Jenny Dunn (Halstead)

Matches played for MCC v CWCL XI:

- 2009 1 & 6-0-16-2
- 2010 21* & 1-0-5-0
- 2011 2 & 2-0-10-2
- 2012 6 & no bowling
- 2014 no batting & 4-0-21-0
- 2017 12 & no bowling

England Academy squad member between 2005 and 2011, including a spell as captain

Stephanie Butler

Matches played for MCC v CWCL XI:

- 2012 52 & no bowling

England Academy squad member between 2014 and 2016

Called up to an England senior squad but never won a full cap

Evelyn Jones

Matches played for MCC v CWCL XI:

- 2013 71 & 0.4-0-10-0
- 2014 38 & no bowling
- 2016 119 & 5-0-16-4

England Academy squad member between 2014 and 2017

Her 119 is the highest score by an MCC player in the fixture and her 4-16 is the second-best bowling performance, so it certainly makes her 2017 showing the best all-round effort. She is also far and away the highest run scorer in the history of the fixture

Jess Watson

Matches played for MCC v CWCL XI:

- 2014 103 & 9-2-28-0

England Academy squad member in 2013 and 2014

Alex MacDonald

Matches played for MCC v CWCL XI:

- 2014 16 & 3-0-19-0

England Academy squad member between 2013 and 2016

Cordelia Griffith

Matches played for MCC v CWCL XI:

- 2014 52* & 3-0-12-1

England Academy squad member between 2013 and 2015

Amara Carr

Matches played for MCC v CWCL XI:

- 2014 no batting & 3-0-30-0

England Academy squad member in 2013 and 2014

Georgia Hennessy

Matches played for MCC v CWCL XI:

- 2014 no batting & 6-1-22-0

England Academy squad member in 2013 and 2014

Claire Taylor

Matches played for MCC v CWCL XI:

- 2018 62 & no bowling

International career statistics

- 168 full caps (15 Tests, 126 ODIs, 27 IT20s) between 1998 and 2011
- 1030 Test runs, including four centuries, in only 27 innings at an average of 41.20
- Test career best – 177 v South Africa, 2003
- 4101 ODI runs, including eight centuries and 23 fifties, at an average of 40.20
- ODI batting career best – 156* v India, 2006
- IT20 batting career best – 76* v Australia, 2009
- World Cup winner in 2009
- World T20 winner in 2009
- Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 2009, first woman to be given the accolade
- Appointed MBE in 2010