

## THE DAZZLER EXTRA – ON THIS WEEK – MAY 17

### May 18 2008

A return of five wickets for one run from Nic Capes was the undoubted highlight of champions [Chester Boughton Hall's six wicket win](#) over Oakmere.

### May 15 2011

It would eventually be Appleton's year once again in division one, but it would be a closely fought season, and that was illustrated by the fact that at this early stage, the only undefeated team left in division one was Romiley, who had only played one match. [Appleton's first defeat was against Chester Boughton Hall](#), where in a rain-reduced 30 overs per side match, Chester posted 153-4 batting first, with Ali Cutler top scoring with 66. Appleton replied with 79-9. Dawn Prestidge was the main wicket taker with 3-14, while spinners Lorna Thomas and Abbey Gore played important roles, with figures of 1-3 in five overs and 1-6 in six respectively.

### May 20 2012

Shami Ahmed's century hat-trick was reported last week, and her amazing run continued in one sense in the fourth match of the sequence. Her run of centuries ended here, but possibly only because she was [not out on 78 when her Oakmere team reached the victory target](#) against Trafford!

### May 20 2012

Maybe we can now look back on this day as the start of something bigger, as it saw Sophie Ecclestone's first significant bowling performance in senior cricket. Although she had taken four wickets for seven runs in a T20 match a few days earlier, that was against an inexperienced Hope Hawks team. Here she took 3-16 against a more experienced outfit in Romiley [to help Chester to a 117-run victory](#).

### May 18 2014

Penny Critchlow made 103 not out for Romiley and became the first player in league history to [score a century in a losing cause](#). Chester Boughton Hall's 152-5 was enough to win by 21 runs, even though Chester's highest individual score was just 34.

### May 14 2017

Oxton and Wistaston were both bowled out for 189 in what is the [league's highest scoring tied match](#) in its history.

### May 14 2017

Oakmere's early season dominance was underlined by the fact that, at this stage, not only had Oakmere batsmen achieved five of the seven Division One scores of 50 or above so far, but four of these had been scores of 90 or above – Helen Smith's 90 not out, Dawn Prestidge's 97 not out and Kerry Hartnett's 102 not out and 101. The only other first division players to raise their bats for a half-century by May 14 were Stockport Trinity's Jennie Kitzinger and Appleton's Laura Jackson, while Chester and Didsbury were yet to salute their first half-centurion.

**May 20 2019**

Appleton [won a nailbiting T20 Western Division match against Nantwich](#) off the final ball, and with Abbey Gore's 4-20, the Warrington club had the game's standout performer, but by reaching 93 in 20 overs and making their illustrious opponents struggle to reach their target, Nantwich certainly illustrated the progress they had made in a short period of time.

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 took seven wickets for five runs for Appleton in a match in 2014 – a league record at the time?
- Who put on 178 for the first wicket for Cheshire in their 1998 victory over Lancashire – it is still the county's record partnership for any wicket?
- Who bowled seven maiden overs when Cheshire beat Lancashire at Alvanley in 2009?

## **The League century makers**

Last week we reported on Shami Ahmed completing three centuries in succession, and this week we go on to document how she very nearly made it four in a row.

The League has detailed scorecards of matches since 2006, and those who have followed league matches for a period of time will not be surprised to know that the three players with the most centuries since 2006 are Ahmed, Emma Barlow and Ali Cutler. However, you may be surprised to hear that each of them has no more than four career centuries in that 14-year period.

At the top of the page there are also details of the two centuries Kerry Hartnett had under her belt by mid-May in the 2017 season. Hartnett's century conversion rate really is extraordinary, as she has played just 13 league matches for her three centuries, a fraction of the number of games played by Ahmed, Barlow and Cutler for their four milestones.

## **Coronavirus and recreational cricket – an update**

We are still a number of steps away from the resumption of team sport in England – at amateur level anyway – but most of you are aware that the Government lockdown has been eased in England and that certain additional outdoor recreational activities are now permitted.

Please also note that the restrictions have not been relaxed in any way in Wales.

However, the new position regarding recreational cricket in England is that outdoor cricket facilities (such as nets and pitches) can be used in line with the following rules:

- You can exercise outdoors on your own, with members of your household or with one other person from outside your household while keeping two metres apart at all times. You must only exercise in groups of no more than two people, unless you are exercising exclusively with members of your household.
- Social distancing of at least two metres must be maintained at all times (unless all participants are members of the same household).
- Only one-to-one coaching is permitted per session.
- Nets should be used on an 'every other' basis, leaving one net free between nets.

- Clubhouses can be reopened in a limited way for operational reasons (e.g. for access to first aid equipment) or for toilet access (see full guidance) but all communal areas including bar, changing rooms etc are to remain closed for general use.
- Toilet facilities can be opened if the club wishes, but particular care should be taken by those using them and those cleaning them. Where they are open, venues must ensure soap and water is provided.
- No indoor activities are permitted
- Wherever possible, participants should supply their own equipment
- No saliva or sweat should come into contact with the ball at any time.
- You should wash hands at home before and after using the outdoor facilities. Bring your own hand sanitiser where possible.
- **No club is under any obligation to open their outdoor facilities, for example if they feel unable to meet the requirements, they would have to keep them closed. Anyone considering using their club's facilities would need to check their club's arrangements for use of the facilities, for example there is likely to be an advance booking system in operation.**

## ECB Cricket Heroes

Late notice on this one I know, but the ECB are inviting nominations until midday on Monday (May 18) for Cricket Heroes, which would be people who would normally have spent the last few weeks playing recreational cricket but who have instead spent it working in a 'key worker' role during the health emergency. Nominations can be made to [marketing.enquiries@ecb.co.uk](mailto:marketing.enquiries@ecb.co.uk) and submissions must include:

- Full name of your nomination
- Email of the person you are nominating – this will not be used by the ECB for marketing purposes
- The reason for nominating them
- The club they play at