



Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club

October 2009 1st XI Season Review



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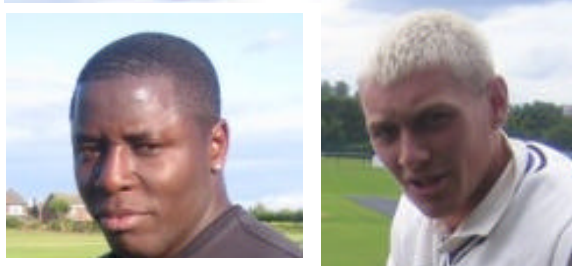
Down to the wire but Chester stay in the top flight

Jim Gillson's men eventually came good in a roller coaster summer that saw them finish eighth in the ECB Cheshire Premier League after being in the relegation zone for much of the season. It took memorable wins and 50 points from the last two games against Nantwich and Bowdon to ensure safety when the odds were really stacked against.

The writing was on the wall as Chester lined up for a big home game with Nantwich but the side responded in style to ensure safety and then beat Championship contenders Bowdon on the last day of the season.

Jim Gillson's first year in charge was to be a tough one personally and team-wise as a finger injury left him watching on from the sidelines for much of the year. There was no doubt that the side suffered as a consequence but as ever there were one or two highlights including the unearthing of a couple of young fast bowlers and there was an old pro or two to help steer the ship through turbulent times.

The introduction of young left armer Ashley Shaw, signed from Nantwich in the close season was a tremendous find and Trevor Fabien – joining from the Merseyside Alliance in mid season - was also a fine coup. In addition, young Chris Connolly arrived from the Lancashire Academy and after a difficult start and losing much of the season to injury, he showed some real promise. There was some support too from an old friend, Maroof Khan who played half a dozen games, teaming up with his old friend Jim Gillson. Hayden Butterworth admirably filled the overseas role on his first trip to the UK having been recruited just three weeks before the start of the season. The left-hander from Melbourne grew in confidence during the summer, conducted himself well throughout and can be more than happy with 618 runs. Matt Griffiths took over behind the stumps and there were some promising youngsters on display throughout the year as youth was blooded when the opportunity arose.



Trevor Fabien (left) and Ashley Shaw (right). Valuable contributions in their first season with the Club.

ECB Premier League 2009

	W	D	L	C	Pts
1 Oulton Park	12	4	4	2	389
2 Bowdon	11	5	4	2	366
3 Nantwich	10	4	6	2	353
4 Alderley Edge	11	3	6	2	352
5 Neston	10	6	4	2	349
6 Hyde	7	5	7	3	308
7 Didsbury	7	5	9	1	287
8 Chester BH	5	4	12	1	283
9 Oxton	6	6	8	2	279
10 Toft	5	5	10	2	268
11 Widnes	9	4	7	2	244
12 Macclesfield	2	3	16	1	203

*(Alderley Edge and Widnes deducted points)
Widnes and Macclesfield relegated
Urmston and Bramhall promoted from Division 1
Cheshire Cup winners: Alderley Edge
Fred Graham Trophy winners: Oulton Park*

Warren takes Premier League player of the year award



2009 proved a fine year for Warren Goodwin (left, receiving his player of the year award from league chairman, David Humpage). The youngster raced to 1130 runs. It wasn't

just the runs though as the stylish opening bat won many friends for the way he scored them: sublime at times, laid-back and more at ease with himself that in previous years. Success too with the County side managing 355 runs for Cheshire as they won the 2009 Minor Counties Western Division.

Aussie Hayden Butterworth arrives from Melbourne

A late call to old Melbourne chum Heath Pritchard helped unearth twenty year old Hayden Butterworth from Geelong. Butterworth celebrated his 21st birthday



whilst in the UK, his parents travelling to party with him. Whilst the Aussie's top score was 95, his best innings was a mature 79 not out in the relegations saving game with Nantwich.

April 'cautious optimism from early promise'

Late recovery nearly nicks it

A satisfactory start at home to Neston, Alex Kegg starting where he left off last year with 5-42 and Warren Goodwin 3-25. It's a harsh learning curve for young Chris Connolly as Neston skipper Jack Smith fires up with 54 and David Hirst, 83 in Neston's 185. At 98-6 Chester are in trouble but Ollie Law and Jack Yates add 75. Chester finish 5 short with 8 wickets down, Yates finishing unbeaten on 66. **Neston 185, Chester Boughton Hall 180-8. Match drawn**

McCoy's smash and grab

Chester are satisfied with 262- 7 which includes Matt Griffiths 66, Hayden Butterworth 63, Freddie Owen 48 and Warren Goodwin 42. Widnes' James McCoy comes off big time though and blasts 125 to see Widnes home. Chester manage a decent 12 points. **Chester Boughton Hall 262-7, Widnes 264-3. Widnes win by 7 wickets**

May 'no wins and the skipper breaks a finger'

Kitz skits Chester for 8

Toft's Rupert Kitzinger takes 8-44 as Chester slump to a poor defeat against Toft. Warren Goodwin top scores with 41 but Chester manage only 116 against Toft's 159. **Toft 159, Chester Boughton Hall 116. Toft win by 43 runs**

Goodwin hits 168 but Macc survive

Warren Goodwin's (right) majestic 168 is a record league score for the Club since the 1950s and Hayden Butterworth hits 95 as Chester amass 296 from 50 overs. Macc fight back well and with the help of half an hour's rain, hold out for the draw with 9 down.

Chester Boughton Hall 296-5, Macclesfield 167-9.

Match drawn



Dire against Didsbury

The low point of the season to date. Chris Connolly has a hernia injury too. Again it's Warren Goodwin (66) and Hayden Butterworth (43) in the runs on a damp pitch and all looks well with Didsbury 55-5. Paul Sperring launches a fine 55 though to see the visitors home. **Chester Boughton Hall 139, Didsbury 143-5. Didsbury win by 5 wickets**

Gillson shocker as skipper breaks finger

Things go from bad to worse as Chester lose the match and their skipper amidst controversy at Oxton. There's 3 wickets for Warren Goodwin and Toby Hughes (on debut) to restrict Oxton to 183-8 but Gillson has a bad finger break in the slips. Again it's Goodwin with 54 who pushes Chester close and there's a late rally from Ollie Law (39) but Gillson isn't allowed to bat as Chester fall short. **Oxton 183-8, Chester Boughton Hall 159-9. Oxton win by 24 runs**

Pembroke and Thomas save the day

Chester dig deep at home against league leaders Bowdon. Eddie Roberts takes over in charge and Bowdon are comfortable with 247-6.

Chester slip to 37-4 before first Ollie Law (41) supports Andy Pembroke, then Ashley Shaw (31) followed by 9 overs dogged resistance from veteran Phil Thomas (right) as Chester eke out a morale boosting draw. Pembroke finishes on 62 not out. **Bowdon 247-6,**



Chester Boughton Hall 199-7. Match drawn.

June '3 more defeats and it's looking grim'

Goodwin and Aussie can't stop Hyde-ing

There's some respite with a rained off game at Nantwich and then its business as usual as Chester lose by 5 wickets at home to Hyde. Warren Goodwin carries on his fine form with 67, Hayden Butterworth makes 61 and Alex Kegg bags 3 wickets but Hyde sail home. **Chester Boughton Hall 181, Hyde 182-5 Hyde win by 5 wickets**

Another Saturday, another defeat

This time it's against Championship contenders Oulton Park at Little Budworth. Chester's under par 204-9 includes runs for Warren Goodwin (53). Matt Griffiths (41) and Ollie Law (39) but Nathan Dumelow wreaks havoc with 6-42. Rick Moore's 105 not out wraps up an easy win for the 'Park. **Chester Boughton Hall 204-9, Oulton Park 207-2. Oulton Park win by 8 wickets**

At last some fight but Currie too hot

Another 76 for Warren Goodwin and the next highest score is Matt Griffiths' 34 but Chester make a competitive 229-9. Mark Currie's 129 and Richard Wilkinson's 66 make it a breeze though. **Chester Boughton Hall 229-9, Alderley Edge 232-2. Alderley Edge win by 8 wickets**

Bottom 4 (Halfway House)

9th Alderley Edge 128 points
10th Didsbury 122 points
11th **Chester Boughton Hall 104 points**
12th Macclesfield 99 points

A reprieve as Widnes docked 128 points??

July 'New blood starts resurgence'

The cavalry finally arrives...

In the shape of Trevor Fabien and Maroof Khan (right). A vicious spell of fast bowling from Fabien (5-56) in a niggly game with Oxton. There's 82 from Warren Goodwin and a cultured 28 from Khan too to bring an air of calmness and a league win at last. **Oxton 200-8, Chester Boughton Hall 201-6. Chester win by 4 wickets**



Heart-break as Chester forget how to win

Last week's good work is undone as Chester blow it at the death. Didsbury's modest 202 sees wickets shared and Trevor Fabien demonstrates his batting qualities with a fine 58 to no avail. Chester lose 4 wickets for 15 runs and lose in the last over. **Didsbury 202, Chester Boughton Hall 199. Didsbury win by 3 runs**

Lost lottery in the wet

Eddie Roberts loses a vital toss but top scores with 30 on a wet one as Chester manage just 111. Alex Kegg takes 4-23 and Ashley Shaw 3-19 to no avail as Chester go down again. **Chester Boughton Hall 111, Widnes 113-7. Widnes win by 3 wickets**

One-handed Gillson returns at Toft

It works. Warren Goodwin hits 58, Maroof Khan 54 and Eddie Roberts 49 in an early declaration of 220-5. Ashley Shaw comes of age with a fine 4-25 and Khan takes 3-22. Things look a bit rosier. **Chester Boughton Hall 220-5, Toft 138. Chester win by 82 runs**

Appeal and League ballot sees Widnes' docked points reduced to 60...

Bottom 4 (7 games remaining)

9 th	Toft 178 points
10 th	Chester Boughton Hall 164 points
11 th	Widnes 157 points
12 th	Macclesfield 144 points

August 'one step forward, two steps back'

Two in a row and on a roll

Macc are confident as they rack up 235-4, Khalid Sawas hitting a fine ton as the sun shines at Filkins Lane and rain affects most other games. It's the performance of the season so far as Chester go on to win handsomely, Warren Goodwin scoring 73 and Trevor Fabien smashing a ferocious unbeaten 103. Maroof Khan manages 42 not out and things are looking up at last. **Macclesfield 235-4, Chester Boughton All 237-2. Chester win by 8 wickets**

Honours even with Neston again



Neston's tremendous new pavilion witnesses two contrasting hundreds from ultimately the division's top run scorers. It's another big one from Warren Goodwin as he's sixth out for a breath taking 147, Hayden Butterworth adding 43 as Chester go over the top with 292-6. The wily Stan Clifford takes 4-64. Neston reach 225-7, skipper Jack Smith making a majestic 128 not out. Alex Kegg takes 3-32. 16 points feels good for Chester. **Chester Boughton Hall 292-6, Neston 225-7. Match drawn**

Crash, bang, wallop

Maroof Khan's out for the season and Chester struggle to 212 at Alderley Edge, Trevor Fabien 49, Hayden Butterworth 45. Jason Whittaker steams in with 6-54. For the second time this season Mark again makes mincemeat of an experimental opening spin attack and finishes on 99 no as Alderley romp home with 15 overs to spare. **Chester Boughton Hall 212, Alderley Edge 214-2. Alderley Edge win by 8 wickets**

Spendlove takes no prisoners

Last year's double over Oulton Park seems a lifetime ago as Ben Spendlove finds the canal regularly as he puts Chester to the sword. Johnny Kettle adds 75 and Ashley Shaw takes 3-79 as 'Park blast 318-5 off just 46 overs. 253 in reply flatters Chester although Shaw makes it a fine double with 59 not out. Chester are twitching again. **Oulton Park 318-5, Chester Boughton Hall 253. Oulton Park win by 65 runs**

Poor defeat means relegation back on

Chester slump in a game there for the taking. Gillson is absent and 186 on a small ground doesn't look enough. Eddie Roberts top scores with 39. There's a fight back and a welcome return from injury for a very quick Chris Connolly who takes two wickets but Hyde cruise home. **Chester Boughton Hall 186, Hyde 188-5. Hyde win by 5 wickets**

"And now it's serious as Chester stare relegation in the face"

Just two games to go and the fixture computer hasn't been kind. Chester face Nantwich at home and Bowdon away – the two sides vying for the league title along with Oulton Park. Any of the three can win it and Chester's main survival rivals are playing each other or mid-table sides.

Bottom 4 (2 games remaining)

9 th	Chester Boughton Hall 233 points
10 th	Toft 224 points
11 th	Widnes 216 points
12 th	Macclesfield 193 points

Saturday September 5 2009

Chester Boughton Hall v Nantwich

The sun shines and it's quite simple. Beat the title contenders and hope results go for you elsewhere and Chester stay up. They did. And in glorious fashion with a full house and one of those 'Boughton Hall days'.

Nantwich win the toss and bat first, finding runs tough in seaming conditions. Eventually 225-6 seems a good dig. Alex Kegg bowls a mammoth 28 overs (2-124) and Chris Connolly continues his rehab with some excellent pace, his 2-12 includes former Chester captain Steve Ogilby. At 89-3 with Warren Goodwin out for 45, 225 seems a long way off but gradually Hayden Butterworth puts together his innings of the season supported well at crucial times by Trevor Fabien (43) and Ollie Law (19). The win comes in style from a straight six with just three balls left and tension all around. The pavilion stands as one and Chester are 'safe'. **Nantwich 225-6, Chester Boughton Hall 227-5. Chester win by 5 wickets**

And it gets even better...

Saturday September 12 2009

Bowdon v Chester Boughton Hall

Wins against Bowdon are rare and with them still chasing the title Chester are up against it. Tensions are high on the pitch and it's the leg spin of Ollie Law that does the damage as he snaps up 6-46 in a fine spell of bowling that reduces Bowdon to 159.

The reply starts well but then Gareth Edwards spin takes over and it becomes a different game. 55-0 becomes 84-5 with Matt Griffiths losing partners all around him. Jim Gillson however shows what has been missing all season as he knuckles down to score 4 runs in an hour whilst Griffiths goes for his shots. George Robinson (13) helps steer the ship at the end too and Chester get home by 4 wickets, Griffiths 67 not out. A sweet victory that triggers wild celebrations in the changing rooms and then back at Chester as all can relax after one heck of a tough season. 50 points from the last 2 games seemed miles off a week ago.



Bowdon 159, Chester Boughton Hall 162-6. Chester Boughton Hall win by 4 wickets
Chester leapfrog Oulton to finish 8th.

Left: Ollie Law and Matt Griffiths

Cockspur Cup (National)

It's out at first bounce for Chester at home to Ormskirk. The visitors rack up an impressive 232-7 from their 45 overs with the Chester bowlers toiling apart from Alex Kegg who nets 4-28. Chester's reply flounders to 126 all out, Jim Gillson 24, Ashley Shaw 23 and Jack Williams 22. **Round 1: Ormskirk 232-7, Chester Boughton Hall 126. Ormskirk win by 106 runs**

Cheshire Cup

It's a decent win for Chester as they travel to Poynton and triumph by 43 runs. Ollie Law hits his best senior score to date of 71 not out, Freddie Owen makes 57, Hayden Butterworth 42 and Ashley Shaw 31 in an impressive 228-6. The Poynton reply falls short on 185 with Butterworth taking 5-28 and Alex Kegg 2-29. **Round 3: Chester Boughton Hall 228-6, Poynton 185. Chester win by 43 runs**

Chester's 'reward' is a trip to high flying Bowdon and a niggly affair sees a rearguard action take them closer than expected to Bowdon's 182-9 (2 wickets each for Alex Kegg, Ashley Shaw, Jack Williams and Ollie Law and a first for Jay Alfridi). The reply starts well with Warren Goodwin's 31 but then other than Jack Williams unbeaten 20, nobody can support Matthew Griffiths who makes a fine 79. Chester fall short in the last over. **Round 4: Bowdon 182-9, Chester Boughton Hall 167. Bowdon won by 15 runs**

Fred Graham Trophy

Having gone out to Widnes in the first round, Chester Boughton Hall are dramatically reinstated following irregularities in the Widnes line-up. It was a game that Chester should have won though with Hayden Butterworth top scoring with 29 in a total of 118. Alex Kegg takes 3-19 and Ashley Shaw 2-24 but Widnes come from the dead to win with one ball remaining. **Round 1: Chester Boughton Hall 118, Widnes 125-8. Widnes win by 2 wickets**

Chester's reprieve means a trip to Oulton Park where they command throughout but blow it at the last. 'Park's 160-7 sees 2 wickets for Ollie Law and Ashley Shaw but the hero is Alex Kegg with 1-15 from his 4 overs. Warren Goodwin leads the challenge and is fifth out for 68 in the penultimate over. From nowhere 'Park are in it and Chester somehow let things slip when they can only manage a tie meaning they lose by losing least wickets. **Round 2: Oulton Park 160-7 Chester Boughton Hall 160-8. Oulton Park win having lost fewer wickets**

Liverpool Echo Knock Out

An eventual win - after rain forced a rearrangement - at home to Parkfield Liscard. Chester build decent score of 199-5, Eddie Roberts (65) and Jack Yates (56). 'Liscard close on 142-8, Warren Goodwin taking 4-32. **Chester Boughton Hall 199-5, Parkfield Liscard 142-8. Chester won by 57 runs**

Round 2 sees another home tie - this time with New Brighton who prove more of a handful. Chester manage 117-8, Ollie Law making 30. New Brighton chalk them off with 6 down despite Alex Kegg taking 4. **Chester Boughton Hall 117-8, New Brighton 120-6. New Brighton win by 4 wickets**

CBH 1st XI 2009 – All the Stats

Batting (5 innings or more; league qualification in bold)

	Inns	Runs	No	Av	HS
W. Goodwin	20	1130	0	56.50	168
M. Kahn	5	166	1	41.50	54
G. Robinson	7	141	3	35.25	32
H. Butterworth	20	618	2	34.33	95
T. Fabien	11	342	1	34.20	103*
M. Griffiths	18	339	1	19.94	67
E. Roberts	20	323	1	17.00	49
F. Owen	12	163	2	16.30	48
O. Law	19	271	2	15.94	41
J. Gillson	7	77	1	12.83	32
A. Kegg	11	42	8	14.00	10
J. Yates	10	103	2	12.88	66
A. Shaw	14	164	1	12.62	59*
J. Williams	7	33	2	6.60	15

Bowling (5 wickets or more; league qualification in bold)

	O	M	R	W	Av	BB
C. Connolly	29.3	3	138	7	19.71	2-12
A. Kegg	338.0	91	1085	40	27.13	5-42
T. Fabien	86.1	17	389	12	32.42	5-56
A. Shaw	199.2	30	807	23	35.09	4-25
O. Law	72.3	11	359	10	35.90	6-46
W. Goodwin	93.0	16	397	11	36.09	3-25
M. Kahn	85.0	21	304	7	43.43	3-22
J. Williams	56.1	11	228	5	45.60	2-9

Catches

8 A. Kegg, W. Goodwin, 7 M. Griffiths (wk), T. Fabien, 6 E. Roberts, O. Law, 5 A. Shaw, H. Butterworth, 3 G. Robinson, G. Coppack (wk), J. Williams, J. Gillson, 2 C. Connolly, 1 F. Owen, J. Yates. Stumpings: M. Griffiths 7, G. Coppack 1

Appearances (21 players used)

21 W. Goodwin, H. Butterworth, A. Kegg 20 E. Roberts, M. Griffiths, O. Law, A. Shaw 13 J. Gillson 12 F. Owen 11 T. Fabien 10 J. Yates, J. Williams 7 G. Robinson 6 C. Connolly 5 M. Khan 4 A. Pembroke 3 G. Coppack 2 P. Thomas, A. Anderson 1 T. Hughes, J. Alfridi, B. Evans



CBH 1st XI 2009 v Didsbury (H)

(Back row, left to right): Warren Goodwin, Matthew Griffiths, Jack Yates, Oliver Law, Ashley Shaw, Eddie Roberts, Freddie Owen. (Front row); Hayden Butterworth, Jim Gillson (captain), Alex Kegg, Jack Williams.

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