



THE WEEK 5 REVIEW

A few notes from me to start this week's review, which I am trying to format in a workable but still helpful document. And an apology too, which I will get to shortly. Firstly, thank you so much for all the comments regarding the new look of things for 2024 - it is very helpful to know that we have hit upon something useful given the constraints upon my time mentioned previously.

As for the apology, well, I was taken to task - quite rightly - by Darren Sutcliffe, who you will all know for his administration of the play cricket site but who is also part of Oulton Park CC. Darren got in touch asking why I had omitted any mention of what was clearly an excellent Div 1 game between OP and Stockport Georgians last week. In short it was entirely my fault that this happened, nothing other than a simple mistake on my part. My apologies to all my friends and contacts at both clubs who may have been 'put out' by this in any way. Darren told me about the match, which he said was arguably the best Div 1 game of the day, played in an excellent spirit. He said *"OP's overseas Adrian Lascu, hit 80 off 66 balls (3x6, 11x4), the winning runs being hit of the last ball of the 49th over by the Club Captain Andrew Dufty with a straight 6."*

I will repeat to all who read this what I said to Darren - do please get in touch with me regarding any notable feats at any level of senior weekend cricket. With so much going on it is very easy to miss things, so do please speak up asap. Also, do ensure your own club's social media presence is regularly populated with your club's news - only a minority of clubs are doing this. It all helps in the business of attracting potential players, members, volunteers, and sponsors.

I am also grateful to the diligence of Martin Saxon who has a much better grip on league archives than me, after I referenced Tyran Liddiard's 211 for Bollington against Stockport last week, which it turns out was a league record! It transpires that this was the fifth occasion that a double ton had been recorded in 1st XI CCCL cricket, Martin informing me of the list:

- ♦ John Bean 201 for Bowdon v Chester BH, 2001 (Premier Division record)
- ♦ S.Latif 203 for Sale v Mobberley, 2003 (Div 2)
- ♦ Aaron Eyre 205 for Heaton Mersey v Cheadle Hulme (Div 1 record)
- ♦ Calum Turner 202* for Urmston v Oxton, 2018 (Div 1)

So congratulations Tyran, the highest ever score in CCCL 1st XI cricket is now yours! Hopefully Bollington can get some suitable coverage organised - I looked in vain last week for some.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
CHESTER BH	80	60
HYDE	80	60
NANTWICH	80	60
GRAPPENHALL	60	60
DIDSBURY	47	27
OXTON	47	43
BOWDON	36	32
TIMPERLEY	34	29
WIDNES	32	34
NESTON	24	21
ALDERLEY EDGE	17	11
TOFT	15	10

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
MARPLE	80	60
BROOKLANDS	66	60
MACCLESFIELD	65	60
BRAMHALL	52	46
LINDOW	51	37
OULTON PARK	35	29
ROMILEY	35	29
SALE	35	29
CHEADLE	34	30
DAVENHAM	23	17
S.GEORGIANS	23	17
URMSTON	23	17

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
P.SUNLIGHT	66	60
ALVANLEY	65	60
MARITIME	63	43
ASHLEY	52	46
CHEADLE HULME	51	45
N.E.CHESHIRE	51	45
BOLLINGTON	50	30
HASLINGTON	33	28
ASHTON OM	32	30
MOBBERLEY	31	11
STOCKPORT	30	24
CONGLETON	26	23

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
UPTON	66	46
OAKMERE	65	60
WINNINGTON PK	65	45
TATTENHALL	53	48
CHRISTLETON	52	32
HAWK GREEN	49	46
HEATON MERSEY	49	29
RUNCORN	37	31
KINGSLEY	36	30
BARROW	34	14
HALE BARNES	21	15
OVER PEOVER	15	13

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
CHESTER BH	80
BROOKLANDS	64
OXTON	64
DIDSBURY	52
NESTON	51
CHEADLE	50
HYDE	49
TOFT	38
S.GEORGIANS	31
WIDNES	23
LINDOW	20
BOWDON	12

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. TIMPERLEY	66
2.H.MERSEY	65
3.SALE	50
11. DIDSBURY 2A	22
12.MARPLE	17

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. UPTON	80
2. WARRINGTON	66
3. MARITIME	52
11. P.SUNLIGHT	23
12. ROMILEY	16



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. CHESTER BH 3	80
2. OAKMERE	64
3. TATTENHALL	64
11. HALE BARNES	18
12. BOLLINGTON	10

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
S.GEORGIANS	22
SALE	20
NANTWICH	18
BROOKLANDS	16
TOFT	12
TIMPERLEY 5	12
DIDSBURY	10
MARPLE & COMP.	10
ALDERLEY EDGE	4
GRAPPENHALL	2

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
ASHLEY	32
ASHTON OM	24
ROMILEY	0
HEATON MERSEY	0

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
ELWORTH	34
T.METROVICKS 4	24
URMSTON	6
TIMPERLEY 6	0

SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

Div 3 East: Top - Macclesfield
2nd Bredbury SM

Div 3 West: Top - Middlewich;
2nd Runcorn

Div 4: Top; C.Hulme Ladybridge
2nd Lindow



WEEK 5 STANDOUT STATS AND FEATS

Another glorious Saturday saw an almost full programme across the county.

In the **Prem**, the first win-lose phase of games ended with three sides out in front. Chester BH again showed the depth of their batting as Andrew Metcalf (61*) helped turn 97-4 into 232-7, CBH pulling off a well-timed chase to defeat Timperley in the penultimate over in an excellent game at Filkins Lane. Didsbury's fruitless trips to Werneth Low - they have never won there in the Prem - continued as Hyde's Luke Young took 6-44, Didsbury bundled out for just 80. Young then made 32 in a comfortable 7 wkt win, and Hyde are three from three in May. So too are Nantwich, keeping pace with a typically no-fuss chase of Oxton's 155 in under 25 overs. Innings of the day came from Tom MacRury, Grappers' NZ gem hammering 122 off just 71 balls (out of 209 when batting) as his side racked up 275, then adding a wkt in their 71 run win over Neston, Adam Roylance taking 6-35. Widnes skipper Aaron Soni took 7-6-5-3 as he and Aaqib Uppal shared 7 wkts in their 88 run win over Toft, who have had a concerning start, while concerns of a different kind for Bowdon and Alderley Edge. Both sides' grounds are apparently still some way away from being playable, their match at South Downs Rd cancelled before the scheduled start. AE are due to play their first home league game of the season this coming Saturday.

In **Div 1** Marple 's fourth straight win, this one by 45 runs at Lindow, cemented an early pole position for them, with Brooklands second after a narrow six run win over Sale in a fine game. Ben Cunliffe's 104* helped Brooklands recover from 57-4 to reach 249-5, impressive stands of 97 with Kevin Carroll and then 95* with brother David Cunliffe decisive. Sale were 111-6 but their lower order fought hard, the 14 they needed off the last proving just out of reach. Macclesfield made it three in a row, turning 83-7 into 173-8, which proved 35 too many for Oulton Park. Cheadle and Romiley were both relieved to get their first wins of the season, over Davenham and Urmston respectively, but the biggest winners of the day were Bramhall, for whom Ashley West made 91 batting at no.9, adding 113 for the 8th with Ryan Macciocchi (39) as his side reached 212-8 at Flowery Field, both going on to take 2 wkts (and West a catch) as hosts Stockport Georgians were all out 106. SG are still waiting for their first win.



WEEK 5 STANDOUT STATS AND FEATS

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In [Div 2](#) Port Sunlight went top with a 33 run win over Mobberley, while Alvanley's Michael Rowlands made 60 and took 5-53 as his side beat Cheadle Hulme by 81 runs to go second. Maritime piled up 293-8 as they beat NE Cheshire by 110 runs, with wins also for Ashley - Jahangir Mushtaq 115 - over Ashton OM, and Stockport who pulled off a not-widely-predicted 63 run win over Haslington. Congleton recorded their first 20 pts of the campaign - just - as they held on to claim a nerve-jangling 1 wkt win over Bollington.

Oakmere winning by 65 runs may seem nothing too remarkable, but considering they only made 97 themselves, it was the headline of the day in [Div 3](#), as visitors Heaton Mersey crashed for just 32, eight batters bagging ducks as Oakmere's all-Matthew attack wrought havoc. Oakmere trail leaders Upton by a point, whose top v. bottom meeting with Over Peover went entirely with the form book, ending in a whacking 120 run win. Runcorn were comfortable 108 run winners over Barrow, but it was altogether tighter for Winnington Park, two-wkt winners at Hale Barns, and for Hawk Green, whose 281-9 (Josh Hampson 113) was almost chased down by Tattenhall, Archie Mobbs making a 38-ball 78 batting at 8. However HG held their nerve and triumphed by just 3 runs, Tatters regretting the 30 wides they bowled. Christleton recorded their first 20 pts of the month, Max Dunvaband (68*) carrying his bat and taking the final wkt as his side won at Kingsley.

The 1st round of [Cheshire Cup](#) cricket took place on a sun-blessed Sunday, with some close finishes and impressive performances. There were tons from Brooklands' David Cunliffe (emulating his brother's feat of the day before) as his side walloped Toft by 132 runs and Wallasey's Harry Mehan made 101* in their 68 run win at Oulton Park. Birkenhead Pk crushed Davenham by 214 runs while Nantwich ran out 130 run winners over plucky Northwich, who gave it a go at Whitehouse Lane, 110-3 chasing 259 at one point. Other winners were Alderley Edge, Timperley, New Brighton, Elworth, Chester BH, Stockport Georgians, Neston, Oxton and Didsbury. Hyde and Cheadle went through after their opponents (Maritime and Trafford Metrovicks respectively) conceded.



WEEK 5 STANDOUT STATS AND FEATS cont.

2ND XI CRICKET: The meeting of the top two in the early **2nd XI Prem** table went decisively the way of Chester BH, who trounced Brooklands by 113 runs. A fantastic game saw Oxton beat Lindow by 18 runs; Lindow were 58-7 chasing 200 but an 8th wkt stand of 114 (Freddie Davies 53*, Tom Orr 71) almost pulled off a sensational win. Neston's Jamie Wilson made 75* out of 110-0 as his side beat Stockport Georgians by 10 wkts, while Didsbury had a second successive century opening stand to thank for their win over Hyde. Toft's Ed Stubbs made 132 in their 52 run win over Widnes.

In **Div 1** Timperley went top, Shahnawaz Khan making 135 out of their 220-8 and then recording 10-3-23-2 as Timpers beat Sale. Nantwich beat Marple in the last over of a wonderful game at Bowden Lane. Grappenhall recorded a 205 run win over Bramhall while Heaton Mersey stayed second after a nervy 3 wkt win over Macclesfield chasing 74. Upton beat Congleton by 7 wkts to top **Div 2**, with Mohsin Rehman's 6-18 for Maritime the divisional bowling display of the day. Chester BH's straightforward 8 wkt win over Bollington kept them top of **Div 3**.

Sunday 3rd XI cricket saw just two games in the **Prem**, Stockport Georgians going top after beating Brooklands, Marple & Compstall beating Grappers, and Nantwich conceding their game at Timperley. In **Div 1** Imran Sadiq took 7-6 as AOM beat Romiley, while in **Div 2** Stockport's Akhtar Nawaz, batting at 10, made 70 out of his side's 96 and then took 4-42, but his side still lost to Metrovicks. Mohammed Sohail Shams made 103 for Stockport Trinity. In **Div 3 West** Harvey Bushell took 6-5 as Runcorn bowled out Northwich for 25. That made Tattenhall's 34 at Widnes look positively healthy, the hosts' Zach Green making 102* in their 216 run win. Brendon Moy made 120 for Sale 4 in Div 3 East.

The first round of **1st XI T20**, group matches, scheduled for Thursday evening, was largely washed out. Somehow dodging the rain, Hyde and Heaton Mersey both won in group 3, while Maritime (grp 7) and Brooklands (grp 9) both won 10-overs-a-side games. At the time of writing the forecast for this Thursday's next round of games is not great - here's hoping.

Cheshire Seniors have organised a charity walk between Warrington CC and Grappenhall CC on Sunday June 23rd, with all monies raised going to cancer research charities (including the Bob Willis Fund). David Cain is the man to contact for more details on how to get involved - please contact David via email: davidcain7491@gmail.com