



THE WEEK 6 REVIEW

After the glorious weather of the previous weekend, a week that became wetter than an otter's pocket played havoc with the fixture list. The entire over 40s programme on Wednesday was washed away, as were all the fixtures scheduled in the 1st XI T20 groups on Thursday. More about this further on in this week's newsletter.

In the [Prem](#), Nantwich recovered from 119-7 to post 188 which was to be 67 too many for Bowdon, the Dabbers ending the month top after five wins in a row. Hyde have the same win record but only just maintained it after a thrilling 1 wkt win at Neston chasing just 117. Charlie Barnard's 6-46 put the visitors in control but Hyde then crashed to 43-6. Cole Turner's patient 41* got them over the line, Neston still without a win this season. Elsewhere a much-needed first win for Toft lifted them out of the bottom two, Henry Hughes making a brilliant 103 at Oxton in their 205-8. Oxton looked well set for the points at 122-3 after a 110 run stand for the 4th, but collapsed to 146 all out. Two collapses at Stockport Rd as hosts Timperley went from 66-3 to 118 all out, Tom MacRury with 5-41 for Grappenhall. However Grappers had a horror show of their own, 37-2 becoming 47-8, their eventual 68 all out handing Timpers the win by an improbable 50 run margin. A fine batting display from Didsbury saw them plunder 135 from the last 15 overs to reach 315-5 as four batters passed 50, Widnes regretting their decision to field. Luke McCoy's superb 109 rescued them from defeat, Widnes 236-8. Chester BH remain in third after a fine month but were the latest side to be frustrated by Alderley Edge's continuing ground problems.

In [Div 1](#) Marple got out of jail after a shuddering Urmston collapse saw the leaders snatch an 8 run win at Bowden Lane. At 96-3 chasing 140 the lowly visitors were in sight of the day's shock result, but great Marple pressure saw them all out 131. Lindow powered into second after an incredible Dan Newton innings, 183* (125 bs, 16x6, 9x4) breaking club records and likely a few windows too, seeing his side post a stunning 342-4 after 105 were thrashed off the last 5 overs. Newton and James Duffy (82 off 60) added 152 for the 4th wkt in 19 overs, with a shellshocked Davenham losing by 195 runs and tumbling to the foot of the table. Another massive win at Kingsway as Cheadle's decent 220 led to a whopping 179 run win, visitors Sale crashing to 41 all out. Oulton Park's last pair inched them from 204-9 to the 214 they needed to beat Romiley in a thriller at Little Budworth, while Brooklands' decision to bat first against visitors Stockport Georgians backfired as they lost a wicket to the first ball of the match and mustered just 74, Oli Ormerod hammering a six to seal an untidy but priceless 4 wkt win, SG's first of the campaign. Bramhall v Macclesfield was cancelled.



WEEK 5 STANDOUT STATS AND FEATS

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In [Div 2](#) Port Sunlight stayed top after the narrowest win of the day in the division, opener Lewis Davis batting throughout for 73* in their 195-9 which proved 15 too many for Ashton OM to get, James Marshall's side having another difficult start to the season. With Alvanley's match at NE Cheshire cancelled (as was Cheadle Hulme's game at Ashley) Maritime took advantage, their long trip east to Bollington resulting in a hard-fought 5 wkt win (chasing 103 on a tricky track) which moved them to second. After getting promoted last season the Wirral outfit, comprising almost exclusively of Sri Lankans, have quickly adjusted to life a league higher. Stockport got a very handy 20 pts after posting 212-8 at Mobberley, the hosts all out 173 and slipping into the bottom two. Congleton remain rooted to the bottom after another heavy loss, this time by 7 wkts at Haslington after totalling just 86, and look to have a job on their hands to avoid a second successive demotion, even at this early stage of the season.

Upton continued on their winning ways to head [Div 3](#), beating Oakmere by 26 runs. Winnington Park are just behind in second after a batting jamboree at Park Rd in which Jadan Jones hit 11 sixes in his 60-ball 105, the Runcorn attack flayed to all parts as 25 wides did them no favours whatsoever. A final target of 289 proved miles too many, Mark Hamblett taking 5-15 as WP coasted home by 174 runs. An amazing game at the Flacca saw hosts Tattenhall collapse spectacularly/disastrously (choose according to your affinity) from 115-4 to 123 all out, a seemingly easy-peasy target of 129 suddenly gone in the wind as visitors Kingsley left ecstatic with the points. Near-neighbours Christleton enjoyed a good day as league newcomers Over Peover were soundly beaten at Little Heath, the third time in five games they have lost by a margin of 120 runs or more. John Barnett made 89* as Heaton Mersey beat Barrow by 4 wkts, while Hale Barns v Hawk Green was cancelled.

The draw for the second round of the [Cheshire Cup](#) has been made, as follows - Alderley Edge v Hyde; Brooklands v Wallasey; Cheadle v Birkenhead Park; New Brighton v Elworth; Oxton v Timperley; Didsbury v Chester BH; Nantwich v Stockport Georgians. No date has yet been published for the Round 1 tie between Romiley and Bowdon. Please check on the Cheshire County Cup Competitions play cricket site for the exact date of all these ties.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
NANTWICH	104	84
HYDE	100	80
CHESTER BH	86	66
GRAPPENHALL	64	64
DIDSBURY	64	44
TIMPERLEY	52	47
OXTON	51	47
BOWDON	41	37
WIDNES	39	33
TOFT	39	34
NESTON	29	26
ALDERLEY EDGE	17	17

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
MARPLE	100	80
LINDOW	71	57
MACCLESFIELD	71	66
BROOKLANDS	68	62
BRAMHALL	58	52
OULTON PARK	55	49
CHEADLE	54	50
S.GEORGIANS	43	37
ROMILEY	42	36
SALE	39	33
URMSTON	28	22
DAVENHAM	25	19

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
P.SUNLIGHT	86	80
MARITIME	83	63
ALVANLEY	71	66
ASHLEY	58	52
CHEADLE HULME	57	51
N.E.CHESHIRE	57	51
BOLLINGTON	53	33
HASLINGTON	53	48
STOCKPORT	50	44
ASHTON OM	38	36
MOBBERLEY	36	16
CONGLETON	27	24

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
UPTON	86	66
WINNINGTON PK	85	65
CHRISTLETON	72	52
OAKMERE	70	65
HEATON MERSEY	69	49
TATTENHALL	58	53
KINGSLEY	56	50
HAWK GREEN	55	52
RUNCORN	40	34
BARROW	37	34
HALE BARNS	27	21
OVER PEOVER	18	16

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
CHESTER BH	100
NESTON	71
OXTON	70
BROOKLANDS	69
TOFT	58
DIDSBURY	55
HYDE	54
CHEADLE	51
S.GEORGIANS	51
WIDNES	43
LINDOW	24
BOWDON	18

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. H.MERSEY	85
2. TIMPERLEY	70
3. GRAPPENHALL	69
11. MARPLE	37
12. DIDSBURY 2A	23

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. UPTON	84
2. MARITIME	72
3. WARRINGTON	72
11. ASHTON OM	37
12. ROMILEY	36



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. UPTON 3	86
2. CHESTER BH 3	85
3. OAKMERE	84
11. OXTON	35
12. BOLLINGTON	14

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
SALE	32
NANTWICH	30
S.GEORGIANS	28
TIMPERLEY	18
TOFT	16
DIDSBURY	16
MARPLE & COMP.	16
BROOKLANDS	16
GRAPPENHALL	6
ALDERLEY EDGE	0

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
ASHLEY	36
DIDSBURY 4s	24
BRAMHALL	0
ROMILEY	0

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
ELWORTH	34
T.METROVICKS 4	28
URMSTON	10
TIMPERLEY 6	4

SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

Div 3 East: Top - Macclesfield
2nd Hale Barns

Div 3 West: Top - Runcorn;
2nd Middlewich

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



WEEK 5 STANDOUT STATS AND FEATS cont.

2ND XI CRICKET: Chester BH went 29 pts clear at the top of the **Prem** after a resounding 9 wkt win over Cheadle. Ian Gill scored 114 for Neston in their 54 run win in a high-scoring game at Hyde, where Zac Kelly made 85 in vain for the hosts. Brooklands came a cropper at Stockport Georgians, losing by 26 runs, while Toft got home with two balls to spare against Didsbury in a match that saw just 6 of the near 100 overs bowled delivered by seamers. Jonathan Osbourne made 89 as Widnes beat Lindow. Bowdon's ground was still unfit so their game with Oxton was cancelled.

In **Div 1** a calm last wicket partnership saw Heaton Mersey win by 1 wkt at Cheadle Hulme, Mersey going top as a result. In the meeting of second and third at Broad Lane, Timperley were all out 89, Grappenhall winning by 38 runs, while the meeting of the bottom two went the way of Marple after they bowled out Didsbury 2A for 99. Alderley Edge picked up a morale-boosting 13 run win at Sale, successfully defending their 234-6, while a 9th wkt stand of 41* saw Macclesfield pinch a thriller against Bramhall. Haroon Ali made 109* for Stockport in **Div 2**.

Sunday 3rd XI cricket was badly hit by the rain, but in the Prem, Sale beat the downpours, and Brooklands, to go top, Grant Whittaker taking 6-5. Stockport Georgians' Carlos Wakefield's superb 108 was to be in vain as his side had Didsbury at 22-5 chasing 226 when rain ended play. Alderley Edge conceded while the other games were abandoned.

The 2023 3rd XI T20 Finals Day, held over from last year, suffered more frustration with rain at Sale on BH Monday ruining the schedule. Two 5-overs-a-side semis were played, with bowling from one end only, but Sale and Macclesfield (the two winners) will have to find a new date and venue to contest the final, with conditions too wet for the match to be played on the day.

1st XI T20 update: competition secretary David Gane has published the following statement : *"In view of the second wash-out last week I am extending the deadline for rearranging cancelled group games up to and including Thursday June 13. The draw for the last 16 KO round will be made on June 14, with the games scheduled to be played on Thursday June 20."*

Thankfully all the scheduled 2nd XI T20 games were completed on Tuesday evening. Highlights included a spell of 4-2-3-5 by Sophie Morris for Upton v Oxton, 87 off 46 balls by Jack Garner, sadly in vain for Davenham at Oulton Pk, and one of 78* off 49 by Ab Hayat as Urmston beat Hale Barns by 10 wkts. Second round matches are on Tuesday June 4. Holders Didsbury are at Heaton Mersey while current Premier Division leaders Chester BH travel to Barrow.