



THE WEEK 10 REVIEW

In sharp contrast to the weekend before, the 'longest weekend' of the year was blessed with fine weather and a full programme of cricket. The 1st XI matches saw five centurions, nine century partnerships, and 14 totals in excess of 250.

In the [Prem](#), a fabulous game at Bowdon saw leaders Hyde pull off an impressive 5 wkt win chasing 268. Jack Tipton made 108 as his Bowdon side put together their best batting display of the season, but Luke Young's 95 set the visitors on course as Hyde won with 15 deliveries to spare. Chester BH stayed second with a straightforward 6 wkt win over Grappenhall, while Didsbury's fourth win in a row helped them stay in touch with the top two, this one an 85 run win at Timperley in an action packed game. Dids' left-handed opener Tom Hafil followed up 85 last week with 108, he and Charlie Lowen putting on 139 for the 1st before Sam Leech hammered 26 off the last over, Dids 323-7. Timpers were struggling at 56-4 before Ollie Byrne, off the back of a first-ball duck for Timp 2s in midweek, smashed an amazing 54-ball 101 (7x4, 8x6) to shift the balance, including 30 off Steve Green's first over! However from 201-5 Timpers fell away to 238 all out. A second successive century opening psp between Rohan Luthra & Aaron Soni set Widnes on their way to an excellent 275-7 at Nantwich, (Luke McCoy 74). The hosts could never quite get on top of the chase and were all out 253, Aaqib Uppal 6-68 as Widnes made it three successive wins. At Moss Lane, Archie Vaughan's first appearance of the season helped Alderley Edge claim a comfortable - and much needed - victory over Toft, Vaughan with 5-44 and 34* as he and Sam Perry (74*) made light work of the 116 required. Meanwhile Oxton came out comfortably on top in the Wirral derby, visitors Neston struggling to 154 in 52.2 overs, with Oxton easing to a 7 wkt triumph in the 33rd.

In [Div 1](#) Marple tasted defeat in the league for the first time as upwardly-mobile Bramhall beat them by 4 wkts at Bowden Lane. The hosts were 144-3 but fell away somewhat to 191 all out, with the in-form Greg Dixon (last three inns: 59*, 100, 62*) again batting throughout to steer his side over the line, despite the best efforts of Zac Phair, who took 4-44 after earlier top-scoring with 52. Lindow thus closed the gap with another thumping result, beating lowly Romiley by 116 runs as Dan Newton (71) and Ben Hamilton-Ryan (56*) added 92 for the 6th wkt, lifting Lindow from 96-5 to 226-6. Newton then took two quick wkts as the visitors were quickly all at sea, Isaac Brooks' 5-24 polishing things off. An opening stand of 97 (Todd Walker 87) and a last wkt stand of 60 helped Brooklands to a healthy 264 at home to Oulton Park, who never got

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going in reply, 187 all out spelling a third straight loss for them. A Macclesfield team with an average age of 21 grafted their way to an impressive 4 wkt win at Davenham, who at least climbed off the bottom after a month stuck there, as Urmston's wretched run stretched to a seventh straight loss, Cheadle hammering them by 8 wkts with Adam Dooler & Robert Basu adding an unbroken 102. Dan Fielding (77) and Ned Bailey (87) put on 168 for the opening Stockport Georgians wkt as they romped to 302-7 at Sale and a massive 156 run win, skipper Mike Bishop's defiant 73 the only crumb of comfort for his side who have won just one of their last seven games.

In **Div 2** the top two met, Port Sunlight shading it over visitors Maritime, who inched their way from 90-6 upto their 181 target, two crucial Ben Nuttall run-outs finally breaking the gripping drama with Maritime all out 168. Ashton Muir blazed a 95-ball 130* in the beautiful Mobberley surroundings as Cheadle Hulme piled up 263-8 (after being 76-4), the hosts all out 163 and still without a win since the opening day. A great game at The Beets saw hosts Ashton OM chase down 230 set by Alvanley with seven deliveries remaining, both sides now in the top half, while two sides having stop-start seasons had fabulous days with the bat. Stockport crunched 285 off Congleton's attack at Cale Green, going onto win by 80 after Cong crashed from 197-5 to 205 all out. Bollington also found their range, Rick Hough and Tyran Liddiard putting on 110 as they rattled up 298-9 at Ashley, whose 166 all out led to a fourth straight loss. Haslington's mystifying struggles finally took a back seat as they dug deep to beat NE Cheshire, an unbroken 9th wkt stand of 44 helping them claim a third win of 2024 after NEC's modest 178-9 proved almost enough - NEC kicking themselves for the 34 extras conceded.

Div 3 saw top play third, leaders Upton far too good at Winnington Park, winning by 116 runs. Hawk Green (261-9) thrashed Oakmere by 145 runs to go level on points in second with Heaton Mersey, whose long trip east was rewarded by a handsome 253-8 (incl. a not-so-handsome 42 extras) and a big 124 run win at Christleton, Syed Ali returning 9.5-5-7-5 for HM. Aiden Anthony's remarkable form for Over Peover continued with a third ton in four inns (the other inns was a duck!), his 136 hammered off just 95 balls as he and Steve Price (60) put on 182 for the 1st wkt at Kingsley, who did well to bowl OP out for 280 in the circumstances, but it was still far too many for the off-colour hosts who were bowled out for 139. The basement battle was won emphatically by Barrow, who surged past hosts' Hale Barns laboured 177 (49.1 os) in just 30 overs for a 5 wkt win, while Tattenhall got from 129-6 to 259 against Runcorn at The Flacca. In reply Kieran Maher was again a class apart with 87 but his side only managed 205, the 35 extras conceded by Runcorn extremely costly.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
HYDE	172	72
CHESTER BH	168	82
DIDSBURY	160	96
NANTWICH	137	33
WIDNES	109	70
OXTON	101	50
GRAPPENHALL	96	63
TIMPERLEY	71	19
BOWDON	67	26
ALDERLEY EDGE	66	49
NESTON	59	30
TOFT	55	16

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
MARPLE	164	64
LINDOW	151	80
BROOKLANDS	148	80
BRAMHALL	138	80
MACCLESFIELD	121	50
S.GEORGIANS	93	50
OULTON PARK	93	38
CHEADLE	88	34
SALE	71	32
ROMILEY	61	19
DAVENHAM	45	20
URMSTON	45	17

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
PORT SUNLIGHT	166	80
MARITIME	149	66
CHEADLE HULME	137	80
ALVANLEY	125	68
ASHTON OM	102	61
NE CHESHIRE	93	36
STOCKPORT	91	41
BOLLINGTON	89	36
HASLINGTON	85	32
ASHLEY	78	20
CONGLETON	63	36
MOBBERLEY	57	21

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
UPTON	132	46
CHRISTLETON	118	46
WINNINGTON PARK	111	46
HAWK GREEN	103	48
HEATON MERSEY	103	34
TATTENHALL	93	33
KINGSLEY	91	35
OAKMERE	90	20
HALE BARNES	63	36
OVER PEOVER	56	38
RUNCORN	54	18
BARROW	52	15

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
CHESTER BH	152
DIDSBURY	135
OXTON	135
BROOKLANDS	115
TOFT	107
CHEADLE	99
HYDE	99
WIDNES	92
NESTON	87
S.GEORGIANS	83
LINDOW	74
BOWDON	37

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. TIMPERLEY	150
2. NANTWICH	149
3. H.MERSEY	134
11. C.HULME	66
12. A.EDGE	59

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. UPTON	164
2. MARITIME	138
3. URMSTON	118
11. NESTON 3	63
12. ROMILEY	52



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. CHESTER BH 3	151
2. UPTON 3	150
3. ASHLEY	134
11. BARROW	59
12. BOLLINGTON	52

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
SALE.	58
S.GEORGIANS	52
MARPLE & COMP.	50
TOFT	44
DIDSBURY 3	44
BROOKLANDS	42
NANTWICH	34
TIMPERLEY	24
GRAPPENHALL	20
ALDERLEY EDGE	12

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
DIDSBURY 4	64
ASHLEY	62
H.MERSEY	16
ROMILEY	10

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
T.METROVICKS 4	72
ELWORTH	52
DAVENHAM	26
TIMPERLEY 6	6

SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

Div 3 East: Top - Macclesfield
2nd - Bredbury SM

Div 3 West: Top - Widnes;
2nd - Middlewich

Div 4: Top - Lindow
2nd - Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge



WEEK 10 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: The Prem leaders Chester BH came a cropper at Widnes, an opening stand of 113 setting the hosts up for a resounding 8 wkt win. This was great news for Didsbury - Evan Turner making a fourth consecutive score in excess of 50 as they beat Cheadle by 128 runs - and for Oxton, who won by 112 runs at Toft, both winning sides now on 135 pts, the gap to the top now 17 pts (two weeks ago it was 45 pts). Hyde keeper Jamie Richardson (94) and Zaeem Arshad (53) put on 167 for the 1st wkt which set their side on course to overhaul Lindow's 239-9 in a match which saw 48 byes conceded. Brooklands eased to an 8 wkt win over Neston, while the bottom two met at Flowery Field, Stockport Georgians not having things all their own way against Bowdon but still getting to their victory target of 121 with 5 wkts in hand.

In Div 1 the top three (Timperley, Nantwich and H.Mersey) all won to stay 'as you were', while at the foot, 104 from James Bidwell helped Didsbury 2As to a huge 186 run win at Grappenhall and lift them out of the relegation zone.

Div 2 Ian Potter and Sam Talbot opened with 105 as leaders Upton swept to an 8 wkt win at Haslington, while Maritime kept up their pursuit with an easily comfortable 133 run win over Ashton OM. Our admirable Play-Cricket administrator Darren Sutcliffe made sure his registration was all fine and dandy as he took 6-33 in OP's win over Warrington.

In Div 3 Chester BH 3s are still a point clear of Upton 3s, both sides winning again, while at the bottom Hale Barns moved out of the drop zone with a terrific chase of 236 at Oakmere. There was also great rejoicing in the country as bottom club Bollington finally got their first win of the season, by a tense 2 wkts over Christleton.

Sunday 3rd XI cricket saw Sale go back to the top of the Prem after winning at leaders Marple & Compstall. Georgians won well at Nantwich chasing 189 while there were also wins for Didsbury, Toft and (for the first time this season) bottom club Alderley Edge, Andrew Kennedy making 115* as they chased down 201 to beat Brooklands.

Sale 3s won the 2023 T20 3rd XI Trophy after beating Macclesfield by 59 runs on Thursday June 20th. Tom Jenkinson top scored with 54* for Sale, who thus completed an elongated first-ever league and cup double.

In the 2024 3rd XI quarter-finals, Didsbury 3s play Bramhall on Tues July 2nd; Stockport Georgians travel to Nantwich on Thurs 11th, while Cheadle v Brooklands is July 4. Grappenhall v Didsbury 4 is yet to have a date arranged.



WEEK 10 1ST XI T20 UPDATE

The June 20 deadline has passed and all the groups are now concluded, 11 of the 12 Premier Division sides qualifying for the knockout stage. In the outstanding groups, Alderley Edge won group 1 after thrashing Bramhall by 9 wkts last Thurs. Timperley topped group 12 while Widnes won group 5 on NRR, both they and runners-up Oulton Park finishing with 5 pts.

The last 16 draw has been made and guarantees that at least one Div 1 side will be in the quarter finals, after Macclesfield were drawn against Lindow. Macc qualified (along with Davenham, Oulton Park and Grappenhall) as one of the four best group runners-up, Grappers' NRR of 1.9 in group 9 just edging out Toft in group 10 (NRR 1.86) who thus became the only Prem side not to make it through.

The last 16 draw has been made - Alderley Edge v Grappenhall; Chester BH v Neston; Didsbury v Timperley; Hyde v Bowdon; Lindow v Macclesfield; Nantwich v Davenham; Oxton v Oulton Park; Widnes v Brooklands.

Revised 1st XI KO Dates are as follows: Last 16 - June 27
Finals Day Reserve date - July 28

Quarter-Finals - July 11
Finals Day - July 21
National Area Finals Day - August 4 (in Cheshire)

In the 2nd XI T20 matches last week there were victories for Bowdon over Grappenhall, Brooklands - who hit 74 off the last 5 overs - against Urmston, and Timperley, who in a dramatic finish beat Didsbury 2As by 2 runs. Chasing 92, Dids were 52-1 after 6 overs but fell to 89 all out. Seven more matches are scheduled during the coming week, current Prem leaders Chester BH hammering Oulton Park by 9 wkts on Monday eve, with holders Didsbury away at Cheadle tonight (Tues) and four other games scheduled during the week.

NEWS OF CHESHIRE for the first time in this rain-affected season, who have qualified for the K/O stages of the NCCA Knockout (50 over) Trophy after powering to their highest ever 50-over score of 379-7 at Didsbury on Sunday. Kevin Carroll's 35-ball 89 delighted a large crowd who were treated to a fantastic all-round batting display, 34x4 and 14x6 being hit. Visitors Wiltshire went down all guns blazing, no.9 Will Naish clattering a 74-ball 123* as their last 2 wkts added 151. Cheshire will face Devon at Oxton next Sunday (a day of scheduled Cheshire Cup matches, which may be tricky).