



THE WEEK 8 REVIEW

In week 8 we finally had an entire programme of 1st XI played, with plenty of entertaining cricket on a chilly but thankfully dry and bright June Saturday. This followed on from plenty of action in the T20 competitions when records tumbled and several quarter-finalists were decided.

In the [Prem](#), leaders Hyde played the first league game of the season at Alderley Edge, although conditions were only suitable for an 80 over game. Although both sides welcomed their Lancashire stars into their line ups, neither made much impact, but Hyde dominated, staying top with the 18 pts taken with AE clinging on at 117-9 for the draw. Chester BH continued their splendid run with a hard-fought win at Bowdon, scrapping from 119-6 to reach 202. With Bowdon 91-8 the game looked over but the hosts pushed CBH hard, finally all out 179 in a nervy finish. Nantwich also did not have things all their own way as the visiting Grappenhall openers added 125 inside 20 overs, but the home side finally got control and dismissed Grappers for 215 some 27 overs later. Simon Mugava then made a crucial 56* (to go with 3-29 earlier) as Nantwich survived a scare stumbling from 174-4 to 193-8 before securing a 2 wkt win. Didsbury won at Oxton despite only managing 130, the hosts all out 105 with extras top scoring. Timperley were on the ropes at 97-8 but the last two wkts added 114 to set visitors Widnes an unlikely 212. However Rohan Luthra, having taken 3-35, was the only Prem centurion of the day, an impressive 107* (117 bs) in an opening stand of 180 with Aaron Soni (71) seeing them to a handsome 9 wkt win. Another tough day for Toft as they were soon 45-6 at lowly Neston. Despite a recovery taking them to 151, the hosts got a much-needed first league win, an opening stand of 102 helping them to a comfortable 8 wkt victory.

In [Div 1](#) Marple's seventh straight win kept them top. Mark Makin made 54 and then took 4-43, as OP's fightback from 107-7 (after bring 62-2) to chase 193 fell 15 runs short in a gripping finish. Lindow kept up their pursuit with a 47 run win over Stockport Georgians, while Brooklands' winning streak over Romiley continues, a 4 wkt victory this time keeping them in third. Adam Dooler made 84 for Cheadle, but they fell to 195 all out - having been 130-2 - against Macclesfield, for whom Steven Cawood (91*) and John Birchall (38*) added 62* to secure an impressive 5 wkt win. Another batter making 84 was Bramhall's Jack Bridgeman, whose side totalled 261-7 against visitors Urmston, 46 extras helping the home side's total (that's 150 extras Urmston have conceded in 5 games, incl. 102 wides). It was an epic chase, however, a spirited effort leaving Urmston needing 11 off the last over - they were restricted to 9 amidst high tension. Sale withstood a Henry Bensch hat-trick to record just their second win of the season at Davenham, who remain at the foot of the table.



WEEK 8 1ST XI REVIEW cont.

In Div 2 Port Sunlight breezed past Stockport, quite literally with a stiff wind blowing straight down the Wirral. Stockport's laborious 149-6 was overtaken inside 25 overs as the leaders stayed clear of Maritime, who won a high scoring game at bottom side Mobberley (no further information available). There was a low scoring scrap at Haslington, the hosts surprising struggles this season continuing after totalling just 138 against Alvanley. Home hopes were growing after Alv fell to 86-7 but Ieuan Morris (who earlier took 4-15) put on a careful 49 with Chris Charles to claim a tense 2 wkt win. Plenty of runs elsewhere though, with Cheadle Hulme's Ashton Muir out for 98 (10x4, 6x6) as his side knocked off the 249 they were set at Bollington with three overs unused. Bolly's Tyran Liddiard (54) and Rick Hough (42) had earlier opened with 87 inside 17 overs, George Lomas then making 87 himself in an excellent game. Ashton-on-Mersey made it back-to-back wins although they had to work much harder than last week to see off a spirited Congleton, Hugh Gibbons making a funky 100 (134 bs) as he and Mike Roberts added 136 en-route to 212-4 and a 6 wkt win. NE Cheshire's last pair hit 13 off their last over at Ashley to total 221-9, Matthew Wragg (31*) then taking 5-34 as, despite Ammad Mushtaq's heroics (93 off 96), Ashley were all out 210 and lost by 11 runs.

A remarkable day in Div 3 saw more than 500 runs scored in each of three separate games. After playing two T20s in 24 hours in the week (and conceding 299-1 in one of those), HB would not have imagined getting their first league win needing to chase 298. But that's what Over Peover set them, Aiden Anthony making it successive league tons with 139 (11x4, 8x6) off 117 bs as OP racked up a massive 297-3 at Brooks Drive. At 70-3 hopes were not high but Ben Hicks (61) teamed up with Khurram Hussain (108 off 84) the pair adding 127. In a breathless finale the final HB pair needed 8 off the last over, three runs scrambled off the penultimate ball to spark ecstatic scenes. An extras-fest at the Flacca, where the 31 wides bowled by Oakmere proved the more costly element as they lost out by just 19 runs after a terrific tilt at chasing the whopping 279 set by hosts Tattenhall. Just up the road Christleton were also enjoying batting conditions in West Cheshire, making 247-8 as they won the derby with Barrow by a comfortable 98 runs. Kingsley bowled 20 wides at Hawk Green, the hosts powering to a stupendous 310-8 after three batters passed 50, Elliott Young making 62 and then taking 5-26 as HG won by 114 runs. Leaders Upton won again, a workmanlike chase of the 134 set by struggling Runcorn knocked off just 2 down but in the 43rd over, while the meeting between the sides third and fourth at the start of the day went decisively the way of hosts Winnington Park, WP turning 10-3 into 179 before bowling Heaton Mersey out for 97.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
HYDE	142	42
CHESTER BH	134	48
NANTWICH	125	21
DIDSBURY	112	48
WIDNES	83	44
GRAPPENHALL	77	13
OXTON	61	10
TIMPERLEY	56	4
BOWDON	53	12
NESTON	50	21
TOFT	46	7
ALDERLEY EDGE	37	20

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
MARPLE	140	40
LINDOW	111	40
BROOKLANDS	108	40
BRAMHALL	98	40
MACCLESFIELD	94	23
OULTON PARK	80	25
S.GEORGIANS	67	24
SALE	64	25
CHEADLE	62	8
ROMILEY	51	9
URMSTON	40	12
DAVENHAM	34	9

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
P.SUNLIGHT	126	40
MARITIME	123	40
ALVANLEY	111	40
CHEADLE HULME	97	40
N.E.CHESHIRE	82	25
ASHTON OM	78	40
ASHLEY	68	10
BOLLINGTON	63	10
HASLINGTON	61	8
STOCKPORT	51	1
CONGLETON	51	24
MOBBERLEY	45	9

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
UPTON	126	40
CHRISTLETON	112	40
WINNINGTON PK	105	40
HAWK GREEN	95	40
HEATON MERSEY	93	24
TATTENHALL	85	27
OAKMERE	82	12
KINGSLEY	81	25
HALE BARNS	51	24
OVER PEOVER	46	28
BARROW	46	9
RUNCORN	45	5

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
CHESTER BH	140
TOFT	98
DIDSBURY	95
OXTON	95
BROOKLANDS	95
NESTON	80
HYDE	76
CHEADLE	75
WIDNES	66
S.GEORGIANS	59
LINDOW	48
BOWDON	26

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. TIMPERLEY	110
2. H.MERSEY	110
3. NANTWICH	109
11. A.EDGE	49
12. DIDSBURY 2A	47

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. UPTON	124
2. MARITIME	112
3. CONGLETON	91
11. NESTON	54
12. ROMILEY	42



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. ASHLEY	111
2. CHESTER BH 3	111
3. UPTON	110
11. HALE BARNS	45
12. BOLLINGTON	24

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
SALE	46
MARPLE & COMP.	38
NANTWICH	34
TOFT	32
S.GEORGIANS	30
BROOKLANDS	28
TIMPERLEY	24
DIDSBURY	22
GRAPPENHALL	18
ALDERLEY EDGE	4

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
ASHLEY	50
T.METROVICKS 3	36
BRAMHALL	6
ROMILEY	6

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
ELWORTH	52
T.METROVICKS 4	50
URMSTON	14
TIMPERLEY 6	6

SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

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

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

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



WEEK 8 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: Ashraf Qureshi's 101 saw off a plucky Lindow and kept Chester BH well clear at the top of the table, the 4 wkt win their seventh in a row. Two of the chasing pack met, Brooklands unable to build on an opening stand of 95 in pursuit of 218 to beat Toft, all out 178 to give Toft a 39 run win. Two massive wins, for Didsbury by 287 runs over Neston - Evan Turner and Jack Hastings each making 94 after Turner and Stuart Stoneman added 162 for the first, Dids' third century opening stand of the season - and for Oxton by 145 runs over Stockport Georgians. Hyde knocked off 227 to beat Cheadle inside 35 overs while basement side Bowdon suffered another tough day, going down by 18 runs at Widnes.

In **Div 1** Timperley stayed top after beating Cheadle Hulme, H.Mersey level on pts in second after a 9 wkt win over Bramhall. Openers Tom Brady (116) and Jack Airey (90) added 178 for Dids 2A in their first win of the season at Alvanley; Mudasser Panchbhaya took 6-29 (and made 12*) for Macclesfield in their 7 wkt win over A.Edge.

Div 2 Simon Prime (119*) and Ryan Booth (119) added 224 for the 2nd Congleton wkt against Neston 3s, who like their 2nd XI copped for a heavy defeat; Darren Warburton made 104* for leaders Upton in their 142 run win over Oulton Pk; Chris Watson made 141* for Urmston, hitting the penultimate ball for 6 in their 5 wkt win over Haslington.

In **Div 3** Adam Bayley made 104 for Christleton in their 103 run win over Oxton; Marius Mostert made 96* for CBH, but they lost to Ashley who were 59-6 but reached 203-8, Shahzad Afzal 86*. Mark Jones made 100 for Barrow who lost to Davenham.

Five 2nd XI T20 matches were played this week, all but one being reduced overs (number of overs per side in brackets). Macclesfield beat Nantwich by 2 runs (14), Sale beat Stockport Georgians (10), Oxton beat Maritime (17) - Tom Corran 4-14 and 25* for Oxton - Marple beat Hyde (12) and in the only 20 over match, Toft beat Oakmere. Eight games remain outstanding and will be rescheduled after rain caused their cancellation during this week.

Sunday 3rd XI cricket saw the majority of matches cancelled or abandoned after yet more rain. Marple & Compstall moved to second in the Prem after a 10 run win over Stockport Georgians, Sale's lead thus cut to 8 pts. Grappenhall were the only other Prem side to win.

OVER 40s UPDATE: In the Western Division no surprise that Chester BH lead the way with Wallasey second, CBH unbeaten in five. Davenham are likewise unbeaten in five in Central Div 1, with Toft and Grappenhall both two points behind them; Alderley Edge and Timperley are joint top of Cent. Div 2, while Mobberley top the six-team Cent. Div 3. In the East, Macclesfield lead from Hyde & Offerton, this division determined by average points per game.



WEEK 8 1ST XI T20 UPDATE

Didsbury set new 1st XI competition records on Wednesday when they smashed 299-1 in their rearranged match with Hale Barns, overtaking Toft's 281-4 v Macclesfield in 2017 as the highest team total. Rob Sehmi (155*) and Nick Anderson (122*) put on 255* (in 16 overs) for the second wkt, a record partnership, beating the 251 added by Rudolph Brenner and Dan Cooper for Timperley v Lindow in 2017. Sehmi's innings was the joint second-highest individual score, tying with Wilden Cornwall's 155* for Weaverham v Warrington in 2016. Aaron Ayre's 162 (Heaton Mersey v Bowdon in 2013) remains top.

Gp 1: Alderley Edge cruised to a 10 wkt win at Mobberley on Friday to top the group, but Bramhall have two games in two days next week, with two wins meaning they will qualify as group winners.

Gp 2: Ashton-on-Mersey beat Hale Barns (playing their second game in 24 hours) on Thursday off the penultimate ball of the match, HB deserving of great credit in rearranging this game and the one with Didsbury the night previous. Didsbury won the group.

Gp 3: Hyde beat Heaton Mersey by 52 runs on Thursday to qualify.

Gp 4: CBH beat Alvanley to top the group at present. Davenham could still pinch it but would need a sizeable win over Alvanley next week.

Gp 5: Widnes & Oulton Park are level on points with a game each left, but Widnes have a massive NRR advantage (7.37 against 2.45).

Gp 6: Nantwich's Luke Robinson hit 11 sixes in a 29-ball 80 against Haslington on Thurs, Nantwich winning by 72 runs and topping the group. Macclesfield can theoretically still overtake them but will need a serious win over Haslington next Thurs to do so.

Gp 7: Oxton comfortably beat Maritime on Thursday to win the group, Henry Dobson taking 3-12 and hitting a 23-ball 46* in an 8 wkt victory.

Gp 8: David Hurst made 80* (65 bs) as Neston beat Christleton on Tuesday and won the group.

Gp 9: Brooklands won the group after bowling Over Peover out for 54 in under 10 overs, Kevin Carroll taking 5-4 as his side progressed.

Gp 10: Lindow finished top after beating Oakmere by 8 wkts on Thurs, this despite Toft taking just 5 overs to score the 41 they needed to hammer hapless Congleton, who crumbled to 40 all out after Will Dunkerley took 4-5.

Gp 11: The last set of games were the only ones completed in this group. Bowdon and Stockport Georgians both won chasing double-figure targets, but Bowdon's chase of 89 to beat NE Cheshire was completed in 12 overs, Georgians needing 18.5 to get the 83 they needed at Urmston. Bowdon thus topped the group on NRR.

Gp 12: Two high scoring games on Thurs saw Timperley hammer 245-2 (the 7th highest total in 1st XI T20) and beat Marple by 140 runs, Caedence Kuepper hitting 104* (59 bs) in psps of 108 and 136, before taking 1-15. Cheadle put on 115 in 12 overs for their 1st wkt at Bollington but could only manage 169-6, Tyran Liddiard then making 89 off 48 to help Bolly to a 7 wkt win. Bollington top the group but Timperley will overtake them if they win at Cheadle next week.

The draw for the last 16 KO round will be made on June 14, with the games scheduled to be played on Thurs June 20.

Along with the 12 group winners the four best runners-up in the mini-groups shall progress to the k/o stage, determined firstly by the number of points or secondly net run rate. If, in the unlikely event that all is still tied after these considerations, the qualifying teams will be decided by the toss of a coin.