



THE WEEK 11 REVIEW

The halfway point nears as a mixed June (weather-wise) concluded with mixed weather across the county, the western side suffering the most with several games abandoned. There were a number of thrilling matches and a noteworthy crop of achievements .

In the [Prem](#), the meeting of first & second saw Hyde sweep aside Chester BH at Werneth Low, Luke Young again excelling with 5-47 and 55 as Hyde won by 8 wkts and went 12 pts clear at the top. Didsbury moved to second, their perfect run in June continued with a big 155 run win over Alderley Edge. Dids went past 300 for the second week running, 326-8 including a third successive score in excess of 80 for opener Tom Hafil. AE were bowled out for 171 after a last wkt stand of 40 between Dan Fesmer and Jonathan Usher, the latter believed to be the first concussion substitute in Prem cricket after a nasty injury suffered by Tejas Rao, who collided with a bench trying to prevent a boundary. Luke Robinson's 131 (97 bs) powered Nantwich to 285-9 and a massive 176 run win over struggling Toft, who recorded five ducks and only two batters in double figures. Game of the day was at Parkgate, where Neston got a second win in three after a heartstopping 1 wkt triumph over Timperley. Including 43 extras, Timpers' 204 (Luke Jones 6-61) didn't look enough, but Neston slumped to 134-8 and looked finished. Harley Pritchard was to be the Neston hero, however, stands of 44 for the 9th and then 38* with last man Shahrukh Khan edging the hosts over the line with four balls remaining of the 63rd over, Timperley regretting giving away 12 overs and 33 extras. Henry Dobson made 107 and added 160 with Dane Williams (62*) as Oxton piled up 283-5 at Grappenhall, the hosts relieved that rain arrived after 22 overs and saved them in all probability from a heavy loss, Grappers 110-7. Widnes were 213-7 at home to Bowdon (Luke McCoy's fine form continuing with 86) before rain prevented any further play.

Top of [Div 1](#) since the opening day, Marple slipped to third after a dramatic day of cricket. Lindow went top after a thrilling last over, 1 wkt win at bottom side Urmston. Chasing 217, Lindow looked in good shape - until 134-4 became 146-7. Skipper Alex Matthews (54) dug in, but his dismissal with 5 still needed meant the last pair had to hold their nerve, which they just managed to do. There was an equally gripping game at Romiley where the hosts lost out by 18 runs to Davenham after a spirited chase of 277, led by David Badrock's 105 (122 bs). The 43 extras conceded by Romiley proved very costly as Dav finally got their first league win of 2024 - they travel to Urmston next week. Brooklands moved into

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second after a comfortable 8 wkt win at Bramhall, while Marple's defeat at Stockport Georgians, after being bowled out for 65, was a second successive loss after eight straight wins. However, just four pts separate the top three. Sale won a low scoring game by 18 runs at Macc after they were bowled out for 118, Macc slipping to 38-7 in reply before a lower order revival made things very tense. Cheadle chased down 239 with an over to spare to win a fine game at Oulton Park.

In **Div 2** leaders Port Sunlight had their advantage cut to 3 pts after they lost via DLS at a rain-affected Alvanley, while Maritime bowled visitors Stockport out for 132, winning by 7 wkts. Cheadle Hulme's Ashton Muir followed up last week's 130 with 142 off 110 bs as Aston OM were given a pummelling at Grove Park. Muir and Adam Wilde (67) added 202 for the 2nd wkt as CH racked up 315-6, going on to a massive 206-run win. NE Cheshire also passed the 300 mark, taking 330 off the confidence-bereft Mobberley attack before bowling them out for 166. Ashley won a tight scrap at Congleton by 22 runs (despite bowling 31 wides), while Bollington got from 117-6 to 217-9 at The Rec, visitors Haslington again misfiring as they slumped to 130 all out.

Div 3 saw leaders Upton probably regretting their decision to field first as visitors Christleton put a healthy 261-5 on the board, but rain at the interval put paid to any further play (according to the scorecard, Upton were 5-0 without a ball being bowled, due to a penalty runs award...intriguing!). Winnington Park took advantage and went back to second after an impressive 5 wkt win at Over Peover. Aiden Anthony was at it yet again for OP, racing to 65 off 51 bs as he and Matt Simpson (50) added 115 for the second, but Anthony's dismissal saw a decline in OP's fortunes as they finished on 198. A patient 43* from James Hendry and a watchful 48* from Travis Scholes helped secure the points for WP. Given the weather in the west, Tattenhall were very pleased they travelled a long way east as they bowled Heaton Mersey out for 98 on another tough day for batters at the Heatons Sports Club. Tom Hyslop (59*) hit more boundaries on his own than the entire HM team managed in almost 47 overs of batting as Tatt survived a wobble at 36-4 and won by 5 wkts. Barrow's last pair added a superb 43* to edge home by 1 wkt and gain a priceless 20 pts as they somehow beat the rain and visitors Hawk Green, while Hale Barns' eighth wkt pair of Vamshi Ramavath (31*) and Alex Lane (78*) added 65 and took their side to a precious 3 wkt win at bottom side Runcorn. Oakmere got from 108-8 to 214 in their derby with visitors Kingsley, who fought hard from 121-7 but were all out for 187, the hosts picking up their first win since May 18th.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
HYDE	196	96
DIDSBURY	184	120
CHESTER BH	169	83
NANTWICH	161	57
WIDNES	123	84
OXTON	116	65
GRAPPENHALL	103	70
NESTON	79	50
TIMPERLEY	77	25
BOWDON	76	33
ALDERLEY EDGE	71	54
TOFT	59	20

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
LINDOW	171	100
BROOKLANDS	168	100
MARPLE	167	67
BRAMHALL	139	81
MACCLESFIELD	126	55
S.GEORGIAN	113	70
CHEADLE	108	54
OULTON PARK	99	44
SALE	91	52
ROMILEY	69	27
DAVENHAM	65	40
URMSTON	52	24

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
PORT SUNLIGHT	172	86
MARITIME	169	86
CHEADLE HULME	157	100
ALVANLEY	145	88
NE CHESHIRE	113	46
BOLLINGTON	109	56
ASHTON OM	105	64
ASHLEY	98	40
STOCKPORT	93	43
HASLINGTON	90	37
CONGLETON	69	42
MOBBERLEY	62	26

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
UPTON	160	74
WINNINGTON PARK	135	50
CHRISTLETON	132	60
TATTENHALL	131	73
HAWK GREEN	130	75
HEATON MERSEY	125	56
OAKMERE	115	45
KINGSLEY	102	46
BARROW	92	55
HALE BARNES	85	58
OVER PEOVER	80	62
RUNCORN	64	24

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
CHESTER BH	153
DIDSBURY	145
OXTON	143
TOFT	127
HYDE	119
BROOKLANDS	118
WIDNES	112
NESTON	107
CHEADLE	103
S.GEORGIAN	103
LINDOW	78
BOWDON	41

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. NANTWICH	169
2. TIMPERLEY	156
3. H.MERSEY	139
11. BRAMHALL	75
12. C.HULME	68

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. UPTON	184
2. MARITIME	158
3. URMSTON	138
11. ROMILEY	72
12. NESTON 3	69



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. CHESTER BH 3	171
2. OAKMERE	154
3. UPTON 3	151
11. BARROW	59
12. BOLLINGTON	57

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
SALE	68
DIDSBURY	56
BROOKLANDS	54
S.GEORGIAN	52
MARPLE & COMP.	50
TOFT	44
NANTWICH	36
TIMPERLEY	36
GRAPPENHALL	20
ALDERLEY EDGE	12

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
ASHLEY	74
T.METROVICKS 3	68
H.MERSEY	18
ROMILEY	10

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
T.METROVICKS 4	82
BOLLINGTON	56
WOODLEY	28
TIMPERLEY 6	8

SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

Div 3 East: Joint Top - Macclesfield & Bredbury SM

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

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



WEEK 11 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: An opening stand of 92 led to a resounding 9 wkt win for struggling Stockport Georgians at Chester BH, the big result of the day in the **Prem** as successive defeats for the leaders shrunk their advantage to 8 pts. The sides second and third met at Townfield Lane, a brilliant 129* from Tom Brady propelling Didsbury from 47-3 to 261-5 at Oxton. In increasingly poor conditions, the hosts galloped to 83-1 off 12 before rain prevented any further play. The six sides beneath the top three are separated by just 24 pts, Toft leading that pack after a splendid chase of 248 at Lindow, Noah Wasilewski in with a shout as MotM after taking a catch, a run-out, 1-33 and then 100* (102 bs) in a superb individual display. There were also wins for Neston at Cheadle, Widnes at Brooklands, and by 114 runs for Hyde at Bowdon, who are now well adrift at the foot of the table.

In **Div 1** Nantwich went top after a comfortable win over C.Hulme (who slipped to the bottom as a result), the Dabbers displacing Timperley after Alvanley pulled off an impressive chase of 241 at Stockport Rd, led by Travis Glen's 89*. Third-place Heaton Mersey collapsed from 133-6 to 143 all out at Marple, losing by 6 runs in the process.

Big wins for the **Div 2** top two, Upton by 87 runs at Warrington while Gayan Samarakoon made 100 as Maritime demolished P.Sunlight by 153 runs. Peter Cook made 112 for Oulton Park, their spectacular 317 leading to a 140 run win over bottom side Neston. Romiley pulled off an unlikely 4 wkt win at Haslington after falling to 76-6 in pursuit of 152.

In **Div 3** Chester BH 3 beat Upton to stay top, Oakmere keeping pace - but only just, winning by 1 wkt at Davenham, who went from 106-3 to 120 all out. Oakmere sportingly replied in kind, tumbling to 103-9 before the last pair held on.

Sunday 3rd XI cricket saw Didsbury move into second in the **Prem**, their 115 run win over Alderley Edge their third win in a row. Sale's 45-run win over Nantwich kept them top. Wins also for Brooklands and Timperley.

In **Div 1** Ashley bowled Ashton OM out for 48 to win by 129 runs and go top as leaders Didsbury 4s lost at Cheadle. A remarkable game at Romiley saw Bramhall's Kenul Watawana (100*), Josh Patel (103*, ret n.o.) & Andrew Reynolds (38*) together add an unbroken 259 in their 30 overs, going on to win by 136 runs.

FAIR PLAY TABLES are taking shape as the season develops. The three top teams in the Prem (Hyde, Didsbury, Chester BH) are all top of their FPT with a 4.0 mark, while in Div 3 seven of the 12 sides all have a 4.0 mark, that division having the highest average mark of 3.97. The current lowest average mark (3.86) is found in Div 2 with just two sides (AOM & NEC) achieving the 4.0 standard, while in Div 1 Brooklands, Bramhall & Sale all average 4.0 but, with a 4.03 average, Macclesfield are the leading side across all FPT tables.



WEEK 11 1ST XI T20 UPDATE

Some fantastic games on Thursday evening saw the surprise departure of last years' runners-up Hyde, 2022 winners Alderley Edge, and in-form Chester BH. Also through to the quarter finals went Didsbury, Nantwich, Widnes, Neston, Oxton, Grappenhall, and Lindow.

Performance of the night - amongst several contenders - must go to Bowdon, who despite missing several first teamers, pulled off a quite superb win at Werneth Low after Hyde's Luke Young had made 108* (61 bs, 7x6, 7x4) in their daunting 194-3. Matters worsened immediately with captain Jack Tipton run out by a brilliant Danny Cranmer direct hit off the first ball of the reply, but keeper John Sanders went onto play an incredible hand, making 131 off just 69 bs (9x6, 13x4), he and Rob Lord (35* off 17) adding 100 in some 8 overs as Bowdon won by 5 wkts with 11 deliveries unused.

Grappenhall bowled and fielded superbly to defend 155 against a powerful Alderley Edge batting line up, AE all out 140, while Neston shrugged off their league struggles with an impressive 7 wkt win at Chester BH, Matt Strong making 74 (40 bs). Didsbury's Joe Cooke smashed a 48-ball 89 as his side rattled up the biggest total of the night, 229-6, Timperley's spirited chase making a real game of it, but they fell to 190 all out. Oulton Park needed 18 off the last over to beat Oxton but could manage only 10, while Widnes recovered from 90-5 to chase down 158 against Brooklands. Nantwich made short work of Davenham, as did Lindow of Macclesfield in the all-Div 1 clash, Dan Newton (57*) and Bailey Wisniewski (62*) adding an unbroken 96* in a 9 wkt win after Macc skipper Joh Birchall hit 7x6 in his 46-ball 72.

QUARTER-FINAL DRAW (Ties scheduled Thursday 11th July)

Grappenhall v Bowdon

Lindow v Didsbury

Neston v Oxton

Widnes v Nantwich

Finals Day - July 21 (Reserve date - July 28)

National Area Finals Day - August 4 (in Cheshire)

In the **2nd XI T20** matches last week there were victories for holders Didsbury at Cheadle, Brooklands, Lindow, Sale and Oxton. Tonight (Tuesday 2nd) Alvanley play Widnes, Alderley Edge entertain Lindow and Macclesfield host Bowdon. Two quarter-final ties have already been scheduled, Sale going to Didsbury while Chester BH travel to Oxton (both July 9th).

Bowdon's John Sanders continued where he left off on Thursday with a 62-ball knock of 85 as his side won by 8 runs at Brooklands in Sunday's only Cheshire Cup game, which featured 74 extras in total. On that same day at Oxton, Cheshire hammered Devon by 110 runs to set up a NCCA Trophy home semi-final against holders Berkshire.



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'PAINT CRICKET PINK' WEEKEND

Some 30 clubs right across Cheshire cricket have been participating in the 'Paint Cricket Pink' weekend with proceeds expected to exceed £10,000. It's been wonderful to see so many clubs embracing the opportunity to come together in all ways possible. Here's a small selection of photos and images that have come to my attention - and remember it's still not too late to donate! Get in touch for details.



TIMPERLEY & DIDSBURY 1st XIs WITH PINK CAPS FOR THEIR LEAGUE GAME ON JUNE 23



BOLLINGTON 2ND XI WITH PINK CAPS & PINK STUMPS



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Lined up for the **Friday** we have a 'Lucky Dip', Raffle Ticket Sale and a Cake sale.

For **Saturday** we be selling raffle tickets for the evening draw, more cakes will be on sale, and a special auction will be held in the evening.

Featuring across both days we are encouraging everyone to wear something pink and donate a £1. Our bar staff will also be asking if you would like to 'Add a £1 to your round'. Can't wait to see you all this weekend for some fund raising.

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