



## THE WEEK 12 REVIEW

*A real mix of weather across the region saw many matches play reduced-overs games, but mercifully only one 1st XI match was cancelled without any play. All other matches reached conclusions, some amidst high drama, with DLS playing its part too in Divisions 1-3.*

Alderley Edge enjoyed their best [Prem](#) weekend since the start of the season, with two wins, one a nail-biter at Neston in WLD format, the other a W/L victory at Timperley on Sunday. The latter game was given permission to be re-arranged after the original fixture was cancelled on April 27th, which has been the subject of much debate since, but AE just got on with it. Their last pair hauled them over the line in a low-scoring 76-over game at Parkgate on Saturday, Neston regretting bowling 31 wides, but on Sunday it was a more emphatic 61 run win at Stockport Rd that gave their season a big boost. None of that mattered too much to leaders Hyde, Luke Young's rich vein of form continuing with a 3-hour 122 which helped his side to a huge 149 run win over Grappenhall and a 31-pt lead as we move into the second half. Didsbury ran into a Nantwich side with a point to prove, Mitchell Spencer and Jimmy Warrington taking 9 wkts between them and Simon Mugava firing a 35-ball 60 as the Dabbers won easily by 6 wkts, so Chester BH went back to second with a 4 wkt win in a 74-over game at Widnes. Luke Filer made a fabulous 119 (99 bs) in a stand of 175 with Henry Dobson (73) as Oxton made 283-8 against Timperley, who were hampered by an injury to Abishek Kulkarni and an over less to face due to rain. Viraj Sorathia made 93 as their heroic effort finished on 270-8. Sid Mahadevan's fine 94 led a fluent Bowdon batting effort against lowly Toft, rapid 50s for the in-form John Sanders and Lucas Selby powering them to 270-6 in just 44 overs, Toft clinging on at 199-7 for a draw after Rohan Fernando's 77 held off a testing Bowdon attack.

A fine all-round team effort kept Lindow top of [Div 1](#), their hard-fought 40 run win in a 90-over game at Oulton Park an entertaining watch with four half-centuries, Alex Matthews' 52\* (23 bs) and then 3-50 decisive factors in his side's seventh straight win. Brooklands kept up their excellent run by flattening Marple, who have now lost three in a row, Todd Walker (65\*) and Jim Hugall (55\*) adding an unbroken 134 to record a 10 wkt victory. Two fascinating games at the foot of the table were the other standout features, the game at Birchvale Drive between two struggling sides an absolute thriller. Sale's innings started, was interrupted and reduced to 48 overs. Jonathan Davidson made a superb 121 and Muneeb

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## WEEK 12 1ST XI REVIEW cont.

Iftikhar 75\*, the pair adding 126 for the 5th as Sale reached 268-5. A revision on DLS, which was to prove crucial, set Romiley 270 to win, but opener Sam Astley played a fantastic hand, his 119 (107 bs) including 9x6 and 9x4, he and Tom Rolph adding 122 for the 2nd. Romiley then fell away to 213-7 but James Bashford made a nerveless 33 at no.9 to take the game to the wire in unbearable tension, until his dismissal and a run out off the last ball meant Sale won by 1 run, breathing a heavy sigh of relief that the 49 extras they conceded weren't any more costly. Bottom side Urmston got their first win of 2024 and swapped places with opponents Davenham in the process, skipper Ryan O'Brien hitting a soaring six to win the match, finishing 99\* after earlier taking 5-36. Dav were left ruing their collapse from 140-2 to 187 all out (Martyn East 81). Three wins in a row now for Stockport Georgians, doling out another hammering after they beat Macclesfield by 123 runs, Francis Yates 97\* in SG's massive 281-4. An entertaining game saw Cheadle chase their DLS-adjusted target of 258 with seven deliveries to spare at Bramhall, Andrej Yaksender making 88 before Max Fisher whacked 5x6 in his 68\*. Earlier, after being 0-1 the hosts recovered wonderfully to 242-4 led by Nick Cantello's 75 and a welcome return after a lengthy injury lay-off for overseas player Max Marinic, who made 59.

In **Div 2** an opening stand of 133 (Jordan Potts 73, Adam Wilde 79) saw Cheadle Hulme cruise to a 7 wkt win over leaders Port Sunlight and go top themselves in the process. After two tons in a row there was a relative failure for Ashton Muir, who made just 50 - off 18 balls. Result of the day, however, was at Bromborough Pool where struggling Congleton produced a coupon-busting win at second place Maritime, the hosts collapsing for 112 after being well placed to get the 135 they needed. Mobberley's heavy loss at Bollington thus took on added significance, Mobb going from 102-1 to 124 all out after Mohammad Kashif took 6-12. Elsewhere Haslington got a second win in three, beating Kingsley, while Alvanley beat Stockport by 7 wkts and NE Cheshire beat Ashton OM by 92 runs, another 5 wkts for Toby Carson on the scoresheet.

**Div 3** saw leaders Upton rattle up 238-7 in the 35 overs they had against Tattenhall, which led to a 28 pt cushion at the top after their subsequent 110 run victory. Christleton's 18 run win over Winnington Park pushed them back up to second while Heaton Mersey staged an incredible recovery to beat Hale Barns. HM went from 26-5 to 208-6 after Luke Marshall made 101\* and skipper Jack Humpage 73, their 182 run psp leading to a 45 run win after Marshall took 3-21 (and a catch). Elsewhere Kingsley got a first win in five at Barrow while Oakmere defended 188-9 very well in a 78-over game with Over Peover, winning by 41 runs. Hawk Green's game at Runcorn was the one casualty of the 1st XI day.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
HYDE	220	24
CHESTER BH	189	20
DIDSBURY	185	1
NANTWICH	181	20
OXTON	133	17
WIDNES	129	6
ALDERLEY EDGE	115	44
GRAPPENHALL	105	2
BOWDON	93	17
TIMPERLEY	92	18
NESTON	86	7
TOFT	66	7

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
LINDOW	191	20
BROOKLANDS	188	20
MARPLE	168	1
BRAMHALL	144	5
S.GEORGIANS	133	20
MACCLESFIELD	129	3
CHEADLE	128	20
SALE	111	20
OP	106	7
ROMILEY	75	6
URMSTON	72	20
DAV	68	3

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
CHEADLE HULME	177	20
PORT SUNLIGHT	176	4
MARITIME	175	6
ALVANLEY	165	20
NE CHESHIRE	133	20
BOLLINGTON	129	20
HASLINGTON	110	20
ASHTON OM	109	4
ASHLEY	103	5
STOCKPORT	95	37
CONGLETON	89	20
MOBBERLEY	63	1

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
UPTON	180	20
CHRISTLETON	152	20
HEATON MERSEY	145	20
WINNINGTON PARK	142	7
HAWK GREEN	136	6
OAKMERE	135	20
TATTENHALL	135	4
KINGSLEY	122	20
BARROW	94	2
HALE BARNES	89	4
OVER PEOVER	85	5
RUNCORN	70	6

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
CHESTER BH	173
DIDSBURY	165
TOFT	147
OXTON	145
WIDNES	132
NESTON	127
CHEADLE	123
BROOKLANDS	121
HYDE	120
S.GEORGIANS	108
LINDOW	82
BOWDON	46

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. NANTWICH	189
2. TIMPERLEY	176
3. SALE	145
11. BRAMHALL	78
12. C.HULME	72

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. UPTON	204
2. MARITIME	178
3. URMSTON	144
11. ROMILEY	77
12. NESTON 3	70



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. CHESTER BH 3	191
2. OAKMERE	174
3. ASHLEY	161
11. BOLLINGTON	63
12. BARROW	62

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
SALE	80
S.GEORGIANS	64
MARPLE & COMP.	62
DIDSBURY	60
BROOKLANDS	58
TOFT	56
TIMPERLEY	36
NANTWICH	32
GRAPPENHALL	20
ALDERLEY EDGE	8

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
ASHLEY	78
DIDSBURY 4	78
H.MERSEY	20
ROMILEY	14

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
T.METROVICKS 4	94
ELWORTH	68
DAVENHAM	30
TIMPERLEY 6	8

## SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

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

Div 3 West: Top - Widnes  
2nd - Runcorn

Div 4: Top - Lindow  
2nd - Macclesfield Sun 2s



## WEEK 12 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

**2ND XI CRICKET:** Chester BH finally got back to winning ways with a comfortable 8 wkt success over visitors Hyde, Freddie Ogilby's 64\* the innings of the match. A superb 122\* (142 bs) from Didsbury opener Jack Airey and 68 from Chris Becker - the pair adding 143 - powered their side to 275-8 at Lindow, 44 extras also helping their cause. James Bidwell then took 5-21 as the hosts subsided for just 107. Toft went third with a 5 wkt win at increasingly adrift Bowdon, while Paul Stimson's 6-11 helped Neston to a DLS 7 wkt win over local rivals Oxton. Widnes skipper Joe McCurdy made 92 as his side won at Stockport Georgians, while a stand of 132 between Moin Shah (56\*) and Jasper Wong (83) helped Cheadle to a 7 wkt win over Brooklands. The upshot of all of these results is that just 27 pts separates third and ninth in the table.

In **Div 1** Nantwich beat Heaton Mersey by 6 wkts while 114\* from Freddie Timmins helped Timperley to 293-4 and a 96 run win over A.Edge. Sale's 6 wkt win over Macc took them to third. At the foot Cheadle Hulme were skittled for just 29 by Didsbury 2A, while Marple's Charlie Hodgson hit 74 and then took 6-32 as his side beat Bramhall by 91 runs.

In **Div 2** top two, Upton went past 200 pts with an easy win at bottom side Neston 3, who crashed from 64-1 to 96 all out while 104\* from Maritime's Chandima Bulathsinhala helped plunder 78 from their last 5 overs, which in turn led to a 53 run win at Stockport. Simon Prime made 108 for Congleton as they beat Romiley in the final over of a great game.

In **Div 3** leaders Chester BH 3 beat basement Barrow in a shortened game while Oakmere beat Upton 3 to go second. Ashley moved into third after beating Bollington, who at least moved off the foot after the 6 pts they gained.

**Sunday 3rd XI cricket** in the **Prem** saw Sale move further clear after beating Grappenhall by 8 wkts, Tom Jenkinson & Jared Moran both making half-centuries. Alderley Edge conceded for the third time this season and Nantwich for the second time, Toft and Marple/Compstall the beneficiaries respectively. Didsbury's game with Brooklands was cancelled and Stockport Georgians beat Timperley.

In **Div 1** leaders Ashley's trip to Romiley was cancelled, Didsbury 4s taking advantage to go joint top after beating T.Metrovicks 3s by 6 wkts.

**Div 2** belongs to T.Metrovicks 4s, 26 pts clear at the top after another big win, keeper Steve Warner making 106 as TM piled up 245-7 against Trinity, who came quietly for 147.

In the **3rd XI T20** Q/Fs Didsbury 3s beat Bramhall by 46 runs to book a seventh successive appearance at Finals Day, while Brooklands also secured their place with a comfortable 9 wkt win over Cheadle.



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## CHESHIRE CUP & OTHER NEWS

A dramatic Cheshire Cup Quarter-Final on Sunday saw Elworth progress through after a 3 run win over Cheadle at London Rd.

Elworth's 174-8 off their 40 overs seemed within range, although having been 142-7 with 3.2 overs remaining, Cheadle were to regret the runs they leaked towards the end. No batter found their fluency, Andrej Yaksender's 53 off 65 bs the best of the Cheadle batters, but even when he fell, Cheadle found themselves needing 39 off the last 5 overs with 6 wkts in hand. Dan Brown and Josh Dooler were then dismissed within five deliveries to shift the balance and even with Max Fisher continuing his good form over the weekend, the 13 they needed from the final over proved just out of reach. Elworth thus joined Bowdon in the semi-final hat.

The Timperley v Hyde Q/F has yet to have a date arranged, while Nantwich await the winner of the Didsbury v Chester BH second round tie which is provisionally scheduled for July 21st, dependent upon whether Didsbury progress in the T20.

### T20 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 3rd round victories for Lindow at Alderley Edge, and for Macclesfield over Bowdon, Macc surviving a scare at 13-4 to chase down the 84 needed without any further loss. Lindow will host Brooklands in the Q/F, while Macclesfield will have a while to wait to discover who they will face. Widnes won their second round game at Alvanley and will now host Toft in R3, the winners of that game taking on Macclesfield. The two other quarter-finals (Didsbury v Sale and Oxton v Chester BH) are both currently scheduled for tomorrow (Tues 9th).

It was heartbreak for Didsbury who lost in the last over of a gripping National Knockout R4 game at Kimberley Institute (Notts) on Sunday, but Alvanley are making good progress in their latest crack at the Voneus Village Cup, through to Round 6 (last 16) now and entertaining Frickley Colliery on Sun July 14th.

And finally....a Paint It Pink update from Emma Slater: "Over the last 2 weekends around 30 clubs in the CCCL have been painting cricket pink for the weekend to raise money for Prevent Breast Cancer. The initiative started last season with 15 clubs taking part and this year we doubled participation. We will have a final figure and pictures shoutouts in the next newsletter, but early indications suggest the target of £10,000 raised will have been met!"