



## THE WEEK 13 REVIEW

*Yet another weekend of damp and cloudy conditions saw many matches across the region affected, with DLS calculations - and the bafflingly convoluted winning draw formula employed in the Premier Division - abounding.*

**Prem** leaders Hyde suffered their first defeat of the season, a rare off-day with bat and ball at Oxton seeing them go down by 82 runs. At 163-1 in the 38th, Oxton had eyes on considerably more than the 236-9 they finished up with, but Hyde too fell away from a promising position, their 80-1 in the 19th turning into 154 all out some 20 overs later, Ali Crick's 5-39 the standout bowling display. Nantwich took advantage of this and other results, their hard-fought 212 against visitors Neston enough for a 43 run triumph and a third win in succession, Scott Wardley's 5-18 key as Neston rued 38 extras conceded. Toft were probably the more relieved that their game at Chester was cancelled, while Didsbury slipped up again at an unkempt Bowdon, a 72 over game seeing the hosts come out on top by 6 wkts. John Sanders' 31-ball 44 was far and away the decisive contribution in difficult batting conditions after Dids could only manage 133-9 in their allocation, and that was with an unbroken 10th wkt stand of 43. Qamar Hafiz took 6-57 for Widnes at Grappenhall, who battled hard to 166-9 dec, but with Luke McCoy again in good form against his former club, Widnes raced to their target in just 27 overs amidst the threat of showers. Alderley Edge and Timperley met again, both clubs coming out with reasonable rewards from their rain-interrupted draw. AE made 236-9, Sam Perry passing 500 league runs with his 74. Timpers were restricted to just 24 overs in reply, ending on 133-8 (no reduction in their target to win, please note) but claiming 10 pts from the game. Regardless of who was playing who, the stats from this match scenario cast a question mark over the whole concept of an equitable rain-affected match solution, and if draw cricket is to be retained, the points system and the way rain-affected matches are dealt with needs a complete overhaul (in my view).

Rain and bad weather played a big part in **Div 1**, leaders Lindow back down to earth after their T20 triumph, losing out on DLS after an interrupted clash with Bramhall at Upcast Lane. All seemed well when skipper Alex Matthews took 6-37, Bramhall 125 in 33.2 overs. With rain then disrupting proceedings, Lindow were left wanting a modest-looking 73 from 20 overs. It was to be Bramhall's day, though, a committed bowling and fielding effort restricting the hosts to 60-5. Fifties

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## WEEK 13 1ST XI REVIEW cont.

apiece from Jack Bagshaw and Ben Cunliffe took Brooklands to a 3 wkt win in an intriguing tussle at Cheadle, Brook's seventh win in a row taking them top. Marple remain third despite a fourth successive loss, well beaten by a buoyant Macclesfield, while another team upwardly mobile are Stockport Georgians, their fourth straight win coming in a low-scoring rain-affected game against Romiley. At the bottom, Davenham climbed out of the bottom two for the first time since May 25, a precious second win of 2024 coming in another rain-affected game. Davenham made 181-6 in 35 overs with Oulton Park then set a DLS-adjusted 178 off 24. OP gave it a terrific tilt but were all out just 15 runs short. Will Valentine took 4-21 for Urmston on his return to Sale, his former side scraping 135 together on a difficult day for batting, as was proven when Urmston replied, the visitors skipper Ryan O'Brien marooned on 38\* (making it 137 unbeaten runs in two knocks for him, incidentally) as his side crumbled to 119 all out.

In [Div 2](#) just 12 points separate the top four, who all won on Sat. Jordan Potts' good form continued with 61\* as Cheadle Hulme reached their revised target at Stockport with five overs to spare, while Maritime got from 134-8 to 207-9 against an Ashley side who have now lost five of their last six, their 100 all out here due to by range hitting by veteran last man Nadim Alam, who came in at 50-9. Port Sunlight eased to an 8 wkt win over NE Cheshire who they bowled out for 89, while Alvanley had a fight to get the points at Congleton. The hosts' Meet Solanki made a fluent 84 which had the game in the balance, but his dismissal made it 153-9, Cong eventually all out 164 and losing by 22 runs. Haslington made it successive victories by winning at an increasingly adrift Mobberley, who had the visitors 96-7 chasing 193 (Freddie Taylor 6-30) but an unbroken stand of 97 (helped by 29 wides) secured the pts for Haslington. In the other game Bollington won a low-scoring tussle at Ashton-on-Mersey by 3 wkts.

[Div 3](#) leaders Upton were distraught at the rain which caused their game at Hale Barns to be abandoned with the hosts 35-2 chasing a towering 343-6, Chris McArthur (115) making the only 1st XI ton of the day. The chasing pack all won - Christleton victorious by 65 runs in the local argument with Tattenhall, Winnington Park's Andrew Jackson taking 5-1-8-6 as his side skittled Oakmere for just 72, and Hawk Green taking less than 18 overs to knock off the 136 set by visitors Heaton Mersey. An unbearably tense match saw Barrow win at Over Peover by 1 wkt, Barrow somehow getting from 77-8 to 100-9 to reach their adjusted target with eight deliveries to spare, while Kieran Maher's 97 set bottom side Runcorn up for a much-needed win over Kingsley, who fell from 56-0 to 124 all out to lose by 111 runs.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
HYDE	226	30
NANTWICH	205	44
CHESTER BH	195	26
DIDSBURY	189	5
OXTON	157	41
WIDNES	149	26
ALDERLEY EDGE	130	59
BOWDON	113	37
GRAPPENHALL	110	7
TIMPERLEY	102	28
NESTON	92	13
TOFT	72	13

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
BROOKLANDS	208	40
LINDOW	197	26
MARPLE	174	7
BRAMHALL	164	25
S.GEORGIANS	153	40
MACCLESFIELD	149	23
CHEADLE	134	26
SALE	131	40
OULTON PARK	113	13
DAVENHAM	88	23
ROMILEY	81	12
URMSTON	77	25

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
CHEADLE HULME	197	40
PORT SUNLIGHT	196	24
MARITIME	195	26
ALVANLEY	185	40
BOLLINGTON	149	40
NE CHESHIRE	134	21
HASLINGTON	130	40
ASHTON OM	113	8
ASHLEY	108	10
STOCKPORT	99	6
CONGLETON	94	25
MOBBERLEY	68	6

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
UPTON	191	31
CHRISTLETON	172	40
WINNINGTON PARK	162	27
HAWK GREEN	156	26
HEATON MERSEY	146	21
TATTENHALL	141	10
OAKMERE	136	21
KINGSLEY	124	22
BARROW	114	22
HALE BARNES	99	14
OVER PEOVER	91	11
RUNCORN	90	26

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
CHESTER BH	193
DIDSBURY	185
OXTON	165
WIDNES	152
TOFT	152
NESTON	131
S.GEORGIANS	128
CHEADLE	126
BROOKLANDS	126
HYDE	125
LINDOW	102
BOWDON	47

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. TIMPERLEY	196
2. NANTWICH	195
3. SALE	165
11. A.EDGE	89
12. C.HULME	72

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. UPTON 2	224
2. MARITIME	198
3. URMSTON	164
11. ASHTON OM	94
12. NESTON 3	90



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. CHESTER BH 3	196
2. OAKMERE	194
3. UPTON 3	176
11. BARROW	68
12. BOLLINGTON	64

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
SALE	80
S.GEORGIANS	76
DIDSBURY	70
BROOKLANDS	70
MARPLE & COMP.	62
TOFT	56
TIMPERLEY	48
NANTWICH	34
GRAPPENHALL	28
ALDERLEY EDGE	4

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
ASHLEY	90
DIDSBURY 4	90
H.MERSEY	20
ROMILEY	14

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
T.METROVICKS 4	106
DIDSBURY 5	76
DAVENHAM	32
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 13 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

**2ND XI CRICKET:** 76\* from Luke Ramsay led Chester BH to a crucial 3 wkt win at third-placed Toft in the **Prem**, and with Didsbury easily beating an all-but doomed Bowdon side, next week's game at Filkins Lane between CBH and Dids will have a major bearing on the destination of the title. Oxton and Widnes both won to keep up pressure on the top two, while six points separate six clubs in mid-lower table, Stockport Georgians' 75-run win over Hyde one of the results that concertinaed things there. Lindow remain in the drop zone but a terrific win over Neston, defending just 108, gave them renewed hope of survival.

In **Div 1** Timperley's win over Marple meant they swapped places at the top with Nantwich, who lost by 13 runs at Bram-hall. Paolo Manfredi took 6-25 for Sale as they went third with a big win over bottom side Cheadle Hulme. The other side in the drop zone, Alderley Edge, saw their game at Alvanley frustratingly abandoned after just 7 overs of play.

In **Div 2** lowly Ashton OM spent more time travelling than batting at leaders Upton, their feeble 53 all out chasing 252 ensuring the Wirral side maintained their big lead over Maritime, who had a comfortable win over their own over Congleton. Bottom side Neston 3s nicked a tense 6-run win over Haslington defending 123 to leave 4 clubs at the foot with-in 7 points of each other.

In **Div 3** second beat top as leaders Chester BH 3 lost at Oakmere, while Upton 3 stayed third, taking local bragging rights with a 44 run win at Oxton.

**Sunday 3rd XI cricket** in the **Prem** saw Sale well beaten at Timperley, Dylan Parekh's 92 setting up Timpers for a 94 run win. As Sale got no points, the chasing pack all closed in, Georgians gifted 12 pts by yet another Alderley Edge concession, Didsbury beating Marple & Compstall, and Brooklands' Richard Palmer making 103\* as his side beat Toft by 85 runs. At the foot, Grappers' last pair edged them to their 157 target for a priceless win over Nantwich.

In **Div 1** leaders Ashley bowled Cheadle out for 67 on their way to a 7 wkt win, while Didsbury 4s moved level on pts with them, also winning by 7 wkts against Heaton Mersey, who remain stuck in the relegation zone.

**Div 2** saw runaway leaders T.Metrovicks 4s bowl basement side Timperley 6s out for just 43, their subsequent win stretching their lead to 30 pts. Didsbury 5s won again, beating Urmston 4s by 6 wkts to go second.

In the **3rd XI T20** Q/Fs Didsbury 4s became the only 1st Div side to make to Finals Day after beating Grappenhall by 32 runs. The remaining Finals Day spot will be decided when Nantwich and Stockport Georgians meet on July 26th.



Three of the four scheduled T20 quarter-finals took place on Thursday - Widnes v Nantwich was rained off and has been rescheduled for Thurs 18th. There was a thrilling tie at Grappenhall and a superb win for 1st Division high-flyers Lindow at Didsbury.

Grappenhall dramatically won through to finals day after losing fewer wickets in their tied match against Bowdon. Putting their visitors into bat, Grappers struck repeatedly including the key wkt of the in-form John Sanders (37 off 21 here) in the 7th over. However Grappers conceded 21 wides, and 48 off the last 5 left them needing 149. Will Fell hit three sixes in an over as he made 41 but no other Grappers batter really got going as the game remained in the balance. Grappers got to the last over needing 7 and scrambled a leg bye off the final ball to level the scores amidst jubilant scenes. Crestfallen Bowdon were left to reflect on the 40 extras they conceded, including 23 wides.

Another side ruing their profligacy in the extras column were Didsbury, who exited the competition after losing to a disciplined Lindow side. With the game switched to Dids, Lindow chose to field and were right on top after three wkts in an over saw Dids 86-5 with 5 left. Steve Green then hit 32 off an over as 67 came off the last 5, but 153 was to prove well within range for a Lindow side that didn't bowl a single wide or no-ball. That was to prove crucial as Dids donated 23 runs through those two means, Lindow's measured response seeing them home with an over unused.

Oxton comfortably defended a modest-looking 131 at Neston, the hosts slumping from 69-2 at the end of the 12th to 99-8 some 4 overs later, eventually all out 113.

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

National Area Finals Day - August 4 (in Cheshire)

In the 2nd XI T20 matches last week both holders Didsbury, who eased past Sale, and current Prem leaders Chester BH booked their place at finals day, CBH's Ashraf Qureshi hammering a 60-ball 110 as his side won by 34 runs (DLS) after opponents Oxton reached 64-4 in 9.2 overs. Widnes won at Toft in R3 and will face Macclesfield in one of two outstanding

In the one Cheshire Shield game that took place on Sunday, Div 3 leaders Upton, fresh from making 343-6 the day before, surprisingly lost their batting mojo and subsequently their quarter-final as visitors Parkfield Liscard bowled them out for just 116 and went on to win by 4 wkts.

In the National Village Cup last 16 Alvanley were beaten by visitors Frickley Colliery, their 160-9 enough for a 34 run win.