



THE WEEK 15 REVIEW

A generally kinder weekend weather-wise across the county saw some epic matches played with a succession of high-scoring games including five centuries.

A second ton of the season from the prolific Luke Young kept Hyde clear at the top of the [Prem](#), his 100 (108 bs) in a 143 stand with Cole Turner (69) enabling Hyde to declare on 270-7 against struggling Toft, whose reply was looking half-decent at 130-2 but 5 wickets from Andrew Jackson, and Danny Cranmer's 4-68, ripped the heart out of things, Toft folding for 189 and now, 49 points from safety, needing snookers you feel. Nantwich kept pace with their fourth win of the month, another clinical bowling performance led by Simon Mugava (5-19) enabling them to easily defend a modest-looking 166-9 at Alderley Edge. Despite a spirited response from David Hurst (83) and Yusuf Ravat (87), Neston found Chester BH's 324-5 (which included four half centuries) just too many runs, going down by 53, while Didsbury got a first league win of the month at Grappenhall, a defiant 114 from Arav Shetty (and 3-64) not enough to prevent a 54 run loss. Oxton followed up their T20 triumph with a handy 59 run win over Widnes, while two clubs still with an eye on things beneath them met, Timpers breathing a little easier after a 21-run win over Bowdon, for whom Xander Selby took a hat-trick to finish with 6-52, Timpers 151. On a difficult day for run-scoring, Bowdon ran into an in-form Chris Page (6-52), and despite a vigil from Ross Zelem (44 off 108) were all out 130.

The [Div 1](#) leading sides swapped places again, Brooklands back on top despite the absence of Kevin Carroll. Dave Cunliffe's fine season continuing with 104 as his side beat Davenham by 97 runs. Lindow were involved in another titanic game, skipper Alex Matthews (65) leading their recovery from 70-6 to post 194 against Cheadle. His oppo Dan Brown (57*) masterminded a 3 wicket win with an over to go after his side had stumbled to 144-6, Cheadle thus into the top half of the table for the first time in 2024. Marple's dreadful run of defeats looked set to continue when they fell to 43-6 needing 156 to beat neighbours Romiley but Rob Kingham, having earlier taken 3-51, stood firm with 58. However, when he fell it was 146-9 but last man Joe Cash and Jack Grundy eked out the winning runs, a hammer blow to Romiley's hopes of survival. Those hopes were dealt a further blow with news of Urmston's two wicket win at Macclesfield in a 94 over game. Urmston conceded 28 wides in Macc's 191-8 - half centuries for Brad Porter and James Longhorn. After Ryan O'Brien was stumped for 48 (his first dismissal in 4 innings whilst scoring 276 runs in total), 3 wickets from Porter saw Urmston fall to

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141-7, but keeper Leighton-James Grimbaldeston held firm, coaxing enough support from the tail for a priceless 20 pts, Urmston two wins in a row and suddenly 21 pts clear of the drop zone. In the other games Bramhall couldn't make it three successive wins, going down by 83 runs at Sale. Jonathan Davidson (88) and James Dodds (57) put on 125 for the 1st as Sale made 258-5. Despite Greg Dixon (63) continuing his fine season with the bat, Bramhall were bowled out for 175. Oulton Park almost got 300 for the second week in a row, Adrian Lascu (83) and skipper Andrew Dufty (74) helping OP to 296-8 at Stockport Georgians, who gave the chase a real go but were 30 runs short when the overs ran out.

In [Div 2](#) the key game between first and third saw Maritime thrash leaders Cheadle Hulme by 155 runs, solid contributions throughout the hosts' innings seeing them to an imposing 284-9. CH never got going at all in response, mustering just 129 as they dropped out of the promotion spots - for now. Port Sunlight went top with a nervy 15 run win over Haslington in a tense game, PS managing just 184-8 after being 101-1 after 35 overs. Haslington found it no easier at 99-7 but a gutsy 8th wkt stand of 53 got them very close. With Alvanley, led by Chris Charles' 73* (after taking 3-40), pulling off an impressive chase of 233 to beat Ashley after being 131-6, any two of the top four could claim the title. Ashley's loss, however, dragged them closer to Congleton who won a thriller, beating NE Cheshire by just 7 runs, skipper Jack Higginbotham's 81*, catch, and 2-30 a key contribution. Mobberley lost again and look certain to be relegated even at this stage, 79 pts from safety and with no win since the opening day. Their 12th reverse of 2024 came at Ashton OM, the hosts winning by 76 runs, whilst Stockport inched to a nervy 2 wkt win over Bollington in a low-scoring game at Cale Green.

A third league ton of the season from Upton's Chris McArthur saw the [Div 3](#) leaders home by 1 wkt in a thriller at Kinglsey, McArthur's 14th four in his superb 128* winning the game. Another fantastic unbeaten knock, this one from Jake Liddle (87*), enabled Christleton to pull off a fabulous chase of 258 to win at Hawk Green after being 191-7 at one stage. Winnington Park's Jadan Jones made 89 as his side made a glorious 259-8 en-route to a 36 run win over Barrow. They almost ran out of balls in an incredible game at Over Peover, where Aiden Anthony hammered a fourth ton of the season, his 184 (114 bs) featuring 15x4 and 15x6 as OP made 318-7 in their 43 overs. Visitors Heaton Mersey gave as good as they got in reply, led by Luke Marshall's 71-ball 105 (5x4, 10x6), HM only just falling short on 301-7. Matt Worsdale's 95 helped Oakmere beat Runcorn in a game featuring 86 extras, while Josh Agar's 94* helped Hale Barns from 114-7 to 199-7 and a vital 20 pts after beating Tattenhall.

| 1ST XI PREM | | |
|---------------|-----|-------|
| TEAM | PTS | MONTH |
| HYDE | 267 | 71 |
| NANTWICH | 253 | 92 |
| CHESTER BH | 243 | 74 |
| DIDSBURY | 218 | 34 |
| OXTON | 185 | 69 |
| WIDNES | 160 | 37 |
| ALDERLEY EDGE | 159 | 88 |
| GRAPPENHALL | 137 | 34 |
| TIMPERLEY | 131 | 57 |
| BOWDON | 129 | 53 |
| NESTON | 107 | 28 |
| TOFT | 80 | 21 |

| 1ST XI DIV 1 | | |
|--------------|-----|-------|
| TEAM | PTS | MONTH |
| BROOKLANDS | 235 | 67 |
| LINDOW | 222 | 51 |
| MARPLE | 196 | 29 |
| BRAMHALL | 188 | 49 |
| MACCLESFIELD | 175 | 49 |
| CHEADLE | 174 | 66 |
| S.GEORGIAN | 162 | 53 |
| SALE | 157 | 66 |
| OULTON PARK | 153 | 53 |
| URMSTON | 117 | 65 |
| DAVENHAM | 96 | 31 |
| ROMILEY | 94 | 25 |

| 1ST XI DIV 2 | | |
|---------------|-----|-------|
| TEAM | PTS | MONTH |
| PORT SUNLIGHT | 236 | 64 |
| MARITIME | 235 | 66 |
| CHEADLE HULME | 222 | 65 |
| ALVANLEY | 210 | 65 |
| BOLLINGTON | 161 | 52 |
| HASLINGTON | 155 | 65 |
| NE CHESHIRE | 148 | 35 |
| STOCKPORT | 139 | 46 |
| ASHTON OM | 137 | 32 |
| ASHLEY | 134 | 36 |
| CONGLETON | 117 | 48 |
| MOBBERLEY | 79 | 17 |

| 1ST XI DIV 3 | | |
|-----------------|-----|-------|
| TEAM | PTS | MONTH |
| UPTON | 230 | 71 |
| CHRISTLETON | 212 | 80 |
| WINNINGTON PARK | 202 | 67 |
| HAWK GREEN | 165 | 35 |
| OAKMERE | 164 | 49 |
| HEATON MERSEY | 157 | 32 |
| KINGSLEY | 151 | 49 |
| TATTENHALL | 150 | 19 |
| BARROW | 140 | 48 |
| OVER PEOVER | 131 | 51 |
| HALE BARNS | 120 | 35 |
| RUNCORN | 101 | 37 |

| 2ND XI PREM | |
|-------------|-----|
| TEAM | PTS |
| DIDSBURY | 225 |
| CHESTER BH | 218 |
| WIDNES | 192 |
| OXTON | 173 |
| CHEADLE | 166 |
| BROOKLANDS | 166 |
| TOFT | 163 |
| NESTON | 155 |
| S.GEORGIAN | 151 |
| HYDE | 147 |
| LINDOW | 105 |
| BOWDON | 53 |

| 2ND XI DIV 1 | |
|--------------|-----|
| TOP & BOTTOM | PTS |
| 1. TIMPERLEY | 223 |
| 2. NANTWICH | 220 |
| 3. SALE | 187 |
| 11. A.EDGE | 110 |
| 12. C.HULME | 78 |

| 2ND XI DIV 2 | |
|--------------|-----|
| TOP & BOTTOM | PTS |
| 1. UPTON 2 | 258 |
| 2. MARITIME | 238 |
| 3. URMSTON | 189 |
| 11. NESTON 3 | 110 |
| 12. ROMILEY | 105 |



| 2ND XI DIV 3 | |
|----------------|-----|
| TOP & BOTTOM | PTS |
| 1. OAKMERE | 234 |
| 2. UPTON 3 | 216 |
| 3. ASHLEY | 204 |
| 11. BOLLINGTON | 96 |
| 12. BARROW | 77 |

| 3RD XI SUN PREM | |
|-----------------|-----|
| TEAM | PTS |
| BROOKLANDS | 88 |
| DIDSBURY | 82 |
| SALE | 82 |
| S.GEORGIAN | 54 |
| TOFT | 54 |
| TIMPERLEY | 54 |
| MARPLE & COMP. | 52 |
| GRAPPENHALL | 32 |
| NANTWICH | 22 |
| ALDERLEY EDGE | 0 |

| 3RD XI SUN DIV 1 | |
|------------------|-----|
| TOP & BOTTOM | PTS |
| ASHLEY | 114 |
| HYDE | 98 |
| ROMILEY | 26 |
| H.MERSEY | 20 |

| 3RD XI SUN DIV 2 | |
|------------------|-----|
| TOP & BOTTOM | PTS |
| T.METROVICKS 4 | 118 |
| DIDSBURY 5 | 100 |
| STOCKPORT | 50 |
| TIMPERLEY 6 | 22 |

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 15 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: Didsbury maintained top spot with an emphatic 142 run win over Stockport Georgians, Jack Airey (92) and Evan Turner (44) hitting Dids' fourth century opening stand of the season. Chester BH kept up the chase with an equally crushing 169 run win at Neston, who crashed from 97-2 to 110 all out. Third played fourth, Widnes beating Oxton by 7 wkts to swap places with them. Brooklands walloped Bowdon by 101 runs, Bowdon realistically down now and playing for pride, while the other side in the drop zone, Lindow, chose a bad day to lose heavily (Cheadle beat them by 8 wkts), as the side nearest to them, Hyde, pulled off a wonderful chase of 267 at a resplendent Toft to open up a 42-pt gap. Liam Grindlay's 87 was the Hyde standout as their top four scored 238 runs between them, chasing down their target with some five overs unused.

In **Div 1** Nantwich despatched struggling Alderley Edge with ease and closed the gap to leaders Timperley, who, having beaten Didsbury 2As by 1 run in the league, and 2 runs in the T20, this season, had the shoe on the other boot as Dids won a gripping game by 1 wkt, their last pair adding 28*. Sale lost ground in third, losing by 8 wkts to Bramhall, while Leo Burns made 96* in Macclesfield's 9 wkt win over bottom side Cheadle Hulme.

In **Div 2** both leaders Upton and second place Maritime won, the latter widening the gap between them and third place Urmston after winning their encounter at Moorside Rd by 88 runs. Neston 3s decisively prevailed in the basement battle after bowling Romiley out for 95 to win by 76 runs.

Oakmere maintained top spot in **Div 3**, recovering from 15-2 to post 240 against Oxton and going on to win by 95 runs. Upton 3 and Ashley both won against the bottom two sides to leapfrog Chester BH 3s who suffered successive defeats.

Sunday 3rd XI cricket in the **Prem** saw real drama as Brooklands beat Sale by 1 run to go top of the table. Richard Palmer made 104 for Brook in their 182-7, Sale's chase faltering until 14 off the penultimate over left them needing 10 off the last, but they could only manage eight. Didsbury's Adam Slater (128*) and Michael Corbett (73) added 168 for the opening wkt as they easily chased down the 232 set by Georgians, in a match which featured 62x4 and 6x6. Dids' win set up their meeting with Sale next week. Ashley stayed top in **Div 1** while in **Div 2** Metrovicks 4s lost for the first time this season, their game next week with Didsbury 5s set up nicely, the latter now having won seven games in a row.

The line-up for 2nd XI T20 Finals Day was decided when Lindow beat Brooklands by 9 runs on Tuesday, joining holders Didsbury, Chester BH and Widnes. Finals Day is on Sun Sept 1st at Chester BH. In the 3rd XI T20 Nantwich beat Stockport Georgians by 25 runs on Friday evening, thus joining Didsbury 3s and 4s, and Brooklands in the semi-final draw.