



## THE WEEK 17 REVIEW

*As the Premier Division reverted back to win-lose matches, a fascinating weekend saw significant results across all divisions, a number of Saturday games slightly curtailed by midday showers.*

**Prem** leaders Hyde bounced back from their defeat at Didsbury last week in emphatic fashion, prolific openers Tom Partridge (137) and Luke Young (54) adding 166 together as their side went on to 332-6 (the highest Prem total of the season), crushing Neston by 237 runs. Nantwich also put last week's loss behind them with a gritty 4 wkt win at Bowdon, disciplined knocks from Ali Chughtai (61) and Ray Doyle (64) the backbone. A superb fifth wkt stand of 150 between Rob Sehmi (88) and Joe Cooke (78\*) made it successive wins for Didsbury, who went third after a 5 wkt triumph at Widnes, the hosts paying the price for slipping from 201-6 to 214 all out. There was a third win in four for Alderley Edge, the division's leading run scorer Sam Perry following up last week's 112\* (and a century for Cheshire the following day) with 73 as his side overcame Chester BH by 67 runs, CBH slipping to fourth after successive defeats. Harry Dearden made 107 as Oxton's impressive season continued, their 67 run win at bottom side Toft condemning the hosts to a 12th loss of a difficult campaign, although with the bottom three sides all losing it is not over for Toft just yet and indeed, although Grappenhall picked up a useful 20 pts in a low scoring win over Timperley, neither of those two sides can be counting their chickens at this point either.

The **Div 1** leading sides had mixed fortunes but both Lindow and Brooklands remain firmly on course for promotion, both sides level on pts and now 47 clear of the rest. Lindow had to work much harder than might have been imagined to win at bottom side Davenham, Lindow reduced to 103-6 after being put in, but an 8th wkt stand of 59 lifted them to 208. Davenham saw a promising 63-1 turn into 99-6 and despite a valiant fight from the lower order, were bowled out for 181. When news came through of a fourth straight win for Urmston (who beat a flagging Marple by 4 wkts, seven defeats in their last 8 games), it meant Davenham were looking at a 52 pt gap to a survival spot. An off-colour Brooklands lost by 22 runs at Stockport Georgians, SG's Tom Metcalfe (92) and Simon Normanton (60) adding 141 for the 6th wkt to lift their team from 64-5 to 231. Brooklands lost the in-form Dave Cunliffe second ball and just couldn't get a substantive partnership going, finally all out 199, a result which should secure SG's place in Div 1 next season after a bumpy start. However, Oulton Park aren't totally safe just yet, as their stuttering season has dipped again. Successive wins in late July has been

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followed up by successive defeats, the latest at the hands of Romiley. And unlike their earlier meeting, where OP sneaked home by 1 wkt, Romiley swept home by 8 wkts for a second win of the season which gave their survival hopes a vital boost. In the meeting of third and fifth, Macclesfield leapfrogged Bramhall after a 5 wkt win, their ninth of the season. Macc, who had six centurions amongst their senior sides last weekend, have been thrilled by the form of Joe Moores (nephew of Peter and cousin of Nottinghamshire's Tom), whose 50 on Sat followed on from two tons in three games - the youngster has now hit an astonishing 1465 runs in all matches this season (incl. schools and Lancs U18s). With overseas player Steve Cawood having made 208 unbeaten runs in his last two knocks, and with games against the top two coming up, Macc will be having a big say in the Div 1 outcome. In the other game Sale survived a late wobble to defeat Cheadle by 4 wkts in the final over of a very watchable encounter.

In [Div 2](#) an unbeaten 101\* from AOM's overseas Fraser Hay was not enough to stop leaders Port Sunlight, who reached their 199 target with four overs unused, PS skipper Simon Melberzs with 3-17 and 46\*. Maritime's fifth successive win kept them a point behind as they walloped Bollington by 157 runs. A first win in four in central Cheshire gave NE Cheshire a morale boosting 20 pts but dented Alvanley's ambitions of catching the top two, Alv becalmed in third, while Cheadle Hulme's slump in form goes on. Top on July 20th, CH are now 44 pts off second spot after a third straight loss, this one compounded by being bowled out for 126 (after being 55-0) against struggling Ashley, whose subsequent four wkt win put a cat in the henhouse at the foot of the table, where 16 pts now separate six sides. One of those six are Congleton, whose third win in a row lifted them out of the bottom two spots for the first time this season - and some win it was as they bowled Haslington out at Booth St for just 65 to win by 128 runs. Stockport are also in the relegation mix but a crucial win over a doomed Mobberley gave all at Cale Green a lift, Mobb fighting desperately hard but falling 17 runs short.

Upton have a big cushion at the top of [Div 3](#), their 74 run win at Oakmere (who didn't help themselves by conceding 44 extras) their twelfth of the season. Christleton consolidated second spot after thrashing Over Peover by 165 runs, Max Dunvaband (101) making his second ton in four inns, while opening partner Mubashir Hassan blitzed 80 off 37. Christleton made 339-5 before Dunvaband took 5-15 in a superb all-round display. Third place Winnington Park dropped six catches at Runcorn, the hosts claiming a vital 19 run win in their quest for survival, and later boosted by Hale Barns losing at Hawk Green. Barrow also remain embroiled at the foot after a heavy loss at the hands of visitors Heaton Mersey, while Ben Stoddard made 110\* in an opening stand of 193 with Haris Yassin (81\*) as Kingsley beat Tattenhall by 6 wkts.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
HYDE	290	23
NANTWICH	279	26
DIDSBURY	262	44
CHESTER BH	254	11
OXTON	233	44
ALDERLEY EDGE	207	44
WIDNES	185	25
GRAPPENHALL	166	25
TIMPERLEY	159	29
BOWDON	136	7
NESTON	133	26
TOFT	91	11

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
LINDOW	262	40
BROOKLANDS	262	27
MACCLESFIELD	215	40
BRAMHALL	212	24
MARPLE	204	8
CHEADLE	199	25
SALE	185	28
S.GEORGIAN	184	22
OULTON PARK	161	8
URMSTON	157	40
ROMILEY	119	25
DAVENHAM	105	9

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
PORT SUNLIGHT	276	40
MARITIME	275	40
ALVANLEY	233	23
CHEADLE HULME	231	9
HASLINGTON	179	24
NE CHESHIRE	171	23
BOLLINGTON	168	7
STOCKPORT	165	26
ASHTON OM	161	24
CONGLETON	158	40
ASHLEY	155	21
MOBBERLEY	89	10

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
UPTON	270	40
CHRISTLETON	252	40
WINNINGTON PARK	214	12
OAKMERE	190	26
HAWK GREEN	189	24
HEATON MERSEY	183	26
KINGSLEY	177	26
TATTENHALL	174	24
BARROW	146	6
HALE BARN	143	23
RUNCORN	141	40
OVER PEOVER	136	5

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	265
CHESTER BH	258
WIDNES	232
OXTON	213
S.GEORGIAN	191
CHEADLE	184
BROOKLANDS	176
TOFT	170
HYDE	168
NESTON	164
LINDOW	116
BOWDON	71

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. NANTWICH	260
2. TIMPERLEY	232
3. SALE	211
11. A.EDGE	134
12. C.HULME	83

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. UPTON 2	284
2. MARITIME	278
3. URMSTON	229
11. WARRINGTON	126
12. ROMILEY	114



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. OAKMERE	257
2. UPTON 3	256
3. CHESTER BH 3	229
11. BOLLINGTON	120
12. BARROW	101

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	104
BROOKLANDS	100
SALE	98
S.GEORGIAN	76
TOFT	66
TIMPERLEY	64
MARPLE & COMP.	52
NANTWICH	34
GRAPPENHALL	34
ALDERLEY EDGE	0

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
ASHLEY	134
HYDE	108
A.O.MERSEY	38
ROMILEY	32

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
T.METROVICKS 4	132
DIDSBURY 5	110
STOCKPORT	50
TIMPERLEY 6	24

*SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS*

Div 3 East: Top - Stockport Georgians 4s  
2nd - Macclesfield

Div 3 West: Top - Middlewich  
2nd - Runcorn

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



## WEEK 17 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

**2ND XI CRICKET:** Didsbury's bid for a second successive title came a step closer with another emphatic win, Adam Slater's 93 the star turn in their 190 run win over Toft. But the chasing trio all won to keep the pressure on, Chester BH's Chris Willsdon taking 6-21 as they skittled Cheadle for just 49, CBH remaining just 7 pts behind Dids, while third place Widnes won at lowly Lindow and Oxton overcame an effectively relegated but still spirited Bowdon side, 84\* from Mark Russell guiding them to a 5 wkt win. The promising Zak Kelly took 4-33 and then hit 84\* as Hyde secured a valuable 20 pts at Neston. Meanwhile it was the day of the Duckworths for Georgians at Brooklands, Ben D making 92 and Sean D taking 5-15 in their 134 run win.

In **Div 1** thrilling wins for Grappenhall (by 1 wkt) and Alderley Edge (by 7 runs) over Timperley and Sale respectively saw Nantwich open up a 28 pt gap at the top after the Dabbers beat Alvanley by 3 wkts. AE remain stuck in the second relegation spot but with Bramhall falling some way short of the 287 they needed to win at Macc, the gap between AE and Bramhall is now just 14 pts. Cheadle Hulme's heavy defeat at Heaton Mersey means they are now 65 pts from safety.

In **Div 2** the meeting of the top two went decisively the way of Maritime, for whom Bilal Anwar made 101 as they hammered Upton by 134 runs. Upton remain top but by just 6 pts. Umar Munawar made 118\* as third place Urmston won at Oulton Park. The bottom two both lost but it is far from over for either Romiley or Warrington with a clutch of sides all still keenly aware of their proximity to the drop zone.

Oakmere maintained top spot in **Div 3**, a comfortable 56 run win over Bollington keeping them a point clear of Upton 3s, but it will be a fascinating end to the season with some six clubs potentially able to claim the title. It is also all to play for at the foot, with Barrow, Bollington and Oxton battling it out and all playing each other in the coming weeks.

**Sunday 3rd XI cricket** in the **Prem** saw Didsbury's fine form continue, Saad Nawab making 142\* as they beat Nantwich by a massive 188 runs to stay top, but Brooklands and Sale also won to keep the title race finely poised. The Dabbers' loss means they are out of the drop zone having lost fewer games than Grappenhall, but Grappers have two games in hand. In **Div 1** Mohammed Kamran made 143\* for leaders Ashley in a high scoring game at Bramhall, who fell just 11 runs short of their chase of 253, Josh Patel's fine 153\* going unrewarded. Second place Hyde and third place Didsbury 4s are level on 108 pts, 28 pts behind Ashley, who play Hyde next week.

**3RD XI FINALS DAY WILL BE AT BROOKLANDS CC ON MONDAY 26TH AUGUST; BROOKLANDS, NANTWICH, DIDSBURY 3 & DIDSBURY 4.**