



THE WEEK 20 REVIEW

A sunny last day of August saw some fabulous games of cricket across the county, with the Cheshire Cup finalists also determined and 2nd XI silverware for Chester Boughton Hall.

The top two in the **Prem** met at Whitehouse Lane in the game of the day - and what a game it was. Locked in first and second since July 6th, Hyde and Nantwich played out a dramatic high scoring game which saw the hosts knock off 291 to cut the gap to the leaders to just 10 pts. Put in, Luke Young's fine 76 was the stand-out of a disappointing Hyde effort to that point, and his dismissal in the 39th over left his side 172-6. Enter Andrew Jackson, whose lean season with the bat gave no hint of the fireworks to come, 118 runs coming off the last 11 as Jackson tore the bowling to shreds, 89 off 38 balls sending Hyde to a huge 290-8. Jackson then took an early wkt but Nantwich showed that 'anything you can do...' as Luke Robinson slammed 83 out of a second wkt stand of 105, before skipper Ray Doyle (72) joined Ali Chughtai (91), the pair adding 139 to propel their side towards a famous victory with 8 deliveries to spare. Didsbury kept up what pressure they could in third with an excellent chase of 262 to beat Neston, the Parkgate side still stuck in the relegation zone but far from finished, being within range of Grappenhall and Bowdon. Those two sides met at South Downs Rd, Joe Chapple's 62* giving the hosts a nervy 3 wkt win but the upper hand in the survival stakes after Grappers - having been 140-3 - could only manage 193. At Stockport Rd, Timperley's comfortable 87 run win over Toft (John Fowler 5-29) pretty much assures them of Premier Division cricket next season, while, after a mini-revival Toft now have one foot in Div 1, but will keep fighting. In the other games a superb 103* from Warren Goodwin and a terrific all-round display from Alex Money (4-24 and 41) powered Chester BH to an emphatic 9 wkt win at Oxton while Chris Sanders' 85 was in vain for Alderley Edge, Widnes bowling them out for 187 and going on to a 4 wkt victory.

SEPTEMBER PREMIER DIVISION FIXTURES

Sept 7: DIDSBURY v TIMPERLEY; GRAPPENHALL v CHESTER BH; HYDE v BOWDON; NESTON v OXTON;
TOFT v ALDERLEY EDGE; WIDNES v NANTWICH

Sept 14: ALDERLEY EDGE v DIDSBURY; BOWDON v WIDNES; CHESTER BH v HYDE; NANTWICH v TOFT;
OXTON v GRAPPENHALL; TIMPERLEY v NESTON

Sept 15: ALDERLEY EDGE v NESTON; BOWDON v TOFT; CHESTER BH v WIDNES; GRAPPENHALL v HYDE;
NANTWICH v DIDSBURY; OXTON v TIMPERLEY



WEEK 20 1ST XI REVIEW cont.

The end of August in [Div 1](#) saw Brooklands take a big step closer to regaining their Premier Division status, their 15th win far from their most convincing as visitors Urmston gave them a scare, Brooklands 50-5 after choosing to bat. However, a dose of Kevin Carroll (62 off 33) saw 85 added for the 6th as Brooklands manged 192, former skipper Jack Bagshaw battling for over two hours for 33. That was to prove worth its weight as Urmston were bowled out for 141, and when news came through of a loss for Lindow, even more so. Lindow do, however, still remain second after their 32 run defeat by Macclesfield, whose fine season reached new heights after skipper Jack Massey reeled off a brilliant 134 (131 bs), he and James Longhorn (49) putting on 144 for the 1st as Macc piled up 277-6. Only Sam Battersby (81) really made an impression in the reply of 245, Massey capping off his display with 3-36 (and a catch) although he will not have been too thrilled with the 44 extras Macc conceded.

Lindow remain with their destiny in their own hands, and with their remaining games all against sides in the bottom four it would be a major surprise if they did not complete their promotion aspirations. Bramhall will keep up the pressure, though, even without the injured Greg Dixon in their 29 run win over an Oulton Park side whose form shows no sign of an upturn. And with Davenham picking themselves up from the depths of 46-6 to inch to the 134 needed in a low-scoring affair at Stockport Georgians, the possibility of Dav escaping the drop still remains, now 33 pts adrift of safety with three to play. Sadly for Romiley, a 10-wkt pasting at Cheadle left them face-to-face with relegation, and the visit of Lindow on Saturday may well officially seal their fate in what has been a difficult season at Birchvale Drive - all three senior sides could go down. In the other match, Sale's late season revival saw them upto fifth after being third-bottom at the start of June. James Dodds had a terrific game, following up his 2-32 with 76* as his side eased past an increasingly bedraggled Marple by 6 wkts, knocking off their 192 target with some 19 overs unused.

SEPTEMBER KEY DIVISION 1 FIXTURES

Sept 7: [BRAMHALL](#) v [MARPLE](#); [MACCLESFIELD](#) v [DAVENHAM](#); [OULTON PARK](#) v [BROOKLANDS](#); [ROMILEY](#) v [LINDOW](#)

Sept 14: [BROOKLANDS](#) v [BRAMHALL](#); [CHEADLE](#) v [OULTON PARK](#); [DAVENHAM](#) v [ROMILEY](#); [LINDOW](#) v [URMSTON](#)

Sept 15: [CHEADLE](#) v [BRAMHALL](#); [DAVENHAM](#) v [URMSTON](#); [LINDOW](#) v [OULTON PARK](#); [MARPLE](#) v [BROOKLANDS](#)



WEEK 20 1ST XI REVIEW cont.

Maritime finally broke clear at the top of [Div 2](#) after an enormous 211 run win over a shellshocked Ashton OM at The Beets. It all started so well for the hosts, taking a wicket with the sixth ball, but that was as good as it was to get as Maritime piled up an unthinkable 294 - curiously, the top score was Thanippuli Wijewardana's 43. AOM were quickly in tatters at 44-7 and their eventual 83 all out, a fourth straight loss, saw them slip into the relegation zone at the worst possible time. Port Sunlight, for so long at the top, lost for the first time since July 6, Jack Goode hitting an incredible 138* (106 bs) as Congleton smashed 102 from their final ten overs to reach a massive 285-6. Jamie Hodgson (91) and Simon Melberzs (75) added 147 for the 4th in a tremendous fightback but PS were bowled out for 254. For Congleton, a sixth win in seven means they should maintain their Div 2 status but the scrap to avoid being relegated with Mobberley will be an intense one. Mobberley aren't officially down but they are so far adrift after Alvanley completed a comfortable 7 wkt win over them that there is no realistic prospect of escape. As for Alvanley, their faint hopes of returning to Div 1 are still alive for now. Two magnificent centuries and a high scoring game seemed out of place for two struggling sides, but Stockport's Brennan Wilson made 162 (142 bs) as his side reached 271-5 at Ashley, Ammad Mushtaq responding with 133* as he shared consecutive stands of 113 and 147* in his side's 7 wkt win. Haslington beat Cheadle Hulme but Bollington lost to NE Cheshire and are still far from safe.

A surprise in [Div 3](#) as leaders Upton crashed to 21-7 in pursuit of Heaton Mersey's 230-9 at Old Greasby Rd, the hosts recovering but only to 146. With a 65 pt cushion, however, an immediate return to Div 2 is just a matter of time, as it also seems to be for Christleton, who beat Runcorn in a peculiar game at Little Heath. Rob Magee batted throughout for an unbeaten 90 as the hosts conceded 53 extras, but were still set only 210 to win, which they managed within 37 overs. Despite third place Oakmere winning again - they beat Hale Barns by 19 runs - they look too far back at this stage, as do Hawk Green, who enjoyed a Saturday run-fest, an opening stand of 101 followed by a 40-ball 103 from Bradley Heginbotham as HG destroyed the Over Peover attack, 356 on the board. Not surprisingly, OP unravelled and were all out 85. Barrow completed the losing quartet of bottom four sides, no.9 Josh Spraggs hitting a 32-ball 50 to build on Fred Cheshire's earlier 73 as Tattenhall went from 171-8 to 244 all out, Barrow folding for 176 in reply. With 27 pts separating those four struggling clubs it is anyone's guess who will survive. Hale Barns travel to Barrow next Sat and then entertain Runcorn the week after in two crucial fixtures.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
HYDE	336	69
NANTWICH	326	73
DIDSBURY	305	87
CHESTER BH	299	56
OXTON	255	70
ALDERLEY EDGE	229	70
WIDNES	218	58
TIMPERLEY	204	74
BOWDON	183	54
GRAPPENHALL	178	37
NESTON	165	58
TOFT	135	55

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
BROOKLANDS	322	87
LINDOW	292	70
BRAMHALL	272	84
MACCLESFIELD	261	86
SALE	245	88
CHEADLE	242	68
MARPLE	231	35
S.GEORGIANS	195	33
URMSTON	186	69
OULTON PARK	180	27
DAVENHAM	147	51
ROMILEY	127	33

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
MARITIME	335	100
PORT SUNLIGHT	322	86
ALVANLEY	293	83
CHEADLE HULME	241	19
NE CHESHIRE	231	83
HASLINGTON	207	52
CONGLETON	203	85
BOLLINGTON	195	34
STOCKPORT	194	55
ASHLEY	184	50
ASHTON OM	178	41
MOBBERLEY	117	38

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
UPTON	315	85
CHRISTLETON	295	85
OAKMERE	250	86
HAWK GREEN	249	84
HEATON MERSEY	243	86
WINNINGTON PARK	223	21
KINGSLEY	223	72
TATTENHALL	217	67
HALE BARNES	173	53
BARROW	164	24
RUNCORN	150	49
OVER PEOVER	146	15

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	325
CHESTER BH	303
WIDNES	258
OXTON	257
CHEADLE	228
BROOKLANDS	222
S.GEORGIANS	218
TOFT	200
HYDE	198
NESTON	195
LINDOW	121
BOWDON	114

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. NANTWICH	291
2. TIMPERLEY	276
3. MACCLESFIELD	237
11. A.EDGE	194
12. C.HULME	91

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. UPTON 2	344
2. MARITIME	338
3. URMSTON	272
11. NESTON	142
12. WARRINGTON	139



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. UPTON 3	316
2. OAKMERE	285
3. ASHLEY	272
11. DAVENHAM	165
12. BARROW	130

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
SALE	132
DIDSBURY	116
BROOKLANDS	114
S.GEORGIANS	100
TOFT	90
TIMPERLEY	76
GRAPPENHALL	58
MARPLE & COMP.	52
NANTWICH	46
ALDERLEY EDGE	-8

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
ASHLEY	166
DIDSBURY 4	144
A.O.MERSEY	42
ROMILEY	34

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
T.METROVICKS 4	164
DIDSBURY 5	122
STOCKPORT	44
TIMPERLEY 6	38

SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

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

Div 3 West: Top: Runcorn
Joint 2nd: Widnes and Middlewich

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



WEEK 20 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: An unbroken stand of 210 for the 3rd wkt between Reg Wyatt (108*) and Freddie Ogilby (124*, his second successive ton) powered Chester BH to 290-2 and a 74 run win over Bowdon, whose relegation was confirmed as a result. It also meant Chester kept hot on the heels of Didsbury, but the champions kept their noses in front after a gripping 2 run win over Brooklands, defending 159. Brooklands needed five from the last over with two wkts in hand but James Bidwell produced a superb six balls which saw Brooklands end on 157-9. Time is also almost officially up for Lindow after another heavy defeat, 68 all out at Georgians leading to a 7 wkt loss, leaving them 74 pts adrift of safety. Elsewhere a horror show by Cheadle saw them bowled out for 54 at Toft, the hosts winning by 175 runs, while the last two Oxton wkts added 136 at Hyde to set the hosts 227. A barnstorming 101* (59 bs) from Charlie Harris powered Hyde to a 7 wkt win inside 35 overs.

In **Div 1** Gaz Burns (73) and Ross Arrowsmith (67*) helped guide Grappenhall from 92-6 to 206 against leaders Nantwich, who were then bowled out for 173 (Arrowsmith 2-32). The Dabbers' lead at the top was cut to 15 pts after Timperley won by 42 runs at Heaton Mersey despite only making 110 themselves. HM are now the closest of a clutch of clubs who could soon find themselves in the relegation zone, with Alderley Edge making it four wins in a row after a brilliant chase of 245 at Grove Park to beat already-relegated Cheadle Hulme. AE are currently just 9 pts from safety.

In **Div 2** another huge win for Upton 2s, winning by 96 runs at Romiley, all but assures themselves of promotion, 72 pts ahead of third-place Urmston, while Bilal Anwar (148) made a second successive ton for Maritime, who got from 95-5 to 289-8 and beat Neston by 178 runs, and look equally assured to go up. That loss for Neston kept them in the drop zone for now but they are only 3 pts behind Romiley.

Div 3 saw Upton 3s extend their cushion at the top to 44 pts. Second place Oakmere, who lost their game against third place Ashley by 63 runs, have no such luxury as a result, just 13 pts clear of third now.

Sunday 3rd XI cricket: Congratulations to **Sale**, whose 7 wkt win at Nantwich saw them retain the **Premier Division** title, holding off the challenge of Didsbury. Sale will be playing **Div 1** champions Ashley next season for sure, but with Didsbury 4s virtually assuring second spot after beating Cheadle by 56 runs (Dids hammered 303-5) who will drop out of the Prem and who will come up from Div 1 is unknown at this time. Trafford Metrovicks 4s have won **Div 2**.



WEEK 20 CUP CRICKET ROUND UP

CHESHIRE CUP SEMI-FINALS:

HYDE (300-6) beat BOWDON (273) by 27 runs. A wonderful run-fest saw some fabulous batting to cheer a grey afternoon. Tom Partridge (80) and Luke Young (86) put on a dazzling 153 in 21.3 overs for the opening wkt, a late Cole Turner cameo (48*) seeing the holders to a daunting 300-6. Bowdon were soon 18-2 and then 75-3, but John Sanders, who made 131 when these sides met in the T20 last 16, repeated that brilliance with a magnificent 137 (99 bs), he and Shardul Viinoday (68 off 43) adding 173 in just 19 overs to give Bowdon a real chance. But James Chew removed them both within a couple of overs of each other and Hyde breathed more easily.

DIDSBURY (177) beat ELWORTH (104) by 73 runs. Didsbury made it through to their first Cheshire Cup Final after overcoming tricky opponents on an equally tricky pitch at London Rd. Dids slumped to 132-9 but 14 year old Olly Griffiths played out a 9-ball duck as no.10 Will Street cut loose, the pair adding 45 for the last as Street finished 49*. Elworth lost a wicket to the first ball of the reply before Street came on, his 5-28 decisive as Griffiths took his maiden 1st XI wicket to finish the match.

FINAL: HYDE v DIDSBURY at Hyde CC, Sun 8th Sept, 12.00pm start.

CHESHIRE SHIELD UPDATE

Parkfield Liscard (196-8) beat Maritime (192-7) by 2 wkts to claim the Cheshire Shield. PL were in deep trouble at 128-7 but captain Numan Chathuvanga (16) joined Nauman Akram (82*), the pair adding 61 for the 8th as Akram steered his side to a nervy win with 8 balls remaining.

2ND XI FINALS DAY

Chester BH ended the three-year reign of Didsbury as cup holders after a dramatic 2 run victory on a damp afternoon at Filkins Lane. Didsbury had a comfortable semi-final win over Lindow - who did not help themselves by dropping five catches in 3 overs - but Chester had a real fight to defend 134 against Widnes, doing so by 9 runs. In the final, a last wkt stand of 28 helped CBH again make 134. Didsbury set off with a stand of 50 but as rain intermittently fell and the light faded, wickets fell and the game was in the balance. Didsbury reached the last over needing 13 but Adam Slater (59) hit the first two balls to the boundary before falling to a fine low catch off the third. As the tension became almost unbearable, Vihan Perera - having been part of that vital 28 psp - held his nerve with the ball as Chester celebrated a dramatic win in front of a hardy gathering of spectators who barely noticed the elements during this gripping game.