



## THE WEEKEND (WEEK 22) REVIEW

*The 2024 season ended as it began. The blanket cancellation and subsequent shifting of the first Saturday fixtures was largely to no avail as the rain of Sunday washed out more fixtures than would have been the case on the opening day ....and yet there was still most dramatic of conclusions at both ends of the Prem & Div 1.*

### Season 2024 1st XI Divisional Summary

Premier Division: **Champions** Nantwich      **Runners-Up:** Hyde  
**Relegated** Toft, Grappenhall

Division 1: **Champions** Brooklands      **Runners-Up:** Lindow  
**Relegated** Romiley, Oulton Park

Division 2: **Champions** Maritime      **Runners-Up:** Port Sunlight  
**Relegated** Mobberley, Ashton-on-Mersey

Division 3: **Champions** Upton      **Runners-Up:** Christleton  
**Relegated** Runcorn, Over Peover

2nd XI Premier Division: **Champions** Didsbury 2      **Runners-Up** Chester BH      **Relegated:** Bowdon, Lindow  
2nd XI Division 1: **Champions** Nantwich      **Runners-Up** Timperley      **Relegated:** Cheadle Hulme, Alderley Edge  
2nd XI Division 2: **Champions** Upton 2      **Runners-Up** Maritime      **Relegated:** Neston 3, Warrington  
2nd XI Division 3: **Champions** Upton 3      **Runners-Up** Oakmere      **Relegated:** Davenham , Barrow

3rd XI Premier Division: **Champions** Sale      **Runners-Up** Didsbury 3  
3rd XI Division 1: **Champions** Ashley      **Runners-Up** Didsbury 4  
3rd XI Division 2: **Champions** Trafford Metrovicks 4      **Runners-Up** Didsbury 5

1ST XI T20 Winners: Oxton      2ND XI T20 Winners: Chester BH      3RD XI T20 Winners: Didsbury 3

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
NANTWICH	386	60
HYDE	385	46
DIDSBURY	333	28
CHESTER BH	330	31
OXTON	301	46
ALDERLEY EDGE	260	31
WIDNES	231	13
TIMPERLEY	219	15
BOWDON	214	31
NESTON	194	29
GRAPPENHALL	191	13
TOFT	163	28

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
BROOKLANDS	353	31
LINDOW	338	46
BRAMHALL	318	46
MACCLESFIELD	292	31
CHEADLE	288	46
SALE	275	30
MARPLE	261	30
S.GEORGIANS	226	31
URMSTON	205	18
DAVENHAM	193	46
OULTON PARK	192	13
ROMILEY	141	6

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
MARITIME	381	46
PORT SUNLIGHT	348	26
ALVANLEY	325	32
CHEADLE HULME	287	46
NE CHESHIRE	261	30
CONGLETON	249	46
BOLLINGTON	235	40
HASLINGTON	218	14
STOCKPORT	211	17
ASHLEY	210	26
ASHTON OM	192	14
MOBBERLEY	148	11

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
UPTON	346	31
CHRISTLETON	325	30
HEATON MERSEY	289	46
OAKMERE	281	31
HAWK GREEN	277	28
KINGSLEY	255	32
WINNINGTON PARK	254	31
TATTENHALL	249	32
HALE BARNES	219	46
BARROW	182	18
OVER PEOVER	178	29
RUNCORN	163	13

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	353
CHESTER BH	332
OXTON	280
WIDNES	272
S.GEORGIANS	264
CHEADLE	260
BROOKLANDS	251
NESTON	235
TOFT	215
HYDE	214
LINDOW	167
BOWDON	132

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. NANTWICH	337
2. TIMPERLEY	305
3. DIDSBURY 2A	273
11. A.EDGE	225
12. C.HULME	98

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. UPTON 2	404
2. MARITIME	398
3. URMSTON	304
11. WARRINGTON	165
12. NESTON 3	150



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. UPTON 3	363
2. OAKMERE	322
3. ASHLEY	318
11. DAVENHAM	196
12. BARROW	154

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
SALE	132
DIDSBURY	120
BROOKLANDS	114
S.GEORGIANS	100
TOFT	94
TIMPERLEY	80
GRAPPENHALL	62
MARPLE & COMP.	56
NANTWICH	50
ALDERLEY EDGE	-8

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
ASHLEY	166
DIDSBURY 4	148
ROMILEY	46
ASHTON OM	42

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

## WEEKEND (WEEK 22) REVIEW - PREMIER DIV

A final day that could barely have been imagined unfolded to the unbridled joy of **NANTWICH** and the utter desolation of Hyde, who led the league from June 1st until the fast-fading light of the last day. It was to be agony for both the Werneth Low side and their hosts on Sunday, Grappenhall, who got onto the field at Broad Lane as cancellations stacked up elsewhere, including crucially for Grappers at Alderley Edge, where visitors (and fellow-strugglers) Neston were forced to settle for six pts and a nail-biting wait. Hyde called correctly and put Grappers in, the hosts reduced to 44-5 before more rain proved terminal, both for the match and for Grappers' hopes of Prem survival, as they could only claim 6 pts which left them four short of safety, Neston breathing an audible sigh of relief that their proud claim to be one of only two current Prem sides never to have been relegated stayed intact. But Hyde too were as heartbroken, as a 44 over match was being started at Whitehouse Lane, where visitors Didsbury ran into a fully focused Dabbers side who bowled them out for 93 and then knocked off the runs in under 11 overs to claim a third Prem title in the last six complete seasons, and a sixth overall in the Prem era, making them easily the most successful side by that measure. Nantwich, who were never top of the table until the last moment, were boosted by successive 150 opening stands between Ben Wright and Ali Chughtai, the latter hitting 101 on Saturday as Toft were beaten by 9 wkts, condemning them to Div 1 after a 19 year stint in the top flight. Neston's 7 wkt win at Timperley on Saturday, combined with a batting disaster for Grappers at Oxton (73 all out), set up the drama of the final day, although Grappers did have Oxton 31-6 in reply - but Jordan Collier, having earlier claimed 6-22, thumped 30\* to seal the win for his side.



NANTWICH CELEBRATE (image: Rob Sproston)

### PREMIER DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2024 SEASON

**Leading Runs:** Luke Young (Hyde) 904 runs, av. 47.58      **Highest Score:** Tom Partridge (Hyde) 169 v Widnes  
**Prem Div Centuries:** 24      **Highest Partnership:** 180 (1st wkt) Rohan Luthra & Aaron Soni, Widnes v Timperley  
**Nantwich's Ben Wright was involved in three stands of 150 or more for his club**  
**Leading wickets:** Jordan Collier (Oxton) 48 wkts      **Best figures:** 10-6-12-6, Jimmy Warrington, Nantwich v A.Edge  
**Leading wicket-keeper:** Spencer Byatt (Nantwich, 30 ct/11 st/1 r/o)



## WEEKEND (WEEK 22) REVIEW - DIVISION 1

The rain which all but obliterated the final day in Div 1 meant that, despite a 63-run loss at the hands of a Bramhall side (for whom Josh Patel made 96) on Saturday, Brooklands made an immediate return to the Premier Division as Div 1 champions. There was also promotion joy at Upcast Lane where Lindow sealed a first ever tilt at the top flight after an action-packed 77 run win over Urmston. Dan Newton (56) rounded off a fine season with the bat, adding 131 with Finn Gavaghan (78) as Lindow, aided by 55 extras, got from 41-3 to 286-7, Charlie Hodge ending 56\*. In reply, Will Valentine reeled off a superb 112 but his side fell well short in the end. At the other end of the table, all eyes were on Cheadle, where Oulton Park's endless slide towards the relegation trapdoor took another step as they lost a low scoring game by 3 wkts, unable to press home their advantage after Cheadle fell to 114-6 needing 142 in tricky conditions. That meant that a 61 pt cushion OP had over Davenham on August 3rd had shrunk to just 13 pts going into the final day. Davenham, having officially confirmed Romiley's relegation after beating them comfortably on Saturday, worked relentlessly to get their ground fit, the same break in the weather in that part of Cheshire that enabled Nantwich to play allowing a 28 overs a side game against Urmston to commence. Without Valentine, Urmston made a decent 162-9, before more rain reduced the Davenham reply to 20 overs, target 130. Matt Jamieson, with just one score above 15 in his previous 10 knocks, chose the perfect time to find form, his 39-ball 51 laying the platform for club stalwart Ben Gough to hit the winning runs in the 18th over as conditions closed in again, sparking big and hugely relieved celebrations at Butchers Stile, as, by 1 pt, Davenham survived. For Oulton Park, rained off at Lindow and watching on forlornly, their wretched run of 13 defeats in their last 16 games finally caught up with them and consigned the once-dominant force in Cheshire cricket, and a club playing in the Premier Division just two seasons ago, to Division Two.



### DIVISION 1 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2024 SEASON

**Leading Runs:** Greg Dixon (Bramhall) 776 runs, av. 64.67      **Highest Score:** Dan Newton (Lindow) 183\* v Davenham  
**Div 1 Centuries:** 20      **Highest Partnership:** 172 (3rd wkt) Steven Cawood & Joe Moores, Macclesfield v Oulton Park  
**Leading wickets:** Alex Matthews (Lindow) 42 wkts      **Best figures:** 9.5-1-15-7, Rob Leach, Brooklands v Cheadle



## WEEKEND (WEEK 22) 1ST XI REVIEW - DIVS 2 & 3

**Div 2** Maritime made it successive promotions after a brilliant season, a run of ten straight wins power-ing them well clear of the chasing pack. They signed off with one of their poorer batting displays of the season at Cale Green, but from 110-8 managed 145, then inducing a collapse in the Stockport reply, Vishal Barigela making it 43 wkts for the season with 3-17 as the hosts went from 115-4 to 134 all out. The other promo-tion spot was claimed by Port Sunlight, who triumphed by just 4 runs in a heartstopping winner-take-all clash with visi-tors Alvanley. PS lost their last three wkts without addition to total 163. Alvanley were soon on skid row at 32-5, and de-spite a fight from the mid-lower order, Alv looked finished at 111-8. Chris Charles (37) and no.10 Charlie Fletcher (20) had other ideas, however, taking the score to 154 before Charles fell lbw, Fletcher caught five runs later to spark ecstatic scenes as the unbearable tension was finally broken. The other significant game saw Ashton-on-Mersey fail in their at-tempt to repeat 2023's last-day reprieve, even with a rare appearance from Ed Faulkner, who made 85\* in his side's healthy 239-6 against visitors Cheadle Hulme. CH, league leaders in July, have fallen away markedly and had only pride to play for, but showed they had plenty of that, Jordan Potts (84) and skipper Adam Wilde (69) adding 137 together as CH won by 6 wkts. So AOM head into Div 3 with Mobberley, who at least signed off with a 24-run win over NE Cheshire, and somewhat bizarrely, were able to boast the division's leading run scorer, Ibrar Latif, whose 753 runs were sadly in vain.

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**Div 3** with the champions (Upton) and runners-up (Christleton) already known, the attention was on which two of four clubs would drop out of the CCCL. Hale Barns, Over Peover, Barrow and Runcorn had been swapping places in the bottom four since May 25th, and thus came the weekend of reckoning. The key clash on Saturday was at Brooks Drive, where Hale Barns entertained Runcorn. David Nedugodan, batting at 7, whacked 63\* to push Runcorn - aided by 30 extras - to 214-8, but Joe Cooper found the perfect moment to rediscover his form, finishing on a splendid 100\* as HB won by 6 wkts and assured themselves of safety - for Runcorn, it was back to the CCL after just one season. Meantime, Barrow's long trip to Hawk Green led to a pasting, Barrow doing pretty well to recover from 44-7 to make 107 but they were still 87 runs short of the win they needed. Fortunately for them, across at Winnington Park, Over Peover's key man Aiden Anthony (1052 league runs and coming off the back of 133 the week previous) was bowled by the first ball of the match, James Hendry mobbed by his teammates. The visitors made 160 which WP knocked off with few problems, meaning that, after the Sunday divisional washout, Over Peover too make an immediate return to the CCL, Barrow surviving by four pts.





## WEEK 22 2ND XI CRICKET

2nd XI Premier Division: **Champions** Didsbury 2

**Runners-Up** Chester BH

**Relegated:** Bowdon, Lindow

Didsbury sealed a third title in four seasons on Saturday after 90 from Evan Turner provided the bed-rock for them to overtake visitors Oxton's 184, of which skipper Grant Hughes made a superb 120. Dids' 7 wkt win assured them of top spot after Chester BH produced their worst batting display of the season, tumbling to 107 all out at Georgians, for whom Iftikhar Hussain (5-18) and Sean Duckworth (4-30) caused havoc. Georgians went onto win by 5 wkts to render the final set of matches all academic - in the event there was a blanket washout. Relegated Lindow produced a performance to be proud of, at least, recovering from 83-6 to successfully chase 177 at Toft, for whom Scott Craig had earlier made 90.

2nd XI Division 1: **Champions** Nantwich

**Runners-Up** Timperley

**Relegated:** Cheadle Hulme, Alderley Edge

Contrasting fortunes for the top two sides on the final Saturday, Nantwich thumping relegated Cheadle Hulme (CH went from 59-2 to 66 all out after Joe Bolton and Noah Birchall shared five wkts apiece). On the other hand, Timperley produced a carbon copy of the CH display after crashing to 71 all out at Alvanley, Sam Mallows taking 7-49 as Timpers season ended sheepishly with a 152 run hammering. Drama at the foot as Heaton Mersey's 52-run win over Marple, coupled with Alderley Edge's revival faltering at the crucial moment, sent AE into Div 2. Looking for a sixth win on the spin, AE lost by 68 runs at Bramhall, Archie Tittle atoning for his earlier duck with 5-41.

2nd XI Division 2: **Champions** Upton 2

**Runners-Up** Maritime

**Relegated:** Neston 3, Warrington

The key final placings in this division were decided after Romiley survived a real scare defending 259 against Haslington, whose last pair added some sixty runs before the final wkt fell, Romiley winning by 18 and meaning that at least one side at Birchvale Drive avoided the drop. Champions Upton 2s played twice, winning by 9 wkts against the two already relegated sides, neighbours Neston 3 the victims on an otherwise bleak Sunday in the division.

2nd XI Division 3: **Champions** Upton 3

**Runners-Up** Oakmere

**Relegated:** Davenham, Barrow

Treble promotion joy at Old Greasy Rd was already assured, but Oakmere had to hold off a strong challenge from Ashley for the second promotion spot. This the A49 men did, Ian Eaton's 71 the mainstay of a 38 run defeat of Davenham, who paid a heavy price for the loss, as the 5 pts they achieved condemned them to finishing in the relegation spots alongside Barrow, Bollington surviving by a solitary point as, despite losing by 13 runs at Tattenhall, the 6 pts gained after scoring 218-9 proved to be crucial.



## FAIR PLAY NEWS

### PREMIER DIVISION

TEAM	2024	2023	2022
HYDE	4.00	4.00	4.00
Neston	3.96	3.81	3.81
Chester BH	3.95	3.99	3.87
Oxton	3.95	3.99	3.97
Didsbury	3.94	3.93	3.99
Alderley Edge	3.93	3.93	3.98
Grappenhall	3.92	3.99	3.98
Nantwich	3.90	3.72	3.75
Toft	3.89	3.88	3.92
Bowdon	3.88	3.82	3.88
Widnes	3.87	3.79	3.80
Timperley	3.71	3.71	3.68

### DIVISION ONE

TEAM	2024	2023	2022
MACCLESFIELD	4.00	3.96	3.97
SALE	4.00	3.89	3.98
S.Georgians	3.99	3.97	3.93
Urmston	3.96	3.90	3.92
Brooklands	3.94	3.97	3.88
Oulton Park	3.94	3.93	3.93
Lindow	3.93	3.85	3.98
Marple	3.90	3.96	4.00
Bramhall	3.89	3.86	3.97
Romiley	3.87	3.95	3.98
Cheadle	3.86	3.96	3.98
Davenham	3.75	3.91	3.78

### DIVISION TWO

TEAM	2024	2023	2022
MARITIME	4.01	3.94	3.84
Ashton OM	4.00	3.88	3.97
N.E.Cheshire	4.00	3.99	3.99
C.Hulme	3.97	4.00	3.98
Port Sunlight	3.96	3.96	3.89
Alvanley	3.93	3.99	4.02
Mobberley	3.93	3.93	4.02
Ashley	3.88	3.75	3.90
Haslington	3.87	3.94	3.92
Bollington	3.81	3.90	3.90
Congleton	3.79	3.83	3.74
Stockport	3.76	3.83	3.93

### DIVISION THREE

TEAM	2024	2023	2022
HEATON MERSEY	3.98	3.97	-
Oakmere	3.99	3.96	3.92
Barrow	3.98	3.95	3.91
Christleton	3.98	3.86	3.92
Runcorn	3.97	-	-
Kingsley	3.96	3.99	3.98
Hale Barns	3.93	4.01	3.89
Tattenhall	3.93	3.96	4.00
Winnington Park	3.93	3.92	3.92
Over Peover	3.91	-	-
Upton	3.90	4.01	3.97
Hawk Green	3.88	3.97	3.89

Fair Play co-ordinator Simon Smith's work has revealed that, for the third year running, Hyde have not dropped a single mark, a highly commendable achievement. Congratulations also to Macclesfield and Sale who did not drop any marks in Div 1, the same of which is true of Ashton OM and NE Cheshire in Div 2. But the overall Fair Play winners for 2024 are Maritime, who alongside the promotions for their 1st and 2nd XI teams achieved the highest mark of all for fair and sporting play. Divisional averages are broadly similar to last year.

News from the Cheshire Cricket League: Warrington will make an immediate return to the CCCL after topping Div 1. Also promoted and returning to the CCCL after their demotion in 2016 will be Middlewich, their attractive ground making a welcome return to the CCCL schedule. In that year of 2016, Weaverham finished fourth in Div 1- in 2025, they will be in the CCL Div 2 after finishing in the Div 1 drop zone.

**PREMIER DIVISION 'HYBRID' SEASON BREAKS NEW GROUND** The CCCL followed a number of other Premier Divisions by introducing a split-format of win/lose, and win/lose/draw cricket, throughout 2024. The clubs will decide whether or not the format will be retained in future, but the overall stats show that drawn matches accounted for just 8 off the 66 played, and half of those featured gripping climaxes. Two other drawn games were badly rain-affected; in addition, 3 'WLD' games were cancelled without any play and 3 more were abandoned after some play. Added to the over-wieldy maths required to ascertain revised points targets in WLD format, the Prem may choose to follow other divisions and become straight win/lose.



## Paint Cricket Pink 2024

*Emma Slater (coordinator) reports on this year's PCP initiative.*

Across June 25 CCCL clubs put a huge effort into supporting CCCL charity, Prevent Breast Cancer.

The result was a massive **£17,288** raised for this amazing North West based charity.

Clubs raised funds by doing everything - mainly in PINK - from cake sales, tribute band nights, BBQ's and, during CCCL matches themselves we had pink caps, pink stumps and pink pitch markings.

Heartfelt thanks from everyone involved with Prevent Breast Cancer to everyone who supported and donated, in any way.

Your contributions have made a life-changing difference - we have more than doubled what we raised in 2023!

