



THE 2025 WEEK 3 REVIEW

Week 3 saw the return of a well-known CCCL player, nine 1st XI tons, two double-century stands, a successful chase of 321, several narrow wins/losses, and a 400+ total in 2nd XI cricket.

Skipper Henry Dobson (83) and Luke Filer (76) were the main contributors as Oxton passed 300 for the second time this season already, the Lindow bowlers back down to earth after last week's heroics. Dan Newton (89) and Max Law (52) added 140 for the 3rd but despite a valiant effort Lindow were 273 all out and Oxton made it three from three. The other side making a perfect start are Didsbury, who won a fascinating game at Nantwich by 33 runs. Rob Sehmi's 68 was the highest of several handy contributions as Dids totalled 271-8 after being asked to bat, their lower order adding 71 off the last 7 overs after Sehmi's dismissal left Dids 200-6. The Champions welcomed Rob Jones into their ranks, the ex-Lancs star last man out for a classy 116 with only Spencer Byatt (50) making a substantive contribution, Nantwich kept in check by the well-balanced Dids attack.

Skipper Jack Tipton (101) was the Bowdon hero after their first win of the season came at Chester, a terrific chase of 283 anchored by the left-hander's 117-ball innings, Joe Chapple (49) and the returning Rob Lord (43) providing great support. Earlier Ollie Law finished on 94* as CBH recovered from 59-3 to make 282-5, Andrew Metcalf making 60. Neston also notched their first win of the campaign, building on a terrific win in the National K/O last Sunday. Matt Strong was their main man with 118 (112 bs) as their 283 proved out of reach for hosts Timperley, Timpers making a fight of it after slumping to 132-6 but all out 244 as seven different Neston bowlers took wickets.

Hyde's Luke Young was clearly minded to improve on his wretched start to the season with the bat, Brooklands running into the full range of his powers as, batting over 3 hrs, Young smashed 173 off 142 bs (6x6, 23x4) in an astonishing display of strokeplay and stamina in Hyde's monster 329-6. Two run-outs scuppered any faint Brooklands hopes of getting close as they were bowled out for 199. By way of contrast, Alderley Edge's free-scoring start to the season came to an abrupt halt at Moss Lane, as they progressed uneasily to 210 all out in 45.2 overs, Trent McKeegan taking 5-30 for visitors Widnes, who must have fancied their chances of getting a first league win of 2025. However, Chris Sanders was in full flow as Widnes were soon 55-3, Rohan Luthra's 36 (20 bs) the highest score of the entire match, Sanders finishing with 4-29 as Widnes were all out in the 38th over for 157, AE making it three in a row to jointly top the table.



2025 WEEK 3 REVIEW cont.

In [Div 1](#) Sale enjoyed an early-season high after a quite magnificent opening psp of 250. Jonathan Davidson (130 off 124 bs) and James Dodds (139* off 139 bs) rewrote club records at Butchers' Stile as their stand occupied some 37 overs, Davenham's flailing attack no answers as the visitors piled up 353-4. Davenham were 41-7 in no time and couldn't get away quick enough after an eventual 249 run pulverising. However, in the topsy-turvy nature of the division, Davenham in 11th are just one win (and other favourable results) off top spot! Another ground enjoying some wonderful batting was Moorside Rd, where visitors Port Sunlight racked up 321-8 after being put in, Lewis Davies (81), Simon Melbersz (70) and James Hodgson (60) the main scorers. But Urmston pulled off a quite superb chase, an opening stand of 110 inside 20 overs paving the way for Umar Munawar (73 off 56) to take his side on, James Bashford's late 37 (20 bs) following 3-45 earlier helping get the hosts to their target with two balls remaining, PS lamenting bowling an astonishing 50 wides. There were thrilling wins for Toft at Bramhall (10 runs) and for Cheadle, who were in deep doo-doo at 102-7 chasing 171 against Macclesfield, but the last pair squeezed the two runs needed for a heart-stopping 20 pts. Marple went into a tailspin and tumbled from 122-4 to 140 all out as visitors Maritime claimed a 66 run win at Bowden Lane, while it was another tale of woe for Grappenhall who lost by 81 runs at Stockport Georgians.

Bollington were the headline act in [Div 2](#), racing to an incredible 367-4 at the BRG as the Romiley attack fell to pieces, Andrej Yaksender (116) and Ben Gibson (152*) adding 201 together in some 33 overs before Gibson hammered 31 off over 48 in a spectacular finale, Bolly going onto a 171 run win. Alvanley are the only side with three wins, their latest by 6 wkts over visitors Upton, for whom Chris McArthur (110) and Luke Camden (72) added 162 for the 2nd wkt. Steve Charles 81* anchored the leader's chase of 224. Oulton Park made it successive wins with a thrilling 1 wkt victory at Ashley, while there were welcome first wins for Christleton, who beat Cheadle Hulme by 39 runs at Little Heath, and Haslington, who were grateful to Freddie Taylor's 60* steering them to 165 after being 137-9 against visitors Ashton OM. Taylor then took a wicket in the first over of the reply as AOM had a horror show, 79 all out (Jack Taylor 5-17). Stockport also broke their 2025 duck in their derby at NE Cheshire, a superb 107* from Naveed Gondal taking his side from 46-5 to their 194 target with 4 wkts in hand.

[Div 3](#) was given a real shake by Hale Barns, the perennial strugglers suddenly going into turbo mode with a 10 wkt win at Oakmere, who were rolled for just 93 a week after making 303 at Runcorn. Jhiah Baxter walloped 71* off 38 as HB wrapped things up within 11 overs of their reply. Middlewich won a thriller by 1 wkt at Heaton Mersey, both sides dropping numerous catches as the visitors, led by Kieran Boyle's 81, recovered from 141-6 to make 264-9 in the last over. Warrington's great return to the CCCL continued with a 3 wkt win, a gutsy chase of 219 (after being 115-6) at Hawk Green seeing them stay top along with Mobberley, getting their bearings quickly in Div 3 with a third win, struggling Over Peover their victims. Evergreen Tom Hyslop hit 101* (54 bs), he and Corey Bovey (52*) adding an unbroken 167* for the third Tattenhall wkt as they beat Winnington Park by 8 wkts. Barrow crunched 295-8 against Runcorn who had another day to forget, losing by 102 runs.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
DIDSBURY	60	20
OXTON	60	20
ALDERLEY EDGE	60	20
HYDE	42	20
CHESTER BH	42	6
TIMPERLEY	41	7
LINDOW	33	7
BOWDON	30	20
NESTON	30	20
BROOKLANDS	27	4
NANTWICH	17	6
WIDNES	15	6

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
SALE	47	20
MACCLESFIELD	46	6
CHEADLE	46	20
BRAMHALL	45	5
S.GEORGIANS	44	20
TOFT	43	20
MARITIME	40	20
PORT SUNLIGHT	32	7
MARPLE	31	5
URMSTON	31	20
DAVENHAM	27	2
GRAPPENHALL	14	5

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ALVANLEY	60	20
ASHLEY	46	6
UPTON	44	4
BOLLINGTON	44	20
OULTON PARK	43	20
ASHTON OM	30	4
CHEADLE HULME	29	5
CHRISTLETON	29	20
STOCKPORT	28	20
N.E.CHESHIRE	27	4
ROMILEY	27	3
HASLINGTON	26	20

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
WARRINGTON	60	20
MOBBERLEY	60	20
HEATON MERSEY	48	8
TATTENHALL	44	20
MIDDLEWICH	43	20
BARROW	41	20
HAWK GREEN	30	6
HALE BARNES	28	20
WINNINGTON PARK	26	2
OAKMERE	25	0
OVER PEOVER	14	6
RUNCORN	12	5

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	60
OXTON	60
HYDE	45
CHESTER BH	44
TOFT	44
NANTWICH	42
CHEADLE	32
TIMPERLEY	28
WIDNES	28
NESTON	26
S.GEORGIANS	14
BROOKLANDS	12

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. LINDOW	60
2. BRAMHALL	46
3. UPTON 2	45
11. ALVANLEY	13
12. GRAPPENHALL	6

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. URMSTON	60
2. A.EDGE	60
3. P.SUNLIGHT	44
11. ASHTON OM	11
12. OULTON PARK	9



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. W.PARK	60
2. ASHLEY	60
3. N.E.CHESHIRE	55
11. BOLLINGTON	13
12. NESTON 3	11

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	12
BROOKLANDS	12
SALE	10
NANTWICH	10
S.GEORGIANS	6
TOFT	6
ASHLEY	2
TIMPERLEY	0
GRAPPENHALL	0
MARPLE/COMPS.	0

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
ELWORTH	12
HYDE	12
BOWDON	0
ROMILEY	-4

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
T.METROVICKS 4	12
RUNCORN	12
BOLLINGTON	0
S.TRINITY	0

SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

Div 3 East: Top - Sale 4
2nd - Didsbury Wanderers

Div 3 West: Top - Christleton
2nd - Maritime

Div 4: Top - Stockport
2nd - C.Hulme Ladybridge



WEEK 3 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: Didsbury & Oxton mirrored their 1st XIs in topping the division. Didsbury's Chris Becker hit a six to go to 104* and seal an 8 wkt win over Nantwich, putting on 145 for the 1st with Tom Brady (64), while Oxton defended a modest looking 155 with some ease at Stockport Georgians, Richard Fennah (5-31) leading the way as SG were bowled out for 75. Ashraf Qureshi (100*) was the standout for Chester BH at Toft, but their 207-7 was some way light as Ed Stubbs (100*) led his side over the winning line by 7 wkts. Neston's 272-9 at home to Timperley was the highest total of the day, Timpers 24-8 in reply before staggering to 98 and a 174 run loss. Hyde won by 50 runs at Brooklands to maintain their encouraging start, while Cheadle picked up a handy 20 pts at Widnes, who got from 79-8 to 185. Paddy Keogh made 105 as Cheadle won by 6 wkts.

In **Div 1** Lindow thrashed an incredible 412-4, Rob Herriott (191) and Ian Park (113) putting on 259 for the second wkt in some 28 overs at Upcast Lane as Grappenhall's already tough start to the season turned into carnage. At 71-7 in reply things could barely have got worse but Stanley Pennington, coming in at 9 on a hat-trick, joined skipper Graham Rowlands, the pair adding 82 as Grappenhall got to 215, but it was still a 197 run loss to the rampant division leaders. Ian Potter scored 105* for Upton as they beat Alvanley by 7 wkts.

In **Div 2** Urmston maintained their perfect start with a handsome 133-run victory over third place P.Sunlight. Alderley Edge kept pace with the leaders after their third win in three at nearby Cheadle Hulme. A manic but splendid lower order stand between the Stuart brothers powered Romiley to an unlikely-looking 2 wkt win over Upton 3s, with Ashton OM and Oulton Park occupying the basement after both suffered a third consecutive loss. AOM finished 3 runs short of their victory target against Haslington, but OP were well beaten by Oakmere.

In **Div 3** W.Park's Mark Hamblett was a happy man at the interval, his 8-47 seeing Tattenhall dismissed for just 92. But as WP slipped to 19-4 and then 83-8, Hamblett had to strap the pads on, but in the event wasn't needed as WP stayed top with a 2 wkt win. Ashley hammered H.Barns while NE Cheshire stayed third after a 116 run win over Neston 3s, who along with Bollington bring up the rear.

Sunday 3rd XI News League fixtures commenced on Sunday, **Prem** champions Sale getting their title defence underway with a comfortable 7 wkt win at Marple, while Brooklands (by 222 runs over Grappenhall) and Didsbury (by 153 runs at Ashley) recorded monster wins, Brooklands keeper Sam Hill making a fabulous 142 in his side's 315-5. A thrilling tie was the result of the day though, as Toft's Neil Ryan was out for 96, his side kept to 8 off the final over against Stockport Georgians. Nantwich's well paced chase of 188 at Timperley led them to a 5 wkt win. In **Div 1**, stands of 89 and 103* took Elworth to an impressive 9 wkt win over Bowdon, while Hyde beat last years' runners-up Didsbury 4s by 44 runs. Runcorn's Nathan Wheatley was the standout in **Div 2**, making 143 as his side flogged Stockport Trinity's bowling all over the parish, Trinity's M.Irfan caught behind for 99 in their spirited reply of 191-6. **Div 3 West** saw a run fest at Lymm OP, Widnes opener Matthew Pennington blasting 162* (106 bs) in an opening stand of 229 with Zach Green (87), Widnes 313-2 which proved 93 too many for Lymm in their respectable reply. In **Div 3 East** H.Mersey's William Wall made 119* out of 165-4 and took 4-11 as HM beat Bredbury.



CHESHIRE CUP NEWS

The first round of Cheshire Cup matches took place on Sunday. News of the fixtures played:

MARPLE (129-3) beat BUNBURY (128) v by 7 wkts. Bunbury collapsed from 90-1 to 128 all out.

DAVENHAM (273-7) beat WESTMINSTER PARK (173) by 100 runs. Davenham recovered well from their mauling of 24 hours previously and were only detained from an even bigger win by two jaunty stands for the last two WP wkts.

STOCKPORT GEORGIANS (254-5) beat OULTON PARK (145) by 109 runs. A 165 stand for the third wkt between Sam Bright (88) and Francis Yates (80) led SG to a massive total, their spinners then taking 8-55 between them as hosts Oulton Park came quietly.

BREDBURY ST.MARKS (179-6) beat SANDBACH (175) by 4 wkts. Hosts Sandbach wasted an opening stand of 114 as BSM skipper Kyle O'Reilly followed up his 2-31 with a calm 45* after his side slid to 126-6 in their pursuit.

URMSTON (281-5) beat WARRINGTON (155) by 126 runs. A magnificent 128* from skipper Lewis Jackson put Urmston way out of reach, his stand of 186 with David Dempster (71) for the 4th wkt the batting highlight. James Bashford then provided the bowling headlines with 6-16 as Urmston won comfortably.

NORTHWICH v CHEADLE HULME Cheadle Hulme conceded.



ECB National K/O News: Cheshire sides had mixed fortunes in *Preliminary Round 2* of NKO games played on April 27th. Hyde and Chester BH suffered defeat, to Longton and Eccleshall respectively, but five teams went through to round two. A magnificent 167 (120 bs) from the bang in-form David Hurst propelled **Neston** to an encouraging win over Hem Heath; 92 from Luke McCoy got **Widnes** to 212-4 chasing 259 to beat Shrewsbury, but a collapse saw Widnes 219-7 and on the ropes, only for the eighth wicket pair to inch them to victory, the five runs taken from the final over (two off the last ball) tying the scores, Widnes progressing having lost fewer wickets. **Oxton** beat Northop by 55 runs, Luke Filer making a brilliant 102 (and later taking 2-23). **Nantwich** overcame two collapses to total 224 and see off Audley. In group 6 a superb 119* from Subhaan Mahmood got **Bowdon** to 211-8, a great bowling and fielding effort then seeing a strong Clifton side tumble to 169 all out. **Didsbury** received a bye to Round 1 proper.

RD 1 DRAW (May 11): Nantwich v Himley; Didsbury v Halesowen; Checkley v Oxton; Bowdon v Westhoughton; Widnes v Leek; Neston v Knowle & Dorridge

3RD XI T20 TROPHY: the mini-groups concluded on BH Mon. For the first time, all eight qualifiers for the K/O stages have come from the Sunday Premier Division.

G 1: **Brooklands 4s** beat Ashley 4s to win the group.

G 2: Holders **Didsbury 3s** confirmed their place in the K/O stages for the eighth consecutive season after topping their group.

G 3: **Grappenhall** won their three games to qualify.

G 4: Charlie Hodgson made 104 for **Marple/Compstall 5s** as they beat Bramhall in the group decider to progress

G 5: 2023 winners **Sale 3s** beat Didsbury 4s to top the group on NRR.

G 6: **Timperley 5s** were the group winners, three from three.

G 7: With three wins and a healthy NRR **Stockport Georgians** were the most comfortable of group winners.

G 8: **Toft** qualified with two wins (plus two concession pts), Nantwich conceding two of their three scheduled games.



CCCL XI v MCC

An anniversary match to mark 50 years of the CCCL

THURSDAY 19th JUNE

11.30 AM, TOFT CRICKET CLUB

Followed by a 3-course dinner at 19:30 with league figures past and present, and special guest speaker ROBERT CROFT (ex-Glamorgan & England).

Dinner tickets - £45 via Cheshire Cricket Board website ('News' section)

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CHESHIRE SENIORS NEWS

2025 will be the second season of Cheshire over 50s running two sides; the friendly between the 1st and 2nd XI resulted in a reduced overs win for the 1sts. Two more friendlies are scheduled this Weds May 7, the 1s travelling to Stafford and the 2s entertaining Shropshire at Tattenhall, both games starting at midday.

The over 60s 1st XI suffered a reverse at the hands of Derbyshire Cricket Foundation at Marple on Tues 29 April in their Div 1 North clash, despite Cheshire racking up 320-5 in their 45 overs after an opening stand of 183 between Paul Mitchell (67) and Paul Radage (142*). DCF went even better with an incredible opening stand of 301 between Richard Merriman (189) and Martin Brandrick (94*), DCF reaching 321-5 in the final over. The over 60s go again on Tuesday, travelling to Royton to take on Lancashire. The over 60s 2nd XI lost out by just 2 runs in a nail-biting finish against Lancs 2s at Tattenhall last Tuesday, and have a mammoth journey to take on Cricket Wales over 60s 2nd XI on Tuesday (May 6) at Ynysygerwyn (nr. Swansea). Try saying that with a mouthful of cornflakes!

Cheshire over 70s get started on Thursday at Moseley against Warwickshire, 1.00pm start.



CHESHIRE CC NEWS

NCCA KNOCK OUT GROUP 4

Wiltshire 273-9 (50 overs)

Cheshire 276-8 (44.4 overs)

CHESHIRE WON BY 2 WKTS

Cheshire produced a brilliant recovery at Marlborough College after last week's drubbing by Hertfordshire, an excellent all-round team performance seeing off a Wiltshire side who were in a commanding position at one stage.

Having won the toss, the hosts batted really well, taking full advantage of a great pitch to find themselves 172-2 after 36 overs, but from that point they were only able to add another 100, and that needed a big last over from which 22 came. That gave Wiltshire a boost, which doubled when Henry Dobson fell to the second ball of the Cheshire reply.

However, skipper Sam Perry (61) and Alex Money (81) batted 20 overs, adding a classy 144. Then another twist, as Cheshire lost five wickets in the next 8 overs, 198-6 the score when Kevin Carroll's cameo was curtailed by a fine boundary catch. Thankfully Harry Dearden (51) coaxed support from the mid/lower order, and with Dan Newton batting at 9 Cheshire had the strength in depth to get the job done, the pair coolly adding 52 for the 8th before Newton, who had earlier bowled a wicket maiden in the 41st over, hit the winning boundary.

Two home matches now for Cheshire, entertaining Wales at Toft on May 11, then Dorset at Didsbury on May 18th.

