



THE 2025 WEEK 5 REVIEW

Week 5 saw the end of the Prem's first win-lose phase with one side enjoying a perfect start. As the sun shone, there were more tons and big partnerships as many super games played out.

Two unbeaten sides met on the Wirral, but it was visitors Didsbury who rose to the occasion after a comprehensive 8 wkt win. Luke Filer chopped the first ball of the match onto his stumps which set the tone for a disappointing Oxton display, a run out off a wide summing up their afternoon in the face of the persistent Didsbury attack, who would have been chasing even fewer than the eventual 102 target had they not shipped 30 extras. The real surprise of the day came at Moss Lane, where hitherto unbeaten Alderley Edge collapsed from 66-0 to 130 all out to hand struggling Brooklands a 93 run win. Kevin Carroll (who earlier made 59 without hitting a six) and Todd Walker took 4 wkts apiece, after David Cunliffe had batted throughout for 71* in Brooklands' 223-8.

Chester BH moved upto third after Alex Money took 4-18 and finished with an unbeaten half-century as his side overcame Lindow by 5 wkts, while Timperley's encouraging start continued after a terrific 4 wkt win chasing 267 set by visitors Widnes, for whom Rohan Luthra made 89 and Luke McCoy 63. Jamie Matthews was Timpers' star with a brilliant 110, Tim Reynolds' rapid 52 adding more impetus as Timpers won in the 46th over. Widnes finish this phase of the season at the foot but will know they have had their opportunities in the last three games, and are joined in the bottom two by Nantwich, who slid to a fourth loss in five after a heavy defeat at Hyde. Ryan O'Brien (105) and Luke Young (71) opened up with 153 after being inserted, Hyde's workmanlike 278-5 (helped by 40 extras) proving way out of reach for the Dabbers, who were taking a standing count at 36-5 and ended up 135 all out.

Bowdon would have been fancying their chances at Neston after posting 305-4, Ross Zelem's 102 (108 bs) the base on which Keshana Fonseka (76) and John Sanders (79) built. But the hosts, led by a magnificent 160 (149 bs, 21x4, 5x6) from keeper Bryce Jose, fought back strongly, Jose and Dom Smith adding 191 for the 2nd as Smith (93*) got the majority of the 15 needed off the last two to secure a heartening 7 wkt win with one ball to spare.

**Next week the Prem moves to an 11-week phase of win/lose/draw cricket. Leaders Didsbury host Alderley Edge, Chester BH travel to Brooklands, while Oxton make the long trip across to Hyde. Bowdon travel to Nantwich, Widnes host Neston, while Timperley are away at Lindow.*



2025 WEEK 5 REVIEW cont.

In **Div 1** it's now four teams separated by four points at the top. Sale lead the way, passing 350 for the second time in 3 matches, as Tyrone Lawrence smashed a career best 157 (his second ton of the season) at Grappenhall. He and James Dodds added 198 for the 2nd wkt, Dodds' golden run of form continuing with 93, after scores of 94 and 139 in his previous two inns. Both batters later took a wkt each as Grappers not surprisingly didn't get close, although Sam Trumper's valiant 98 was a crumb of comfort for the basement side. Cheadle skipper Josh Dooler led from the front, 47* and then 4-4 helping his side beat Port Sunlight by 109 runs to stay second. Runs were at a premium at Bramhall, the home side grafting hard for 199-9 in their allocation, but it was worth it as visitors Stockport Georgians, after reaching 62-0, could only manage 132, Ollie Webb 5-21. Tom Lord made 115 for Toft as their first-ever trip to Maritime was a success, James Hodgson bagging 5-14 as the hosts collapsed to hand Toft a 133 run victory. A low-key affair at Moorside Rd saw hosts Urmston pick up a valuable 20 pts with a 5 wkt win over Davenham in a match which saw 42 wides bowled, while Marple also picked up a welcome second win of the season at Macclesfield, Keagan Lynch's 70 the highlight as they reached their 210 target in the 47th over, winning by 5 wkts.

In **Div 2**, a brisk 7th wkt stand of 97* in 13 overs between Corey McCarthy (55*) and Neil Webb (40*) lifted Alvanley to 254-6 which, in a thrilling game with Haslington, proved crucial, Haslington needing 12 off the last after skipper Ben Istead made 71 on his first appearance of the season. In the event they could only manage 8 and Alv held on to win by 3 runs, staying top. Second place Bollington won easily over struggling Cheadle Hulme, Andrej Yaksender taking 4 catches and then hitting 48 as they reached their 146 target inside 24 overs. The four teams below them are separated by a single point - Upton's solid team effort saw them win at Christleton by 84 runs, but Ashley came a cropper as visitors Stockport bowled them out for just 112 and went onto a 7 wkt win. After last week's batting disaster at Alvanley, Ashton OM were at it again, 25-4 in short order at NE Cheshire, and although they recovered somewhat, the 153 posted proved insufficient as Will Westerby made 73* to anchor NEC's successful chase, NEC surviving a wobble of their own at 20-3. Innings of the day was played by Romiley's Isaac Willett, a magnificent 165* (108 bs, 22x4, 6x6) helping his side sweep past their 264 target set by Oulton Park with some 10 overs in hand, OP keeper George Moss having earlier made a sumptuous 109 (86 bs).

Div 3 saw Warrington maintain their perfect record with a spacious 104 run win over Middlewich, while Heaton Mersey beat high-flying Tattenhall by 6 wkts to stay second. Barrow will be ordering the altitude-sickness tablets after their 7 wkt win over lowly Over Peover moved them up to third place. Mobberley made 248-7 against visitors Winnington Park, WP slipping to 159-6 in reply but rallying splendidly to win by 3 wkts, Mobb shooting themselves in the foot by conceding 42 extras. Oakmere were even more generous hosts, 61 extras conceded to Hawk Green (incl. 38 wides) but even so HG could only muster 176, Josh Westwood then following up his 4-23 with 86 as Oakmere won by 3 wkts. Hale Barns' Jhiah Baxter made a super 116 as HB tucked into bottom side Runcorn's bowling, 262-8 enough for a 62 run win.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
DIDSBURY	100	60
ALDERLEY EDGE	84	44
CHESTER BH	82	46
OXTON	81	41
TIMPERLEY	69	35
HYDE	66	44
NESTON	56	46
BOWDON	55	45
BROOKLANDS	52	29
LINDOW	44	18
NANTWICH	40	29
WIDNES	28	19

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
SALE	87	60
CHEADLE	86	60
BRAMHALL	85	60
TOFT	83	60
MARITIME	63	43
P.SUNLIGHT	56	31
URMSTON	56	45
MACCLESFIELD	55	15
MARPLE	53	27
S.GEORGIANS	53	29
DAVENHAM	34	9
GRAPPENHALL	22	13

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ALVANLEY	100	60
BOLLINGTON	84	60
UPTON	68	28
ASHLEY	68	28
N.E.CHESHIRE	67	44
ROMILEY	67	43
CHRISTLETON	55	46
OULTON PARK	54	31
STOCKPORT	53	45
CHEADLE HULME	37	13
HASLINGTON	35	29
ASHTON OM	34	8

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
WARRINGTON	100	60
HEATON MERSEY	88	48
BARROW	81	60
TATTENHALL	68	44
MOBBERLEY	66	26
OAKMERE	65	40
HAWK GREEN	55	31
MIDDLEWICH	54	31
WINNINGTON PARK	52	28
HALE BARNS	50	42
OVER PEOVER	24	16
RUNCORN	23	16

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	100
CHESTER BH	84
TOFT	84
OXTON	83
HYDE	69
CHEADLE	57
NANTWICH	56
WIDNES	55
NESTON	47
TIMPERLEY	35
BROOKLANDS	34
S.GEORGIANS	22

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. LINDOW	100
2. UPTON 2	72
3. BOWDON	68
11. ALVANLEY	39
12. GRAPPENHALL	16

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. P.SUNLIGHT	84
2. A.EDGE	73
3. URMSTON	71
11. STOCKPORT	45
12. C.HULME	32



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. W.PARK	100
2. ASHLEY	100
3. N.E.CHESHIRE	81
11. HALE BARNS	31
12. NESTON 3	18

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
BROOKLANDS	36
SALE	34
DIDSBURY	26
S.GEORGIANS	22
TOFT	18
TIMPERLEY	12
GRAPPENHALL	12
NANTWICH	12
MARPLE/COMPS.	10
ASHLEY	4

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
HYDE	36
BRAMHALL	34
H.MERSEY	0
ROMILEY	-8

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
T.METROVICKS 4	36
DIDSBURY 5	32
WOODLEY	2
BOLLINGTON	2

SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

Div 3 East: Top - Sale 4
2nd - Bowdon 4

Div 3 West: Top - Widnes
2nd - Tattenhall

Div 4: Top - Cheadle 4
2nd - Stockport



WEEK 5 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: Didsbury's Evan Turner (101) became the third Dids centurion in three weeks as they eased to their 197 target inside 36 overs in the top-of-the-table clash with Oxton. Chester BH are up to second after a heart-stopping 1 wkt win in a low scoring match at Georgians, who tumbled from 82-2 to 133 all out. When skipper Dan Riley fell CBH were 97-8 but his son Archie and Luke Tyndall held their nerve to get CBH to 132-9, Tyndall and Robin Fisher help secure 25 pts. Toft bowled Neston out for 74 and won by 7 wkts, while Hyde won a thriller at Nantwich by 3 runs. Jahangir Hussain made 99, putting on 175 for the 3rd with Henry Carne (80), Hyde on 255-7. The Dabbers were 118-5 but a terrific lower order fightback led by Phil Marsh (71) made for a gripping finale as Nantwich, from 242-9, got to within a boundary of victory. Widnes and Brooklands were the other winners.

In **Div 1** Lindow stretched their lead at the top to 28 pts, a fifth straight win by 53 runs over Bramhall pushing them further clear of Upton 2s - who lost a thrilling game against visitors Dids 2A by 5 runs - and Bowdon, who lost by 6 wkts to Maritime. Marple's Matt Barrow (80) and George Bailey (59) put on 164 for the 1st wkt in their 23 run win at Macc, while Sale skipper Jamie Coombes made 108 as his side over-powered Grappenhall by 89 runs, Grappers already 38 pts from safety at the foot. After a good win last week Alvanley couldn't build on it, going down by 51 runs at Heaton Mersey, Alv back into the drop zone at this early stage.

In **Div 2** P.Sunlight (296-9) went top after a thrilling 9 run win over second place A.Edge, for whom Andy Kennedy made a valiant 104, putting on 183 for the 2nd wkt with Shahbaz Qasim (80). Urmston dropped down to third after a 14 run loss at Haslington. Oulton Park moved out of the bottom two as skipper Damien Barton (89) found a combative ally in no.10 Darren Sutcliffe, who smacked 39* off 22 to guide his side to a nailbiting 1 wkt win over Romiley.

In **Div 3** W.Park skipper Matt Atherton made 103* in his side's big win over Christleton to maintain WP's perfect start. Ashley are also five wins from five after a massive 138 run win over Neston 3s, who remain winless and bottom. CBH 3s (240-8) won a fine game against Bollington by 4 wkts, Charlie Fleet making 86, while NE Cheshire bowled Timperley out for 67 and went third after a 9 wkt victory.

Sunday 3rd XI News Brooklands now head the **Prem**, after an opening stand of 164 helped them beat Nantwich by 59 runs. A superb 132* (120 bs) from Toft's Noah Wasilewski, including 24 off the last over, proved the difference in a great game with Didsbury as Toft won by 21 runs. Sale won easily at Timperley to go second, while Georgians marmalised Grappenhall by an eye-watering 285 runs, Aidan Francis hammering 143 off just 70 bs as SG ran up 369-5. Marple/Compstall got their first win at Ashley. Hyde are still atop **Div 1** after an 8 wkt win over Metrovicks 3s, while Bowdon skipper Vaikun Venkat hit 136* and Girish Lavekar took 6-26 as they beat AOM by 128 runs. Metrovicks 4s lead **Div 2** from Dids 5s, while Neil Walmsley's 117 helped get his Georgians 4s side their first win at Bollington and Matt Keenan scored 101* for Runcorn as they beat Davenham. Widnes' Matt Pennington was another Sunday centurion, making 124* for his side as they beat Maritime by 114 runs, while in Div 3 E, Macc's Sunday 2nd XI followed up conceding 328 last week by being bowled out for 45 at Bredbury.



CHESHIRE CUP UPDATE

The draw for Round 2 has been made. Some lengthy away trips await! Ties scheduled for Sunday June 8:

Bramhall v Nantwich; Bredbury SM v New Brighton; Cheadle v Birkenhead Park; Davenham v Didsbury;

Elworth v Oxton; Macclesfield v Chester BH; Marple v Timperley; Northwich v Brooklands;

Parkfield Liscard v Lindow; Romiley v Wallasey; Sale v Widnes; Stockport Georgians v Bowdon;

Toft v Alderley Edge; Urmston v Neston; Upton v Hyde



OVER 40's NEWS

Central Divisions first - Timperley atop Div 1 having won both their games, the latest a chase down of 140 set by Toft inside 19 overs. Six of the eight teams have won once. Hale Barns are showing the way in Div 2, beating Alderley Edge on Weds to make it two from two, with Woodford, who tied with Davenham, second. Lindow are the only side currently without a win. In the new seven-team Div 3, Timperley's o40s 2nd XI won their inaugural game at Warrington. In the East group Hyde took High Lane's attack for an eye-watering 207-2, going on to a massive 110 run win, while Chester are top of the West group in its early stages.

*My thanks to Chester's Dan Riley for informing me about CBH's o40's 2024 Finals Day win last Sunday, it being held over due to the wet end of last year. In the semis Wallasey beat Sale and Chester beat Hyde. Dan then filled in the detail of the Final: *"After Wallasey chose to bat, Robin Fisher and Ian Martin reduced Wallasey to 17-4 after 8 overs! Some lower order cameos gave CBH something to chase as Wallasey finished up on 109 but it was never going to be enough. Jude Chaminda and Atif put on 65 in the next 8 overs for the second, then a rapid 30 from James Duffy finished the game off with a flurry as CBH knocked off the runs with 6 overs to spare! Fish MOTM with 3-8 from his 4 overs."*



1st XI T20 QUALIFYING GROUPS

The first round of games in the innovative new qualifying competition for the 1st XI T20 took place on a sun-kissed Thursday, with 2nd & 3rd Div teams meeting each other in six groups. The winners of each group progress to the competition proper which starts in June.

GP 1: Corey McCarthy's 78 off 43 helped Alvanley to a 40 run win at Tattenhall, while 71* from Luke Camden helped Upton reach their 147 target set by Barrow with two overs to spare.

GP 2: Two close games - at Little Budworth, Oulton Park's Jake Forth hit a six in the final over to get OP to their 137 target set by Christleton, while Oakmere held on to win by 8 runs at Runcorn.

GP 3: Andrej Yaksender's transcendent form continued, his 112* (59 balls) powering Bollington to 213-2 at Middlewich and victory by 61 runs. Haslington needed 16 off the final over at Winnington Park but could only manage 12, WP thus winning by 3 runs.

GP 4: Despite a violent 61 off 33 from Fraser Hay, Ashton OM lost by 23 runs at Warrington. Mobberley disappointingly conceded their fixture at Ashley.

GP 5: Hawk Green's Dylan Heginbotham hit 78 off 41 to secure a 4 wkt win over Cheadle Hulme. Stockport easily overtook Hale Barns' 114 at Cale Green to win by 7 wkts.

GP 6: NE Cheshire & Heaton Mersey were the two winners, both with healthy NRRs. NEC skittled Over Peover for 41, while HM openers Nachiket Verlekar and Hashir Khan crashed 130 off the first 10 at Romiley, HM 229-9. The hosts slid to 21-4 and were all out 148.



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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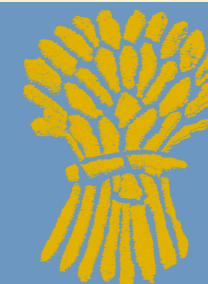


Geoff Wellstead's lovingly researched and superbly chronicled account of the first 50 years of the CCCL has been selling well. The book is available to purchase on line through either the Cheshire Board web site or the CCCL via the Play Cricket site.

Costs are £10 for a posted copy or £5 for collection from Neston, Toft, or Didsbury.

League chairman David Humpage can also supply copies on his regular visits around Cheshire grounds, please ask him.

CHESHIRE CC NEWS



NCCA KNOCK OUT GROUP 4

Cheshire 364-8 (50 overs)

Dorset 274 (45 overs)

CHESHIRE WON BY 90 RUNS

A terrific day for Cheshire as, after another superb batting display at Didsbury led by Dan Newton's 116 (111 bs, 12x4, 3x6), their victory over group leaders Dorset proved enough to book their passage into the last eight. A week after making 176, skipper Sam Perry fell first ball, but Newton, Alex Money (63) and Harry Dearden (67) powered Cheshire to another massive total on the ground where they made 379-7 last year, and followed their 370-7 the week previous at Toft. Michael Finan then led the attack with 6-46, including a remarkable conclusion where the pacy left-armer recorded a quadruple wicket-maiden, twice being on a hat-trick. So the damage done in game 1 by the heavy loss to Hertfordshire (who lost all three of their other games) was repaired really well, but Dorset still topped the group by an NRR of 0.96 compared to Cheshire's 0.1, so an away trip now awaits.

CHESHIRE SENIORS

Not the ideal start for the o50s 1st XI who lost out to a strong Lancashire side in their opening Championship game at Ormskirk on Weds. The 2nd XI fared better, Shahnawaz Khan's 115* helping them defeat Wales by 5 wkts at Hale Barns.

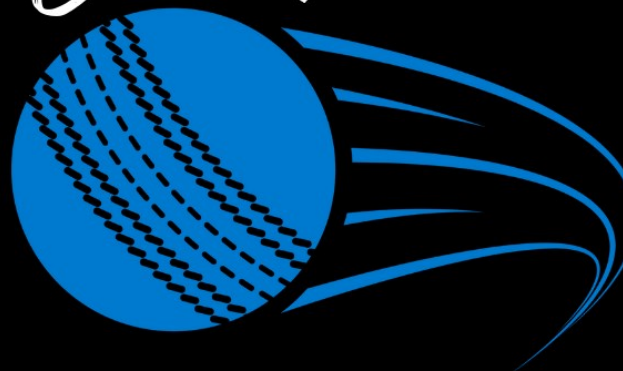
The o60s are having a tough time, three defeats thus far in Div 1 North, but the 2nd XI bounced back after their 187 run mauling at the hands of Cricket Wales on May 6, with a 187 opening stand between Don Hurst (82*) and Phil Thomas (105) helping secure a 7 wkt win over Yorkshire Veterans.

The o70s started off their campaign in the 26-team Div 1 with a 30 run win over Warwickshire. Details & scorecards via the Cheshire Cricket Board.



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PROSTATE CANCER UK



During the month of July 2025, the CCCL will be running our annual fundraiser, this year in aid of **Prostate Cancer UK**, to help them *Bowl Out Prostate Cancer*. We would love to break last year's record fundraising total of £17,000, but to do this we need your support.

Prostate Cancer UK is the leading charity in its field in the UK and is striving for a world where no man dies from prostate cancer.

How can you get involved?

We are asking all cricket clubs within Cheshire during the month of July to support this initiative by running a blue themed or bowling event, ideas could be (but not limited to):

- Holding a blue themed event
- Selling blue items to be worn on your chosen day or weekend, e.g blue laces or blue caps.
- A blue-themed quiz
- Sponsoring the number of wickets taken by your Club in a particular game, or day, or weekend - e.g. £1 per wicket
- A sponsored bowl out
- A raffle or auction.

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