



THE 2025 WEEK 6 REVIEW

Week 6 saw the beginning of the Prem's win-lose-draw phase as the driest May on record ended. The rain helped some but hindered others, although many dry outfielders were glad of a soaking!

As teams donned their whites and geared up for the demands of 110 overs cricket, a sensational match at Brooklands grabbed the Prem headlines. From 79-5 the hosts battled hard to reach 167, skipper Kevin Carroll (49) top-scoring. In an unprecedented start to the CBH reply, their powerhouse top three of Alex Money, Warren Goodwin and Rick Moore were all out for 0 (three of eight ducks in the match) as the board read 6-3. A brief revival was snuffed out at 48-4, and a strong CBH line-up staggered to 83-9. With the match all but over, skipper Jack Williams (who had earlier taken 4-34) found a staunch ally in George McCormick, the pair carefully accumulating with Williams reaching a fine 50 (54 bs). The tension could hardly have been higher as the pair spent over an hour together, adding 68 before AJ Hart finally induced a thin edge from Williams to the keeper, the heartbroken CBH skipper barely able to believe what had happened as Brooklands celebrated a 16 run win (successive Prem wins too).

CBH will look to regroup quickly and continue their recent good record against Didsbury, the unbeaten league leaders at Filkins Lane next Saturday. Dids crushed Alderley Edge by 143 runs on Sat, just beating the rain at Wilmslow Rd. Dids took 121 off the last 19 overs mainly thanks to Sam Leech's 51* which saw them go from 166-5 to 287-7 as AE took almost 4 hours to complete their overs. Liam Booth was quickly amongst the wkts, snaring Sam Perry for a duck and Arav Shetty for a fluent 42 (Shetty earlier 17-5-51-4) as AE fell away. A stubborn 8th wkt stand spanning some 20 overs threatened to derail the Dids charge as the weather closed in, but skipper Nick Anderson took three wkts in six balls to wrap up a big win just in time. 82* from Charlie Barnard and 62 from Luke Young enabled Hyde to declare at Werneth Low, setting Oxton 259. With injured skipper Henry Dobson unable to bat, Liam Bowe's 5-29 saw the visitors slide from 89-2 to 136, the 24 pts taking Hyde to second, although just four pts separate five sides close to the top. Timperley are in that cluster after a hard-fought 4 wkt win at Lindow, Chris Page taking 5-36 as Lindow went from 153-4 to 182 all out.

Two games were abandoned - bottom side Widnes likely more frustrated than visitors Neston after Aaqib Uppal's brilliant 125 had seen Widnes set a 240 target, Neston 155-5 off 36 when the rain came. Nantwich did well to keep visitors Bowdon to 205 after Bowdon were 102-2, Nantwich 50-2 off 12.3 when they were washed out.



2025 WEEK 6 REVIEW cont.

Josh Dooler led his Cheadle side from the front, his 49* and 5-29 a key part of the 20 pts and top spot gained in [Div 1](#) as they beat high-flying Sale by 55 runs, brother Adam (54) making the game's only half-century. Toft's James Hodgson was another bowler with a 'Michelle', his 5-23 helping brush Davenham aside in just 36 overs, Toft up to second after their 134 target was reached inside 22 overs, Henry Hughes 60*. It was a different story altogether at Port Sunlight, Bramhall's Jack Clark (105 off 122 bs) and Greg Dixon (62) opening up with a superb 165 stand, 53* from Liam Molloy seeing Bram sitting pretty on 271-6 - or so it seemed. PS skipper Simon Melbersz hammered a wonderful 115* (86 bs), with Richard Walker's blistering 83 (64 bs) setting a base for Melbersz and Wayne Greve (46*) to add 148* as PS won by 8 wkts in the 45th over. Urmston found themselves upto sixth after making it another chastening day for bottom side Grappenhall, who conceded a horrific 67 extras (incl. 49 wides) at Moorside Rd, an unbroken 9th wkt stand of 80* in just 10 overs adding salt to Grappers wounds as Urmston's 275-9 was way too many, James Bashford cashing in with 5-10 (to add to his earlier 47*) as Grappers folded for a feeble 107. Macclesfield (by 7 wkts over Maritime) and Marple (by 9 wkts over Stockport Georgians) had comfortable victories.

In [Div 2](#), Alvanley maintained their perfect record after a rain-affected 16 run win over NE Cheshire, while Bollington kept up their pursuit in second, Bolly's fantastic form seeing them past 300 for the third time in six games. This time it was Ben Gibson (120) and James Heathcote (64) - and 52 extras (incl. 42 wides) - as Stockport were plastered all over Cale Green, Bolly 302-7 before blowing the hosts away for 105 (Ben Perry 56). Chris McArthur (69*) continued his wonderful form for Upton as they swept Ashley aside by 8 wkts at Old Greasy Rd, while Christleton made it three wins in the month as their moderate 237-8 proved more than enough at The Beets, Ashton OM (77) recording a double-figure total for the third time in May. Not surprisingly AOM remain at the foot, 18 pts adrift, although the four teams above them are separated by just two pts. Haslington did themselves a power of good, skittling Oulton Park for 103 (extras top-scoring) and bagging a 7 wkt win, while Cheadle Hulme cruised past the mercurial Romiley by a whopping 141 runs, CH's Tom Balderson taking 5-36 to go alongside a handy 30* as, a week after knocking off 264, Romiley - after reaching 94-3 - were all out for 108.

In [Div 3](#), although the margin of victory needs clarifying, Tattenhall were the first side to inflict a league defeat on Warrington, Corey Bovey (85) and Ryan Spann (77) adding 149 as Tatt won a rain-affected fixture. Heaton Mersey couldn't take advantage, however, falling in a heap chasing just 170 at home to beat Hale Barns. Joe Cooper and Alex Read each took 3-31 as HM went from 59-1 to 139 all out. Mobberley surprised themselves with the margin and speed of their win at Middlewich, Ibrar Latif (85* off 55) and Will Beresford-Ince (41* off 84) providing the perfect contrast as they added 142* together in just 20 overs, Mobb winning by 9 wkts just after halfway in their reply. Barrow came a cropper after their long trip to Hawk Green ended in a 57 run defeat, while Winnington Park remained in the nether regions of the table after an assured Oakmere beat them by 7 wkts at Park Rd, Matthew Worsdale (73) and Zach Howdle (72*) securing the points. The meeting of the bottom two resulted in a hammering for Runcorn, Over Peover only needing 12.4 overs to knock off the 91 they needed.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
DIDSBURY	124	84
HYDE	90	68
TIMPERLEY	89	55
ALDERLEY EDGE	88	48
CHESTER BH	87	51
OXTON	86	46
BROOKLANDS	76	53
NESTON	68	58
BOWDON	63	53
NANTWICH	50	39
LINDOW	48	22
WIDNES	39	30

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
CHEADLE	106	80
TOFT	103	80
SALE	93	66
BRAMHALL	89	64
P.SUNLIGHT	76	51
URMSTON	76	65
MACCLESFIELD	75	35
MARPLE	73	47
MARITIME	65	45
S.GEORGIANS	54	30
DAVENHAM	35	10
GRAPPENHALL	27	18

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ALVANLEY	120	80
BOLLINGTON	104	80
UPTON	88	48
CHRISTLETON	75	66
N.E.CHESHIRE	73	50
ROMILEY	72	48
ASHLEY	69	29
CHEADLE HULME	57	33
STOCKPORT	57	49
OULTON PARK	56	33
HASLINGTON	55	49
ASHTON OM	37	11

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
WARRINGTON	105	65
HEATON MERSEY	93	53
TATTENHALL	87	64
BARROW	87	66
MOBBERLEY	86	46
OAKMERE	85	60
HAWK GREEN	75	51
HALE BARNES	70	62
MIDDLEWICH	56	33
WINNINGTON PARK	55	31
OVER PEOVER	44	36
RUNCORN	23	16

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	106
CHESTER BH	104
TOFT	104
OXTON	89
HYDE	89
CHEADLE	77
NANTWICH	76
WIDNES	59
NESTON	52
S.GEORGIANS	42
TIMPERLEY	40
BROOKLANDS	35

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. LINDOW	120
2. UPTON 2	92
3. MARITIME	85
11. ALVANLEY	45
12. GRAPPENHALL	19

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. P.SUNLIGHT	104
2. A.EDGE	93
3. URMSTON	91
11. C.HULME	52
12. OULTON PARK	51



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. ASHLEY	120
2. W.PARK	105
3. N.E.CHESHIRE	101
11. HALE BARNES	31
12. NESTON 3	21

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
BROOKLANDS	46
SALE	34
TOFT	30
DIDSBURY	26
S.GEORGIANS	26
MARPLE/COMPS.	20
ASHLEY	14
NANTWICH	14
NANTWICH	12
GRAPPENHALL	12

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
HYDE	48
BRAMHALL	44
ASHTON OM	10
ROMILEY	-6

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
RUNCORN	42
T.METROVICKS 4	40
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 6 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: Didsbury recovered from 48-6 to post 159 at Cheadle, Tom Bidwell's 79 (adding 54 for the last wkt with skipper Ryan Wilson) the mainstay. Cheadle were 118-3 but collapsed, the last pair surviving a run-out controversy to inch the hosts home by 1 wkt. Chester BH and Toft both closed the gap on Dids to two pts, CBH making short work of Brooklands, who went to the foot as a result of their 6 wkt loss, while Toft's lower order got them from 130-8 to 197 before bowling visitors Widnes out for 83. Nantwich survived a late wobble to record a nail-biting two wkt win at Oxton with just two balls remaining, the Dabbers 171-1 at one stage chasing 220, Tom Corran (5-23) almost nicking it for the hosts. A superb 101 (99 bs) from Hyde skipper Chris Mackenzie took his side to 289-6 in a 90-over game at Neston, the hosts nowhere near on 200-6. Finally, joy for Georgians who moved off the bottom with their first win of 2025, winning at Timperley by 4 wkts and leapfrogging them into the bargain.

In **Div 1** Lindow maintained their 28 pt cushion over Upton after winning by 4 wkts at Marple. Having lost by a 1 wkt margin the week before, Upton won by the very same margin in a low-scoring thriller at Bramhall, Upton up a gum tree at 48-6 chasing 131, but stirring stuff from the lower order grabbed them a precious win. Maritime were also 1 wkt winners, lowly Alvanley kicking themselves after having Maritime 106-9 chasing 175, and remarkably, Didsbury 2As won by 1 wkt for the second week in a row, their last pair scrambling two off the final delivery to leave Sale's Jared Moran (92, 3-35 and a catch) especially crestfallen.

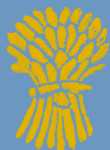
In **Div 2** the top three all won comfortably, so P.Sunlight, Alderley Edge and Urmston, who bowled Romiley out for 91, stay as they were. At the foot, three pts separate four sides, Cheadle Hulme belying their poor start by thrashing the Oulton Park attack all over Little Budworth, 348-4 reached in their allocation before skittling the hosts for just 113, OP sliding to the foot as a result.

In **Div 3** Ashley won the meeting of the top two, beating Winnington Park by 82 runs. An unbroken 4th wkt stand of 133* helped NE Cheshire to a 7 wkt win over Davenham, NEC staying third. CBH's Kam Hornby took 6-44 as his side demolished Hale Barns by 10 wkts, while there was joy in Bollingtonia, an egregious struggle at the foot with basement side Neston 3 seeing Bolly reach their 99 target seven wkts down.

Sunday 3rd XI News With a number of scorecards still incomplete after a rain-affected day, it's clear that Brooklands extended their lead in the **Prem**, Sam Hill making 92 and putting on 139 for the 2nd with Richard Palmer, as Brook reached 211-3 against Sale, who must have been rueing their decision to field first, even more so when rain halted play after 17 overs with Sale on 76-4, 25 behind on DLS - 16 overs have to be faced by the side batting second for DLS to come into play. Toft beat Grappenhall by a substantive margin while Ashley got a welcome first win, beating Nantwich, while Marple beat Georgians. In **Div 1** Hyde beat Ashton OM in double-quick time to go top, Bramhall beat Bowdon to stay second. Cheadle's Joe Nuttall made 119 as his side won easily against Romiley. In **Div 2** three games were abandoned but a truly extraordinary card at Bollington indicates that Bolly's Matt Dawson made 109 out of 126-2 in 19 overs before rain, 35 runs ahead of DLS par against Woodley (231-6). Dawson faced 68 balls, putting on 124 for the 1st wkt with Harry Kershaw, who made 6!

CESHIRE CC NEWS

NCCA T20 GROUP 1



Game 1: Cheshire (164-6) beat Shropshire (161-6) by 3 runs

Game 2: Cheshire (122-5) beat Shropshire (119-8) by 5 wickets

A vital partnership of 36* in the last 2.4 overs between Kevin Carroll and Andrew Jackson got Cheshire upto a defendable score in game 1 against Shropshire at Wem CC. After taking an early wicket, the Hyde all-rounder was entrusted with the last over, from which Shropshire, after a late dart that saw 31 come off the previous 4 overs, needed 7. Jackson held his nerve to bowl three dot balls at the death, Cheshire winning by 3 runs.

In the second game the hosts were off to a flier, but from 82-1 in the 11th, a brilliant Cheshire fightback spearheaded by Andrew Dufty's 4-0-11-3 saw Shropshire held to just 119-8 off their allocation. Cheshire carefully worked their way towards the target, a stand off 66 in 10 overs between Sam Perry (30) and George Lavelle (38) giving Cheshire the upper hand, but the pair fell within three deliveries. However Rohan Luthra and Dan Newton remained in control, guiding Cheshire to an excellent win in the 19th over, their T20 campaign in the five-team Group 1 off to the perfect start.

Cheshire will take on Staffordshire at Nantwich on June 15th in their next T20 matches.

CESHIRE SENIORS

The o50s 1st XI got a heartening first win on Weds, beating Notts at Toft by 22 runs, David Ferris taking 5-37 after earlier half-centuries from Mark Walker & Marcus Fisher. The 2nd XI made it two from two in group B after a stupendous 164* from Andy Bennion saw them amass a colossal 372-6 against N.Wales at Mochdre, going on to win by 107 runs.

The o60s 2nd XI are upto 17th place in the 31-team Div 2 after Tim Wearden's excellent 107* helped steer them to a 9 wkt win over basement side Shropshire.

1st XI T20 QUALIFYING GROUPS

Seven of eight second round of games in the innovative new qualifying competition for the 1st XI T20 took place on Thursday, with 2nd & 3rd Div teams meeting each other in six groups. With one game to go, NRR could be a determining factor in deciding which six teams will progress to the competition proper.

GP 1: **Upton** are in pole position to qualify after their second win, beating Alvanley. Tattenhall's Josh Spraggs hit 82* off 48 in their win over Barrow, Tatt travelling to Upton for their final fixture. An Upton win sees them qualify but if they lose, the margin of defeat and/or Alvanley's result will determine the qualifier.

GP 2: **Oulton Park's** keeper George Moss made a cool 67* (45 bs) as his side won at Runcorn in the final over. OP take on Oakmere in a local derby next, knowing a win sees them through, although should Oakmere spring a surprise then either they or Christleton could still pinch top spot in the group.

GP 3: **Winnington Park's** win over Middlewich gave them top spot in the group after a Yaksender-less Bollington lost heavily at Haslington. Bolly still have a better NRR than WP, however, and the two sides meet at the Recreation Ground on Thursday in the group decider.

GP 4: Ammad Mushtaq's astonishing 104 off just 37 balls (9x6, 9x4) saw **Ashley** race past their challenging 182 target at Ashton OM with five overs unused, setting up a winner-take-all clash with Warrington, who gained two points after Mobberley again conceded their fixture.

GP 5: **Hawk Green** made it two wins after a high scoring 8-run win over Stockport, Jack Needham's 80 (49 bs) one of three speedy half-centuries on the night. Adam Wilde's 88* (53 bs) saw C.Hulme win a tight match at Hale Barns in the final over. Hawk Green entertain Hale Barns next, HG knowing a win sees them qualify, although if HB win that game, and Cheadle Hulme beat Stockport, then NRR will determine qualification.

GP 6: **NE Cheshire** doled out another pasting, bowling out Romiley for just 67. Over Peover & Heaton Mersey play on Tuesday - if HM win, then their meeting with NEC next Thurs determines the qualifier.



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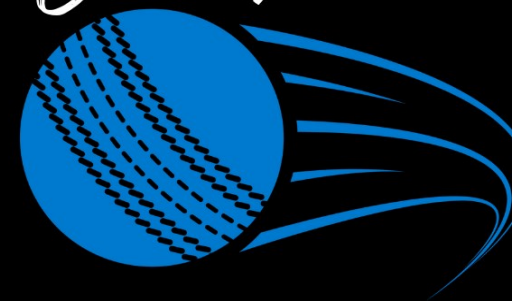
With a Foreword by Paul Allott

ECB NATIONAL KNOCKOUT NEWS A splendidly-timed run chase saw Nantwich beat Wolverhampton by 6 wkts, Ben Wright (71) & Ali Chughtai (69) putting on 137 for the 1st as the Dabbers reached their 226 target in the 39th over. Nantwich will travel to Didsbury for round 3 on June 15th, Dids progressing after Oxton conceded their scheduled fixture.



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