



## THE 2025 WEEK 4 REVIEW

*Week 4 saw another sun-drenched weekend with large totals, eight 1st XI centurions and Bollington in particular reaching new heights as they passed 350 for the second week in a row.*

Another match day, another 300 for Oxton, Dane Williams standing tall with a stupendous 162\* (134 bs), he and skipper Henry Dobson (50) adding 123 as the Brooklands bowlers had another day of toil, Oxton 322-8. Brooklands' reply started solidly enough, but from 85-0 it all went horribly wrong, Ian Souness taking 6-42 as the hosts tumbled to 176 all out and a third straight loss. Didsbury were another side to make it four from four, after a comprehensive 156 run demolition of Hyde, who continue to blow hot and cold. Hyde were very much in control initially, as Dids reached the 30 over mark on 117-3, but Nick Anderson (66 off 35) and Rob Sehmi (57) added 100 in 9 overs, Steve Green (61\* off 37) taking up the cudgels as Dids walloped 184 off the last 20 and finished on 301-7. Hyde crashed to 15-4 within the first powerplay and eventually folded for 145. Next week thus provides a key fixture when Didsbury travel over to Townfield Lane in what promises to be an intriguing match.

Alderley Edge are the third side to have won all of their fixtures, making it four from four - just - after a fabulous first-ever league fixture with neighbours Lindow at Upcast Lane. Lindow were quickly 9-2 having chosen to bat but a series of handy contributions, including 63 from the returning Finn Gavaghan and a 34-ball 55 from skipper Alex Matthews, took them to 279-9, and when Sam Perry fell cheaply and Will Valentine first ball, it was AE's turn to be 9-2. However, Arav Shetty showed his class, 15x14 and 10x6 in his superb 172 taking his side to the brink of victory, Chris Sanders (32\*) nudging the winning run to see his side home by 2 wkts. Another fabulous finish was at South Downs Rd, where Bowdon's top four all made half-centuries, 37 extras helping the hosts post 288-9. Timpers looked done at 148-6 but Nathan Brown (66) and skipper Ed Galley (45) added 99 in 12 overs, leaving Timpers wanting 15 off the last. In a frantic last over, containing a six, a run out off a wide and eight balls in total, Bowdon just did enough to snatch a 1 run win.

Despite Matt Strong (80) continuing his fine form for Neston, their 273-4 wasn't enough against visitors Nantwich, who, without Rob Jones, built on a steady 100 psp for their 1st, Jake Pearson (49 off 29) then pressing home the advantage as the Dabbers recorded a welcome 4 wkt win in the penultimate over. Luke McCoy made a wonderful 115 to help his Widnes side go from 30-3 to 261-7 against visitors Chester BH, but CBH batted well to seal a 3 wkt win in the 49th over.



## 2025 WEEK 4 REVIEW cont.

In **Div 1** five teams at the top are separated by just 7 pts. Sale are top of the class after round 4, though, with a five wkt win over near-neighbours Urmston at Dane Rd. A week after knocking off 321 to win, any Urmston confidence had not made the short trip as they tottered to 120-8, but no.10 Harry Douglas hit an enterprising 60\* as his side reached 212. James Dodds followed up his 130 of the week previous with 94, Sale past the winning post in the 33rd over. Cheadle are a point behind in second after a 100 run win at Stockport Georgians. Cheadle were 123-1 but were all out 199, Georgians then following suit as they went from 68-2 to 78-9, eventually all out 99. Macclesfield's lower order helped get their side from an egregious 76-8 to 149 at Victoria Rd. Visitors Bramhall made heavy weather of it, going from 134-3 to 144-7 as the tension mounted, but held on to win by 3 wkts, Greg Dixon making 58. Maritime are also in the early top-order mix, their 89 run win over visitors Davenham coming after Dav went from 139-4 to 147 all out. Two sides doled out 9 wkt hosings, Toft doing so to hosts Marple, Tom Lord the star turn with 79\* after their five bowlers shared the wickets, while Port Sunlight likewise made (sun) light work of Grappenhall, PS's Richard Walker (76) and Ben Nuttall, who ended 96\*, putting on 144 for the first wkt as they chased their 202 target with ease. Grappers 1st (and 2nd) XIs are both still waiting for their first league win of 2025, Grappers entertaining leaders Sale next Saturday.

In **Div 2**, Bollington were at it again. A week after smashing 367-4 against Romiley, they travelled to Oulton Park, won the toss, and amassed 356-9. Andrej Yaksender made his century last week look as nothing, hammering 23x4 and 10x6 in a jaw-dropping 199\*. Seven of those sixes came in the last 11 balls he faced as 'Yak' smashed 30 off the final over to come within a whisker of being the second Bolly double-centurion in the last two seasons. OP subsided to 152 and lost by 204 runs, Bolly up to third. Ashley stay second after a dramatic 3 run win at Cheadle Hulme, but it's Alvanley at the top, making it four from four as they hammered visitors Ashton OM, who were all out 83. Considering AOM were 18-7 it was a recovery of sorts but child's play for Alv to secure a 9 wkt win. Upton skipper Matt Owen (82) and Chris McArthur (97) put on an opening stand of 180 against NE Cheshire, but the hosts could only total 240-8 and a superb 107 from Bailey Jenkinson saw NEC record a handsome 7 wkt win. Naveed Gondal made 114\* for Stockport at Cale Green (adding an unbroken 166 for the 5th with skipper Dan Taylor, 56\*) and then took a wkt with the first ball of the Christleton inns, but the visitors enjoyed their long ride home with 20 pts after Darcy Graham made a wonderful 107 to help seal a 5 wkt win.

**Div 3** saw Warrington maintain their perfect start, Aamir Ali whacking 137 off 135 bs as they beat Winnington Park by 62 runs. Heaton Mersey went back to second, Hassnain Shah hammering a 46-ball 78 as they knocked off the 159 needed at Runcorn in under 24 overs. Tattenhall and Barrow will be sharing the altitude sickness tablets after both won at Middlewich and Hale Barns respectively but it was back to earth with a bump for Mobberley, a batting shambles seeing them 76 all out and losing by 10 wkts at Hawk Green. Harry Poole's 77 was the standout for Oakmere as they won by 36 runs at Over Peover, who, like Runcorn, are still searching for their first win.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
DIDSBURY	80	40
OXTON	80	40
ALDERLEY EDGE	80	40
CHESTER BH	62	26
BOWDON	50	40
TIMPERLEY	49	15
HYDE	46	24
LINDOW	40	14
NANTWICH	37	26
NESTON	36	26
BROOKLANDS	32	9
WIDNES	22	13

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
SALE	67	40
CHEADLE	66	40
BRAMHALL	65	40
TOFT	63	40
MARITIME	60	40
P.SUNLIGHT	52	27
MACCLESFIELD	50	10
S.GEORGIANS	48	24
URMSTON	36	25
MARPLE	33	7
DAVENHAM	31	6
GRAPPENHALL	17	8

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ALVANLEY	80	40
ASHLEY	66	26
BOLLINGTON	64	40
CHRISTLETON	49	40
OULTON PARK	49	26
UPTON	48	8
N.E.CHESHIRE	47	24
ROMILEY	47	23
CHEADLE HULME	35	11
STOCKPORT	33	25
ASHTOM OM	30	4
HASLINGTON	29	23

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
WARRINGTON	80	40
HEATON MERSEY	68	28
TATTENHALL	64	40
BARROW	61	40
MOBBERLEY	60	20
HAWK GREEN	50	26
MIDDLEWICH	48	25
OAKMERE	45	20
WINNINGTON PARK	32	8
HALE BARNS	30	22
OVER PEOVER	20	12
RUNCORN	17	10

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	80
OXTON	80
CHESTER BH	64
TOFT	64
CHEADLE	52
NANTWICH	49
HYDE	49
NESTON	46
WIDNES	35
TIMPERLEY	33
S.GEORGIANS	17
BROOKLANDS	14

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. LINDOW	80
2. UPTON 2	65
3. BOWDON	65
11. ALVANLEY	33
12. GRAPPENHALL	11



2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. URMSTON	65
2. A.EDGE	65
3. P.SUNLIGHT	64
11. UPTON 3	29
12. OULTON PARK	29

2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. W.PARK	80
2. ASHLEY	80
3. TIMPERLEY 3	66
11. HALE BARNS	28
12. NESTON 3	14

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	24
BROOKLANDS	24
SALE	22
TIMPERLEY	12
GRAPPENHALL	12
NANTWICH	10
S.GEORGIANS	10
TOFT	6
ASHLEY	2
MARPLE/COMPS.	0

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
HYDE	24
BRAMHALL	22
H.MERSEY	0
ROMILEY	-4

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
T.METROVICKS 4	24
DIDSBURY 5	20
S.GEORGIANS 4	0
BOLLINGTON	0

## SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

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

Div 3 West: Top - Widnes  
2nd - Maritime

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



## WEEK 4 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

**2ND XI CRICKET:** Didsbury & Oxton, who meet next week, both won to maintain perfect starts. Oxton eased past Brooklands, James Shillinglaw (82) and Grant Hughes (52\*) adding 123 together, but their stand was comfortably surpassed by the magnificent 181\* added by Didsbury's Adam Slater (75\*) & Tom Bidwell (102\*), Bidwell reaching his ton with the winning boundary after Dids had been 44-4 chasing 222 set by Hyde. Chester BH won a thriller against visitors Widnes by 1 wkt, Ashraf Qureshi (79\*) steering his side over the line with skipper Dan Riley. Widnes' Louise Burns (76\*) and Billy Webb (71) were left frustrated after also taking 5 wkts between them. Ian Gill made 103 as Neston piled up 324-8, beating Nantwich, who ended up 263-6, while there were also wins for Toft by 5 wkts at Timperley, and for Cheadle, who beat Stockport Georgians by 7 wkts at Kingsway.

In **Div 1** Lindow didn't quite hit the heights of the week previous, making 231-7 against Didsbury 2As, but it was still more than enough as they won by 69 runs. Upton stayed second after beating bottom club Grappenhall, who again had skipper Graham Rowlands (42) and Stanley Pennington (52) to thank as they revived from 84-6 to 185, but it wasn't enough as Upton completed a 3 wkt win. Bowdon are third after beating Marple, Maritime beat H. Mersey, and Macclesfield won at Bramhall despite initially slumping to 36-6 in their pursuit of 112.

In **Div 2** P.Sunlight's Harry Davies (136) and Ryan Kearney (124\*) put on a superb 215 for the 3rd wkt as PS racked up 340-3 at Warrington, the hosts manging just 173 in reply. As leaders Urmston lost their local derby with Ashton OM by 85 runs, and A.Edge were beaten by Stockport, PS made good ground up. Bottom side Oulton Park won at fellow strugglers Upton after bowling them out for just 85.

In **Div 3** W.Park's 12 run win over NE Cheshire kept them top, NEC disappointed to go from 94-0 to 182 all out. Ashley stay second after an 8 wkt win over CBH, for whom Marius Mostert made 98. Nikhil Nataraj (82\*) and Haroon Ahmed (75) were the Ashley heroes. Timperley are third after recovering from 3-2 to reach 267-9 against Tattenhall, who conceded 54 extras and despite a brave effort finished 245-7, while Oxton conceded 40 byes in their 80 run loss at Davenham.

**Sunday 3rd XI News** Didsbury and Brooklands lead the **Prem**, both winning on Sunday against S.Georgians and Marple/Comp. respectively and both having big partnerships to thank, Simon Lord (61) and Maduka Mekhala (76) adding 131 for the Dids 4th wkt, while Tom Stratford-Smith (127 off 112 bs) and Richard Palmer (67) put on 145 for Brook's 1st. Wins also for Sale, Timperley and Grappenhall, for whom Cassius Birch made 83\*. In **Div 1** the tie between Cheadle and Dids 4s was the result of the day, Hyde leading the division after beating Elworth. An amazing game at Flixton in **Div 2**, where Davenham skipper Josh Sharples made 122\* in his side's 209-5 against Didsbury 5s. Undaunted the Dids opening pair of Rohit Kuntal (119\*) and Shane Ryan (74\*) put on a chanceless unbroken stand of 213 in just 28 overs to seal a 10 wkt win. Matthew Dunbabin (104\*) was another centurion as his Runcorn side beat Bollington by 8 wkts. In **Div 4** Macc's Sun 2s had a day to forget, 64 extras conceded at Stockport as Zayan Jatoi (152\*) made merry, his side 328-1 off their 40 and on their way to a 118 run win. At least Stockport were in a similarly generous mood, donating 46 extras to the Macc total of 210.





## CHESHIRE CUP UPDATE

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

PARKFIELD LISCARD (244) beat TRAFFORD METROVICKS (129) v by 115 runs. TM were 70-1 in their reply.

ROMILEY (253-9) beat BOLLINGTON (252-7) by 1 wkt. Jake Dickinson made 115 as Bolly set an imposing target, but shot themselves in the foot by bowling 40 extras, including 26 wides. Two of those wides were bowled at the last Romiley pair and took the hosts to a morale-boosting win after Isaac Willett's bright 76 (53 bs) had given Romiley a chance.

TATTENHALL conceded their fixture with UPTON.



**ECB National K/O News:** Three Cheshire sides progressed through to Round 1 proper, and one will definitely progress to Round 2 after Didsbury secured a home tie with Oxton, the joint-Premier Division leaders both winning on Sun. Oxton held on to secure a nervy 18 run win at Checkley, who, chasing 242, were 200-3 with 6 overs remaining before Jack Corran ran out Elliot Boardwell (87), Checkley collapsing to 223 all out. Didsbury had a much easier time against an under-strength Halesowen, skipper Nick Anderson hammering 11 huge sixes as he made a 49-ball century, adding 181 in 15 overs with Abhay Tipnis (70) as Dids took 238 runs off the last 20 overs to reach 341-5, securing a 174 run win. Nantwich also made it comfortably through with an 8 wkt win over Himley (no details available) and will entertain Wolverhampton in Round 2.

Sadly it was the end of the line for Bowdon, who lost out in a nailbiter as Westhoughton won by 1 wkt. Widnes also exited the competition after visitors Leek won by 3 wkts, while Knowle and Dorridge had too much on the day for Neston, Isaac Maddy (son of Darren) making 97 for K&D as they won by 73 runs.

### OVER 40's NEWS

Now with five divisions, the over 40's expanded Wednesday night schedule got underway on a lovely evening for cricket on Weds 7th. In the Western Division there were wins for Chester BH, Irby & Tattenhall, while in the East, Bramhall, High Lane, Woodley and Offerton (who didn't lose a wicket in their 153-0 in 20 overs) were victorious. There are now three Central divisions and we will catch up with them in more detail in the next newsletter.

## CHESHIRE CC NEWS

### NCCA KNOCK OUT GROUP 4

Cheshire 370-7 (50 overs)

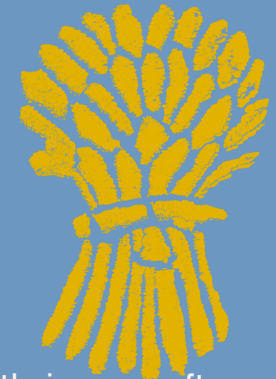
Wales NC 272 (46.3 overs)

### CHESHIRE WON BY 98 RUNS

Cheshire are right back in contention in their group after a fantastic batting display at Toft in glorious sunshine saw them overcome Wales.

Skipper Sam Perry led the way, making an exhilarating 176 (140 bs, 17x4, 5x6) in just under 3 hours before (as non-striker) he was run out going for a second. Will Evans 183 therefore remains Cheshire's highest in this competition. Perry's dismissal also ended a magnificent partnership of 224 with George Lavelle, who smashed a 73-ball 100 to help Cheshire set a mammoth target of 371. Although Wales were never going to get close, a spirited stand of 138 between Cian Davies (108) and Sami Khan (70) was a highlight.

All is set up beautifully for next week at Didsbury as Cheshire entertain unbeaten group leaders Dorset.





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)

More information from [davidjgane@btinternet.com](mailto:davidjgane@btinternet.com)



## VE DAY AND CHESHIRE CRICKET

Bowdon's league rep Andrew

Marshall kindly got in touch with the following information as the nation marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

*"To celebrate VE day in May 1945 Timperley hosted Bowdon at Stockport Road. 80 years later, on the commemorative weekend, Bowdon hosted Timperley in what was a fantastic game of cricket.*

*One of the players in the Bowdon team in 1945 was John Allott, father of Paul, who, as we know, went on to represent Lancashire and England with distinction.*

*John is also grandfather of Ben Allott, born in the winter of 1984. Ben first played for Bowdon in the u9s in the 1990s where he opened the bowling with Nick Thomas. Ben and Nick would play for every Bowdon team from U9 to 1st XI and last Wednesday, as 40 year olds, opened the bowling together for Bowdon o40's against Warrington.*

*Nick became an officer in the Royal Marines and served his country throughout the world, prominently in Afghanistan. We thank him and all those who have served our country in this way at this time."*



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.



Toft Cricket club have engaged the services of Cheshire sculptor Andy Burgess, who is carving the world's largest cricket wickets from colossal 11-metre Douglas Fir logs. Standing at a record-breaking 8.5 metres, they're set to smash the current world record held in Australia.

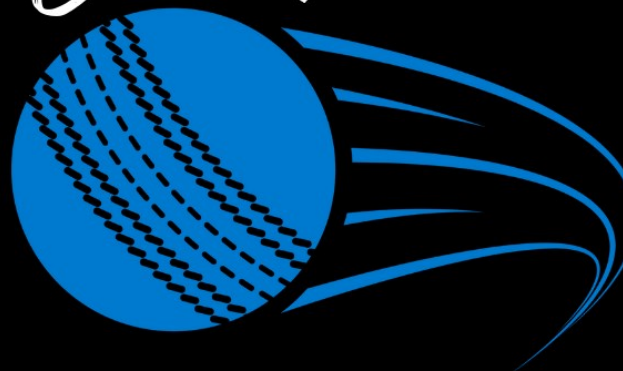
It's all part of Toft's fundraising for their new pavilion - you can find more information on their website.





# BOWL OUT

## Prostate Cancer



*Join the Cheshire County  
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Prostate Cancer*

# 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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