



## THE 2025 WEEK 7 REVIEW

*Week 7 saw Didsbury's winning streak ended on a generally tricky day for batting in the Prem, leaving Alvanley as the only 1st XI side with a perfect record.*

Leaders Didsbury were held at Chester BH, the hosts digging in to stave off defeat and, in a show of spirited defiance, Josh Leach hit the last ball of the match for six to deny Dids two extra draw pts. All was going swimmingly for CBH after they put Dids in and reduced them to 75-5, but a fabulous counter-attack spearheaded by skipper Nick Anderson (81) and Steve Green (66) saw the pair add a sparkling 137 in 19 overs, the Dids last pair of Will Street & Liam Booth then jauntily taking 45 off the last 6 to propel their side to 294-9. Alex Money (70) and Rick Moore (66) carefully added 111 in 25 overs as CBH, despite a late burst of wkts, finished on 235-8.

Timperley have thus found themselves in second spot after a gripping 2 wkt win over a Brooklands side that were 16-5 in no time at Stockport Rd, Chris Page taking all five. Page finished with 6-47 but had to wait a while for that sixth as a superb fightback led by the returning Caleb Jones (66) in tandem with Christian Jacobs (42) and AJ Hart (59\*) got Brooklands upto an improbable 199. The reply was nip and tuck, with a Timpers slide from 175-5 to 179-8 having the home crowd in perturbation before Page finished his day with the bat, 17\* helping his side secure a 2 wkt win ahead of their trip to Didsbury next Sat. Hyde are just three pts back after their third straight win, their visit to Alderley Edge ultimately a happy one although not without its alarms. AE crashed from 45-2 to 87-7, the tail valiantly getting them upto 151, which looked for a time like it might be plenty as Hyde were in a real mess at 75-6 in reply. However, Rian Maisuria (60\*) and Andrew Jackson (45\*) patiently and carefully added an unbroken 80 together to seal a 4 wkt win.

There was joy for Widnes, who finally got their first league win of 2025 by 5 wkts at Bowdon after a determined reply to the hosts' 181, Aaqib Uppal (53\* off 112 bs) and Aaron Soni (59 off 39) making a contrasting but effective pair as they added 75 for the 5th which broke the back of the chase. Dan Newton was Lindow's star in their much-needed 5 wkt win at Neston, the Cheshire all-rounder smashing an imperious 97 off 68 balls after earlier taking 3-34, Neston managing only 155 with the visitors knocking off the target in just 27 overs. Luke Robinson shook off his modest start to the season by hammering 86 off 58 balls at Oxton to propel Nantwich to a welcome 7 wkt win, after Jason Foulkes had earlier taken 5-57, the hosts' 104-2 becoming 161 all out en-route to a third successive loss for them.



## 2025 WEEK 7 REVIEW cont.

Cheadle are out front in [Div 1](#) after Josh Dooler's second successive 5-for gave them a quite incredible win over Urmston at Kingsway. The visitors' decision to field looked spot-on as they whipped Cheadle out for just 105, Urmston progressing serenely enough at 72-3 before Dooler induced a shuddering collapse, Urmston reduced to 91-9 before their last pair inched towards the winning line. Amidst high tension a catch was taken, Urmston all out 102, as Cheadle celebrated, going 17 pts clear of Bramhall, who had a nervy win of their own. On a pitch where no-one scored freely, visitors Sale made just 176-9 in their 50, Bram indebted to Jack Clark's patient 61 and an unbroken 7th wkt stand of 49 which saw them over the line with just three balls remaining. Toft were undone by the strength of the Macclesfield batting, especially Alex Thompson (71\* off 68) and veteran Khalid Sawas (38\*), the pair adding 77\* together to secure an impressive 5 wkt win chasing 223. Another side chasing well were Port Sunlight, their long ride home from Marple a happy one after they reached their 191 target with seven overs unused. At the bottom it was another black day at Broad Lane as Grappenhall were skittled for a paltry 57 by fellow-strugglers Davenham, the whole match done inside 34 overs as Davenham bagged the pts. Remarkably, Grappers was not the lowest total or the shortest game of the day, that dubious distinction belonging to Stockport Georgians, whose journey to and from Maritime lasted longer than the match itself. Opting to bat, Georgians crashed to 56 all out, Maritime only needing 34 balls to win it.

In [Div 2](#), Alvanley became the only 1st XI to have a perfect record after a tense 2-wkt win at Christleton in an absorbing contest. Chasing 187, Alv were 167-6 but lost two in two, Kenny Roberts holding his nerve in his second 1st XI appearance with 33\* to steer his side home. Andrej Yaksender returned to the Bollington line up with 83, Ben Gibson adding 68\* as Bolly beat Upton by 6 wkts to stay second. NE Cheshire recovered from 80-4 to get to their target of 189 set by Haslington, while Romiley won their derby with Stockport by 5 wkts. Oulton Park's Andrew Dufty and Johnny Litler induced a sensational collapse in the Cheadle Hulme batting, the pair taking six wkts in nine deliveries without conceding a run between them, Litler claiming a hat-trick (across two overs) as CH, chasing 181, saw their solid position of 169-3 evaporate, and from 169-9 they inched to 180 before Litler took his 5th wkt, OP winning quite incredibly by 6 runs. Ashley beat AOM in the other match.

In [Div 3](#), the meeting of the top two was a very one-sided affair, Warrington taking 42 overs labouring to 102 at Heaton Mersey, a total inflated by 25 wides. Nachiket Verlekar then crunched 73\* off 62 bs to secure an easy 8 wkt triumph for HM. Tattenhall stay third after a 71 run win over inconsistent Mobberley. After starting the month with a 10 wkt loss, Oakmere have won four in a row, their latest victory a handsome 108 run win over Middlewich, who donated 44 extras to Oakmere's 246-6, skipper Craig Phelan making 63 (53 bs). Middlewich reached 77-2 but were all out 138. Winnington Park revived wonderfully at Barrow, their 144-7 turned 21 overs later into 251, the hosts giving it a real go after a 4th wkt stand of 108, but despite a brave effort WP held their nerve (and their catches) to win a great game by 10 runs. A bad day for the bottom two, Over Peover losing by 162 runs at Hale Barns despite having the hosts 157-7. HB's no.9 Alex Read hammered an astonishing 101, adding 122 in 18 overs for the 8th, Read then taking 3-38. Runcorn went down at home as visitors Hawk Green won by 54 runs.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
DIDSBURY	139	99
TIMPERLEY	113	92
HYDE	110	88
CHESTER BH	96	60
ALDERLEY EDGE	89	49
OXTON	88	49
BROOKLANDS	81	58
NANTWICH	74	63
NESTON	71	61
LINDOW	68	42
BOWDON	67	57
WIDNES	59	50

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
CHEADLE	126	100
BRAMHALL	109	84
TOFT	108	85
SALE	97	70
P.SUNLIGHT	96	71
MACCLESFIELD	95	55
MARITIME	85	65
URMSTON	81	70
MARPLE	77	51
S.GEORGIANS	54	30
DAVENHAM	53	30
GRAPPENHALL	28	19

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ALVANLEY	140	100
BOLLINGTON	124	100
N.E.CHESHIRE	93	70
UPTON	92	52
ROMILEY	92	68
ASHLEY	89	49
CHRISTLETON	80	71
OULTON PARK	76	53
CHEADLE HULME	63	39
STOCKPORT	61	53
HASLINGTON	59	53
ASHTON OM	42	16

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
HEATON MERSEY	113	73
WARRINGTON	107	67
TATTENHALL	107	84
OAKMERE	105	80
HAWK GREEN	95	71
BARROW	94	73
MOBBERLEY	91	51
HALE BARNS	90	82
WINNINGTON PARK	75	51
MIDDLEWICH	59	36
OVER PEOVER	48	40
RUNCORN	28	21

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	126
TOFT	124
OXTON	109
CHESTER BH	108
CHEADLE	97
HYDE	93
NANTWICH	82
WIDNES	79
BROOKLANDS	55
NESTON	55
S.GEORGIANS	46
TIMPERLEY	44

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. LINDOW	122
2. UPTON 2	112
3. MARITIME	105
11. BRAMHALL	62
12. GRAPPENHALL	25



2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. P.SUNLIGHT	124
2. A.EDGE	113
3. URMSTON	111
11. C.HULME	56
12. OULTON PARK	54

2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. ASHLEY	126
2. W.PARK	125
3. N.E.CHESHIRE	121
11. TATTENHALL	46
12. NESTON 3	21

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
BROOKLANDS	58
SALE	40
DIDSBURY	38
S.GEORGIANS	38
TOFT	34
MARPLE/COMPS.	30
ASHLEY	26
TIMPERLEY	14
NANTWICH	12
GRAPPENHALL	8

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
HYDE	58
BRAMHALL	46
ASHTON OM	10
ROMILEY	-4

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
T.METROVICKS 4	50
RUNCORN	44
TIMPERLEY	12
BOLLINGTON	10

## 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 7 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

**2ND XI CRICKET:** Didsbury got back to winning ways at the top, beating perennial rivals Chester BH by 92 runs in a game dominated by the bowlers. Toft moved up to second after an edgy 3 wkt win at Stockport Georgians chasing just 118 after Matt Cornes had taken 5-20 in SG's innings, SG back in the drop zone as a result. Oxton's no.10 Mike Baker smashed 40\* off 18 bs in an unbroken 9th wkt stand of 72 with skipper Mark Russell at Hyde, Oxton piling up a whopping 282-8 before Baker added 3-23 to his afternoon's work, Hyde all out 144. Cheadle's Drew Carswell carried his bat for 106\* as his side totalled 245 at Nantwich, Oliver Briddock then taking 6-16 as the hosts plunged from 111-2 to 150 all out. Palith Kumara took 5-14 for Widnes as they beat lowly Neston, while Brooklands won the battle of two other strugglers, beating basement side Timperley by 4 wkts.

**Div 1** Lindow were bowled out for just 97 by Bowdon, who inflicted a first defeat of the season on the league leaders, Bowdon winning by 4 wkts. Upton thus made back ground they ceded last week, Marple's long trip to the Wirral a painful one as they were all out 86, losing by 7 wkts, but Maritime's journey eastwards was well worth it as they won by 9 wkts at Macclesfield. Didsbury 2A's 7th wkt pair of juniors added 104 to take their side to 175 at Heaton Mersey, the hosts collapsing from 51-1 to 85 all out in reply, while Alvanley made it another afternoon to forget for Grappenhall, helping themselves to 265-9 before bowling Grappers out for 172. Sale beat Bramhall by 8 wkts in the other game, skipper Jamie Coombes making 72 in an opening stand of 113.

In **Div 2** P.Sunlight revived from 145-7 in the 36th to post 232-8 against Upton, going on to win by 98 runs and stay top, while chasing sides Alderley Edge and Urmston both won - AE by 5 wkts at Haslington, Urmston by 27 runs over Warrington. Struggling C.Hulme had visitors Romiley 86-8 chasing 135, but Romiley's 9th pair inched them home, while Oulton Park stay bottom after a 5 wkt loss at Stockport.

In **Div 3** the last Timperley pair added 22\* to snatch a dramatic 1 wkt win over leaders Ashley, who remain top, but Winnington Park in second closed the gap to one point, Chris Beesley making 108 as WP hammered Bollington. NEC are four pts back in third after a comfortable win over Tattenhall. Bottom side Neston went from 26-0 to 59 all out (Jack Wylie 6-24), Hale Barns knocking the runs off inside 7 overs.

**Sunday 3rd XI News** On a rain-affected day, Brooklands increased their lead in the **Prem**, Sam Hill making 82 (having made 92 last week) as Brook thrashed Timperley by 129 runs, Timpers 44 all out. Ashley beat Sale for their second win of the season, Didsbury picked up 12 pts as Grappers conceded, Georgians reached their rain adjusted target of 111 to beat Nantwich, and in a thrilling match at Bowden Lane, Marple/Compstall beat Toft by 4 runs, Jacob Tovell's 6-29 and 22 runs for the visitors in vain. Toft needed six off the last ball but the last man was caught, Dylan Hodgson's 5-30 for M/C decisive. In **Div 1** the meeting of the top two went Hyde's way, as they beat Bramhall by 8 runs, Bram just failing to meet their adjusted target, but Elworth got to theirs at Ashton OM to stay third. In **Div 2**, despite Satyajit Velaskar's 103\* for Timpers 6, they fell 20 runs short of their 218 target, meaning Metrovicks 4s increased their lead at the top. Woodley pulled off a surprise win over second place Runcorn, Trinity beat Dids 5s by 67 runs, while Georgians 4s bowled out Davenham for 46.

# CHESHIRE CC NEWS

## NCCA TROPHY QUARTER FINAL



### Berkshire (308-6) beat Cheshire (169, 38.1 os) by 139 runs

There was to be no repeat of last year's run to the Final as Cheshire lost out to a powerful Berkshire side that have a remarkable record in this competition. Having won the Trophy three years in a row post-Covid, they were memorably beaten by Cheshire in last year's semi-final at Alderley Edge, but it was a very different story this time round at Falkland CC (Newbury).

Berkshire had no hesitation in batting first, having won the toss, a third wkt stand of 157 in some 30 overs between Charlie Dunnnett (101\*) and skipper Dan Lincoln (95) giving the hosts a great base, with the 66 they added off the last 5 overs especially telling.

Cheshire started aggressively, 45 coming off the first 6, but three quick wkts set them back as Dan Newton, Alex Money and skipper Sam Perry all fell. As the required rate climbed relentlessly, Berkshire tightened their grip as Cheshire managed just two boundaries in 18 overs. Harry Dearden and Andrew Jackson fell to successive deliveries and despite Rohan Luthra (44 off 59) showing some resistance, Cheshire were all out in the 39th over.

## CHESHIRE SENIORS

The o50s took on high flying Durham at Chester BH on Weds, Durham making 156-2 to win by 8 wkts. The o50s slip down to fifth in the 8-team Div 1, but the 2nd XI top their group, an easy 20 pts coming their way after Shropshire conceded their game at Oulton Park.

The o60s made the long trip to Chester-le-Street worth it on Tues, inducing a collapse in the Durham batting which went from 99-4 to 131 all out, Cheshire getting a welcome first win by 53 runs after Jeff Maynard had earlier made a fine 83. The 2nd XI's game at Yorkshire was cancelled, no points awarded in these circumstances so Cheshire remain 17th.

The o70s took on Leicestershire at Macclesfield on Thurs, Steve Yates (78\*) & Nick Bell (70\*) putting on a magnificent unbroken 159 to secure a 10 wkt win & top spot for Cheshire.

## 1st XI T20 QUALIFYING GROUPS

Congratulations to Upton, Oulton Park, Heaton Mersey, Hawk Green, Ashley & Haslington, who are the six group winners through to the main 1st XI T20 group stage. Cheadle Hulme & NE Cheshire also qualified as group runners-up with the best records. Thursday May 29th was the deciding evening:

GP 1: **Upton's** Matt Smith hit five 6s in his 59\* as his side made it three from three with a 5 wkt win over Tattenhall.

GP 2: Despite Oakmere pulling off a superb 6 run win at Little Budworth defending 112, **Oulton Park** qualified by the skin of their teeth on NRR (0.06 compared to Oakmere's -0.05).

GP 3: Despite Bollington's impressive chase of 180 to beat Winnington Park (for whom Kealan Blattner made 107\* off 61 bs, WP 179-3), neither side qualified as **Haslington's** 85 run win over Middlewich gave them top spot in the group on NRR.

GP 4: **Ashley** beat Warrington by 22 runs to secure top spot; Cheadle Hulme's big 87 run win over Stockport meant CH also qualified.

GP 5: **Hawk Green** qualified with their third win, Dylan Heginbotham making 66\* to help HG reach their 132 target set by Hale Barns.

GP 6: **Heaton Mersey** held on to beat NE Cheshire by 9 runs in the group decider but there was good news for NEC, who qualified as one of the two best group runners-up.

### Main Group Stage Matchday 1 - Thursday June 5th

Gp 1: Oxtun v Upton; Port Sunlight v Chester BH

Gp 2: Maritime v Neston; Widnes v Oulton Park

Gp 3: Toft v Nantwich (Tues Jun 3); Bowdon v Haslington

Gp 4: Alderley Edge v Hawk Green; Marple v Brooklands

Gp 5: Hyde v NE Cheshire; Macclesfield v Sale

Gp 6: Stockport Georgians v Bramhall; Timperley v Cheadle Hulme

Gp 7: Grappenhall v Davenham; Lindow v Ashley

Gp 8: Cheadle v Urmston; Didsbury v Heaton Mersey





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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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## 2ND & 3RD XI T20 NEWS

Two sides (Oxton & Oulton Park) conceded their 2nd XI ties on Tues, putting Davenham & Upton through. All other ties scheduled for Tues were washed out; nine games will try again this coming Tues (3rd June), while Cheadle Hulme v Hale Barns has been rescheduled for Thurs (5th June).

For the first time since it became a T20 competition, the 3rd XI T20 quarter-finals are all to be contested by Premier Division sides. In another positive move, the QFs are scheduled for Tues 3rd: Brooklands v (holders) Didsbury; Grappenhall v Toft; Marple/Comp. v S.Georgians. Timperley v Sale is scheduled for June 17th.

3rd XI Finals Day is scheduled for Sunday June 29th.

## OVER 40s UPDATE

WEST DIV: Wallasey (p4, w4) and Chester BH are top after four rounds, although CBH have only played twice, getting a second concession win of the season on Weds.

CENTRAL DIV 1: Timperley, Toft & C.Hulme are all on 12 pts at the top, the latter two sides winning comfortably on Weds, while Urmston conceded for the second time to hand Timpers the points.

CENTRAL DIV 2: Hale Barns held off Woodford to win by 7 runs and go top, maintaining their unbeaten start, while Didsbury won by 2 runs in a thriller against winless Lindow to share second spot with Cheadle.

CENTRAL DIV 3: Bowdon Vale lead the way with three from three.

EAST DIV: The only division decided by average pts sees Bramhall on top, closely pursued by Woodley & Hyde. Marple picked up a first win after whacking 161-4 against Bredbury SM, who along with NE Cheshire, remain winless so far.

## 50 Years of the CHESHIRE COUNTY CRICKET LEAGUE 1975-2024

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.

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