



## THE 2025 WEEK 8 REVIEW

*Week 8 was a trying one for players, officials and spectators alike, autumnal conditions meaning almost every game in Cheshire was interrupted, truncated, abandoned or cancelled.*

Leaders Didsbury lost for the first time this season in an astonishing finish in stygian gloom at Wilmslow Rd. Asked to bat by second place Timperley, Dids made a rain-interrupted 150, which from 55-7 was a creditable but still disappointing effort, although had Abhay Tipnis (67) not been dropped by skipper Ed Galley when 28 (which would have made the score 65-8) it could have been way worse for Dids. Timperley were left with 24 overs to bat and with three overs to go, in fading light and approaching 7.45pm, they were 112-6, skipper Galley scratching around for 13\* off 16 at that point, Timpers needing 39 off 18 balls. Dids then turned from spin to pace which proved fatal for them, as Galley well and truly redeemed himself, climbing into the bowling with barely believable timing, his scoring sequence in the over reading 6-4-6-6-nb+4-nb+6-6. 40 runs off an over that contained only 5 legitimate balls meant the exhilarated Timpers team had pulled off an amazing win from nowhere, closing the gap on Dids to 11 pts.

It was equally astonishing up at Hyde, but a very different sort of game, as the available George Balderson combined with Andrew Jackson to decimate the Chester BH batting, each taking 5 wkts as CBH were skittled for just 66. With the game reduced to 96 overs it was a good toss to win for skipper Tom Partridge but the bowlers (and fielders) backed the decision totally as Hyde raced to an emphatic 9 wkt win and spared themselves any further weather frustrations. Oxton moved back to fourth despite the best efforts of Alderley Edge's Arav Shetty at Townfield Lane. A rain-affected encounter saw AE reach 203-4 in their 39 overs, Shetty (108\*) making a super second ton of the season. He went on to take 4-41 but a brilliant stand of 154 between Jack Breheny (67) and Jack Corran (78) meant Oxton, with 37 overs to chase, had enough wkts in hand to survive a collapse from 183-3 to 194-7, winning by 2 wkts with 3 balls to spare.

Three fifties and a 46 from the Brooklands top four gave them a solid 240-5 in 52 overs against Neston, the visitors disappointed to provide so little resistance as they were undone by the miserly Brooklands attack, all out 111. Nantwich welcomed back Rob Jones for a second innings of the season, the result another century, Jones making 149\* off 110 balls in a treat for the spectators braving the conditions, Nantwich declaring on 252-4 as bottom side Widnes cursed their luck running into a full strength side who bowled them out for 151. Bowdon were also frustrated having reached 234-7 in 40 overs at Lindow, Joe Chapple (51) and John Sanders (53) hitting 11 sixes between them before rain ended it.



## 2025 WEEK 8 REVIEW cont.

The meeting of top v bottom in [Div 1](#) saw leaders Cheadle wrap up another 20 pts after Josh Dooler again had a fine match. Dooler claimed 4-14, with three wkts apiece for Will Holmes and Ash Burton as Grappenhall fell to bits, 125-4 becoming 136 all out ten overs later. Aryan Ashish (4-48) did at least put the wind up the Cheadle top order, but from 54-4 it became plain sailing as Dan Brown (62\*) and Dooler (35\*) added the 83 needed. Bramhall kept up their pursuit after a penurious game at Moorside Rd, Bramhall labouring to 122 in 41 overs before dismissing Urmston for just 80, Olly Latter (5-9) and Simon Wilkinson (3-10) inducing an Urmies collapse from 53-2. No actual sunlight at Port Sunlight but plenty of daylight between the hosts and visitors Maritime, PS skipper Simon Melberzs hitting a magnificent 101\* (68 bs) as from 73-4 his side piled up 272-5 in their 43 os, Melberzs then taking 2 wkts as Maritime had no answers, 177 all out. Macclesfield's Joe Moores (55\*) was a class apart with the bat on a tricky track at Davenham, securing a 7 wkt win for his side which kept Davenham in trouble. Stockport Georgians thus chose a very good day to win, their impressive 6 wkt victory over Toft a real team effort aided by Toft having a shocker with the ball, 24 wides conceded in a total of 36 extras. A rain-affected match at Dane Rd saw Marple produce a great fightback as Sale reached 101-1, needing 76 off 11 overs but ending on 155-8, Marple triumphant by 21 runs.

In [Div 2](#), after almost chasing a monster score against Prem opponents in the T20, it was back down to earth with a crash for Ashley, skittled for just 47 at Alvanley, Corey McCarthy taking 5-7 as the league leaders made it eight wins from eight. That kept Alv ahead of chasing Bollington, who reached their DLS target of 158 in just 22.3 os at Ashton OM, the Yaksender (89\*)/Gibson (47\*) axis again proving its worth as the pair added an unbroken 101 for an 8 wkt win. Ben Stoddard's 88\* for Christleton proved crucial on their trip to NE Cheshire, the hosts set a DLS target of 201 from 30 overs as a result, Christleton keeping things in check - just - to win by 18 runs. Naveed Gondal made 88\* from 92 bs as his side beat Oulton Park by 3 wkts in an 88 over game, while Cheadle Hulme got a much needed 20 pts after their bowlers made life tough for struggling Haslington, who were restricted to 138-8 in their 36 overs. After more rain, CH needed 96 off 20 os, winning by 7 wkts. Surprisingly no play at all was possible at Upton, their match with Romiley cancelled.

In [Div 3](#), Heaton Mersey beat the rain and lowly Over Peover quite comfortably to stay top, an 8 wkt win achieved after an unbroken stand of 85 for the 3rd wkt got them to their DLS target of 106, while Warrington kept up their pursuit with an equally pleasing win over mercurial Mobberley, whose batting simply fell to bits within ten overs, 74-3 tuning into 88 all out. James Rudd recorded 6-3-7-4 as Warrington won by 6 wkts. Oakmere's impressive 227-8 in their 47 overs at Tattenhall proved not enough, as Tatt's DLS target of 186 in 31 overs was reached in an exciting finish with just three balls to spare, Corey Bovey's great form reaching new heights as he made a brilliant 97\* (101 bs). Barrow also kept their good results going with a DLS-adjusted win at Middlewich, while Runcorn skipper Kieran Maher led his side by example at Winnington Park. The rain proved no obstacle on a cheerless day as Maher, having taken 4-44 in WP's 94 all out, hammered 45 off 17 bs to seal Runcorn's first league win of the campaign, moving them within range of the other strugglers. Hawk Green v Hale Barns was cancelled.



# CCCL TABLES - WEEK 8 (JUN 7 - 8)

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
DIDSBURY	144	5
TIMPERLEY	133	20
HYDE	130	20
OXTON	108	20
BROOKLANDS	105	24
ALDERLEY EDGE	99	10
NANTWICH	98	24
CHESTER BH	96	0
BOWDON	77	10
LINDOW	77	9
NESTON	74	3
WIDNES	61	2

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
CHEADLE	146	20
BRAMHALL	129	20
P.SUNLIGHT	116	20
MACCLESFIELD	115	20
TOFT	111	3
SALE	103	6
MARPLE	97	20
MARITIME	91	6
URMSTON	86	5
S.GEORGIANS	74	20
DAVENHAM	55	2
GRAPPENHALL	30	2

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ALVANLEY	160	20
BOLLINGTON	144	20
CHRISTLETON	100	20
N.E.CHESHIRE	99	6
UPTON	98	6
ROMILEY	98	6
ASHLEY	90	1
CHEADLE HULME	83	20
STOCKPORT	81	20
OULTON PARK	81	5
HASLINGTON	63	4
ASHTON OM	44	2

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
HEATON MERSEY	133	20
WARRINGTON	127	20
TATTENHALL	127	20
BARROW	114	20
OAKMERE	110	5
HAWK GREEN	101	6
HALE BARNES	96	6
MOBBERLEY	92	1
WINNINGTON PARK	79	4
MIDDLEWICH	63	4
OVER PEOVER	50	2
RUNCORN	48	20

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	146
TOFT	131
OXTON	129
CHEADLE	117
CHESTER BH	114
WIDNES	99
HYDE	94
NANTWICH	88
BROOKLANDS	75
NESTON	60
S.GEORGIANS	51
TIMPERLEY	46

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. LINDOW	128
2. MARITIME	125
3. UPTON 2	118
11. BRAMHALL	68
12. GRAPPENHALL	25

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. P.SUNLIGHT	144
2. A.EDGE	133
3. URMSTON	116
11. WARRINGTON	64
12. OULTON PARK	56



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. ASHLEY	146
2. N.E.CHESHIRE	141
3. W.PARK	131
11. TATTENHALL	52
12. NESTON 3	27

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
BROOKLANDS	60
SALE	50
DIDSBURY	48
TOFT	46
S.GEORGIANS	42
ASHLEY	38
MARPLE/COMPS.	32
TIMPERLEY	26
NANTWICH	14
GRAPPENHALL	8

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
HYDE	70
BRAMHALL	56
ASHTON OM	20
ROMILEY	-4

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
T.METROVICKS 4	62
RUNCORN	54
TIMPERLEY	12
BOLLINGTON	10

## SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

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

Div 3 West: Top - Christleton  
2nd - Widnes

Div 4: Top - Stockport  
2nd - Cheadle Hulme 4



## WEEK 8 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

**2ND XI CRICKET:** A late charge by Didsbury's 6th wkt pair got them upto 180-5 in 70 over game at basement side Timperley, who collapsed to 59 all out in reply as Ed Catt took 5-20. Toft stayed second despite losing a thriller to Brooklands in a game reduced to 84 overs, Brooklands digging in from 139-8 to reach 178-9 and a 1 wkt win. Mike Stewart took 5-21 for Neston but it was in vain as visitors Oxton's 153 proved more than enough, Neston 106 all out in reply. Cheadle's William Clift was another with 5 wkts, his 5-24 seeing Hyde shot out for 92, Cheadle winning by 9 wkts as skipper Moin Shah made 60. Joe McCurdy was left stranded on 93\* as Widnes tumbled from 213-6 to 225 all out but it was still more than enough to see off Stockport Georgians, who were all out 127 in reply. Chester BH's game with Nantwich at Filkins Lane was cancelled.

**Div 1** was badly affected by the weather, only 2 matches completed. One of those games saw Alvanley bag a handy 20 pts after they skittled Didsbury 2As at Mere for just 63, although Alv sportingly made a game of it by stuttering to 32-5 in reply before getting the job done with no further losses. The only other completed game typified how it goes when things are tough, bottom club Grappenhall getting a game in over at Maritime but going down to a 9 wkt loss for their troubles, Maritime knocking off the 100 needed in under 16 overs. Elsewhere, H.Mersey batted for 8.4 os at Bramhall before that was that, likewise Marple for 18 os at home to Sale and Macc for just 4 overs at home to Lindow. They couldn't even get started at South Downs Lane as Bowdon v Upton was cancelled.

In **Div 2** P.Sunlight's Ben Slight made 68\* off 53 bs to speed his side to a rain-adjusted 8 wkt victory at struggling Oulton Park and keep them top, as Alderley Edge also won, recording a 6 wkt win over 3rd place Urmston. The other side in the bottom two, Warrington, went down at Romiley by 41 runs, while Haslington won a second successive game by 9 runs, holding off Oakmere.

In **Div 3** it was a bleak scene with only two matches completed. Davenham's decision to field at leaders Ashley backfired as the hosts made 195 in 49.5 os, Kaleem Malik then taking 7-30 as Davenham were bundled out for just 78. N.E.Cheshire went second after winning a 48 over game at Oxton, NEC reaching their 145 target with almost 3 overs to spare to win by 6 wkts.

**Sunday 3rd XI News** **Prem** leaders Brooklands lost a league game for the first time this season, Ashley's Mohammed Kamran making 94 in his side's 243-6. Despite another fine inns from the prolific Sam Hill (85, to go with 82 and 92 in his prev. two knocks) Brooklands lost by 31 runs. Sale and Didsbury both won to close the gap, Sale winning a tense low-scoring game against Georgians while Dids won comfortably at Marple. Toft's David Blackburn made 102\* as his side racked up 264-1 against Nantwich, who conceded 60 extras and then went on to be bowled out for 60, while it was even more buttock-clenching for Grappenhall supporters, their side thrashed all over the place by Santhosh Gopalakrishnan who made a remarkable 164 off 88 bs (11x6, 11x4) for Timperley, their 368-4 a new record total for the Prem in its 40 over format. Grappers understandably got nowhere near after such a chastening experience but showed some resolve in batting almost 38 overs to make 154. In **Div 1** Hyde kept their perfect start going while Trafford Metrovicks won to maintain their **Div 2** lead.

## 1st XI T20 GROUP STAGE (1st XI T20 holders = OXTON)

**Matchday 1 - Thursday June 5th** was badly affected by rain - some matches may be re-arranged - but one extraordinary game set the benchmark for the T20 'match of the season'.

**Gp 1: Oxtan v Upton and Port Sunlight v Chester BH** were both rained off.

**Gp 2: Neston (163-4, 18 os) beat Maritime (158-7, 18 os) by 5 runs** *David Hurst (50 off 40) and Matt Maritz (47 off 30) gave Neston a respectable total at Bromborough Pool but Neston were pushed all the way as Sawan Kankanage (81 off 52) and Vensakar Kanthiraj (30 off 25) added 86 in 9 overs. But Matt Stewart (3-31) bowled a tight last over, dismissing Kankanage as Maritime found the 15 they needed just out of reach.*

**Widnes (117-3, 12 os) beat Oulton Park (80-8, 12 os) by 37 runs** *A match played in difficult conditions was suspended after just one ball, with sufficient time left for a minimum game. All the Widnes batsmen got into double figures and their bowlers had too much for their Div 2 opponents, Louis Burns (4-14) the pick.*

**Gp 3: Toft (141-9, 20 os) beat Nantwich (109, 19.3 os).** *Played on Tuesday, Toft's Dan Ward took 24 off the final two overs which proved decisive in an impressive Toft display, Ward taking the final wicket as Nantwich rarely looked likely to chase their required target.* **Bowdon v Haslington** was rained off on Thursday.

**Gp 4: Alderley Edge (110-1) beat Hawk Green (109) by 9 wkts** (no details available) **Marple v Brooklands** was rained off and has been rearranged for Weds 18th.

**Gp 5: Hyde v NE Cheshire and Macclesfield v Sale** were both rained off.

**Gp 6: Bramhall (69-2, 9.1) beat Stockport Georgians (83) by 35 runs (DLS):** *Lachlan Anson's 4-17 was the pick of a tight Bramhall bowling performance, Bramhall miles ahead on DLS when rain brought the match to a halt.* **Timperley v Cheadle Hulme** was rained off.

**Gp 7: Davenham (125-4, 15 os) bt Grappenhall (133-2, 17 os) by 3 runs (DLS)** *The two Div 1 strugglers made a decent fist of it in difficult conditions, Davenham just keeping their noses ahead of the DLS par when the rain proved terminal, Martyn East's 41 off 25 bs proving decisive.*

**Lindow (226-2, 18 os) beat Ashley (183-6, 18 os) by 43 runs**

*A phenomenal display\* from Lindow all-rounder Dan Newton was the centrepiece of an incredible game of cricket at Upcast Lane. In a match reduced to 36 overs, Newton blasted 153\* from 56 balls, with 15x6 and 10x4, and with James Duffy (52\*) added 205\* for the 3rd wkt in 15 overs as Lindow piled up 226-2, scoring at 18 r.p.o. for the second half of their innings, including a sequence of 91 runs coming in 4 overs. Far from being fazed, Ashley came out all guns blazing, the talents of Ammad Mushtaq again to the fore as they raced to 118-1 in their first 9 overs. Mushtaq was striking as sublimely as the Lindow pair had as, incredibly, Ashley were 19 ahead of the DLS par in the 11th over! Then, much to the hosts' relief with rain in the air, Mushtaq was caught behind for a superb 91 off just 35 balls, Lindow finally able to gain control, running out winners by 43 runs in a wonderful match which yielded 409 at an average run rate of 11.36 r.p.o.*

(\*Newton's innings was the third highest in CCCL 1st T20 history, his 15 sixes equalling the record for an innings. His strike rate of 273.21 is a 1st XI T20 record for an inns facing 50 balls or more. Lindow's total is the 12th highest in 1st XI T20 CCCL history, the double century partnership the fourth such in the competition).

**Gp 8: Urmston 98-7 (20 os) v Cheadle - match abandoned.** *Urmston escaped with a point as the hosts were frustrated by the weather.*

**Didsbury v Heaton Mersey** had already been re-arranged for Weds 18th June.

**Matchday 2 - Thursday June 12th, see Play Cricket for the full fixture schedule.**



## 2ND XI T20

With matches played across the week, the 2nd XI T20 Cup got underway on Monday. Holders Chester BH 2s will start their defence in the next round.

**Mon 2:** Marple (76-5, 18 os) beat Ashton OM (75, 18.4 os) by 5 wkts *Marple slid to 46-5 in their chase of a disappointing AOM total but had time to dig themselves out of a hole.*

**Tues 3:** Romiley (96-5, 15 os) beat Urmston (96-4, 15 os) by 3 runs (DLS) *Urmston needed 13 off the last on a rain-affected evening, Chris Turner's 4-11 and 25 in vain for Urmston.*

Winnington Park (145-6, 20 os) beat Oakmere (94, 16.1 os) by 51 runs *WP's Matt Atherton & Alex Unwin took 6-13 between them as Oakmere fell apart from being 81-2.*

Cheadle Hulme (126-3, 13.1 os) beat Hale Barns (123, 17 os) by 7 wkts *Adil Khan smashed 86\* off 41 bs to ease Cheadle Hulme into the next round.*

Chester BH 3s (209-4, 19 os) beat Port Sunlight (67-5, 9.4 os) by 49 runs (DLS) *CBH's Marius Mostert hit a superb 100 as his side won through comfortably in a truncated game.*

Timperley 3s (122, 19.4 os) beat Ashley (119-9, 20 os) by 3 runs (DLS) *In a tense finish, Ashley needed 15 off the last over, Timpers just holding on.*

Maritime (80-0, 7.5 os) beat Tattenhall (78-7, 14 os) by 10 wkts *Bilal Anwar slammed a rapid 51\* as Maritime won with a minimum of fuss.*

Heaton Mersey (102-4, 15.4 os) beat Stockport (101, 18.3 os) by 6 wkts *HM skipper Shabaz Shafiq returned 5-25 as his side won through with plenty to spare.*

**Weds 4:** Haslington (144-5, 20 os) beat Warrington (135-8, 20 os) by 9 runs *Captain Oliver Williams made 67 as Haslington posted a challenging total, Joe Cork then taking a late hat-trick as Warrington were kept in check.*

**Round 2 fixtures (Tues June 10):** Oxton 2 v Maritime; Chester BH 2s v Upton; Widnes v Haslington; Chester BH 3s v Neston 2s; Winnington Park v Macclesfield; Grappenhall v Davenham; Nantwich v Alvanley; Didsbury 2As v Cheadle Hulme; Heaton Mersey v Didsbury 2; Sale v Stockport Georgians; Lindow v Cheadle; Toft v Romiley; Marple v Bramhall; Brooklands v Timperley 3s.

## 3RD XI T20 QUARTER-FINALS

After repeated requests over the years, 3rd XI QFs were finally played at a more amenable time of the year. Three matches took place on Tuesday, with two clubs set to make their first appearance at Finals Day.

**Didsbury 167-9 (19 os) beat Brooklands 132-9 (19 os) by 40 runs.**

A disastrous Brooklands fielding display proved very costly as they dropped seven catches, including Madhukar Mekhala (61 off 35) first ball of the match. Mekhala and Mike Corbett added 95 in 8 overs before a calamitous run out (which has had a number of views on TikTok) brought the Didsbury momentum to a bit of a halt, but their final total was to prove more than enough, Mekhala taking three wkts in three balls (including a stumping off a wide) which sparked a debate about whether or not this could be classed as a hat-trick! Regardless, the Cup Holders won through to an eighth successive Finals Day.

**Toft 136-5 (16.1 os) beat Grappenhall 131-5 (20 os) by 5 wkts.**

Grappers worked hard for their total, and then had Toft 10-2 after 3 os of their reply, but Noah Wasilewski underlined his credentials with 63 off just 38 bs, George Muirhead delighting the club chairman by smashing a six to seal a first ever spot for Toft at Finals Day.

**Marple/Compstall 146-5 (20 os) beat Stockport Georgians 143-7 (20 os) by 3 runs.**

Georgians were left to rue their indiscipline with the ball, conceding 38 extras (incl. 29 wides) as M/C ran up a challenging total, George Bailey (37) and Cameron Reid (34) adding 71 in 10 os together. Bailey then dismissed opener Sajjad Ayub first ball, but the SG total was already 20, thanks to Saj Hussain (42 off 13 bs) who countered in typical style. Finn Raynes (37) kept the chase alive but with 12 needed off the last in growing tension, M/C did just enough to reach their first Finals Day.

Q/F 4, Sale v Timperley, is scheduled for Tues June 17th.

3RD XI T20 FINALS DAY WILL BE HELD AT  
DIDSBURY ON SUNDAY JUNE 29TH



## CHESHIRE CUP ROUND 2

A full programme of games took place on a distinctly autumnal Sunday, but there were a number of notable performances in a full programme, which saw three Premier Division sides knocked out.



**KINGSWAY: CHEADLE 129-8 (40 os) beat BIRKENHEAD PARK 60 (25.3 os) by 69 runs**

The unbroken 9th wkt stand between Cheadle keeper Dan Osbourne and Ben Broadhurst, which added 42 and occupied 12 overs, at least gave Cheadle something to defend, and they did so in remarkable style after BP, having reached 22-0 in 4.4 os, collapsed in a heap, mesmerised by the spin of skipper Josh Dooler, who finished with 7.3-5-3-5.

**BOOTH'S PARK: ALDERLEY EDGE 206-2 (21.3 os) beat TOFT 202-6 (26 os) by 8 wkts** A rain-shortened game produced some incredible batting, Toft's Henry Hughes hitting 102 (68 bs) as his side compiled a sizeable score. But AE, despite losing Sam Perry for 0, went about their chase in spectacular style as Chris Sanders (84\* off 38 bs, incl. 8x6) and former Toft player Gennaro Reddy (67\* off 52 bs) added 140\* in just under 12 overs.

**BUTCHER'S STILE: DIDSBURY 204 (36.2 os) beat DAVENHAM 139 (31.4 os) by 57 runs (DLS)** A 37 overs per side match saw the cup holders safely through, Tim Hughes' 79 the centrepiece of their total after being put in. After a slow start Davenham briefly hinted at an upset, with more rain in the air and catching up to the DLS par, but the loss of skipper Sam Hunt proved the key moment.

**LONDON RD: ELWORTH 227-6 (40 os) beat OXTON 131 (33.5 os) by 96 runs** Last season's semi-finalists despatched their Premier Division opponents with ease, captain Alex Banks (91) leading the way as Oxton never got going in their reply, 50-4 after 16 os with the writing on the wall.

**CHURCH LANE (RCCG): BRAMHALL 156-9 (40 os) beat NANTWICH 118 (34.2 os) by 38 runs** Arguably the result of the round as the 1st Division outfit defeated the Premier Division side, who have a strong record in the competition. Jack Clark's 69 held the Bramhall batting together as Jason Foulkes took 5-27 but Lachlan Anson's electrifying spell (4-17) saw the Dabbers 43-4 after 11 and Bramhall never let it slip on a memorable day.

**VICTORIA RD: CHESTER BH 169-2 (31.5 os) beat MACCLESFIELD 167 (39.2 os) by 8 wkts** Chester put their mixed league form behind them with a comprehensive win, six of their seven bowlers used taking wkts as no Macc batsman reached 50. Alex Money (86) and Josh Hollinshead (41) then put on 115 for the 1st which effectively settled the contest.

**BROMBOROUGH POOL: MARITIME 265-5 (40 os) beat ALSAGER 261-8 (40 os) by 4 runs** Alsager might have thought that at 104-5, Maritime wouldn't last long but Mickel Akeem Joseph (97\*) and skipper Kalhara Sinhage (77\*) added a stunning 161\* to set their North Staffs opponents a big target. 69 off 38 from A.Javed set Alsager on their way, however, as a thrilling game developed, Alsager needing 13 off the last but held to 8 runs.

**PEMBERTON'S MEADOW: LINDOW 95-1 (12.2 os) beat PARKFIELD LISCARD 93 (21.3 os) by 9 wkts** PL reached 33-0 before four wkts apiece for Alex Matthews and Will Espley spoiled the fun, a strong Lindow side breezing through to the next round.



## CHESHIRE CUP ROUND 2 cont.

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**BIRCHVALE DRIVE: WALLASEY 145-3 (21.1 os) beat ROMILEY 144 (34.1 os) by 7 wkts**

A match that turned into a very one-sided affair after Isaac Willett (44) was run out, with the experienced Wallasey side having far too much for their Div 2 opponents. Keeper Evan Withe hammered six 6s in his 58-ball knock of 83 as Wallasey eased into the next round.

**DANE RD: WIDNES 121-2 (28.2 os) beat SALE 117 (34.2 os) by 7 wkts** Widnes put their Premier Division struggles to one side with a comprehensive win at Sale, the hosts unable to generate any momentum as six bowlers shared the wkts on a difficult day for batting. Widnes replied carefully to reach their target, Luke McCoy finishing the match with successive fours.

**FLOWERY FIELD: BOWDON 252-6 (40 os) beat STOCKPORT GEORGIANS 145 (24.4 os) by 100 runs (DLS)** Georgians' decision to insert the visitors backfired as John Sanders took the game away from them, the Bowdon keeper partnering with Joe Chapple (40) to add a rapid 99 together before reaching an imperious century with his fourth six off the penultimate ball of the inns, Sanders 102\* coming off 79 balls. SG's reply started disastrously with a run out off the first ball, and they were quickly 21-5, a later rain intervention doing nothing to improve their already slim chances.

**MOSS FARM: BROOKLANDS 245-7 (36 os) beat NORTHWICH 146 (28 os) by 99 runs** A match shortened by rain saw the Premier Division side win through easily, their top six all scoring at least 25 with AJ Hart's 36-ball 50 the biggest contribution. Charlie Glazebrook then returned 4-40 as Northwich's reply meandered to a pusillanimous conclusion.

**OLD GREASBY RD: HYDE 317-4 (40 os) beat UPTON 93 (24.2 os) by 224 runs** Hyde chose to bat first after their long trip west and at 132-3 after 21 overs Upton were feeling ok with that decision. However, the remaining 19 overs brought carnage as Charlie Harris (72 off 75) and Dave Fitzsimmons (29\* off 23) partnered keeper Adam Worrall, who blazed a superb 112\* off just 59 bs (6x6, 10x4), Hyde adding 185 runs at almost 10 an over. Upton got to 42 in the 9th over in reply before the first wkt fell but it quickly became a procession as the Hyde attack shared the wkts, a massive win their reward.

**MOORSIDE RD: URMSTON 179-5 (39.5 os) beat NESTON 178-8 (40 os) by 5 wkts** A game unaffected by the weather reached a pulsating conclusion as the hosts scrambled the 5 runs they needed off the last to knock out their Premier Division opponents. Neston struggled with the bat after electing to bat, being 2-2 in no time and then 112-6 in the 26th. 58 from Ben Beaver got them upto a respectable 178-8, Urmston then keeping wkts in hand as they steadily went at their target. Chris Turner and David Dempster (54\*) added 76 for the fourth but a run out in the final over added to the tension before the joyous winning moment for the home side.





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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With a Foreword by Paul Allott

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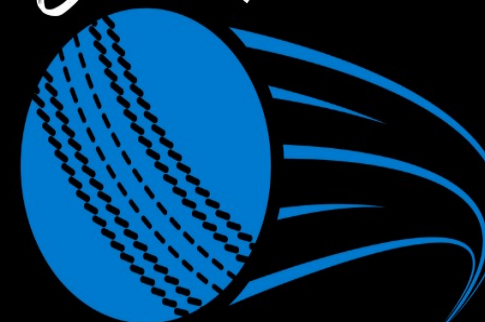
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