



THE 2025 WEEK 12 REVIEW

With the second half of the season underway, it was a weekend of fascinating cricket, with just one 1st XI centurion, two 99s in Div 1 and several gripping finishes across the county.

Leaders Hyde were grateful for Charlie Barnard's continued availability, the all-rounder taking 5-24, two catches, and 17* in an unbroken stand of 30 which steered his side to a six wkt win at

Widnes, the meeting of top & bottom going entirely to form with Liam Bowe's spin (3-32) proving no easier to get away as Widnes were bowled out for 127. Didsbury got a much needed second win in the WLD format to stay a point behind Hyde, Dids bowling out Lindow for 155 at Upcast Lane as Liam Booth & Nick Anderson shared 7 wkts. Dids were in a spot of bother at 61-4 in reply but Rob Sehmi (47) combined with Steve Green (28) to add 69 and help settle the visitors nerves. Lindow's Will Espley, who had figures of 0-89 when the sides met on the opening day, returned 5-35 here.

Timperley stayed third after recording an astonishing win over Chester BH, whose poor record on their travels well and truly followed them to Stockport Rd. Nothing wrong with the CBH bowling as they dismissed the hosts for 162 after Timpers chose to bat, the four bowlers sharing the wkts and bowling 14 maidens in 43 overs. But Chris Page and John Fowler then wrought havoc, Page clean bowling four batters as six wkts fell in 10 overs, CBH slumping to 31-7. Their eventual 67 all out was the second time they had been bowled out for less than 70 away from home as Fowler finished with 4-28 and Page a superb 6-28, Timpers the victors by 95 runs. Nantwich stayed fourth after a sixth straight win, although it was nothing like as comfortable as they might have anticipated after bowling out hosts Brooklands for just 111 - they were 75-7 - Mitchell Spencer taking 5-51. The Dabbers were soon in strife at 25-4, Rob Jones out for 0, and then at 66-6 it was anyone's game. Luke Robinson (42* from 66 bs) joined forces with Ray Doyle to add a crucial 35 and inch their side home by 3 wkts.

Arav Shetty was the star turn for Alderley Edge, his 6-38 seeing Neston slide from 178-5 to 183 all out at Parkgate after Bryce Jose had made 83. Shetty then hit 79 (64 bs) as he and Sam Perry (60) put on 140 for the 1st, AE winning by 8 wkts to send Neston back into the drop zone. That was as a result of their loss and Bowdon claiming 13 pts from their drawn game with Oxton. Ross Zelem hit a superb 104* (109 bs) in Bowdon's 254-8. Jack Breheny led off with 80 but after Oxton slipped to 173-6, Dane Williams (66*) and Charlie Clarke (29*) ran out of overs as Oxton ended on 240-6.

Nantwich were beaten at home by Knowle & Dorridge in R4 of the ECB National K/O on Sunday, ending Cheshire interest in the competition. A 7th wkt stand of 145 in 15 overs powered K&D to 301-7, Oliver Currill making 92 off 57 before claiming 2-34, including Rob Jones first ball, as Nantwich were all out 144.



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Div 1 leaders Cheadle avenged their opening day loss to Maritime with a 59 run win at Bromborough Pool to stay top. Dan Brown made 72 as he and skipper Josh Dooler (36) patiently added 99 for the 5th wkt, taking Cheadle to 205. Will Holmes then produced a terrific 10-3-13-5 as the hosts struggled throughout, losing their last 3 wkts without a run scored and folding for 146. Bramhall kept up the pressure with a comfortable 7 wkt win at Marple, who suffered a second consecutive heavy home defeat and were disappointed to only manage 212 after being 121-1. Keagan Lynch batted beautifully for 99 before gloving a lifting ball from Liam Molloy, who finished with 6-36, Bramhall then aided by a surfeit of wides as Greg Dixon (76) and Nick Cantello (67*) added 87 which all but assured victory. Port Sunlight kept up their challenge but it was a close run thing as Simon Melberzs (59*) steered his side from 182-7 to the 213 they needed for a 3 wkt win over Davenham. A real off-day for Macclesfield and a fine team effort from Urmston saw a much-needed 20 pts bagged by the visitors at Victoria Rd after a 5 wkt win, Macc all out for 148, while Toft's Tom Lord was out for 99 in his side's 4 wkt win over Grappenhall, Toft having to fight hard from 98-5 chasing 167. There was also a tense finish at Flowery Field as Stockport Georgians made it successive wins - just - edging to victory by 2 wkts against Sale. The visitors went from 49-0 to 111-7 but finally totalled 168, Georgians then 111-6 themselves before inching to a vital 20 pts.

In **Div 2**, Cheadle Hulme's Tom Whitehouse took 6-25 and effected a run-out as leaders Alvanley slid from 139-1 to 215 all out at Grove Park (Steve Charles 68), Whitehouse then stepping up with the bat to hit 38* as CH won by 4 wkts, Adam Wilde making 66. Bollington closed the gap in second after they passed 300 for the third time this season, Andrej Yaksender's 92 the highest of several bright knocks as his side took 124 off the last 10 to make 308-6 in just 46 overs against Ashley, who were all out for just 132 in reply. The meeting of third & fourth saw Christleton get from 122-8 to 199-9 at Romiley, who, a week after making 308-3, were all out for 93, Alex Livingstone having a fine game for the visitors with 62 and 2-28. N.E.Cheshire won a thriller at Oulton Park by 5 runs, OP needing 12 off the last over to overtake their 260 target but getting just six, Ed Roberts finishing 95*. Haslington gave their survival hopes a big boost with a 5 wkt win at Upton but it is looking bleak for Ashton OM, who took a solitary point from a seven wkt loss at Stockport after being bowled out for 98, AOM now 52 pts from safety.

In **Div 3**, it was a very good day for leaders Tattenhall, who got from 119-5 to 297-9 at Over Peover, Corey Bovey making 86 and OP donating 51 extras. OP gave it a real go but were all out for 252. Making Tatt's day even better were four of the five sides all immediately below them losing. Khurram Hussain made 86* and Joe Cooper 63 as Hale Barns beat Warrington by 8 wkts, while Martyn Jenks made 40 and took 4-13 as Winnington Park beat Heaton Mersey by 15 runs. Oakmere went second after a surprisingly easy win at Barrow, who had a match to forget, all out 89, losing by 9 wkts and collecting zero pts. Struggling Middlewich stunned all at Hawk Green with an amazing 1 wkt win, needing 223 but all at sea by the 15th over, 47-6 on the board. Skipper Steve Parry (79) and Kall Boyle (49) then added a superb 122 for the 7th, Phil Parry hitting a priceless 30 (after taking 4-40) before the last pair got the 6 needed amidst high tension. Nauman Akram hit 98 to lift Runcorn from 106-5 to 270-8 against Mobberley, Akram then taking 5-55 as, from 239-8, Mobb were finally bowled out for 264 in a pulsating finish.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
HYDE	226	24
DIDSBURY	225	24
TIMPERLEY	192	24
NANTWICH	190	24
ALDERLEY EDGE	176	24
BROOKLANDS	141	4
OXTON	127	8
CHESTER BH	127	4
BOWDON	117	13
LINDOW	114	3
NESTON	113	2
WIDNES	89	2

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
CHEADLE	208	20
BRAMHALL	196	20
P.SUNLIGHT	181	20
MACCLESFIELD	165	3
TOFT	161	20
MARITIME	155	4
SALE	139	5
URMSTON	111	20
MARPLE	129	4
S.GEORGIANS	123	20
DAVENHAM	104	6
GRAPPENHALL	49	4

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ALVANLEY	211	5
BOLLINGTON	193	20
CHRISTLETON	164	20
ROMILEY	162	4
CHEADLE HULME	148	20
N.E.CHESHIRE	148	20
UPTON	146	4
ASHLEY	134	3
STOCKPORT	129	20
OULTON PARK	124	7
HASLINGTON	91	20
ASHTON OM	72	1

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
TATTENHALL	207	20
OAKMERE	175	20
HEATON MERSEY	169	5
HAWK GREEN	168	7
WARRINGTON	162	2
BARROW	158	0
HALE BARNES	146	20
WINNINGTON PARK	129	20
MIDDLEWICH	117	20
RUNCORN	115	20
MOBBERLEY	111	7
OVER PEOVER	75	8

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	226
TOFT	198
CHESTER BH	180
CHEADLE	179
OXTON	142
NANTWICH	137
WIDNES	132
HYDE	130
BROOKLANDS	122
TIMPERLEY	110
NESTON	90
S.GEORGIANS	85

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. LINDOW	192
2. MARITIME	172
3. DIDSBURY 2A	161
11. MARPLE	111
12. GRAPPENHALL	49

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. A.EDGE	199
2. ROMILEY	191
3. URMSTON	166
11. WARRINGTON	110
12. OAKMERE	104



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. W.PARK	211
2. ASHLEY	211
3. N.E.CHESHIRE	205
11. TATTENHALL	82
12. NESTON 3	55

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
BROOKLANDS	88
DIDSBURY	84
S.GEORGIANS	74
TOFT	70
SALE	60
MARPLE/COMPS.	54
TIMPERLEY	54
ASHLEY	40
NANTWICH	24
GRAPPENHALL	12

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
HYDE	96
BRAMHALL	90
H.MERSEY	24
ROMILEY	22

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
T.METROVICKS 4	100
RUNCORN	82
BOLLINGTON	26
TIMPERLEY 6	24

SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

Div 3 East: Top - Bredbury SM
2nd - Lindow 5

Div 3 West: Top - Christleton
2nd - Widnes

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



WEEK 12 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: A magnificent 106 from Jack Airey and 90 from Chris Becker (narrowly missing out on consecutive tons) saw the pair add 188 for the first Didsbury wkt against Brooklands, hustled out for 117 in reply as the leaders won by 163 runs. Two six-fors in the division, Nigel "Heat Rocks" Muirhead returning 6-17 for second place Toft as they beat Oxton by 8 wkts, while skipper Dan Riley took 6-20 for Chester BH against Neston. However, the Neston last pair added 42, which proved invaluable as Neston went on to record a nailbiting 8 run win which moved them off the bottom. Sheil Patel's 92 helped Cheadle secure an 87 run win over Timperley, while Zaeem Arshad finished 89*, guiding Hyde from 107-5 to their 172 target to beat Widnes by 5 wkts. Nantwich's 8 wkt win over Stockport Georgians saw SG slip to the foot of the table.

Div 1 saw leaders Lindow sweep aside a feeble Heaton Mersey (all out 78) to go further clear at the top after second place Maritime surprisingly came unstuck at struggling Bramhall, losing by 90 runs after putting the hosts in. Bramhall's win saw them move out of the drop zone, replaced by Marple, who got a pasting at the hands of Didsbury 2As. Will Neal took 6-28 as Marple folded for 99, Dids having earlier posted 252-9. No.7 Joe Smith hit an amazing 104* (85 bs) for Upton as they got from 75-7 to 195-7 at Sale, but Omair Iqbal's 81* helped steer the hosts to a 7 wkt win and fourth spot. Veteran keeper Andy Bennion took 6 catches after making 51 for Alvanley as they beat Macclesfield by 102 runs, while skipper Stanley Pennington took 4-30 and made 38* to help his Grappenhall side to their first league win of the season as they beat Bowdon by 5 wkts, at last bringing some cheer to Broad Lane during a difficult season.

In **Div 2** Max Otway took 7-39 as leaders Alderley Edge beat Upton 3s by 8 runs in a thriller, while Dylan Llewellyn (91) and Alex Napier (97) added 118 as Romiley walloped Oakmere to stay in pursuit, third place Urmston losing heavily at home to C.Hulme.

In **Div 3** Winnington Park and Ashley are now level on points after WP beat Timperley by 5 wkts while Ashley slipped up at home, going down by 95 runs as visitors Oxton enjoyed their day trip. Basement side Neston 3s had Davenham 98-5 needing 197 but Dav won by 5 wkts, while struggling Tattenhall gave themselves a lift by posting 243-9, which proved 65 too many for Chester BH 3s to chase.

Sunday 3rd XI News Sam Hill's prolific form for **Prem** leaders Brooklands continued after he made a second ton of the season (along with five scores in excess of 75) in their 62 run win over Grappenhall, Hill making 130 from 118 bs. That win kept Brooklands ahead of the chasing pack, Didsbury just 4 pts behind after beating Ashley by 130 runs, Xavi Switzer taking 5-21. Brooklands & Didsbury have to play each other twice after a rearrangement forced by 3rd XI Finals which will have a significant bearing on the table. The meeting of third & fourth went the way of Toft who beat Georgians by 51 runs, while Sale beat Marple/Comp. in a reduced overs match, the reigning champs just getting 8 pts. Pankaj Mishra hit 111 (98 bs) for Timperley in their 118 run win over Nantwich. In **Div 1** leaders Hyde saw their game with Dids 4s cancelled which allowed Bramhall to close the gap to 6 pts after they beat Cheadle defending 102, while at the bottom Romiley made it consecutive wins after Dylan Llewellyn's great form continued with 80 and 3-43 in their 15 run win over Metrovicks.



1st XI T20 LAST 16 KNOCKOUT (1st XI T20 holders = OXTON)

Congratulations to all the quarter-finalists who won through their last 16 ties this week.

QF draw (scheduled Thurs 10th): Bowdon v Didsbury; Bramhall v Alderley Edge; Cheadle v Lindow; Chester BH v Oxton

Alderley Edge 161-6 (20 os) beat Davenham 141-5 (20 os) by 20 runs *Although the outcome was predictable, the final margin of victory for the Premier Division side was nothing like as comfortable as some were expecting. Sam Perry's 79 (54 bs) anchored the AE inns, looking a little precarious on 109-4 in the 15th, but Simon Normanton helped his skipper add 41 in 4 overs. A steady opening stand of 68 in 11 overs gave Davenham the chance of an upset, but skipper Jimmy O'Sullivan and Martyn East (49 off 38 bs) were dismissed within four balls of each other and despite Regan Johnson's best efforts (39* off 23), the Div 1 side just couldn't get enough real momentum in their chase.*

Chester BH 231-5 (20 os) beat Widnes 119-9 (20 os) by 112 runs *A magnificent Alex Money display eased CBH into another T20 quarter-final. Opening up, Money hammered 121 off 54 bs (5x6, 18x4) as the below-strength Widnes attack was dispatched all round the compass, he and Andrew Metcalf (48 off 25 bs) added a breathtaking 123 in just 7 over for the 3rd wkt. Money then took two wkts and a catch, only James McCoy (56) providing any resistance.*

Didsbury 198-4 (20 os) beat Sale 125-9 (20 os) by 73 runs *Nick Anderson was in great form, the Didsbury skipper cracking 89 off 44 bs (7x6, 9x4) as he and Tim Hughes put on 127 for the 1st wkt in 12.2 os. Anderson's dismissal was the first of three wkts to fall for 12 runs as Sale fought back, but James Green (39* off 24 bs) lifted Dids towards 200. A spirited opening stand off 66 in 9 os gave Sale a glimmer of hope but once that psp was broken the inns quickly fell away, Jonathan Davidson's 63 (56 bs) a crumb of comfort as Dids completed a straightforward victory.*

Cheadle 181-8 (20 os) beat Hyde 159 (19.4 os) by 22 runs *The Div 1 leaders pulled off a sensational win over the Premier Division leaders, Hyde bowled out at home after a brilliant effort by the visitors underlined their cup credentials in the result of the night. Put into bat, Dan Brown's 67 (40 bs) provided the base for Cheadle as four other inns of 20 or more enabled them to set the hosts 9 an over to win. 87-2 at halfway, Hyde lost three wkts in the next 10 balls as Cheadle grew in confidence, with Ash Burton's left-arm seam (5-28) keeping things under control as sharp Cheadle fielding enabled them to complete a famous win.*

Lindow 233-4 (20 os) beat Brooklands 146-9 (20 os) by 87 runs *An exhilarating opening stand of 132 in 12 overs between Max Law (98 off 62 bs) and Jamieson Hedges (65 off 32) set the base for a huge Lindow total, skipper Alex Matthews whacking 20 off the last over to top it off. Matthews then ran out opener Ben Cunliffe with a direct hit as Lindow never let Brooklands get up a head of steam.*

Oxton 155-2 (16.3 os) beat Maritime 154-7 (20 os) by 8 wkts *Jack Corran produced a superb individual display with 3-30, a catch and then 66 off 43 bs as the holders put their indifferent league form to one side in overcoming their Div 2 opponents, Ian Souness finishing 53*.*

Bramhall 183-9 (20 os) beat Toft 149 (17.5 os) by 34 runs *Liam Molloy's 50 (32 bs) and 49 (30 bs) from Ryan Macciocchi powered Bramhall to a challenging total that they proved well capable of defending, Molloy then taking 4-15 as only no.8 Dan Ward's 54 (33 bs) gave Toft anything to smile about.*

Bowdon 155-4 (18.5 os) beat Timperley 152-9 (19.4 os) by 6 wkts *An enthralling match played in front of a lively and good-sized crowd saw the visitors, struggling in the league, produce a composed batting display after the early loss of their talisman John Sanders for a duck. Keshana Fonseka (52) and Ross Zelem (43) added 99 in ten overs and despite both falling within a few balls of each other, Joe Chapple withstood a testing Timperley attack and steered his side over the line. Earlier, Timpers batting failed to fire, although Chris McCarthy thrilled onlookers with a massive six which almost cleared Stockport Rd. At 96-8, Bowdon's decision to field looked well justified, but no.10 John Fowler redressed the balance with four booming sixes in his 18-ball 43* as 56 were added for the last two wkts to set up an excellent game of T20 cricket.*



1st XI T20 QUALIFIERS K/O TROPHY

Congratulations to Upton, N.E.Cheshire, Cheadle Hulme and Hawk Green who all won through to the first ever T20 knockout trophy finals day, as part of the innovative and well-received expansion of 1st XI T20 cricket in Cheshire in 2025. The quarter finals were all played on Sunday.

Upton 224-4 (20 os) beat Oulton Park 104 (14.2 os) by 120 runs Chris McArthur hammered 76 off 28 bs & Luke Camden 72* off 38 as Upton racked up a huge score after being put in. OP skipper Andy Dufty fell second ball which set the tone for a underwhelming OP reply, Upton easing into finals day at a canter.

N.E.Cheshire 135-4 (20 os) beat Haslington 108 (17.2 os) by 27 runs Bailey Jenkinson hit 65 off 58 bs and then took 3-11 as NE Cheshire defended their modest total with something to spare. Ben Istead's 47 (31 bs) was the only contribution of note for the hosts, who lost 4 wkts in 8 balls between overs six & seven.

Cheadle Hulme 154-7 (20 os) beat Ashley 93 (16.3 os) by 61 runs A stand of 72 for the 4th wkt between Aayush Slathia (42 off 26) & Rhys Collister (31 off 30) propelled CH to a healthy total. Ashley opened up with 55 in less than 8 overs but once that stand ended, the innings subsided quickly, Slathia (4-22) and Collister combining to claim the key wkt of Ammad Mushtaq (38 off 25 bs).

Hawk Green beat Heaton Mersey Heaton Mersey conceded the fixture.

2ND XI T20 R3 RESULTS: Timperley (206-1) beat A.Edge (205-3) by 9 wkts Jordan Ruff (89) & Felix Birtles (70*) added 180 for the 1st Timpers wkt; S.Georgians (131-9) beat Bramhall (122-7) by 9 runs; Didsbury 2s (106-3) beat Timperley 3s (105) by 7 wkts; Macclesfield (120) beat Lindow (108-5) by 12 runs.



Geoff Wellsteed'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.

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