



## THE 2025 WEEK 14 REVIEW

*The heat of the week previous was a distant memory as rain hit the weekend programme significantly, but thankfully T20 Finals Day was completed (albeit in sub-optimal conditions).*

After the dramatic mix of results in wk 13, the **Prem** saw four drawn matches, although three sides took a reasonable points haul from their efforts. The top two both drew and swapped places as a result. Hyde had to work for every single run at Brooklands as AJ Hart & Rob Leach bowled unchanged for the first 34 overs (either side of a 42 min rain delay), their combined figures 34-7-73-6 as Hyde struggled to 84-6, and when Charlie Barnard then slapped Tom Lett's first ball tamely back, it was 84-7. The tail managed to survive another 16 overs to reach 139 in 50.4 os, but that target proved deceptively distant as Brooklands found it every bit as tough. The Cunliffe brothers batted 30 overs together, carefully adding 77, but with Barnard and Liam Bowe proving very hard to score off, the hosts were left hanging on at 118-9 when the overs ran out.

The meeting of second & third provided an ultimately gripping conclusion but only after an unholy five hour wait for any play at Wilmslow Rd. Didsbury & Nantwich ended up playing a 20-20 game but without the normal regulations, Dids making 155-8 in their allocation (Charlie Lowen 42, the highest of seven double figure scores). In reply Ali Chughtai was in the mood to continue the Dabbers' great run of seven wins, hitting 5 big sixes as he reached a classy 67 off 48 bs, Nantwich 100-3 after 15. However, the next ball saw a misunderstanding and Chughtai run out, the tables turning as Dids skipper Nick Anderson claimed 4-34, Nantwich collapsing to 118-9 with four balls remaining, but they held on at 125-9 as the game concluded at 7.50pm. Dids travel to Hyde next Saturday, with Hyde at Nantwich the week after.

The two definitive results saw Timperley pull off a stunning two wkt win at Neston, who must have felt real optimism after a brilliant 100\* (106 bs) from Bryce Jose lifted them from 151-6 to 263-7, Matt Strong earlier making 59. But Timpers clearly took notes, after themselves stumbling to 158-7 in the 35th. John Fowler, batting at 9, broke Neston hearts by crunching 63 off 55 bs (1x6 & 10x4), combining with Joe Ashmore (88\*) to add 104 in 15 amazing overs before Chris Page clattered the winning boundary with three overs in hand. There was an equally astonishing but ultimately fruitless revival conducted by bottom side Widnes, who recovered from 22-5 to make 216 against Alderley Edge, but 70 from Alfie Usher helped steer AE to a 4 wkt win, Trent McKeegan (32 at no.11 and 4-62) having a fine game nonetheless. Chester BH claimed 15 pts in a disrupted and stodgy draw at Bowdon, while Isaac Brookes' 6-43 wasn't enough for Lindow to force a win over Oxton who finished 179-7 chasing 278 to win, Rob Herriott earlier making 92.



## 2025 WEEK 14 REVIEW cont.

**Div 1** saw all but one game disrupted by rain, but all six concluded. Port Sunlight were singing in the rain, finding themselves in the second promotion spot after they beat Urmston, albeit PS were probably not anticipating chasing 163 after reducing Urmston to 90-6. David Dempster made 73\* which helped give his side something to defend, and they almost did, PS 130-7 but Muzammil Sheik (90\*) helped steer his side home. Bramhall thus dropped to third, but only by one pt, after a 7 wkt loss in a 66 over game at Toft, Henry Hughes' great form continuing with 80\* as Toft won by 7 wkts. Leaders Cheadle also tasted defeat in a 56 over game at Macclesfield, Macc whacking 200-4 off their 28 with Andrew Poppa continuing to impress, his 66 taking him to just shy of 600 league runs, Alex Thompson (53\*) and Khalid Sawas also scoring quickly. Cheadle never got going in reply and were all out 138. Macc, still fourth, meet Bramhall next week. Port Sunlight will face bottom side Grappenhall, for whom things continue to flatline, hanging around for ages at a soggy Stockport Georgians after their innings was interrupted, eventually culminating in a waterlogged 103. SG took full advantage, racing to their target in under 14 os to move further clear of trouble. Sale's frustrating season took a turn for the better, John Davidson making 89 as they made 234-6 in 45 os against Davenham, who were quickly 5-3, got to 87-3, and then collapsed a second time to 119 all out. The uninterrupted game saw a Mickel Akeem Joseph masterclass, the Maritime ace taking 5-33 before hammering 61\* (50 bs) as his side recovered from 16-4 to chase the 177 set by Marple for a 4 wkt win, Sawan Kankanange making 72\*.

In **Div 2** it was a sorry scene with two games cancelled (including the Romiley/ Bollington clash) and play abandoned at Cheadle Hulme after 8 overs. The games played did produce some entertaining cricket, Upton's Chris McArthur hitting a fifth half-century of the season (going along with a 49 and a 48, and two tons) as his side made 255-6 against leaders Alvanley, Luke Camden blasting a 34-ball 53\*. But Alv's Alex Reid played the inns of the match, his 92 (114 bs) powering his side to a 5 wkt win, 51 extras also contributing handsomely. Another heart-stopper at Oulton Park, but this time it was the hosts on the wrong side of things as Ashley's Kaleem Malik took a hat-trick to secure a dramatic 6-run win. Pierz Bradi Cyster earlier made a magnificent 140\* (114 bs), he and Ayyan Saqib (54) adding an astonishing 157 for the 7th as Ashley got from 85-6 to 279-7. Despite that setback, OP were going along fine, 48 extras assisting as they reached 263-5 in the 48th before the calamitous (for them) last over where a run out preceded Malik's wkts, OP all out 273. The other match saw Ashton OM triumph in the battle of the bottom two, beating Haslington by 8 wkts to draw level on pts with them, although both are 42 pts from safety.

**Div 3** saw consecutive losses for leaders Tattenhall, who went down by 11 runs in a thriller at Winnington Park. Chasing 173, Tatt slumped to 110-8 but Corey Bovey (66) helped get Tatt to 142 before falling. The last pair then whacked 15 off an over before WP finally wrapped it up. Hawk Green couldn't capitalise as they were washed out after just 14 bs of their match with Warrington. Now, do not adjust your newsletter, Hale Barns really are third in the table! Chinmay Sutar (80) & Joe Cooper (77) added 119 for the 3rd wkt as HB reached 223-7 in their 38 os against Oakmere at Brookes Drive, Cooper then taking 5-27 as HB won by 62 runs. Runcorn are another side in form, a fourth straight win putting clear daylight between them and the bottom two. A 74 over game saw them saw Runcorn reach 182-9, Barrow bowling 26 costly wides. They battled hard in reply but Logan Malthus was left stranded on 62\* when the last wkt fell, Barrow 13 short. Struggling Middlewich picked up a priceless 20 pts, doing the double over fading Heaton Mersey with a 4 wkt win, while Over Peover won the basement battle with Mobberley to move off the bottom. Mobberley have now lost eight in a row and face Hawk Green next.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
DIDSBURY	246	45
HYDE	244	42
NANTWICH	224	58
TIMPERLEY	215	47
ALDERLEY EDGE	202	50
BROOKLANDS	172	35
LINDOW	162	51
CHESTER BH	148	37
BOWDON	147	16
OXTON	134	15
NESTON	134	23
WIDNES	118	31

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
CHEADLE	233	45
PORT SUNLIGHT	221	60
BRAMHALL	220	44
MACCLESFIELD	205	43
TOFT	184	43
MARITIME	177	26
S.GEORGIANS	163	60
SALE	161	27
MARPLE	153	28
URMSTON	145	30
DAVENHAM	112	14
GRAPPENHALL	54	9

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ALVANLEY	251	45
BOLLINGTON	219	46
ROMILEY	188	30
CHRISTLETON	175	31
CHEADLE HULME	174	46
UPTON	172	30
ASHLEY	160	29
N.E.CHESHIRE	160	32
OULTON PARK	151	33
STOCKPORT	141	32
HASLINGTON	99	28
ASHTON OM	99	28

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
TATTENHALL	220	33
HAWK GREEN	194	33
HALE BARNES	186	60
OAKMERE	186	31
BARROW	184	26
HEATON MERSEY	178	14
WARRINGTON	169	9
WINNINGTON PARK	169	60
RUNCORN	155	60
MIDDLEWICH	143	46
OVER PEOVER	115	48
MOBBERLEY	114	28

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	266
TOFT	238
CHESTER BH	205
CHEADLE	189
OXTON	182
BROOKLANDS	148
WIDNES	147
NANTWICH	144
HYDE	142
TIMPERLEY	132
S.GEORGIANS	110
NESTON	98

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. LINDOW	215
2. MARITIME	198
3. UPTON 2	177
11. H.MERSEY	129
12. GRAPPENHALL	89

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. A.EDGE	225
2. URMSTON	206
3. ROMILEY	202
11. OAKMERE	131
12. OULTON PARK	126



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. W.PARK	251
2. ASHLEY	251
3. N.E.CHESHIRE	232
11. TATTENHALL	107
12. NESTON 3	65

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	100
BROOKLANDS	96
S.GEORGIANS	84
SALE	76
TOFT	76
MARPLE/COMPS.	70
TIMPERLEY	68
ASHLEY	56
NANTWICH	30
GRAPPENHALL	14

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
HYDE	120
BRAMHALL	92
ROMILEY	38
ASHTON OM	32

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
T.METROVICKS 4	106
DIDSBURY 5	104
S.GEORGIANS 4	34
TIMPERLEY 6	24

## SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

Div 3 East: Top - Bredbury SM  
2nd - Sale 4

Div 3 West: Top - Christleton  
2nd - Tattenhall

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



## WEEK 14 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

**2ND XI CRICKET:** Another day, another big partnership for Didsbury as they stay out in front in the **Prem**, the in-form Chris Becker making 86\* (his last 5 league inns – 28, 119, 90, 86, 86\*) and Jack Airey 74\*, the pair adding an unbroken 167 for the 2nd wkt as Dids eased to a 9 wkt win at Nantwich. Nearest rivals Toft won a good game at third place Chester BH by 21 runs, setting the hosts 189 to win. Chester slid to 119-7 but a spirited effort from the tail wasn't so far away from pinching it, Chester all out 167. Another day of toil for the Neston attack, the basement side whacked all over Timperley as the hosts piled up 273-6, Jordan Ruff (66) & Shahnawaz Khan (74) putting on 114 for the 1st, Josh van Dellen making 68. Neston came quietly for 125. After a run of four defeats, Oxton have now won successive games, Alfie Briggs making 108 (125 bs) as his side made 256-8 against struggling Stockport Georgians, who were bowled out for 189, skipper Michael Kilbride making 71, Amay Diwan taking 5-33. Cheadle v Widnes was abandoned with Widnes 61-1 after 17 os, while Hyde vs. Brooklands was washed out completely.

**Div 1** saw only three games completed, but one was an absolute stand-out result as bottom side Grappenhall made it three wins in a row, beating league leaders Lindow, no less. In a 92-over game, Grappers made 177-6, but the usually formidable Lindow line-up had a real off-day, all out 137. However, Lindow's lead wasn't adversely affected as Maritime's game at Marple was washed out after just 9 balls and Upton lost at Alvanley by 24 runs. The other match completed saw Macclesfield get from 124-8 to 157-9 and a 1 wkt win over Dids 2As.

In **Div 2** leaders Alderley Edge couldn't take any risks with their ground so their match with C.Hulme was the only game cancelled. Urmston went second after they bowled P.Sunlight out for 98, Archie Mitten 6-20 (& a useful 22) as Urmston won by 81 runs, swapping places with Romiley who had Upton 70-7 needing 162. Gavin Byrom (86\*) and Ian Sharrock (40\*) then combined superbly for a 3 wkt Upton win.

Winnington Park & Ashley both won again, still level on pts in **Div 3**. WP won at Tattenhall by 73 runs – Tatt slipping into the drop zone as a result – while Ashley beat Hale Barns by 47 runs. NE Cheshire lost ground in third, their match with bottom side Neston at London Rd washed out after 5 overs. The other winners were Davenham, Christleton and Oxton.

**2ND XI T20 Q/FINALS (Tues 22nd):** Chester BH v Maritime; Didsbury 2 v Bowdon; Grappenhall v Macclesfield; S.Georgians v Timperley

**Sunday 3rd XI News** Only one match completed in the **Prem**, Stockport Georgians winning by 15 runs in a reduced overs match against Grappenhall. SG gained 8 pts to consolidate third spot. The prolific Sam Hill was 63\* in Brooklands' 123-1 after 21 os at Nantwich when rain stopped play, all other games cancelled. In **Div 1** leaders an anxious Hyde endured a frustrating last wkt stand by Metrovicks before finally prevailing for a 44-run win. David Brown made 89\* for Romiley as they beat second place Bramhall, while Dids 4s knocked off the 128 they needed for an 8 wkt win at Elworth just minutes before the heavens opened. The Dids 5s team also won by 8 wkts in **Div 2**, going second and closing the gap on leaders Metrovicks who lost by 14 runs on DLS against Urmston.





## 1st XI T20 FINALS DAY

**Alderley Edge claimed their third T20 triumph in the past five seasons after beating Didsbury by 8 wkts in a rain-affected final, which was closer and tenser than the winning margin suggests.**

Rain affected all three matches but had its most significant impact on the final itself, a healthy gathering of spectators for all the matches enjoying some high quality T20 cricket at one of Cheshire's most attractive grounds. The Alderley Edge club had players and staff hard at work throughout the day, which contributed significantly to a memorable event for all involved.

**S/F 1: Alderley Edge 122-4 (17.5 os) beat Cheadle 121-8 (20 os) by 6 wkts** *The Div 1 leaders struggled to build any real momentum when batting, and despite a few late semi-jitters in the reply, an opening stand of 90 between Pat Ashling (37) & Arav Shetty (46) had pretty much settled matters.*

**S/F 2: Didsbury 137-3 (15 os) beat Chester BH 134-7 (20 os) by 7 wkts**

*Will Street once again proved CBH's tormentor, trapping Rick Moore lbw which saw CBH go from 50-1 to 90-6 in the course of 8 overs, Street's 3-14 helping give Dids control. A lively opening stand set Dids on their way, James Green (42\*) & Charlie Lowen (24\*) then adding an unbroken 61 to secure a comprehensive win.*

**Final: Alderley Edge 159-2 (18.4 os) beat Didsbury 167 (20 os) by 8 wkts (DLS)** *At 8.35pm in gloomy conditions with more rain in the air, Alderley Edge's Chris Sanders hit a huge six to claim the crown for his side with just two balls to spare, the AE supporters roaring with pleasure and relief after a tense climax to a hard-fought contest. Dids really got going with a 2nd wkt stand of 57 in 7 os, and a later psp of 45 in 6 os got them to 153-5 in the 18th, before a mix up saw another fine James Green inns (49 off 29 bs) curtailed. Dids then slid to 154-8 an over later, finishing on 167 which was challenging but 15ish short of where they might have been. In reply, Pat Ashling fell in the second over, but Arav Shetty again showed his class as he and skipper Sam Perry batted really well to take AE to 89-1 in the 11th when the rain caused an interruption. AE were 10 runs ahead on DLS at this stage. Dids players helped get the covers off on resumption, and kept pegging away with the wet ball, fielding well and restricting boundaries. In the five overs before the rain returned, Shetty and Perry added another 34 but were falling behind the rate, and when at 8.03 more rain forced the players off, at 123-1 after 16 os, Dids were 1 run ahead on DLS. This time it was the AE players desperate to assist with covers removal as the umpires worked out that an over had been lost. AE therefore required 158 off 19 overs, starting the last over requiring 15. Off the first ball Perry (51) fell to a fine boundary catch, ending a superb stand of 130, and Dids were suddenly on top. But Sanders, with no alternative, went for his shots, nailing two off-side fours before two wides added to the drama. Off the fourth ball Sanders connected sweetly with a short ball and sent it soaring over wide long on, sparking joyous celebrations amongst the home supporters. Arav Shetty was deservedly named as player of the match, having an impressive Finals Day with bowling figures of 8-0-47-4 and innings of 46 & 87\*.*



# CHESHIRE CC NEWS



## NCCA WESTERN DIV 2 CHESHIRE STRIFE IN SHROPSHIRE

Day 2 of 3: Shropshire 312-9 (90 os) Cheshire 110-7 (42.4 os) Cheshire trail by 212 runs with 3 wkts remaining

It's not been a great start for Cheshire's three-day campaign as a side shorn of several major talents has been on the back foot at Wem, the decision to insert the hosts not working out thus far. A frustrating first day saw Shropshire 91-2 after 25 overs, a delayed start followed by four separate stoppages of almost four hours duration in total. Monday saw much more play, only a brief rain delay halting Shropshire's steady accumulation. Andrew Dufty's 4-81 were the best Cheshire figures, Sam Grant bowling 24 overs for his 3-62 and Luke Young taking 2-51. Cheshire's reply started badly, Tom Hafil clearly unhappy to be given out caught behind in the first over and Alex Money out in the 9th. Chester BH's George McCormick was causing problems, currently having 5-26 and, along with Ben Roberts, inducing a horrible Cheshire collapse from 67-3 to 68-7 in the space of seven deliveries. Skipper David Wainwright averted the hat-trick and together with Luke Young nursed his side to 110-7 before rain ended play for the day.

Cheshire side: David Wainwright (Capt, Castleford), Henry Murray (wk, Toft), Alex Money (Chester BH), Tom Hafil (Didsbury), Luke Young, Ryan O'Brien (both Hyde), Kevin Carroll (Brooklands), Andrew Dufty (Oulton Park), Max Law (Lindow), Sam Grant, Ed Wade (both Clifton Alliance).



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