



THE 2025 WEEK 15 REVIEW

Record breaking scores, significant wins and performances of note right across the County League this weekend as July ends with intriguing situations at both ends of all the tables.

The big game in the [Prem](#) saw Didsbury stretch their lead at the top after an ultimately comfortable 5 wkt win at Hyde. Winning the toss on a pitch that assisted the bowlers, two early wkts in two balls (the second a run-out) put Dids well on top, Hyde tumbling to 72-9 inside 21 os as Liam Booth took 5-41. He did have 5-16 at one stage but that was before Andrew Jackson staged a one-man fightback, 8 soaring sixes powering him to a 31-ball 50 as the last pair added 60 (Liam Bowe 0*), Jackson falling to a wonderful one-handed tumbling catch. Dids were in a tricky spot at 46-3 but with so many overs, stayed patient, Tom Hafil (46*) clipping the winning boundary.

Nantwich thus leapfrogged Hyde into second, albeit by a point, after a terrific display by Ali Chughtai (97 off 74) and Rob Jones (105* off 95), plus a 31-ball 51 from Jake Pearson, powered them to 332-6 after 47 os against a labouring Neston attack. With all sorts of records potentially in sight and Jones not out, Nantwich declared, Neston battling hard with the bat but all out 230 as Scott Wardley spun his way to 5-31. Hyde travel to Whitehouse Lane next week in the last round of win-lose-draw matches, a pivotal clash. To make a bad day worse for Neston, they went bottom after Widnes won for the second time this month, a terrific two wkt victory at Chester chasing 209 giving renewed hope of survival for them. Put in, Chester were quickly 19-3, Alex Money (69) helping add 90 off the next 30 overs, but wkts kept falling and skipper Rick Moore (batting at 8 and unable to bowl) had to work hard to lift his side past 200. Widnes were soon 9-3 but Matt Burns (66), Aaron Soni (55) and Chris Kirby (39*) coped with the pressure to help get their side a vital win.

So Widnes finally moved off the foot on games won, but the five clubs at the wrong end are separated by just 15 pts, Neston facing Bowdon & Widnes in their next two games. Bowdon are just 8 clear of the drop zone after a 144 opening stand between Viraj Sorathia (61) and Jamie Matthews (88*) set up an impressive 8 wkt win at South Downs Rd for Timperley, John Fowler earlier taking a superb 7-39 as Timpers look to crash the title mix. Chester now find themselves in the other mix, though, as are Oxton, who fell in a heap chasing just 166 at home to Brooklands. Six batsmen fell lbw as AJ Hart (5-32) made it 17 wkts in his last 4 games, Brooklands winning by 30 runs, but the performance of the day was Lindow's Isaac Brooks, who returned a fantastic 7-59 at Alderley Edge as, despite Pat Ashling's 91, a strong AE line up could only manage 197. Max Law (77) and Jamieson Hedges (57) did the initial heavy lifting and despite going from 170-3 to 184-8, Brooks handled the tension to make 12*, including the winning boundary, for a famous Lindow win.



2025 WEEK 15 REVIEW cont.

After last week's setback [Div 1](#) leaders Cheadle got back to business, a no-nonsense 9 wkt win over Stockport Georgians achieved in short order (Adam Dooler 55*). They travel to Port Sunlight next week, PS remaining second after a 6 wkt win at a doomed-looking Grappenhall. PS survived a scare at 14-2 chasing 177, but Jamie Hodgson (who earlier took 3-15) made 73, he & skipper Ben Nuttall (41) adding 115 for the 3rd wkt. Bramhall lost ground after consecutive defeats, going down by 5 wkts at home to Macclesfield. Bramhall ended a curious 214-3 after their 50 on a tricky surface (boosted by 38 extras), and Macc were thankful that Simon Wilkinson was absent, the in-form Andrew Poppa making 68 (309 runs in his last 5 inns) as Macc went level on pts with Bramhall, winning with 8 balls unused. Maritime stayed fifth after an extraordinary and record-breaking first-ever visit to Davenham. Maritime were already sitting pretty at 246-5 in the 37th (partly thanks to Dav bowling 44 wides) but Joseph Mickel Akeem strode to the crease and unleashed an awesome display of hitting, the powerful Guyanese all-rounder hammering 11 sixes and 4 fours in a 45-ball blitz that took him to 106*, Maritime plundering 144 off the last ten overs to pile up 423-5. Dav were out of spare balls, out for the count and all out within 20 overs for a paltry 63, their 360 run defeat one of the heaviest ever suffered in CCCL cricket and leaving them in need of a second great escape in successive seasons. Far less spectacular but a no-less precious 20 pts for Urmston as they grafted their way to a 4 wkt win over Sale, and also for Marple, Keagan Lynch making 86 and the renowned veteran Elliot Young a felicitous 48 to secure an important 6 wkt win over Toft.

In [Div 2](#) there was no mucking about for leaders Alvanley, Michael Rowlands' 73* easing them to a 9 wkt win over basement side Ashton OM, Rowlands and Steve Charles (49) adding 118 for the 1st. All is not lost yet for AOM, with Haslington also going down at home to Romiley, Isaac Willet's 87 different class in their 59 run win, and with Stockport having a chastening trip to Christleton. Darcy Graham (130 off 119) and Max Dunvaband (115*) added a magnificent 227 for the 2nd wkt as Christleton soared to 326-4. Stockport were two down in the first over but gave it a real go, ultimately all out 274. That result kept Christleton fourth, a point ahead of Cheadle Hulme who won a thriller at Ashley by 7 runs. Oliver Willett did even better than his brother by making 110 (133 bs) in CH's 257-9. Ammad Mushtaq's key wkt fell to leave Ashley 132-5 in the 33rd, but Jahangir Mushtaq staged a brilliant recovery, blasting 81 off 58 to leave 11 required off the last. A huge sigh of relief for CH as Mushtaq was caught first ball. Two sides were all out 87 and recorded zero pts with division's top run scorers enjoying themselves. NE Cheshire drew a blank against visitors Upton who won by 9 wkts, Chris McArthur passing 800 league runs for the season with 54*, and Oulton Park, who were thrashed by 8 wkts at second place Bollington, Andrej Yaksender's 60* taking him to 915 league runs with seven innings to play.

[Div 3](#) had an amazing day of results. Leaders Tattenhall were looking to gloss over consecutive losses but struggling visitors Middlewich enjoyed a handsome 8 wkt victory courtesy of a Matt finish, Ryan (40) and Allen (70) putting on 122 for the 1st which set them well on their way to their 158 target. The pain of defeat for Tatt was eased when news came through of a similar setback for chasing Hawk Green, who tumbled three places in the table after a surprise defeat at Mobberley. Mobb finally got 20 pts after 8 straight losses, Ibrar Latif making 72 as they won by 5 wkts and moved off the bottom, replaced by Over Peover who had a horror trip to Oakmere. Josh Westwood made 60 for the hosts in their 249-6, before taking 3-0 as the OP innings ended in disarray, 78 all out with extras top scoring and a 171 run loss. Warrington, top after week 6, are now eighth after a shattering loss at Walton Lea to in-form Winnington Park. WP slumped to 35-8 before 'recovering' to 92, James Hendry's patient 30 the main reason. Hendry then got to work with the ball after Warrington went from 30-4 to 34-9, finally all out 59, Hendry 5-7. Barrow got from 126-6 to 224 to beat Hale Barns by 45 runs while Heaton Mersey bowled Runcorn out for 87 to win by 53 runs, that despite Mersey going from 105-3 to 140 all out.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
DIDSBURY	266	65
NANTWICH	248	82
HYDE	247	45
TIMPERLEY	239	71
ALDERLEY EDGE	204	52
BROOKLANDS	196	59
LINDOW	175	64
CHESTER BH	153	42
BOWDON	149	18
WIDNES	142	55
OXTON	141	22
NESTON	138	27

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
CHEADLE	253	65
PORT SUNLIGHT	241	80
BRAMHALL	225	49
MACCLESFIELD	225	63
MARITIME	197	46
TOFT	187	46
MARPLE	173	48
SALE	165	31
URMSTON	165	50
S.GEORGIANS	164	61
DAVENHAM	114	16
GRAPPENHALL	57	12

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ALVANLEY	271	65
BOLLINGTON	239	66
ROMILEY	208	50
CHRISTLETON	195	51
CHEADLE HULME	194	66
UPTON	192	50
ASHLEY	168	37
N.E.CHESHIRE	160	32
OULTON PARK	151	33
STOCKPORT	146	37
HASLINGTON	104	33
ASHTON OM	101	30

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
TATTENHALL	222	35
OAKMERE	207	51
BARROW	204	46
HEATON MERSEY	198	34
HAWK GREEN	197	36
HALE BARNES	192	66
WINNINGTON PARK	189	80
WARRINGTON	173	13
MIDDLEWICH	163	66
RUNCORN	159	64
MOBBERLEY	134	48
OVER PEOVER	117	50

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	286
TOFT	258
CHESTER BH	225
CHEADLE	209
OXTON	186
BROOKLANDS	168
NANTWICH	164
WIDNES	148
HYDE	142
TIMPERLEY	137
S.GEORGIANS	116
NESTON	100

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. LINDOW	221
2. MARITIME	218
3. UPTON 2	197
11. H.MERSEY	134
12. GRAPPENHALL	95



2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. A.EDGE	245
2. ROMILEY	222
3. URMSTON	210
11. OULTON PARK	131
12. OAKMERE	131

2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. W.PARK	271
2. ASHLEY	271
3. N.E.CHESHIRE	236
11. TATTENHALL	107
12. NESTON 3	85

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	112
BROOKLANDS	106
S.GEORGIANS	96
TOFT	88
SALE	76
MARPLE/COMPS.	70
TIMPERLEY	68
ASHLEY	58
NANTWICH	40
GRAPPENHALL	14

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
HYDE	132
BRAMHALL	104
ROMILEY	38
ASHTON OM	32

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
DIDSBURY 5	116
RUNCORN	108
S.GEORGIANS 4	34
TIMPERLEY 6	24

SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

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

Div 3 West: Top - Christleton
2nd - Tattenhall

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



WEEK 15 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: Victories for the top four meant 'as you were' at the top of the **Prem**, Didsbury still leading the way after demolishing Hyde, bowling them out for 66. Widnes were also all out for 66, Chester BH's U15 Conrad Payne taking 4-7 as CBH won by 6 wkts to stay third. Toft stayed second after a first ton for Aiden Clorley and 83 from Ed Stubbs saw them post 288-4 against Timperley. In a fantastic game Timpers finished just 11 short of victory at 278-7. 100 from Cheadle's Robert Basu helped take his side to 234-7 at Georgians, the struggling hosts having a real tilt at it but finally all out for 216 in the 47th. A spectacular Oxton collapse handed Brooklands a 108 run win, Oxton going from 45-1 to 71 all out in 12 overs of mayhem, while Ben Wright (57*) and Jakob Jordan (110 off 120 bs) were only parted when Jordan went for the winning hit, but as it was their 176 stand completed a handsome 9 wkt win over bottom side Neston who had Simon Stokes batting at no.10, his 44 lifting Neston to 178 after being 108-8.

Div 1 saw a surprise loss for leaders Lindow, Didsbury 2As' Archie Elder hitting 105 as Dids reached their 208 target in the last over. Maritime thus closed the gap to 3 pts after beating lowly Heaton Mersey by 132 runs while Upton kept up their pursuit after an excellent chase of 257 to beat a spirited Grappenhall, for whom Russell Walker had earlier made 97. Two struggling sides got vital wins, Bramhall winning by 2 wkts at Macclesfield despite a late collapse while another popular Marple veteran, skipper James Hirst, took 6-18 as his side beat Bowdon - Matt Barrow 85 for Marple - both winning sides closing the gap to fading Sale who suffered a resounding 8 wkt loss to Alvanley.

In **Div 2** Andy Kennedy's superb 146* helped Alderley Edge to 271-3 at Stockport, which proved just enough as, despite a brilliant 138 from Shakeel Ahmad, AE won by 18 runs to stay top. Romiley moved back to second after they beat Haslington and Urmston lost their local derby at Ashton OM. Both Oulton Park and Oakmere lost to remain in the drop zone, both sides to play third bottom Stockport in August.

Winnington Park & Ashley both won again, still level on pts in **Div 3**. WP's Matt Atherton made 82 as his side got from 37-5 to 217 and a 69 run win over third place NE Cheshire (Atherton 3-35), while Ashley won by 8 wkts at Chester BH. Struggling Tattenhall went from 21-0 to 27-9 at Timperley, eventually 41 all out on an embarrassing afternoon for them, exacerbated by Christleton, needing 117 to beat bottom side Neston, losing four wkts in 11 balls, going from 109-6 to 109 all out, Neston's second win of the season sparking joyous scenes.

Sunday 3rd XI News In the **Prem**, Didsbury youngster Tanmay Seth made 96 (98 bs) as his side stayed top after a 6 wkt win over Timperley. Brooklands skittled a red-faced Sale for just 37 on a torrid afternoon for the Champions, Richard Palmer earlier making 90 as Brook won by a massive 141 runs. Georgians kept up their pursuit of the top two with a 5 wkt win over Marple/Compstall while Toft went big against Grappenhall, Toby Drummond with 84, George Muirhead 63 (& 51 extras) the main reasons behind their 271-5, leading to a 148 run win. Ashley ran out of steam chasing 186 at Nantwich and lost by 11 runs. In **Div 1** leaders Hyde swept aside Ashton OM while Bramhall beat Bowdon by 38 runs, Adam Mohammed making 94* and took 3-17 while the bottom two (Romiley & H.Mersey) both lost. **Div 2** saw Didsbury 5s replace Metrovicks 4s at the top after beating them by 5 wkts, Runcorn nipping into second after beating Georgians 4s.

CHESHIRE CC NEWS



NCCA WESTERN DIV 2 JULY 20-22 WEM CC CHESHIRE 226 drew with SHROPSHIRE 312-9 & 122-2.

Cheshire staged a dogged fightback in their first three-day encounter, as their last three wickets added 158 runs in some 55 overs of determined resistance, which combined with a couple of rain delays, took enough time out of the game to avoid defeat. Clifton Alliance's Sam Grant followed up an impressive spell of 24-5-62-3 with 69 off 102 bs batting at 10.

NCCA WESTERN DIV 2 JULY 27-29 ALDERLEY EDGE CC WILTSHIRE 239 (65.4 os) CHESHIRE 80-4 (40 os) Close Day 1

Another challenging first day for a rejigged Cheshire side, a stubborn Wiltshire rearguard adding 95 for their last 4 wickets to reach 239, Luke Young excelling amongst the Cheshire bowlers with 22-4-75-6 across two spells of 10 and 12 overs. Andrew Dufty took 3-43. In reply the Wiltshire bowlers were on top against an inexperienced line-up, Cheshire batting themselves into a torpor, an opening stand of just 25 taking some 18 overs to accrue. Skipper David Wainwright (15*) and Seb Botes (1*) were unbeaten at the close as Cheshire ended day one 159 behind.

Cheshire side: David Wainwright (Capt, Castleford), Henry Murray (wk, Toft), Luke McCoy (Widnes), Tom Hafil (Didsbury), Luke Young, Ryan O'Brien (both Hyde), Seb Botes (Wallasey), Andrew Dufty (Oulton Park), Max Law (Lindow), Dan Wilson (Northern), Ed Wade (Clifton Alliance).



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2ND XI T20 QUARTER-FINALS

Chester BH 92-6 (19 os) beat Maritime 88 (19.2 os) by 4 wickets
The holders made it through to Finals Day after a relatively comfy chase of what looked an inadequate total. Five of the six CBH bowlers took wickets as Maritime couldn't get going with the bat, but two early wickets kept things interesting, Ben Harvey's steady 39 the inns of the match as CBH's late mini-collapse (82-3 to 88-6) didn't matter.

Grappenhall 187-4 (20 os) beat Macclesfield 132-4(20 os) by 55 runs
Real cheer for struggling Grappers who outplayed Macc on the night, Alex Perry's superb 83 (53 bs) and 59* from Arthur Pennington rescuing Grappers from 35-4 with an unbroken stand of 152. A run out off the second ball of Macc's reply set the tone for what became an easy win, Matty Roberts taking 4-28 to seal a Finals Day slot.*

Last QF: Didsbury 2 v Bowdon on Monday 28th July