



## THE 2025 WEEK 16 REVIEW

*The first weekend of August saw some brilliant individual displays and potentially decisive results as the League season moves towards its final stages.*

The meeting of second & third in the [Prem](#) ended in a cliff-hanger of a draw after a long but enthralling match at Whitehouse Lane saw Hyde 1 wkt from victory and Nantwich one hit away from a win. The Prem's leading run-scorer Luke Young battled hard, making 76, as did Ryan O'Brien (67), but Jason Foulkes (5-79) turned Hyde's 270-6 into 288 all out. Andrew Jackson then claimed Rob Jones first ball as Nantwich were 31-2 early on but a fluent 50 (44 bs) from Luke Robinson saw 112 added with Yash Pednekar, who went on to make 81 in some 3 hours. His dismissal in the 38th over, followed by another wkt next over, left Nantwich 201-8 but Scott Wardley led a counterattack, adding 59 with Ben Wright before last man Mitchell Spencer hit 20 in a five-ball sequence as the tension grew and grew. With seven needed off the last over James Chew produced the goods for Hyde, just a single conceded as his side took 16 pts and Nantwich 10 in a pulsating match to round off the win-lose-draw phase of games.

Leaders Didsbury had the luxury of watching events unfold at Nantwich with 24 pts already secured after an ultimately comfortable 105 run win over Oxton. After averaging over 100 in his last five inns for Dids 2s, Chris Becker came in at three and hit a run-a-ball 67 but his dismissal left Dids 145-5. Not for the first time this season, important runs from Steve Green (53) turned it round, Dids 245 all out. Oxton went from 42-0 to 43-4 inside two overs and despite some determined resistance finally folded for 143 in the 45th. Fourth place Timperley, although held to a draw, claimed 18 pts and kept well in touch at the top after keeper Dylan Parekh made 89 & Fred Vaughan-Hawkins 64 in their 285-6 at lowly Widnes. Chris Page then claimed the top four as the hosts found themselves in grimly familiar territory at 103-8 but no.10 Palitha Kumara (41) batted for 20 overs, he and Rohan Luthra (67\*) adding 92 as Widnes finished 195-9.

Those two results helped Neston inch out of the drop zone after they had much the better of their draw at Bowdon, Bryce Jose making 95 (his last five inns = 83, 1, 100\*, 8, 95) and David Hurst 73, the pair adding 149 as Neston made 258, Bowdon replying with 213-6. Will Valentine took 6-39 as Alderley Edge bowled out Brooklands for 99, AE winning by 6 wkts, while magnificent hundreds from Dan Newton (111 off 109 bs) and James Duffy (102 off 163 bs) saw the pair add 181 for the 3rd Lindow wkt, taking them to 278-7 against Chester BH on their first visit to Upcast Lane. A strong CBH batting line-up were kept well in check and finished 209-8, Lindow claiming 17 pts and firmly in control of their quest to retain Premier Division status as the second win-lose phase commences next Saturday.



# PREMIER DIVISION WIN-LOSE FIXTURES

## AUGUST 9th (11.00 start)

ALDERLEY EDGE v DIDSBURY

BOWDON v NANTWICH

CHESTER BH v BROOKLANDS

NESTON v WIDNES

OXTON v HYDE

TIMPERLEY v LINDOW

## AUGUST 16th

BROOKLANDS v TIMPERLEY

DIDSBURY v CHESTER BH

HYDE v ALDERLEY EDGE

LINDOW v NESTON

NANTWICH v OXTON

WIDNES v BOWDON

## AUGUST 23rd

ALDERLEY EDGE v OXTON

BOWDON v LINDOW

CHESTER BH v HYDE

NESTON v BROOKLANDS

TIMPERLEY v DIDSBURY

WIDNES v NANTWICH

## AUGUST 30th

BROOKLANDS v BOWDON

DIDSBURY v NESTON

HYDE v TIMPERLEY

LINDOW v WIDNES

NANTWICH v ALDERLEY EDGE

OXTON v CHESTER BH

## SEPT 6th

BOWDON v DIDSBURY

CHESTER BH v ALDERLEY EDGE

LINDOW v NANTWICH

NESTON v HYDE

TIMPERLEY v OXTON

WIDNES v BROOKLANDS

## SEPT 13th

ALDERLEY EDGE v TIMPERLEY

BROOKLANDS v LINDOW

DIDSBURY v WIDNES

HYDE v BOWDON

NANTWICH v CHESTER BH

OXTON v NESTON

CHESHIRE CUP FIXTURES INVOLVING PREM SIDES:

SEMI FINALS: (AUG 24) HYDE v DIDSBURY      LINDOW or WALLASEY v MARITIME

CHESHIRE CUP FINAL: SEPT 7TH

REGIONAL T20 NEWS: A valiant and highly creditable effort by Alderley Edge in the Group 4 Vitality Club T20 Regional Finals at Cradley Heath (Worcs) yesterday was sadly not enough as they lost out by 71 runs to hosts Old Hill in the Final. AE swept through their semi-final with ease, bowling out Ackworth (Pontefract) for 94, AE going on to win by 6 wkts. However, Old Hill, who hammered 267-4 in their earlier semi against punch-drunk Checkley, were in equally rampant form in the Final, blasting 72-0 off the powerplay and reaching 226-9, 19x6 & 14x4 being hit, although AE did take 5 wkts in 11 bs towards the end to stem the flow somewhat. Pat Ashling crashed a breathtaking 62 off 25 bs in reply as AE reached 78-1 in their power-play, but the loss of Ashling to a run out proved crucial as the required rate climbed too high, despite a plucky 46 from Liam Yahathugoda.



## 2025 WEEK 16 REVIEW - DIV 1.

The **Div 1** situation has become much clearer, with four clubs contesting the two promotion spots, one with an outside chance of doing so, and the relegation places looking confirmed. Cheadle are in pole position after opening a 28 pt gap with a crucial 8 wkt win at second place Port Sunlight, Adam Dooler's 76\* the mainstay of a solid all-round display, adding 105 with Ash Burton (48) and 85\* with Rob Basu (49\*). Sunlight dropped down to fourth but only a point separates them from second place Bramhall - the two sides meet next week. Bramhall recovered from a disastrous start at Stockport Georgians thanks to an excellent 111 from Liam Molloy, with sixties from Nick Cantello & Jack Bridgeman powering Bram to 291-6, Molloy then with 3-52 and Ryan Macciocchi 5-24 as Georgians were all out 211, Ned Bailey a fine 77. Macclesfield are third after a narrow 3 wkt triumph over Marple at Victoria Rd. A match featuring two of the top three leading run scorers in the division saw both Keagan Lynch & Andrew Poppa miss out, as Marple recovered from 65-6 to reach 161. Macc were also struggling early but a classy 56 (37 bs) from Joe Moores shifted the balance, Marple then fighting back again before decisive blows from Miles Bradshaw (31, after 3-14) helped decide things. Macc travel to fifth place Maritime next week, the Wirral outfit still in with a chance of catching the top four after a handsome 88 run win at Toft, who were left to regret inserting the visitors as dropped catches and wides, combined with an early boundary blitz and healthy contributions from the top six, saw Maritime post 263. Pace and seam movement from the Maritime openers saw Toft slump to 37-4 in the 11th, the hosts finally all out 175, Rohan Fernando's 63 their highlight.

Key fixtures at the top: Aug 9 Bramhall v Port Sunlight, Maritime v Macclesfield      Aug 23 Maritime v Port Sunlight  
Sept 6 Bramhall v Cheadle, Macclesfield v Port Sunlight

At the foot of the table, the die does seem well and truly cast. One more win in the next six weeks for Stockport Georgians and for Marple (who, coincidentally, meet next Sat) will confirm the worst for Grappenhall, who despite a super 107 from the returning Pete Barnes and a healthy looking 255-8 at Sale, went down by 6 wkts. The hosts put together the model solid reply, all six batters into good double figures with 59 from John Davidson and 58\* from Cam Kwok the major contributors seeing Sale home with six overs to spare. Davenham are also running out of games, their 7 wkt loss at home to Urmston (Umar Munawar 50, David Dempster 42\* & 2-25) leaving them 53 pts adrift, and with Macc, Bramhall and Cheadle to play during their last six matches. Grappers have an equally difficult run-in, with three of the top five to play as well as a trip to Davenham on Aug 16th.



## 2025 WEEK 16 REVIEW - DIVS 2 & 3

In **Div 2** Alvanley took a big step towards a Div 1 return after they produced a gritty performance worthy of league leaders, winning by 38 runs at Haslington. On a day when bowlers dominated, Alvanley scrapped their way to 182-9, Toby Honeysett's 44 the top score as all six bowlers took wkts. But it was the Alv bowlers whose class told, Chris Charles' 3-24 (along with 23\* earlier) the lead act as the hosts were bowled out for 144. There was even better news for Alvanley when news of a shock loss for Bollington at Cheadle Hulme came through - not the result per se, but the fact that a side who has scored freely throughout 2025 were shot out for just 94 at Grove Park. It could have been even worse had CH not bowled 16 wides but stand-in skipper Tom Whitehouse took 4-17 and Ben Balderson 3-15 in an otherwise impressive bowling display. Bolly endured a miserable afternoon, taking a solitary point as Oliver Willett whacked 50\* to complete a 6 wkt win. It got worse for Bolly after third-place Romiley won an amazing game at Oulton Park by 22 runs, the sides again involved in a high scoring afternoon. Skipper Alex Hooton fell for 56 to leave Romiley 206-6 in the 39th, but Mark Flattley hit 66 off 69, getting great support from Brad Snape and Ryan Stringer as Romiley finished on 290-8. Hooton then took two early wkts but a superb fightback by George Moss (101 off 94 bs) and skipper Andrew Dufty (107 off 131 bs) got OP to 181-2 in the 32nd before Hooton (who took 4-51) held on to a skier off Moss and Romiley gradually gained the control they needed, two wkts apiece for Flattley and Stringer. Luke Camden hit a fantastic 122\* for Upton (to go with 2-37) as they completed an impressive chase of 249 to beat Christleton at Old Greasy Rd, consolidating fifth spot but also moving them within 28 pts of second place.

**Key fixtures at the top - Aug 9: Romiley v C.Hulme Aug 16: Upton v Bollington Aug 23: Romiley v Upton Aug 30: Alvanley v Bollington Sept 6: C.Hulme v Upton, Romiley v Alvanley**

At the bottom, although Oulton Park cannot yet relax, it will almost certainly be two from three of Ashton OM, Haslington and Stockport who will go down, Stockport thumped at home by Ashley as Pierz Cyster (74\* off 38 bs), Alex Morfitt (73) and Ammad Mushtaq (68) made hay, their 271-5 way out of reach for the hosts who were all out 147 (Mushtaq 3-23). The Cale Green side are 20 pts clear of Haslington but 44 pts from Oulton Park in eighth, while AOM are 26 pts adrift of safety after running into Bayley Jenkinson in top form, the NE Cheshire opener hitting a wonderful 114\* in their 8 wkt win at the Beets. Stockport travel to Oulton Park on Aug 23, Haslington going to Cale Green the week after, when AOM play Oulton Park.

**Div 3** was dominated by Hale Barns' Joe Cooper, who made a magnificent 172\* (156 bs) as HB soared to 313-6 against Runcorn, Cooper also taking the final wkt to end a spirited reply from Runcorn who were all out 265 in the 47th. HB stay fifth but are within range of the second promotion spot, as are Hawk Green and Oakmere who played out a splendid high scoring encounter at Upper Hibbert Lane. HG's Jack Needham had a fantastic game, hitting 136 (106 bs) as HG racked up 298, Matt Holland 6-42 for Oakmere. In reply, keeper James Norton led off with 79, but Needham took 3-49 as Oakmere fought hard before succumbing for 258. The top two both won, Barrow making 294-7 at Over Peover (Logan Malthus 79) before bowling the hosts out for 200, while Tattenhall's long trip to Heaton Mersey saw them clinch a 17 run win. Tatt managed 181-9 having tumbled to 126-7 in the 37th, Hassnain Shah 4-19, but not for the first time this season HM self-destructed whilst in a strong position, going from 109-4 in the 25th over to being all out 164 with some nine overs unused. Despite all of that, Mersey are just 20 pts off second spot, and Winnington Park in sixth just 15 pts away after a nailbiting 10 run win over Mobberley. WP were 70-8 but got to 126 before James Hendry's golden arm got to work, the spinner taking 4-26 as Mobb crashed from 77-4 to 78-8, the last two wkts battling valiantly before Michael Dunning, who earlier made a crucial 33 at no.9, claimed the last wkt. An even closer finish at Haddon Field where Middlewich froze completely against Warrington with the winning line in sight, 203-8 needing 205 with 11 overs to spare....all out 204 in the 41st.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
DIDSBURY	290	24
HYDE	263	16
NANTWICH	258	10
TIMPERLEY	257	18
ALDERLEY EDGE	231	24
BROOKLANDS	197	1
LINDOW	192	17
CHESTER BH	160	7
BOWDON	157	8
NESTON	151	13
OXTON	146	5
WIDNES	144	6

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
CHEADLE	273	20
BRAMHALL	245	20
MACCLESFIELD	245	20
PORT SUNLIGHT	244	3
MARITIME	217	20
TOFT	193	6
SALE	185	20
URMSTON	185	20
MARPLE	178	5
S.GEORGIANS	169	5
DAVENHAM	116	2
GRAPPENHALL	62	5

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ALVANLEY	291	20
BOLLINGTON	240	1
ROMILEY	228	20
CHEADLE HULME	214	20
UPTON	212	20
CHRISTLETON	199	4
ASHLEY	188	20
N.E.CHESHIRE	180	20
OULTON PARK	173	7
STOCKPORT	129	3
HASLINGTON	109	5
ASHTON OM	103	2

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
TATTENHALL	242	20
BARROW	224	20
HAWK GREEN	217	20
OAKMERE	215	8
HALE BARNES	212	20
WINNINGTON PARK	209	20
HEATON MERSEY	204	6
WARRINGTON	193	20
MIDDLEWICH	169	6
RUNCORN	165	6
MOBBERLEY	139	5
OVER PEOVER	123	6

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	306
TOFT	278
CHESTER BH	245
CHEADLE	229
OXTON	192
NANTWICH	184
BROOKLANDS	173
TIMPERLEY	157
WIDNES	151
HYDE	143
S.GEORGIANS	118
NESTON	106

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. LINDOW	226
2. MARITIME	223
3. ALVANLEY	211
11. H.MERSEY	138
12. GRAPPENHALL	98

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. A.EDGE	265
2. ROMILEY	229
3. URMSTON	213
11. OAKMERE	151
12. STOCKPORT	141



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. W.PARK	291
2. ASHLEY	276
3. N.E.CHESHIRE	240
11. TATTENHALL	127
12. NESTON 3	105

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	124
BROOKLANDS	118
S.GEORGIANS	96
TOFT	92
MARPLE/COMPS.	82
SALE	78
ASHLEY	58
TIMPERLEY	68
NANTWICH	52
GRAPPENHALL	16

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
HYDE	144
DIDSBURY 4	110
HEATON MERSEY	44
ASHTON OM	32

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
DIDSBURY 5	120
RUNCORN	118
S.GEORGIANS 4	46
TIMPERLEY 6	26

## SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

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

Div 3 West: Top - Christleton  
2nd - Oxtan

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





## WEEK 16 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

**2ND XI CRICKET:** For the second week in a row, the top four sides all won in the **Prem**, Didsbury keeping ahead of the rest after a 55 run win at Oxton. Dids were 150-1 at one stage (Archie Elder 71, Jack Airey 68) but were all out 247, Oxton then likewise getting into a decent position at 154-3 but Ed Catt's 4-59 helped spin them to 192 all out. Second place Toft chased 232 at bottom side Neston to win an exciting game by 3 wkts, Liam Clorley making 97, but it was much more straightforward for Chester BH, beating S.Georgians by 8 wkts to remain third, Dom Peter 61\*. Cheadle stayed fourth after recovering from 98-6 to reach their 167 target against Brooklands, Nihad Vaid at no.8 making 57\* off 34 bs. Rohan Palmer made 127\* for Timperley, putting on 171 for the 3rd with Felix Birtles (65), Timpers 273-3 before bowling Widnes out for 160 and a whopping 113 run win. Denny Morgan returned a superb 8-34 for Nantwich against Hyde, Phil Marsh (65\*) & Jakob Jordan (42\*) then putting on an unbroken 136 for a 10 wkt win. Three defeats in a row leaves Hyde uncomfortably close to the drop zone - they entertain Neston next Sat.

**Div 1** saw the top two both lose, Lindow a second successive loss as they went down by 5 wkts at Bramhall, while Maritime lost at home to Bowdon, Finlay Grosfils having a great match with a terrific 106 and 2-9. Alvanley were the big winners in every sense, up to third after a massive 150 run win over a red-faced Heaton Mersey, who were skittled for 38 as Neil Webb claimed 7-13. Marple clung on in another nail-biter to beat Macc by 4 runs and move further clear of danger. William Hoyer made 82 for Dids 2As, fourth after beating Upton by 39 runs.

In **Div 2** Alderley Edge's John Steele made 86 as the leaders reached 242-4 against P.Sunlight, who had a real go with Harry Davies (91) & Sean Done adding 100 for the 6th, but AE hung on to win by 16 runs. Second place Romiley lost by 30 runs at home to Oulton Park, who squeezed out of the drop zone after Ben Kettle's 96, replaced by Oakmere who slipped to second bottom despite beating Stockport by 4 wkts in the basement battle. Oliver Williams made 107 in Haslington's 234-2, theirs a majestic 8 wkt win at third place Urmston.

In **Div 3** there was finally daylight at the top, Winnington Park's thrilling 2 wkt win over Christleton and Ashley's shock 85 run loss at bottom side Neston meant WP are 15 clear now, and 51 clear of third place NE Cheshire, who lost to fourth place Timperley 3s. Second bottom Tattenhall beat Davenham by 6 wkts, Oxton in fifth losing ground in their promotion push after Hale Barns beat them by 5 wkts.

**2ND XI FINALS DAY: GRAPPENHALL CC, SUN 31 AUG** 10:00 GRAPPENHALL v DIDSBURY 13:15 TIMPERLEY v CHESTER BH 16:45 FINAL

**Sunday 3rd XI News** In the **Prem**, a last wkt stand of 81 delayed leaders Didsbury's victory over Grappenhall, but Dids and Brooklands moved clear of the chasing pack - Brooklands beating Timperley - while Toft lost at Marple. Georgians and Sale also lost, the latter going down by 7 wkts at Ashley, for whom Mohammad Kamran made 118\*. Jakob Jordan made 108 (and took 2-17) for Nantwich in an opening stand of 153 with Callum Pearson (63), Nantwich 263-2 and an 89 run win over Georgians. **Div 1** leaders Hyde won again, Marcus Buckley making 109\* and Zaaem Arshad 74 in their 8 wkt win over Bramhall, who dropped to third. At the bottom, Romiley finally moved out of the drop zone, swapping places with H.Mersey after beating them by 8 wkts. **Div 2** leaders Didsbury 5s stay top despite losing to Stockport Trinity, while Runcorn stay second after a dramatic 1 run win over Woodley.

## LEADING LEAGUE RUN SCORERS AND WICKET TAKERS (to Aug 2)

### 1ST XI PREM

PLAYER	TEAM	RUNS
LUKE YOUNG	HYDE	784
ARAV SHETTY	A.E.	721
BRYCE JOSE	NEST	676
DAN NEWTON	LIND	594
ALEX MONEY	CBH	584
PAT ASHLING	A.E.	554
DANE WILLIAMS	OXT	549
ROB SEHMI	DIDS	544
SAM PERRY	A.E.	540
JOHN SANDERS	BOWD	537
PLAYER	TEAM	WKT
LIAM BOWE	HYDE	44
JASON FOULKES	NANT	37
CHRIS PAGE	TIMP	37
ISAAC BROOKS	LIND	36
WILL VALENTINE	A.E.	35
IAN SOUNESS	OXT	35
JOHN FOWLER	TIMP	34
AJ HART	BROOK	32
LIAM BOOTH	DIDS	30
ANDREW JACKSON	HYDE	29

### 1ST XI DIV 1

PLAYER	TEAM	RUNS
JAMES DODDS	SALE	641
KEAGAN LYNCH	MARP	619
ANDREW POPPA	MACC	609
JOHN DAVIDSON	SALE	606
LIAM MOLLOY	BRAM	559
GREG DIXON	BRAM	552
TOM LORD	TOFT	548
TYRONE LAWRENCE	SALE	506
ADAM DOOLER	CHEAD	497
MICKEL JOSEPH	MARIT	495
PLAYER	TEAM	WKT
JAMES BASHFORD	URM	30
JOSH DOOLER	CHEAD	29
JAMES HODGSON	TOFT	29
JACK MASSEY	MACC	27
RYAN MACCIOCCHI	BRAM	26
GAV. KANTHIRAJ	MARIT	26
WILL HOLMES	CHEAD	25
MARK MAKIN	MARP	25
JORDAN COLLIER	P.S.	25
CHRIS WILLIAMS	SALE	24

### 1ST XI DIV 2

PLAYER	TEAM	RUNS
ANDREJ YAKSENDER	BOLL	804
ISAAC WILLETT	ROM	764
CHRIS McARTHUR	UPT	733
NAVEED GONDAL	STOCK	700
BEN GIBSON	BOLL	661
PLAYER	TEAM	WKTS
AMMAD MUSHTAQ	ASH	29
ANDREW DUFTY	O.P.	29
ALDO PALAZZO	BOLL	28
BEN STODDART	CHRIS.	28
ALEX HOOTON	ROM	27

### 1ST XI DIV 3

PLAYER	TEAM	RUNS
COREY BOVEY	TATT	662
AAMIR ALI	WARR	590
IBRAR LATIF	MOBB	573
JOSHUA WESTWOOD	OAK	572
JOE COOPER	H.B.	527
PLAYER	TEAM	WKTS
MARTIN GREEN	BARR	33
NAUMAN AKRAM	RUNC	33
AAMIR ALI	WARR	31
JAMES HENDRY	W.P.	30
NACHIKET VERLEKAR	H.MER	30



### CHESHIRE CUP NEWS

Quarter Final (Aug 3)

Stockport Rd: Maritime 282-7 (40 os) beat

Timperley 163 (30 os) by 119 runs

Div 1 Maritime pulled off an upset with a stunning win at Timperley, riding high in the Prem. For the second day in a row the Wirral side made their hosts regret putting them in, Malinda Karunaratne (92 off 62 bs) & Sawan Kankanage (71) adding 117 in 15 overs before Sajith de Silva hit 37 off 36 and Mickel Joseph hammered three big sixes in a cameo 40\* as 91 were added in the last 10 overs. The irrepressible Maritime attack quickly had Timpers in trouble as wkts kept falling, Nathan Brown's fighting 53 their highest contribution as Karunaratne took 2-41 to add to his earlier batting heroics.

### CHESHIRE CUP SEMI FINALS (SUNDAY AUGUST 24)

Hyde v Didsbury

Lindow or Wallasey v Maritime



Geoff Wellsted'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

# CHESHIRE CC NEWS



NCCA WESTERN DIV 2 JULY 27-29 ALDERLEY EDGE CC MATCH DRAWN

WILTSHIRE 239 (65.4 os) & 348-9 dec (84.3 os) CHESHIRE 263-8 (90 os) & 287-9 (74 os)

A dramatic conclusion to a game that came to the boil saw Cheshire take 10 pts after a second draw in this competition. Cheshire took a 24 run first inns lead after Luke Young's 73\* (143 bs) and David Wainwright's 82. The dismissal of Wilts no.3 Josh Kelly for obstructing the field fired up the other Wilts batters, two of them making tons as they set Cheshire 325 to win. Cheshire got to 189-2 after 51 os, (Tom Hafil 62) alt- with Luke McCoy's 72 (62 bs) keeping the momentum going. McCoy fell after 54 overs with the score 203-4, Cheshire still going for the runs but after losing three wkts in six overs, had to survive. Dan Wilson was dismissed off the penultimate ball, but last man Andy Dufty calmly defended the last delivery. The 3-day side now have a week off before travelling to Abergavenny to take on Wales (Aug 10-12).

ECB SHOWCASE MATCH (50 os), SEDBERGH SCHOOL, SUN 3 AUG (Match reduced to 68 overs, delayed start)

LANCASHIRE 198 (34 os) CHESHIRE 168 (31.4 os) With 6 former & present Cheshire County players in their side, Lancs prevailed in an entertaining match, Bowdon's Keshana Fonseka top scoring with 42, Harry Singh making 36 and Arav Shetty 30. Former Lancs star George Lavelle captained Cheshire, making 57 in Cheshire's 168, Alderley Edge's Gennaro Reddy (34) making the only other score of note.

## CHESHIRE SENIORS

No activity for the o50s since July 9 when they won their final game in group 1 of the National Championship to finish fourth. The o50s 2nd XI won their first Championship play-off match, beating Cornwall by 67 runs at Alderley Edge on 23rd July and have thankfully got another home draw, Alvanley the venue for their game against Surrey on Weds (Aug 6).

The o60s finished in a creditable fourth spot in Div 1 North, losing their final game by just 7 runs against Lincolnshire on July 29th. Tim Wearden made a superb 104\* for Cheshire. The o60s now enter the Vase competition, having a home game against Wiltshire on Aug 12th. The o60s 2nd XI had a 39 run win over Staffs on July 22nd, meaning that they have qualified for the Cup competition that concludes their season, travelling to take on Yorkshire on August 12th.

Third in Div 1, the o70s face a crunch fixture against leaders Yorkshire at Irby CC on Weds. Yorks lead the table on points-per-game average (18.73 compared to 18.45). Oxfordshire are currently second with a PPG average of 18.64. The o70s have done superbly regardless, in a division of 26 teams!

## OVER 40s ROUND-UP

**West Div:** Chester BH & Wallasey lead the way with two games left, Tattenhall with a faint hope of catching Wallasey.

**Central Div 1:** C.Hulme, Toft & Brooklands are all level on pts at the top, although Brooklands have completed their fixtures. Grappenhall have two games to play, four pts behind the leaders. Sale look set to drop to Div 2, with either Timperley or Ashley joining them.

**Central Div 2:** Woodford & Davenham lead, one more win assuring them both of progression. Northwich and Lindow will finish in the bottom two spots.

**Central Div 3:** Ashton OM are four pts clear of Bowdon Vale second, each with a game to play.

**East Div:** Woodley (top) & Hyde (second) are some way ahead on average pts per game.