



THE 2025 WEEK 18 REVIEW

Another beautiful weekend saw results of great significance as the season moves into its final stages, with nerve-jangling finishes, and Lindow going through to the Cheshire Cup semi-finals.

Didsbury moved a step closer to winning their second **Prem** title in three seasons after a tense and hard-fought two wkt win over Chester BH. Choosing to bat first, Alex Money's attractive 74 helped get CBH away strongly, but Dids fought back to reduce them to 142-6 in the 32nd. Andrew Metcalf (78) then stood tall for his side as he marshalled the lower order to add another 117 and set the hosts 260. Dids were 95-1 at halfway but Ash Davis found his range, bowling Nick Anderson, and Money dismissed Tom Hafil for 62. Davis clean bowled two more batsmen and at 245-8 it was anyone's game. However, Will Street proved a more than capable ally for Steve Green, the Dids all-rounder's fine 2025 with the bat continuing as he made a fifth half-century of the season, ending 56* as Street hit the winning boundary with an over to spare, Dids a crucial two wkt win and knowing that three wins from their final four matches will be enough. They travel to Timperley next Sat before facing Hyde in the Cheshire Cup semi on Sun 24th.

Hyde's pursuit of the leaders was upended as Alderley Edge racked up 364 for the second time this season. Unlike that first occasion, Sam Perry was not the main reason for the huge score, the AE skipper missing out at Werneth Low but happy to watch Gennaro Reddy (70), Pat Ashling (68), Alfie Usher (61) and Liam Yahathugoda (57) all play wonderfully well, before Chris Sanders topped it off with a spectacular 84* off just 39 bs. The all-rounder walloped 8x6 and 6x4 in a jaw-dropping assault as 116 came off the final 10 overs, leaving Hyde with an absolute Everest of a run-chase. Led by Luke Young's 92, they had a real go, but Young's departure in the 35th was one of 3 wkts in 6 balls which derailed things badly, and despite a late burst from Andrew Jackson (52 off 25 bs) Hyde were all out 285. As a consequence, Nantwich leapfrogged Hyde after a second 7 wkt win over Oxton this season, Yash Pednekar crunching a second 111* for his new side, this one off 103 bs, as Oxton rued a costly collapse from 141-2 to 208 all out. They remain firmly at the foot of the table and haven't won since June 7th - and although they can still save themselves, time and form are not on their side.

Neston, who have been stuck at the beam end all season, have clicked just at the right time, Bryce Jose continuing his feast or famine run with a magnificent 106 (his third ton of 2025), he and Luke Jones (82) putting on 147 for the 1st wkt, powering Neston to 301-6 at Lindow. Jones then took 3-45 as the hosts had an off-day with the bat, all out 226, Neston bagging a crucial 20 pts, even more so given the results around them. They nudged ahead of Chester and put daylight

PREM ROUND UP CONTINUED



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between themselves and the other sides fighting to avoid the drop. One of those sides, Widnes, picked up a vital win and moved out of the bottom two as a result, swapping places with Bowdon after an entertaining contest between the two sides. John Sanders hit an exhilarating 96 (77 bs 5x6, 6x4) as Bowdon reached 253-8 after choosing to bat. Two early losses saw Widnes sag to 23-2, but Luke McCoy then took centre-stage, ending a barren run of league form with a sparkling 130 (118 bs, 2x6, 15x4) as he and Aaqib Uppal (77) added 177 for the 3rd, Widnes completing a 3 wkt win with 8 balls to spare. Another fine match took place at Brooklands, the derby with Timperley initially going all Brooklands way, Timpers 27-5 and then 138-7 before youngster Zach Thompson made an excellent 104, which - along with 48 extras from the hosts and a 63 stand for the 8th wkt with John Fowler - helped Timperley to an unthinkable 249-9. Having totalled 99 and 102 in their last two matches, a much stronger response from Brooklands was led by Todd Walker (87*) Brooklands making 250-5 with six overs to spare, the Cunliffe brothers each making a handy 40.

Div 1 saw Cheadle take another big step towards a Premier Division return, completing an untroubled 6 wkt win at Urmston after Will Holmes put in an excellent all-round display, his 3-30 and 26* a key part of proceedings. Ollie Tyson ended 78* (92 bs) on a pleasing day for the King-sway side, whose position was further strengthened after third place Macclesfield lost at home to a resurgent Toft, who made it successive wins after a 46 run victory at Victoria Rd. Henry Murray's terrific 116 (118 bs, 2x6, 15x4) was the centrepiece of Toft's 279-8 after they were put in, Dan Ward and Rohan Aggarwal putting on 63 for the 7th late on which tipped the balance of the match. Both players then starred with the ball, Aggarwal 3-52 and Ward bowling Alex Thompson and Khalid Sawas to deny both players half-centuries, Macc all out 233. That result meant Bramhall got second place all to themselves after a hard-fought 13 run win at Sale. The hosts were left to rue dropping Jack Clark twice (and missing a run-out opportunity) as he made 72 in an opening stand of 145 with Greg Dixon (61), but Bramhall's eventual 250-9 was less than seemed likely, and they were grateful for 43 extras boosting their score. Sale replied with a fine opening stand of their own, John Davidson (55) and James Dodds (58) putting on 96, but Bramhall kept the run-rate in check just enough to apply the telling pressure.

Port Sunlight recovered from last week's batting disaster with a speedy 5 wkt win over Marple, who did well to reach 168 after being 40-6, PS skipper Simon Melberzs then playing the decisive hand with 53 off 25 bs. Despite three straight defeats, Marple still have a 49 pt cushion between them and Davenham, who were 0-2 after the first over playing Grappenhall, but recovered to reach 234 (Sam Hunt 71). Ben Gough's 5-42 saw Grappers tumble to 135 all out to bring some cheer to the home support, but with the top three to play in their last four games, survival for Davenham looks highly unlikely. The other game saw consecutive thumping wins for Stockport Georgians, who made surprisingly short work of mercurial Maritime at Flowery Fields. Jordan Richards' aggressive 55 was the standout in SG's 246-9, with Maritime floundering in reply. Vishal Barigela was promoted to open and carried his bat for 43* as his team-mates came and went, spinner Bilal Shah overjoyed after seeing skipper Ben Staniforth pull off three stumpings, Maritime folding for 120.



2025 WEEK 18 REVIEW - DIVS 2 & 3

In **Div 2** the situation at the foot threw up more surprises than that at the top, which remains 'as you were' after the top three all recorded victories of varying comfort. Alvanley got back on track after last week's hiccup, an accomplished chase of 253 set by Christleton taking Alex Reid's side ever closer to a Div 1 return after two seasons' absence. Darcy Graham's 108 (113 bs) was his third hundred of the season and the feature of Christleton's 252, Ieuan Morris taking 4-41 and Michael Rowlands 3-57.

Rowlands then clouted a swift 40 to get the Alv chase off strongly, Simon Gee (72*) adding 92 for the 3rd with Reid (47) and 72* with Corey McCarthy to complete a 7 wkt win. Bollington kept up with a 4 wkt win at Upton chasing 176, although Bolly slumped to 45-4 in an edgy reply, and later an uncomfortable 106-6, but Andrej Yaksender remained steadfast, his nerveless 82* and a swift 33* from no.8 Pete Henshall doing the business. Isaac Willett hit a superb 120* (84 bs) as third-place Romiley raced to a 7 wkt win at Stockport, reaching their 221 target with some 17 overs unused. Defeat compounded a dismal day for the Cale Green side, unable to field a second XI and seeing their 1st XI now just two pts outside the drop zone and well within range of Haslington and Ashton OM, the bottom two both winning. AOM pulled off a handsome 5 wkt win over Ashley, easing to their challenging 250 target in a manner that made a mockery of their batting struggles this year. Charlie Eaton (72*) built on a punchy 61 (44 bs) from Fraser Hay after Gautam Narayanan had earlier made 89 for Ashley. A very different but no less vital win for Haslington as they squeezed home by 1 wkt against NE Cheshire in a cliffhanger. NEC reached 93-0 (Bailey Jenkinson 51) but could only manage 186 all out. Haslington crashed to 93-6 in reply, skipper Ben Istead (64) reviving hopes, but when he fell it was 149-8 with some six overs remaining. Bold hitting and running from the NEC tail brought things to the final over, Max Ross dramatically hitting the last ball of the match over extra cover for six to noisy and relieved acclaim from the triumphant home support. In the other game, Adam Wilde led by example, the Cheadle Hulme skipper making an excellent 103* as his side beat Oulton Park by 45 runs.

Div 3 saw wins for the top three as Tattenhall continued their steady progression towards promotion and a possible title with a third straight win, Max Harper's 85 spearheading a revival as Tatt totalled 286-9 against a disheartened Mobberley, who had them 185-7. Mobb were 16-3 in no time in reply and despite some defiance were all out 185 and remain stuck in the bottom two. It wasn't all bad news for them, however, as Middlewich's struggles continued with a third straight loss, Oakmere bowling them out for just 86 at Haddon Field en-route to a 7 wkt win in a game that lasted barely 45 overs. That result left Middlewich third bottom but Oakmere steady in third, setting up their high stakes clash with Tattenhall next Sat nicely. As for Middlewich, they travel to a buoyant Barrow side who made it four wins on the spin in extraordinary style, no.10 Darren Leach going for broke with maximum dividends at Winnington Park after Barrow were on the brink at 157-9 needing 182. Leach chose all-out attack against the WP spinners, hitting a third six to seal a 1 wkt victory and finishing 35* off just 21 balls on a famous afternoon for his side. Warrington's alarming slump continued at Heaton Mersey as they let the hosts off the hook, HM getting from 51-4 to 244-6, Nachiket Verlekar passing 900 runs for the season with 71 and Hashir Khan making 68. Verlekar then took two catches and two wkts, Hassnain Shah also bagging two after his rumbustious 49* (38 bs) earlier, Warrington 102 all out and facing Mobberley next in a crunch fixture. Struggling for much of 2025, seven wins in 10 games has seen Runcorn skip some way clear of danger. They now hold their destiny in their own hands after a convincing 126 run win at Hawk Green, who have now lost four of their last five, scuppering their promotion hopes. There were only limited fireworks from father & son Maher this time (Neil & Kieran were mis-related in the last newsletter, apologies!) but Will Magee's 66 took Runcorn to 229, the 9 overs they left unused of no account as HG could only manage 103, David McNamara cleaning up with 5-16. A fourth win of the season for Over Peover, by 5 wkts over Hale Barns, may be too little too late, but with Middlewich to play on the last day, all is not yet lost for them.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
DIDSBURY	330	64
NANTWICH	298	50
HYDE	289	42
TIMPERLEY	269	30
ALDERLEY EDGE	257	50
BROOKLANDS	219	37
LINDOW	218	43
NESTON	191	53
CHESTER BH	187	34
WIDNES	169	31
BOWDON	167	18
OXTON	153	12

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
CHEADLE	308	55
BRAMHALL	285	60
MACCLESFIELD	271	46
PORT SUNLIGHT	265	24
TOFT	233	46
MARITIME	228	31
S.GEOGIANS	209	45
URMSTON	208	43
SALE	205	40
MARPLE	185	12
DAVENHAM	136	22
GRAPPENHALL	71	14

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ALVANLEY	317	46
BOLLINGTON	280	41
ROMILEY	268	60
CHEADLE HULME	237	43
CHRISTLETON	224	29
UPTON	221	29
ASHLEY	213	45
N.E.CHESHIRE	206	46
OULTON PARK	196	30
STOCKPORT	136	10
HASLINGTON	134	30
ASHTON OM	127	26

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
TATTENHALL	282	60
BARROW	264	60
OAKMERE	255	48
HEATON MERSEY	244	46
HAWK GREEN	230	33
HALE BARNES	222	30
WINNINGTON PARK	218	29
RUNCORN	205	46
WARRINGTON	200	27
MIDDLEWICH	172	9
MOBBERLEY	165	31
OVER PEOVER	144	27

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	330
TOFT	318
CHESTER BH	268
CHEADLE	253
OXTON	232
NANTWICH	209
TIMPERLEY	197
BROOKLANDS	185
WIDNES	171
HYDE	151
NESTON	131
S.GEOGIANS	127

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. LINDOW	266
2. ALVANLEY	251
3. UPTON	242
11. H.MERSEY	178
12. GRAPPENHALL	107

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. A.EDGE	305
2. URMSTON	253
3. P.SUNLIGHT	250
11. OULTON PARK	172
12. STOCKPORT	137



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. ASHLEY	316
2. WIN.PARK	303
3. N.E.CHESHIRE	266
11. CHRISTLETON	165
12. NESTON 3	110

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	134
BROOKLANDS	122
S.GEOGIANS	98
TOFT	96
SALE	90
MARPLE/COMPS.	84
ASHLEY	84
TIMPERLEY	80
NANTWICH	74
GRAPPENHALL	40

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
HYDE	160
DIDSBURY 4	132
ROMILEY	54
ASHTON OM	32

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
RUNCORN	134
DIDSBURY 5	134
S.GEOGIANS 4	50
TIMPERLEY 6	42

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 18 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: Didsbury put last week's set back emphatically behind them as Jack Hastings (112), Adam Slater (88*) and Jacob Mills (80) all scored quickly and stylishly, the leaders racking up 318-4 after being put in at Chester BH, winning by 124 runs as CBH finished on 194-7. Toft kept up their pursuit with a workmanlike 6 wkt win over Georgians, who remain at the foot, but far from adrift with games against fellow strugglers Widnes and Neston to come, who played each other at Parkgate yesterday. It was a crucial 20 pts for the visitors, the experienced Tom Evans taking 5-28 as Neston battled hard from 133-8 to set Widnes 190. Fifties from Zach Green and Owen Price secured the win which lifted their side 40 pts clear of the drop zone and in a better place to take on Georgians next Saturday. A terrific unbroken stand of 134 between Grant Hughes (75*) and Mahdi Quadri (64*) swept Oxtown to a 7 wkt win over lowly Hyde, who face matches against the sides second, third and fourth in the final 3 weeks, and the small matter of Timperley next Sat, who won their fourth game in a row with a 33 run triumph over Brooklands. A Nantwich side featuring Jimmy Warrington & Phil Stockton clung on to eke out a 1 wkt win chasing just 94 at Cheadle.

Div 1 A nail-biting 2 wkt win for Lindow over Bowdon kept their advantage intact at the top, second place Alvanley wowed by 124 from exciting prospect Andy Bennion as they piled up 298-3 at Grappenhall en-route to a 102 run win. Upton stayed third after a nerve-shredding 1 wkt triumph in a low-scoring game at Marple, and with second-bottom Heaton Mersey winning, and Bramhall beaten by Sale, three sides at the foot are just 10pts apart. Mersey play Bramhall next Sat, before going to Marple the week after in a pivotal fortnight for those sides.

In **Div 2** leaders Alderley Edge and second-place Urmston won with differing degrees of comfort, AE bowling out Haslington for 66 while Urmston were taken all the way in a 7 run win at Warrington. Even closer for Port Sunlight, who won by six runs at Upton to stay third, and closer still for Cheadle Hulme, for whom David Hughes made 147 in their total of 206, clinging on to beat Romiley by 2 runs. The crucial clash at the bottom did not take place as Stockport had to sadly concede their match with second-bottom Oulton Park.

Div 3 leadership changed hands as Ashley won and Winnington Park suffered successive defeats, but third place NE Cheshire also went down to struggling Tattenhall by 17 runs. That kept Tatt just ahead of Christleton, a vital 20 pts theirs after bowling Davenham out for 75.

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**, defeat at Nantwich and no pts for leaders Didsbury meant their game in hand advantage over Brooklands evaporated but their 12 pt lead remained intact. Timperley beat Ashley to stay out of the drop zone, while Grappenhall picked up a third win of the season over Marple/Compstall, Cassius Birch making 96 for Grappers. In **Div 1** Hyde remain well clear at the top despite a second loss of the season at Heaton Mersey, Usman Tarar making 110* as Mersey held on in a tense finish to win by 2 runs. HM's win saw Romiley dip back into the drop zone after they lost to Bowdon, Ashton OM adrift after losing to Didsbury 4s, who stay second. In **Div 2** the meeting of the top two ended in victory by 37 runs for Runcorn over Didsbury 5s, both sides level on pts but Runcorn with more wins, both sides with two more games to play.



CHESHIRE CC NEWS



NCCA WESTERN DIV 2 AUG 10-12 ABERGAVENNY

CHESHIRE BEAT WALES BY AN INNS & 17 RUNS

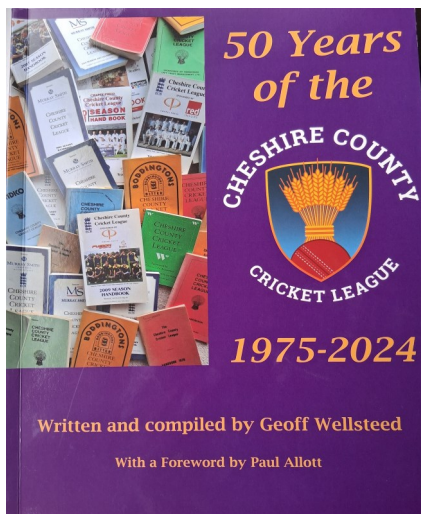
Cheshire went top of the West Div 2 table after a storming win in two days, bowling the home side out in under three sessions for a second time in the match. Cheshire now have a break before taking on Dorset at Alderley Edge in their final game (Aug 31-Sept 2). Dorset are currently third but just about to start day two of their game with Wales 274 behind on first inns with 8 wkts in hand.

Cheshire Seniors

The **o50s 2nd XI** lost to Surrey by 50 runs in their Championship play-off quarter final. Facing a huge target of 327 at Alvanley, Cheshire slumped to 88-7 but some spirited tail-end resistance led by Elworth's Russ Cope (83*) saw Cheshire finish on 276-9.

The **o60s 1st XI** are through to the semi-final of their Vase competition after a thrilling 3 run win over Wiltshire at Neston last Tuesday, but sadly the **2nd XI** lost by 50 runs against Yorkshire in the 2nd XI Cup.

Despite a 40 run win in what was their last match of the campaign, and finishing with more points than any other side the **o70s** finished second in Div 1, losing out on average pts per game to Oxon/Berks (18.64 to 18.58).



Geoff Wellstead's lovingly researched and superbly chronicled account of the first 50 years of the CCCL is down to the last few copies.

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 can



CHESHIRE CUP REPORT

Quarter Final (Aug 17)

Upcast Lane: Lindow 274-4 (37 os) beat Wallasey 273-7 (40 os) by 6 wkts.

In front of a good-sized crowd on a glorious afternoon for cricket, Lindow delighted their supporters by delivering a superbly paced run-chase to attain a daunting target set by a strong Wallasey side. The visitors charged out of the blocks after winning the toss, the opening pair hammering 97 inside 10 overs. The scoring rate did slow a little in the hot conditions but a fourth wkt stand of 102 in 19 overs (Dan Beaver 68, Ejaz Alavi 49) ensured a challenging target for Lindow. Despite an early wicket, Jamieson Hedges (76) and skipper James Duffy (55) added a sparkling 133 in 16 overs to set a base for Dan Newton (69*) and Charlie Hodge (39*) to put on an unbroken 86 in just 12 overs with wonderful strokeplay that left Wallasey out of answers.

CHESHIRE CUP SEMI FINALS (SUNDAY AUGUST 24)

Hyde v Didsbury

Lindow v Maritime

OVER 40s UPDATE

OVER 40s CUP QUARTER-FINALS (Aug 13th)

The four matches played saw victories for West Group winners (& cup holders) Chester BH, and group runners-up Wallasey. Also victorious on the night were East Div Group winners Woodley and group runners-up Hyde.

Scores: Chester BH (143-3) beat Grappenhall (141) by 7 wkts; Woodley (124-3) beat Brooklands (123-8) by 7 wkts; Hyde (142-4) beat Toft (120-3) by 22 runs; Wallasey (124-8) beat Cheadle Hulme (116) by 8 runs.

OVER 40s PLATE SEMI-FINALS (Aug 13th)

Tattenhall, who finished 3rd in West Div, beat Davenham (winners of Central Div 2) by 1 run, while Ashley (5th in Central Div 1) beat Bramhall (3rd in East Div) by 6 wkts.

Finals Day will take place on SUN 14 SEPT, 11:00, at Chester BH.