

# THE 2025 WEEK 19 REVIEW

Many clubs took one step closer to their dreams of titles and promotions, a 2nd XI batsman hit an incredible 271\*, and the Cheshire Cup finalists were decided on another great w/e of CCCL cricket.

Crushing 9 wkt victories in the Prem for both Didsbury and Nantwich meant the top of the table stayed unchanged, Dids with a 32 pt advantage with three games remaining, 44 more pts being

enough for Nick Anderson's side to claim a second title in four seasons. On Sat, Anderson bowled 7 overs, claiming two useful wkts as his side bowled Timperley out for 185, although he will have been disappointed with 31 wides bowled and a frustrating last wkt stand of 39 which boosted Timpers' hopes. Chris Page followed up his 31 with an early wkt but thereafter Dids took complete control, Anderson a contented spectator as Tim Hughes hammered a majestic  $107^*$  (82 bs, 4x6, 16x4), adding an unbroken 174 in 21 overs of fantastic strokeplay with Chris Becker ( $69^*$  off 61 bs) as Dids completed victory before the drinks break. Likewise, Nantwich were done before the drinks at Widnes, Ali Chugtai ( $81^*$  off 69 bs) doing his former club no favours as he and Luke Robinson ( $78^*$  off 57 bs) added a scintillating  $159^*$  in 19 overs.

Remaining fixtures: Didsbury - Neston (h), Bowdon (a), Widnes (h)

Nantwich: A.Edge (h), Lindow (a), Chester BH (h)

Consecutive defeats for Hyde have all but put paid to their fading title hopes, and a disappointing weekend kicked off with them reduced to 53-6 at Chester, Rick Moore (5-31) continuing his fine season with the ball. Dave Fitzsimmons battled hard for some two hours to make 78\* and help drag his side upto 205-8, but Hyde weren't at their best in the field and old boy Noah Vickery (80\*) made them pay, Moore (23\*) hitting the winning runs with 9 overs to spare. A second win in their last three games has all but assured CBH of Premier Division cricket next season, while Neston are likewise just about safe now after a terrific August. Their third successive victory was a surprisingly comfortable one over visitors Brooklands, who - for the third time in four games - totally misfired as a batting unit, posting just 114 at Parkgate with extras (25) top scoring. Bryce Jose (50\*) moved to second in the Prem's leading run scorers table as his side raced to an easy win inside 19 overs. Only Didsbury have racked up more pts than Neston this month.

The bottom of the table was shaken up by Oxton, whose terrible run of results was abruptly ended with a handsome 67 run win at Alderley Edge of all places. Skipper Henry Dobson made a fine 84, with other solid contributions enabling Oxton to reach 275-7 after being put in. Missing key players, AE never got going, despite a fighting 70 from Tejas Rao, Dobson taking 3-25 and Ali Crick grabbing a dramatic hat-trick as AE were all out 208. The 20 pts lifted Oxton out of the



#### 2025 WEEK 19 REVIEW - PREM cont. & DIV 1

drop zone as Widnes slid back in, Bowdon the non-movers after another difficult day for them at South Downs Rd. Visitors Lindow chose to bat and stand-in skipper James Duffy led from the front, a classy 122 (108 bs) enabling Olly James (73) to flourish initially before Duffy and Dan Newton (77) added 205 in 29

overs of fabulous shot-making (their second 205 psp of the season, incidentally, as well as a 181 stand), battered Bowdon relieved when their 50 overs of torture was over with 322-8 on the board. At 60-6 in reply total ignominy was on the cards but a terrific 75 from no.7 James Bottomley and spirited resistance from the tail at least lifted the hosts to 184. But their destiny is not entirely in their own hands at this juncture, albeit just two pts separates the three bottom sides.

Remaining fixtures: Oxton - Chester BH (h), Timperley (a), Neston (h) Bowdon: Brooklands (a), Didsbury (h), Hyde (a)

Widnes - Lindow (a), Brooklands (h), Didsbury (a)

Div 1 saw the top three all win with something to spare, Cheadle still in pole position after crushing Grappenhall in the mis-match of the day at Kingsway. Choosing to bat, Grappers had reached the relative calm of 32-0 before disaster, in the guise of Josh Dooler and Dan Brown, struck, the pair taking 9-29 between them as Grappers folded for just 72. Dooler's 6-19 was his fifth 'Michelle' of the season, and he watched on as brother Adam, along with Ollie Tyson, knocked off the runs inside 17 overs. Urmston took some 47 overs to compile a buttock-clenching 130 at Bramhall, Jack Clark (65\*) and Nick Cantello (31\*) making sure with an unbroken 94 psp to secure an 8 wkt win. Macclesfield kept their promotion hopes alive with a 108 run win over Davenham, Alex Thompson (65 & 4-21) the standout performance in a low key game which all but spelt the end of life in Div 1 for the visitors.

Remaining fixtures: Cheadle - Davenham (a), Bramhall (a), Marple (h) Bramhall: Grappenhall (a), Cheadle (h), Davenham (a)

Macclesfield - S.Georgians (a), P.Sunlight (h), Sale (a)

Marple shook off wretched recent form to record a satisfying 8 wkt victory to ease their relegation jitters, visitors Sale all out for 210 at Bowden Lane, Tyrone Lawrence making 81 and Seb Schofield 50. Keagan Lynch added to his 3-27 with 31 in an opening stand of 74 before Max Fitzgerald (87\*) and Elliott Young (44\*) combined to add an increasingly assured 137\*. Stockport Georgians' golden August continued with a third straight win, this one a real nail-biter as they won by 7 runs at Toft. Put in, Georgians only batted 42 overs, making 156, but their spinners (along with seamer Sean Duckworth) found the pitch much to their liking as Toft tumbled to 96-7. Dan Ward (31\* after 3-20 earlier) then joined forces with Rohan Aggarwal as they inched the score to 139 before Aggarwal edged behind. Ward got the total to 145-9 before leaving the last man two balls to face, which proved to be two too many as Duckworth bowled him first ball. In the other match, despite a fine personal display from Port Sunlight's Muzzamil Sheik (80 off 60 bs after taking 3-64), PS lost out in the Wirral derby to Maritime by 73 runs, Kalhara Sinhage making 79 and Sawan Kankanage 74 in Maritime's healthy 266-9.

### 2025 WEEK 19 REVIEW - DIVS 2 & 3



In Div 2 Alvanley need just 13 more pts from their remaining three games to be assured of returning to Div 1 after a hard-fought 5 wkt win at Ashley. Ammad Mushtaq made 77 - his 10th league half-century in 2025, along with two tons - as Ashley made 184. In reply Alv were in a game at 108-5 but Simon Gee (42\*) and Toby Honeysett (41\*) added 79 together to avoid any further drama. Bollington had it much easier as they needed just 12.1 overs to knock off 121 and defeat Ashton OM by 9 wkts,

Andrej Yaksender's rapid 61\* taking his league runs tally to 1169, and Bolly to 300 pts, setting up their clash with Alvanley next week nicely. They moved 26 clear of third place Romiley after Upton won a close match by 15 runs at Birchvale Drive. Upton were in a strong position at 172-3 but the loss of Lee Dixon for 69 sparked a collapse as Upton folded for 188. Romiley flew out of the blocks but from 48-0 subsided to 105-7 as Dave Williams' spin and Umer Zeb's pace proved too much. Brad Snape (49 off 38 bs) led a typically pugnacious riposte but his dismissal was the decisive moment, Romiley eventually all out 173.

Remaining fixtures: Alvanley - Bollington (h), Romiley (a), Oulton Park (h) Bollington: Alvanley (a), NE Cheshire (h), Christleton (a)

Romiley - Ashton OM (a), Alvanley (h), NE Cheshire (a)

At the foot the situation could barely be closer as the three struggling sides are separated by just 11 pts. All three got a pasting on Sat, AOM at Bollington as already mentioned, Haslington beaten at Cheadle Hulme by 76 runs, and Stockport marmalised at Oulton Park, going down by 250 runs after OP racked up 332-5 without a care in the world. Danny Leech made a fine 107 as other batters enjoyed themselves, 28 runs coming off the penultimate over and 73 off the last 5 as Stockport fell to bits. Their batting didn't even make it to drinks, all out 82 in the 22nd.

Remaining fixtures: Haslington - Christleton (h), Stockport (a), Ashley (h) Stockport: Cheadle Hulme (h), Haslington (h), Upton (a)

Ashton OM - Romiley (h), Oulton Park (a), Cheadle Hulme (h)

An entertaining game at Little Heath saw Christleton's Max Dunvaband make 95 as his side held on to beat NE Cheshire by 19 runs.

Div 3 leaders Tattenhall extended their lead after an arm-wrestle of a win at promotion (& title) rivals Oakmere. The hosts tumbled from 92-3 to 98-7 in a laboured innings which ended in the 46th over with just 132 on the board, extras top scoring. Tatt were never really under pressure despite Matt Holland's 5-20, reaching their target 5 down after 26 overs. That result, combined with a surprise defeat for Barrow at home to struggling Middlewich, left Tatt with a 34 pt cushion to second spot. Middlewich had Kallum Boyle (10-3-35-7) to thank for an inspired spell of pace which saw Barrow all out for just 123. They had been 80-8, however, and their confidence was quickly evident as they reduced the visitors to 35-5. Thankfully for Middlewich, Caleb McLaren stood firm, his 46\* guiding his side to a priceless 2 wkt win and a 21 pt cushion to the drop zone. Not for the first time this season, Mobberley lost a tight match as Warrington nicked it at Church Lane, winning by 12 runs in a desperately tense atmosphere as Mobb edged towards their 187 target from the depths of 136-8. They got to 174-8 with some 10 overs remaining but two wkts in two balls shattered the hosts, Warrington thankful that the 45 extras they conceded weren't any more costly. With Over Peover conjuring a remarkable 3 wkt win over Heaton Mersey - Shubman Paliwal made a 62-ball 100 as OP got from 62-5 to 205-7 - it will be a nervy run-in for the bottom three, especially with OP playing Middlewich on the final day. Elsewhere Joe Cooper made 106\* for Hale Barns as they beat Hawk Green by 8 wkts, while Runcorn beat Winnington Park by 26 runs, WP going from 130-4 to 148 all out.



# CCCL TABLES - WEEK 19 (AUG 23 - 24)

1ST XI	PREM	
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
DIDSBURY	350	84
NANTWICH	318	70
HYDE	293	46
TIMPERLEY	271	32
ALDERLEY EDGE	263	56
LINDOW	238	63
BROOKLANDS	221	39
NESTON	211	73
CHESTER BH	207	54
OXTON	173	32
BOWDON	171	22
WIDNES	171	33

1ST XI	DIV 1	
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
CHEADLE	328	75
BRAMHALL	305	80
MACCLESFIELD	291	66
PORT SUNLIGHT	271	30
MARITIME	248	51
TOFT	238	51
S.GEORGIANS	229	65
URMSTON	209	44
SALE	208	43
MARPLE	205	32
DAVENHAM	141	27
GRAPPENHALL	71	14

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ALVANLEY	337	66
BOLLINGTON	300	61
ROMILEY	274	66
CHEADLE HULME	257	63
CHRISTLETON	244	49
UPTON	241	49
ASHLEY	217	49
OULTON PARK	216	50
N.E.CHESHIRE	212	52
HASLINGTON	139	35
STOCKPORT	138	12
ASHTON OM	128	27

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
TATTENHALL	302	80
BARROW	268	64
OAKMERE	258	51
HEATON MERSEY	250	52
HALE BARNS	242	50
HAWK GREEN	232	35
RUNCORN	225	66
WINNINGTON PARK	223	34
WARRINGTON	220	47
MIDDLEWICH	192	29
MOBBERLEY	171	37
OVER PEOVER	164	47

2ND XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	
DIDSBURY	350	
TOFT	338	
CHESTER BH	274	
CHEADLE	260	
OXTON	252	
NANTWICH	229	
TIMPERLEY	203	
BROOKLANDS	189	
WIDNES	178	
HYDE	171	
S.GEORGIANS	147	
NESTON	137	

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12. GRAPPENHALL 114	4

2ND XI DIV 2		
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS	
1. A.EDGE	325	
2. P.SUNLIGHT	270	
3. ROMILEY	259	
11. OULTON PARK	162	
12. STOCKPORT	157	



2ND XI DIV	3
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. ASHLEY	336
2. WIN.PARK	323
3. N.E.CHESHIRE	271
11. CHRISTLETON	168
12. NESTON 3	111

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TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	134
BROOKLANDS	122
TOFT	108
SALE	102
S.GEORGIANS	102
ASHLEY	94
TIMPERLEY	92
NANTWICH	86
MARPLE/COMPS.	84
GRAPPENHALL	40

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3RD XI SUN DIV 1		
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS	
HYDE	172	
DIDSBURY 4	144	
ROMILEY	56	
ASHTON OM	32	

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

#### SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

Div 3 East: Top - Bredbury SM

2nd - Sale 4

Div 3 West: Top - Christleton

2nd - Oxton

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

# 1975 LARS CALCERT LEAGUE

#### WEEK 19 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: Victories for Didsbury and Toft meant that it will be one of those two sides who will be crowned Prem champions, Dids hammering Timperley by 94 runs (Jacob Mills 86, Adam Slater 74) and Toft chasing 197 to beat Brooklands by 4 wkts. The two meet next week at Booths Park and while nothing

will be decided then, it should be a fascinating encounter. Chester BH's 70-run loss at Nantwich, where an in-form Jakob Jordan made 100 and took 3-33, meant that retaining their 2nd XI T20 Trophy next Sun is their only chance of silverware. A desperately tense finish at Werneth Low saw Hyde's Jahangir Hussain take two wkts with the final two balls of the match to secure a 3 run win over Cheadle and a precious 24 pt gap to the bottom two, that despite an excellent win for S.Georgians over Widnes. SG and Neston remain stuck in the drop zone, the latter collapsing terribly yesterday at neighbours Oxton. 153-4 in the 39th needing 182 to win, Neston were bowled out for 162 - Mike Baker picking up his 50th wkt of the season - and Georgians travel to Parkgate next Sat in a big game for both sides.

Div 1 Andy Bennion's 80\* powered Alvanley to a 9 wkt thumping of Dids 2As, which, combined with a hefty defeat for leaders Lindow at home to Macc, meant the two sides are level on pts at the top. Upton are just 9 pts behind in third after beating Bowdon, while Chathula Fonseka's 100 (70 bs) for Maritime in their 37 run win over Grappers moved them just 12 pts behind their Wirral neighbours. Sale's 5 wkt win over Marple also kept them interested although it left Marple just 5 pts out of the drop zone, grateful at least that Heaton Mersey picked up just a point in their 9 wkt loss to Bramhall, and putting Mersey's trip to Bowden Lane next Sat firmly in the spotlight.

In Div 2 a 47-ball 90 from Christian Wilson eased Alderley Edge to a 5 wkt win at promotion rivals Urmston, meaning one more win will put AE back into Div 1. Second place P.Sunlight were handed 20 pts by Oulton Park, who conceded, and although bottom side Stockport pulled off an excellent chase of 187 to beat C.Hulme they remain 37 pts from safety - OP are 32 adrift - both sides needing a miracle to escape.

Div 3 was all about Winnington Park captain Joe Stimpson, who smashed a league record-breaking 271\* (143 bs, 8x6, 41x4) in his side's monster 427-3 against Hale Barns on a stupendous afternoon for the Cheshire club. WP's Rishad Ali then took 6-6 in their 354 run win. WP stay second in pursuit of leaders Ashley who beat Davenham. At the foot, Tattenhall won the crucial derby with Christleton by 8 wkts to put a 19 pt gap between the two clubs, meaning Neston cannot now escape after a heavy loss to Chester BH 3s.

Sunday 3rd XI News In the Prem, a second successive nil pts for leaders Didsbury, after crumbling for just 72 at home to Sale (who completed an easy 7 wkt win) remarkably did not affect their overall lead. Second place Brooklands lost to Toft and also recorded zero pts in the process, meaning that the two matches which Dids & Brook have against each other will in all probability decide the title. Jakob Jordan's second ton of the w/e - this time 102\* off 78 bs - enabled Nantwich to scramble out of the drop zone at the expense of Marple, who lost heavily to Timperley. Nantwich & Marple meet next Sun. In Div 1 Hyde secured the title and promotion after racking up 344-5 at Romiley, Zaeem Arshad (87\* off 31 bs) helping add 100 in the last 6.4 os of their inns. Alex Napier's 62-ball 105 for Romiley in reply was in vain. Will MCue made 100\* for Bramhall as they beat bottom side AOM.



#### CHESHIRE CUP SEMI-FINALS

#### Upcast Lane: Lindow 204-8 (40 os) beat Maritime 164 (37 os) by 40 runs.

Another good crowd enjoying a beautiful afternoon saw the hosts make into their first ever Cheshire Cup Final after

Lindow held their nerve against the Div 1 outsiders, who at one stage looked poised to pull off another cup upset. Lindow's 322-5 of 24 hrs previous seemed an age ago as their powerful top order was dismantled. Maritime bowling and fielding superbly to reduce Lindow to 68-5 shortly after drinks. Skipper Alex Matthews (53) joined Charlie Hodge (57) to rescue things brilliantly as the pair added 111 in 17 os, Lindow finishing with a still under-par 204-8. This looked more moderate still at drinks, Maritime in complete control at 108-1, but Lindow regrouped during the break and inflicted a horror spell for the Wirral side, Maritime sliding to 117-6 in the 26th. From that point Lindow had too much skill and variety to let the ad-

vantage slip, holding on to complete a hard-fought victory as they took 9 Maritime wkts for 50 runs in total on a memorable day.



Cup holders Didsbury won out comfortably in a repeat of the 2024 Final after a fabulous opening stand of 203 between Tim Hughes (87) and Tom Hafil (114) left the hosts reeling. Both sides were missing key players but Dids adapted better, Hughes building on his ton of the previous day with assured strokeplay while Hafil really blossomed after passing 50. The left-hander scored all round the wicket, hitting 17x4 and 1x6 and reaching a delightful ton off 91 bs. His dismissal led to a change of fortune for the hosts, Luke Young persuading Nick Anderson to hole out first ball before going on to claim a hat-trick, and four wkts in total, in a highquality, pacy over, Hughes bowled off the final ball to leave Didsbury, who were 233-1, suddenly 234-5. But Dids keeper Sam Leech chose the perfect moment to end a lean spell with the bat, four big sixes in a 21-ball 39 seeing 55 added in six overs with the lively Charlie Lowen. Dids added 172 in the second half of their inns to leave Hyde with a huge chase and they were quickly on the back foot, Will Street claiming the key wkt of Young in the first over as Hafil snaffled a bat-pad catch. Thereafter Hyde never developed any threatening partnerships in the face of accurate bowling and sharp fielding, and despite the best efforts of Max Harsham (43) and some late defiance from John Ashley, who hit three satisfying maximums, Didsbury ensured successive Final appearances with few alarms.

## CHESHIRE CUP FINAL: LINDOW v DIDSBURY, SUN 7 SEPT, UPCAST LANE, 12.30

2ND XI FINALS DAY: **GRAPPENHALL CC, SUN 31 AUG** 

10:00 GRAPPENHALL v DIDSBURY

13:15 TIMPERLEY v CHESTER BH

16:45 FINAL

#### OVER 40s:

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

Reminder: 1st & 2nd XI CCCL Saturday fixtures move to an 11.30 start time from 30th August