



# THE 2025 WEEK 20 REVIEW OVERVIEW

## WHAT WE KNOW AFTER WEEK 20

**1ST XI PREMIER DIVISION**    **CHAMPIONS: DIDSBURY**

**1ST XI DIV 1**    **PROMOTED: CHEADLE**    **RELEGATED: DAVENHAM, GRAPPENHALL**

**1ST XI DIV 2**    **CHAMPIONS: ALVANLEY**

**1ST XI DIV 3**    **CHAMPIONS: TATTENHALL**

**2ND XI DIV 1**    **RELEGATED: GRAPPENHALL 2s**

**2ND XI DIV 2**    **CHAMPIONS: ALDERLEY EDGE 2s**

**2ND XI DIV 3**    **PROMOTED: ASHLEY 2s, WINNINGTON PARK 2s**

**3RD XI PREMIER DIVISION**    **CHAMPIONS: DIDSBURY 3s**

**3RD XI DIV 1**    **CHAMPIONS: HYDE 3s**

**3RD XI DIV 2**    **CHAMPIONS: RUNCORN 3s**



## THE 2025 WEEK 20 REVIEW

*The first champions and promotions were confirmed on a weekend when the weather played a significant part, and Chester BH 2s retained their T20 trophy.*

The **Premier Division trophy** headed to Wilmslow Rd for the second time in four seasons as Didsbury completed a clinical victory over Neston, and Nantwich, the 2024 champions and the only side that could catch Nick Anderson's men, lost to Alderley Edge, taking just 4 pts in the process. So the celebrations started at a soggy Didsbury as Anderson himself, having earlier taken 3-1 to wrap up the Neston inns for 121 inside 32 os, hit the winning boundary just as the rain started to get a little heavy, sparking joyful scenes. Having won all nine of their win-lose fixtures, Didsbury's terrific form has kept them out in front and led them to a deserved championship. Since the 2020 (Covid) season, Didsbury have finished second, first, second, third and now first in an impressively consistent time.

As for Nantwich, a frustrating and unusually trophy-less season finally hit the buffers when their formidable batting line-up had a total off-day, folding for 99 when set what looked a very gettable 140 after AE hadn't exactly flourished with the bat either. In the relegation zone after week 5, the Dabbers' slow start ultimately scuppered their title defence, despite a really strong run of league form from that point. They will contest the runners-up spot with Hyde, who reached 262-9 in their 50 overs against Timperley at Werneth Low, Adam Worrall's sparkling 75 (54 bs) the highlight, before the lowlight of persistent rain which forced an abandonment.

And so attention turns to a fascinating relegation scrap, although for the teams involved it will be a fraught and tense couple of weeks. Despite their loss, Neston's wonderful August run has left them needing just 6 pts to be assured of staying up, with the other three struggling sides all losing on Sat and separated by just three pts. Bowdon are bottom, coming unstuck at inconsistent Brooklands despite a heartening late rally with the bat after being put in. James Bottomley and Tom Bramhall whacked 55 off the last 5 to set Brooklands 242, but youngster Christian Jacobs chose his moment to end a modest season, hammering 104 off just 68 bs (8x6, 10x4) as Brook raced to their DLS-adjusted target of 223 with some 8 overs unused. Widnes, at the wrong end all season, chose a bad day to visit Lindow, the hosts powering past 300 for the third time in the past four matches, this time Sam Battersby (80) the main man after an opening stand of 126 in 15.3 os between Jamieson Hedges (46) and Olly James (57) set the tone. Isaac Brooks then moved to the top of the Divisional wicket-taking column, his 3-29 making it 49 victims in the league this season as Widnes stuttered to 167-9 in



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their reduced allocation of 27 overs, losing by 51 runs on DLS. As for Oxton, they remain just outside the drop zone, two pts clear of Widnes after picking up six pts in a rain-affected loss to Chester BH. Warren Goodwin hasn't hit a half-century this season but his imperious 122 (146 bs) was his second ton of 2025, made in a shade under four hours as he stood head and shoulders above the rest, CBH 233-9. Rain wiped five overs off Oxton's allocation but they still got nowhere near their revised 224 target, the CBH attack far too potent. However, Oxton hold their fate in their own hands, and with Bowdon facing Didsbury next week and then Widnes travelling to Wilmslow Rd on the final day, Oxton will feel that one win could be enough. They travel to Timperley before entertaining Neston.

After a two-season sojourn in [Div 1](#), Cheadle ensured a return to the top flight with a crushing win over already relegated Davenham. Ben Broadhurst and Will Holmes took five wkts each as only Matt Jamieson of the Davenham batters reached double figures, making an entertaining 45 (37 bs) out of a total of 82. Skipper Josh Dooler hit the winning run in the 18th over to confirm promotion and avoid any rain-related jitters as the weather closed in around the region. Bramhall were every bit as ruthless, requiring just 12.5 os to knock off the 112 they needed to beat Grappenhall (Jack Clarke 69\* off 39 bs), leaving Nick Cantello's men just 12 pts away from elevation to the Prem after a seven year absence. Interestingly, during their last Prem season back in 2018, Bramhall were relegated along with Didsbury! They entertain Cheadle next week before travelling to Davenham on the final day.

Macclesfield, the only side who could catch Bramhall, ran into one of the form sides and came up short, Stockport Georgians continuing their August flourish with a fourth straight win. Macc were put in and totalled 231-9, Alex Thompson hitting 5x6 and 6x4 in his 77 which took 91 bs in total and skipper Jack Massey making 53. However, spinner Oliver Ormerod nipped out the recently-contracted Lancs man Joe Moores for just a single as the SG attack did well to keep a check on the rate, and when Ned Bailey cracked his way to a splendid second ton in four matches, SG's adjusted target of 184 off 36 was reached with 8 overs to spare. Bailey finished 102\* off just 79 bs (5x6, 13x4). Macc have Port Sunlight and Sale left to play, and can only win and hope.

Elsewhere, Toft's James Hodgson ensured his side's first ever league trip to Port Sunlight would be memorable, wrapping up the PS inns with a hat-trick (ending with 5-38) as the hosts were all out 218. PS skipper Simon Melberzs led from the front with 81 but would have been disappointed as his side fell away from 108-1 in the 29th. Scott Craig's 65 and some handy middle-order twenties kept Toft ahead of DLS as the rain started to fall, Toft 5 runs ahead when play was finally halted and taking the 20 pts. At Dane Rd, Tyrone Lawrence hit a fourth half-century of the campaign, his 65, along with a late 42\* from Robert Grant, taking Sale to 216-8 against Maritime, who shared the load between eight bowlers. Maritime only had chance for six overs before rain prevented any further play. It was a similar tale not so far away at Urmston, where the match was abandoned at halfway. Despite seven double-figure knocks, it was extras who top-scored for Marple in their 170 total, but the hosts had no opportunity to reply.



## 2025 WEEK 20 REVIEW - DIVS 2 & 3

In **Div 2** Alvanley claimed the divisional crown and ensured they can enjoy a relaxing September as they contemplate a return to Div 1 after a two season absence. They did it properly too, beating nearest rivals Bollington on a rain-affected afternoon in a tough contest. Put into bat, Alv grafted to 187-9 in their allocation, Ben Rayner top scoring with 51. Needing an adjusted 164 off 38 os, Bolly found it just as tough, the usually fluent Andrej Yaksender falling for just 12 off 35 bs and skipper Rick Hough making 45 off 80. Corey McCarthy's 4-29 was the leading contribution as Bolly were all out 128 to ensure a lively night in the Alv clubhouse. Bolly need 13 more pts from their remaining two matches (NE Cheshire and Christleton) to join Alvanley in Div 1 after three seasons away.

As for the other promotion hopefuls, it's all gone wrong for Romiley at the worst possible time, consecutive defeats leaving them relying on others slipping up (and their own form recovering). On Saturday it was defeat at struggling Ashton OM of all places which dealt a body blow to Romiley's hopes of going up, unable to capitalise on Bolly's defeat as the hosts sprung a surprise. Tom Jenkinson made 58 and Fraser Hay 40 as AOM totalled 218-8 in their 50, Hay then doing early damage with the ball as Romiley slid to 35-4, Zaheer Khan polishing it off with 4-23 as the visitors were all out 132 in just 27 overs. For Ashton, a second win in three keeps alive their survival hopes, with next week's clash between their relegation rivals Haslington & Stockport taking on even more significance. Haslington did themselves a power of good by beating Christleton, Dean Mitford's first half-century of the season coming at the perfect time as his side held off the early pressure in their reply to 150, Jack Taylor's earlier 4-31 leading the way. Stockport's seventh successive loss makes them prime candidates for the drop, the visit of Cheadle Hume on Saturday another deflating day for the home side. Big Scott Howarth's pace proved too much in the early stages as Stockport staggered to 29-4, and although the lower order fought hard, their 129 wasn't enough as CH reached their revised target of 105 with 12 overs in hand, keeping alive (just) their faint promotion hopes.

In the other games Chris McArthur's 85 (his seventh half-century of 2025 along with two tons) took Upton to 245-7 in a rain-affected encounter with Oulton Park, OP set 209 off 27 overs when things cleared up but never in the hunt as they ended on 120-8. At Poynton, NE Cheshire got from 115-5 to 230-8 against a careless Ashley side who bowled 29 wides, but the rain swept in at the interval and that was that.

**Div 3** saw tattyfilarious celebrations at the Flacca as long-time leaders Tattenhall confirmed their ascent to Div 2 in style, thumping promotion rivals and near-neighbours Barrow by 111 runs. Having made nine 50+ scores in 2025, Corey Bovey finally got into three figures, hitting a wonderful 123\* (122 bs) as he and Adrian Waddelove (42\*) crashed 70 off the last 7 os to power Tatt to 285-7. Despite losing five overs, Barrow were well short of their revised target, Waddelove claiming the key wkt of Logan Malthus. Barrow slipped back to third, now five pts behind Oakmere, who had skipper Matt Holland (51) to thank as they got from 114-7 to 196 at Warrington, who shipped 50 extras before stumbling to 136-7 in pursuit of a revised 182. Heaton Mersey's stop-start season revived again with a 46 run win over struggling Mobberley, Mersey to fourth and just eight pts behind Oakmere, with the clash between those two sides on the last day looking of great importance. If Oakmere can beat Mobberley next Sat they will go into that game as favourites, but Barrow, who play Mobberley on the last day and take on Warrington (who are not totally clear of danger just yet) next Sat will be looking to do all they can to nick second. You will gather that Mobb, 22 pts from safety, are up against it to survive, but Middlewich, who they are hoping to catch, have a couple of ticklish games themselves, and coming off defeat at the hands of Runcorn they will be taking nothing for granted. Their last game is at Over Peover, who lost at Hawk Green on Sat and need snookers to stay up - but they have nothing to lose, with Winnington Park (who beat Hale Barns on Sat) their next opponents.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
DIDSBURY	370	104
NANTWICH	322	74
HYDE	303	56
ALDERLEY EDGE	283	76
TIMPERLEY	281	42
LINDOW	258	83
BROOKLANDS	241	59
CHESTER BH	227	74
NESTON	213	75
OXTON	179	38
WIDNES	178	40
BOWDON	176	27

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
CHEADLE	348	95
BRAMHALL	325	100
MACCLESFIELD	296	71
PORT SUNLIGHT	277	36
MARITIME	260	63
TOFT	258	71
S.GEORGIANS	249	85
URMSTON	219	54
SALE	217	52
MARPLE	213	40
DAVENHAM	142	28
GRAPPENHALL	72	15

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ALVANLEY	357	86
BOLLINGTON	306	67
ROMILEY	278	70
CHEADLE HULME	277	83
UPTON	261	69
CHRISTLETON	247	52
ASHLEY	226	58
OULTON PARK	222	56
N.E.CHESHIRE	221	61
HASLINGTON	159	55
ASHTON OM	148	47
STOCKPORT	141	15

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
TATTENHALL	322	100
OAKMERE	278	71
BARROW	273	69
HEATON MERSEY	270	72
HAWK GREEN	252	55
HALE BARNS	247	55
RUNCORN	245	86
WINNINGTON PARK	243	54
WARRINGTON	226	53
MIDDLEWICH	199	36
MOBBERLEY	177	43
OVER PEOVER	167	50

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	370
TOFT	343
CHESTER BH	294
CHEADLE	280
OXTON	256
NANTWICH	238
TIMPERLEY	213
BROOKLANDS	209
WIDNES	183
HYDE	172
NESTON	157
S.GEORGIANS	152

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. UPTON	282
2. LINDOW	277
3. ALVANLEY	276
11. H.MERSEY	180
12. GRAPPENHALL	115

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. A.EDGE	330
2. ROMILEY	279
3. URMSTON	277
11. OULTON PARK	166
12. STOCKPORT	160



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. ASHLEY	356
2. WIN.PARK	343
3. N.E.CHESHIRE	277
11. DAVENHAM	114
12. NESTON 3	114

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	146
SALE	124
BROOKLANDS	122
TOFT	120
S.GEORGIANS	112
TIMPERLEY	96
ASHLEY	94
NANTWICH	90
MARPLE/COMPS.	88
GRAPPENHALL	40

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
HYDE	172
DIDSBURY 4	156
ROMILEY	66
ASHTON OM	34

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
RUNCORN	158
DIDSBURY 5	158
S.GEORGIANS 4	62
TIMPERLEY 6	42

## SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

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

Div 3 West: Top - Christleton  
2nd - Oxtun

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





## WEEK 20 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

**2ND XI CRICKET:** Didsbury took a major step towards retaining their **Prem** title after beating nearest challengers Toft in an excellent contest at Booths Park. Jack Hastings' 83\* was the biggest of several useful contributions as Dids totalled 272-6 after being put in. Toft reached 109-2 in reply before the decisive passage as Dids fought back to dismiss them for 213, and now knowing that one more win will ensure top spot. At the foot, a magnificent 123 from Neston's Ian Gill helped his side to 219-9 in their relegation clash with S.Georgians, who folded for 127 in reply, the sides swapping places in the drop zone. Neston are 15 pts away from Hyde, who picked up a solitary point after a heavy loss at Chester BH, and a nervous September awaits as a result. Hyde entertain Timperley next Sat, Neston travel to Cheadle while Georgians go to Brooklands. Widnes are not mathematically safe after losing at Brooklands (Louis Burns made 90 for Widnes and Susanshu Rajshetty 95\* for Brook) but with a 26 pt cushion it is hard to foresee them having too much to worry about.

**Div 1** a dramatic day saw just 12 pts separating four sides at the top. Having been top since week 3, Lindow were deposed by Upton, who reached their DLS target at Macclesfield. Lindow were watching Maritime get from 122-6 to 222 at Bromborough before falling away from 88-2 to 138 all out, Maritime one of the four teams in the mix. Lindow travel to Upton next week in the big game before Maritime host Upton on the final day. Alvanley make up the promotion quartet, back to third now after losing a thriller at Bramhall by 1 wkt. The relegation clash went decisively the way of Marple, who thrashed Heaton Mersey by 10 wkts and now have a 24 pt cushion from the drop zone.

In **Div 2**, champions Alderley Edge suffered a watery reverse at home to Warrington, while three clubs chasing the other promotion spot (Romiley, Urmston and P.Sunlight) are just three pts apart. At the foot it's pretty well game over for Stockport, 38 pts from safety, while Oulton Park are odds-on to go down with them after a heavy loss to Ashton OM, for whom Tom Scott made 113\*.

**Div 3** congratulations to both Ashley and Winnington Park, Ashley just holding off a gutsy Tattenhall fightback from 107-6 chasing 225 to win by 2 runs, W.Park much more comfortable in their 7 wkt triumph at Chester BH. Danny Caddick made 108 and George Crabtree 90 as Christleton beat N.E.Cheshire, climbing out of the bottom two after Davenham conceded their game at Bollington and went into the drop zone as a result. Christleton's three pt advantage could prove crucial - they face Oxton and Ashley in their last two games.

**Sunday 3rd XI News** In the **Prem**, Didsbury shook off their recent malaise to pull off a fine 5 wkt win amidst the showers at Brooklands and claim the title for the fifth time in the past seven seasons. At the foot, the crucial match between Nantwich and Marple/Compstall was washed out but the two sides meet again on Sunday at Bowden Lane in their final fixture, still separated by just two pts. In **Div 1** champions Hyde lost their final match to Bowdon while Didsbury 4s finished as runners-up after a thrilling win over Bramhall with three balls remaining. At the foot, Romiley ended in the drop zone after losing at Elworth, H.Mersey surviving despite defeat at Metrovicks. **Div 2** saw Runcorn clinch the title on more games won from Didsbury 5s, while Bollington's George Barker enjoyed himself with 117 off 79 in his side's win over Stockport Trinity.



## 2nd XI T20 FINALS DAY, GRAPPENHALL CC

A day thankfully only briefly interrupted by rain saw Chester BH retain the trophy with a 7 wkt win over Didsbury, a good-sized crowd in attendance.

**S/F 1: Didsbury 128-4 (17.3 os) beat Grappenhall 120-8 (20 os) by 6 wkts** *The Prem leaders had to work hard to overcome a stubborn Grappenhall side that battled to add 30 in the last 5 overs and set Didsbury a higher than expected target. Jack Hastings made 57 off 49 bs, putting on 69 for the first Didsbury wkt with Adam Slater as they worked their way patiently towards victory.*

**S/F 2: Chester BH 138-7 (20 os) beat Timperley 129-5 (20 os) by 9 runs**

*A highly watchable encounter between the two Prem sides in the best conditions of the day ended in something of an anti-climax as Timperley faded away in the last over. Two wkts in successive balls, and just 2 runs, from the 14th over of their reply to CBH's 138-7, left Timperley 82-5, and when just four runs came from the next over they needed an unlikely looking 53 off the last 5. Pressure mounted as only 10 came from the next two, some ponderous running not helping the Timpers cause, but Aadam Hasan then hit three boundaries, which galvanised Shahnawaz Khan, who whacked a six in the following over. Suddenly the 17 needed off the last seemed possible but the pair couldn't find the boundary, a tired Khan (66\*) struggling to match Hasan's running as the game petered out. Earlier, a lively stand of 54 for the 4th between Ashraf Qureshi (47) and Dom Peter (34) boosted CBH to the highest total of the day.*

**Final: Chester BH 102-3 (15.4 os) beat Didsbury 100-9 (20 os) by 7 wkts** *The third meeting in the final between these two sides in the past four seasons ended with a decisive win for the current cup holders. Unlike their final of 12 months previous, which went down to the last ball, this game was pretty much decided by halfway after Didsbury never recovered from a torrid start. With Adam Slater adjudged lbw second ball and Jack Hastings stumped off the fourth, CBH grabbed the initiative they never let slip, ending the powerplay 22-4 with just a solitary boundary to show. Robin Fisher, absent for the semi, was the destroyer, finishing with 4-12 as CBH caught everything and fielded with real purpose. Didsbury needed a similar clatter of wkts to have any chance and despite their best efforts they couldn't exert the degree of pressure needed, Ashraf Qureshi playing calmly to end 46\*, his stand of 70 with Ben Harvey easing CBH to victory.*



**CHESHIRE CC NEWS Day 2 of 3 (Chester BH) Dorset 382-8 dec, Cheshire 337-9.** *A rain interrupted but entertaining second day of the clash between second and third in NCCA West Div 2 ended with the visitors just on top, taking a lead of 45 runs into the final day. Full details on the Cheshire CC homepage. Cheshire o60s 2nd XI won a thrilling Vase semi-final at Cambridgeshire on Tues, Don Hurst's superb 108\* helping Cheshire to a 2 wkt win. The Final is Tues 2nd Sept against Leicestershire at Oakmoor CC (Stoke-on-Trent), 12.00 start.*







## A quick word with .....Joe Stimpson, Winnington Park CC

In this anniversary year of CCCL cricket it seems entirely fitting to be able to celebrate a new league record. Last Saturday, Winnington Park 2nd XI captain Joe Stimpson set a new record highest individual score in CCCL cricket, making 271\* for his side against Hale Barns 2nd XI at 'the Rec'. The previous record score made in 2010 by Tom Williams of Neston 4s, 228\*, was comfortably overtaken, as was the highest team total in 50 over cricket (427-3) and the highest winning margin (354 runs). Founder members of the CCCL, Winnington Park are understandably delighted to lay claim to these new records. I spoke to Joe to get a little more detail on a momentous day - assuming this was his highest ever score and longest innings! *"Ha! Yes, by some way. Actually I felt fairly fresh, I was getting lots of congratulations and most pleasingly my family were there to see it all. But, being captain, no sooner had I got my pads off then I was getting the pitch swept and marked, finding a new ball etc. The Hale Barns lads, although pleased for me and very good about it all after getting such a hammering in the field, were understandably keen to get on with things and get the day over with, so we only had about 20 mins between innings. But afterwards it's*



*felt really good and is just starting to sink in."* What did Joe recall of the knock itself? *"It's the first toss I'd won in nine weeks and after two defeats we were desperate to win to keep our promotion push going. I wanted to lead from the front. I hit my second ball for six and that set the tone. I did have some luck, I skied one when I was in the 40s and that was put down in the outfield, but it was a tough chance. Then I got to 81, the same score I made last week, and I was so determined to better it that I got over-eager and made a mess of my shot, lobbing it to mid-off, an absolute dolly. Somehow the guy dropped it. After that it was just my day, everything came out of the middle, I made a century, passed the club record score, I reached 200, and just kept going. To be honest it all seemed to fly by! I thought about retiring not out but we just wanted to be absolutely sure of winning. I was dropped a couple more times but by then it was all a bit academic, Hale Barns were obviously deflated."* Joe's dad Peter played for Worcestershire (and Zambia) in the 1970s and was there to see Joe reach the amazing milestone. *"It was so special to have my family there - my wife made it just before I reached 100. Personally I have been through a few things with my health and this time last year I couldn't have batted 50 balls, let alone 50 overs. I've lost weight, got fit, and to achieve what I have is deeply significant for me. We have so many great people at the club doing such a wonderful job and it's great to be a part of the club's history. I hope to push on with my cricket and finish 2025 on a real high."*

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