



THE 2025 WEEK 22 & SEASON REVIEW

1ST XI PREMIER DIVISION: **CHAMPIONS:** DIDSBURY **RUNNERS-UP:** NANTWICH
RELEGATED: BOWDON, WIDNES

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

1ST XI DIV 2: **CHAMPIONS:** ALVANLEY **PROMOTED:** BOLLINGTON
RELEGATED: STOCKPORT, ASHTON-ON-MERSEY

1ST XI DIV 3: **CHAMPIONS:** TATTENHALL **PROMOTED:** OAKMERE
RELEGATED: OVER PEOVER, MOBBERLEY

2ND XI PREMIER DIVISION: **CHAMPIONS:** DIDSBURY **RUNNERS-UP:** TOFT **RELEGATED:** HYDE, S.GEORGIAN

2ND XI DIV 1: **CHAMPIONS:** LINDOW **R/U:** UPTON **REL:** HEATON MERSEY, GRAPPENHALL
2ND XI DIV 2: **CHAMPIONS:** ALDERLEY EDGE **R/U:** ROMILEY **REL:** STOCKPORT, OULTON PARK
2ND XI DIV 3: **CHAMPIONS:** WINNINGTON PARK **R/U:** ASHLEY **BOTTOM 2:** NESTON 3, DAVENHAM

3RD XI PREMIER DIVISION: **CHAMPIONS:** DIDSBURY **RUNNERS-UP:** BROOKLANDS
RELEGATED: MARPLE & COMPSTALL, GRAPPENHALL

3RD XI DIV 1: **CHAMPIONS:** HYDE **3RD XI DIV 2:** **CHAMPIONS:** RUNCORN
3RD XI DIV 3 W: **CHAMPIONS:** CHRISTLETON **3RD XI DIV 3 E:** **CHAMPIONS:** BREDBURY SM **3RD XI DIV 4:** **CHAMPIONS:** CHEADLE HULME

1ST XI T20: **WINNERS:** ALDERLEY EDGE **R/U:** DIDSBURY
1ST XI QUALIFIER T20: **WINNERS:** UPTON **R/U:** CHEADLE HULME
2ND XI T20: **WINNERS:** CHESTER BH **R/U:** DIDSBURY
3RD XI T20: **WINNERS:** TOFT **R/U:** DIDSBURY

CHESHIRE CUP:
WINNERS: DIDSBURY
R/U: LINDOW



THE 2025 WEEK 22 REVIEW

Despite our anniversary year ending in a similarly soggy manner to 2024, there was still plenty of cricket played, with heartbreaks and heroes in every division. In the final newsletter we reflect upon the highs and lows of the final day, crunch some season stats, review the Fair Play tables and also hear from the CCCL's most prolific seam bowler, who is retiring from the game.

It was a kind-of déjà-vu in the [Prem](#), which had seen rain play such a crucial part at the end of the previous season. This time around, Oxton were left frustrated by the condition of the outfield at Townfield Lane which, after lengthy consideration and numerous inspections, the umpires agreed was sadly not fit, their match with Neston cancelled at 4.30pm. Those six points left Oxton unable to do anything more to sit and wait.

When that news arrived at Werneth Low, Bowdon knew a victory would save them, but after a see-saw struggle on a rain-affected afternoon, their dramatic 1 wkt loss at Hyde spelt a second Prem relegation in four seasons. Put into bat, skipper Jack Tipton's careful 64 saw Bowdon to 204, 38 extras helping their cause. It was then Tom Partridge's turn to lead by example, his 56 holding together a shaky Hyde reply in the face of excellent bowling, but when he fell, Andrew Jackson was run-out next ball, superbly executed by James Bottomley. That left Hyde, who'd been given 35 overs to chase 196, at 134-5 in the 22nd, and when Liam Bowe was dismissed in the 27th, Hyde slipped to 151-7 and were three behind on DLS when rain stopped play again. On the resumption, Hyde scorer and 3rd XI captain James Howe made his mark, whacking three fours to re-energise partner Dave Fitzsimmons, but Howe was superbly caught on the boundary which also prevented the ball going for six. Another twist followed as no.10 Harry Douse was then run out at the non-strikers end by an excellent throw, but with the last man Luke Wagstaffe getting a thin edge onto his pad to survive a big lbw shout, it was left to Fitzsimmons (36*) to hit successive boundaries, sealing a victory which left Bowdon desolate.

At Wilmslow Rd, a 70 over game was started at 2.30, double-winners Didsbury signing off their wonderful season with a whopping 267-5 which snuffed out Widnes' slim chance of victory and thus survival. Tim Hughes (94 off 77 bs), and Tom Hafil (77 off 84) led off with a magnificent 181 opening psp, Dids rattling along at just under 8 r.p.o. Widnes were set a revised 250 off 31 overs after another interruption but never got close, Rohan Luthra's 53 their only crumb of comfort as they subsided to 137 all out. And so it was that Widnes, who finished fifth in 2023 and seventh last season, saw their seven season stay in the Prem over for now, Oxton surviving by just three points.

PREM ROUND UP CONTINUED



2025 WEEK 22 REVIEW - PREM cont.

In the other matches played, Jimmy Warrington signed off with 3-39 for Nantwich as they consolidated their runners-up position with a comfortable 7 wkt win over Chester BH, who have endured a disappointing 2025. They could only muster 180 at Whitehouse Lane, 42 from Noah Vickery and 41 from Alex Money their best, and despite Ash Davis striking with the first ball of the reply, it was pretty much one way traffic from that point, two home-grown talents in Ben Wright (66*) and Jake Pearson (35*) putting on an unbroken 84 to seal victory. The meeting of the two sides promoted last year produced an entertaining encounter as Brooklands chased a DLS-adjusted 253 inside 45 overs to beat Lindow by 3 wkts. James Duffy (60) and Dan Newton led off with a quickfire 58, steady contributions throughout propelling Lindow to 262, Kevin Carroll 5-47. Ben Cunliffe rounded off an encouraging season with 74 before quickfire fifties from Caleb Jones and Jim Hugall confirmed a sixth place finish for their side. Another young player who has had an excellent 2025 is Alderley Edge's Alfie Usher, who made a superb 97 (149 bs) in his side's 246-8 against Timperley. Nathan Brown marked his last game for Timpers with a typically energetic 4-49 but sadly had no opportunity with the bat, terminal rain arriving after 7 overs with Timperley 37-2, the abandonment leaving Timpers two pts ahead of AE in the table and a fourth place finish to round off an impressive league campaign for Ed Galley's side.

1ST XI PREM			1ST XI PREM		
PLAYER	TEAM	RUNS	PLAYER	TEAM	WKT
LUKE YOUNG	HYDE	1015	JASON FOULKES	NANT	53
BRYCE JOSE	NEST	871	LIAM BOWE	HYDE	52
DAN NEWTON	LIND	864	ISAAC BROOKS	LIND	51
TIM HUGHES	DIDS	803	SCOTT WARDLEY	NANT	43
DANE WILLIAMS	OXT	791	AJ HART	BROOK	42
ARAV SHETTY	A.E.	751	CHRIS PAGE	TIMP	41
TIM REYNOLDS	TIMP	734	WILL VALENTINE	A.E.	40
ALEX MONEY	CBH	727	IAN SOUNESS	OXT	40
LUKE ROBINSON	NANT	724	WILL STREET	DIDS	39
JAMES DUFFY	LIND	710	LIAM BOOTH	DIDS	37

1st XI PREM STATS

Batting

Centuries = 51 (incl. five of 150 or more)

Highest = 197, Sam Perry, Alderley Edge v Bowdon, 26 Apr

Fifties = 234 (most = 7, Luke Young)

Totals in excess of 300 = 22 (most = 4, Alderley Edge)

Highest = 364-6, Alderley Edge v Hyde, 16 Aug

Lowest = 49, Oxton v Widnes, 12 July (9 double figure totals in all)

Bowling

5 wkt analysis = 48 (most = 4, Jason Foulkes)

(7 wkt hauls = 3 6 wkt hauls = 8)

Best = 7-24, Liam Bowe, Hyde v Timp, 14 Jun



2025 WEEK 22 REVIEW - DIV 1

After seven seasons away from the Prem, and the frustration of a third place finish in 2024, Bramhall sealed their promotion from [Div 1](#), after a hard-earned but ultimately comfortable 8 wkt win at Davenham. All-rounder Liam Molloy rounded off a successful year with his seventh half-century of the season, passing 700 runs in the process (along with 35 wkts) as he finished 76* on a day of celebration for all at Church Lane. It was a good all-round bowling effort that earlier restricted the hosts' determined accumulation of 177, Martyn East making 73 to provide some succour, but both Davenham and Grappenhall have seen relegations for all their senior sides in a disappointing year, and both face the task of rebuilding in 2026. Grappers at least avoided defeat in every game, as they chased their 208 target set by Maritime with four balls to spare in a 74 overs match, Iain Wright hitting the winning runs to finish 66*. Maritime had earlier recovered from 75-5 with a 122 run psp for the 6th between Sajith de Silva (73) and skipper Thisal Jayawardene (57*) and they are delighted to have comfortably maintained their Div 1 status after promotion last year, as are Port Sunlight.

But PS also tasted defeat on the last day, after they ran into a Stockport Georgians side who must be wishing the season would never end, a sixth straight win powering them to a fourth place finish after being third-bottom just nine weeks ago. Sam Bailey made 70 as SG racked up 242-8 in 48 os, Jordan Collier taking 5-18 before hammering 86 off 82 bs as he and Simon Melberzs (66) added an exhilarating 142 in 21 os. But once SG finally broke through they well and truly seized the game, PS tumbling from 183-4 to 197 all out with some seven overs unused. Champions Cheadle celebrated with a big 93 run win over Marple, zooming from 75-5 to 249-8 after Jasper Wong (81) was given terrific lower order support, notably from Max Fisher, who whacked 41 before opening the bowling and taking 3-24. Not for the first time Keagan Lynch was Marple's leading light with a defiant 60. Macclesfield's strong season saw them finish third after a rain-affected 6 wkt win at soggy Sale, Andrew Poppa ending as the division's leading run scorer after making a fine 84. Despite having three of the top ten divisional run scorers in their ranks, Sale strangely ended their 2025 third bottom. Toft's trip to Urmston was abandoned after just 7 balls at a soaked Moorside Rd.

1ST XI DIV 1		
PLAYER	TEAM	RUNS
ANDREW POPPA	MACC	877
JAMES DODDS	SALE	800
KEAGAN LYNCH	MARP	767
TYRONE LAWRENCE	SALE	729
LIAM MOLLOY	BRAM	726
JOHN DAVIDSON	SALE	715
SIMON MELBERZS	P.S.	686
GREG DIXON	BRAM	641
NED BAILEY	S.G.	623
ADAM DOOLER	CHEAD	617

1ST XI DIV 1		
PLAYER	TEAM	WKT
JOSH DOOLER	CHEAD	38
JAMES HODGSON	TOFT	38
WILL HOLMES	CHEAD	37
JAMES BASHFORD	URM	37
RYAN MACCIOCCHI	BRAM	37
JORDAN COLLIER	P.S.	36
CHRIS WILLIAMS	SALE	34
SIMON WILKINSON	BRAM	33
MILES BRADSHAW	MACC	33
JACK MASSEY	MACC	32

1st XI DIV 1 STATS

Batting

Centuries = 26 (incl. two of 150 or more)

Highest = 157, Tyrone Lawrence, Sale v Grapp, 17 May

Fifties = 188 (most = 7, Liam Molloy)

Totals in excess of 300 = 8

Highest = 423-5, Maritime v Davenham, 26 July

Lowest = 56, S.Georgians v Maritime, 31 May (14 double figure totals in all)

Bowling

5 wkt analysis = 38 (most = 4, Josh Dooler)

(6 wkt hauls = 7)

Best = 8-19, Ryan Macciocchi, Bramhall v Maritime, 26 Apr



2025 WEEK 22 REVIEW - DIV 2

Div 2 drew to a quiet and not especially dramatic close. With the promotion spots and the title already decided, attention was on which two of the bottom three would be relegated, and in the end it was Haslington who survived after putting in a focused and disciplined effort with the ball to bowl Ashley out for just 111, Tom Gledhill's 4-9 the pick with Freddie Taylor's 3-17 including the key wkt of Ammad Mushtaq for 33. With such a glorious opportunity for 20 pts Haslington made no mistake, Dean Mitford (43*) and skipper Ben Istead putting on 76 as their side won by 7 wkts. Then came a potentially anxious wait as matters at Ashton and Upton unfolded, but in the event there was little real doubt about Haslington's safety after the first inns in each of those matches.

At The Beets, Cheadle Hulme's Oliver Willett hit a magnificent unbeaten 150* in a rain-shortened game, his stand for the second wkt with skipper Adam Wilde (75) putting on a superb 190 as the hosts got that sinking feeling. Even with former bowling hero Ed Faulkner in their attack Ashton OM were simply out of answers as CH made 280-3 in 40 os. More rain revised AOM's target to a still daunting 257 off 35 overs, which they got nowhere near as Jordan Potts bagged himself 4-7, AOM all out 150. Stockport were likewise hopelessly outgunned after a long ride to Upton. They couldn't be faulted for their strategy in putting the hosts in, but Chris McArthur was determined to round off a super season in style and he did so with 118, a third ton to go along with eight half-centuries in a prolific campaign. Luke Camden's run-a-ball 94 saw 163 added for the second and by the time Upton (and DLS) were done, Stockport needed 284 to win - which would have been their highest total of the season - in sub-optimal conditions. They were listing heavily to starboard by drinks, 83-6, and were eventually all out 177, ending a bleak season at Cale Green which has seen both the 1st and 2nd XI relegated.

Champions Alvanley beat Oulton Park in a 68 over game, while Andrej Yaksender smashed 93 off just 28 bs as Bollington knocked off the 142 they needed at Christleton in just 9.4 overs! Romiley beat NE Cheshire by 46 runs, Isaac Willett signing off with 76 as Romiley finished third.

1ST XI DIV 2			1ST XI DIV 2		
PLAYER	TEAM	RUNS	PLAYER	TEAM	WKT
ANDREJ YAKSENDER	BOLL	1180	ALDO PALAZZO	BOLL	40
ISAAC WILLETT	ROM	1093	ANDREW DUFTY	O.P.	38
CHRIS McARTHUR	UPT	978	ALEX HOOTON	ROM	36
OLIVER WILLETT	C.H.	956	BEN STODDART	CHRIS	36
NAVEED GONDAL	STOCK	868	AMMAD MUSHTAQ	ASH	36
AMMAD MUSHTAQ	ASHL	838	HARRI DICKINSON	BOLL	35
ADAM WILDE	C.H.	747	MICHAEL ROWLANDS	ALV	33
BEN GIBSON	BOLL	697	COREY McCARTHY	ALV	33
DARCY GRAHAM	CHRIS	658	PHIL McGOWAN	UPT	30
MICHAEL ROWLANDS	ALV	650	IEUAN MORRIS	ALV	30

1st XI DIV 2 STATS

Batting

Centuries = 33 (incl. four of 150 or more)

Highest = 207, Isaac Willett, Rom v NE Cheshire, 28 Jun

Fifties = 169 (most = 8, Ammad Mushtaq)

Totals in excess of 300 = 9

Highest = 367-4, Bollington v Romiley, 3 May

Lowest = 47, Ashley v Alvanley, 7 Jun (10 double figure totals in all)

Bowling

5 wkt analysis = 23 (most = 2, three different bowlers)

(6 wkt hauls = 3)

Best = 7-27, Laurence Scott, Bollington v N.E.Cheshire, 21 Jun



2025 WEEK 22 REVIEW - DIV 3

Well well well. Cricket did what only it can as the **Div 3** battle for promotion was resolved in the most unpredictable manner on Saturday. Barrow, the side best placed to join champions Tattenhall in Div 2 next season, travelled to already-relegated Mobberley, won the toss and stuck the hosts in on a green and damp surface. What followed was a quite extraordinary afternoon as the hosts finished 11 short of 300 - their highest total of the season - despite no batsman reaching 50! Mobberley accumulated effectively throughout, with Barrow shipping an eye-watering 49 extras as it all went horribly wrong. A calamitous run out left them 20-3 within 7 overs of their reply and an already huge target of 290 was all but out of sight. Logan Malthus (59) and Tom Allen (41) battled hard to add 114 for the 4th, but the overs were ticking away and even with Mobb donating 38 extras, a crestfallen Barrow folded for 207.

By the time the game at Church Lane had concluded, Oakmere - fourth at the start of the day and on paper the least likely of the three sides to go up - were pinching themselves. Bowled out for 99 last week in pursuit of just 144 had seemed like a costly loss, and when, at promotion rivals Heaton Mersey, they collapsed from 105-2 to 149 all out (Hassnain Shah 4-28) it seemed Mersey were in pole position to be celebrating elevation to Div 2. But Oakmere skipper Matthew Holland had other ideas. Determined to atone for a first-ball duck, he grabbed the ball and produced an inspirational spell, a wicket in each of his first two overs before clean bowling three batsmen in his third, Mersey in utter disarray at 36-6. The shell-shocked hosts were given no chance to recover as Benedict Verma polished things off with a hat-trick, Mersey all out 55 before drinks, and Oakmere watching events unfold at Mobberley with initial disbelief but growing pleasure. Life in Div 2 will be the biggest challenge the 'A49ers' have faced in some years but with their varied bowling attack they can be hopeful of acquitting themselves well.

Elsewhere there were final days wins for Runcorn, Kieran Maher crashing 128* (87 bs) as they thrashed Warrington and finished fifth, and also Winnington Park, Middlewich and champions Tattenhall, Corey Bovey (73) just 19 short of 1,000 league runs in a superb 2025 for him.

1ST XI DIV 3			1ST XI DIV 3		
PLAYER	TEAM	RUNS	PLAYER	TEAM	WKT
COREY BOVEY	TATT	981	NAUMAN AKRAM	RUNC	48
NACHIKET VERLEKAR	H.M.	846	MARTIN GREEN	BARR	45
JOSHUA WESTWOOD	OAK	821	AAMIR ALI	WARR	44
IBRAR LATIF	MOBB	736	NACHIKET VERLEKAR	H.M.	41
LOGAN MALTHUS	BARR	727	HASSNAIN SHAH	H.M.	40
FAIZAN ABID	BARR	700	JAMES HENDRY	W.P.	39
JOE COOPER	H.B.	694	NEIL LANGHAM	W.P.	39
AAMIR ALI	WARR	679	JOSHUA WESTWOOD	OAK	35
KIERAN MAHER	RUNC	642	MATTHEW HOLLAND	OAK	35
JOSH HAMPSON	H.G.	571	RYAN JONES	MIDD	35

1st XI DIV 3 STATS

Batting

Centuries = 21 (incl. five of 130 or more)

Highest = 172*, Joe Cooper, Hale Barns v Runcorn, 2 Aug

Fifties = 152 (most = 10, Corey Bovey)

Totals in excess of 250 = 34

Highest = 334-8, Hawk Green v Winnington Park, 28 Jun

Lowest = 55, Heaton Mersey v Oakmere, 13 Sept (16 double figure totals in all)

Bowling

5 wkt analysis = 28 (most = 3, Matthew Holland, Oakmere)

(6 wkt hauls = 1)

Best = 7-35, Kall Boyle, Middlewich v Barrow, 23 Aug

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
DIDSBURY	410	40
NANTWICH	362	40
HYDE	343	40
TIMPERLEY	314	33
ALDERLEY EDGE	312	29
BROOKLANDS	281	40
LINDOW	268	10
CHESTER BH	235	8
NESTON	225	12
OXTON	192	13
WIDNES	190	12
BOWDON	186	10

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
CHEADLE	388	40
BRAMHALL	349	24
MACCLESFIELD	336	40
S.GEORGIAN	289	40
PORT SUNLIGHT	288	11
TOFT	284	26
MARITIME	267	9
URMSTON	245	26
MARPLE	238	25
SALE	226	9
DAVENHAM	145	3
GRAPPENHALL	92	20

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ALVANLEY	383	26
BOLLINGTON	346	40
ROMILEY	318	40
CHEADLE HULME	317	20
UPTON	283	20
CHRISTLETON	254	7
ASHLEY	248	22
OULTON PARK	233	11
N.E.CHESHIRE	228	7
HASLINGTON	184	25
ASHTON OM	172	24
STOCKPORT	165	24

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
TATTENHALL	344	22
OAKMERE	302	24
BARROW	299	26
HEATON MERSEY	294	24
RUNCORN	285	40
WINNINGTON PARK	283	40
HAWK GREEN	263	11
HALE BARN	253	6
MIDDLEWICH	239	40
WARRINGTON	236	10
MOBBERLEY	217	40
OVER PEOVER	177	10

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	410
TOFT	369
CHESTER BH	334
CHEADLE	290
NANTWICH	274
OXTON	264
TIMPERLEY	253
BROOKLANDS	233
WIDNES	202
NESTON	197
HYDE	186
S.GEORGIAN	156

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. LINDOW	317
2. UPTON	308
3. ALVANLEY	297
11. H.MERSEY	190
12. GRAPPENHALL	117

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. A.EDGE	350
2. ROMILEY	306
3. URMSTON	303
11. OULTON PARK	174
12. STOCKPORT	168



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. WIN.PARK	383
2. ASHLEY	379
3. N.E.CHESHIRE	317
11. DAVENHAM	195
12. NESTON 3	116

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	154
BROOKLANDS	130
SALE	128
TOFT	124
S.GEORGIAN	116
TIMPERLEY	100
ASHLEY	98
NANTWICH	94
MARPLE/COMPS.	92
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
BOLLINGTON	70
TIMPERLEY 6	42

SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

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

Div 3 West: Top - Christleton
2nd - Oxtan

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



WEEK 22 2ND XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: The only outstanding matter in the Prem was settled as Neston pulled off a miracle escape, clambering out of the bottom two for the only time this season after beating Brooklands. Skipper Chrissy Lacey held their chase of 193 together with 64, Mike Stewart's 47 seeing a crucial 84 added for the fourth wkt. So it was that a perfectly timed winning streak saved the Parkgate side as they swapped places with Hyde, who were battling hard to chase the 261 they needed at Toft. They finished 36 runs short in the end and suffered the agony of a last-day demotion, having been 34 pts clear of Neston just three weeks ago. Elsewhere champions Didsbury cruised to an 8 wkt win at Georgians after leading run-scorer Chris Becker made 52*, Chester BH finished with a 32 run win over Cheadle, Timperley hammered Oxton, and a run out off the last ball of the match saw Widnes tie with visitors Nantwich, Widnes taking nine off five balls in the last over before the dramatic denouement.

Div 1 saw last day drama aplenty, Lindow finishing as champions and Upton joining them in the Prem next season after Alvanley, second at the start of the day, imploded at Bowdon, all out for 52 (Paul Higham 5-31). Bowdon were quickly 7-3 in reply but they got a grip and won by 6 wkts. A disconsolate Alv could only hope for favours elsewhere, and although Lindow initially put on a shocker of their own, slumping to 12-4 at home to Sale, Finn Gavaghan cracked 92 and Charlie Rourke 72* to see an unbelievable 260-6 posted. Sale were all over the show at 104-9 when rain ended proceedings, Lindow celebrating a 156 run win and an immediate return to the top flight. Upton's Liam Sundve took 6-23 as they bowled Maritime out for 75 and won by 8 wkts to take second place - Maritime had been in possession of that promotion spot all season until just over a month ago, when Alvanley hit form, and Upton also notched crucial wins.

In **Div 2**, the high stakes game saw an unbearably tense encounter at Birchvale Drive, where second place Port Sunlight set third place Romiley 118 to win. At 78-8 it looked all over for the hosts but James Patel and George Healey inched their side over the line, PS heartbroken but Romiley having a promotion party to remember after a dramatic climax, which also meant that Urmston's 7 wkt win at relegated Oulton Park was of no consequence, an encouraging campaign for the Moorside Rd team ending with them just three pts off second spot.

Div 3 saw Winnington Park claim the title after a 5 wkt win over Oxton. Already promoted Ashley also won, theirs a thrilling 10 run win over Christleton, who were 185-5 needing 220 but were all out 209. Andrew Clarke made 95* for NE Cheshire in their win over Bollington.

2ND XI STATS

Leading Batsmen: Chris Becker (Dids, Prem) 847 runs; Ed Stubbs (Toft, Prem) 772; Joe Stimpson (W.Park, Div 3) 748; Jonathan Steele (Alderley Edge, Div 2) 747; Matt Barrow (Marple, Div 1) 737

Leading Bowlers: Ed Catt (Dids, Prem) 61 wkts; Matt Atherton (W.Park, Div 3) 51; David Alves (Ashley, Div 3) 49; Muhammad Rehmani (Dids 2A, Div 1) 48; Shahnawaz Khan (Timp, Prem) 47

OVER 40s FINALS DAY, CHESTER BH

As per 12 months ago, the o40s will have to wait until next season to find out the champion team, rain washing out the majority of the day. Hyde beat Woodley in their semi but Chester v Wallasey was abandoned, and the Plate final cancelled.



FAIR PLAY NEWS

PREMIER DIVISION				DIVISION ONE				DIVISION TWO				DIVISION THREE			
TEAM	2025	2024	2023	TEAM	2025	2024	2023	TEAM	2025	2024	2023	TEAM	2025	2024	2023
Hyde	3.95	4.00	4.00	SALE	4.10	4.00	3.89	ALVANLEY	4.16	3.93	3.99	Oakmere	3.98	3.99	3.96
Brooklands	3.95	3.94	3.97	MARITIME	4.04	4.01	3.94	N.E.CHESHIRE	4.06	4.00	3.99	Warrington	3.95	-	-
Bowdon	3.95	3.88	3.82	PORT SUNLIGHT	4.04	3.96	3.96	STOCKPORT	4.05	3.76	3.83	Mobberley	3.93	3.93	3.93
Chester BH	3.94	3.95	3.99	MARPLE	4.03	3.90	3.96	ASHTON OM	4.00	4.00	3.88	Barrow	3.92	3.98	3.95
Neston	3.91	3.96	3.81	Bramhall	3.98	3.89	3.86	ROMILEY	4.00	3.87	3.95	Tattenhall	3.92	3.93	3.96
Lindow	3.91	3.93	3.85	Cheadle	3.98	3.86	3.96	BOLLINGTON	4.00	3.81	3.90	Over Peover	3.91	3.91	-
Widnes	3.91	3.87	3.79	Toft	3.97	3.89	3.88	Upton	3.97	3.90	4.01	Runcorn	3.88	3.97	-
Oxton	3.86	3.95	3.99	Urmston	3.94	3.96	3.90	C.Hulme	3.95	3.97	4.00	Winnington Park	3.86	3.93	3.92
Nantwich	3.86	3.90	3.72	Grappenhall	3.94	3.92	3.99	Haslington	3.95	3.87	3.94	Heaton Mersey	3.85	3.98	3.97
Didsbury	3.83	3.94	3.93	Macclesfield	3.91	4.00	3.96	Christleton	3.92	3.98	3.86	Hale Barns	3.85	3.93	4.01
Alderley Edge	3.83	3.93	3.93	S.Georgians	3.88	3.99	3.97	Oulton Park	3.92	3.94	3.93	Middlewich	3.81	-	-
Timperley	3.73	3.71	3.71	Davenham	3.51	3.75	3.91	Ashley	3.85	3.88	3.75	Hawk Green	3.80	3.88	3.97

Fair Play co-ordinator Martin Roberts' work has revealed that ten clubs (highlighted in capitals) achieved the Fair Play target mark, and six of those ten exceeded it. Many congratulations to those clubs and especially to Alvanley, who win the overall Fair Play Award. Sale, Maritime, N.E. Cheshire and Ashton OM all achieved the target mark for the second year in a row. Although presented here for the purposes of comparison and available space, the detailed tables looking at the four FP sub-categories can be found on the Play Cricket site (under 'documents').

CCCL Secretary Ray Hunt has requested that clubs forward on all monies raised as part of July's Prostate Cancer appeal as soon as possible. Please contact Ray directly if you have any queries regarding this.

Cheshire Cricket League: Congratulations to Irby, who are the champions of Div 1, and also to Bredbury St.Marks, who finished as runners-up.

CHESHIRE SENIORS NEWS *Chairman Hash Maitra writes:* The season 2025 was a good one for the Cheshire seniors (o60s and o70s). The o60s 1st team got to their Plate Final, where they were beaten by Leicestershire. The o70s lost only two out of 13 games - unfortunately one was the semi-final! The o60s 2nd team had a successful season, losing to a strong Yorkshire side in the quarter-finals. We play 12 group games followed by a knock-out (potentially 3 more games), usually on excellent grounds, where the hospitality is second to none. We are always looking for players and if you are interested in playing, please contact one of the officers/captains via the Cheshire CC website.





A quick word with.....Jimmy Warrington, Nantwich CC

Whatever Premier Division batsmen do to prepare for the 2026 season, they can at least breathe a sigh of relief that dealing with Jimmy Warrington's bowling can be scratched from their planning. The renowned Nantwich seamer is calling time on his highly successful career at the club he joined in 2007 - *"leaving the game before it leaves me"* in his words. *"It's been a fairly straightforward decision"* Jimmy explained to me. *"We beat Dids to win the league in 2024 in really dramatic circumstances - one of the best games I have ever played in, actually - and after that I got to thinking 'perhaps this might be a good time?' But I came back for this season, thinking maybe one more, but I got injured in game three and just haven't been properly right since. And I'm not playing if I can't give it everything and really be an asset to my team."* Another factor is Jimmy's twin children both playing the game - he's keen to see as much of them playing as possible. *"Yeah, thankfully they enjoy watching me play which has made match days easier but family matters hugely to me and I want to give time back to them. Recently my son picked up his first 5-for which I got to see - it gave me more pleasure than doing it myself."* Over such a long career, Jimmy has enjoyed many successes with Nantwich, especially the two Lords finals that the club has played in. *"The 2022 game still hurts a bit, if I am honest! But it was a fantastic experience to have my name announced over the Lords tannoy when I opened the bowling from the Pavilion End, I absolutely loved that."*



Along with two ECB National Club Final appearances, Nantwich have won six Prem titles, the T20 in 2018, and two Cheshire Cups in Jimmy's time, although it was one of their less successful seasons that Jimmy recalled as another of his most memorable games - and it was with bat, rather than ball, in hand! *"We had a poor time of it in 2016 and were in serious danger of being relegated. We were at Macc last game and it was either us or them going down - they made 200, got the batting points, and we were 143-8 when I came in to join Ben Johnston, a very young lad who was battling really hard. If either of us got out, that would have given Macc another bowling point which would have meant relegation for us - but we batted out about 8 or 9 overs and got the draw, under pressure I have rarely felt to be honest. Both teams ended the season level on points and we stayed up having won one more match. That's something I won't forget."* Are there any batters he enjoyed bowling to? *"All the ones I got out! But bowling at guys like Warren Goodwin and James Duffy I looked forward to - they're quality players and competing against batters of that calibre brings the best out of you. Any guys that wanted to take me on and play some shots I always appreciated - I love that challenge. Sometimes you just want to walk off when the batter has it over you, but I stuck to bowling to my strengths and it's served me well."* Jimmy will still be in and around Nantwich CC - *"it's been a huge privilege to be part of such a great club"* - and retires as the leading CCCL seam bowler in its history - 883 wkts in all comps is an amazing haul, and we wish him all the best.