



## THE 2026 WEEK 2 REVIEW - PREMIER DIV

*A glorious Saturday saw another full programme across the county, with 13 1st XIs making it a perfect start to the season, and six centuries making the most of the great conditions.*

Cheadle's first ever game of pink-ball Prem cricket at Kingsway was a thumping triumph as they posted their highest home total post-Covid - and by some margin, 302-7 comfortably surpassing their previous best of 274-6 (55 os) as they made it two wins from two, thrashing Oxton by 125 runs. It was another tale of solid contributions from the Cheadle top-order, Subhaan Mahmood starring with 82 (96 bs) while Ash Burton put in 52, along with two 40s and a 39, and another tale with ball in hand of the wickets being shared amongst the six Cheadle bowlers. All at Kingsway must be thrilled to bits with their perfect start, especially adapting so well to pink ball 50 over cricket.

Two sides with more pink-ball experience also made it two from two, Lindow and Hyde recording comprehensive wins but in differing ways. A powerful Lindow side made first use of wonderful conditions at Upcast Lane to make 297 as Bramhall got another taste of how tough life can be in the Prem. Despite James Duffy's 73, the visitors had done really well to restrict Lindow to 197-7, but, coming in at no.9, keeper Olly James joined Jamieson Hedges and turned things round completely, the pair adding a rapid 56 for the 8th before James really cut loose, 4x6 and 3x4 in a 38-ball 66 as things ran away from Bramhall completely. Hedges then charged in as Bramhall crashed to 8-4, the writing well and truly on the wall as the hosts swept to a 171 run win. Up on Werneth Low, Timperley made a bright start after being put in, reaching 59-0, but from that point it was all Hyde, Luke Young and Charlie Barnard claiming 3 wkts apiece as Timpers could only add 107 more and were bowled out with some six overs unused. Overseas Coby Fitzsimmons chipped in with a wkt but well and truly took the starring role with the bat as he hammered an imperious 106\* off just 52 balls, with 11 sixes sailing to all parts as Hyde won by 8 wkts before drinks!

Both Noah Vickery (69\*) and Ashraf Qureshi (66) continued their good early-season form for Chester BH at home to Brooklands, but it was the Money-man who dominated, no sixes for Alex M but 14x4 in an accomplished 107 (141 bs) as 291-7 was posted, Money then claiming three wkts and a catch as the visitors were all out 200. Todd Walker fought hard with a superb 95 (116 bs) but without any substantive support it was to be in vain. The meeting of two heavyweights at Whitehouse Lane produced a wonderful high scoring encounter, Alderley Edge's 320-9 being just enough to hold off Nantwich. Sam Perry made 83, Pat Ashling 59, & Alfie Usher 45, AE 227-2 in the 37th, but Phil Stockton took 4 wkts in 7 bs (incl. three in an over) to leave the visitors 238-6 after 39. Skipper Chris Sanders counter-attacked with 50 to get his side to 320-9. Despite Ali Chughtai's blistering 107 (83 bs)



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and a late tilt at the target from old hands Ray Doyle and Olly Griffiths, the hosts were just kept at bay by the eight AE bowlers, all out for 304 in the last over. At a glorious Wilmslow Rd, the tensest finish of the day unfolded as champions Didsbury got themselves out of a fine how-do-you-do against spirited visitors Neston in dramatic fashion. Neston chose to bat first and got off to a flyer (74-1 after 10), but despite a number of starts, no batsman went on, and they were all out 235 with some nine overs unused. Dids were in a big hole at 113-5 but a gritty stand of 94 between Charlie Lowen (70) and James Green turned the tide before Neston came back to reduce the hosts to 220-8. Green was then dropped at long-on with 16 needed before powering a huge six onto the road to seal a 2 wkt win, finishing a superb 76\* (55 bs) after taking 2-41 earlier.

In **Div 1** five sides made it consecutive wins and you can take your pick as to the most impressive display amongst them. Maritime made the highest total, turning an early 0-1 into 315-6, Bilal Anwar's measured 77 in stark contrast to the later pyrotechnics of Mickel Akeem Joseph, a trademark 79 \* off just 47 bs leaving visitors Widnes reeling. Joseph was later tossed the ball and ended with 5-45 as Widnes were all out 239 (Sean Bennett 68). Sale and Toft both triumphed by massive margins, James Dodds hitting 19x4 as his stylish 108\* (89 bs) swept his side to 177-1 and a 9 wkt win at Dane Rd in their local argument with Urmston. Toft hammered visitors Alvanley by 114 runs after Connor Hastings (60) and Scott Craig (66) put on 133 for the 1st, Rohn Fernando (52) and Aidan Clorley (49) then also tucking in. Alv never got any momentum going in reply and have some adjusting to do after promotion. However, the other promoted side Bollington are positively loving life in Div 1, and they raced to another speedy 20 pts, bowling out a strong Macclesfield line up for just 122 inside 34 overs at Victoria Rd as this local derby became a very one-sided affair. Bolly needed less than 29 overs to secure another impressive win - they now entertain Toft next before going to Maritime the week after, both games promising to be highly watchable encounters.

Stockport Georgians enjoyed a rare trip to Bowdon, posting 248-6 as Francis Yates (61) led the way, the other top 5 all contributing well. For the second week in a row, Bowdon's batting failed to get past 150 as they succumbed to another big loss, 107 runs the eventual margin. There was also plenty to contemplate for Marple as their decision to insert visitors Port Sunlight in wonderful conditions at Bowden Lane well and truly backfired, overseas player Cameron Elliott compiling a felicitous 134\* (139 bs) as he and Jamie Hodgson (61) added 155 for the third wkt, PS posting a massive 290-4. Despite another (cont.)



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excellent knock from overseas Jack Feilen (58), Marple were unable to cope with the spin of PS skipper Simon Melberzs, whose 6-36 was the standout 1st XI analysis of the day. Spin partner Jordan Collier later claimed the wkt of no.8 Adam Carter, whose dashing 69 (73 bs) provided some late entertainment for the home crowd at least, but it was nowhere enough as the hosts folded for 201.

Ten of the twelve **Div 2** teams have now bagged 20 pts at least once in these initial stages but it's been an April to remember for the two Os, near neighbours Oakmere and Oulton Park making the early running with consecutive wins. Oakmere skipper Matthew Holland took 5-25 and then made 24\*, leading his side to a hard-fought 4 wkt win at Christleton where surprisingly no batsman got past 40. It was similarly hard work for the OP batters at Cheadle Hulme as Scott Howarth's pace and bounce again reaped rewards for him, his 5-28 the pick as OP struggled to 207. Skipper Andrew Dufty top-scored with a patient 46 but 47 extras (incl. 35 wides) were to more than play their part as CH could only muster 160-9, Hayden Forner making 79. Promoted Tattenhall opened their account with a creditable 75 run win at Ashley. Put into bat, the visitors slumped to 13-3 early, but got to 97 before another relapse saw them 116-6. However, skipper Freddie Cheshire stayed resolute, his superb 90 (145 bs) steering his side to 229-8, and then his spin claiming 3-36, inspiring Jack Bates who took 5-45 en-route to a 75 run win. At Butcher's Stile, Davenham were shaping nicely at 126-2 after 31 os against visitors Upton, but 4 wkts apiece for Phil McGowan and their CBH recruit Alex Townend saw Dav all out 193. In their successful chase Luke Camden ended 99\* after running a two to seal the 20 pts. For the two sides yet to win it was sadly another chastening day. Grappenhall's hangover from their tough 2025 shows no signs of turning as yet, bowled out for just 101 at Haslington as the hosts eased to a whopping 108-run win. An ignominious trip to Birchvale Drive for N.E.Cheshire saw them head back to Poynton pointless after just 33 overs of cricket, NEC skittled for 52 as Romiley were up and running with an 8 wkt win. NEC travel to Oulton Park next week while Grappers welcome Christleton.

**Div 3** has some similarities with the league above, three teams with perfect records and three winless in this instance. At the top, Hale Barns are enjoying a bright start, Sam Smith's 79\* (55 bs) catapulting HB to the highest score of the day in the division at Brooks Drive against Winnington Park, with ex-Sale man Matt Spells contributing 58 and skipper Alex Read sticking the boot in with a 10-ball 36\* at the end. Winless Winnington were never in the hunt as HB won by 107 runs. An equally encouraging beginning for Ashton OM, who made it consecutive wins after a chipper 8th wkt stand of 49\* lifted them to 183-9 at Haddon Field, hosts Middlewich folding for 136 to leave them at the foot of the table with just 6 pts. Irby skipper Rafi Afridi followed up his ton last week with 87\* as his side put together 224-9 against visitors Runcorn, aided considerably by a hefty 45 extras. And those runs really came into it as a thrilling finale unfolded, as despite a brisk 46 from Neil Maher, Runcorn were seemingly finished at 144-8 in the 41st. However, Nauman Akram found a solid ally in David Nedugodan, Akram hitting superbly to see 55 added for the 9th in six overs - but then the decisive moment as Afridi pinned Akram lbw. No. 10 Ben Rees gave it everything but was caught off the last ball, Irby the winners by 8 runs. Bredbury SM marked their CCCL bow at Dark Lane with a 45 run win over Warrington, while two other sides got their first 20 pts - Mobberley off the mark with a 46 run win over Barrow at Church Lane, while Heaton Mersey's Dan Heasley claimed a hat-trick in their 5 wkt victory over winless Stockport.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
CHEADLE	40	40
HYDE	40	40
LINDOW	40	40
NANTWICH	28	28
DIDSBURY	27	27
ALDERLEY EDGE	26	26
NESTON	26	26
CHESTER BH	25	25
TIMPERLEY	22	22
OXTON	10	10
BRAMHALL	9	9
BROOKLANDS	9	9

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
BOLLINGTON	40	40
S.GEORGIANS	40	40
TOFT	40	40
MARITIME	40	40
SALE	40	40
PORT SUNLIGHT	26	26
MACCLESFIELD	22	22
ALVANLEY	11	11
MARPLE	11	11
WIDNES	10	10
URMSTON	8	8
BOWDON	4	4

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
OAKMERE	40	40
OULTON PARK	40	40
CHEADLE HULME	26	26
TATTENHALL	25	25
ASHLEY	25	25
HASLINGTON	25	25
CHRISTLETON	24	24
DAVENHAM	24	24
ROMILEY	23	23
UPTON	21	21
GRAPPENHALL	8	8
N.E.CHESHIRE	4	4

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
HALE BARNS	40	40
ASHTON OM	40	40
IRBY	40	40
RUNCORN	27	27
BARROW	26	26
HEATON MERSEY	25	25
WARRINGTON	25	25
MOBBERLEY	24	24
BREDBURY SM	24	24
WINNINGTON PARK	8	8
STOCKPORT	8	8
MIDDLEWICH	6	6

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
LINDOW	40
DIDSBURY	40
TOFT	40
CHESTER BH	40
BROOKLANDS	25
OXTON	24
UPTON	23
CHEADLE	21
NESTON	7
NANTWICH	6
TIMPERLEY	6
WIDNES	6

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. MARITIME	40
2. DIDSBURY 2A	40
3. S.GEORGIANS	40
11. A.EDGE	10
12. ROMILEY	8



SUNDAY LEAGUE CRICKET COMMENCES ON MAY 3rd -  
THE 3RD XI T20 MINI-GROUP STAGES CONTINUED ON SUNDAY  
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2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. UPTON 3	40
2. AOM	40
3. GRAPPENHALL	40
11. HASLINGTON	5
12. ASHLEY	5

2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. N.E.CHESHIRE	40
2. RUNCORN	40
3. HALE BARNS	40
11. NORTHWICH	6
12. TATTENHALL	5



## WEEK 2 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

**2ND XI CRICKET:** Sam Leech's superb 103\* (78 bs) was the class act at Townfield Lane as Didsbury beat Oxton by 5 wkts, setting up next week's clash with Chester BH nicely. Dan Riley's team were on the other side of the Wirral, thrashing Neston by 165 runs, Andrew McFarlane's 39-ball 71 rushing CBH to 251-6. In reply a remarkable 60 by Finlay Scullion put his batting colleagues to shame as Neston were all out 86. Early leaders

Lindow were another side to record an emphatic win, with Rob Herriott their star man. Firstly his 4-4 helped hustle out hosts Widnes for 82 (they were 72-3) before he crashed 63\* from 33 bs to seal a 10 wkt win, the 83 target reached in 7.3 os. In complete contrast, Toft just held on in a nailbiter at Timperley to win by 2 runs, Timpers just falling short of the 14 they needed from the last. Winless Nantwich collapsed from 85-3 to 124 all out at Upton to hand the hosts a 71 run win, while Jasper Wong's super 94 (96 bs) saw Cheadle to 216 at Brooklands, enough for a 73 run win to get them off the mark for the season. Wong also took two catches as Nick Harrison's 5-38 and 20\* was one of few highlights for the home side.

**Div 1** saw Maritime, Didsbury 2As and Stockport Georgians all make it two wins from two. Dids had Haris Khan to thank, his 5-33 helping dismiss Bowdon for 151, then 36\* at no.9 guiding Dids from 99-7 to a nervy 2 wkt win. Maritime made the long trip to Bramhall worth it, claiming a 5 wkt win, while Georgians' Iftikhar Hussain took a brilliant 7-27 and keeper George Robinson made 62 off 50 bs as they beat Romiley by 6 wkts. Sale knocked off 219 to beat Macclesfield by 3 wkts in a good game, while Hyde made the most of being asked to bat up at Alvanley by racking up 257-7, Alvanley left pondering the wisdom of fielding first as they were all out 190. In the other game Marple beat Alderley Edge by 74 runs.

In **Div 2** four sides are two from two while five teams have lost twice. Graeme Rowlands' 90\* led by example as Grappenhall beat winless C.Hulme, while AOM's thrilling 7 run win over Haslington (who were 99-8 chasing 146) was the finish of the day. Heaton Mersey were the only side to break 200, making 201 which proved plenty at Port Sunlight as they won by 85 runs.

In **Div 3** NE Cheshire's 2nd XI put their 1s to shame, Andrew Clarke's wonderful 148\* (110 bs) helping his side amass 311-7 against Timperley. In reply, Timpers' Tom Matthews played an equally impressive hand with 113 (121 bs) with a last wkt stand of 61 putting a bit of gloss on their eventual 89 run loss. Along with NEC, Runcorn are the only other side with two wins from two, beating Christleton by 60 runs.

**Sunday 3rd XI T20 News** a full programme of group games on Sunday saw five of the eight groups all but decided (barring an exceptional set of results). Holders Toft ran riot against Elworth, Ollie Hamilton (82\*) & Gohar Rashid (68\*) hitting 20x4 and 5x6 between them as Toft racked up 206-3, 147 runs coming off the last 10. Their subsequent 81 run win all but booked their spot in the KO round with only winless Middlewich to play. Group 2 is fascinatingly poised with two Premier Division teams, Marple/Compstall and Brooklands, both on 4 pts and almost identical NRRs - they meet in the last fixture. Group 4 sees all four sides with one win and one loss, so Bredbury SM v Sale, & Hyde v Cheadle (who are currently top on NRR) will be intriguing encounters. All the remaining matches take place on BH Monday, the day after the 3rd XI league programme gets underway, Prem champions Didsbury kicking off at home to Ashley.

# CHESHIRE CC NEWS

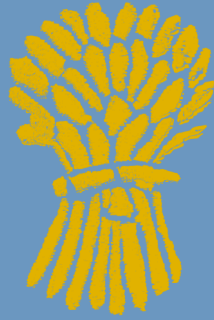
## NCCA NV PLAY TROPHY GROUP 1

Cheshire 325-7 (50 overs)

Cambridgeshire 227 (40.2 overs)

## CHESHIRE WON BY 98 RUNS

Cheshire produced a superb display at Peterborough to overpower hosts Cambs. Dan Newton (74 off 51 bs) & skipper Sam Perry opened up with 87 in 12 os before Newton fell. Alex Money weighed in with 55 but it was Toft's Henry Murray who truly shone, reaching 100\* off the final ball of the inns. Debutant Isaac Brooks then returned 10-1-28-4 as Cambs were left ruing their decision to field first. Cheshire will be looking to build on this perfect start with two home matches to come, entertaining Suffolk at Toft on May 3, then Shropshire at Oxton the following day, Bank Holiday Monday 4th, both 11:00 starts.



# CHESHIRE SENIORS NEWS

2026 will be the third season of Cheshire over 50s running two sides; the 1st XI take on Shropshire in a friendly at Wellington on Wednesday before getting their league campaign underway at Timperley on May 6th when they entertain Cumbria. The O50 2nd XI start their fixtures on May 13th at home to Worcester (venue Chester BH).

The O60s 1st XI are straight down to league business on Tuesday, taking on Lancashire Vets at Chester BH, while the 2nd XI have another week to wait before they entertain Cricket Wales at Elworth (May 5th).

The O70s had a useful workout in a friendly at Bradfield, beating hosts Berkshire by 2 runs on Thursday, with another friendly against Warwickshire taking place this Thursday at Alcester & Ragley CC. Their league matches start the following week with another excursion, this one to Wroxeter & Uppingham CC to take on Worcestershire.

## ECB NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

All but one of the six Cheshire clubs competing in the prelim. groups made it through on Sunday, Cheadle losing out at Kingsway despite Josh Dooler taking 5-28 and Subhaan Mahmood making 72, Shrewsbury beating them by 39 runs. One of the umpires was listed as N.Wide! Just north of there, Didsbury treated their spectators to a fantastic 8 wkt win over Stourbridge, with Rob Sehmi smashing a superb 159\* (93 bs) and Charlie Lowen 76\*, the pair adding a magnificent unbroken 236. On an entertaining afternoon Mavarick Perry had earlier made 103 for the visitors. There was also a ton for Northop's Elliot Colclough (116\*) at Parkgate but in a pulsating finish, Neston's Tom Jones played his second dashing knock of the weekend, the no.9 smashing 51 off 29 bs to secure a 2 wkt win with two balls remaining. Our travelling sides all did brilliantly well to win - Widnes put aside their indifferent start to life in league 1, surviving a collapse from 173-4 to 176-8 to inch over the line by 1 wkt at Stone, with Luke McCoy taking 4 wkts and hitting 65. Oxton also made a mockery of their poor league start, keeper Tymothy Crawford hammering a majestic 138 (90 bs) as they racked up 291-5 at Wolverhampton, comfortably winning by 93 runs. Hyde's quality and know-how saw them win by 20 runs at Eccleshall.

R1 draw (May 10th): Nantwich v Porthill Park; Barnt Green v Hyde; Widnes v Halesowen; Didsbury v Neston; Knowle & Dorridge v Oxton