



THE 2026 WEEK 3 REVIEW - PREMIER DIV

A third successive Saturday of good cricket conditions saw the number of winning streaks down to seven across the four 1st XI divisions, with some exciting finishes and excellent performances.

Lindow laid down a serious marker to the rest of the **Prem** as they produced another stellar batting display at Timperley. In last season's W/L meeting they hammered 346-8, and this time went even better, racking up 350-9 after being put in, and then using six of their eight bowlers to dismiss the hosts for 279. After being 22-2 early, Dan Newton continued his wonderful early season form, crashing a fantastic 79-ball 100 out of 191 added while batting, making it successive tons at Stockport Rd for the all-rounder. Veteran James Duffy, perhaps reminded of himself as a younger player, made a patient 76 at the other end which provided the base for more lower order fireworks. Jamieson Hedges and Alex Matthews whacked 6x4 and 6x6 between them, 124 coming off the last 15 overs as Timpers simply ran out of answers. Having passed 300 twice last season batting second, though, Timpers weren't phased, rattling off 46 inside 6 overs, but quick wkts pegged them back and from then on the rate was just too much, a late hurrah from John Fowler (45 off 24) & Chris Page (29* off 22) at least providing some cheer in a lost cause.

The only other side with a perfect start are Hyde, who have quietly gone about their business very effectively, having a good foundation for their remaining matches in the first W-L phase, against Chester & Didsbury. On Saturday they travelled across to Neston, who as seven days previous, saw many batsmen get starts but no-one really go on, although Matt Strong shrugged off two ducks to make it successive 50s for the hosts. Last week Neston totalled 236, this time out it was 231, Luke Young returning a pleasing 5-49. That was far from the end of his involvement, however, as he and Andrew Jones batted for some 30 overs in compiling an opening stand of 150, Young going onto a superb 118 (124 bs) in a MotM display, Hyde winning by 5 wkts with four overs to spare.

Nantwich had a dominant day out at Church Lane, thumping Bramhall by 9 wkts. Only Jacob Workman's 57 gave the home faithful much to cheer - the three run-outs in the Bramhall inns certainly didn't - and youngster Ben Wright followed up his 3-42 with a patient 56*, happy to enjoy the view of Rob Jones in full flow as he made 77* (86 bs). Both were given lives, though, Bramhall reflecting on how costly dropped catches can be. It was equally emphatic for Didsbury across at Chester BH, as they eased to a 7 wkt win with some six overs to spare. The hosts, already without injured skipper Jack Williams, suffered another blow when Warren Goodwin pulled a fetlock in their warm-up, and they were initially in a fog as two careless dismissals left CBH 6-2. Alex Money oversaw the fightback, adding 129 for the 3rd with Ashraf Qureshi (60), and then with Andrew McFarlane taking CBH to 150-3 in the 33rd. McFarlane's dismissal - one of four Nick Anderson victims - then saw Dids get a grip in the field, restricting CBH to just 241 despite Money's hard-fought century (106 off 137 bs). (cont.)



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A wkt third ball proved a false dawn for the hosts, Chris Becker making the most of his opportunity with an increasingly fluent 97, adding 60 with Charlie Lowen before getting a front row seat for another magnificent display of hitting from Rob Sehmi. Following on from his National KO 159*, Sehmi made a commanding 92* (84 bs), 5x6 and 7x4 in a stand of 172 with Becker easing Dids over the winning line. Another player who got into the 90s was AE skipper Chris Sanders, who hammered 8x6 and 5x4 in a muscular 91 (79 bs), and in conjunction with Will Valentine (5x6 in his 57), added 137 for the 6th wkt to take Alderley from a dodgy 105-5 to an abundant 291-8 at Moss Lane. Visitors Cheadle were left reeling and despite a feisty 63 from Dan Brown (incl. 14x4), they were all out 200. Half-centuries from Henry Dobson and Rory McLean got Oxton past 250 at home to Brooklands, whose early season struggles continued as they never got going in reply, all out 168 to give the hosts a comfy 91 run win. With trips to Didsbury & Alderley Edge to come in this first phase, Kevin Carroll's men have a job on to turn things round.

In **Div 1** the two early pacesetters both made it three wins in a row. Bollington clearly mean business and their remarkable 10-wkt win over hitherto buoyant Toft was the result of the day. Toft chose to bat at The Rec and an astonishing inns unfolded, openers Scott Craig and Connor Hastings adding a smooth 70 in 16 os before the most shuddering of collapses saw the board read 137-9 in the 40th, six Toft batsmen contributing 14 runs between them. Stuart Plant's 4-31 was the pick of an accurate attack, but Hastings stood firm amongst the carnage, and ended up carrying his bat for a brilliant 114* (121 bs) out of a total of 177, clearly in a different class. As was Andrej Yaksender in reply, a superlative 100* (97 bs) sweeping his side to the brink of victory which was sealed by skipper Rick Hough's tenth boundary as he ended 64*.

Stockport Georgians are the other 100% club, grateful for the services of the evergreen Rashid Amin, who rolled back the years with 70* batting at 8, as he, Bilal Shah and James Locke masterminded an SG revival from the depths of 89-7 to reach 220-8 at home to Sale who were left to rue letting things slip as they were bowled out for 181, Locke 3-23.

Three sides recorded welcome first wins of 2026, although Alvanley must have been fearing the worst after they were bowled out for just 143 in 40 os at home to a confident Maritime, who were in control at 99-3 in reply. But the Charles brothers had other ideas, Stephen getting rid of the dangerous Mickel Akeem Joseph for just a single, and Chris claiming 5-58. Two other brothers, Vensakar and Gavaskar Kanthiraj, then took the score from 124-9 to 137-9 before Vensakar was run out and Alv were left celebrating an improbable 6 run win. A new-look Urmston also got themselves away for the season with an impressive 79 run win at Port Sunlight, Urmston posting 266-8 with Salman Hanif making 71, Umar Munawar 45, and Irfan Naseri an 8-ball 25* at the end. With 39 extras generously thrown in by the hosts, Urmston had plenty to defend and did so with something to spare, winning by 79 runs. Widnes got it together in time for the visit of Marple (cont.)



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the hosts piling up 277-7 with Sean Bennett's sparkling 93 (67 bs) the highlight, half-centuries for brothers Louis and Matt Burns and 46 from Luke McCoy setting Marple a big chase. Owen Reilly's terrific 92 and a 46-ball 50 from Elliot Young kept things interesting, but Young's dismissal in the 39th left Marple with just too much to do for their first 20 pts, Widnes securing a 24 run win in a highly watchable game. Macclesfield were delighted about Joe Moore's continued availability, his 34-ball 51 at Bowdon a real treat to watch, while skipper Jack Massey's 56 and Matt Fielding's 47 were no less valuable as Macc posted 252-9. Moores then claimed a catch, a stumping and a run out as the hosts couldn't find any rhythm or form with the bat, their 64 run defeat a third straight loss.

In **Div 2** Oulton Park, having spent most of 2025 in a torpor, are a side transformed, with skipper Andrew Dufty leading from the front. His second unbeaten ton of the season (with 46 in his other knock) saw his side soaring to 300-6 having been 170-4 after 37 os at home to NE Cheshire. Dufty's magnificent 107* (108 bs) in a shade over two hrs was appreciated especially by veteran Owen Williamson, who clubbed 68 from 34 bs as things ran away completely from the visitors, who crashed to successive comprehensive losses after Avinash Shastri took 5-41, NEC's 111-run reverse leaving them with just 8 pts from their first three games. Haslington enjoyed the generosity of hosts Cheadle Hulme, who contributed a whopping 50 extras as the visitors made 234-9, CH bundled out for 133 in reply. Alex Hooton and Ryan Stringer had great games for Romiley in their 2 wkt win at Upton, the pair taking 6 wkts between them and then adding 18 in a tense run-chase to secure 20 pts, the hosts left to rue bowling 33 wides as their underwhelming start to 2026 continued. Davenham's Jimmy O'Sullivan was all smiles after his day out at Tattenhall, making a super 111* (120 bs) after earlier claiming two wkts and a catch, Dav winning by 6 wkts. Ashley triumphed in an egregious struggle at Oakmere, winning by 4 wkts chasing 99, while Chris Cilemanoff was Christleton's star, making a brilliant 97 (119 bs) after earlier taking 3-37 as his side won by 3 wkts at Grappenhall, chasing down 230 with some three overs to spare.

In **Div 3** Irby had a second heart-stopper in consecutive weeks, following last week's 8-run win with an 11-run triumph at The Croft in a high scoring thriller at Barrow. The wheels came off the hosts' decision to field first as Irby took 89 off the last 10 to finish on 297-8 (Carl Gowtage 60, Rafi Afridi 55). Overseas Logan Malthus led the Barrow response with a brilliant 110 (95 bs) which left his side needing 51 off the last 10, but despite a valiant attempt by the tail they finished a couple of big hits short. Along with Irby, Ashton OM are the other Div 3 side enjoying a perfect start, but their untidy 4 wkt win at Warrington chasing just 74 won't go down in the league classics archive, Zaheer Khan's 5-20 notwithstanding. A much better game not so far away at Runcorn saw Hale Barn's Matt Spells make 89* (131 bs) as his side set the hosts 234 to win. An extraordinary chase was dominated by skipper Kieran Maher, who blasted 130* off just 80 bs, providing rich entertainment, as did the regular clatter of wkts at the other end. At 231-9, Maher's ninth 6 sealed a one wkt win with some 18 overs unused! Middlewich got off the mark after a far from straightforward 4 wkt win at struggling Stockport. Phil Parry spun his way to 4-29 as the hosts made a horlicks of choosing to bat, 119 all out in the 37th, but Middlewich then took the 'anything you can do, we can do' approach, slumping to 80-6 before skipper Nick Gill (50*) restored order, finding a resourceful partner in Kall Boyle, who whacked a big six to seal the 20pts after earlier taking 3-10. Bredbury SM skipper Kyle O'Reilly hit successive boundaries to finish 28* and steer his side to a comfortable 7 wkt win over Mobberley, the ex-Hyde man earlier taking 3-27 as Mobb skipper Ben Wood (53*) played a lone hand. Dan Moriarty's fluent 82 was the inns of the day for BSM who made it two wins from three, as did Heaton Mersey, who knocked off 80 with few alarms to record a 7 wkt victory at winless Winnington Park.



CCCL TABLES - WEEK 3 (MAY 2 -3)

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
HYDE	60	20
LINDOW	60	20
NANTWICH	48	20
DIDSBURY	47	20
CHEADLE	46	6
ALDERLEY EDGE	46	20
NESTON	31	5
TIMPERLEY	30	8
OXTON	30	20
CHESTER BH	29	4
BROOKLANDS	14	5
BRAMHALL	11	2

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
BOLLINGTON	60	20
S.GEORGIANS	60	20
MARITIME	45	5
SALE	45	5
MACCLESFIELD	42	20
TOFT	42	2
ALVANLEY	31	20
PORT SUNLIGHT	31	5
WIDNES	30	20
URMSTON	28	20
MARPLE	18	7
BOWDON	10	6

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
OULTON PARK	60	20
ASHLEY	45	20
HASLINGTON	45	20
CHRISTLETON	44	20
DAVENHAM	44	20
ROMILEY	43	20
OAKMERE	42	2
CHEADLE HULME	31	5
TATTENHALL	28	3
UPTON	27	6
GRAPPENHALL	14	6
N.E.CHESHIRE	8	4

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ASHTON OM	60	20
IRBY	60	20
RUNCORN	47	20
HALE BARNES	47	7
HEATON MERSEY	45	20
BREDBURY SM	44	20
BARROW	34	8
MOBBERLEY	27	3
WARRINGTON	27	2
MIDDLEWICH	26	20
STOCKPORT	11	3
WINNINGTON PARK	9	1

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
LINDOW	60
DIDSBURY	60
TOFT	60
BROOKLANDS	45
CHESTER BH	43
CHEADLE	41
OXTON	28
UPTON	27
NANTWICH	26
NESTON	12
WIDNES	12
TIMPERLEY	10

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. MARITIME	60
2. S.GEORGIANS	60
3. DIDSBURY 2A	46
11. ALVANLEY	15
12. A.EDGE	14

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. UPTON 3	60
2. H.MERSEY	60
3. GRAPPENHALL	46
11. HASLINGTON	9
12. ASHLEY	9



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. N.E.CHESHIRE	60
2. CHRISTLETON	60
3. RUNCORN	45
11. OXTON 3	18
12. NORTHWICH	7

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	20
BROOKLANDS	20
SALE	20
HYDE	20
MARPLE/COMPS.	20
TIMPERLEY	5
TOFT	4
S.GEORGIANS	4
ASHLEY	4
NANTWICH	2

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
ELWORTH	12
BRAMHALL	8
RUNCORN	0
GRAPPENHALL	-4

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
DIDSBURY 5	8
WOODLEY	8
URMSTON	3
S.TRINITY	3

SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

Div 3 East: Top - Lindow 5
2nd - Sale 4

Div 3 West: Top - Northwich
2nd - Tattenhall

Div 4: Top - Langley
2nd - Stockport



WEEK 3 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: Lindow subjected basement side Timperley to 50 overs of hard yakka after being put in at Upcast Lane, clattering 298-7 (Tom Parfett 85) before completing a comfortable win by an eye-watering 177 runs. Lindow are one of three clubs to have a perfect start, champions Didsbury another with Sam Leech again a class apart, following his unbeaten ton last week with 96 (86 bs) out of a winning chase of 147-6 in a tight struggle with Chester BH. Toft make up the 100% club, their 233-8 enough for a 59 run win over visitors Neston, while Oxton's Charlie Clarke enjoyed his fabulous start to the season with a second century, making an excellent 120 (141 bs) in his side's 217-9 at home to Brooklands. However the visitors, boosted by an appearance from Jack Bagshaw (who made 53) went onto win by 6 wkts, Dom Booth making a lovely 88 (102 bs). There were two fairly straightforward home wins in the other matches - spinner Noah Birchall bagged 7-39 for Nantwich as they waltzed to a 76-run win over Widnes, while at Kingsway, a week after Cheadle 1s posted 302, Cheadle 2s spluttered to just 118 in 33 overs of penury against visitors Upton, but that was to prove more than enough as Upton folded for only 74.

Div 1 saw Maritime stay at the summit in the early stages, as they held off a valiant Alvanley to win by 4 wkts, Alv disappointed to go from 160-6 to 166 all out. Georgians matched their 1st XI by also going 3 from 3, Oliver Ormerod starring with a swift 34 and then 5-43 at Sale as SG won by 50 runs, Rhys Kibble's 64 the highest score. Jahangir Hussain went batting bananas for Hyde against his former club Didsbury, Hyde getting from 62-4 to a towering 317-6, Hussain 78* (64 bs) at no.8 leading the lower order rally. The 2As gave it a go in reply but ended 256-7. Dylan Llewellyn made 82* for Romiley in their 4 wkt win over AE, James Crisall got into the 70s again for Marple as they just held off Bramhall, while Bowdon got a much-needed first win at Macclesfield, triumphing by 30 runs.

In **Div 2** Upton's David Stewart made 91 as his side eased to a 91 run win over Grappenhall, Upton accompanied at the top by Heaton Mersey, who knocked off 210 to beat W.Park by 6 wkts. Haslington collapsed from 84-4 to 90 all out, handing C.Hulme 20 pts after a painful 121 run loss, while Oakmere also won by miles, skipper David Purcell making 106 as they thrashed Ashley by 142 runs. Warrington's Anees Umar made 41* to steer his side from 87-7 to 139-7 and a 3 wkt win over Ashton OM, Umar earlier taking 6-13.

In **Div 3** there's no stopping NE Cheshire, Andrew Clarke making 103* as NEC racked up 273-5, a red-faced Oulton Park bundled out for a paltry 65 in reply before drinks. Runcorn kept pace after a 3 wkt win in a low scoring game with Hale Barns. Charlie Fleet smacked a super 117* as Chester BH chased down 244 to beat Stockport at Filkins Lane, Ritesh Solanki having earlier made 94* for the visitors.

3rd XI League News Sunday league cricket got underway with some impressive displays. In the **Premier Division**, 16 yr old Nikash Hinduja made a superb 131 (117 bs) as champions Didsbury got going with a 120 run win over Ashley. Marple/Compstall pulled off an impressive 68 run win over Toft, while prolific Brooklands opener Sam Hill kicked off with 58* in their 8 wkt win at Nantwich. A new-look Sale also started well, their 221-8 enough to secure an 86 run win over neighbours Timperley 5, while Hyde marked their return to the Prem with a 4 wkt win at S.Georgians. **Div 1** saw wins for Bramhall, Cheadle (who bowled Runcorn out for 45) and a gripping 1 wkt win for Metrovicks over Dids 4s in a low scoring thriller. In **Div 3 East** an extraordinary display by Ashley 5s grabbed attention, Reginold Baskaran making 202* (117 bs, 5x6, 33x4) and Rithik Gaikwad 100* (76 bs), the pair putting on 297 for the 1st wkt before Gaikwad retired n.o., the opening stand eventually worth 367 before a wkt fell, Ashley stacking up 401-2 against the Macc Sunday XI. Macc replied valiantly, batting 38 of their 40 overs in reply for 154, Michael Vino running out of partners when 87*. Sadly, even on day 1, two sides conceded fixtures.

CHESHIRE CC NEWS

NCCA NV PLAY TROPHY GROUP 1

Sun 3 May (Toft CC)

Cheshire 338-8 (50 overs)

Suffolk 222 (37.4 overs)

CHESHIRE WON BY 116 RUNS

Mon 4 May (Oxton CC)

Cheshire 329-7 (50 overs)

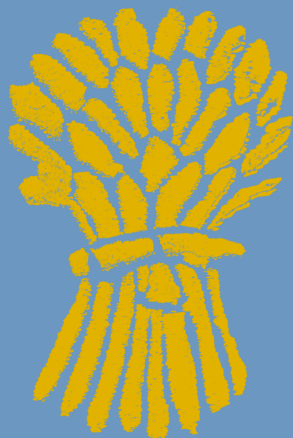
Shropshire 319-7 (50 overs)

CHESHIRE WON BY 10 RUNS

A fantastic double-header weekend saw Cheshire top their group after two superb batting displays. At Toft on Sunday they made the worst possible start - with Dan Newton pinned lbw first ball after his glorious hundred the day before - but this didn't derail the home side, Sam Perry (75) and Alex Money (89, after his 106 on Sat) putting on 145, before Gennaro Reddy's incredible 66 off 27 bs saw 104 added for the 6th in 8 overs. Suffolk faced a vast target which not surprisingly proved way out of range, Isaac Brooks again impressing with 3-38 and Andrew Jackson 3-51.

At Oxton, Perry (81) and Money (71) were in the runs again, with Newton quickly back into his groove with a rapid 57, Cheshire scoring at a healthy rate throughout. Shropshire's Theo Wylie made a fantastic 106 in response, but with 12 overs to go they still needed 104. Then came the gripping finale as Connor Marshall played a brilliant hand, his 90* off 60 bs almost snatching a dramatic win, but Cheshire had just enough to hold off their opponents.

Cheshire's final group game is at Keswick, away to Cumbria, May 17.



3RD XI T20 MINIGROUPS

GP 1 - WINNERS = Davenham, who went through on NRR. Ashley finished level on pts with Dav but Runcorn conceded their match, leaving Ashley without a hope if Davenham won, which they did comfortably, by 61 runs over Woodley.

GP 2 - WINNERS = Marple/Compstall, who won the clash of the Premier Div teams by beating Brooklands.

GP 3 - WINNERS = Didsbury 3, the 2025 beaten finalists easing through with a third group win over Macclesfield. Macc's Suneesh Muraleedharan made 94* (58 bs) out of his side's 136-7, but Dids chased the target down in 11 overs.

GP 4 - WINNERS = Sale, who topped the group on NRR ahead of Hyde. Sale beat Bredbury by 60 runs, while Hyde & Cheadle played out a high-scoring classic. Hyde skipper Zaeem Arshad hammered 113 (61 bs) in his side's 212-6, which proved to be just enough as Nihad Vaid cracked an amazing 92 off 36 bs, Cheadle falling just short in a breathless finish where 60 runs came off the last 5 os.

GP 5 - WINNERS = Stockport Georgians, the Premier Division side qualifying in comfort with three straight wins.

GP 6 - WINNERS = Nantwich, who squeaked through on NRR after losing to Urmston on Monday.

GP 7 - WINNERS = Toft, the holders proving far too strong for the rest of the group. They bowled Middlewich out for 39 in their final fixture, winning by 106 runs.

GP 8 - WINNERS = Didsbury 4s went through after making it three from three with a comfortable 49 run victory over Metrovicks.

Q/F DRAW: Toft v Nantwich Sale v Stockport Georgians
Didsbury 4 v Davenham Marple/Compstall v Didsbury 3

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