



THE 2026 WEEK 4 REVIEW - PREMIER DIV

Significant weather disruption - which seemed to follow no obvious pattern! - saw seven abandonments in 1st XI matches across the county, but also two tied matches, and plenty of good cricket.

Early leaders Hyde were powerless as a deluge of heavy rain washed out their clash with Chester BH at Werneth Low, the hosts batting for 20.4 overs (when they were 75-1) before they were forced off and unable to return. That frustration was good news for Nantwich, who were spared any such weather interruptions as they marched to victory in double-quick time against a Timperley side who have now lost three in a row. Timpers' decision to bat first at Whitehouse Lane went disastrously awry as Ray Doyle (4-20) and Scott Wardley (3-14) induced a collapse from 79-4 to 89 all out inside 26 overs. John Fowler claimed two quick wkts, including Rob Jones, but that was as good as it got for Ed Galley's side as the hosts eased to a 7 wkt victory inside 18 overs.

A torrential downpour at Didsbury looked like it could terminate things after just 9.2 os, but a remarkable clean-up job effected by the hosts saw a 66-overs game take place. Didsbury were batting at the interruption, and after a 2½ hour delay went on after the resumption to reach 222-5, Charlie Lowen (81*) and James Green (47*) adding 93* in 11 os as Dids accelerated brilliantly. Green then steamed in to claim 4-27 as Brooklands fell to a disappointing 141 in pursuit of a DLS-adjusted 218. Remarkably, just over a mile away at Cheadle, a 94-over game was played with just over an hour off the field! The match itself saw a thrilling tie played out between the two promoted sides, although Bramhall let a real opportunity for 20 pts slip as Cheadle were reduced to 172-9 in pursuit of 211. Last man Ben Broadhurst, who earlier took 4-33, joined keeper Dan Osborne and the pair nudged and pushed their way to the target - aided in no small measure by six wides and four byes. Cheadle needed nine off the last, Osborne finding the boundary fourth ball but Bramhall then keeping it to two singles to at least claim 15 pts in a nerve-jangling conclusion. Earlier Greg Dixon (56) top-scored for Bramhall, with useful knocks from Jacob Workman (44) and Ollie Latter (42), Dan Brown claiming 4-63 for the hosts.

Downpours and delays at Upcast Lane too, where Lindow's fantastic start to the season came to a bit of a surprise end as visitors Neston chased down a DLS target to win by 6 wkts. An opening stand of 67 gave Lindow a good base, but Neston fought back to reduce the hosts to 116-5 when heavy rain forced a delay of some 3½ hours. Left with only two overs to bat on resuming, a final Lindow score of 145-6 off 29 left Neston a DLS target of 162. They made the worst possible start with Luke Jones out first ball, and the board quickly showed 15-3. But Matt Maritz followed up his 3-24 with a solid 37, he and keeper John Sanders taking the score to 93 before Sanders continued to hit effectively, he and Zak Rogers (35* off 39) then adding an unbroken 71 to secure 20 precious pts, Sanders finishing 66* (56 bs) as Neston won with 2.3 os unused. You can make your own mind up whether that performance, or Alderley Edge's victory at Oxton, was the best win of (cont.)



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the day in the Prem. As is so often the case, the Wirral was unaffected by the weather blighting the rest of the county, and AE's journey initially seemed really worthwhile as they bowled the hosts out for 173, seven of the eight bowlers used taking wkts. A stand of 77 for the 5th between two Jacks, Corran (43) and Breheny (36) was the substantive part of a disappointing total, Oxton losing their last 5 wkts for just 19 runs. All of that seemed veritable riches as AE replied, however, Mike Baker's golden arm working its magic again as he took 4-21, the board showing a barely believable 36-6 in the 15th over. Simon Normanton, who had earlier bowled 10-2-30-2, came out to join Will Valentine as the pair patiently built the recovery, batting some 25 overs together in a superb partnership of 98, wresting the initiative from Oxton who realised too late the game was slipping away from them. Valentine finally fell for 52 (73 bs) but Normanton remained, ending 60* (120 bs) and hitting the winning boundary with nine balls unused in his highest score (and finest inns) for the club.

In **Div 1** it all fell into place again for Bollington as the fixture calendar put them on the Wirral (Bolly 2s, playing at home, were washed out) and they made the most of that slice of fortune by completing a fourth straight convincing win, this one at Maritime. The hosts never got going as the accurate Bolly attack shared the wkts, a last wkt stand of 37 lifting them to 171, but it never looked anything like, and sure enough Bolly eased to a 6 wkt win with some 13 overs to spare, Andrej Yaksender following last week's unbeaten ton with a patient 52*. Stockport Georgians kept pace as their own quietly impressive start to 2026 continued. They too had some weather fortune in being able to dodge the worst of the East Cheshire rains at Macclesfield, but they more than did their bit by knocking a strong Macc XI over inside 39 overs for just 130. Georgians reached their target 5 down in the 31st over. Next matchday, it's Georgians turn to head west as they take on inconsistent Port Sunlight, while Bolly entertain out of form Marple.

The Bowden Lane side were an uncomfortable 44-4 against Alvanley when they copped the same deluge that submerged Hyde & Romiley, while Sunlight were also weather-affected at Sale, but secured a 9 run win on DLS at Dane Rd. Jordan Collier's quality 89 was the mainstay of PS's 204-6, Jamie Hodgson contributing an invaluable 49 as a delay of some 100 mins left the hosts 39 overs to chase 212. In an absorbing chase Sale were soon 8-2, then recovered to 92-2 before another slump saw them teetering at 106-6. Sam Parrish was joined by Seb Schofield as another repair job took Sale to 155, but with the overs ticking down, 19 needed off the last proved too many, Schofield finishing on a valiant 65* (41 bs).

Struggling Bowdon were left cursing the vagaries of the rain as they were enjoying their brightest spell of the season at Toft, with the hosts a precarious-looking 107-5 after 24 os. But that actually represented a recovery, as a lively Joe Chapple found his range quickly to leave Toft reeling at 5-3 inside 5 os. Chapple finished with 4-30 in an encouraging 10 os (cont.)



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but Bowdon remain winless, with mercurial Maritime making a first-ever trip to South Downs Rd next Sat before Bowdon travel to Marple the week after. The other relegated Prem side, Widnes, have picked up, getting a second successive win after a delayed start at Urmston proved no obstacle to the visitors completing a fairly straightforward 5 wkt win. Urmston spluttered to 122-9 in their reduced 39 over allocation, Widnes' Sean Bennett's jaunty 41(31 bs) a dash of colour on a trying day, as was skipper Alex Hewitt's maximum to secure 20 pts.

Div 2 suffered the most of the 1st XI divisions, with only three matches completed. One of the abandonments meant leaders Oulton Park were unable to potentially extend their advantage, although a ticklish target of 187 set by hosts Haslington would have provided a fascinating test. Indeed, having been 116-8, Jack Taylor's 48* inspired the tail to stick around and add another 70, eating into the available playing time significantly, and with OP's reply halted after barely 5 os, both sides were left frustrated. Christleton capitalised with a comfortable enough win over a disappointing Cheadle Hulme, whose long trek west resulted in a dismal 106 all out. Only two batsmen got into double figures, Hayden Forner's two hour stay for 41 a lone hand as CH needed 27 extras to claim a batting point. Ben Ainsworth's 10-5-16-5 was easily the performance of the day as the bright start to 2026 at Little Heath continued. Despite all the rain, there was a gripping tie played out at Butchers Stile, as Davenham's Martyn East used all his experience to stay cool and produce the perfect ball to trap Oakmere last man Matt Howard lbw. Howard had made 3 from 37 as he joined forces with Benedict Verma, the board showing 110-9 with 132 the target. The pair inched their way to the target as the tension mounted before the dramatic denouement. Oakmere were left to reflect on their own valiant attempt but also the fact they let Davenham off the hook in similar fashion, Dav having tumbled to 96-8 at one stage. The abandonment at Poynton after just 12 overs (NEC 73-3) left Upton helpless, which was made worse when they ended the day in the bottom two, as Grappenhall had amazing fortune to play through at Ashley. They certainly made the most of it as Daniel Adkins (75*) and Jason Batson (58*) added an unbroken 108 to win by 7 wkts. A loud sigh of relief at Birchvale Drive after downpours rescued Romiley, all over the show on 47-6, Tattenhall left to ponder the what ifs.

In **Div 3** a pair of Charlies were the star turn for a buoyant Ashton OM, as their fourth straight win was down to the batting of Messers Erasmus (79) and Eaton (86), the pair adding 123 against lowly Stockport in a 94 over game. AOM's 246-7 was some way beyond the visitors reach, three run-outs not helping matters as skipper Zafar Jatoi's super 88 was in vain. Another stand out inns at Brooks Drive saw Hale Barns' Connor Robson make 65 out of his side's 143 against Barrow, who slumped to 95-8 in reply. William Doerr, who had taken 4-28, was joined by skipper Darren Leach, the pair digging in and adding 39 before Leach was caught behind. The last pair eked out another 7 before Sam Smith ensured the writing was on the wall for Doerr, trapping him lbw to seal a dramatic 2 run win. Heaton Mersey claimed a rain-affected win over visitors Runcorn, who collapsed from 130-4 to 147 all out chasing a revised 212. The fixtures fell kindly for Bredbury SM, as they played and won at Irby (escaping the rains which washed out the meeting between the two sides' 2nd XI at Dark Lane after just one over of play). Dan Moriarty's 73 was the decisive part of the BSM chase of 120, a fine bowling performance setting them up for a third win of 2026. Winnington Park grabbed a much-needed first win at Middlewich in another match affected (although not seriously) by rain. Hopes were not high after an opening stand of 64 turned into 92-6, but Johnny Wales' 59 steadied the ship, WP ending with 199. Middlewich were quickly 19-5 and all out for 112, Neil Langham's excellent opening spell (4-17) decisive. The inexplicable weather patterns meant Mobberley were another side washed out after 25 overs of play at Church Lane, Mobb 101-5 against Warrington when that was that.



CCCL TABLES - WEEK 4 (MAY 9 - 10)

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
HYDE	68	28
NANTWICH	68	40
DIDSBURY	67	40
ALDERLEY EDGE	66	40
LINDOW	66	26
CHEADLE	61	21
NESTON	51	25
CHESTER BH	35	10
OXTON	35	25
TIMPERLEY	31	9
BRAMHALL	26	17
BROOKLANDS	19	10

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
BOLLINGTON	80	40
S.GEORGIANS	80	40
SALE	52	12
TOFT	51	11
PORT SUNLIGHT	51	25
WIDNES	50	40
MARITIME	48	8
MACCLESFIELD	45	23
ALVANLEY	38	27
URMSTON	32	24
MARPLE	25	14
BOWDON	18	14

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
OULTON PARK	70	30
CHRISTLETON	64	40
DAVENHAM	57	33
OAKMERE	55	15
HASLINGTON	53	28
ROMILEY	50	27
ASHLEY	49	24
TATTENHALL	36	11
UPTON	34	13
CHEADLE HULME	34	8
GRAPPENHALL	34	26
N.E.CHESHIRE	18	14

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ASHTON OM	80	40
HALE BARNES	67	27
HEATON MERSEY	65	40
BREDBURY SM	64	40
IRBY	62	22
RUNCORN	52	25
BARROW	39	13
MOBBERLEY	35	11
WARRINGTON	35	10
MIDDLEWICH	31	25
WINNINGTON PARK	29	21
STOCKPORT	17	9

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
LINDOW	80
BROOKLANDS	65
DIDSBURY	64
TOFT	64
CHESTER BH	63
OXTON	48
CHEADLE	47
WIDNES	32
UPTON	31
NANTWICH	31
TIMPERLEY	30
NESTON	15

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. MARITIME	80
2. S.GEORGIANS	66
3. MARPLE	65
11. A.EDGE	20
12. ALVANLEY	20

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. UPTON 3	67
2. GRAPPENHALL	66
3. ASHTON OM	64
11. HASLINGTON	14
12. ASHLEY	11



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. RUNCORN	80
2. N.E.CHESHIRE	67
3. CHRISTLETON	65
11. OXTON 3	22
12. NORTHWICH	13

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	40
BROOKLANDS	40
SALE	40
TIMPERLEY	25
MARPLE/COMPS.	25
NANTWICH	22
HYDE	21
TOFT	9
S.GEORGIANS	8
ASHLEY	8

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
ELWORTH	40
CHEADLE	40
RUNCORN	0
GRAPPENHALL	-6

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
DIDSBURY 5	40
WOODLEY	40
S.TRINITY	5
METROVICKS 4	1

SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

Div 3 East: Top - Cheadle Hulme
2nd - Bollington

Div 3 West: Top - Maritime
2nd - Tattenhall

Div 4: Top - Cheadle 4
2nd - Ashton OM 4



WEEK 4 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: Lindow went clear at the top after a fourth straight win, their long ride to Neston well worth it after they bowled the hosts out for 150 and went on to complete a comfortable 6 wkt victory, Neston rock bottom after their fourth loss. Brooklands are second after pulling off the result of the day, hammering Didsbury by 120 runs. The champions had a complete off-day as Sam Hill (81) led the way for the hosts, Nick Harrison then bagging 5-29 as Dids crashed to 93 all out. The meeting of two form sides at Chester produced a low-scoring thriller, the hosts squeezing past Toft by 2 wkts after pulling themselves together at 78-6 to reach their 117 target. It was even tighter at the foot of the table where Nantwich let it slip twice at Timperley, firstly slumping to 129 all out after being 85-3, then having the hosts 107-8 in reply but seeing Timpers hold firm, a tense 1 wkt victory for Shahnawaz Khan's men the outcome. A super 100 from Grant Hughes and 71 from Sam Clarke powered Oxton to 255-7 at Upton, 20 pts secured (and local bragging rights) after the hosts folded for 143. Moin Shah made 105* for Cheadle at Widnes, but a DLS-affected chase saw the hosts win by 4 wkts.

Div 1 saw Maritime win four on the bounce after thumping Dids 2As at (reportedly) a rain-free Mere ground. Maritime posted 166 before Thanuja Prabuddhika (5-22) and skipper HM Rauf (4-25) tore into the hosts, who were 32-9 before a last wkt stand lifted them to 81. James Crisall's good run of form for Marple was ended by a duck at Alvanley, but no matter as the hosts, in pursuit of 190, crashed to 34-8 (Tom Reeve 6-42), finally all out 101. After earlier taking 3-24, Alv's Sam Mallows whacked 45 batting at no.10 to at least help secure a batting point. Hyde somehow stayed on long enough at Bowdon to complete a 7 wkt win there (Charlie King 50*). The other three games, at Alderley Edge, Bramhall and Georgians, were all abandoned.

In **Div 2** the top four are separated by just two pts. Leaders Upton were thwarted by rain at Cheadle Hulme, Grappenhall taking advantage by thrashing Ashley. Cassius Birch made 116* for Grappers in their 164 run win. Tom Court took 5-5 as Oakmere beat Heaton Mersey by 84 runs, while Ashton OM won at Port Sunlight to go third. Surrender Aliuri made 103* for Warrington as they got from 15-3 to 268-7, then took 3-17 as the Wire beat Haslington by 88 runs. Winnington Park beat Urmston by 60 runs in the other game.

In **Div 3** Runcorn went top, smashing 306-7 off Oxton 3s and securing a 38-run DLS victory after rain interruptions. Big runs elsewhere too, Timperley (258) beating Oulton Park (254-8) by 4 runs in a thriller, while Joe Layder (94) and George Crabtree (110) put on 206 for the 1st wkt for Christleton against basement outfit Northwich, a 137-run victory following despite a feisty 74 from Northwich's Alex Plank.

3rd XI League News In the **Premier Division**, 15 yr old Ibrahim Faisal was run out on 92 for Didsbury as they piled up 267-4 at Toft, going on to win by 71 runs. Brooklands also won again, Nik Needham taking 3 wkts in an over as they beat Marple/Compstall by 36 runs, while Sale's second win really grabbed attention, racking up 282-7 at Ashley, skipper Brayden Ross bashing 71* off 45 bs. Sale then bowled the hosts out for 82. Karl Prince took 6-17 as Nantwich trounced Hyde by 105 runs, while Pete Coverley ended 96* for Timperley as they beat Georgians by 6 wkts. **Div 1** saw Elworth beat Dids 4s in the final over, H.Mersey beat Bramhall by 8 runs, while in another thriller, Bowdon beat Metrovicks by 1 wkt, despite Nishan Bhandary making 111 for TM. In **Div 2** there were wins for Dids 5s, who bowled Trinity out for 50, Woodley and Ashton OM (who walloped Davenham by 174 runs), all those three sides with two wins from two. In **Div 3 East**, Macclesfield had a very different game after their flogging at Ashley the week previous, only just failing to defend 94 as Bowdon 4s sneaked over the line by 1 wkt in a tense finish. Northwich couldn't field a team in the Cheshire Cup but their 3rd XI played at Maritime, losing by 96 runs.



CHESHIRE CUP 2026

May 10th - R1: Bunbury (138-6) beat Westminster Park (135) by 4 wkts
Upton (302-6) beat Parkfield Liscard (202-9) by 100 runs
Bredbury SM (181-7) beat Runcorn (126) by 55 runs
Oulton Park (116-3) beat Warrington (114) by 7 wkts
Irby v Northwich - Northwich conceded



R2 (June 7): Bredbury SM v Birkenhead Park; Bunbury v Bollington; Elworth v Bowdon; Irby v Brooklands;
Macclesfield v Didsbury; Maritime v Cheadle; Marple v Alderley Edge; New Brighton v Oxton; Oulton Park v Lindow;
Port Sunlight v Neston; Romiley v Bramhall; Stockport Georgians v Hyde; Toft v Chester BH;
Upton v Nantwich; Urmston v Timperley; Widnes v Wallasey.

ECB NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Two Cheshire clubs made it through to the second round proper of the NCC, convincing wins for Nantwich and Didsbury seeing them progress. A rapid 85 from skipper Luke Robinson, accompanied by Ben Wright (67*) propelled Nantwich to a 7 wkt win over Porthill Park, their reward a home tie against Barnt Green, who beat Hyde by 137 runs on Sunday. Didsbury reached 93-4 at halfway against an under-strength Neston side, but Nick Anderson (107) and Steve Green (100*) added 214 for the 5th wkt - Dids' second double century stand this year in this competition - as they soared to 294-5. Hampered further by an injury sustained when fielding to skipper David Hurst, Neston came quietly, all out 122. Oxton's long trip to Knowle & Dorridge ended in disappointment after a five wkt loss, while Raynard Van Tonder smashed 86 off 40 bs to power Halesowen to an 8 wkt win at Widnes, the Midlands side hosting Didsbury in the next round, which is on May 31st.

OVER 40s NEWS

The Wednesday evening competition got underway on May 6, with two tied games in Central Div 1 and an impressive chase of 166 by Urmston at Warrington in Central Div 3 standing out.
Congratulations also to Chester BH o40s who won a fourth o40 Cup in a row after beating Wallasey on Sunday in the held-over 2025 Final.

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