



THE 2026 WEEK 5 REVIEW - PREMIER DIV

Only 5 of 24 1st XI matches were completed in dismal conditions on a stygian Saturday across Cheshire, despite every match getting underway. Lindow finished the day top of both Premier Divisions!

Five abandoned matches in the **Premier Division** meant that the only definitive result of the day was to have significant ramifications. Filkins Lane managed to cope with, and then escape, the rain which proved terminal everywhere else, and on winning the toss Chester understandably put opponents Lindow in on a dank afternoon. Undaunted, Lindow set off at a cracking pace with 89 on the board inside 11 overs before the openers were parted. Rohan Luthra's sparkling 55 (36 bs) hinted at Lindow's aggressive intent, but Jack Williams helped apply the brakes with Lindow 123-3 off 20 when the longest rain delay of some 80 mins occurred, one of three rain interruptions during the innings which saw Lindow eventually finish batting at 16:50 with Chester set a DLS-revised 220 off 30 overs. Remarkably there were to be no further stoppages although the hosts were desperately hoping for a downpour as they slumped from 39-0 to 82-9 inside ten dramatic overs, spinners Isaac Brooks (4-15, incl. three wkts in an over) and Alex Matthews (4-31) causing carnage. Chester's last pair defiantly added 47 to at least secure more batting pts but Matthews' men enjoyed a jubilant journey home on a remarkable day for the Lindow club.

You know it's a poor cricket-weather day when even the Wirral doesn't escape, and indeed Parkgate was the first casualty where Neston only faced 7.2 os before the hosts and visitors Nantwich were forced off.

Alderley Edge were the only team to get their full 50 overs batting, but when they struggled to 139-7 in the 36th over against visitors Brooklands they were perhaps doubting the wisdom of choosing to bat first. But for the second week running a lower order stand between Will Valentine and Simon Normanton rescued things, the pair this time adding 89 for the 8th wkt as Valentine really took control, hitting 5x6 and 8x4 as he ended on a superb 93* (82 bs), AE a much healthier 240-9. But no more cricket was possible as the rains swept in.

It was a similar story at Didsbury, where makeshift opener Joe Cooke really made the most of his opportunity by hitting a brilliant maiden ton for the club, his 104 (100 bs) made out of 180 while batting. Charlie Lowen (56) made his third half-century of the season as Dids were sitting pretty at 289-7 in the 48th against Hyde, but rain washed out further play.

Cheadle also boasted a centurion, a magnificent 112 off just 72 bs from Ash Burton (6x6, 11x4) powering his side to a daunting 267-5 at Timperley with some ten overs still to bat. Jasper Wong had contributed a handsome 64 to help put Cheadle in the box seat, but there was to be no further play.

Only Jack Clark's battling 84 gave Bramhall anything to cheer, his excellent knock some 60% of his side's total as (cont)



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they slumped to 142 all out at home to Oxton - the third time Bramhall have been bowled out for less than 150 this season already. All five Oxton bowlers shared the wkts.

Next week the Prem transitions to 11 weeks of 110-over win-lose-draw cricket. Leaders Lindow welcome third place Didsbury, Hyde travel to Brooklands, Nantwich play Chester BH at Whitehouse Lane, and Alderley Edge host Bramhall. Timperley travel to Oxton, waving to Neston who go in the opposite direction to Cheadle.

In **Div 1** all six matches were abandoned on a depressing day. Amidst all the soggy scenes, there were a couple of performances of note, especially that of Marple, who restricted free-scoring joint-leaders Bollington to a modest 202-9 at the Rec, young spinner Charlie Hodgson the pick of the attack with 3-48. Sadly there was no chance to discover whether Marple could get that elusive first win of 2026.

Bowdon, also winless so far, would certainly have taken bowling visitors Maritime out for 139 before play started, which is what they went on to do - James Bottomley's 4-33 the best return after Joe Chapple picked up 3-24. But that wasn't the whole story as Maritime added 75 for the last 2 wkts after being stricken on 64-8, Abishek Anton making 46 batting at 10. The frustration of those late partnerships was increased when the teams scurried for cover after 4.4 os of the Bowdon reply, with the hosts 28-1. Bowdon travel to Marple next week so - weather permitting - one side will get their first win!

Stockport Georgians were looking firm favourites to make it five straight wins after reducing Port Sunlight to 92-7 after 29 overs on the Wirral - Jordan Collier's 44 the lone hand for PS - but no further play was possible.

Alvanley were 9 down in the 35th over as visitors Urmston were looking to keep the hosts' 173 from growing as little as possible, but they could get no further, Corey McCarthy's 42* at no.8 proving invaluable for Alv.

Macclesfield's derby clash with Toft was illuminated by John Birchall rolling back the years, the veteran smashing 83 off 73 bs to take his side to 176-7 after 43 os to bring some cheer to the huddled throng watching on, but that was that, while Jonathan Davidson was 46* for Sale when they were rained off at Widnes having reached 86-3 in the 24th.

Week 6 fixtures (May 23rd, 12:00pm start)

Maritime v Macclesfield	Marple v Bowdon	Port Sunlight v Widnes
Sale v Alvanley	Stockport Georgians v Toft	Urmston v Bollington



2026 WEEK 5 REVIEW - DIV 2 & 3

As per last week, **Div 2** saw three games completed, although this turned out to be the most in any of the 1st XI Divisions. At Grove Park, Cheadle Hulme suffered the double misery of a third successive heavy defeat and the knowledge that, had they been able to bat out their overs, they would likely have benefitted from abandonment points. But their match with Ashley was all over before the rain really set in, Sabtain Baig rampant as he took 6-17, CH left red-faced after being bowled out inside 16 overs for just 80. Batting at no.4, Ben Balderson's 32 was the only resistance - the other top six CH batters contributed 6 runs between them - and had Ashley not conceded 25 extras it could have been utter humiliation. As it was, Ashley didn't have it all their own way as they won by 6 wkts, but Adam Wilde's men will want to pick things up asap.

Romiley skipper Alex Hooton top scored with 63 as his side posted a healthy 249-7 at Oakmere, but the rain that fell prompted a revised chase of 187 from 27 os for the hosts - who, incidentally, had four Matthews in their ranks. One of them, Matthew Worsdale, made a run-a-ball 39 to get his side off to a lively start with 71 on the board in good time, a good base for Zach Howdle (50* off 30) and Sev Cupido (42* off 20) to add a quickfire 80* together and seal a handsome 8 wkt victory with some three overs unused. Thus, Oakmere's third win of 2026 pushed them to second, just behind near-neighbours Oulton Park, the leaders 143-5 (Johnny Litler 50*) at Upton when rain finished things there.

Tattenhall were the other victors, just hanging on to beat struggling NE Cheshire at The Flacca in a DLS-affected chase. Tom Hyslop made 74 out of Tatt's 136-5 (28 os) when rain stopped play. The revision left NEC a target of 170 from 28, and despite a poor start, skipper Danny Williams hit 54 off 49, he and Sam Scragg adding a rapid 47 before Hyslop bowled Williams, much to Tatt's relief. 13 needed off the last proved one hit too many for NEC, Tatt holding on to win by 4 runs. Both sides deserve great credit for a gripping game in difficult conditions.

Grappenhall were looking good at Broad Lane, 125-2 after 33 against Davenham - Will Fell 62 - but that was a far as they got, while Haslington were another side who suffered from an abandonment. They hosted Christleton, for whom Ben Stoddard made 78 and Chris Cilemanoff continued his feast or famine run with 70 (his six knocks to date = 0, 0, 97, 32, 0, 70). Alistair Begg piled in with 42* as Christleton made a healthy 248-6. Haslington reached 97-3 after 19.2 os when play was halted - in other words, four balls shy of earning three batting pts!

Several sides had bonus pts 'deducted' on Saturday due to a quirk in the Play Cricket system - not through the fault of any club, or any scorer! The League Handbook states (pg 53 & 54, para 10:6 & 10:7) that in win-lose matches *'batting [and bowling] bonus pts are only available when a minimum of 20 overs have been bowled in an innings'*. Unfortunately our Play Cricket site cannot be adjusted to cope with what is essentially a local regulation, so bonus pts will be automatically added when they should not actually be awarded under the stated regulations. These bonus pts are removed later by the site administrators.

In **Div 3** the only completed game brought joy for Winnington Park, who bagged a much needed second win of the season, defeating leaders Ashton OM, who finished 111-6 chasing 127 in 20 os after considerable rain interruptions in mid-Cheshire. The last two WP wkts added a useful 36 to push their side beyond 200 which was to prove crucial in the final equation. All five other games were abandoned - Warrington were particularly vexed, having racked up 301-6 at Stockport with all their batsmen making at least 21, while Bredbury SM were breathing a sigh of relief having been dismissed for just 97 by Hale Barns at Dark Lane (dogged resistance from James Barber, 5 off 62 bs, and 9 off 56 from Henry Armitage). Mobberley had set Irby a ticklish 185 at Church Lane but play was abandoned after 1.4 os of the reply, while Heaton Mersey's long trip to Barrow saw only 25 os of cricket, HM 142-3 when play was terminated. Runcorn only got 15 os in against Middlewich, recovering from losing a wkt to the first ball of the game to reach 104-3 when no further play was possible.



CCCL TABLES - WEEK 5 (MAY 16 - 17)

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
LINDOW	86	46
HYDE	77	37
DIDSBURY	77	50
ALDERLEY EDGE	75	49
NANTWICH	74	46
CHEADLE	71	31
NESTON	57	31
OXTON	45	35
CHESTER BH	40	15
TIMPERLEY	39	17
BRAMHALL	33	24
BROOKLANDS	29	20

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
BOLLINGTON	89	49
S.GEORGIANS	89	49
TOFT	60	20
SALE	60	20
PORT SUNLIGHT	59	33
WIDNES	57	47
MARITIME	55	15
MACCLESFIELD	54	32
ALVANLEY	47	36
URMSTON	42	34
MARPLE	34	23
BOWDON	28	24

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
OULTON PARK	78	38
OAKMERE	75	35
CHRISTLETON	74	50
ASHLEY	69	44
DAVENHAM	63	39
HASLINGTON	61	36
TATTENHALL	54	31
ROMILEY	53	30
GRAPPENHALL	42	34
UPTON	41	20
CHEADLE HULME	35	9
N.E.CHESHIRE	20	16

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ASHTON OM	88	48
HALE BARNES	77	37
HEATON MERSEY	75	50
IRBY	72	32
BREDBURY SM	70	46
RUNCORN	58	31
WINNINGTON PARK	49	41
BARROW	46	20
WARRINGTON	45	20
MOBBERLEY	43	19
MIDDLEWICH	37	31
STOCKPORT	25	17

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
LINDOW	89
TOFT	74
BROOKLANDS	74
CHESTER BH	73
DIDSBURY	72
OXTON	68
CHEADLE	57
UPTON	39
TIMPERLEY	38
NANTWICH	37
WIDNES	35
NESTON	24

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. MARITIME	88
2. MARPLE	85
3. S.GEORGIANS	75
11. A.EDGE	30
12. ALVANLEY	28



2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. ASHTON OM	84
2. WARRINGTON	83
3. H.MERSEY	74
11. P.SUNLIGHT	31
12. ASHLEY	20

2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. RUNCORN	86
2. CHRISTLETON	85
3. CHESTER BH 3	84
11. OXTON 3	29
12. NORTHWICH	13

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
BROOKLANDS	60
SALE	50
DIDSBURY	43
MARPLE/COMPS.	43
TIMPERLEY	31
S.GEORGIANS	28
NANTWICH	28
HYDE	27
TOFT	17
ASHLEY	11

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
ELWORTH	60
CHEADLE	60
ROMILEY	13
RUNCORN	1

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
WOODLEY	60
CHRISTLETON	47
URMSTON 4	14
METROVICKS 4	13

SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

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

Div 3 West: Top - Maritime
2nd - Haslington

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



2026 WEEK 5 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: Only one match was completed in the **Prem**, Oxton and Widnes somehow playing to a finish at Townfield Lane. Precise match details are unclear but Caleb Bradley's 5-18 saw Widnes dismissed in 30.1 os for 119. Oxton skipper Mahdi Quadri then thumped 46* off 32 bs to secure a 5 wkt win after his side were in serious strife at 39-5. Elsewhere Jake Christley's 107* for Neston - sharing stands of 148 with Nathan Twidell and 81* with Fin Scullion (54*) - was in vain as they were washed out at Nantwich. At

Booths Park, Didsbury put in another ropery batting display, all out in 35 os for 179, Toft 40-1 after 10 when that was that. Chester BH had posted a chunky 274-7 at Lindow, aided by 55 extras but also a lovely 81 (66 bs) from Ed Carter, Man-deep Nain joining in with a 29-ball 50. Sadly there was no chance for Lindow to reply, the pts they secured from the abandonment putting them top of the pile. Brooklands v Upton, and Cheadle v Timperley, were both abandoned at halfway.

Div 1 saw two matches completed, one of which saw Marple hammer Didsbury 2As by 127 runs, George Clarke taking 7-24 as Dids collapsed to 77 all out in pursuit of a revised 205 from 40 os. Earlier, 59 from Matt Barrow and a third half-century of the season from James Crisall took Marple to 228-5. At Werneth Low Macclesfield's Neil Pennington made 63* batting at no.9, helping take Macc from 102-8 to a splendid 222-9. Hyde were set a revised 178 from 30 os but ended way back on 104-7, Pennington taking two wkts and a catch. Elsewhere Georgians' last pair added 77* to set A.Edge 227, but rain ended it. All other games were curtailed.

In **Div 2** a nerve-jangling 2 wkt at a soggy Beets saw Ashton OM stay top, just doing enough to see off Winnington Park despite Matt Ather-ton's 5-46. Grappenhall could only cobble together 93 at Heaton Mersey, but with Mersey 55-8 in reply (they were 42-8) and the game fasci-natingly poised, rain stopped play. Haslington beat Upton by 11 runs in a rain-adjusted chase, while Urmston's commendable 232-7 at home to Oakmere proved inadequate, the visitors winning by 15 runs (DLS), skipper David Purcell finishing 72*. Port Sunlight fell in a heap at War-rington, managing a paltry 50 all out which the hosts knocked off easily.

In **Div 3** David Henson made 101 (88 bs) for Chester BH 3s as they beat Runcorn by 31 runs in a rain affected game, Runcorn's lead at the top down to a solitary point. Second place Christleton got their skates on to knock off 150 at Little Heath and beat Timperley by 7 wkts while Hale Barns were equally fleet of foot, Faisal Nasir's 6-33 knocking over Northwich for 72, the target reached in under 12 os.

3rd XI League News In the **Premier Division**, Brooklands went top after a third straight win, comfortably beating an off-key Didsbury by 7 wkts, Oliver Tarr the Brooklands star with 6-28 and an unbeaten 36 - Richard Palmer made 45* in their 89 run stand. Marple/Compstall survived a late scare to win at Nantwich by 2 wkts, going from 153-4 to 168-8 as they chased 171. Oliver Howells earlier made 89* for the hosts. Georgians thumped Ashley by 9 wkts in a rain-reduced game; Sale v Toft was abandoned and Hyde v Timperley cancelled. **Div 1** saw Elworth and Cheadle joint-leaders, Cheadle beating Dids 4s by 33 runs in a full 80-over game, while Elworth were gifted 20 pts by Bowdon's concession. In **Div 2** a remarkable 95* from Davenham skipper Rich Leeman out of his side's 140 was not enough as visitors Christleton went second after winning the game by 4 wkts. Woodley remain top after beating Georgians 4s. In **Div 3 East**, Bollington's Alex Sykes smashed 150 off 83 bs, adding 199 for the 3rd with George Parry (75) as Bolly posted 312-8, a punchdrunk Lindow 5s then bowled out for 48. Meanwhile the Macc Sunday XI were at it again, this time folding for just 51 as leaders C.Hulme won by 10 wkts. Torran McNeill made 142 (92 bs) for Dids Wanderers as they walloped Ashley by 141 runs. **Div 3 West** saw wins for leaders Maritime and Haslington, while a spectacular Stockport collapse in **Div 4** handed joint-leaders Ashton OM 4s a 23 run win, Stockport reaching 204-3 after 31 os in pursuit of 242 but all out 3 os later for 218. CH Ladybridge beat Urmston by 5 wkts despite Urmston skipper David Stubbs making 96.

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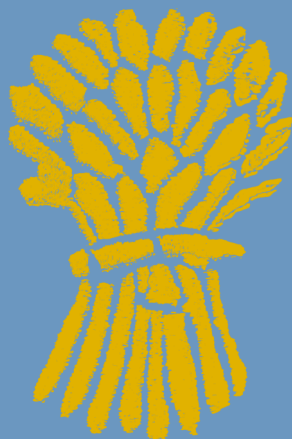
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Sun 17 May (Keswick CC)

Cheshire 122-9 (32 overs)

Cumbria 93-4 (22.3 overs)

CUMBRIA WON BY 6 WKTS (DLS)



Cheshire will face a lengthy (and expensive) trip to Norfolk to play their KO Trophy QF after a soggy defeat at Keswick meant they lost out on a home QF fixture. Put into bat after a delayed start, a 35 over fixture saw a disastrous *patefacere* with both openers out for 0, and Cheshire four down inside the first 10 os. They struggled upto 122-9 after a further 20 min delay, with Cumbria set a revised 118 off 32 os. Two further rain interruptions on a frustrating afternoon saw the target revised down further, the final equation (at 7.25pm!) setting Cumbria 91 off 24 os, which despite a superb effort from the Cheshire attack, they duly achieved on a trying (and very cold) day for players, officials and spectators. The QF will take place on Sunday June 7 (venue tba) with the likelihood of early starts in the Prem the day before to allow for travelling time for players - check Play Cricket nearer the date.

CWCL NEWS Although news of CWCL cricket is normally carried in Martin Saxon's excellent newsletters, yesterday's game between Didsbury & Leigh, played at Woodford, must get a mention here for an astonishing feat by Leigh's Emma Capper, who took five wkts in an over (WWWW2W) at the end of the Didsbury inns - four bowled, one caught! Although Dids went on to secure a DLS victory on a rain-interrupted afternoon, Emma's bowling deserves every credit. My thanks to umpires Chris Rigg and Simon Smith for both getting in touch to draw my attention to this.

THE FORZA T20 PLATE

The first round of matches between Div 2 & 3 clubs took place on Thursday, with heavy late afternoon rain proving more disruptive towards the east of the county.

GP 1: Christleton (111-6) bt Tattenhall (107) by 6 wkts

Tatt's Jack Bates twice took two wkts in an over as Christleton slumped to 77-6, but with time on their side they got home with no further alarms.

Upton 156-6 bt Irby 101-9 by 55 runs

A late blast of 30 from the final three ovs courtesy of Alex Townend's 43 (28 bs) put Upton way out of reach.*

GP 2: Warrington (142-3) bt Barrow (141-8) by 7 wkts

A 15 os per side game produced an exciting contest, Jonathan Howell's 62 (42 bs) the decisive hand as Warrington won with 3 deliveries left*

GP 3: Oakmere (123-5) bt Haslington (116-5) by 7 runs

In a 15 os contest, both Oakmere's Sev Cupido & Has' Olly Williams each made 59, Cupido taking 23 off the 9th over. Has needed 16 off the last and rued the 5 penalty runs they conceded (ball hitting fielding helmet).

Oulton Park v Middlewich - Middlewich conceded

GP 4: Grappenhall v Ashley - match cancelled

Hale Barns v Davenham - match cancelled

Heavy rain that hit both grounds around 5.15 left both squares absolutely drenched.

GP 5: (3 teams): Stockport v Ashton OM - match cancelled

GP 6: (3 teams): Romiley (39-2) v Bredbury SM - match abandoned

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