



THE 2026 WEEK 6 REVIEW - PREMIER DIV

Wonderful, welcome warmth replaced the rash of abandonments with a full programme of weekend matches, a new record in the 1st XI CCCL T20 on Thursday, and a remarkable 2nd XI centurion.

Now into its third season, the transition to 110 over win-lose-draw cricket in the **Premier Division** saw six pts separate the top five clubs after an absorbing day's play. Alderley Edge are head of the pack after a fourth win in five completed games although they were made to work for every point by Bramhall, who produced an impressive effort in the field to restrict AE to 228-9. Half centuries from Sam Perry (52) and skipper Chris Sanders (53, his third h-c of the season) helped get AE to what was no more than a working total in truth, but three quick Sanders wkts had the visitors in familiar territory at 39-3. However, opener Jack Clark played arguably the finest Bramhall inns in recent history, facing 149 bs for a superb 121 (2x6, 12x4) as he saw partners come and go, he himself finally falling in the 50th over, ninth man out. When Dan Fesmer picked up his third wkt next over, AE secured a 24 run win.

Second place Hyde are the form team, though, having won all four of their completed games with that fourth win at Brooklands' expense. There was another lone hand played in this match, skipper Kevin Carroll finally breaking a string of low scores with a trademark 101* (90 bs, 6x6, 8x4) as he and Caleb Jones (65 off 121 bs) did all they could to hold off a miserly Hyde attack, Andrew Jackson and Charlie Barnard returning a combined 33-7-99-4 as Brooklands finished on 211-8 off their 55 os. In reply Coby Fitzimmons blasted 97 (62 bs, 8x6, 8x4) as he and the patient Andrew Jones added 131, but Hyde then lost 4 wkts for 6 runs in five dramatic os before Jackson played the captain's role with the bat, he and Max Harsham adding an unbroken 54 to seal a hard-fought 4 wkt victory.

Cheadle continue to make a great fist of their return to the Prem, and their 6 wkt win over Neston at Kingsway put them into third. Choosing to bat, the visitors were in continual toil, labouring to 131-9 after 43 os. A last wkt alliance of 52 between Harry Donelan and skipper Matt Stewart gave some cheer, but with Jasper Wong (52) and Subhaan Mahmood (55* off 132 bs) knuckling down, Dan Brown (53) injected the impetus to take his side to a 6 wkt win.

Chester BH and Nantwich produced another terrific encounter for their respective histories, CBH coming out on top by 25 runs after an excellent match at Whitehouse Lane. Choosing to bat, seven of nine CBH players got well into double figures, Alex Money's 51 the best, but lower-order heroics from skipper Jack Williams (47 off 32 bs) and Matty Brayne (40* off 22 bs) sent CBH soaring to 292-7. Williams (5-79) then claimed the big wkt of Rob Jones as CBH looked in control at 132-6, but skipper Luke Robinson (67) and Jackson Bentley (65) added a brilliant 99 before Williams struck again to remove his counterpart. Nantwich typically never gave it up but were finally all out for 267 in the 53rd.

The meeting of first & third at Upcast Lane saw Didsbury have the better of a drawn game with Lindow, who regretted (*cont.*)



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their decision to field first after new-look opening pair Joe Cooke (48) and a fit-again Chris Becker (98) put on an excellent 137, Becker falling just short of three figures for a second time after his 97 at CBH earlier in the month. But his 118-ball stay gave Dids a great platform, Nick Anderson chipping in with 46 and late fireworks from Alex Young (42* off 17 bs) seeing 34 come off the last two overs as Dids posted 335-8. Lindow slumped to 91-5 in the 22nd, but Dids could only claim one more wkt in the remaining 33 os, Jamieson Hedges hitting a jaunty 41 before stubborn resistance from Charlie Hodge (61*) and skipper Alex Matthews (40*) saw Lindow close on 240-6.

It was a similar story in the other drawn game at Townfield Rd where visitors Timperley were asked to bat by Oxton and racked up 299-8, Dan Scholz (78), Joe Ashmore (63) and Ed Galley (45) the main contributors. The hosts bowled 45 os of seam in energy-sapping conditions and the 3½ hours they spent in the field showed in a disastrous start to their reply, Chris Page nipping three out and John Fowler two in no time as the board showed 25-5. Josh Brown had to dig in for dear life and he remained unbeaten on 81* (142 bs), finding allies down the order to stay with him as Oxton finished on 186-8.

In **Div 1** Bollington steamrolled hosts Urmston at Moorside Rd in a match that lasted just 26 os. Choosing to bat, Urmston were in tatters after the first powerplay at 21-6, bowlers Tom Horsfield and George Lomas each taking 3-18 before Stuart Plant (4-13) applied the *coup-de-grace* as the hosts were rolled for 68. Andrej Yaksender then clattered a rapid 47 as Bolly knocked off the runs with ease in six overs. Red-faced Urmston tumbled into the drop zone as a result, while Bolly stretched their lead at the top after Stockport Georgians came a cropper at home to Toft. The visitors were put in, Scott Craig (71) and Connor Hastings (59) making themselves at home as they put on 127, Liam Clorley adding a lively 51 as Toft ended on 241-9. Skipper Will Dunkerley then led the way with 3-9 as Georgians had a real off-day, folding for just 124.

Sean Bennett hit a blistering 112 (77 bs) for Widnes as they totalled 302 at Port Sunlight, Aaron Soni joining in the fun with a late 33-ball 51. Matt Hodgson took 5-64 but was dismissed cheaply in a mid-innings wobble that saw PS tumble from 221-4 to 229-7, Jordan Collier (66) and Cameron Elliott (52) having worked hard to build a good base. Simon Melberzs (66) tried to keep it going but the wobble proved too much of a hurdle as PS were all out 270.

Sale were made to work for every run at Dane Rd after being put in by Alvanley, ending on a painstaking 214-9. Alv kept stalling in their response and finished on an unsatisfactory 184-9, Sale's 20 pts putting daylight between themselves and the lower half of the table. That was due to inconsistent Macclesfield going down at Maritime. It took a 23-ball 35 from no.10 Will Jennings to get Macc to 201, Vishal Barigela's 5-42 casting a spell. At 68-4 in reply it was game on, but Ven-sakar Kanthiraj remained unbeaten on 75*, Mickel Akeem Joseph whacking five 6s in his no-nonsense 52 as the pair added 95, Maritime going on to win by 4 wkts with some nine overs in hand. Finally, the meeting of the winless bottom (*cont.*)



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two went decisively the way of hosts Marple, who racked up 252-6 at home to Bowdon. Despite Elliott Young's 48, the visitors had a hold on the Marple batting for much of the innings, but it all ran away from them as Mike Scofield (45* off 30) and young Charlie Hodgson (36* off 17) hammered 65 off the last 5 overs. Another tale of batting woe then unfolded for Bowdon as they were bowled out for just 132, the fourth time this season they have failed to pass 150.

In **Div 2** Oulton Park continued their strong start to the season in a curious – and tense - game against an in-form visitors Christleton. OP won by 2 wickets chasing down their 220 target with a couple of overs to spare, but in two moderate totals each side boasted a centurion. Christleton's Max Dunvaband made a superb 113 (114 balls) out of 176 while batting, more than half his side's 219 which was bolstered by 39 extras. Bowled out with 10 overs unused, Christleton regretted their wastefulness as OP skipper Andrew Dufty steered his side home with an excellent 102*, reaching, note, his third ton of the season with the winning boundary. Dufty was a relieved man after he watched a slide from 201-3 to 215-8.

Haslington got themselves together after lurching to 85-6 at home to Ashley, Freddie Taylor's 57 steering them to 190 before their handy 6-man attack bowled Ashley out for 134. Two struggling sides picked up differing but still morale-boosting wins. Bottom side NE Cheshire welcomed Toby Carson back with joy, a typical return of 10-5-20-5 seeing Oakmere bowled out for just 127 at Poynton. But familiar nerves set in to the NEC reply, and they were looking on the brink at 89-8 (Matt Holland 5-22) before Ben Perry & David Potter really dug in, adding the necessary 39 in 14 tense overs for a vital 20 points. Cheadle Hulme followed up their stellar T20 win on Thursday with a handsome 8 wicket victory at Davenham, just their second league win of 2026. Ben Balderson wasn't hanging about, crashing 78* off 40 balls to go with two earlier wickets and a catch.

Upton survived losing both openers for ducks to beat Tattenhall by 7 wickets (Matt Owens 69*) for their second 20 points of the campaign, while Romiley's home crowd enjoyed literal and metaphorical warmth, the ground getting a much needed bake while on the field David Badrock (65) and Alex Hooton (60) added a terrific 118 together as Rom piled up 267-8 after being put in by Grappenhall. Generous as ever in the extras column – 36 conceded this time – Grappers were soon in strife at 18-3, going on to lose by 94 runs - Will Fell's admirable 94 (124 balls) even more impressive in that regard.

It was meagre fare in **Div 3**, three sides bowled out for double figures and only teams passing 200. One of those were struggling Winnington Park, Joe Stimson's lively 53 giving WP the spark they needed to pile up 262-8 at Cale Green, basement side Stockport quickly 19-4 in reply and coming quietly as WP got a much needed 20 points. Kieran Maher's 60, and 52 apiece from Nauman Akram & David McNamara got Runcorn to 229-9 at Ashton OM, Akram then bustling in to take 5-26 as the leaders at the start of the day tumbled to a 101 run loss - Charlie Eaton another to make 52 in AOM's 128. Hale Barns now lead the table after a brisk win over Mobberley at Brooks Drive, Mobb folding for just 89 and HB knocking those off in under 12 overs. Heaton Mersey's short trip to Bredbury was well worth it as they bowled the hosts out for just 94, skipper Hassnain Shah delighted with his 4-21 but not with his side's 28 wickets. Ibrar Latif helped himself to 54* as HM won easily by 9 wickets to go second. Ashley Scholes was Warrington's star, his 5-31 and 29* securing a 5 wicket win in a low-scoring affair with visitors Irby, while a game of equal paucity at Haddon Field saw Middlewich almost defend 99 against Barrow, who were in a big hole at 44-6 in reply before Maaz Afridi (49*) and skipper Darren Leach (19*) got a grip to steer their side home.



CCCL TABLES - WEEK 6 (MAY 23 - 24)

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ALDERLEY EDGE	99	73
HYDE	97	57
CHEADLE	95	55
LINDOW	94	57
DIDSBURY	93	66
NANTWICH	80	52
CHESTER BH	65	39
NESTON	60	34
TIMPERLEY	59	37
OXTON	50	40
BRAMHALL	39	30
BROOKLANDS	33	24

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
BOLLINGTON	109	69
S.GEORGIANS	95	55
WIDNES	92	67
PORT SUNLIGHT	81	52
TOFT	80	40
SALE	80	40
MACCLESFIELD	59	37
MARITIME	55	34
MARPLE	54	43
ALVANLEY	53	42
URMSTON	42	34
BOWDON	31	27

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
OULTON PARK	98	58
HASLINGTON	81	56
CHRISTLETON	79	55
OAKMERE	79	39
ASHLEY	74	49
ROMILEY	73	50
DAVENHAM	66	45
UPTON	61	40
TATTENHALL	56	33
CHEADLE HULME	55	29
GRAPPENHALL	47	39
N.E.CHESHIRE	41	36

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
HALE BARNS	97	57
HEATON MERSEY	95	70
ASTON OM	93	53
RUNCORN	78	51
IRBY	75	35
BREDBURY SM	71	47
WINNINGTON PARK	69	61
BARROW	67	41
WARRINGTON	65	40
MOBBERLEY	44	20
MIDDLEWICH	39	33
STOCKPORT	30	22

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
LINDOW	94
TOFT	94
BROOKLANDS	94
CHESTER BH	93
DIDSBURY	92
OXTON	88
CHEADLE	77
TIMPERLEY	45
UPTON	43
NANTWICH	38
WIDNES	38
NESTON	28

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. MARPLE	105
2. MARITIME	91
3. HYDE	90
11. ALVANLEY	33
12. A.EDGE	30

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. ASHTON OM	104
2. WARRINGTON	103
3. H.MERSEY	94
11. HASLINGTON	36
12. ASHLEY	23



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. N.E.CHESHIRE	96
2. CHESTER BH 3	90
3. CHRISTLETON	88
11. OULTON PK	33
12. NORTHWICH	20

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
SALE	70
BROOKLANDS	65
S.GEORGIANS	64
DIDSBURY	63
HYDE	47
MARPLE/COMPS.	46
TIMPERLEY	21
NANTWICH	18
TOFT	17
ASHLEY	15

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
CHEADLE	80
ELWORTH	66
ROMILEY	16
RUNCORN	3

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
DIDSBURY 5	66
ASHTON OM	66
BREDBURY SM	22
METROVICKS 4	20

SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

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

Div 3 West: Top - Maritime
2nd - Widnes

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



WEEK 6 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: Three teams level on pts at the top and the top five separated by just two pts gives an indication of how competitive this years' **Prem** is becoming. Leaders Lindow were hampered by keeper Steve Price being unable to bat as they lost at Toft by 28 runs, Toft now level with them. Brooklands are also joint top, boosted by an attack led by Tom Lett (5-37) and Joe Gill (4-50) at Widnes as the hosts were all out 165. Keeper Sam Hill (who took three catches, pleasingly all off Joe Gill) then made 52*, he and Tom Stratford-Smith (59*) adding an unbroken 103 to seal a 7 wkt win. Big runs for both Chester BH - Charlie Fleet making 112* and Andrew McFarlane 89* (37 bs!) as CBH posted 324-2, marmalising Nantwich in the process - and Didsbury, for whom 16 yr old Nikash Hinduja made a superb 111(124 bs) and 19 yr old Adam Slater 106 (105 bs), the pair adding 176 in Dids' 326-7 against Upton, who were all out 147 (Michael Taylor 6-65). Oxton are keeping pace but they really had to scramble to snatch a tense 9 run win at home over Timperley, Timpers all over the show at 50-5 chasing 236 before Alex Perry's terrific 84 (86 bs) galvanised the lower order. Cheadle survived a couple of scares to win at bottom side Neston.

Div 1 saw leaders Marple make it five wins in a row, Matt Barrow's composed 86 the bedrock of their 222-6 at Bowdon before George Bailey returned an astonishing 8-20 to secure a 120-run victory. There's now a 14 pt gap back to second place Maritime whose long trip to Hyde saw them manage just 107, losing by 5 wkts, Hyde a pt behind in third now. Andy Bennion made 98 for Alvanley in their 237 at home to Sale, Omair Iqbal making 94 in Sale's reply of 238-5 (Paolo Manfredi 50*), while a splendid opening stand of 143 between Andy Mills (68) and Stewart Jackson (69) sent Bramhall soaring to 272-8 at home to Georgians, the visitors making a real fight of it from 34-4 in reply, but finally all out for 222. Romiley beat a fading Didsbury 2As by 65 runs, Charlie Almond's 6-16 (and handy 29) the main reason.

In **Div 2** the top four all won, leaders Ashton OM completing a commendable chase of 200 at Oakmere while Warrington bowled Winnington Park out for 98 - WP were 91-5 at one stage - going onto complete a 5 wkt victory. H.Mersey just won a tight scrap with C.Hulme by 13 runs, while Grappenhall won a dramatic game against Urmston by 2 wkts, having been 60-7 chasing 105. P.Sunlight's Dan Harper took 7-27 as his side bowled Haslington out for just 59, PS making a game of it by crashing to 41-6 in reply before easing home with no further alarms.

In **Div 3** leaders NE Cheshire were the only one of the top three to win, but the headlines went to Oxton's Gabe Smith, who hit 115* off just 51 bs (9x6, 9x4) batting at no.10 against Northwich. Smith and last man James Barlow (23) added an amazing 140 for the last wkt as Oxton reached 322, winning the match by 107 runs. Oulton Park conceded their fixture at Tattenhall.

3rd XI League News Sale took over at the top of the **Premier Division**, knocking Brooklands down to second after a 4 wkt win in a close game, Sam Hill's 72 for Brooklands the highest score but Mohammad Salman Kazi's 62 the decisive one. Georgians jumped up to third after a 10 wkt demolition job on struggling Toft, who were bowled out for just 78, SG knocking that off with a minimum of fuss. Didsbury got back to winning ways at Marple, James Coventry ending 50* as they won by 6 wkts. Hyde boasted two centurions in a fantastic batting display at Werneth Low, Zaeem Arshad (127 off 101) and Mattin Munawar (117 off 71) adding an amazing 231 together as visitors Ashley wilted in the heat, Hyde's 319-8 powering them to an eye-watering 224-run win. Nantwich conceded their fixture at Timperley. **Div 1** saw a similarly big win for Didsbury 4s who beat Runcorn by 217 runs, but game of the day was at Kingsway, Cheadle going top after a nailbiting 2 run win over Bowdon. The visitors had reached 126-6 chasing 136 but home pressure told. In **Div 2** Dids 5s are joint-top after a 9 wkt win over Georgians 4s, AOM beating Woodley. In **Div 3 East**, Bolly's David Waters hit 146* in the derby with Macclesfield, Bolly winning by 132 runs.

THE FORZA T20 PLATE

The second round of matches took place on Thursday, with a new competition record set by a brilliant display at Grove Park.

GP 1: Irby (130-7) bt Irby (88-7) by 42 runs

Upton v Tattenhall - Tattenhall conceded

A solid all-round display by the in-form Div 2 side was more than enough. Christleton play Upton at Little Heath next wk to decide top spot.

GP 2: (Tues 19) Winnington Pk v Runcorn - match cancelled

Winnington Pk (156-7) bt Barrow (152-6) by 3 wkts

Warrington (149-4) bt Runcorn (134-9) by 15 runs

Barrow rallied to add 82 off their last 11 os, but in an absorbing chase WP held their nerve from 133-7 in the 17th to win in the last over. Meanwhile Abdul Javed hit 62 (43 bs) to take Warrington to a handy total, Runcorn quickly 18-3 and always playing catch-up thereafter. Warrington top the group by a point from WP, the two meeting next week.

GP 3: Oulton Park (193-7) bt Oakmere (99) by 94 runs

Middlewich v Haslington - Middlewich conceded

Oakmere were left rueing their decision to field first as OP crashed 107 off the last 10 os, the subsequent easy win putting OP miles clear at the top.

GP 4: Davenham (219-5) bt Ashley (111) by 108 runs

Hale Barns (124-5) bt Grappenhall (123-5) by 5 wkts

While HB won sedately against their Div 2 opponents, Dav ran amok, Jimmy O'Sullivan (69) and Connor Mizzi (65) hitting 10x6 and 11x4 between them as Dav gave their NRR a big boost to top the group.

GP 5: Cheadle Hulme (231-5) bt Ashton OM (111) by 120 runs

A quite magnificent 165 off 68 bs from CH overseas Hayden Forner stole the show, Forner hitting 17x6 and 11x4 as he set a new record for the highest individual score in CCCL 1st XI T20 history (previously 162 by Heaton Mersey's

THE FORZA T20 PLATE cont.

Aaron Ayre in 2013). Skipper Adam Wilde made 14 in a stand of 159 for the 3rd wkt as CH piled up the eleventh highest 1st XI T20 total on record. Scott Howarth's hat-trick in the AOM reply made it a real night to remember at Grove Park.

GP 6: NE Cheshire (131-4) bt Romiley (126-4) by 6 wkts

NEC shrugged off their poor league form to record a convincing win in the first match in group 6, Sam Waller's 24-ball 61 (6x6, 2x4) the highlight.

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CHESHIRE CC NEWS

T20 SHOWCASE MATCH

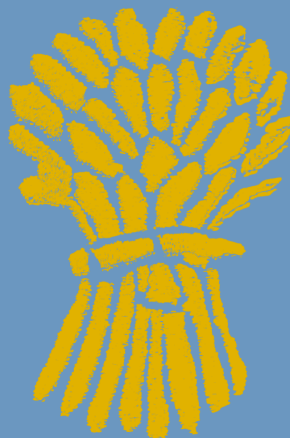
Weds 20 May (Nantwich CC)

Derbyshire 233-8 (20 overs)

Cheshire 142 (18.4 overs)

DERBYSHIRE WON BY 91 RUNS

An entertaining match at a superbly-presented Nantwich CC served as a good test for Cheshire ahead of the start of their T20 campaign.



NCCA T20

Sun 24 May (Didsbury CC)

Shropshire 160-6 (20 overs)

Cheshire 165-2 (16.3 overs)

CHESHIRE WON BY 8 WKTS

Cheshire 120 (19.2 overs)

Shropshire 123-2 (15.1 overs)

SHROPSHIRE WON BY 8 WKTS

It was honours even at a glorious Didsbury CC on Sunday as Cheshire and Shropshire shared the spoils in their opening T20 matches. Both sides raced to victory batting second. In game 1, the visitors chose to bat and reached a competitive total thanks largely to Tom Fell's 52, two wkts apiece for Isaac Brooks and Alex Young. Gennaro Reddy then hammered 76 (43 bs), he and Dan Newton (35 off 25) putting in 91 in 9.3 os, Kevin Carroll then blasting a trademark 20-ball 45* to seal a

comprehensive win. The second game was a mirror image - this time Cheshire choosing to bat first but posting a total that Shropshire chased down with ease to seal an 8 wkt win of their own. Only Dan Newton (37) made any real impression with the bat, a late 25 from Xander Selby also handy. But an unbroken stand of 78 saw Shropshire over the line with plenty of overs unused.

Cheshire's next T20 double-header sees them travel to Burslem on June 14 to play Staffs, who yesterday won and then tied their two games with Northumberland to go top.

Before then Cheshire have their 50-over KO QF away at Norfolk coming up (June 7th).

CHESHIRE SENIORS

There have been a mixed bag of results as the various Seniors XIs embark on their 2026 campaigns.

The o50s sit third in their group. They beat Cumbria by 7 wkts at Timperley on Weds 6th in their Championship Gp 1 game, but lost to Durham at Stockton on Weds 20th. On Weds 13th the 2nd XI were washed out at Chester, only 15 overs possible against Worcester, but a super 122 from Richard Jarvis helped them post 287-6 against Warks at Harborne on Weds 20, Cheshire winning by 62 runs.

Both o60s XIs have made a losing start. Both sides lost their games on Tues 12, played at Neston against traditionally strong opponents. The 1s were well beaten by Yorkshire while the 2nd XI were defeated by Lancashire. The 2nd XI were then washed out on the 19th.

Better news for the o70s however, as their long trip into Shropshire on Thurs 7th saw them knock off 190 to get them up and running (well, gently jogging) in the 28-team o70s National Div 1 Championship. Another odyssey on Thurs 21 saw them make the journey to Brecon CC worth it as they beat Cricket Wales by 4 wkts.



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