



THE 2026 WEEK 7 REVIEW - PREMIER DIV

An extraordinary Saturday saw a number of pulsating finishes across all 1st XI divisions, superb batting, skilful bowling, and a former international playing 2nd XI cricket.

Hyde ended the first full month top of the **Premier Division** as they overcame high-flying Lindow by 1 wkt in a gripping contest at Werneth Low. For two such powerful batting line-ups the low-scoring game was a surprise, but it was no less of a match for that. Dan Newton's 57 (85 bs) was the mainstay after the visitors found life tough on choosing to bat, Lindow stumbling to 123-8 before finally reaching 142. Skipper Andrew Jackson was the main man for Hyde, returning 6-67 off 17 consecutive os - including former Hyde legend James Duffy for just 12. With Hyde having 71 os to chase, the result looked certain, but Alex Matthews then emulated his counterpart by taking 7-58, he and spin partner Isaac Brooks bowling 34 os unbroken as Hyde found the going every bit as tough (opener Andrew Jones batting 87 bs for 17). But Jackson stood firm, ending unbeaten on a relatively slow 54* (56 bs), coaxing last man Rabeel Ahmed to stay with him under real pressure at 125-9, the pair inching towards victory which Ahmed achieved with a boundary in the 51st over to end a superb match.

Surprise package Cheadle showed they well and truly belong in the Prem, finishing the month second after thrashing Chester BH at Filkins Lane. A quirk of the calendar meant facing CBH on Alex Money's wedding day was a less daunting prospect than usual, with several players missing, but take nothing away from Josh Dooler's side who played excellent cricket to round off a wonderful May for the Kingsway club. The skipper himself made a typically energetic 73, brother Adam going even further with a superb 113 (132 bs) as the pair added 147 for the 4th wkt - hopefully a rightly proud dad Dave will have been circuiting the boundary enjoying every moment. Will Holmes and George Dickinson gave it some late pasty to take Cheadle to 289, despite Martin Green's best ever return for CBH, 7-74. Holmes and Dooler J then took 5 wkts between them as only Liam Yahathugoda's 66 brought any cheer to the home side, CBH crashing to a 157 run loss.

There were two thrilling matches involving sides at the top. Heavyweights Didsbury and Nantwich played out a nailbiting draw at Wilmslow Rd. Half-centuries from Tom Hafil (65) and Charlie Lowen (54, his fourth in the league in 2026) gave Dids a good base, but Ray Doyle's spectacular diving grab to dismiss counterpart for the day Steve Green left Dids 224-6. However, 16 yr old Nikash Hinduja, having made a ton for the 2nd XI last week, made a memorable first team debut with a 41-ball 62 (10x4), he and Liam Booth adding a priceless 58 off the last 8 os to set Nantwich 286. Despite Rob Jones easing to a classy 50, his side were 144-3 in the 37th when skipper Luke Robinson joined him. 38 mins later the pair had added 100 runs! Robinson made a trademark 76 off just 37 bs, 6 big maximums completely altering the complexion of the game, and when he was held off a steeper on the boundary a Nantwich victory seemed assured. Another twist as Dids then (cont.)



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somehow managed to apply pressure as Jonty Walliker enjoyed his finest hour, bowling with pace to reduce Nantwich to 268-7. By this time Jones had reached a superb century, and he was still there, on strike in the last over with just 3 needed. Walliker again produced the goods, a perfect yorker bowling a tiring Jones for 116 (146 bs, 3½ hrs), and then another wkt two bs later, leaving last man Mitchell Spencer to survive two deliveries as the match ended with a double wicket maiden, on a day in which both sides gave it everything.

Equally thrilling at Stockport Rd where Timperley pulled off a magnificent chase of Alderley Edge's daunting 316-6, winning by 2 wkts with 2½ os to spare. Last season Timpers twice passed 300 batting second but didn't win either match - this time they were not to be denied, a fantastic opening stand of 156 between Dan Scholz (95) and Jamie Matthews (72) inspiring skipper Ed Galley to whack 59* off 49 bs, lower order support especially from John Fowler (22 off 14) getting the job done for the hosts. Earlier, the absence of wedding guest Sam Perry didn't seem to affect AE, Alfie Usher hitting a wonderful 122 (125 bs), Pat Ashling 67, and skipper Chris Sanders a 25-ball 57, but despite a terrific AE card, it wasn't enough. At the bottom Bramhall ended the month outside the drop zone after a morale-boosting win over Brooklands, Jacob Workman (84) and skipper Nick Cantello (58) grafting hard to resist AJ Hart (4-27) and Kevin Carroll (4-35). A disastrous start to the reply saw both Cunliffe brothers run out as the board showed 28-4, AJ's 82 (91 bs) a lone hand as Brooklands fought desperately hard, but the earlier damage was too much as Bramhall won by 34 runs.

The Wirral derby was another game that went down to the last over. This season it's not unusual to see Tom Jones featuring for Neston, and his good form continued as he creamed successive boundaries to end 35* and seal a 4 wkt win for the Parkgate side. Matt Strong, at the non-striker's end, finished an excellent 89*, having earlier added 112 with Zak Rogers as Oxton's battling 242-8 was to prove not enough. Henry Dobson faced 157 bs for a wonderful 102, Ash Davis leading the line with 4-43 although Jones had also played a part with the ball, taking 2-48.

Bollington stretched their lead at the top of **Div 1** but they were made to work for every point after visitors Sale just fell short in an astonishing chase of 321 for victory. Andrej Yaksender's transcendent form continued with a 116-ball 140 (6x6, 15x4) as he and Rick Hough (78) put on a glorious 224 for the 1st wkt, Bolly racking up 320-7. Sale's reply in the initial stages (91-3 off 18) gave no hint of what was to come, Muneeb Iftikhar crashing 93 (83 bs) inspiring keeper Sam Parish (44), Rob Grant & Tom Brassell to pile on the runs as an extraordinary climax boiled up. 13 were needed off the last over and off the final ball Brassell was caught on the extra cover boundary, just short of the six needed to tie. What a finish!

Widnes moved into second with an accomplished chase of 249 set by Stockport Georgians at Beaconsfield Rd. (cont.)



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Skipper Ben Staniforth made a brilliant 105* (103 bs) but the McCoy brothers (Luke 78*, James 64) batted fluently as Louis Burns (65*) anchored things, Widnes winning by 8 wkts with 4 os to spare. Maritime also won by that same margin, chasing down Toft's 237 with 13 os unused. Sachin Jacob made a spectacular league debut for the Wirral outfit, hammering 136* (117 bs) as he and Vensakar Kanthiraj (58*) added an unbroken 166 for the 3rd, Toft's earlier recovery from 91-5 to reach 236-8 rendered of little account.

Joy at last for Bowdon after their first 20 pts of a thus far disappointing campaign, swapping places at the foot with visitors Urmston after a 46 run win at South Downs Rd. Welcoming back Rob Lord (who made a breezy 37 and took 4-20), Joe Chapple's 66 (131 bs) was the mainstay of Bowdon's highest total of the season. Urmston started their innings on 10-0 after penalty runs were twice awarded to them in the Bowdon innings for batsmen running on the pitch, but Chapple struck with the first ball of the reply as Urmston lurched to 55-4. Despite David Dempster (59) and Adi Manesh (55) adding a determined 120, Dempster's run out turned the tide again as Bowdon seized the initiative.

There was a second successive win for Marple, who beat an out-of-sorts Macclesfield at Victoria Rd by 25 runs. On a tough day for batting, Marple were put in and scraped together 179, Elliot Young's 76-ball 39 testament to tricky batting conditions. Skipper Jack Grundy then dismissed his counterpart Jack Massey with the first ball of the reply, spinner Charlie Hodgson again the ace in the attack with 4-21 as Macc fell to 119-9, a valiant last wkt psp of 35 just beginning to hint at possibilities before Fin Nash was caught.

Alvanley's struggles continued as they lost out in a nailbiter to visitors Port Sunlight. Run scoring was hard work, the hosts seeing an opening stand of 65 turn into 137 all out, but PS struggled just as much, the tension mounting as they slumped to 123-8, but the tail clung on to inch them over the line at 140-9.

**The CCCL confirmed this week that Maritime have had 20 points deducted for inadvertently playing an unregistered player in their first two league games in 2026. Their opponents in those games, Port Sunlight and Widnes, have each been awarded 20 pts.*

In **Div 2** Oulton Park made light work of the 167 target set for them at the Flacca by Tattenhall, winning without an Andrew Dufty century! Dufty didn't even bat as Danny Leach did the heavy lifting, finishing a well-crafted 85* (109 bs) as OP won by 8 wkts. Haslington stayed second after a real captain's performance from Ben Istead, who followed up his T20 century on Thursday with 92 (104 bs), as Haslington posted 243, aided by 51 extras from visitors Davenham. Istead then took three prize wkts, finishing with 4-46 as Davenham were all out 201.

Christleton kept in range of the top two with a well-earned 4 wkt win over Ashley at Little Heath. Choosing to bat first, the visitors got themselves into a promising position, reaching 150-2 in the 36th, but the hosts found a way to apply pressure, largely through the skills of (*cont.*)



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tireless servant Sultan Raja (3-33) and Ashley were ultimately disappointed to be bowled out for 208. Chris Cilemanoff (81*) then had one of his good days with the bat, a third half century of 2026 for the Christleton overseas securing the pts, Cilemanoff also chipping in with a couple of wickets.

An entertaining encounter at Grove Park, where Cheadle Hulme welcomed Romiley, but it was to be another gloomy day for the hosts as they fell to a fourth defeat in five May matches, Romiley winning by a large-looking margin (7 wkts) but they only had four deliveries to spare. Hayden Forner (87) and skipper Adam Wilde (66) put together a second wkt stand of 149, but it spanned some 36 os, and when the pair were dismissed in successive deliveries, Ben Balderson (35* off 20) ran out of time to really put CH out of sight, as they finished 238-5. Romiley were clearly taking notes as a solid partnership took them to victory. Overseas Brodie Richardson (80*) hit his maiden half-century and tipped the winning single, skipper Alex Hooton's 46-ball 66* ensuring his side hit the afterburners for a handy 20 pts, the pair adding an unbroken 108.

Upton made it successive wins as they sought to atone for their sluggish start to the season, although as they struggled to make any real headway at Oakmere it wasn't on the cards that they would do so. But Alex Townend really came to life in the last phase, as he and skipper Tom Marsland enjoyed a riotous alliance which realised 61 runs in just under 8 os, Townend finally dismissed for 67 (76 bs) as Upton added 81 off the last 10 all told. Oakmere didn't help themselves at all by conceding 43 extras, and a couple of early wkts made life even tougher for the hosts. Matt Worsdale (77) made a determined first half-century of 2026 but Luke Camden stole the show with ball rather than bat, his 6-27 seeing Oakmere collapse from 154-5 to 166 all out.

Another side making it two wins in a row were struggling NE Cheshire, who celebrated their creditable qualification into the main T20 competition this week with a comprehensive 83 run win over fellow-toilers Grappenhall at Broad Lane, Grappers sinking to the foot of the table as a result. Will Westerby was the star for NEC, as he made a maiden century (after having made 2 & 4 in his previous inns this season). His fabulous 128 (145 bs, 4x6, 12x4) was enjoyed especially by former skipper Jake Reynolds, who made 57 in a 4th wkt stand of 136. Still, 232-7 wasn't a really big score, but in the event it proved way beyond the hosts, whose sad week (after the death of scorer Steve Wright on Monday) was compounded by an innings bereft of confidence, 149 all out with Westerby taking 3-11 to cap a wonderful day for him.

Three teams are separated by just four pts at the top of **Div 3**, Hale Barns leading the way after a nerve-jangling 1 wkt win at Irby. Having lost at Runcorn by that same margin earlier this month, HB got on the right side of a gripping game, the hosts recovering from 70-7 to reach 156, partly thanks to 33 HB extras. HB reached 82-2 as Joe Cooper (50) marshalled the chase, but he was one of a clutch of wkts to fall mid-inns as the board showed 143-9. The last pair of Kasra Taklimi and Ollie Settle (who took 3-21 earlier) managed to handle the pressure to seal victory. Skipper Hassnain Shah led his Heaton Mersey side from the front at Mobberley, his 5-29 seeing another flop from the hosts, who managed just 129 in 34.3 os. Former Mobbster Ibrar Latif then really stuck the boot in as the left-hander plundered 86* from just 54 bs, HM winning by 9 wkts inside 18 os of batting. Fifties from Charlie Erasmus and skipper James Marshall lifted Ashton OM to a sizeable 271-6 at The Beets as visitors Barrow had a bad day with the ball—and an even worse day with the bat, 69-9 on the board in no time before a briefly defiant last wkt stand took them to a solitary batting pt, 103 all out their final total. Sam Barnes' 46* steered Winnington Park to a 6 wkt home win over Warrington in a low-key game, Warrington only managing 126, but not so far away lowly Stockport had a wonderful day out at Runcorn, skipper Zafar Jatoti making a sparkling 100 (96 bs) as his side surprised even themselves by getting to 279, Muhammad Ansari's 18-ball 47 a big help. The hosts gave it a typical good go but were all out 230. Bredbury SM moved up to fourth after beating basement side Middlewich by 41 runs.



CCCL TABLES - WEEK 7 (MAY 30 - 31)

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
HYDE	121	81
CHEADLE	119	79
DIDSBURY	109	82
ALDERLEY EDGE	106	80
LINDOW	99	62
NANTWICH	89	61
NESTON	80	54
CHESTER BH	69	43
TIMPERLEY	76	57
BRAMHALL	63	54
OXTON	57	47
BROOKLANDS	38	29

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
BOLLINGTON	129	89
WIDNES	112	87
PORT SUNLIGHT	101	72
S.GEORGIANS	98	58
SALE	87	47
TOFT	83	43
MARITIME	75	55
MARPLE	74	63
MACCLESFIELD	65	43
ALVANLEY	58	47
BOWDON	51	47
URMSTON	48	40

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
OULTON PARK	118	78
HASLINGTON	101	76
CHRISTLETON	99	75
ROMILEY	93	70
OAKMERE	85	45
UPTON	81	60
ASHLEY	79	54
DAVENHAM	73	52
N.E.CHESHIRE	61	56
CHEADLE HULME	59	33
TATTENHALL	58	35
GRAPPENHALL	51	43

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
HALE BARNS	117	77
HEATON MERSEY	115	90
ASHTON OM	113	73
BREDBURY SM	91	67
WINNINGTON PARK	89	81
RUNCORN	85	58
IRBY	81	41
BARROW	70	44
WARRINGTON	67	42
STOCKPORT	50	42
MOBBERLEY	45	21
MIDDLEWICH	44	37

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
BROOKLANDS	114
CHESTER BH	113
DIDSBURY	112
OXTON	108
TOFT	99
LINDOW	96
CHEADLE	80
UPTON	63
NANTWICH	58
TIMPERLEY	51
WIDNES	42
NESTON	31

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. MARPLE	125
2. S.GEORGIANS	101
3. MARITIME	96
11. A.EDGE	39
12. ALVANLEY	38

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. WARRINGTON	123
2. H.MERSEY	114
3. GRAPPENHALL	112
11. ASHLEY	43
12. HASLINGTON	40



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. N.E.CHESHIRE	116
2. CHESTER BH 3	110
3. TIMPERLEY	94
11. OULTON PK	53
12. NORTHWICH	23

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
SALE	90
S.GEORGIANS	84
DIDSBURY	83
BROOKLANDS	72
HYDE	53
MARPLE/COMPS.	52
TIMPERLEY	41
TOFT	37
NANTWICH	24
ASHLEY	20

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
CHEADLE	100
ELWORTH	86
ROMILEY	21
RUNCORN	4

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
ASHTON OM	86
WOODLEY	82
DAVENHAM	36
S.GEORGIANS 4	36

SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

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

Div 3 West: Top - Maritime 4
2nd - Northwich

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



WEEK 7 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: Another good day in the **Prem** for the leading sides, the top four separated by just 8 pts. Brooklands are ahead of the pack, but they needed the help of Dan O’Gorman (48) who helped Nick Harrison (51) add a vital 81 for the 7th to help seal a 3 wkt win over Timperley, for whom Tom Matthews earlier made a superb 106* (off 127), adding 151 for the 6th wkt with Joe Clark (59). Chester BH are just a point behind, perhaps a touch dischuffed to see Cheadle reach 114 after being 29-6 at Kingsway (Conrad Payne 5-36), but they stayed composed to clinch a 5 wkt win in good time. 3 wkts apiece for James Bidwell & Jack Harland saw Didsbury bowl out Lindow at Upcast Lane for just 121, James Hill making 60* to secure a comfortable 7 wkt win. Former New Zealand international Lou Vincent returned to the crease at Nantwich, the 47 yr old now helping with the 2nd XI and youth set up at his former club. He had a life on 0 (a tough c&b chance), but made 86 (81 bs) in a 2 hr stay against Toft, his side making 240 (Nige Muirhead 5-59) en-route to a 103 run win. Grant Hughes smacked a 97-ball 120, he and Teddy Briggs (67) adding 172 together as they marmalised bottom side Neston by 178 runs, while Upton’s Luca de Stefano made 107, fifties from Darren Warburton & Ian Potter seeing 260-7 posted, Widnes all out 138 in reply.

There’s no stopping Marple in **Div 1**, the leaders walloping Hyde by 81 runs, while Georgians are upto second, a remarkable recovery from 14-3 against Alvanley to reach a stunning 284-8, Ciaran Kenny’s fantastic 135* (112 bs) the cheer of the club as SG won by 99 runs. Bramhall also went big against struggling Alderley Edge, racking up 321-8 (Parag Mohite 76*) and completing a 139 run win. Romiley’s Ryan Stringer hit 53* and earlier took 3-19 as his side beat Bowdon, while Sale eased past Didsbury 2As and Macclesfield won by 47 runs at Maritime, 15 yr old Oscar Howarth (47*) & Adam Longshaw (66*) adding an unbroken 106 in 10.4 os together.

In **Div 2** the top three all won, Warrington top of the shop after beating Oakmere by 6 wkts. Second place Heaton Mersey recorded a comfortable 49 run win over Upton, who were 89-0 in pursuit of 224 but were all out 174. Grappenhall won at high-flying Ashton OM to go third, Zach Tully making 84, while there were two excellent opening stands as Port Sunlight beat Winnington Park by 2 runs in a thriller. Tom Jenkins (75) and Wayne Greve (87) put on 159 for PS, but despite Matt Atherton (62) & Chris Beesley (61) adding 107, WP couldn’t get 9 off the last.

Despite a super 109 from Bolly’s Zaheer Mohamed **Div 3** leaders N E Cheshire continued their winning run, beating Bolly by 4 wkts. Chester BH 3s also had a centurion, Jude Mahadanaarachchi - his replica shirt must be expensive - making 102* & Joe Maddocks 78, the pair opening up with 145 as CBH beat Northwich to stay second. Oulton Park got a team out and won well, beating Runcorn by 53 runs.

3rd XI League News In the **Premier Division**, a remarkable finish saw Georgians go second after beating leaders Brooklands off the last ball of the match. Oliver Tarr made 94 for Brooklands & Dan Archer 74 for SG. Sale went top as a result, a well-paced chase seeing them beat Marple/Compstall by 5 wkts. Didsbury beat Nantwich, Toft got a very welcome after winning at Hyde - Noah Wasilewski smashing 111 off 90 bs after taking 4-51 - and Timperley beat Ashley. **Div 1** leaders Cheadle won again, beating H.Mersey by 4 wkts while Gurshuran Singh made 93 for second place Elworth in their victory over Bramhall. Bottom side Runcorn had a horrendous afternoon, conceding 50 extras as visitors Bowdon clattered 323-4 (Sulaiman Anis 95) and then collapsing from 36-3 to 46 all out. In **Div 2** Ashton OM stayed top after beating Dids 5s by 22 runs, Woodley in second after beating Davenham. Urmston knocked off 169 inside 18 os to beat bottom side Georgians 4s by 9 wkts. C.Hulme 4s still lead **Div 3 East** with Bollington & Lindow in pursuit, the latter hammering Macc by 160 runs, while Maritime have won five from five in **Div 3 West**, Suman Arulan’s spectacular 84* (51 bs) leading them to victory at Oxtan 3s.

THE FORZA T20 PLATE

Thursday saw the final round of matches, the six group winners and two best second-placed sides qualifying for the main competition.

GP 1: WINNERS - UPTON R/U (qualifying): Christleton

Upton (165-6) bt Christleton (139-9) by 26 runs

Tattenhall (168-7) bt Irby (141-8) by 27 runs

Holders of the T20 Qualifiers Trophy, Upton ensured at least a defence of their crown after a fast start and subsequent solid batting display at Little Heath left Christleton with always too much to do. Despite defeat, Christleton joined them in the next stage thanks to their pts tally and NRR.

GP 2: WINNERS - WINNINGTON PARK R/U: Warrington

Winnington Pk (117-1) bt Warrington (112) by 9 wkts

Runcorn (233-4) bt Barrow (188-8) by 45 runs

An electrifying display from Winnington Park saw them sweep to a group-winning victory in just 10.3 os at Walton Lea. Runcorn skipper Kieran Maher smashed a brilliant 130 (67 bs) as he and David Nedugodan (55*) plundered 85 off the last 5 os in their game with Barrow, who were assisted by 33 Runcorn wides in their ultimately fruitless, but spirited chase.*

GP 3: WINNERS - OULTON PARK R/U (qualifying): Haslington

Haslington (166-6) bt Oulton Park (130-8) by 36 runs

Oakmere v Middlewich - Middlewich conceded

Haslington skipper Ben Istead hammered a superb 101 (57 bs) as he dominated proceedings. OP were 59-0 off 8 but 2.1 os later were 70-4, never recovering from those setbacks. However, both sides qualified, Haslington's NRR way superior to that of Oakmere, who rued their heavy loss to OP last week.*

GP 4: WINNERS - HALE BARNES R/U: Davenham

Hale Barnes (214-7) bt Ashley (188-5) by 26 runs

Grappenhall (148-9) bt Davenham (141-8) by 7 runs

HB's Alex Read hit five sixes in a row - just a single off the last - in a whirlwind

THE FORZA T20 PLATE cont.

17th over, his inns of 67 (22 bs) the main reason HB took 72 off the last 5, giving them breathing space which proved its worth in a lively Ashley chase.

GP 5 (3 sides): WINNERS - CHEADLE HULME R/U: Stockport

Cheadle Hulme (100-3) bt Stockport (96) by 7 wkts

Tom Balderson returned 4-0-5-4 as the 2025 Qualifier Trophy runners-up won with ease to seal top spot.

GP 6 (3 sides): WINNERS - N.E.CHESHIRE R/U: Romiley

NE Cheshire (100) bt Bredbury (74-8) by 26 runs

A lacklustre spectacle at Dark Lane saw hosts Bredbury crash to 11-6 in pursuit of a distinctly ordinary NEC total, from whence recovery came to nought.

The main 1st XI T20 competition gets underway on Thursday 4th June (Sale v Bramhall in Gp 5 is on Tues 2nd), with full fixtures for all eight groups on Play Cricket.



STEVE WRIGHT - GRAPPENHALL SCORER

Steve's death on Monday, after a period of time in hospital, was very sad news for everyone involved with the CCCL. He was a well-known figure around the County League and as a fellow-scorer we shared a box together on many occasions, most recently at 2nd XI Finals Day last year at Grappers. Although not actually one of the official scorers for the day, Steve nonetheless stepped in when no other teams had scorers, just to help out - typical of the man.

There were a number of warm tributes online paid to Steve, especially from people who knew him around the non-league football and regional cricket circuits. One told of how, a few years ago Steve was scoring on the boundary (as he often liked to do) at a Cheshire v Wales 3-day match. He noticed, via the scoreboard, the match scorers were accrediting runs to the wrong batters. One of them was dismissed in the nineties with Steve certain that he had actually scored a ton. That night Steve sat at home and re-scored the day's play from the first ball and proved his point, showing his book to a Welsh official the next day to try and get it corrected.

No funeral details are known as yet. Our condolences go to all at Grappenhall.

THE 2ND XI T20 FORZA CUP

The 2026 tournament got underway on a glorious Tuesday evening, many batsmen enjoying themselves in the conditions with big totals, two superb tons and a new competition record for the highest partnership. Holders Chester BH 2s (pictured) enter in R2, away to Oxton. **2ND XI FINALS DAY = AUG 16th.**



Timperley 3s (200-7) beat Ashley (162-7) by 38 runs

Timpers' Piyush Chechani clattered 93 (46 bs) with 4x6 & 12x4. Ashley were 0-2 after 3 balls of their reply, Tom Hayton's 66 (51 bs) a lone hand before Chechani ran him out, adding to his later stumping and a catch.

Bollington (246-4) beat Alderley Edge (203-5) by 43 runs *Bolly's Matt Dawson hit 12x6 & 7x4 in a brilliant 123* (54 bs) adding 154 with Cam McKinnon (56) in a barely-believable 8.3 os. AE gave it a real go in reply, but it was in vain.*

Cheadle Hulme (140-9) beat Didsbury 2A (139-7) by 1 wkt *After an assured start to their chase CH hit the buffers, and in a gripping finale needed the tail to inch them home after slipping to 116-7.*

Urmston (142-6) beat Hale Barns (114-7) by 28 runs *The Div 2 strugglers overcame their Div 3 opponents with some ease after HB skipper Sanjeev Bhatia ran out team-mate Junaid Iqbal, and then himself, in successive overs.*

Grappenhall (202-5) beat Haslington (161-6) by 41 runs *Grappers' Zach-attack of Pomfret (78 off 50) and Tully (63* off 26) left Haslington a huge task, made all the harder by tumbling to 45-5 in reply before a creditable late rally.*

Marple (199-5) beat Sale (134) by 65 runs *After taking 8-20 on Sat, Marple's George Bailey produced a stellar batting display, making a fantastic 103 (57 bs) as his side posted an imposing total that was beyond Sale's compass.*

NE Cheshire (103-7) beat Romiley (102) by 3 wkts *Romiley were 54-2 off 7 os but the inns went completely flat, NEC making equally heavy weather of the chase before winning with three os unused.*

Winnington Park (150-7) beat Northwich (144-6) by 6 runs *WP's Matt Atherton made a super 75 (41 bs) which proved decisive in the mid-Cheshire derby, as a late Northwich rally saw them dramatically hammer 65 off the last 5 os, finishing just one big blow short of a surprise win (by losing fewer wkts).*

Runcorn (148-9) beat Oakmere (121-7) by 27 runs *Runcorn's array of Keenans and Bushells all chipped in to ensure their side were always in control.*

Oulton Park v Warrington - Oulton Park conceded

Chester BH 3s (139-5) beat

Oxton (137-4) by 5 wkts *Saturday tail-end centurion Gabe Smith was pushed upto to open by Oxton, his 25 off 14 nipped in the bud as his side ended 15-20 runs short of where they might have expected. Marius Mostert (78* off 57) then used his skill & experience for CBH 3s to steer them home with an over unused.*

Heaton Mersey (196-1) beat Stockport (148-9) by 48 runs *HM skipper Ayaz Cheema hit a two off the last ball of their inns to end 99* (63 bs), his unbroken stand with Alishan Khan (69*) worth a superb 184, the highest ever psp in T20 2nd XI cricket according to available records. Stockport were never likely to get anywhere close but had some fun trying nonetheless.*

Port Sunlight (134-2) beat Tattenhall (131-6) by 8 wkts *Ryan Kearney's excellent 70* (47 bs) enabled PS to coast home, Kearney hitting the winning boundary with 2½ os unused, taking a terrific stand with Tom Foston (39*) to 109*.*

Ashton OM (189-2) beat Bramhall (156-9) by 33 runs *Put into bat, AOM's Jack Cumersdale hit a brilliant 86* (57 bs), featuring in stands of 111 for the 1st wkt with Tom Stockton and 69 for the 2nd. Bramhall were handily placed at 123-2 in the 13th before Cumersdale then induced a collapse, taking 4-11 as Bramhall fell right away.*

R2 DRAW (matches to be played by June 16)

Ashton OM v Didsbury; Bollington v S.Georgians;

Brooklands v Lindow; Cheadle v Timperley 2;

Cheadle Hulme v Bowdon; Chester BH 3 v Neston; Hyde v Marple;

Macclesfield v Toft; Nantwich v Winnington Park;

NE Cheshire v Heaton Mersey; Oxton v Chester BH 2;

Port Sunlight v Maritime; Runcorn v Widnes; Timperley 3 v

Urmston; Upton v Alvanley; Warrington v Grappenhall

UMPIRES WANTED

Cheshire Cricket Board have organised a number of 'in-season' ECB Umpiring Courses to support the recruitment of new officials at grass roots level.

Courses cost £70, with a 50% refund available for anyone who subsequently stands in 5 fixtures. Bursaries (of up to 50%) are also available for under-represented groups and women are especially strongly encouraged to apply.

Courses:

June 1 & 8 - **Upton CC**

June 22 & 29 - **Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge** (*this course is for women only*)

Aug 13 & 20 - **Holmes Chapel CC**

Contact andrew.jackson@cheshirecricketboard for more information.

ECB NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Disappointment for both remaining Cheshire sides as Nantwich and Didsbury lost on Sunday.

Despite an excellent 86* from opener Ben Wright, Nantwich's 195 proved well within range for Birmingham league visitors Barnt Green, Jacques Banton cracking 95* (68 bs) to seal a five wkt win.

Didsbury's game at Halesowen was a much tighter affair but the outcome the same, Dids losing by 4 runs after having the chase under control at halfway, 95-1 needing 217. However, just as Jonty Walliker's left arm pace had pegged the Tamworth inns right back (after a rapid start), it was Sid Stanton's left arm seamers that did the trick for the hosts as he took 4-15, Dids falling away as 100-1 became 129-5. They needed 17 off the last over but it proved to be one hit too many.

Paint Cricket

PINK

Please email Emma Slater - paintcricketpink@yahoo.com - to find out how to get your club involved with raising money for Prevent Breast Cancer during June and July.

3RD XI T20 QUARTER FINALS

Mon 8 June: Stockport Georgians v Sale

Tues 9 June: Toft v Nantwich

Weds 10 June: Marple/Compstall v Didsbury 3

Tues 16 June: Didsbury 4 v Davenham

3RD XI FINALS DAY = SUN 5 JULY