



THE 2026 WEEK 9 REVIEW - PREMIER DIV

A dry but breezy Saturday saw a full programme across the county with some fine individual and team performances standing out.

Didsbury consolidated top spot in the **Premier Division** after a comprehensive victory over an Oxton side that is now without a league win in their last six attempts. Solid batting led by James Green (50), brother Steve (42) and Chris Becker (49) helped Dids amass 280 at Wilmslow Rd, a target which proved to be over the hills and far away for the visitors. Already hampered by the absence of form player Tym Crawford, two run-outs in three overs - skipper Henry Dobson one of the victims - really holed the Oxton reply beneath the waterline, and Jonty Walliker's great bowling form continued as he wrapped things up with 4-17, Dids winning by 156 runs.

Two away wins really grabbed the attention in the top flight, however. Cheadle recorded a hugely impressive 42 run win at Hyde as they continued to enjoy life in the Prem and provide a welcome 'stirring of the pot' in the top half. Without the services of skipper Josh Dooler - like yours truly, on duty at Old Trafford during the Womens World Cup - Cheadle showed real tenacity in battling hard for 53.2 os making 172, despite losing both Adam Dooler and Dan Brown for ducks. Subhaan Mahmood faced 139 bs for his 55 as Hyde's four bowlers wheeled away, James Chew's 5-31 the pick. Cheadle likewise stuck to a four-man attack but theirs was to enjoy greater success as the hosts found it every bit as tough to develop any rhythm. Charlie Barnard's 29 (78 bs) was the highest score as Hyde folded for 130, Cheadle's bowlers bowling 17 maidens between them in the 46.4 os they sent down as the Kingsway side moved to second.

Hyde dropped down a spot to third and now have Nantwich hot on their heels after the Dabbers thrashed Lindow by an eye-watering 276 runs at Upcast Lane. An intriguing fixture was shaping up nicely around halfway with Nantwich asked to bat and 113-3, Rob Jones dismissed cheaply. But things then took a decisive turn as Jake Pearson's well-made 67 paved the way for Luke Robinson to run riot, the Nantwich skipper hammering 12x6 and 6x4 in an imperious 129 (70 bs) as the scoreboard raced round, with 75 added in just 5 overs prior to Robinson's dismissal as, in total, 190 runs were taken off 25 overs of spin. Lindow were then quickly up slack alley as they tumbled to 28-5 inside the first hour, the experience and accuracy of Ray Doyle (5-27) and Mitchell Spencer (5-38) a class apart as the hosts crashed to 71 all out before drinks.

Chester BH produced an excellent team performance to claim just their third win of 2026, bowling out Alderley Edge for 235 at Filkins Lane to win a gripping contest by 13 runs. A batting line-up missing some regulars battled hard to reach 248-7, with Ed Carter (67), Ashraf Qureshi (63) and Noah Vickery (56) all contributing well. Sam Perry recorded his best ever 1st XI bowling figures of 5-70, before getting his pads on and making a determined 72 (127 bs) as AE went for their target, but Josh Leach's spin kept a rein on things, his 5-49 including the wkt of Perry which left AE 202-9. The last wkt (cont.)



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pairing of Dan Fesmer and Andrew Windle stayed together for some six overs while chipping away at the target as the tension mounted, before Windle was caught in the deep to end a super contest. Not so far away at Parkgate a similar type of match was unfolding, three Bramhall players all making half-centuries (Jacob Workman 67, Nick Cantello 54*, Olly Latter 50) as they posted 235-7 against Neston. The hosts found it difficult against the spin of Simon Wilkinson and Ryan Macciocchi as the pair returned 6-107 from 29 overs combined. Matt Strong made 65 (100 bs) and Matt Maritz 46 (98 bs) as Neston made it successive draws, ending on 208-8. Timperley's Dan Scholz passed 500 league runs already as he made a superb 113* (124 bs) in their 6 wkt win in the local derby with Brooklands, Scholz and Fred Vaughan-Hawkins (79) adding 148 for the 2nd wkt in an impressive display.

Next week Didsbury visit Alderley Edge while Cheadle entertain Lindow. Hyde go to Oxton while Chester BH travel in the opposite direction as they play at Bramhall. Neston are at Timperley while bottom side Brooklands have it all to do as they welcome an in-form Nantwich.

Bollington's lead at the top of **Div 1** was cut to four pts after they suffered their first loss of the season, second-place Widnes making it six league wins in a row (in completed matches) with a 44 run win at the BRC. The visitors were put in and at 103-5 in the 31st were in a bit of a spot, but skipper Alex Hewitt (71 off 74) and Aaron Soni (55 off 45) counter-attacked brilliantly, adding 110 in the next 15 os as Widnes closed on 248-9, Bolly putting in 23 wides. Hewitt then got rid of two of the powerful Bolly top four, with Hafiz Raza bowling key man Andrej Yaksender for just 10. Despite skipper Rick Hough's fourth half-century of the season, Bolly were always chasing the game and despite some fight from the lower order they were all out 204.

Toft stay in third after a demolition job of hapless Urmston at Booths Park, the division's bottom side being skittled for less than 70 for the second time in the last four games. Connor Hastings made a wonderful 115, his second ton of the season, as he and Scott Craig (55) opened up with 140, Toft ruthlessly piling up 314-5. Urmston ended the first powerplay 25-6 as George Galvin (5-37) and Will Dunkerley (3-15) were too hot to handle, the innings not even lasting 22 overs as the board showed a final total of 63.

The other struggling side, Alvanley, had another deflating day as they also conceded a huge total. Visitors Stockport Georgians decisively ended their three-game losing streak as they racked up 314-4, the only slight downside for them being Ned Bailey's run out on 99 (112 bs). Stands of 93 for the first and then 126 for the second with Sam Bright (70 off 72) set up a great platform for Bilal Shah to fall one short of a jaunty half-century. Alv's reply never really got going as Sohaib Ahsan's left arm seam saw the hosts reduced to 56-4 (having been 53-1) and although nine of their 11 batsmen got into double figures, only Chris Charles (47) produced any real substance as Alv were all out 200. They welcome Bollington next (cont.)



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week. A third win on the spin for Bowdon also made it that little bit tougher for both Alvanley & Urmston, Jack Tipton's men having a super Joe Chapple 110 (138 bs) to thank for their healthy 254-8 against visitors Port Sunlight, who were in problems from the off after two quick Chapple wkts and suffered a real batting seizure as they were all out 111. Marple are another side enjoying a good burst of form, a third win in four games impressively claimed at Maritime. Mark Makin was the star man with a disciplined 78 (133 bs) as Max Fitzgerald (40 off 82) knuckled down with him. Their eventual 206-4 looked moderate but on a tricky surface proved to be more than worth its weight in graft as Maritime found the spin of Makin (3-32) and Elliott Young (2-21) hard to deal with, Maritime all out 188. Much more batting friendly at Macclesfield as two overseas players dominated. Sale's Cam Kwok ended a wretched run of form with a terrific 107, he and Tyrone Lawrence (65) repairing a tentative start before Muneeb Iftikhar added some trademark muscle with 78* off 60, Macc's sloppy fielding proving costly as Sale reached 269-5. However, Macc skipper Jack Massey whacked 18 off the first over of the reply, which Matt Fielding built on as he made an authoritative 128* (137 bs), putting on a fabulous unbroken 207 with Alex Thomson (91*) as Macc won by 7 wkts.

Five out of six matches in **Div 2** saw both innings have in excess of 200 posted, with one of those games a highly watchable clash of near-neighbours Oakmere and Oulton Park at Overdale Lane. OP reached 235-6 after half centuries from Danny Leach and Nick Ball before a dramatic reply saw Oakmere start well, build nicely, but then slump from 192-3 to 198-6. In growing tension the score mounted but wkts kept falling, Oakmere eventually pinching it by 1 wkt with OP left to reflect on the 53 extras they conceded. However, they were cheered to learn of a loss for second place Haslington as lowly NE Cheshire pulled off a surprise 3 wkt win. They did it the hard way, however, as Haslington climbed from 138-8 to 207 after impressive tail-end batting - but NEC showed they'd been watching as Ben Perry's 51* and 48 from no.8 Shakeem Boyce led a recovery from 100-5 to reach their target in the 47th. The bottom two sides produced an excellent game at Broad Lane, Grapper's Jason Batson made a sparkling 107 (91 bs) as his side totalled 250-7 against visitors Tattenhall. Batson also took two wkts but was unable to dismiss Corey Bovey, whose 117* (105 bs) led to Tatt reaching 251-6 with nine ovs unused, Bovey and Harry Walker (67) adding 113 for the 5th. Cheadle Hulme also made 250 at home and lost, their 253-8 against Upton (70 apiece from Jordan Potts and Ben Balderson) not enough as Luke Camden (84) led his side to 256-7 and a fourth win in a row. There were also twin tons at Little Heath, Chris Cilemanoff making 100 for Christleton and Ans Mohammed 119 for Romiley as he and David Badrock (55*) added 145 for the third, Rom winning by 6 wkts. Davenham skipper Connor Mizzi made a fantastic 123* (133 bs) to go with two wkts and a catch, his side winning at Ashley by 5 wkts.

In **Div 3** leaders Heaton Mersey survived a collapse from 96-4 to 111-8 to squeak to their 113 target at Hale Barns while second-place Ashton OM won a little more comfortably, by 5 wkts at lowly Mobberley. Mobb skipper Ben Wood (66) made half his side's total on another disappointing day, and their trip to Stockport next week carries a bit of extra pressure for both sides after Stockport lost by 61 runs at Bredbury SM. Middlewich's dazzling batting of a week previous was a distant memory at Irby as they managed just 137, Sean Delaney (58*) and Carl Gowtage (54) adding exactly 100 in Irby's 8 wkt win, their first 20 pts in five outings. Winnington Park's five-game winning streak came to an end at Barrow, as Logan Malthus (62*) helped his side to a 5 wkt triumph, while there was a highly entertaining local derby at Moughland Lane. Runcorn's Will Magee walloped 112 off 87 bs, he and Nauman Akram (63 off 59) adding 174 in just 20 os as their side hammered 372-5. Visitors Warrington replied with spirit but despite a lively 77 (70 bs) from Mike Rudd, they were all out 264.



CCCL TABLES - WEEK 9 (JUNE 13 - 14)

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
DIDSBURY	157	48
CHEADLE	147	28
HYDE	134	13
NANTWICH	130	41
ALDERLEY EDGE	130	24
LINDOW	125	26
TIMPERLEY	105	29
BRAMHALL	101	40
CHESTER BH	98	29
NESTON	93	13
OXTON	80	23
BROOKLANDS	48	10

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
BOLLINGTON	156	27
WIDNES	152	40
TOFT	123	40
S.GEORGIANS	122	24
PORT SUNLIGHT	107	6
MACCLESFIELD	105	40
SALE	99	12
MARITIME	98	23
MARPLE	97	23
BOWDON	91	40
ALVANLEY	64	6
URMSTON	54	6

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
OULTON PARK	145	27
HASLINGTON	127	26
OAKMERE	125	40
UPTON	121	40
ROMILEY	118	25
DAVENHAM	113	40
CHRISTLETON	109	10
N.E.CHESHIRE	87	26
CHEADLE HULME	86	27
ASHLEY	86	7
TATTENHALL	84	26
GRAPPENHALL	61	10

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
HEATON MERSEY	155	40
ASHTON OM	153	40
HALE BARNES	125	8
BREDBURY SM	126	25
WINNINGTON PARK	113	24
IRBY	109	28
RUNCORN	108	23
BARROW	95	25
WARRINGTON	94	27
STOCKPORT	75	25
MIDDLEWICH	65	21
MOBBERLEY	52	7

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
BROOKLANDS	154
DIDSBURY	152
CHESTER BH	135
OXTON	130
TOFT	124
LINDOW	108
CHEADLE	105
UPTON	85
NANTWICH	84
TIMPERLEY	83
WIDNES	63
NESTON	36

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. MARPLE	165
2. S.GEORGIANS	141
3. HYDE	134
11. ALVANLEY	63
12. BOWDON	58



2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. WARRINGTON	163
2. H.MERSEY	154
3. GRAPPENHALL	136
11. ASHLEY	46
12. HASLINGTON	43

2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. N.E.CHESHIRE	156
2. CHESTER BH 3	136
3. TIMPERLEY	134
11. TATTENHALL	69
12. NORTHWICH	25

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
BROOKLANDS	112
S.GEORGIANS	107
SALE	104
DIDSBURY	96
MARPLE/COMPS.	92
NANTWICH	64
HYDE	64
TOFT	57
TIMPERLEY	46
ASHLEY	25

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
CHEADLE	140
ELWORTH	126
ROMILEY	39
RUNCORN	9

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
ASHTON OM	114
WOODLEY	106
S.TRINITY	57
DAVENHAM	30

SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

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

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

Div 4: Top - Cheadle 4
2nd - Styal



WEEK 9 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: The meeting of first and second in the **Prem** led to a surprisingly one-sided game, leaders Brooklands comfortably beating Chester BH by 7 wkts, skipper Mark Bloomfield (60) leading the way after CBH were bowled out for just 131. Didsbury went second with what skipper Ryan Wilson described as “the best bowling display in all my years as captain” after his team dismissed a strong Nantwich side for 157 to record a 40 run win, James Bidwell (4-47) claiming the key wkt of Lou Vincent for just 5 - the Dabbers regretting numerous dropped catches as Dids got from 98-6 to 197. Oxton beat Toft by 23 runs in a tight match between two form sides, Grant Hughes’ 70 a decisive contribution in his side’s 216-8 as an 8th wkt stand of 68 kept Toft right in it, Olly Allen’s direct hit running out Matt Cornes at a crucial juncture. Even closer at Kingsway where Cheadle recovered from 54-5 to make 211-8 against Lindow, who (after 63 from Henry James) needed 22 off the last two with 3 wkts in hand, and after the drama of a six and a run out off a wide, were all out 203. The bottom two had contrasting days, Widnes (184-2) easing to an 8 wkt win over Timperley but Neston remaining firmly anchored at the foot after going down by 6 wkts at Upton. Neston lost two wkts in the first over of the match, were soon 6-4, and only Caleb Bradley (72) and Nathan Twidell (36) gave them any hope after Tom Wood & Callum McCormick took 5 wkts each.

Div 1 leaders Marple remain in cruise control after a crushing 9 wkt win over Macclesfield. S.Georgians remain in their rear-view mirror after posting 220-8 against lowly Bowdon, who were all out 102 (Rhys Kibble 5-8). Jahangir Hussain made 83 as Hyde stayed third after beating Sale, while a stand of 85 for the 8th Maritime wkt at Romiley lifted them to 245, the hosts coming quietly for 133. A super 139* psp between Jonathan Steele (78*) and Olly Kenyon (57*) brought A.Edge a long-awaited first win of 2026, lifting them out of the drop zone after beating a flat-lining Didsbury 2As by 7 wkts, while Andy Tatton’s 5-37 helped his Bramhall side to hold on against Alvanley, Bram winning by 17 runs.

In **Div 2** Raj Soni belted a 34-ball 50* to keep Warrington out in front with a 5 wkt win over C.Hulme, while H.Mersey thumped bottom side Haslington by 94 runs, Has’ Aaron Pittem making 84 of their 135. Grappers’ skip Graeme Rowlands made a brilliant 105 as his side got from 110-5 to 262-7 at P.Sunlight, winning by 44 runs. Winnington Park collapsed from 152-3 to 182 as visitors Oakmere won by 10 runs.

Div 3 leaders NEC beat Christleton while, despite 89 from our man Jude Mahadanaarachchi, Chester BH lost out by 18 runs in a high scoring game with Hale Barns, S.Jaiswal making 166 for HB. Timpers stay third after getting from 92-5 to 245-7, beating Oxton by 3 wkts. At the bottom, there was another towelling for Northwich after Andy Hards rolled back the years for OP, taking 6-21 in his side’s massive 279 run win.

3rd XI League News All change again at the top of the **Premier Division**, Brooklands back at the summit after winning at Timperley thanks to 62 from skipper George Myddleton. Georgians went second after beating Didsbury by 6 wkts, while Sale stayed third despite losing to Nantwich. Marple/Compstall took local bragging rights after their 71 run win at Hyde while Noah Wasilewski crashed 81 as Toft won rapidly at Ashley. In **Div 1** leaders Cheadle and second place Elworth both won, while Saj Hussain whacked 11x6 and 11x4 in a 54-ball 124 as Heaton Mersey won by 9 wkts at Grappenhall. Ravi Patel hit 107 (103 bs) before James day took 5-8 as Bramhall marmalised Runcorn 3s, while Zak Ekstein took 5-4 as Dids 4s bowled Bowdon out for 54 to win by 155 runs. In **Div 2** a last wkt stand of 27 got leaders Ashton OM to 136 at S.Trinity, who they bowled out for 113 to win by 23 runs. Woodley stayed second after beating Christleton. **Div 3 East** saw Bolly still hot on the heels of leaders C.Hulme 4s after both won, while it’s likewise in **Div 3 West**, with Maritime and Northwich both winning. Finally in **Div 4** a mention for Styal, who are up into second, and bottom side Urmston 5s, who got their first win of the season at Ashton OM.

THE FORZA T20 CUP

The second round of group stage matches were obliterated by the dismal weather of last Thursday. Clubs have the option to re-arrange these matches by June 25th. Matches thus confirmed so far are below, after the list of matches coming up this week.

GP 1: 18th = Alvanley v Oxton; Maritime v Christleton
25th = Oxton v Maritime

GP 2: 18th = Neston v Port Sunlight; Upton v Chester BH
25th = Chester BH v Neston

GP 3: 16th = Toft v Timperley **18th** = Lindow v Winnington Park
25th = Winnington Park v Toft

GP 4: 16th = Urmston v Brooklands
18th = Oulton Park v Urmston; Widnes v Brooklands
25th = Oulton Park v Widnes

GP 5: 18th = Bramhall v Cheadle Hulme; Sale v Didsbury

GP 6: 15th = Nantwich v Bollington
18th = Haslington v Bollington; Macclesfield v Nantwich

GP 7: 18th = Cheadle v NE Cheshire; Marple v Hyde

GP 8: 18th = Hale Barns v Bowdon; Stockport Georgians v Alderley Edge
25th = Hale Barns v Stockport Georgians

3RD XI T20 QUARTER FINALS

Weds 10: Didsbury 3s 130-7 (20 os) beat Marple/Compstall 121-9 (20 os) by 9 runs
Didsbury 3s won through to a ninth successive finals day after a hard-fought win, hosts Marple/Compstall not helping themselves by dropping four catches. Didsbury's fielding was not without blemish but they bowled to their plan and just kept themselves ahead.

Tues 16: Didsbury 4s v Davenham

Tues 23rd: Toft v Nantwich

The poster features a pink background with three cricket stumps in the center. At the top left is the 'paint pink' logo, and at the top right is the Cheshire County Cricket League logo. The text 'CRICKET PINK 2026' is prominently displayed. Below the stumps, it asks 'HOW WILL YOUR CLUB GET INVOLVED? HELP US BOWL OUT CANCER'. At the bottom left is the 'prevent breast cancer' logo, and at the bottom right is the slogan 'PREDICT - PREVENT - PROTECT' with '2026 Cheshire County Cricket League chosen Charity' underneath.

CAWSTON PRESS village cup

I'm grateful to Andy Bennion for news about Alvanley's 2026 tilt at the Village Cup, after they beat Bowdon in a high-scoring regional final on June 7. Alvanley thankfully got a home draw in the first National Round this Sun (21st), hosting Falkland CC (Fife) who have had an eventful competition. In their first match they bowled their opponents out for 13, then won their regional final by 1 run!

Come on the Alv!

CESHIRE CUP 2026 ROUND 2



Dark Lane: Birkenhead Park 121-6 (38.4 os) beat Bredbury SM 120-9 (40 os) by 4 wkts. *Abandoned last Sun, this re-arranged tie on a slow pitch with variable bounce, and a slow outfield, made run-scoring difficult. BSM managed just two boundaries in their 40 os, BP's David Nevin claiming a hat-trick (all lbw) as BSM were 54-7, but the tail held out for the remaining 19 os to at least post a score, BP needing all but 8 balls to win.*

London Rd: Bowdon 201-5 (40 os) beat Elworth 194-7 (40 os) by 7 runs.

A fascinating match was finally settled when Bowdon's Cam Hertz bowled Harry Newton for a dashing 81 (72 bs) which left the hosts needing 20 off 10 balls. Hertz took 3-30 to go along with a handy 16 which was to prove most valuable, as was Paul Higham's contribution - his 17 including 10 garnered from the final over, and he also bowled the last over of the match, conceding just 8. Both players kept Ashwin Sharma company at the crease as he made a stylish 89 (79 bs), giving Bowdon just enough.*

June 21st: Victoria Rd: Macclesfield v Didsbury (re-arranged).