



THE 2026 WEEK 13 REVIEW - PREMIER DIV

After a glorious week when 1st and 2nd XI T20 competitions developed, a hot, dry weekend saw a league record broken for the second time in two years, notable batting achievements and five sides progress to the Cheshire Cup QFs.

An astonishing first over from pace bowler James Green enabled Didsbury to stay top of the **Premier Division** after a 116 run win at Neston. Having made 257 (Nick Anderson 67), Green roared in and trapped Luke Jones lbw first ball, bowled Zak Rogers second ball, and then got Matt Maritz lbw with his fourth (legitimate) delivery. Neston were reeling at 6-3 after Green finished that over, and collapsed to a barely believable 48-8 after Green's sixth wkt - he finished with a career best 10-2-36-6 - within 13 overs. Guy Bradshaw at last found allies in Ash Davis and Matt Stewart, who between them put together 15 overs' worth of resistance, but Bradshaw's dismissal for 50 saw Neston all out 141 as Dids had plenty of time to enjoy an ice-cream on the Parkgate front later.

Nantwich and Hyde both maintained their fantastic form to keep Didsbury well within range. Hyde's decision to bat at Timperley looked to have backfired when they stumbled to 92-6 but skipper Andrew Jackson again stood supreme, following up his Thursday T20 ton with a run-a-ball 95 as he and Charlie Barnard (77 off 82) added a superb 133 for the 7th wkt. John Fowler persevered to finish with 6-54 but Hyde had 246 to defend and with George Balderson available, they had an extra pace option. Fred Vaughan-Hawkins was one of five Balderson victims but not before he made a fabulous 110 (88 bs, 6x6, 14x4), he and Zak Christie (37) adding 131 for the 4th as Timpers got themselves into a great position, having hit Barnard out of the attack. But with Balderson (10-3-18-5) immaculate, the pace of Jackson and Luke Young made the difference, Young's first league spell since May 30th yielding him 3-21 as Timpers were all out 198.

Nantwich made it five wins in a row, beating Alderley Edge by 64 runs at Moss Lane. Like Hyde, the Dabbers recovered from a difficult position of 39-3 to make 282, Rob Jones (81) and Luke Robinson (44) adding 115 before Spencer Byatt's 71 completed an excellent recovery. AE welcomed back Arav Shetty, Lancashire wanting him back playing after a long injury lay-off, and his 5-78 showed his damaged fingers had recovered well. Sadly a mix-up with Pat Ashling saw Shetty run out for 25 as AE's poor run continued - three batsman got into the 40s but no-one went on, and with Scott Wardley and Ollie Griffiths claiming 7 wkts between them, AE's 218 with a strong batting line up (Will Valentine at no.8) was a major disappointment for them. AE have a trip to Kingsway next week before playing both of the current bottom two sides in consecutive games after that, and will be hoping for a significant upturn in their fortunes.

One of the bottom two, Oxton, at least had one of their best Saturdays in a while although they were frustrated by the last Cheadle pair in a high-scoring draw at Townfield Lane. A magnificent opening stand of 172 between Josh Brown (105) and Grant Hughes (93) spanned some 35 overs as Oxton piled up 312-7, two early Cheadle wkts then having the hosts (cont.)



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in buoyant mood. Ash Burton came to the rescue, steadying things with Rob Basu before he and James Clift (56) added 94, Burton finally ninth man out for a brilliant 107 (105 bs) as Cheadle were on the brink at 244-9 with 6.2 os remaining. Ben Broadhurst then showed he's more than just the Prem leading wicket taker, facing 37 balls, and, aided by last man Alex Read (who had been drafted in from the 2s) getting his side a draw.

Chester BH's have continued to pick up after a poor start - it's now just one defeat in their last eight games - as they made it consecutive wins after an impressive chase of 251 at Brooklands. Skipper Noah Vickery was the main man, a superb 118 (105 bs) steering his side home after Ben Cunliffe (70) and Kevin Carroll (50) had been the main contributors to the hosts' 250, although no.9 Oliver Tarr marked his 1st XI debut with a handy 38. But Brooklands' Prem days are looking numbered, no league wins and 55 pts from safety. Their trip to Oxton next week looks pivotal. In the other game Bramhall failed to capitalise on an opening stand of 116 (Greg Dixon 65, Jack Clark 47) as they only got to 217-9 against visitors Lindow, for whom Jamieson Hedges returned 7-65. Batting at no.8, he later biffed 21*, helping Dan Newton (who didn't bowl) to add 60* as Newton made an excellent second ton of the season, ending 104* (111 bs) as Lindow won by 4 wkts.

In **Division 1** it was looking good for Macclesfield as they prepared for their derby clash at Bollington, skipper Jack Massey calling correctly and putting the league leaders in. But it was to be the last thing that went right for Massey as he and his attack were powerless to stop the indomitable pair of Rick Hough and Andrej Yaksender from a record-breaking stand. Their fourth 150+ partnership of the season lasted for all but nine balls of the innings as they amassed a record 328 together, Hough's splendid 112 (139 bs - including, he revealed, the third six of his career) eclipsed by the transcendent Yaksender, who set a new 1st XI league record for the highest individual score with a supreme 224*. Facing 158 balls, the Australian hit 13x6 and 21x4 in a breathtaking display, enjoyed by a large gathering at the Rec which included the Bolly 2nd XI (their opponents having conceded their game).

Having made 199* last season, Yaksender beat the previous 1st XI league record score of 211, made by Bolly's Tyran Liddiard in 2024 - who developed major pad rash on Saturday as he was in at no.3! Bolly also now boast four of the top eight highest-ever individual CCCL 1st XI scores.

As for the rueful Macc skipper, having copped the full power of (cont.)

Rick Hough & Andrej Yaksender's record breaking 2026

1st wicket partnerships

328 (Yaksender 224*, Hough 112) v Macc, 11 July

224 (Yaksender 140, Hough 78) v Sale, 30 May

183* (Yaksender 89*, Hough 78*) v P. Sunlight, 6 June

178* (Yaksender 100*, Hough 64*) v Toft, 2 May

328 is the highest recorded 1st wkt partnership and the second highest for any wicket in 1st XI CCCL history

(1st XI record = 338 (3rd wkt) between Warren Goodwin and Lee Dixon for CBH v Neston in Apr 2017)





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Yaksender while he was bowling, Jack Massey was then out first ball of the Macc innings - caught by Yaksender. Cricket would be rejected by fiction writers as being too far-fetched sometimes, it really would! When former Bolly man James Longhorn followed him back two overs later it was looking ominous for the visitors, but instead the sun-drenched onlookers were in for yet more fantastic cricket, as Alex Thompson smacked a superb 132 (106 bs), Matt Fielding and Brad Porter providing great support as the boundaries continued to flow. Macc were finally bowled out for 282 in a wonderful advert for the CCCL.

Second place Widnes also lost a wicket to the first ball of their innings - and the match - as Maritime struck early at Beaconsfield Rd, but James McCoy made an impressive 114 (140 bs) as Widnes closed on 241-7. They then produced a disciplined bowling display as Maritime could only manage 174, skipper Vishal Barigela's 59 (56 bs) the highlight. Toft stayed in pursuit of the top two, winning by 44 runs at bottom side Alvanley - who find themselves 56 pts adrift of safety with the games running out - but Stockport Georgians' inconsistency was again on show as they went down at home to struggling Bowdon by a decisive 77 runs. Ashwin Sharma's encouraging debut season continued as he made 77 for the visitors, who totalled 263-8. Sean Duckworth took 4-42 and then led the way with the bat, making a terrific 81 (78 bs), but he was one of three run-outs as SG subsided to 186. The other two games were high-scoring encounters - Sale's Jonathan Davidson powered his way to a sparkling 114 (105 bs) as his side zoomed to 347-6, Tyrone Lawrence making 78 and Muneeb Iftikhar thwacking 56* off 23 bs against Urmston. The basement club replied with plenty of spirit, an opening stand of 101 in 21.2 os boding well, but a direct hit accounted for Freddie Cartwright, and despite Uzzair Shah going on to a hard-fought 81, Urmston finished on 263-8, going down by 85 runs. At Port Sunlight, Marple made a decent 269-6, Evan Turner making a season's best 64, Max Fitzgerald 57. But Jordan Collier followed up his 3-32 with a superb 96, Simon Melberzs making 69 and Cam Elliott 54 as PS got themselves a well-earned 6 wkt victory with three overs unused.

Luke Camden made a majestic 111 for [Division 2](#) leaders Upton as they increased their lead at the top, sweeping aside a feeble effort from third-place Davenham to win by 150 runs, Nathan Brown taking 5-23. Second place Oulton Park suffered a fourth loss in five games, going down by 10 runs at Little Budworth as visitors Cheadle Hulme banished the memory of their horror collapse there in 2025. Adam Wilde made 74 and Jordan Potts 64, CH posting 286-7. OP were well off the pace until a late surge inspired by no.8 Avinash Shastri raised the tempo. Shastri finished 80* off 59 bs but his valiant efforts were to be in vain for his side. The three bottom sides all lost, Tattenhall gaining some welcome breathing space in 8th after skipper Freddie Cheshire's fine 84* led them to a third win a row, this one by 7 wkts over bottom side Ashley. Grappenhall slumped from 100-4 to 145 all out at home to Haslington, going down by 36 runs, while Christleton - another side in dire form - lost for the sixth game in succession, Matt Worsdale's 96 the key for Oakmere to seal a 4 wkt win. In the other game Will Westerby's well-made 84* helped NE Cheshire to an 8 wkt win over Romiley.

Plenty of runs in [Division 3](#) as leaders Ashton OM survived a worrying wobble at home to lowly Middlewich to win by 3 wkts. George Oakes whacked 6x6 and 7x4 in his lively 81 for the visitors, who reached 198 but left some 12 overs unused. Middlewich then had that familiar feeling as AOM reached 122-1 in the 29th, but a startling collapse saw 136-6 on the board seven overs later. Middlewich hopes of an upset were dashed by skipper James Marshall, who had seen it all before, joining forces with Tom Scott (83) to get over the line. Winnington Park's fourth win on the spin was inspired by Sam Barnes, whose 93* cheered his team mates (and umpire father Dave, who was on duty at record-breaking Bollington), Barnes and Jonny Wales (44*) adding 111* as WP reached 269-5 against high-flying Hale Barns. Barnes then took two catches and two wkts as HB were all out 192. Heaton Mersey slipped out of the top two, despite an excellent 113 (89 bs) from Nachiket Verleker as HM reached 249 against Stockport. A notable alliance of 81* for the 8th between Murtaza Ali (42*) and Muhammad Ansari (53* from 31 bs) led Stockport to a third win in four and a healthy cushion to the drop zone. Mobberley lie firmly within it but feeling a little more chipper after they stunned the division with a first win since April 25th, doing the double over Barrow with a 4 wkt win at The Croft, Bailey Lavin's 83 the star turn. Two exciting and remarkably similar encounters led to 2 wkt wins for Irby at Runcorn - knocking off 277 with two balls to spare - and Bredbury SM, who edged from 207-8 to 230-8 at Warrington to nick the 20 pts amidst high tension, again with two balls remaining.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
DIDSBURY	246	48
HYDE	226	48
NANTWICH	226	48
CHEADLE	197	22
LINDOW	196	48
CHESTER BH	158	44
TIMPERLEY	156	11
ALDERLEY EDGE	153	11
NESTON	132	10
BRAMHALL	124	9
OXTON	108	17
BROOKLANDS	69	12

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
BOLLINGTON	224	40
WIDNES	217	25
TOFT	188	40
S.GEORGIANS	173	25
MARITIME	163	25
PORT SUNLIGHT	152	21
MARPLE	148	25
SALE	145	21
MACCLESFIELD	139	24
BOWDON	136	22
URMSTON	89	11
ALVANLEY	80	9

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
UPTON	201	40
OULTON PARK	182	12
DAVENHAM	177	24
HASLINGTON	174	40
ROMILEY	164	21
OAKMERE	156	22
N.E.CHESHIRE	152	25
CHEADLE HULME	152	26
TATTENHALL	148	40
CHRISTLETON	124	9
GRAPPENHALL	111	25
ASHLEY	100	9

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ASHTON OM	218	40
WINNINGTON PARK	193	40
HEATON MERSEY	191	11
HALE BARNES	189	24
BREDBURY SM	162	23
BARROW	160	25
IRBY	149	27
WARRINGTON	145	26
RUNCORN	145	27
STOCKPORT	140	25
MIDDLEWICH	81	10
MOBBERLEY	78	24

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	232
BROOKLANDS	190
TOFT	188
CHESTER BH	185
OXTON	160
LINDOW	158
CHEADLE	154
NANTWICH	150
WIDNES	128
UPTON	105
TIMPERLEY	105
NESTON	88

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. MARPLE	245
2. S.GEORGIANS	203
3. MARITIME	184
11. BOWDON	109
12. A.EDGE	84

2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. WARRINGTON	228
2. UPTON 3	221
3. GRAPPENHALL	196
11. HASLINGTON	78
12. ASHLEY	60



2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. N.E.CHESHIRE	236
2. BOLLINGTON	191
3. TIMPERLEY 3	183
11. STOCKPORT	125
12. NORTHWICH	28

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
S.GEORGIANS	167
BROOKLANDS	162
DIDSBURY	156
SALE	152
MARPLE/COMPS.	137
NANTWICH	107
HYDE	90
TOFT	83
TIMPERLEY	74
ASHLEY	40

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
ELWORTH	194
CHEADLE	186
HEATON MERSEY	77
RUNCORN	39

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
BREDBURY SM	178
ASHTON OM	174
S.GEORGIANS 4	74
DAVENHAM	48

SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

Div 3 East: Top - Bollington
2nd - Lindow

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

Div 4: Top - Cheadle 4
2nd - Styal



WEEK 13 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: Only five weeks ago, three clubs at the top of the **Prem** were separated by just two pts, but champions Didsbury have suddenly opened up a 40-pt gap to second spot. They did make a meal of knocking off the 104 they needed to beat Oxton, but got home by 4 wkts, Owen Griffiths' career-best 6-12 the highlight of their ninth successive win. Dids travel to fourth place Chester BH next week, CBH's lower order digging deep to get a two-wkt win at bottom side Neston in a tense contest which was only decided off the very last ball. Brooklands stay second but ran into an on-song Cheadle at Kingsway, Jahangir Mushtaq (94 off 81 bs) and Sheil Patel (71) adding 112 for the 3rd as the hosts made 282-8. A spirited Brooklands response led by Dom Booth's 76 kept things interesting but Josh Morton's 5-68 was decisive as Brook were all out 241. Noah Wasilewski's 59* led Toft to a five wkt win over Timperley, Toft still third but Timpers now tied with Upton in the second relegation spot, Upton running into a Nantwich side for whom Olly Howell made a superb 111*, the Dabbers a massive 295-9. Joe Bolton then proved too hot to handle, his 6-50 part of the reason Upton slumped to 79-7, but no.8 Nikhil Nataraj smacked 78 off 65 bs to restore some pride as Upton were all out 209. Lindow slipped further behind the pacesetters after a disappointing 64-run home loss to Widnes.

Div 1 leaders Marple maintained their 61-pt gap to third place with an astonishing 12 run win over A.Edge after a magnificent unbroken stand of 211* between juniors Dylan Hodgson (106* off 116 bs) and Joe Bradley (100* off 131 bs) rescued them from 33-5 to post 244-5. Despite a valiant chase AE remain bottom, further adrift now after Alvanley's William Simmons made a superb 104* in their win at Hyde chasing 274 - Hyde got from 114-5 to 273-9 - Alv out of the bottom two and replaced by Bowdon who lost to Dids 2As despite posting 263-9. Both second place S.Georgians and third place Maritime won, SG by 4 wkts at Romiley while Maritime walloped Bramhall by 105 runs.

In **Div 2** a dramatic one-run loss for Grappenhall at C.Hulme enabled third-place Upton to move within a point of them after winning at Oakmere by 3 wkts, David Purcell's 116* for the hosts in vain. Leaders Warrington beat Urmston. Mike Roberts made 124 and Sam Thoburn 85, the pair adding 180 for the 2nd Ashton OM wkt as they thumped struggling Haslington, while bottom side Ashley abandoned their match with W.Park after a horrendous collision between two fielders resulted in a serious leg injury which required an air ambulance to attend.

Div 3 leaders NEC won the game of the day by 4 wkts at second-place Timperley, with Bollington going second as a result, Northwich conceding their fixture. A high-scoring game at Chester saw visitors Oulton Park snatch a dramatic 6 run win after Matthew Dufty's 82 (48 bs) took OP to 283, CBH not able to find 11 off the last. Tattenhall beat Oxton 3 in a crucial clash at the foot of the table.

3rd XI League News The top three in the **Premier Division** all won, S.Georgians remaining in top spot after beating Timperley by 5 wkts, Timpers recovering from being 3-5 after 6.2 os to reach 148. Brooklands pulled off a tricky chase of 162 to beat Marple/Compstall while Didsbury eased past Toft in a repeat of last week's T20 Final. Sale's Mohammad Kazi made 71 in their 248-9 against bottom side Ashley, who remain winless after going down by 122 runs. moved upto fourth In **Div 1** a terrific win for third-place Didsbury 4s over leaders Elworth was the result of the day, the last Elworth pair adding 34 in a tense finale before the last man was bowled, Dids winning by 12 runs. That result allowed second-place Cheadle to close the gap to 6 pts after they racked up a massive 296-6 against Grappenhall, Ishmam Muazzam making 91. Drama in **Div 2** as well, leaders Bredbury SM getting a real scare from lowly S.Georgians who got from 108-8 to 126-9 chasing 131, only to lose by 4 runs. Callum Rothwell (94) & Rohan Pattisapu (88) added 192 for Metrovicks 4s in their win over Woodley.

THE FORZA 1st XI T20 CUP QUARTER-FINALS

The line-up for Finals Day was decided on a beautiful Thursday for batting, with two matches both seeing over 450 runs scored.

Stockport Rd: **Nantwich 271-4 bt Timperley 201-7 by 70 runs**

Facing another mammoth chase after their last 16 heroics, a Timperley side shorn of four key players were outgunned by their powerful opponents who hit the fifth highest total in the competition's history. A super pitch and rapid outfield was manna from heaven for the visitors who had no hesitation in batting first, with Ali Chughtai and Ray Doyle piling on 123 for the 1st wkt inside 10 overs as a weakened Timperley attack did themselves no favours. Six separate lots of 5 wides were bowled (44 wides in total) to compound a flurry of stylishly-struck boundaries, Chughtai reaching a superb hundred (56 bs) as 142 runs came in the last half of the inns. Young Timpers keeper Dylan Parekh hit five impressive fours in the first over of the reply, but his run out in the third over deflated the mood noticeably. John Fowler then raised hopes with an exhilarating onslaught of boundary hitting, six majestic maximums drawing loud approval as 71 runs came off just 3 overs, but when he was befuddled by Ray Doyle's final delivery - a slower ball - the match was over as a contest.

Werneth Low: **Hyde 236-3 bt Bollington 216-6 by 20 runs**

The Div 1 leaders were finally overcome in an excellent contest in which Hyde skipper Andrew Jackson hit a competition record fifth T20 hundred which proved as decisive as it was spectacular. Of those five hundreds, four have come off less than 50 balls faced, and this one (off 47) was reached with a four off the last ball of an inns which Jackson and Luke Young had dominated. The pair added 146 in 11.2 os, Young hitting 79 off 50 while Jackson (8x6, 9x4) found the boundary at will in a vintage display. Unbowed, Bollington replied in kind as the prolific Andrej Yaksender hit a blistering 89 off 43 bs, he and Tyran Liddiard (50 off 32) putting on a dazzling 131 for the first in 10.5 os. The key moment came when Liddiard was run out going for a second, his the first of three wkts in five balls as the flow of boundaries dried up. When Luke Young conceded only a run and took two wkts in the 18th, the rate was just too much.

THE FORZA 1st XI T20 CUP cont.

Upcast Lane: **Lindow 190-8 bt Cheadle Hulme 102-9 by 88 runs**

The 2024 runners-up booked another appearance at Finals Day after an ultimately comfortable victory over the Division 2 outsiders who were playing their second knockout match of the week (having impressively beaten Bowdon by 6 wkts on Tues in the last 16 stage) and who will hope to carry their T20 energy through into the Plate competition. They put the wind up their Prem opponents for sure, Scott Howarth's pace and bounce reducing Lindow to 88-5 after 9 - he ended with 4-35 - but skipper Alex Matthews came to the rescue with a brutal 31-ball 62 as he and Rob Herriott added a vital 87 in 8 os. Isaac Brooks (4-19) then put the skids under CH as skipper Adam Wilde and competition record-holder Hayden Forner both fell in the second over. Ben Balderson (46) hit hard but the varied Lindow attack proved impossible to dominate.

Leverhulme Fields: **Maritime 186-4 bt Port Sunlight 141 by 45 runs**

Division 1 was guaranteed a representative at Finals Day and the appearance of Maritime will provide added intrigue to the occasion. Having dominated their qualifying group and hammered Prem opponents in the last 16, this comfortable win was built on solid but dynamic batting, half-centuries for Pratham Shetty and Bilal Anwar allowing for a late acceleration with saw 66 come off the last five overs. After a poor PS start, Cam Elliott (53 off 34) and Matt Hodgson added 71 in 8 overs but Elliott's dismissal in the 15th over was the first of four wkts in 10 balls as PS ran out of steam against the wily Maritime attack.

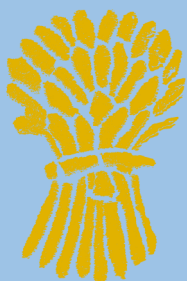
**1st XI Finals Day - Sun July 26th (reserve date = Aug 2)
at Lindow CC**

10:00 Lindow v Hyde 13:15 Maritime v Nantwich 16:45 Final

Regional Finals - Sun. August 9th

National Area Finals - Sun. August 30th

Finals Day - Sun. Sept 20th at New Road, Worcester CCC



CHESHIRE SENIORS NEWS

Over 50s Not a vintage season thus far, as the o50s lie sixth out of eight teams in Div 1, comfortably ahead of the bottom two but getting outgunned in their July fixtures to date.

Over 50s 2nd XI are having a brighter time of it, a thumping 9 wkt win over Shropshire last Weds leaving them second in group B of their championship.

Over 60s It's been a grim season in Div 1 North, the o60s with just one win and getting a real larruping last time out as Yorkshire beat them by 235 runs

Over 60s 2nd XI are similarly suffering, with just two wins from their nine matches so far in the 31-team National Div.2 leaving the team in 22nd position.

Over 70s are fifth in the Nat. Div.1 championship (28 sides), having won five of their nine games this year.



THE FORZA T20 2ND XI TROPHY ROUND 3 (Tues 7th July)

Neston 175-3 bt Port Sunlight 158-3 by 17 runs

Neston put aside their poor league form to book a morale-boosting spot in the QFs after holding off a spirited challenge from their Div 2 near-neighbours.

Cheadle 177-8 bt Heaton Mersey 57 by 120 runs

A match that turned into a no-contest began promisingly for the Div 2 side, who had their Prem opponents 101-5 before a violent 69 (29 bs) from Mohaimen Shawkat changed things. HM were quickly all at sea against the pacy Cheadle attack and were bundled out inside 12 overs.

Chester BH 176-3 bt Upton 172-6 by 7 wkts

The holders came through a tough battle, Charlie Fleet's excellent 86 guiding them away from the rocks after the loss of two early wkts in pursuit of their 9-an-over target, Ian Potter's 51 the highlight for Upton. Ben Spaven's 41 and Adi Srivastava's 37* were also important supports for Fleet.*

Didsbury 178-9 bt Lindow 156-7 by 22 runs

Last season's runners-up didn't have things all their own way in a good contest but did enough to secure a ninth consecutive QF appearance. Jack Hastings' 51 and 3-43 were the standout of several lively contributions.

Toft 228-6 bt Nantwich 224-6 by 4 runs

The match of the night saw a gripping climax as the two Prem sides produced a brilliant game. Toft's top 3 scored 170 off 84 balls between them in a wonderful display as they set the hosts almost 12 an over. Nantwich replied in kind as their top six played equally fluently, runs flowing but Toft chipping away. In a breathless finish, 31 came off the 17th over as Freddy Woodfine and Joe Bolton hit spectacularly, but Bolton (32 off 10) was bowled, the 18 Woodfine then took off the final over was not quite enough, an exhilarating contest enjoyed by all those present.

Urmston 190-8 bt Cheadle Hulme 116-8 by 74 runs

With 48 off 37, 2-20 and three excellent outfield catches, veteran Chris Turner was the star of this comfortable Urmston victory.

Marple 71-6 bt Stockport Georgians 70 by 4 wkts

The meeting of the top two in Div 1 produced a low-scoring contest dominated by the ball, Dylan Hodgson's super 5-8 the standout display.

Widnes 144-2 bt Warrington 139-7 by 8 wkts

Owen Price made 38 off 21 having taken 3-30 earlier as Widnes won with plenty to spare.*

QUARTER FINAL DRAW (Tues 21 July): CHESTER BH v NESTON; DIDSBURY v CHEADLE; TOFT v WIDNES; URMSTON v MARPLE

COUNTY LEAGUE NEWS RETURNS ON 27TH JULY

CHESHIRE CUP 2026

ROUND 3

SUNDAY JULY 12

Whitehall Rd: **BROOKLANDS 175-5 (30.1 os) beat TIMPERLEY 173 (28.2 os) by 5 wkts**

Brooklands gained revenge for their recent T20 loss against the same opponents after skipper Kevin Carroll hit the afterburners in spectacular fashion to settle the contest. Arriving at the crease in the 12th over with his side 36-3 in pursuit of 174, Carroll started cautiously but quickly developed his trademark fluency as an avalanche of boundaries took the game right away from Timpers, Carroll reaching his hundred off 67 bs and ending 106* (69 bs, 4x6, 15x4). Timperley rued several batsmen getting starts but no-one getting past 34, leaving almost 12 overs unused.

Upcast Lane: **LINDOW 179-4 beat TOFT 178 (39.1 os) by 6 wkts** Last season's runners-up had too much strength in depth for their Div 1 opponents, James Duffy's skill and experience a key factor as his 70 (83 bs) combined with Dan Newton's power - he made 46 off 41 - saw the pair quickly added 75 to snuff out any hopes Toft had of an upset after they had taken two wkts in the first powerplay. All Toft's top six got starts but only Scott Craig's battling 49 (73 bs) had any real substance.

Bowden Lane: **MARPLE 234-7 (40 os) beat MARITIME 228 (39.4 os) by 6 runs** A thrilling match saw the hosts hold their nerve in the final over, after Maritime, seemingly out of it at 188-8 after 36 os, revive remarkably to force a nerve-jangling finish. Qasim Ali (30 off 15) and Gavaskar Kanthiraj took 34 off the next 3 os to leave 13 needed off the last, which started with two wides and then two runs. However Ali was well held off a steepling miscued pull, Kanthiraj bowled two balls later looking to smash a leg side boundary. Max Fitzgerald had earlier been the architect of Marple's total with a well-made 85 (91 bs), great support coming from Charlie Hodgson (44) and Owen Reilly (45) who both later chipped in with wickets. Elliot Young (3-49) claimed the key wkt of Mickel Joseph lbw after the all-rounder (35 off 22) was looking ominous.

Townfield Lane: **OXTON 281-8 (40 os) beat BRAMHALL 171-9 (33.1 os) by 110 runs** A brilliant 111 (99 bs) from skipper Henry Dobson helped Oxtton temporarily forget about their league struggles, his alliance with Saturday centurion Josh Brown (60 off 46) seeing 107 added for the 3rd wkt in 16 os, Oxtton then accelerating effectively to set their Prem opponents a daunting target which proved some way out of reach. Only Nick Cantello's 45 (35 bs) was anything like what was required, a weakened Bramhall team further hampered by an injury suffered by opening bowler Josh Patel which prevented him from batting.

The Oval: **WALLASEY 170-4 (31 os) beat BOWDON 169-9 (40 os) by 6 wkts** Former skipper Jack Tipton's 74 (112 bs) held things together for the Div1 strugglers, who battled hard throughout their allocation but couldn't develop any momentum as wickets fell regularly. There was a brief flicker of hope when Ashwin Sharma got two wkts in two balls to reduce Wallasey to 108-4 but Dan Beaver's assured 46* led the hosts to an ultimately comfortable victory.



Other R3 fixtures:

JULY 19th: BOLLINGTON v PORT SUNLIGHT

NANTWICH v DIDSBURY

AUG 2nd: BIRKENHEAD PARK v HYDE