



THE 2026 WEEK 18 REVIEW - PREMIER DIV

A crunch weekend in all Divisions saw some fabulous performances, twith the lead at the top of the Prem changing hands again, a wonderful weekend for Bollington in league and cup, and Neston lifting the Forza 2nd XI T20 Trophy.

The big Saturday in the **Premier Division** saw Hyde move into pole position and Nantwich arrest their mini-slump with a stunning victory over Didsbury, leaders at the start of the day. Cheadle also ended up well and truly in the mix for the title, level on pts with fourth-placed Lindow, both sides just 31 pts off

top spot as things stand, with Cheadle's last four games against Didsbury, Hyde, Lindow and Nantwich! A fascinating scenario to the most 'open' title race in many years (in terms of the number of potential title winners).

Having lost their last two league games, some extraordinary statistics emerged from Nantwich's win. For the second Saturday in a row, Didsbury scored over 300 and lost by 7 wkts. Also for the second Saturday in a row, Didsbury's opponents registered a third wicket double-century partnership! Nick Anderson's side have done little wrong with the bat but, as with Lindow last week, Nantwich this time hammered the bowling to all corners of the ground as Ali Chughtai made the highest score of his career - 149 off 100 bs - and Rob Jones - having made 116 in the previous meeting of the clubs this season - ended 130* (111 bs), his fourth ton of 2026. The pair added 228 in under 25 overs in a display of dazzling strokeplay, their relentless onslaught seeing 168 runs in boundaries hit as Didsbury were left with no answers. Joe Cooke (84) and Rob Sehmi (83) had earlier added an accomplished 171 in 30 os for Dids, with James Green (48 off 35) and Liam Booth (45* off 27) clattering 73 off the last 8 overs - superb knocks all, but put into perspective by the Nantwich reply which saw them race past their challenging 345 target with some five overs unused.

While all of this was unfolding, Hyde were producing one of their best displays of the season at Lindow, avenging their first Prem trip to Upcast Lane last season where they lost by a mile, bowled out for 95. This time around it was a different story as Andrew Jackson chose to field first and saw all seven of his bowlers take wkts as the hosts were dismissed with some 7 overs unused. Jackson's sole wkt was a crucial one, that of Dan Newton, who was dismissed for the first time in four knocks. Newton had made 53 at the time, however, his incredible run (highlighted last week) continuing - it's now eight successive inns of at least 50, the 53 his lowest score in that sequence. Rob Herriott top-scored with 77 but Lindow lost their way, sliding from 208-5 to 250 all out, and that courtesy of the last pair adding 32. Had Hyde not donated 43 extras it could have been a lot worse but as it was, Hyde knuckled down to a well-orchestrated run chase, Luke Young top-scoring with 61 and the other batters scoring 39, 45, 39* and 32*. Lindow reciprocated the extras generosity with 36 onto the Hyde total, giving the scorecard a lovely solid feel as Jackson went 6,4,4 to win the game in the 48th over.

Hyde will thus take an 11 pt lead at the top into their blockbuster clash with Nantwich at Werneth Low on Sat. At the (cont.)



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same time Cheadle will be making the short journey to Didsbury for an intriguing game. With Dids now the side in a mini-slump and Cheadle unbeaten in seven games - including winning their last three - it promises to be a terrific watch. That latest Cheadle scalp was claimed at Kingsway as they beat Chester BH by 41 runs, half-centuries from Adam Dooler (53) and Ash Burton (51) augmented by a wayward Chester attack who bowled 31 wides in an eye-watering count of 53 extras. CBH also had two players reaching half-centuries, but despite the best efforts of Alex Money (52) and Ashraf Qureshi (51) the experienced trio of Brown, Holmes and Dooler J took 8-127 in 30 overs between them, CBH ending on 225-9.

It would be harsh, but sadly accurate, to describe the outcome of the meeting of the bottom two as a case of 'too little, too late' for Brooklands - they made easily their highest total of the season, 305, against fellow-strugglers Bramhall - but they are 60 pts from safety with only 80 left to play for and will be wondering why their talented side has struggled to fire as they did on Saturday. Ben Cunliffe (89) dominated the scoring early on before a vintage Kevin Carroll display - 11x6 and 10x4 as he blazed a fabulous 67-ball 128 - gave spectators a real treat. The Brook bowlers then took up the mantle, no Bramhall player passing 40 as they were bowled out for 211. Despite the defeat Bramhall can remain hopeful of escape, 26 pts adrift of safety, and their game with Neston in a fortnight will be critical.

Bramhall have a tricky assignment at Timperley before that, however, although with just one win in their last eight games, Timpers have suffered a deflating spell that has seen them in the lower half of the table for several weeks now. Their defeat at Alderley Edge seemed to typify their run of late - recovering from an horrendous start that saw them 8-3, they reached an encouraging 297, only to lose by 3 wks with a handful of deliveries left. A Zach attack arrested their Saturday crisis, Zac Christie making a polished 39 to steady things before Zach Thompson had a day to remember, a glorious career-best 127 (122 bs) observed at close quarters by skipper Ed Galley, who made an attractive 71 in a stand of 118 with the youngster. However, the big target was cut down to size chiefly by recent AE acquisition Henry Murray, who made a stylish 119 (112 bs) as he and Josh Brazendale (40) added 140 for the fourth, and an impressive victory - assisted by 35 Timpers wides - was achieved in the 49th over.

Over at Oxton, the Henry Dobson show - an excellent 114 (93 bs) followed up with 4-23 - consigned Neston to a sixth loss in their last seven games, the Parkgate outfit beaten by their Wirral neighbours by 52 runs and still far too close to the drop zone for comfort. They have AE, Bramhall, Timperley and Brooklands to play in their remaining matches.

In **Division 1** leaders Widnes and second place Bollington both have promotion very much in their own hands, with Maritime the only side who look in a position to unseat one of those two. All three won reasonably comfortably on Saturday, all batting first and recording winning margins of 41, 32 and 35 runs respectively. After a flying start at Stockport Georgians, Widnes seemed set for a 300+ total, but the hosts stuck to their task and although Widnes' 290-6 was still a big target, it was certainly within range. Luke McCoy in particular had shown how good conditions were for batting as he ended 98* (96 bs), making SG pay for missing a tough c&b chance when he was on 38. McCoy then held a simple chance at backward point which left SG 37-4, and although skipper Ben Staniforth (78*) and Francis Yates (81) added 138, SG were always some way behind the rate.

Bollington's incredible opening partnership of Rick Hough and Andrej Yaksender scaled even greater heights at Sale - a week after they recorded an unbroken stand of 162, at Dane Rd they put on 204 - their second double-century stand of 2026 and their sixth in excess of 150. (cont.)



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Yaksender eased his way to 137 (125 bs), passing 1000 league runs in his prolific season, Hough (61) passing 800 runs in all matches. The pair set up a total of 286-9, which proved just beyond a plucky Sale side - nine batsmen got into double figures but they were bowled out for 254. Fourth-placed Toft did really well to keep Maritime in check at Bromborough Pool, the normally ebullient hosts restricted to 258, Mickel Joseph's top score of 72 taking 105 bs. Skipper Will Dunkerley led the way with 5-45 but had to watch on as his batsmen kept getting out at crucial times, Dan Ward dismissed immediately after making a breezy 49-ball 51 (going with 3 earlier wkts). Toft were bowled out for 223 which pretty much ended their faint hopes of promotion (although it's still a mathematical possibility).

At the bottom, Bowdon made it successive wins to put clear breathing space between them and the drop zone, beating doomed Urmston by a handsome 121 runs at Moorside Rd. Ashwin Sharma enjoyed his day out, whacking 5x6 in his 54-ball 77. Jack Tipton made a more measured 73 and Joe Chapple 52, Bowdon's 258-3 way out of reach for an Urmston side devoid of confidence and resigned to their fate. Five batsmen were out for ducks, nos. 6-11 contributing just 10 runs in total to their 137, only Uzzair Shah (61) and Irfan Naseri (27) making any impression with the bat. After five successive losses, Marple at last picked up a crucial 20 pts with a display that made a mockery of their struggles of late, a fluent opening stand of 99 between Evan Turner (47) and overseas Jack Feilen paving the way for a 6 wkt win over Macclesfield, the Aussie left-hander making a second ton of the season with a workmanlike 102 (139 bs). Alex Thompson had earlier played something of a lone hand, his 103 almost half the Macc total of 222-8. That meant that, despite an appearance from Sophie Ecclestone, Alvanley's 5 wkt loss at Port Sunlight left them 51 pts from safety, with Widnes to play next.

Division 2 is still wide open at both ends of the table. A third straight win gave Upton a 27 pt lead at the top, a 35 run win over Oakmere far from their best display of the season, but good enough, Oakmere fighting hard from 28-4 in pursuit of 218, but eventually all out 182. The meeting of third and fourth at Butchers Stile went decisively the way of visitors Haslington, who hammered Davenham by a massive 162 runs, moving into second spot as a result. None of which looked likely when, having been put in, Has lost a wkt to the first ball of the match, but Matt Kennerley-Ryan played an amazing hand, making his first ton in a decade as he hit a magnificent 153* (149 bs), adding 157 for the fourth wkt with Ben Instead (59). 45 extras also helped Haslington pile up 315-6 before Freddie Taylor (5-60) helped reduce a punchdrunk Dav to 17-3, eventually all out 153. That result, combined with a loss for Oulton Park, left 12 pts separating second and fourth - OP's 255-8 well chased down by Tattenhall, Corey Bovey's 90* the mainstay as he added 147 for the fourth with Max Harper (76). The current top four meet in two fixtures on Sept 5th although by then NE Cheshire may be in the mix, 22 pts back in fifth. Their edgy 3-wkt win over Grappenhall saw Grappers slip back into the drop zone, after Christleton picked up a crucial 20 pts at bottom side Ashley, steadying themselves at 99-4 to reach their 218 target five down. Max Dunvaband's men thus opened up a 13 pt gap between themselves and Grappers, with Ashley 44 pts from safety. Despite their 21 run loss at Romiley - Mark Flattley taking 6-48 - Cheadle Hulme have a 29 pt cushion to the drop zone. Next weekend the bottom three take on the top three, so on form the table may be in a similar situation but with only three games left to play....we will see.

In **Division 3**, having won by 1 run and lost by 1 wkt in their previous two games, Ashton OM maintained their position at the top with a more comfortable - and impressive - 7 wkt win over Barrow at The Beets. Barrow's 258-8 looked well within range for the leaders and they proved that in style, as Charlie Erasmus (103 off 131) and Haris Yassin (105 off 104) added a majestic 222 for the second wkt. Heaton Mersey (second) stayed in touch with an emphatic 8 wkt win over Mobberley, Nachiket Verleker smashing 80 off 48 bs to complete victory inside 15 os, Omed Basir earlier taking 8-2-9-5 as Mobb managed just 107. Mobb face fellow strugglers Middlewich next week but both teams are merely playing for pride now, Middlewich beaten by visitors Bredbury SM which left them 74 pts behind third-bottom Barrow. BSM sportingly made a game of it at Haddon Field, slipping to 24-4 chasing 151, but won by 5 wkts, and they could yet grab a promotion spot for themselves, currently fourth and just 13 pts behind Heaton Mersey. Hale Barns remained in third after an excellent 5 wkt win at Brooks Drive over Irby, Joe Cooper's 58-ball 87 the game changer as HB chased down 248. Warrington chased down the same total to beat Warrington Park thanks to a wonderful 108* from Charlie Jones, as did Runcorn to beat Stockport, Muhammad Adnan's 95* getting them from 129-6 to 250-7.

1ST XI PREM		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
HYDE	316	42
NANTWICH	305	29
DIDSBURY	305	31
LINDOW	285	49
CHEADLE	285	64
ALDERLEY EDGE	226	48
CHESTER BH	213	31
TIMPERLEY	203	33
OXTON	201	52
NESTON	177	33
BRAMHALL	151	14
BROOKLANDS	117	38

1ST XI DIV 1		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
WIDNES	317	60
BOLLINGTON	311	60
MARITIME	263	60
TOFT	245	32
SALE	219	34
S.GEORGIANS	212	12
PORT SUNLIGHT	204	42
MACCLESFIELD	193	29
BOWDON	190	46
MARPLE	185	28
ALVANLEY	134	30
URMSTON	118	5

1ST XI DIV 2		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
UPTON	284	60
HASLINGTON	257	60
OULTON PARK	250	28
DAVENHAM	245	28
N.E.CHESHIRE	223	45
ROMILEY	219	46
TATTENHALL	218	45
OAKMERE	212	30
CHEADLE HULME	194	32
CHRISTLETON	178	28
GRAPPENHALL	165	14
ASHLEY	134	26

1ST XI DIV 3		
TEAM	PTS	MONTH
ASHTON OM	305	47
HEATON MERSEY	275	44
HALE BARNS	273	44
BREDBURY SM	262	60
WINNINGTON PARK	249	31
WARRINGTON	217	46
IRBY	204	30
RUNCORN	201	46
BARROW	199	28
STOCKPORT	193	31
MIDDLEWICH	119	28
MOBBERLEY	97	9

2ND XI PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	295
BROOKLANDS	274
TOFT	268
OXTON	260
CHESTER BH	254
CHEADLE	225
NANTWICH	208
LINDOW	192
TIMPERLEY	170
UPTON	160
WIDNES	145
NESTON	143

2ND XI DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. MARPLE	302
2. MARITIME	284
3. S.GEORGIANS	276
11. BOWDON	164
12. ROMILEY	155



2ND XI DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. GRAPPENHALL	302
2. WARRINGTON	298
3. UPTON 3	269
11. HASLINGTON	116
12. ASHLEY	79

2ND XI DIV 3	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
1. N.E.CHESHIRE	318
2. TIMPERLEY 3	269
3. BOLLINGTON	248
11. TATTENHALL	172
12. NORTHWICH	26

3RD XI SUN PREM	
TEAM	PTS
DIDSBURY	239
S.GEORGIANS	238
BROOKLANDS	227
SALE	186
MARPLE/COMPS.	184
TIMPERLEY	155
TOFT	152
NANTWICH	137
HYDE	125
ASHLEY	78

3RD XI SUN DIV 1	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
CHEADLE	258
ELWORTH	252
HEATON MERSEY	105
RUNCORN	58

3RD XI SUN DIV 2	
TOP & BOTTOM	PTS
BREDBURY SM	260
DIDSBURY 5	246
S.TRINITY	131
DAVENHAM	69

SUN 3RD XI OTHER DIVISIONS

Div 3 East: Top - Bollington
2nd - Lindow

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

Div 4: Top - Styal
2nd - Cheadle 4



WEEK 18 2ND & 3RD XI CRICKET

2ND XI CRICKET: Prem leaders Didsbury scrapped hard for another priceless 20 pts after being pushed all the way by visitors Lindow. Recovering from 4-2, Dids worked their way upto 187-8. At 115-2 in the 35th Lindow were in a good position but Dids fought back with six wkts shared between their spinners, Lindow bowled out for 168. Second-place Brooklands produced a superbly-paced chase to reach their 271 target against Timperley, Mark Bloomfield 81, before Nick Harrison (71*) and Matt Hill added 99 as Brook took 47 off the last 5 to win in the final over. Hrithvik Prakash had earlier made 110 for Timpers. Toby Drummond rolled back the years with a well-made 84 as Toft beat Nantwich by 18 runs to stay third (Freddie Sant 6-33 for Nantwich) while Chester BH slipped down to fifth, going down in a tense finish by 2 wkts as visitors Cheadle held their nerve at 160-8 to reach their 175 target. Two struggling sides produced a fine game at Beaconsfield Rd as third-bottom Upton opened up a 15 pt gap between themselves and second-bottom Widnes, Louis Burns making an excellent 117* for Widnes in their 238-3, before bowling 13-1-43-2 in a tiring afternoon for him. His hard work went unrewarded, however, as a solid Upton reply saw them win by 3 wkts in the penultimate over. Alfie Briggs was another centurion, his super 105 for Oxton taking them to 290-9 and a 74 run win over bottom club Neston - but Neston are only 17 pts adrift of Upton, so all to play for.

Div 1 saw the top two win but in contrasting ways. Leaders Marple racked up 271-6 en-route to a crackerjack 137 run win at neighbours Hyde, but Maritime had to dig very deep to defend their 267 at Macclesfield, Macc's Raghav Vyas making a brilliant 136* as he led a late charge, 55 coming off the last 5. However, it wasn't quite enough as Macc finished on 257-9. So it seems three teams are competing for the two promotion spots, Georgians winning at Alvanley by 73 runs (Gautam Narayanan 132*) to stay in touch. At the bottom, four clubs are separated by 14 pts - Romiley claimed a crucial 12-run win at fellow strugglers Bowdon (Hugh McGarry making 97 for the hosts) while Alderley Edge held off a Bramhall recovery to win by 24 runs. AE take on Alvanley next week in another crunch game at the foot, but it doesn't get any bigger at the top - Maritime go to Marple.

In **Div 2** nine Upton batsmen were clean bowled in their 70 run loss at H.Mersey, a result which helped leaders Grappenhall build their cushion to third to 33 pts, Grappers beating AOM by 5 wkts. Warrington's Amritpal Saini took 8-35 in their whopping 129 run win at Oakmere to stay second. At the bottom, despite a wonderful 140-run stand for the 3rd wkt helping Haslington beat Ashley by 7 wkts, both clubs remain odds-on to drop down, Haslington 60 pts from safety with four games left, while Ashley's demotion will be confirmed next Sat if they fail to win, or if Oakmere get 4 pts from their game.

Div 3 leaders NE Cheshire's 7-wkt triumph over third place Bollington left them needing one more win to confirm promotion - they play relegated Northwich next. Alex Dyson (97*) and Owen Johnson (87) added a fantastic 175 for the second NEC wkt. Timperley beat H.Barns by 37 runs to stay second, their lead over Bolly 21 pts. Dom Peter made 156* for CBH 3s in their 205 run hammering of Northwich. Tattenhall remain in the drop zone, 16 pts adrift.

3rd XI League News Champions Didsbury came out on top in the big **Premier Division** clash with current leaders Georgians, winning by 7 wkts, an opening stand of 86 setting Dids well on their way to their 163 target. Dids thus went top by a solitary point from SG, both sides with three left to play, after second-place Brooklands crashed to a surprise 8 wkt loss at the hands of Timperley. Sale beat Nantwich while Toft defended a mere 75 with some ease against bottom side Ashley, bowling them out for 59 in reply. In **Div 1** both Cheadle and Elworth are assured of promotion despite the latter's loss to Romiley, Bramhall in third unable to catch them with just two games left. Bram's Will McCue was lbw for 99 in their big win over Runcorn. In **Div 2** the match of the day saw second-place Didsbury 5s comprehensively beat leaders Bredbury SM by 8 wkts with almost nine overs unused (Zohaib Ahmad 80), third-place Ashton OM falling further back after being well beaten by Trinity. In **Div 3 East** the top two again both won, Lindow by 42 runs and Bollington (top) by 111 runs against Hyde 4s.



CHESHIRE CC NEWS

Redruth CC NCCA Cluberly West Div 2

Cornwall 347 & 7-0 beat Cheshire 184 & 169 by 10 wkts

After a 320-mile journey to Cornwall for their latest 3-day fixture, Cheshire came away heavily beaten by a dominant host side. Cornwall's day 1 display set them up for their win, and after a rain-interrupted day two, in which only Alex Money and Dan Newton made any impression with the bat, Cheshire were bowled out 163 in arrears, and asked to follow on. They fared even worse second time around, only Henry Murray and David Wainwright getting past 30 as Cornwall consolidated their lead in Div 2. Cheshire face Wales at Alderley Edge on Sun in their final game.



Two comprehensive wins for Lindow last Sunday saw them through to the North Regional Finals Day on Sun. Aug 30th where they will take on Townville CC (Castleford) in the first semi, starting at 10.00am.

Alex Matthews' men dominated Area Finals Day (Aug 9th), making short work of hosts Eccleshall in their semi-final, as Dan Newton (65* off 40) and James Duffy added a rapid 83 for the 3rd wkt, Charlie Hodge then cracking 30* (20 bs) as Lindow cantered to a 7 wkt win with some four overs in hand.

In the final they were up against Barnt Green (currently fourth in the B'ham Prem) who recovered well from losing their opener first ball to post a challenging total, taking 56 off the last 4 os. Jamieson Hedges hammered 47 off 21 bs before Newton again rose to the occasion, hitting 57* off 31 bs as Lindow chased down their 171 target inside 17 overs.

Rastrick & Northern will compete in the second semi. Somewhat bizarrely, despite the four competing teams being from Castleford, Brighouse, Crosby and of course Wilmslow, the venue for the Final is Denby CC, located in the Derbyshire countryside close to Ripley.

CHESHIRE CUP 2026

Aug 16 - Semi-Final

Recreation Ground:

BOLLINGTON 163-3 (34.5 os) beat WALLASEY 159 (37.4 os) by 7 wkts

Bollington's wonderful season just kept rolling on with another comprehensive win to book a first-ever appearance in the Cheshire Cup Final. Once again their victory featured excellent batting after a solid all-round bowling and fielding display, where all six bowlers took wkts and the fielders backed up their efforts. Keeper Tyran Liddiard took four catches and a stumping, only Dan Beaver reaching 30. Wallasey fell from 157-7 to 159 all out within 10 deliveries, leaving some two overs unused - but, given the form that Rick Hough and Andrej Yaksender are in, it probably made little difference. The pair opened up with 82 before Yaksender hit an accomplished 67 (his last 4 inns for Bolly = 127, 89, 137, 67), departing with just 14 needed as Liddiard powered the winning boundary with almost 5 overs to spare.*



Semi Final Aug 23: Hyde v Oxton

OVER 40s NEWS

With apologies for the inaccurate information in the previous newsletter, we can provide an update on the 'sharp end' of both the o40s Cup and o40s Plate Competition.

PLATE: Sale are through to the final and will play the winners of the match between Bollington v Timperley.

CUP: Upton are through to Finals Day, having beaten Cheadle Hulme by 7 wkts on Weds Aug 12th.

The other quarter-finals will see Wallasey play Grappenhall, Toft take on Woodley, and Hyde v Ashley.

All the outstanding fixtures are scheduled for Weds Aug.19th.



2ND XI FORZA T20 FINALS DAY

Marple CC, 16th August

Neston broke the stranglehold of Chester BH and Didsbury on this competition as they repeated their triumph of 2018, beating Cheadle in the final by 34 runs.

Host club Marple did an exemplary job in providing a well organised day, providing excellent hospitality for teams, officials and a large gathering of spectators, who all enjoyed an entertaining day's play.

S/F 1: Cheadle 198 (20 os) beat Widnes 94 (14.2 os) by 104 runs *A match that went with the form book as Cheadle recorded a resounding victory against a Widnes side for whom the occasion perhaps affected them more. A nervy 10-ball opening over that went for 16 was the prelude to a glorious powerplay for Cheadle, who hammered 81 off the first 6 overs and ran up a hefty total, and when Widnes were 0-2 after two balls of their reply the inevitable unfolded.*

S/F 2: Neston 147-4 (19.4 os) beat Marple 144-8 (20 os) by 6wkts *The hosts and leaders of Div 1 were edged out by the side bottom of the Prem in a tense but highly watchable encounter. As in the first semi, 16 off the first over got Marple off to a flyer, but thereafter they were pegged back by a disciplined Neston effort, their lively fielding epitomised by a fantastic low, running catch on the boundary by Cam Lea-Swain to really lift his side. Marple later slipped from 107-4 to 108-7 in the space of six deliveries which hampered their attempts to accelerate in the closing overs. Skipper Ian Gill (57 off 33) and Jake Christley (32) got Neston off to an assured start in reply, with Matt Brookes (38*) also playing a key role. Although Marple stuck to their task well, and induced some nervy moments into a chase that stuttered slightly, Neston got over the line with two balls to spare.*

Final: Neston 150-8 (20 os) beat Cheadle 116 (17.3 os) by 34 runs *Neston made the most of winning the toss with a classic T20 batting display, seven batsmen getting into double figures as they found the boundary with sufficient regularity to set Cheadle a challenging chase, Matt Brookes again impressing with 39 (34 bs). Cheadle suffered hand injuries to two fielders and then took a further blow when key batsman Sheil Patel was bowled in the first over. Although his partner Nihad Vaid bravely defied his discomfort to whack 29 off 23 bs, an astonishing catch in the deep from Teddy Groves - which drew warm applause from all those watching on - saw the big-hitting Jahangir Mushtaq dismissed, and from that point Neston seized on the momentum they gained. In increasingly gloomy conditions, Cam Lea-Swain gave a 'catching in the deep' exhibition as he held three big hits on the leg-side boundary, the second of which was the start of a memorable end, as bowler Teddy Groves went onto take a hat-trick to wrap up victory, finishing with 4-8 in all. Along with his earlier stunning effort in the field, and a handy 15*, he deservedly won the player of the match award.*



CCCL TROPHY RETURNS NOW NEEDED

Please could all clubs in possession of trophies/shields relating to the 2025 season please contact secretary Ray Hunt (ray2hunt@gmail.com) to arrange collection.