

Sale Silverbacks qualified for a place in the over 40's Finals Day after a comfortable win against Western division runners up Wallasey on Wednesday.

Despite Silverbacks skipper Rob Moore taking a wicket in the first over Wallasy were able to score freely in good batting conditions and looked to be heading for a score of 160.

Paul Hanarhan and the returning Moore then put the squeeze on the final 4 overs to hold the visitors to 139-6, both picking up a wicket.

The Silverbacks made a steady start, Asad Khan the first to fall for 16. With Sale slightly behind the rate Amjad Khan then took an over for 18 as he retired on 32, soon followed by similar treatment from Mike Bishop who was out for 29 attempting one last boundary.

Opener Ian Dixon also retired (for 31) after playing a sensible innings at the other end, leaving it to Soans Praveen (17 not out) to hit the winning runs and set up a semi-final against Western division winners Chester Broughton Hall on Finals Day.

IS Recruitment sponsored Sale 1st XI had a better day with the bat on Saturday as they scored 204-7 against league leaders Grappenhall, Tyrone Lawrence scoring 73 and Pat Ashling 32.

This was never likely to be enough as the visitors coasted home for the loss of 4 wickets with 13 overs to spare, James Dodds taking two wickets.

Sale 2nd had a day to forget at Nantwich after they were bowled out for 46 in pursuit of 255-6. Grant Whittaker taking 3-76.

Sale had a much better day on Sunday as both teams won.

Sale 3rd XI made hard work of beating Stockport Georgians after bowling them out for 156, Saad Khan taking 5-28.

It took 28 not out from number 8 Lionel Thompson to see Sale to a 7 wicket victory after Rob Shaw (36) and Ian Habershon (31) had made telling contributions.

Sale 4th XI had a much needed win at Runcorn after bowling the home side out for 111, Shayan Imran and Brayden both taking 3 wickets.

Chris Smith anchored the innings with 46 not out as Sale got home with 2 wickets to spare.

On Saturday Sale 1st XI visit Marple and the 2nd XI host Toft.

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Sale Sliverbacks Over 40s quarter-final vs Wallasey, back row (left to right): Soans Praveen, Amjad Khan, Paul Hanrahan, Mike Bishop, Asad Khan, Lionel Thompson, Ian Habershop, Ian Dixon, Ian Wilkinson (umpire); front row (left to right): Iain Harrop, Rob Moore (captain), Mark Rowe (wicket keeper).