

The weather once again caused havoc with the Cheshire County league program as Sale 1st XI slipped back to 2nd place in division one.

I S Recruitment sponsored Sale won the toss and had no hesitation in asking Lindow to bat first, Amlyn Layton removing both openers for 7 runs.

Charlie Hodge (22) led the recovery before two quick wickets for Dan Newton made the score 43-4.

Top scorer Max Law (38) took the score to 90, with wickets for Tyrone Lawrence and Isaac Brooks.

Olly James (21) and Will Espley (14) then added a stubborn 30 for the 9th wicket and used up crucial time between rain breaks as Lindow closed on 133-10.

Following a dry tea break Sale could only manage 20-0 off 5.3 overs before the rain closed in for the final time, 7 points each.

Unfortunately for Sale 2nd placed Bowdon were able to force a win at Romiley and leap-frog Sale.

Sale 2nd XI's trip to Oxton was cancelled.

A mixed story on Sunday as Sale 3rd XI consolidated 2nd place in the Sunday premier division with an 11-run win at Toft.

In a game reduced to 48 overs Sale posted 146-8, Jared Moran 48 and Dattu Vadakutte 31.

The home side could only reach 135-8, Tom Smart 3-39.

Sale 4th XI's home games to Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge ended prematurely after Sale had reached 116-0 off 20 overs, Theo Brodbeck 46 not out and Naman Mudaliar 56 not out.

Thanks to weekend match sponsors Sam Battersby and Barry Craven.

Earlier in the week Sale Silverbacks had the narrowest of wins at basement club Bowdon Vale after posting 140-5, Rob Shaw 31 retired, Ian Dixon and Mark Rowe both 30 retired.

The home side got within one run of victory as Amjad Khan held his nerve in the final over with a run out and an LBW, earlier Nigel Bellamy had taken two wickets in two balls.

Next Saturday Sale 1st XI welcome Urmston to Dane Road and the 2nd XI make the short trip to Brooklands. On Sunday the 3rd XI visit Bramhall and the 4th XI host Stockport.