

Saturday's fixtures in the Cheshire County Cricket League saw both Sale teams settling for draws after dominating their fixtures.

IS Recruitment sponsored Sale 1st XI travelled to Bramhall and were asked to bat first.

Sale's new opening partnership of Pat Ashling and James Dodds seem to be developing a good understanding as they hit a century stand. Dodds was the first to go for 38 with the score on 121.

Ashling then fell 6 runs short of his maiden Sale century with the score on 149. His 94 came from just 89 balls with 14 fours and a six.

Dan Newton then smashed 61 off just 48 balls to put Sale in a commanding position.

A run-a-ball 42 from Sam Battersby then saw Sale through to an imposing 267-8 off their 50 overs.

Bramhall made a confident start adding 50 for the first wickets before two quick strikes for Amlyn Layton and Newton reduced the home team to 53-2.

Ben Watkin then took 4 middle order wickets with his left arm spin to put Sale in control.

Despite two late wickets for Rob Grant, a battling 55 from home skipper Nick Cantello helped his side hold on for the draw at 170-8. Sale picked up 14 points.

There was a closer game at Dane Road as Sale 2nd XI hosted fellow promoted club Oxton.

Sale batted first and posted a below par 215-9, Cumbrian capped Jonathan Davidson top scored with 62 on debut and Mike Bishop hit a fluent 41.

Oxton looked to be on target in their run chased led by Will Clayton, who hit 69 at the top of the order as the visitors passed 100 for the loss of just one wicket.

Grant Whittaker then made the breakthrough with 3 middle order wickets to get Sale back in the game.

Josh Patel then returned for a second spell and finished with 4-60 and Callum Ross chipped in with a brace as Oxton closed on 200-9. Sale picked up the maximum 15 draw point.

On Sunday Sale 3rd XI completed a comfortable 9 wicket win over Brooklands in the T20 Cup.

Skipper Ian Habershon 3-32 led the way as Brooklands closed on 133-5.

In reply Josh Patel hit 64 not out and Jamie Coombes 44 as Sale coasted home with 3 overs in hand.

The 5th XI played an enjoyable friendly at Stockport Georgians. Zenen Bilyk took 3-20 and scored 36 not out as Sale lost by 55 runs. Numan Mudalier also in the wickets with 3-24.

Next Saturday Sale 1st XI welcome Timperley to Dane Road and the 2nd XI make the short trip to Bowdon.