

Sale Cricket Club made a perfect start to the 2023 season in the Cheshire County league with a full house of wins for their senior teams.

IS Recruitment sponsored Sale 1st XI produced the most impressive performance with a 158 run win over newly promoted Stockport Georgians.

Fresh from his call up to the Cheshire senior team, 2022 divisional player of the year Pat Ashling started 2023 where he left off in 2022 hitting 97 at the top of the innings.

Georgians must have regretting asking Sale to bat first as Ashling added 88 for the second wicket with Tyrone Lawrence (38) and a further 118 for the third wicket with Dan Newton.

Ashling's departure just emboldened Newton who tore into the visitors, hitting 84 off just 66 deliveries.

Despite a couple of consolation wickets in the last over Sale were happy to finish on 254-6.

The visitors were never really in the chase as early wickets for Newton and Amlyn Leyton reduced them to 27-3.

Lawrence bowling first change then took 3 further wickets to take the score to 63-7, before Newton returned to clean up the tail.

Newton finished with 5-18 to add to his earlier runs and secure a comprehensive win as Georgians were bowled out for 96. Points 25 to 2.

Thanks to match sponsor Jamie Broadbent.

Sale 2nd XI made hard work of their chase on a sporting wicket at Lindow after holding the home side to 124 all out in the final over.

From 93-9 the final Lindow pair added what might prove a vital 31 runs in a low scoring game. Chris Scott, Amy Seddon and Ben Watkin all took a brace of wickets for Sale.

Joe Molloy got Sale off to the perfect start adding 43 at the top of the order before slump reduced them to 97-6. Thankfully Scott (14 not out) and debutant Omair Iqbal (19 not out) held their nerve to see Sale to a 25 – 5 points win.

On Sunday Sale 3rd XI got their T20 cup campaign off to a winning start at Bowdon.

Sale posted a useful 119-5, new recruit Tom Jenkinson scoring 52 not out at the top of the order anchoring the innings as Grant Whitaker blasted 37 off 34 deliveries at the other end.

Whitaker proved equally useful with the ball as he took 3-17 and new skipper Tom Riley 2-18 as the home side reached 109-7 in their 20 overs.

Next Saturday the 1st XI travel to Lindow and the 2nd XI host Oxton.