

Sale Cricket Club had a bumper round of fixtures at the weekend after two rain affected weeks, unfortunately for the Dane Road club they were a little ring rusty as the rain once again impacted on proceedings.

IS Recruitment sponsored Sale 1st XI held out for a draw at Marple on Saturday after rain reduced the second innings to only 30 overs.

Amyln Leyton led the attack with 3-53 as the home side posted 193-9 in their 50 over. Tyrone Lawrence, Rick Halkon and James Dodds all taking two wickets each.

With 20 overs lost in the second innings Sale had little prospect of winning, but nearly lost as they held on at 119-9, Halkon top scoring with 29. Points 12-7 in favour of Marple.

It was a similar story on Sunday as the 1st XI caught up their COVID postponed match at Bowdon. In a game reduced to 90 overs Bowdon posted 180-7 in 45 overs.

The game was finely poised when further overs were lost in the second innings as Sale reached 165-9 in the gloom. Sam Hunt (48) and Gareth Davies (39) were the top scorers.

Sale 2nd XI conceded second place in division one after they were shot out for just 83 by bogey team Heaton Mersey, Mike Bishop the only batsman to make any impression with 56.

Earlier in the day Ben Watkin had taken 4-67 as Mersey posted 237-9.

The best result of the weekend came for the 3rd XI on Sunday as they comfortably beat championship rivals Romiley by 7 wickets.

The home side struggled to post 120-6, Sam Baker taking 3-16.

Sale coasted home for the loss of 3 wickets, Grant Whittaker 52 not out.

Sale 4th XI failed to chased down the modest 129-8 posted by Bowdon 4s at Dane Road, Numan Mudaliar 4-35. Sale were bowled out for 115, Johnny Dickens 22.

Saturday sees Sale play a double header against Davenham, the 1st XI travelling to Butcher's Style and the 2nd XI at Dane Road. On Sunday the 3rd XI host Heaton Mersey.