

Sale Cricket Club 1st XI's recent good form ended abruptly at Alvanley as England International Sophie Ecclestone was instrumental in bowling Sale out for only 136.

IS Recruitment sponsored Sale got off to the worst possible start as they slumped to 20-3.

Skipper Tyrone Lawrence then led the recovery, adding 53 for the fourth wicket with James Dodds (19).

However, he got little further support as he was last man out for 77, Ecclestone taking 6-22.

The home side then coasted home after the break, Ben Watkin taking the only wicket to fall.

Sale 2nd XI had a comfortable win at home to Hyde, securing a mid-table position in the premier division after promotion last season.

Hyde posted a competitive 214-4 in their 50 overs, Tom Riley taking two wickets.

Sale then chased down the target with 18 overs to spare. Joe Molloy (78) and Jared Moran (66), adding 146 for the first wicket put Sale in charge.

Grant Whittaker (20) and Soans Praveen (18) then saw Sale home by 7 wicket.

Sale Silverbacks lost their Over 40s semi-final against Chester Blazers on Sunday. Ian Dixon took a hat-trick (3-24) and Lionel Thompson 3-38 as Chester posted 164.

However, the Sale batting failed to fire as only Paul Hanrahan hit 30 retired as the Silverbacks could only muster 115-7 in reply.

Sale 3rd XI suffered a final over defeat at Alderley Edge after the home side had been bowled out for 193, Theo Brodbeck taking 3-31.

Sale could only reach 158 despite Jamie Coombes hitting 78 at the top of the order, only Brodbeck (36) made a notable contribution down the order.

Sale 4th XI lost at home to Davenham after being bowled out for 138. Skipper Tris Brodbeck with 44 and Robin Smith 23.

The visitors costed home for the loss of 3 wickets, two of which fell to Brayden Ross.

Next Saturday Sale 1st XI welcome already relegated Bollington to Dane Road and Sale 2nd XI travel to champions elect Chester Boughton Hall.