

Sale Silverbacks secured the first silverware of the season for Sale as the over 40s team won the central division title with a 7 wicket victory over Davenham.

The Silverbacks won the toss and held the visitors to 98-4 in 18 overs, Gareth Watterson taking 2 wickets.

Sale eased to their target with 2 overs to spare. Greg Galbraith (12) and Ian Dixon (15) got Sale off to a steady start, before two quick wickets gave the visitors hope.

Amjad Khan then hit 20 off 15 balls to put Sale ahead of the rate, leaving it to Soans Praveen (19 not out) and Mark Rowe (24 not out) to secure the title with a stand of 42 (including an all run 4!)

Sale 1st XI snatched defeat from the jaws of victory on Saturday after a disastrous batting collapse at Congleton condemned them to defeat in the Cheshire County Cricket League.

It all started so well for IS Recruitment sponsored Sale after they dismissed the home side for 167 in the 50th over. Rob Grant led the way with 3 wickets.

Sale were coasting at 114-0, before the dismissals of James Dodds (46) and Pat Ashling (75) triggered the loss of 10 wickets for just 35 runs.

Sale 2nd XI were in a seemingly strong position at the halfway stage after restricting high flying Didsbury to 180-9. Grant Whittaker was the pick of the bowling with 6-48.

Joe Molloy and Josh Patel both scored 50s in the Sale reply, but none of the other batsmen were able to contribute as Sale were bowled out for 158 with 1 over to go.

Sale 3rd XI enjoyed a better day on Sunday after posting 231-4 off 45 overs at Hyde, Josh Patel 98 not out and Jared Moran 54. The home side were bowled out for 150.

Sale 4th XI lost at home to Ashley after posting 157 all out, James Lewis with 58 and Chris Smith 42.

Ashley coasted home for the loss of 4 wickets, Jon Saunders taking 2 of the wickets to fall.

On Saturday Sale 1st XI host Grappenhall and the 2nd XI travel to Nantwich.