

Sale 1st XI bounced back on Saturday with an impressive 6 wicket win against 2nd placed Marple.

IS Recruitment sponsored Sale won the toss and elected to field. The visitors made a confident start reaching 100 for the loss of just one wicket.

Sale captain Tyrone Lawrence led the fight back as Marple slumped from 104-1 to 116-5, Lawrence taking all 5 wickets.

Mark Bennett and Jack Grundy then added 119 for the 6th wicket as Marple closed on 236-6. Bennett stranded on 99 not out and Grundy run out for 44.

Sale didn't hang around on another great surface at Dane Road as they ticked over at a run a ball in the early stages.

The loss of Gareth Davies for 19 off 20 balls led to an increase in tempo as Lawrence then hit 41 of just 25 balls to put Sale ahead of the game.

At the other end Pat Ashling was playing his usual aggression as Sale reached 130-1 in even time.

The loss of Lawrence and Dan Newton saw Sale at 144-3, but Jonathan Davisson helped steady the response and allowed Ashling to reach his first century for Sale.

Ashling was finally dismissed for 101 off 87 balls with 14 fours and 2 sixes. Davidson (39 not out) and Sam Battersby (21 not out) saw Sale home with over 12 overs and 6 wickets to spare.

Sale 2nd XI lost at Toft after posting a below par 176-9. Mike Bishop with 55 and Joe Malloy 37 were the leading batters.

Sale soon had the home side in trouble as they slumped to 15-3, Dan Hyner taking 2 wickets.

However Toft only lost one more wicket as a fine unbeaten century from Ewan Williams saw them home with 7 overs and 6 wickets in hand.

Both Sunday game for the 3rd and 4th XI were washed out.

Earlier in the week Sale Silverbacks completed a fine win at Davenham in the over 40s competition and Sale 1st XI scored a comfortable win over Stockport Georgians in the T20 cup.

On Wednesday Graham Bolton had top scored with 22 as Sale Silverbacks posted just 90 on a tricky surface at Davenham.

However a superb bowling and fielding performance from the Silverbacks saw the home team bowled out for 68. Ian Holland led the way with 3-13, backed up by Asad Khan 2-10 and Soans Praveen 2-2.

Next Saturday Sale 1st XI visit Macclesfield and Sale 2nd XI host Alderney Edge.