

Sale 1st XI continued their winning start to the Cheshire County league season in a low scoring game at Lindow.

Is Recruitment sponsored Sale were asked to bat first on a bowler friendly surface at Lindow but made a solid enough start as Pat Ashling added 23 out of 35 for the 1st wicket.

Partner James Dodds was more circumspect as Sale found it difficult to build partnerships. The most substantial being the 37 added with Dan Newton (21 from 23 balls) for the 3rd wicket.

When Dodds was 5th man out for a top score of 44 the score was 105.

Skipper Mike Bishop added 14 valuable late order runs at Sale were bowled out for 148 in the 48th over.

The home side got off to the worst possible start as Dan Newton and Amlyn Layton took a wicket each to reduce Lindow to 6-2.

Layton took centre stage as he mopped up 5-14 to put Lindow on the brink.

Lindow number 9 Taylor Pentecost nearly pulled off a remarkable victory with 41 at number 9 before Will Valentine took the last two wickets to give Sale a 40 run win. Points 25 – 4.

Thanks to match sponsor Ian Habershon.

Back at Dane Road Sale 2nd XI rued not batting out their 50 overs after winning the toss after they were dismissed for 183 in the 48th over against Oxton.

Opener Joe Molloy hit 64 at the top of the order but saw partners come and go as Sale slumped to 52-4.

Useful lower order contributions from Tom Jenkinson (38) and Omair Iqbal (25) helped Sale rally.

North West Thunder debutant Pheobe Graham kept things tight in the early stages and skipper Gareth Watterson with 3-31 kept the Oxton reply in check.

At 113-5 Sale remained in the game, however an unbeaten 41 from Callum Andrews saw the visitors home by 2 wickets using one of the extra overs Sale had conceded in the first innings. Points 9 – 25.

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Sunday's 3rd XI T20 cup derby against Ashton on Mersey was washed out without a ball being bowled.

Next Saturday the 2nd XI host Brooklands and the 1st XI travel to Urmston.