

Sale enjoyed their day in the sun on Saturday as they picked up big wins as the runs flowed in the Cheshire County League.

IS Recruitment sponsored Sale travelled to promoted Lindow, who have found life in division one tough. However they soon belied their league position as they added 82 for the first wicket, James Dodds making the breakthrough.

The Lindow middle order of Ryan O'Brien (56), Max Law (77) and Johan Wessels (61) put the home side in a strong position at 219-2.

Three quick wickets for Josh Patel in his second spell wrestled momentum back to Sale as Lindow closed on 248-7.

Despite the early loss of Dodds, Sale set about their chase with gusto as Pat Ashling and Tyrone Lawrence took the score past 100 in even time.

Lawrence fell shortly after for 52 off 46 balls, bringing Dan Newton to the crease. With Ashling they added another 56 for the 3rd wicket before Ashling was trapped in front for 70 off just 53 balls.

Newton and Gareth Davies then took the score to 217 before he was out for 52. Davies (40 not out) and Sam Battersby (22 not out) then saw Sale home with 6 wickets and 4 overs to spare.

Sale 2nd XI climbed into mid table in the premier division after a good home win against Neston.

The visitors posted a par score of 244-7, Saad Khan looking to be back to his best with 4-61.

Sale got off to a flying start in the 2nd innings thanks to a quick-fire 30 from Amjad Khan a more measured 47 from Joe Molloy.

Mat Spells top scored with 61 and anchored the rest of the innings, allowing Grant Whitaker (31) and Elliot Norris (33) to play with more freedom.

Sale lost a couple of wickets with the target in sight but won comfortably enough in the end with 5 wickets and 3 overs to spare.

It was the clash of the top two teams in the Sunday premier division as Sale 3rd XI entertained Didsbury, however the visitors came off best as the game finished as a 14 points to 6 draw in favour of Didsbury.

Didsbury batted first and posted 226-4 in 45 overs, Lionel Thompson the pick of the bowling 3-55.

A young Sale top order found the going tough as they slumped to 62-4. Gareth Watterson then added 53 in the middle order, but with skipper Ian Habershon limping off Sale had to settle for a draw as they batted out at 171-8, Steve Mycock unbeaten on 21.

Sale 4th XI lost another high scoring game at Widnes 3rd XI. Naman Mudaliar continued his recent good form with 78, however the home team knocked off the runs inside 28 overs.

Earlier in the week Sale Silverbacks won their top of the table clash against Toft in a tight game.

The Silverbacks looked 20 runs short at 117-4 despite 32 retired from Greg Galbraith and 29 from Asad Khan.

Toft looked well placed after 8 overs, but the introduction of spinners Ian Dixon and Lionel Thompson turned the game in favour of Sale, alongside a smart runout from skipper Rob Moore and some good death bowling from Paul Hanrahan meant Toft closed on 114-6.

On Saturday Sale 1st XI welcome Bramhall to Dane Road and the 2nd XI head to Oxton.