

Sale 1st XI were held up by struggling Bollington as they push for a promotion place in division one of the Cheshire County League.

IS Recruitment sponsored Sale lost the crucial toss and were asked to bat first.

Pat Ashling and James Dodds added 52 for the first wicket, albeit at a more cautious rate than recent weeks.

The loss of Ashling for 34 just as he was looking to accelerate brought Tyrone Lawrence to the wicket, he then added 46 in a partnership of 97 for the second wicket.

Dan Newton then upped the rate with fluent 23 before both he and Dodds (for a seasons best 68), fell with the score on 179.

Gareth Davies (35 off 22 balls) and Sam Battersby (23 off 22 balls) then pushed the Sale score to 245-5.

Early wickets for Josh Patel and Newton reduced the home side to 22-2, however Sale had no answer to James Longhorn. He hit an unbeaten 101 as Bollington closed on 222-4.

Sale still picked up 12 point and will hope to get back to winning ways next week as they host Urmston.

Sale 2nd XI had a day to forget as they entertained Chester Boughton Hall.

Joe Molloy (32) and Jamie Coombes got Sale off to a good start adding 66 for the first wicket, however once the visitors broke that partnership the home side struggled. Only Asad Khan with 28 made a telling contribution as Sale were bowled out for 165.

The visitors then coasted to their target for the loss of one wicket.

Sale 3rd XI consolidated second spot in the Sunday premier division with a good win over Marple.

Sale bowled the visitors out for 164, the returning Saad Khan taking 3-44, well supported by Toim Riley and Callum Ross with two wickets each.

Sale reached their target for the loss of 6 wickets. Opener Dattu Vadakutte hit 49 at the top of the innings to get the home team off to the perfect start. Will Radcliffe (32) and Robert Shaw (37) then broke the back of the chase as Sale reached their target with 12 overs to spare.

Sale 4th XI lost at home to Trafford MV after the visitors posted 222-5, Sale subsiding to 124 all out. Naman Mudalier with 2-40 and 28 and Will Lewis 27.

Earlier in the week Sale Silverbacks made hard work of their over 40s match against bottom of the table Alderley Edge. Sale struggled in the early stages despite 30 retired from Greg Galbraith on a tricky wicket. Soans Praveen (23) and Paul Hanrahan (23) ensured Sale reached 125-6.

Alderley Edge were up with the rate before a spell of 3-15 from Ian Dixon swung the game for Sale as the home side closed on 113-7.

On Saturday Sale 1st XI host Urmston and the 2nd XI visit Oulton Park.