

Sale made up for lost time on Saturday with an impressive double win over Grappenhall in the Cheshire County league. Following last week's Covid postponements Sale bounced back with final over win for the 1st XI and a more comfortable 10 wicket win for the 2nd XI.

Is Recruitment sponsored Sale were asked to bat first in the 1st XI match at Dane Road and lost both openers cheaply.

Tyrone Lawrence added 29 to in a stand of 40 with Gareth Davies to take the score to 72-3.

Davies then added a further 62 in the day's best stand of 62 with the returning Dan Newton before he was caught for 48.

Newton also fell for 48, scored at a run-a-ball as Sale looked to press on and set a target.

Connor D'Ath added 32 off 30 balls as the lower order all contributed to the final score of 241 all out off the final over, a good total considering no batsman reached 50.

Sale soon put the visitors under pressure with Ali Barrowman striking early, removing Peter Barnes for just 4, and Newton bowling economically at the other end.

Leg spinner Rick Halkon then took control with two wickets, including ex-Gloucestershire man Grant Hodnett for the day's top score of 57.

With the run rate climbing and another ex-first class player, Richard Green, looking comfortable the game was heading for a draw until the return of Newton for his second spell.

He took 3 wickets in 3 overs, including Lewis Porter off the final ball of the last over to give Sale a big win as Green (48 not out) could only look on from the non-strikers end.

The return fixture at Broad Lane was a more straightforward affair as Sale won by the maximum 10 wickets.

Despite an opening stand of 82 the home team failed to get the scoring rate over 2.5 runs an over as Sale controlled the game.

From 82-0 Grappers could only manage 147-8 in their 50 overs, with leg spinner Joe Cannon have a good day, taking 5-46 (and effecting a run out).

Sale coasted home in the second innings, reaching their target in the 27th over. Viraj Sorathia (79 not out) and Joe Molloy (51 not out) as Sale consolidated 2nd place in division 1.

Sale 3rd XI had the best of their premier division match at Alderley Edge after posting 220-4 in 45 overs. Jamie Coombes (72), skipper Ian Habershon (72 not out) and Lionel Thompson (33 not out) all enjoying a good day.

The home side had a good go, but could only reach 199-7, young spinner Callum Ross the pick of the bowling with 4-44.

Sale 4th XI lost at home to Trafford Metrovics. Indish Minocha top scored with 36 as Sale posted 155-8. The visitors reached their target for the loss of 4 wickets with 5 overs to spare.

Earlier in the week Sale Silverbacks lost to Cheadle after posting a below par 100-7, Soans Praveen top scoring with 27. Mark Smith took 3 wickets as the visitors reached their target in the 17th over.