

Big test of redemption for shocked Cockermouth

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Cockermouth are on a major recovery mission on Saturday in the latest round of Cumbria Cricket League Premier Division games.

The Sandair side crashed to a surprise defeat at Haverigg last week and have a tough engagement at home (pictured) to Furness this time round.

Dale Graham (65) and Robbie Evans (31no) were largely responsible for Haverigg reaching 161-7 in their 50 overs as Sam Thompson picked-up 3-20.

But the Cockermouth reply never really started as opener Alex Grainger (22), pro Paul Hindmarch (18) and Jonathan Norman (16), batting at nine, were the only ones to make double figures. The innings closed for a dismal 118.

Evans (4-27) and pro Sachin Jayawardena (3-23) were the most successful Haverigg bowlers.

Tomorrow Haverigg travel to Wigton.

As for Furness they travel north on the back of a big home win over Lindal Moor last Saturday.

New pro Promod Maduwantha (96no), Mark Daly (52), Liam Curwen (36), Nathan Waterston (23) and Ryan Griffith (20no) were able to hoist the Furness total to 248-4 in their 50 overs.

Lindal's reply of 128 all out in 39.4 overs owed much to pro Lasith Lakshan (37) and Dean Williams (34). Wyll Stanway was the most successful Furness bowler with 3-28.

Carlisle were too strong for Workington at Edenside where they won by 83 runs after reaching 214-6 in their 50 overs.

After winning the toss and batting Carlisle were 34-2 when Jonathan Davidson came in to join Michael Slack the club professional. They added over 100 before Davidson was dismissed for 49 and Slack went on to make 109. Best bowler was young Ben Scott with 3-39 from ten overs.

After a steady start Workington lost wickets at regular intervals with Kristian Moffat (27) and new pro Lahiru Dilshan (25) doing best before they were bowled out for 131. Davidson took 3-26.

Tomorrow Workington travel in the opposite direction, to Lindal Moor while Carlisle are in west Cumbria at Whitehaven.

At the week-end Whitehaven almost pulled-off a shock against neighbours Cleator despite being bowled-out for 110. Cleator finally grafted a victory in the 43rd over after losing eight wickets in the process.

The Whitehaven innings was built around a third wicket stand between Aneeq Hassan (44) and Chase Young (35) with very little contributions elsewhere. Sachira Perera (5-24) and David Blackwell (4-27) did the damage.

Opener James Hocking (35) and Chris Quin (20) at four got Cleator away steadily but the tail, marshalled by Graeme Lilly (17no) finally got them over the line. Hassan took 3-30.

Geeth Kumara has been a popular and well established pro at Keswick for some considerable time and he was the star performer in their victory by 86 runs against Wigton.

The Sri Lankan all-rounder was 100 not out in Keswick's 272-8 total, with best support from Glen Weightman (31) and James Benson (29).

Then it was Kumara's turn with the ball, taking 5-33 at fourth change, when Wigton were dismissed for 186. George Johnston (31) and George Spark (29) were Wigton's top run-makers.

In the other game Millom won by 92 runs at Dalton after they had ran up a total of 263-9 led by pro Primosh Perara (65).

Dalton were bowled-out for 171 – Daniel Sharpe(85) -with Perara taking 3-36 and Robbie Wilson (3-35).

Saturday's games: Cleator v Dalton; Cockermouth v Furness; Lindal Moor v Workington; Millom v Keswick; Whitehaven v Carlisle; Wigton v Haverigg.