

FINALS DAY

Chester Boughton Hall hosted the triple-header Finals Day this year, and also took home the trophies in both finals that they were contesting. Many of the Chester players produced fine performances, but the star of the show was surely acting captain Kate Coppack, who reached the retirement score in both matches, and took a combined 5-15 in the eight overs she bowled during the day.

Match 1 – Development Knockout Cup Final:

Stockport Georgians 77-9 (20; Liv Bell 22, Zara Matthews 2-6, Ellen Gallimore 2-13, Tasneem Akram 2-17)
Didsbury 2nd XI 80-3 (15.1; Laura Griffiths 27*)

- Georgians may have won division three this year, but Didsbury's seconds gained some revenge by triumphing in the knockout competition that is exclusively for teams in that division. Tasneem Akram struck twice early on, and Georgians were struggling on 11-3. Liv Bell led a recovery of sorts, but with Zara Matthews and others bowling well, the final total set the Manchester side less than four per over. Beth Garnett produced an excellent spell in the second innings, but Laura Griffiths led the way as the target was reached with almost five overs to spare.

Match 2 – Senior Knockout Cup Final:

Chester Boughton Hall Deemons 101-8 (20; Kate Coppack 25ret, Nadia Wheeler 21, Leesa Mellon 2-7, Millie Frost 2-8)
Didsbury Swordettes 68-9 (20; Hannah Jones 34*, Kate Coppack 4-7, Dawn Prestidge 3-15, Ali Cutler 2-7)

- Didsbury's first team could not make it a double celebration for the club as an impressive display comfortably saw the Deemons to their seventh Knockout win in the 11 years the competition has been played. While Kate Coppack was the only one to reach the retirement score, all of their top six scored rapidly, and the scoring rate only dropped in the final overs when Leesa Mellon and Millie Frost got amongst the wickets. Dawn Prestidge took three very early wickets in the reply, and there was the curious sight of Hannah Jones retiring on 25 when her team had managed only 31 runs in total. Coppack then took four wickets for just seven runs, upstaging what were some fine figures by all of her team-mates.

Match 3 – T20 Divisional Competition Final:

Chester Boughton Hall Deemons 107-7 (20; Dawn Prestidge 26ret, Kate Coppack 26ret, Ali Cutler 26*, Kate Harvey 3-13, Emma Royle 2-12)
Stockport Trinity Fire 91-9 (20; Jennie Kitzinger 26*, Nadia Wheeler 4-18, Dawn Prestidge 2-22)

- Chester then went on to record their fifth T20 Divisional title in the last match of the day. Dawn Prestidge and Ali Cutler kept the run rate around six per over in the initial stages of the first innings. When the pair retired, wickets did fall regularly, with Kate Harvey and Emma Royle returning excellent figures. However, Kate Coppack blasted 26 in just 14 balls to keep the board moving. Trinity ensured it was a competitive contest, especially when they scored 38 between the 7th and 11th overs of their reply. However, the Chester attack proved just too strong – while Nadia Wheeler was the main wicket taker on this occasion, Coppack again did a superb job, conceding just eight runs in her four overs.

The League extends its thanks to Chester Boughton Hall for hosting the event, and to umpires John Bone, Graham Pugh and Bob Butland.

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One – August 13:

Chester Boughton Hall 144-3 (40; Lorna Starkey 63, Kate Coppack 42*, Hattie Roberts 2-15) (25pts)
Stockport Trinity 130-8 (40; Jennie Kitzinger 40, Carys White 29, Starkey 2-11, Coppack 2-15, Hannah Snape 2-20) (6pts)

- Chester moved level on points with Oakmere at the top after all-round performances from Lorna Starkey and Kate Coppack saw them home. Trinity were however in control in the early stages, with Hattie Roberts reducing Chester to 11-2. After 22 overs they had only progressed to 42, and their 34 over score of 94 still did not suggest anything more than a modest total would be posted. However, 50 were added in a crucial final six overs, and the stand of 129 between Starkey and Coppack was only broken in the final over. Despite some cultured batting from Jennie Kitzinger, and some lusty late hitting from Carys White, the Stockport side came up short. Oakmere retain the lead ahead of Chester as they have one more victory to their name.

Appleton 71 (36.1; Sami Fowler 17, Hannah Jones 3-8, Leesa Mellon 2-14) (3pts)
Didsbury 72-3 (31; Jones 40) (25pts)

- Appleton's title hopes all but ended here as they were stunned by a Hannah Jones-inspired Didsbury side. Sami Fowler top scored in the first innings, and later bowled eight overs for six runs, but to no avail.

Division One / Two Cross Divisional – August 20:

Oxton 47 (30; Hannah Kowalski 14, Kathryn Jackson 6-11, Sami Fowler 3-6) (1pt)
Appleton 48-2 (12.5; Holly McCurrie 13*) (25pts)

- Appleton eased to victory here as the in-form Kathryn Jackson and Sami Fowler ripped through the Oxton line-up. With all the points that every division one side has picked up in the cross-divisional matches, it means that only 43 points cover all five teams, and unless the format is altered, one of these five will be relegated. However, whilst Appleton's record of finishing in the top two for all of the last seven seasons may not be maintained this year, the Warrington side now know that victory over Stockport Trinity on September 3 will guarantee their first division place for next year.

Division Two – August 6:

Oxton 160-6 (40; Megan Cureton 65, Rivca Burns 28, Poppy Donohue 2-14, Emma Capper 2-30) (13pts)
Leigh dnb (11pts)

- The rain had the last word here, but not before Megan Cureton had completed her maiden senior half century

August 13:

Oxton 107 (32.4; Megan Cureton 24, Christine Lawson 3-22, Alison Smith 3-31, Katie Haszeldine 2-13) (5pts)
Wistaston Village 108-3 (26; Haszeldine 33*, Smith 25, Katie Bennett 23, Alexa Harrison 2-21) (25pts)

- Wistaston completed a comfortable win that means they are division two champions for 2017 – subject to them not forfeiting one of their two remaining matches. Since joining the league in 2013, the club had finished second in their respective division in every season, but have now gone one better.

August 20:

Ashton-on-Mersey 117-5 (40; Azure Wilkinson 40*, Jess Hargreaves 2-17) (6pts)
Leigh 118-5 (28.2; Emma Capper 48, Daisy Mullan 30, Amanda Gettins 2-23) (25pts)

- Leigh won with plenty of overs in hand to become the first team in the top two divisions to complete their campaign. Their first season in division two has been a successful one, winning the majority of the matches against sides from their own division, and are now assured of the runners-up spot.

Division Three – August 7:

Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 73-4 (20; Charlotte Waring 16, Hannah Thorley 16) (7pts)
Didsbury 2nd XI 74-5 (20; Maz Linford 14*, Zoe Cabral 2-11, Thorley 2-14) (25pts)

- Didsbury got home off the last ball to ensure they ended their league season with a win. Chester's second team meanwhile came within a whisker of recording their first ever win. After pushing Stockport Georgians for the title for most of the season, Didsbury eventually fell 20 points short.

August 13:

Hawarden Park 78-6 (20; Rachel Warrenger 17, Laura Wilson 17, Fiona Reeve 2-13, Georgie Morton 2-16) (25pts)
Woodley 61-7 (20; Clare Edwards 23, Katie Martin 3-9, Jasmine Denton 2-9) (6pts)

- Hawarden now look set for third place after completing the double over today's opponents. Katie Martin's fine figures of 3-9 in five overs snuffed out Woodley's hopes of overhauling the total.

Fixtures in division 3 awaiting possible re-arrangement:

Lymm v Chester 2nd XI
Chester 2nd XI v Woodley
Chester 2nd XI v Hawarden

The League Committee meeting held on August 8 agreed in principle that the League should look to introduce a requirement for qualified umpires to Division 3 in the foreseeable future. However, it should be noted that no official proposals have been tabled at present.

The meeting also clarified that, at present, the League Constitution does not allow clubs to field men and boys in any matches governed by the League, even younger boys who might wish to play as fielders only. Concerns were raised at the meeting over the impact using boys as fielders could have on individual matches. Any club or League Officer wishing to propose an amendment to any part of the Constitution must submit these to the Secretary by October 10, i.e. five weeks before the meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on Tuesday October 10, venue tbc. The next annual cycle of Small Grants applications will open at this meeting, so clubs may want to consider now whether they wish to apply for monies to fund winter training and other off-season activities. The League is pleased to announce that in the next applications cycle, clubs may apply for up to £300 of funding, and can request up to £500 if they field a second team in the League.

The League's Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday November 14, venue tbc once again. Any clubs wishing to join the League's senior competitions for 2018 must submit an application ahead of this meeting, and must send a representative to the meeting to answer any queries the Committee may have. Any clubs currently in Division 3 who believe they may be interested in promotion to Division 2 should also make their intentions known to the League prior to this meeting, although clubs will not need to confirm their plans regarding promotion by this stage.

The League's annual Presentation Dinner will take place on Saturday September 23 at Hazel Grove Golf Club – 1900 for a meal at 1930. This venue was highly praised by many attendees when it last hosted the event back in 2011. The League is pleased to announce that ticket prices have once again been held at £20, and that any club who applies for six or more tickets will be permitted an additional three tickets free of charge. The event will follow the usual format of a three-course dinner, followed by presentation of the team trophies and individual winners, and concluding with a disco until midnight. The menu has been circulated to all club representatives - meal choices must be submitted to Alan Thomas no later than Friday September 15 AND your payment must be with Bob Halstead by the same date. Any ticket not paid for by September 16 may be offered for re-sale. Tickets will be sold on a first-come first-served basis, so whilst September 15 is the absolute deadline, it has been known for the event to sell out quicker than this, so don't delay in reserving your place. Under 16s can attend the dinner, but must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult.

The Cheshire Cricket Board are hoping to arrange a women-only Level 2 coaching course this winter, and are hoping to fully fund the costs of this course, although this is still to be officially confirmed. In the meantime, clubs should consider who from within their women's/girls' set-up could be a suitable candidate for this course. The main course will require four full days attendance (likely to be on a Sunday), with additional modules on First Aid and Safeguarding also required to attain the qualification.

Ashton-on-Mersey CC are holding an introductory session on Friday September 8 at 1800 at which women and girls can try cricket for the first time.

T20 DIVISIONAL COMPETITION

(tidying up the outstanding results from prior to Finals Day)

Western Division – August 11:

Appleton Tigers 71-5 (15; Laura Jackson 25ret)
Wistaston Swans 45-6 (15; Katie Haszeldine 25ret, Kathryn Jackson 4-0)
(Restricted to 15 overs per side)

- Neither side has had a successful T20 campaign this season, but it was Appleton who claimed the spoils in this dead rubber. There was little doubt what the stand-out performance was, as Kathryn Jackson took four wickets for no runs in three overs. Three overs was of course all she could bowl in this reduced match, and her achievement stands comparison with the only occasions on which a bowler has completed a full T20 allocation of four overs without conceding a run. This was accomplished by Chester Boughton Hall's Annette Axon, who took 3-0 versus Hawarden Park in 2011, and again by her club-mate Lorna Starkey, who finished with the same analysis in a match against Oxton last year.

Eastern Division – July 31:

Woodley 49 (16.4; Nicola Derbyshire 11, Hannah Jones 6-2, Hannah Marshall 2-4)
Didsbury Swordettes 54-2 (9.5: Roshini Prince-Navaratnam 26*)

- Hannah Jones sent back all of the Woodley top six to finish with a superb analysis, albeit one that failed to break the competition record, which remains with Oakmere's Sarah Worsdale, who took seven for two in the 2015 Plate Final.

Didsbury Swordettes v Ashton-on-Mersey – Match abandoned on original date without enough overs bowled for a result, and never re-arranged.

At the League Committee meeting held on August 8, it was decided not to award additional trophies to the winners of the Western and Eastern Divisions this year.

CHESHIRE JUNIOR GIRLS' TEAMS

Women's Under 17 County T20 Group 1 – August 9:

Cheshire v Yorkshire – Match cancelled due to rain

August 10:

Cheshire w/o Durham

August 15:

Lancashire 184-4 (45; Daisy Mullan 62, Ellie Mason 2-20)

Cheshire 144 (44.1; Mason 38, Kathryn Jackson 20, Zara Matthews 2-17)

- Cheshire came up short after a spirited effort, but this result ended any hopes of overhauling unbeaten Yorkshire at the top of the table. Only the group winners get a place in the final stages.

August 18:

Cheshire 226 (45; Ellie Mason 81, Katie Bennett 57)

Nottinghamshire dnb

- Rain had the last word here, but not before some fine batting from Ellie Mason, Katie Bennett and others on the Cheshire side

Women's Under 15 County Championship A Division Group 1 – August 7:

Yorkshire 235-6 (40; Molly Price 3-36)

Cheshire 61-7 (40; Amy Jones 12)

- A match against Yorkshire usually provides a stiff test, and that was certainly the case here, although Molly Price impressed by taking three wickets.

Under 15 Malvern Festival - August 15:

Cheshire 179-8 (40; Amy Jones 58, Megan Cureton 40, Laurie Sheridan 21)

Lincolnshire 148-9 (40; Charlotte Scudder 2-5, Madeline Arthur 2-14)

- Amy Jones and Megan Cureton led the way to a good total, before an all-round bowling performance completed the job.

August 16:

Norfolk 71 (18; Madeline Arthur 6-3)

Cheshire 72-5 (17.4; Molly Price 21*)

- Madeline Arthur produced a superb return of six wickets for three runs in her four overs, but Cheshire still needed a sixth wicket stand between Molly Price and Zoe Cabral to get them over the line after losing early wickets.

Cheshire 109-4 (20; Megan Cureton 55*)

Hertfordshire 103-6 (20; Jasmine Denton 2-7, Charlie Scudder 2-22)

- Megan Cureton's fifty guided Cheshire to a good-looking score, one which proved just beyond the opposition.

Under 13 Malvern Festival – August 15:

Cheshire 88-7 (20; Bailey Colman 14*)

Cumbria 89-4 (18.5; Izzi Pearson 2-17)

- A decent-looking total was however chased down by Cumbria with seven balls in hand

Cheshire 72 (19.3; Phoebe Jones 19)
Dorset 73-3 (11.3)

- Phoebe Jones scored some lower order runs to rescue the Cheshire innings, but Dorset still comfortably reached their victory target.

August 16:

Northamptonshire 89-6 (20)
Cheshire 88-9 (20; Laurie Sheridan 35)

- Laurie Sheridan supplied the lion's share of Cheshire's runs, but it was number eight Bethan Robinson who scored the winning runs off the final delivery in a genuine nailbiter.

August 17:

Cheshire 52-2 (8; Bethan Robinson 18)
Suffolk 54-2 (7.2; Emma Clarke 2-2)

Northamptonshire 31-4 (8)
Cheshire 32-1 (5; Georgia Heath 10*)

Cheshire 42-5 (8)
Dorset 45-2 (7.4)

Cheshire 55-2 (8; Charlotte Neal 18*)
Cumbria 28-2 (8)

- Cheshire won two and lost two on a day of four eight overs per side matches, where no bowler could bowl more than one over

LANCASHIRE THUNDER

Kia Super League – August 11:

Yorkshire Diamonds 162-4 (20; Lauren Winfield 44, Chamari Atapattu 41, Katherine Brunt 31, Alice Davidson-Richards 22*, Danni Hazell 2-34)
Lancashire Thunder 134-7 (20; Amy Satterthwaite 28, Emma Lamb 20, Davidson-Richards 3-20, Katie Levick 3-30)

- A fine start and fast-scoring end to the Yorkshire innings resulted in a formidable total that just proved too stiff to chase down.

August 16:

Surrey Stars 133-6 (20; Natalie Sciver 40*, Tammy Beaumont 36, Sophia Dunkley 24, Danni Hazell 2-16, Jess Jonassen 2-27)
Lancashire Thunder 100 (18; Sarah Taylor 34, Evelyn Jones 26, Rene Farrell 5-26, Laura Marsh 2-12, Alex Hartley 2-25)

- The Thunder do possess a fine spin attack, notwithstanding their possible weaknesses in other departments. Danni Hazell and Sophie Ecclestone bowled superbly in the middle part of the innings, but Surrey scored enough in the powerplay and in the last four overs to post a testing total. After Sarah Taylor's dismissal, the run chase faltered badly and the last seven wickets fell for 14 runs. More on my thoughts regarding this match, played at Old Trafford, can be read on the [CrickethHer blog site](#).

August 20:

Loughborough Lightning 140-5 (20; Elyse Perry 78*, Sarah Glenn 22, Danni Hazell 2-16)
Lancashire Thunder 90 (17.2; Amy Satterthwaite 21, Beth Langston 3-14, Glenn 2-8, Perry 2-9)

- Lancashire Thunder's hopes of making it to Finals Day ended with this third straight defeat. Again, Danni Hazell too two wickets, and again Sophie Ecclestone conceded no more than six per over, but once again their batting failed.

Lancashire Thunder's final home match of the 2017 Super League season is on Wednesday August 23 against Southern Vipers at Liverpool CC. Play starts at 1430. We look forward to seeing as many people with a connection to Cheshire women's or girls' cricket at this match. The game will not be televised. Lancashire Thunder is in no way a Lancashire county side – it represents the entire North West region, and includes players from Cheshire in the squad, so there is every reason to get behind this team and to wish them every success. General admission tickets for the match can be purchased [here](#). Southern Vipers will again be led by Charlotte Edwards, alongside three more current or former England players: Natasha Farrant, Danielle Wyatt and Arran Brindle. Their overseas players are Suzie Bates (New Zealand), Mignon du Preez (South Africa) and Hayley Matthews (West Indies).

ENGLAND WOMEN

Women's cricket will return to terrestrial TV next year, for the first time since the 1993 World Cup Final. Channel 5 will screen highlights of all England Women home matches during 2018 and 2019. From 2020, a selection of England T20 internationals and matches in the Super League will be live on BBC TV.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Monday August 21

Women's Under 17 County T20 Group 1 (1330 & 1630): Cheshire v Cumbria & Shropshire (at Whitchurch, Shropshire)

Tuesday August 29

Women's Under 15 County T20 Group 2 (1330 & 1630): Cheshire v Leicestershire & Northumberland (at Stocksfield, Northumberland)

Sunday September 3

Cheshire Women's League (1330):

Division One: Oakmere v Didsbury, Appleton v Stockport Trinity

Division One/Two Cross-Divisional: Chester Boughton Hall v Wistaston Village

Division Three: Lymm Oughtrington Park v Woodley

OTHER NEWS

Cheshire CCC (the county men's first team that plays in the Minor Counties Championship) would like to invite members of the wider Cheshire cricket community to their Golf Day, to be held at Styal Golf Club near Wilmslow on Friday September 29. Arrival is 1230 for bacon butties, followed by golf from 1330. Food can then be ordered in the clubhouse up until 1830. Entry is £110 for a team of four. Enquiries can be made to Peter Babbage - 0161 612 8213 / 07906 540240, Rob Sproston - 01270 624638 or John Petch - 0161 428 0381.

LEAGUE TABLES

Division 1	p	w	wcn	l	lcn	a	BatP	BowIP	Pen	NRR	Pts
Oakmere	10	7	1	1	1	0	4	1	1	1.69	194
Chester Boughton Hall	10	7	0	2	0	1	7	4	0	0.57	194
Didsbury	10	4	2	4	0	0	8	12	0	0.04	170
Appleton	10	5	0	3	0	2	10	12	0	0.07	163
Stockport Trinity	10	5	0	5	0	0	15	12	1	0.56	151

Team	p	w	l	lcn	t	a	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
Wistaston Village (CH)	9	4	4	0	1	0	9	11	-0.42	135
Leigh	11	3	7	0	0	1	22	13	-0.45	118
Ashton-on-Mersey	10	2	6	1	0	1	22	14	-0.71	84
Oxton	10	1	6	1	1	1	19	14	-1.58	71

Each team in the top two divisions will play the others in their division at home and away, plus one fixture against each of the teams in the other division. Teams will play 12 matches in total in division one and 11 in division two. One up one down promotion and relegation will apply between the two divisions.

Division 3	p	w	l	t	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
Stockport Georgians (CH)	10	9	1	0	4	3	1.56	232
Didsbury 2 nd XI	10	8	2	0	8	4	1.32	212
Hawarden Park	9	5	4	0	10	7	0.05	142
Woodley	8	3	5	0	17	15	0.22	107
Lymm Oughtrington Park	8	0	7	1	23	7	-2.78	45
Chester Boughton Hall 2 nd XI	7	0	6	1	13	11	-1.92	39

The division three teams will play each other home and away.

T20 Western Division (Final Standings)	p	w	l	t	c	NRR	Pts
Chester Boughton Hall Deemons	3	2	0	0	1	2.95	7
Oakmere Kats	3	1	0	1	1	0.72	6
Appleton Tigers	3	1	1	1	0	-0.76	5
Wistaston Swans	3	0	3	0	0	-1.93	0

T20 Eastern Division (Final Standings)	p	w	l	a	lcn	wcn	Pen	NRR	Pts
Stockport Trinity Fire	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	1.88	9
Didsbury Swordettes	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0.83	4
Ashton-on-Mersey	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	-1.39	3
Woodley	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	-1.53	1

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