

## **CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

### **Division One – May 8:**

Leigh 163-8 (40; Jaimie-Lee Strang 104\*, Liv Bell 3-31, Amelie Batey 2-24) (25pts)

Stockport Georgians 76 (25.1; Lucy Neill 42, Millie Baldwin 5-19, Kasey Bentham 3-17, Ella Smith 2-14) (6pts)

- Leigh's Australian overseas player Jaimie-Lee Strang reached three figures, scoring at almost a run per ball and totally dominating the scorecard as her side made it two wins from three, matching their entire tally of wins from the 2021 season. Millie Baldwin and Kasey Bentham then returned excellent analyses as Georgians went down to defeat on their top-flight debut.

Didsbury 184-9 (40; Emily Wilkins 106) (25pts)

Stockport Trinity 66 (35.5; Freya Jones 22\*, Chloe Hawes 3-10, Stacey Miles 2-5, Amna Malik 2-11, Marianne Lea 2-19) (5pts)

- Didsbury maintained their good start with this commanding win, consigning Trinity to their third defeat. At the same time as Strang was making her century at Leigh, Emily Wilkins was also achieving the feat here, illustrating what an exciting addition she is to the South Manchester club's squad. Her 106 here came from 99 deliveries with 14 fours. An impressive quartet of Didsbury bowlers then finished the job.

Nantwich 110 (30; Beth Hughes 12, Ellie Pearson 12, Rachel Tidd 4-24, Leah Holland 2-18) (6pts)

Oakmere 113-5 (33; Phoebe Cottam 50, Emily Renshaw 34\*) (25pts)

- Oakmere made it two wins from three after their bowling attack prevented any Nantwich batter from passing 12. Phoebe Cottam's half-century and runs on debut for Emily Renshaw saw them over the line with a degree of comfort.

### **May 15:**

Oakmere 154-7 (40; Kerry Hartnett 53, Dawn Prestidge 27, Emily Renshaw 26) (9pts)

Appleton 158-7 (38.4; Emma Barlow 51, Jess Lewis 21, Renshaw 3-28, Kate Skelhorn 2-20) (25pts)

- It's early days yet and the teams have played differing numbers of matches, but from just two matches so far, there's no doubt that Appleton have made a good start. Just as in their first win, Emma Barlow made a half-century in a successful run chase.

Stockport Trinity 181-5 (40; Ellie Mason 117, Charlotte Peacock 28, Gaby Crabb 2-17, Sophie Heaton 2-20) (7pts)

Leigh 184-3 (33.4; Heaton 59\*, Carrie Blood 50\*, Jaimie-Lee Strang 30, Ellie Davey 24) (25pts)

- Leigh continued their fine start to the season, with their third win from four. Ellie Mason returned from county duty to play for Trinity for the first time this year, and was in superb form, but nevertheless Leigh reached their potentially challenging victory target with all of 38 balls to spare. Sophie Heaton and Carrie Blood each made undefeated half centuries in the crucial partnership.

Nantwich 97-7 (40; Flo Seymour 31\*, Morganne Prince 23, Zara Mathews 3-15, Roshini Prince-Navaratnam 2-8) (5pts)

Didsbury 98-5 (28; Prince-Navaratnam 25, Rosie Davis 21, Beth Hughes 2-16) (25pts)

- Despite a few stumbles in their run chase, Didsbury won with 12 overs to spare to maintain a 100 per cent record.

### **Division Two – May 8:**

Upton 149-7 (35; Charlie Scudder 47, Rachael Harrison 29, Abby Mayers 2-9, Ela Closs-Sharp 2-17, Holly Mayers 2-19) (25pts)  
Hawarden Park 102-5 (35; Nicola Deane 56, Hannah McGowan 2-14) (7pts)

- In this encounter between two teams that won their first match, it was Upton who recorded their second win.

Oxton 177-6 (35; Hannah Kowalski 48, Megan Cooper 42, Freya Davies 29\*, Alexa Harrison 27, Fatima Chawoo 4-14) (25pts)  
Ashton-on-Mersey 49-6 (35; Nicola Nolan 19, Davies 2-0, Molly Price 2-3) (3pts)

- Oxton compiled a formidable total with runs all the way down the card, despite a fine spell from Fatima Chawoo. Then the Wirral club's bowlers returned a series of excellent figures to complete this commanding win, with new ball pair Molly Price and Alexa Harrison conceding just three and two runs respectively from a full seven-over spell.

Matches that can be re-arranged:

Woodley v Lindow (from May 1, Covid isolation issues)  
Hawarden v Lindow (from May 15, Covid isolation issues)

### **Division Three West – May 5:**

Nantwich 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 52-7 (20; Luana Sims 2-2, Sophie Harper 2-3) (2pts)  
Porthill Park 54-0 (6.5; Izzy Higgins 25\*, Cassie Davies 15\*) (25pts)

- A commanding win for Porthill to register their second maximum point haul of the season.

Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 119-4 (20; Jenny Arnold 31ret, Maddie Lawson 31ret, Amy Seddon 22\*) (25pts)  
Wistaston Village 58-9 (20; Nicki Jarvis 15, Laura Buckley 3-14, Di Buckley 2-4, Arnold 2-7) (4pts)

- Wistaston's good start was checked by this convincing Appleton performance, where all seven bowlers returned good figures after some rapid scoring earlier.

### **May 8:**

Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 63 (20.3; Kathryn Jackson 18, Bella Smith 3-6, Charlie Baratt 2-13) (25pts)  
Wistaston Village 49 (19.4; Maddie Lawson 2-0, Olivia Horsfield 2-0, Helen Simpson 2-10) (5pts)

- Appleton recorded another win over the Crewe-based club here. Despite not making as large a total, Appleton's attack was again in top form to make sure of the win.

### **May 15:**

Wistaston Village 36 (17.5; Annette Axon 3-2, Ava Rogers 3-7, Lucy McCarten 2-10) (1pt)  
Chester Boughton Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 37-2 (11.5; Jenny Martindale 18\*) (25pts)

- Excellent figures from all of Chester's attack started them on the way to an emphatic win.

### **Division Three East – May 1:**

Didsbury 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 182-6 (30; Helen Johnson 59, Zoe Rigley 54\*, Sophie Aspin 2-29, Imogen Bell 2-31) (25pts)  
Hawk Green 90 (23.4; Rebecca Edmondson 17, Natasha Sen 2-6, Laura Thomas 2-9) (6pts)

- Two rapid half centuries - with Helen Johnson's 59 coming from 35 balls, with 11 fours and a six - set Didsbury on the way to a commanding and ultimately matchwinning total.

#### **Division Four – May 4:**

Stockport Georgians 3<sup>rd</sup> XI / North East Cheshire 60-0 (20; Sophie Barker 16\*, Heather Mukherjee 11\*) (6pts)

Buxton 61-5 (14.5; Kat Martin 20\*, Freya Johnson 2-5) (25pts)

- Georgians became the first team to field a hardball third team in Cheshire but, despite not losing any wickets, they fell short against a Buxton side making their league bow.

#### **May 8:**

Lindow 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 87-5 (20; Hannah Kirk 30, Lucy Gardiner 4-24) (25pts)

Lymm Oughtrington Park 81-8 (20; Gardiner 18, Naz Hancioglu 3-6, Charlotte Thompson 2-19) (8pts)

- Despite the best efforts of Lucy Gardiner, it was Lindow that hung on to record this narrow win.

Langley 114-6 (20; Carolyne Jones 27ret, Kelly Bunting 3-16) (25pts)

Buxton 59-8 (20; Kelly Bunting 10, Lou Whitehouse 10, Ella Hirst 2-9) (5pts)

- Buxton enjoyed a winning start to life in the league in midweek but couldn't follow that up as Langley ran out comfortable winners.

#### **May 15:**

Heaton Mersey & Cheadle 126-4 (20; Amy Shaw 37ret) (25pts)

Stockport Georgians 3<sup>rd</sup> XI / North East Cheshire 92-4 (20; Hermione Trotter 11, Caroline Tyley 2-23) (7pts)

- After the loss of two early wickets, Amy Shaw guided Heaton Mersey & Cheadle to what proved to be a winning total.

Matches that can be re-arranged: Langley v Oakmere 2<sup>nd</sup> XI (from May 4, rain)

#### **Division Five East (Pairs scoring):**

Toft 365, Macclesfield Silk 306

Macclesfield Treacle 380, Stockport 277

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#### **Division Five West:**

Neston 352, Runcorn 251

#### **Permanent transfers**

Player loans:

- Zoe Rigley, Didsbury to Woodley, for maximum three Division Two matches commencing May 8
- Charlotte Peacock, Alicia Peacock, Olivia Downs-Haskell, Zara Kelly, Molly Doody – all Hayfield to Stockport Trinity for maximum three Division One matches

Sylvia Shihepo of Stockport Georgians joins Heidi Cheadle of Lindow and Jaimie-Lee Strang of Leigh as overseas players this season as the league enters something of a new era in this respect. Shihepo has played 43 times for Namibia's national team, where her main achievements so far have been as a bowler, having an excellent economy rate of 4.71 across her international T20 career.

We may be in a position in the near future to add Eve Jones and/or Georgia Redmayne to this list, but at present, the full internationals to have played in the CWCL are:

- England – Sophie Ecclestone, Lauren Griffiths, Sarah Collyer, Helen Wardlaw, Laura MacLeod, Enid Bakewell
- Scotland – Nadia Wheeler, Ruth Willis
- Bangladesh – Mina Khatun
- Namibia - Sylvia Shihepo

And please let me know if you know of more!

## **LEAGUE TABLES**

	Division 1	P	w	l	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Leigh</u>	4	3	1	4	5	0.94	84
2	<u>Didsbury</u>	3	3	0	0	0	1.66	75
3	<u>Oakmere</u>	4	2	2	10	7	-0.09	67
4	<u>Appleton</u>	2	2	0	0	0	1.26	50
5	<u>Chester Boughton Hall</u>	1	1	0	0	0	0.02	25
6	<u>Stockport Trinity</u>	4	0	4	13	9	-1.65	22
7	<u>Nantwich</u>	3	0	3	8	10	-0.68	18
8	<u>Stockport Georgians</u>	1	0	1	2	4	-2.18	6

	Division 2	P	w	wcn	l	lcn	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Oxton</u>	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.66	50
2	<u>Upton</u>	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1.42	50
3	<u>Hawarden Park</u>	2	1	0	1	0	3	4	0.76	32
4	<u>Lindow</u>	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.09	25
5	<u>Leyland</u>	1	0	0	1	0	4	5	-1.09	9
6	<u>Woodley</u>	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	-0.86	1
7	<u>Ashton-on-Mersey</u>	3	0	0	2	1	3	6	-3.26	-1

Division 3 West		P	w	l	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Wistaston Village</u>	5	2	3	2	8	-0.8	60
2	<u>Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI</u>	2	2	0	0	0	1.5	50
3	<u>Porthill Park</u>	2	1	1	5	4	0.99	34
4	<u>Chester Boughton Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> XI</u>	1	1	0	0	0	1.93	25
5	<u>Nantwich 2<sup>nd</sup> XI</u>	2	0	2	2	4	-1.29	6

## **KNOCKOUT CUPS**

### **Senior Knockout Round One – May 10:**

Stockport Georgians 140-2 (20; Sylvia Shihepo 42ret, Lucy Neill 41ret)  
Woodley 27 (19.4; Fiona Reeve 11, Cleo Johnson 4-4, Neill 2-2)

- Sylvia Shihepo and Lucy Neill were the first pair from any team to reach the new retirement score of 40, introduced in this competition this year. This set their Georgians team on the way to a large total and a comfortable win.

Oxton 71-4 (20; Molly Price 19, Zara White 19\*, Ffion Jones 2-18)  
Chester Boughton Hall Deemons 72-2 (9.4; Ali Cutler 42ret)

- After a tight team bowling effort, Chester's run chase was completed in less than half the available overs, with Ali Cutler reaching 42 from 25 deliveries.

Lindow w/o Ashton-on-Mersey

### **Development Knockout Round One – May 9:**

Nantwich 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 114-7 (20; C Walker 14, Sally Steele 14, Hannah Leslie 3-14, Charlotte King 2-15)  
Oakmere 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 57-4 (14; Leslie 18\*, Flo Seymour 3-5)  
(Bad light stopped play, Nantwich win on run rate)

- A comfortable first round passage for the holders

## **May 11:**

Hayfield 172-1 (20; Madeleine Hayles 27ret, Charlotte Peacock 26ret, Olivia Downs-Haskell 26ret, Lily Dalkin-Strube 25ret)  
Buxton 47-7 (20; Denise Morris 15, Hayles 3-0)

- Last year's runners-up Hayfield prevailed in the league's first encounter between two teams from Derbyshire. Their quartet of retired batsmen led them to a formidably high score for this competition. Madeleine Hayles was in fine form with both bat and ball.

Greenfield 94-6 (20; Beth Garforth 20, Richmal Giles 2-6)  
Hawk Green 40 (18; Giles 11, Megan Russell 3-8, Garforth 2-6)

- League newcomers Greenfield marked their first match with a comfortable win.

Chester Boughton Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 93-2 (20; Mandy Humphreys 25ret)  
Lymm Oughtrington Park Lightning 64-3 (20; Lucy Gardiner 27ret, Ava Rogers 2-7)

- Ava Rogers recorded the best of a number of good bowling analyses on the Chester side as they restricted Lymm to little more than three per over.

Langley w/o Heaton Mersey & Cheadle

Porthill Park w/o Wistaston Village

Fixtures awaiting re-arrangement:

Lindow 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Stockport Georgians 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

## **OTHER NEWS**

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- Activity that drives inclusion-based initiatives
- Other recreational cricket activity delivered to children