

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One – May 22:

Stockport Trinity 220-7 (40; Ellie Mason 160, Georgia Munro 2-19, Ali Cutler 2-20, Annette Axon 2-35) (8pts)

Chester Boughton Hall 221-5 (37.3; Cutler 120*, Megan Cureton 49, Gillian Spragg 2-30) (25pts)

- An extraordinary match that saw Boughton Hall pull off the highest successful run chase in league history, and also witnessed two of the league's finest batters at the top of their game. Before then, however, they were on the receiving end of some devastating batting from Ellie Mason, who made it back-to-back centuries and then went on to make 60 further runs in an almost chanceless innings that featured nine sixes. She finally fell in the 33rd over, with the league record of 191 (Jenny Dunn in 2005) and the 200 mark both looking under threat, but as things stand, she has still notched both the second and third highest individual scores in league history. Neighbouring gardens received something of a peppering for sure today, and a good supply of spare balls is a good idea when Mason is batting! Despite this superb knock, Georgia Munro and Ali Cutler did a fine job in conceding only 19 and 20 respectively in their eight overs. And so to the reply, where Cutler made a busy start and kept her side up with the required rate. This match winning century didn't feature the explosive six hitting seen earlier, but it did contain some superbly timed fours – 18 boundaries in all - and an acceleration at just the right time. She received fine support from Megan Cureton in a fourth wicket stand of 105 and remained undefeated at the end of this amazing encounter, as Chester won with 15 balls to spare despite the challenging target. Mason's two three figure scores in the last two Sundays now stand as the two highest individual scores made in a losing cause in league history. Mason's score was also the highest made in any Cheshire club cricket during the week, with Cutler's knock the eighth best.

Stockport Georgians 51 (14.2; Gaby McKeever 13*, Tess Bailey 13, Beth Hughes 4-8, Grace Michell 3-21, Kelsey Barker 2-7) (4pts)

Nantwich 52-6 (17.1; Madi Hudson 18, Liv Bell 3-8, Cleo Johnson 2-10) (25pts)

- Just metres away across the railway track from Trinity, an altogether different affair unfolded here. In this clash between two newly promoted teams, it was Nantwich who registered their first win in the top-flight. The South Cheshire side initially displayed some of the fine bowling that got them promoted last year, with Beth Hughes leading the way, although Liv Bell and the rest of the Georgians attack certainly made them sweat during their ultimately successful chase.

Appleton 127-9 (40; Jess Lewis 55, Emily Renshaw 4-22, Kate Skelhorn 2-23, Rachel Tidd 2-31) (7pts)

Oakmere 128-5 (39.1; Sarah Worsdale 48*, Dawn Prestidge 32, Emily Page 3-16) (25pts)

- Oakmere got home in the final over to inflict a first defeat of the year on Appleton, leaving Chester and Didsbury as the last two undefeated sides. Emily Renshaw again illustrated what a handy acquisition she has been for the Northwich club, who now top the table, albeit having played more matches than most of their rivals.

May 29:

Stockport Georgians 135 (29.1; Gaby McKeever 58*, Erica Sanders 27, Gemma Rose 5-40, Annette Axon 2-5) (25pts)

Chester Boughton Hall 61 (27.4; Katie Bennett 13, Cleo Johnson 5-20, Isabella Woodside 3-12) (6pts)

- This was Georgians' first league win as a first division club, as well as champions Chester's first league reverse of the year. Although Chester, after ending up on the losing side might not see it that way, from a neutral standpoint this illustrates how the league is genuinely competitive, with no dominant team. After being bundled out for 51 the week before, Georgians produced a better batting effort, led by Gaby McKeever's rapid half century. Then,

after chasing down 220 seven days earlier, Chester were bowled out cheaply, despite having all of the major players from that run chase in the team here. Gemma Rose and Isabella Woodside became only the third and fourth players to bag a five-wicket haul in the first division in 2022. It all leaves Didsbury as the last unbeaten team in the top-flight.

Division Two – May 8:

Leyland 163-5 (35; Eleanor Boardman 60, Isobel Cordingley 49, Zoe Rigley 2-24, Fiona Reeve 2-28) (25pts)

Woodley 59 (35; Alex Wilson 16, Grace Bushell 3-7, Emily James 2-3, H Hardy 2-10) (4pts)

- Eleanor Boardman was comfortably the leading run scorer in Leyland's 2021 Lancashire League title winning campaign, and here she was in form once again to see her club to their first win as a Cheshire League club.

May 22:

Hawarden Park 89-9 (35; Holly Mayers 22, Lily Scudder 3-9, Rachel Harrison 2-12) (4pts)

Upton 90-3 (23.2; L Scudder 35, Sophie Morris 25*) (25pts)

- Upton, and Lily Scudder in particular, continued their good start to the season here. Despite only taking one wicket, Sophie Morris conceded just four runs in seven overs as well.

Leyland (25pts) w/o Woodley (minus 10pts)

May 29:

Lindow (25pts) w/o Ashton-on-Mersey (minus 10pts)

Matches that should be re-arranged:

Woodley v Hawarden (from May 29, ground availability)

Division Three East – May 8:

Stockport Georgians 2nd XI 32 (17.4; Rosie Bradshaw 3-2, Lily Stafford 2-5) (1pt)

Hayfield 33-1 (7; Lily Dalkin-Strube 16*) (25pts)

- A fine start to the campaign for Hayfield in what was Georgians' second team's first match at this level

May 22:

Greenfield 166-2 (30; Zoe Cuthill 55*, Bethany Garforth 37*) (25pts)

Hawk Green 55 (19; Jo Stephenson 21, Pragna Sanghani 4-3, Garforth 3-4) (1pt)

- Greenfield have made a fine start to life in the league, and Bethany Garforth has been very prominent in the early matches, adding three wickets in three overs to her rapid knock here. Pragna Sanghani took four wickets in four overs as the pair engineered something of a collapse.

Matches that can be re-arranged: Didsbury 2nd XI v Hawk Green (Hawk Green unable to fulfil on original date), Greenfield v Didsbury 2nd XI (rain on original date)

Division Four – May 19:

Lindow 2nd XI 98-8 (20; Louise Long 37, Heather Mukherjee 3-7, Cheryl Waites 2-2) (25pts)
Stockport Georgians 3rd XI / North East Cheshire 77-8 (20; Becky Scholes 34, Naz Hancioglu 2-14, Issy Arkelaos 2-15) (8pts)

- With a number of new first team acquisitions, this inevitably means that Lindow's second team is also stronger this year, and they were in good form here.

Lymm Oughtrington Park 91-6 (20; Lucy Gardiner 25ret, Abby Lowe 2-8)
Oakmere 2nd XI 92-7 (19.5; Emily Faulkner 26ret, Angela Evans 3-15)

- A close contest ended with Oakmere sneaking home with one ball to spare to bag their first win.

Lymm Oughtrington Park 30 (13.3; Jenny Wallace 3-2, Charlotte Nadin 2-4, Annette Wallace 2-6) (3pts)
Langley 31-5 (10.1; Nadin 10*, Angela Evans 2-8, Carolyn Smith 2-9) (25pts)

- Langley recorded their second win of the year with a dominant bowling display, even if Lymm's bowlers did their best to defend the small target.

May 29:

Oakmere 2nd XI 101-2 (20; Rachel Tidd 43*, Charlotte King 25*) (25pts)
Buxton 98-6 (20; Denise Morris 14*, Abby Lowe 3-16) (6pts)

- Buxton made a brave effort to chase down their three-figure target but were denied after none of their players passed 14. Abby Lowe took important wickets at both the beginning and the end of the reply.

Matches that can be re-arranged: Langley v Oakmere 2nd XI (rain on original date)

Other League Matters:

To clear up one possible area of confusion. For the 2022 season, Cheshire Cricket Board do not have a formal position, but their advice would be that juniors should only play open age cricket when they are in school year 8 or above. However, clubs are asked to note that the competition rules for all CWCL competitions state that anyone not in school year 8 or above should not be selected in a senior team.

Information has been circulated to club representatives regarding Small Grants for the 2022 season. The League is in a position to offer £200 to clubs with one team in the hardball divisions, £300 to those with two hardball teams, £100 to any club with one team in the softball Division 5 and £150 to any club with two competitive softball teams. Unfortunately, as the funding has been supplied by the Cheshire Cricket Board, only clubs located within the historic county of Cheshire, or with a suitable affiliation to the Cheshire Board, are eligible for this funding. So, if your club reps have not received information about this, it is likely that you are not eligible.

Clubs may wish to table Small Grants applications for consideration at the committee meeting on Wednesday next week (June 8), which will provisionally be held at Oakmere CC – please await confirmation of venue - and commence at 1930.

A plea for clubs to make me aware when matches don't take place in Divisions 3 and 4 and the T20 competitions. Please let me know if games are called off due to weather conditions or due to either side requesting re-arrangements.

Player loans: Emily Murray – Lindow to Stockport Trinity for maximum three league matches commencing May 22

Dual player registrations: Charlotte Peacock to play for Stockport Trinity in Senior Knockout and T20 Divisional Competition, in addition to league & Development Cup appearances for Hayfield

Division Five East (Pairs scoring):

North East Cheshire 317, Toft 273
Macclesfield Treacle 352, Macclesfield Silk 209

Division Five West:

Neston 319, Runcorn 253
Runcorn 293, Wistaston Village 2nd XI 279
Alvanley 260, Chester Boughton Hall 3rd XI 230

LEAGUE TABLES

	Division 1	P	w	l	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Oakmere</u>	5	3	2	10	7	-0.06	92
2	<u>Leigh</u>	4	3	1	4	5	0.94	84
3	<u>Didsbury</u>	3	3	0	0	0	1.55	75
4	<u>Appleton</u>	3	2	1	4	3	0.71	57
5	<u>Chester Boughton Hall</u>	3	2	1	1	5	-0.53	56
6	<u>Nantwich</u>	4	1	3	8	10	0.01	43
7	<u>Stockport Georgians</u>	3	1	2	3	7	-0.63	35
8	<u>Stockport Trinity</u>	5	0	5	18	12	-1.42	30

	Division 2	P	w	wcn	I	lcn	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Upton</u>	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1.37	75
2	<u>Leyland</u>	3	1	1	1	0	4	5	0.94	59
3	<u>Oxton</u>	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.66	50
4	<u>Lindow</u>	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.09	50
5	<u>Hawarden Park</u>	3	1	0	2	0	5	6	0.09	36
6	<u>Woodley</u>	3	0	0	2	1	1	4	-2.29	-5
7	<u>Ashton-on-Mersey</u>	4	0	0	2	2	3	6	-3.26	-11

Division 3 East		P	w	I	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Greenfield</u>	1	1	0	0	0	3.7	25
2	<u>Hayfield</u>	1	1	0	0	0	3.65	25
3	<u>Didsbury 2nd XI</u>	1	1	0	0	0	3.07	25
4	<u>Hawk Green</u>	2	0	2	3	4	-3.38	7
5	<u>Stockport Georgians 2nd XI</u>	1	0	1	0	1	-3.65	1

Division 4		P	w	l	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	Heaton Mersey & <u>Cheadle</u>	2	2	0	0	0	2.6	50
2	<u>Langley</u>	2	2	0	0	0	2.58	50
3	<u>Lindow</u> 2 nd XI	2	2	0	0	0	0.67	50
4	<u>Oakmere</u> 2 nd XI	2	2	0	0	0	0.12	50
5	<u>Buxton</u>	3	1	2	7	4	-0.61	36
6	<u>Lymm Oughtrington Park</u>	4	0	4	15	12	-1.63	27
7	<u>Stockport Georgians</u> 3 rd XI / North East Cheshire	3	0	3	13	9	-1.38	22

	T20 Eastern Division	P	w	wcn	l	lcn	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Didsbury</u> Swordettes	2	1	1	0	0	1.53	6
2	<u>Stockport Georgians</u>	2	1	0	1	0	0.31	3
3	<u>Stockport Trinity</u> Fire	1	1	0	0	0	1.05	3
4	<u>Woodley</u>	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
5	<u>Lindow</u>	2	0	0	2	0	-2	0
6	<u>Ashton-on-Mersey</u>	2	0	0	0	2	0	-2

T20 DIVISIONAL COMPETITION

Western Division - May 16:

Nantwich Vipers 90-3 (20; Beth Hughes 37*, J Mitchell 22)

Chester Boughton Hall Deemons 91-2 (18.3; Ali Cutler 40ret, Georgia Munro 25*)

- It's been a few years since Chester recorded the last of their trophy wins in this competition, but the 2022 campaign got off to a fine start after quick runs from Ali Cutler at the top of the card and Georgia Munro in the middle order saw them home. Beth Hughes didn't really deserve to be on the losing side after bowling four overs for eight runs to add to her runs, but the most economical bowler on display was Chester's Charlie Thompson, who conceded seven runs in 24 balls.

Fixtures awaiting re-arrangement:

Appleton v Nantwich

Oxton v Appleton – Appleton unable to fulfil fixture on original date

Eastern Division – May 16:

Woodley w/o Ashton-on-Mersey

May 18:

Lindow 139-3 (20; Heidi Cheadle 43ret, Grace Hemsted 37*, Emily Murray 25)
Didsbury Swordettes 140-3 (16.3; Emily Wilkins 40ret, Rosie Davis 40ret, Hemsted 2-24)

- A pulsating encounter in which Didsbury not only smashed the competition record for the highest successful run chase but did so with overs to spare. Heidi Cheadle started the evening's entertainment with 43 from 20 deliveries with seven fours and two sixes (i.e 40 runs in boundaries), and there is surely much more to come from her this season. However, another fine acquisition by a league club this year is Emily Wilkins, and she also reached the retirement score in 20 balls. Rosie Davis also retired undefeated on 40, meaning the score was 94 when a wicket finally fell. Helen Johnson's 18 from 14 balls played a key role in ensuring that the run chase remained on track thereafter.

Stockport Trinity Fire 94-7 (20; Ellie Mason 40ret, Freya Jones 21, Lucy Neill 2-19)
Stockport Georgians 73-8 (20; Neill 17, Emma Royle 2-5)

- In contrast, this was a much lower scoring and more attritional affair, but Trinity's miserly bowling display, led by Emma Royle, saw them take the points against their very near neighbours.

May 26:

Lindow 88-7 (20; Heidi Cheadle 40ret, Liv Bell 2-21)
Stockport Georgians 89-3 (13.2; Gaby McKeever 24*, Grace Woosey 21, Emily Murray 2-23)

- After another rapid knock from Heidi Cheadle, Georgians took command of this match, with Gaby McKeever's breezy 12-ball cameo completing matters in a hurry.

Didsbury Swordettes w/o Ashton-on-Mersey

KNOCKOUT CUPS

Development Knockout Round One – May 25:

Stockport Georgians 2nd XI 125-4 (20; Holly Batey 27ret, Louisa Boyle 26ret, Naz Hancioglu 2-10)
Lindow 2nd XI 79-8 (20; Rachel Hoyle 11, Alison Hodge 11, Amelie Batey 2-6, Hermione Trotter 2-8)

- A commanding win for Georgians gives them a home quarter-final with Chester.

NATIONAL KNOCKOUT

Regional Quarter-Final - May 29:

Ramsbottom 104-3 (20; Maeve Jones 41*, Abriella Bingham 41)
Didsbury 105-2 (14.3; Roshini Prince-Navaratnam 61*)

Nantwich w/o Penwortham

- Roshini Prince-Navaratnam led the way to another commanding Didsbury win in this competition. The CWCL has been represented in the northern regional final in all of the last four competitions, and this is guaranteed to be the case once again, with two League clubs - Didsbury and Nantwich, set to meet in the regional semi-final in two weeks' time. Nantwich made it all the way to the regional final last year, in the process being responsible for the only

occasion on which Didsbury have been beaten by another North West team across all the years where they have entered this competition.

Plate Regional Quarter-Final - May 29:

Leigh beat Leyland – no further details available at present

Porthill Park Northern Stars 175-2 (20; Amy Griffiths 90, Tilly Kesteven 50*)

Cutthorpe 83-7 (20; Hannah Siddall 20*, Sophia McCollum 20, Lauren Kenvyn 2-8, Illiana

Chatztygeorgia 2-13)

- Another League member club making the most of their exit from the main competition are Porthill, who racked up an imposing total here. This means that the League will also be represented in the regional final of the Plate, with Leigh now hosting Porthill in a semi-final.