

FINALS DAY

Senior Knockout Cup

Stockport Trinity Fire 95-6 (20; Carys White 25, Ellie Mason 21)
Nantwich Vipers 97-1 (17.5; Seren Smale 40ret, Grace Michell 20)

Christleton CC became the latest club to host the league's showpiece finals day and the three-match programme began with Nantwich securing their biggest prize to date in their short history with a commanding victory. With Bethan Robinson – four overs for seven runs – and Beth Hughes – 11 from three overs – leading the way, the Vipers attack ensured Trinity never really built up any momentum.

Seren Smale's 40 from 32 balls well and truly broke the back of this run chase, indeed 12 was scored from the opening over, 20 from the first two and 70 from the first ten. Although the scoring slowed down after that, with some tight overs from Lauren O'Reilly, the result was never in serious doubt.

Scorecard

Development Knockout Cup

Hayfield 83-3 (20; Ruth Lomas 25ret)
Greenfield 87-6 (19.5; Abigail Barlow 28*, Zoe Cuthill 22, Bethany Garforth 20, Rosie Bradshaw 2-13)

For the first time, the Development Knockout – the competition for division three and four clubs – occupied the prime middle slot on Finals Day and those watching were rewarded with the closest finish of the day. Hayfield might have won both of the crucial clashes between these teams in Division Three East this year, but Greenfield had the last laugh here, ensuring they have a trophy to mark their first year in the Cheshire League.

Both teams started their innings slowly and there were impressively economical figures for Gracie Wray, Hannah Stewart and Lily Bailey in the first innings and Molly Doody in the second. However, both sides also rallied strongly in the closing overs, and ultimately it would be Greenfield who prevailed, overcoming the loss of two wickets in Rosie Bradshaw's opening over. Abigail Barlow's 28 from 22 balls supplied the finishing touch, ensuring the trophy is bound for Tameside.

Scorecard

T20 Divisional Competition

Stockport Trinity Fire 122-7 (20; Ellie Mason 43ret, Lauren O'Reilly 20, Emily Page 2-7, Maddie Lawson 2-12, Abbey Gore 2-24)
Appleton Tigers 126-5 (17.4; Georgia Heath 39ret, Emma Barlow 33, Amy Seddon 23*, Emma Royle 2-11, Kate Harvey 2-16)

Appleton completed the highest successful run chase to date in a CWCL cup final to win this competition for the first time since 2018. It all meant that Stockport Trinity were unable to repeat their T20 double of 2019 and ultimately went home empty-handed.

However, this is one match that the Stockport side appeared to be bossing during the early stages. Ellie Mason had not quite been at her fluent best in the first final of the day, but here her unbeaten 43 set her side on the way to a good total. The total looked even better when Emma Royle struck two early blows in reply, and with Lauren O'Reilly contributing some tight overs at the other end, the Tigers were reduced to 15-2 from six overs.

However, the next four overs would see the game turned on its head, as some big hitting from Georgia Heath led the way in adding 47 in four overs, firstly cashing in from the final overs bowled by the new ball pair, then dominating the opening overs from the change bowlers.

Heath ultimately retired with 39 from 26 balls with five fours and two sixes. Trinity also dismissed Emma Barlow short of the retirement score, so had this wicket opened the door for Trinity? The

answer proved to be an emphatic No, as Amy Seddon scored nine runs from the remaining balls in that over.

Although further wickets fell, Trinity could not halt Appleton's momentum, and having been second favourites earlier, the Warrington club ran out winners with all of 16 balls in hand.

The League extends its thanks to everyone who made this day possible.

Scorecard

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE MATCH

MCC 146 (32.5; Kath Truscott 58, Camilla Home 26, Nandu Valliyil 4-26, Hannah Marshall 3-37)
Cheshire Women's League XI 147-1 (19.3; Heidi Cheadle 79*, Roshini Prince-Navaratnam 56)

The League representative team recorded their biggest win to date in this annual fixture, reaching their target at a rate of more than seven per over and in less than half the available overs.

Heidi Cheadle was swiftly into her stride in this run chase, hitting four boundaries from her first nine balls. Her innings duly became something of an exhibition, with a series of perfectly executed shots all around the ground.

League team captain Roshini Prince-Navaratnam was also in fine form with 56 from 51 balls, with 10 fours, and only falling to a stumping when seeking her fourth boundary of that over.

Once this stand of 120 had been broken, Cheadle duly completed matters with a flourish, with two fours and two sixes from her final five deliveries. Her final tally of 79 was made from 61 deliveries, with 12 fours and two sixes, and both of the maximums were certainly memorable - the first was a truly enormous hit and the second proved to be the winning runs.

While many people's abiding memory of this match will be of the explosive batting on display in the second innings, this victory was a genuine team effort, with the foundations laid by bowling out the MCC for a total that appeared well below par.

The very first of these fixtures, back in 2009, saw the League XI strike in the first over, but here Hannah Marshall went one better, rearranging the stumps with the very first delivery.

A second wicket stand of 70 followed, where almost all the runs were scored by MCC number three Kath Truscott. After this, the League bowling attack took control, spearheaded by young Chester spin bowler Nandu Valliyil, who became the first bowler to take four wickets in an innings for the League XI. Marshall bagged two more scalps and there was also success for Eleanor Brennan, Gemma Rose and Prince-Navaratnam, in addition to an economical spell from Daisy Cooke.

The League extends its thanks once again to everyone who made this day possible. Hawk Green joined the growing list of Cheshire clubs who have made their excellent facilities available for this fixture and we look forward to visiting more top-class club grounds for this fixture in future years.

It's also worthy of note that the League XI has now selected 100 different players in its main XI for this fixture since it was first played in 2009.

The League representative team for this match was:

Roshini Prince-Navaratnam (Didsbury, captain), Marianne Lea, Rosie Davis, Hannah Marshall (Didsbury), Gemma Rose, Nandu Valliyil, Daisy Cooke (Chester BH), Eleanor Brennan (Stockport Trinity), Heidi Cheadle (Lindow), Jaimie-Lee Strang (Leigh), Laura Nicholls (Hawarden Park).

Additional fielders: Emily Murray (Lindow), Natasha Sen (Didsbury).

Scorer: Nicola Deane (Hawarden Park)

Full scorecard

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One – August 14:

Leigh 292-4 (20; Danielle Collins 131, Rachael Walsh 84, Jaimie-Lee Strang 36, Gaby McKeever 3-50) (25pts)

Stockport Georgians 84 (24.1; Grace Woosey 18, Gaby Crabb 2-2, Ella Smith 2-11, Daisy Mullan 2-18, Kasey Bentham 2-21) (4pts)

- Another dominant showing from Leigh as they moved ever closer to the league championship. After their contributions to a total of 244 for no loss the previous week, Rachael Walsh and Danielle Collins started in the same vein, before they were finally parted with the score on 176 after 25 overs, meaning they batted together for 65 continuous overs across two matches, putting on 420 runs in the process. Leading league run scorer Walsh fell short of three figures here, but Collins continued until close to the end as her side made the third highest division one total on record. Leigh's successes haven't all revolved around their batting either and there were more impressive returns for Gaby Crabb and Ella Smith here.
- Stockport Georgians' Liv Bell is set to travel to South Africa in January next year as part of the Scotland team that have qualified for their first Under 19 World T20 Cup. Bell took 3-10 on her debut, with two wickets in her first over, during the recent 3-0 series win over Netherlands.

Stockport Trinity 41 (15.3; Carys White 12, Stacey Miles 4-12, Chloe Hawes 2-4) (1pt)

Didsbury 42-1 (9.5; Rosie Davis 15*) (25pts)

- As a result of two results elsewhere on the same day, Leigh's champagne remains on ice, although they need just 13 points from their final two matches to be sure of the title. Didsbury's big win here keeps them in mathematical title contention, while Trinity took one step closer to the relegation trapdoor.

Chester Boughton Hall 67 (24; Ali Cutler 15, Emily Page 3-10, Abbey Gore 2-7, Amy Seddon 2-11, Annie Rashid 2-16) (1pt)

Appleton 68-0 (17.3; Holly McCurrie 36*, Emma Barlow 27*) (25pts)

- Appleton also retain an outside shot at the title after swiftly seeing off Chester. Another excellent bowling return from Emily Page led the way here.

Division Two – August 14:

Hawarden Park 145-5 (35; Nicola Deane 75*, Grace Bushell 2-26) (25pts)

Leyland 122 (32.3; Olivia Cunliffe 51, Abbey Mayers 3-35) (7pts)

- Leyland's title hopes suffered a severe blow as Hawarden emphasised the progress they have made this year, completing a league double over the 2021 Lancashire League champions. Indeed, the Welsh club moved within five points of Leyland, thanks to a fine knock from Nicola Deane. Leyland were up with the required rate for as long as Olivia Cunliffe was at the crease but could not complete the task.

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

Lindow (25pts) w/o Oxton (minus 10pts)

Division Three West – August 14:

Nantwich 2nd XI 189-5 (30; Flo Seymour 51ret, Ashlee Prince 45, Ellie Pearson 22) (25pts)

Wistaston Village 136-5 (30; Isla Entwistle 48, Toyin Higgs 30, Seymour 2-10, Sally Steele 2-24) (8pts)

- Flo Seymour starred with both bat and ball as Nantwich racked up a big total, which they always seemed likely to defend.

Matches that can be re-arranged: Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI v Appleton 2nd XI (Appleton unable to fulfil fixture on original date)

Division Three East – August 14:

Hayfield 147-6 (30; Olivia Downs-Haskell 40, Alicia Peacock 35*, Ruth Lomas 27, Zoe Cuthill 2-15, Gracie Wray 2-21) (25pts)

Greenfield 120 (24.2; Bethany Garforth 47, Lily Bailey 23, Charlotte Peacock 4-4, Downs-Haskell 3-21) (8pts)

- Hayfield are now strong favourites for the divisional title after winning this top of the table clash. Hayfield enjoyed an opening stand of 53, followed by a final flourish from Alicia Peacock and posted a decent total. In reply, Greenfield were ahead of the required rate for much of the time, even reaching their 100 in just 15 overs. However, Hayfield had made inroads with the ball from the start, and from 99-3 the Greenfield innings folded against the bowling of Charlotte Peacock and Olivia Downs-Haskell.

August 15:

Didsbury 2nd XI 127-1 (16; Helen Johnson 81*, Rosie Saxby 26*) (25pts)

Hawk Green 88-2 (16; S Sanders 43*) (6pts)

- Helen Johnson's 81 from 50 balls lit up an otherwise gloomy evening to lead Didsbury to a convincing win.

Matches that can be re-arranged: Greenfield v Hawk Green (Hawk Green unable to fulfil fixture on original date)

Division Four – August 14:

Buxton 132-4 (20; Lydia Slack 26ret, Livvi Phipps 25ret, Helen Szostakowicz 24) (25pts)

Lymm Oughtrington Park 67 (18; Lucy Highton 2-11, Claire Sanchez 2-15) (5pts)

- Several bowlers and batters were on form here for Buxton, who are enjoying a strong end to the season.

August 17:

Buxton 171-3 (20; Lydia Slack 58, Otilie McCahill 49, Millie Geddes 2-24) (25pts)

Lindow 2nd XI 131-4 (20; Hannah Kirk 33*, Naz Hancioglu 24, Sara Bracken 21) (7pts)

- Buxton racked up a huge total, kickstarted by an opening stand of 113 between Lydia Slack – who previously played in the League for Romiley – and Otilie McCahill. It proved too much for Lindow, but the Wilmslow club still have a chance to seal the divisional title on Tuesday this week.

Langley v Stockport Georgians 3rd XI / North East Cheshire – cancelled due to rain on original date and will not be re-arranged, recorded as Cancelled, 8pts each.

Division Five East (Pairs scoring):

Macclesfield Silk 264, Broadbottom 252

Toft w/o Broadbottom

Division Five West:

Runcorn Rebels w/o Chester Boughton Hall 3rd XI

Wallasey 331, Northwich 270

Irby 315, Northwich 233

Runcorn Rebels 549, Northwich 460

Neston beat Wallasey 2nd XI – no further details available
Irby 303, Wistaston Village 2nd XI 260
Runcorn Rebels 573, Wallasey 467
Runcorn Roses 468, Irby 456

The League Committee is delighted to welcome Alan Rogers to its ranks as the new League Secretary. Alan has a wealth of experience in similar roles at Appleton CC and for Cheshire Women's county cricket.

Additional volunteers are always welcome, particularly as the league continues to expand. In particular, anyone interested in assisting the running of the Junior League in a Fixture Secretary role is urged to get in touch.

The League's Presentation Evening returns this year at Halton Stadium in Widnes on Saturday October 1. It will be a less formal affair this year, with a buffet as opposed to a sit-down meal, but it will still be a great way to celebrate the achievements of the league and its players and member clubs. Trophies will be presented to the winners of all the League's competitions and to the leading batter, bowler and fielder from each division. The Committee would really appreciate every club making an effort to attend. Whether you have won a trophy or not isn't important, it's about celebrating women's cricket across Cheshire and the surrounding area. It's not just players and officials who are welcome to attend either as partners, parents, other relatives and friends are very welcome to attend and support the League, provided they pay for their place. The evening will start at 1930 with the awards, followed by a buffet and then a disco which will last until midnight. The cost will be £15 per person, this enables the League to cover the cost of the event and make a small profit for charity. Di Totty now needs to know the numbers attending and any dietary requirements, e.g., vegetarian, vegan, gluten free etc. Please can club representatives (e.g., captains and managers) complete the order form – which has been emailed to club representatives - and return it to Di by September 1 at the latest, with a copy to Bob Halstead, the League Treasurer. Payment must be made by bank transfer to Bob no later than September 17.

The next meeting of the League Committee will be on Wednesday September 28 at 1930, venue to be confirmed.

The League has formally adopted the ECB's Anti-Discrimination Code

Everyone is asked to make themselves aware of the Level 1 to 4 conduct offences detailed in Law 42 of the Laws of Cricket. In Cheshire club cricket, anyone, not just an umpire, is entitled to make a report alleging any of the types of misconduct covered here. For issues relating to the CWCL, Chris Robinson remains the first point of contact. After the matter has been reported, a formal disciplinary process will commence. Alleged Level 3 and 4 offences will be handled at a formal hearing, while the Disciplinary Officer will make a ruling on alleged Level 1 and 2 offences based on the available evidence. It is also important to note that players and team officials can also be reported for conduct off the field of play, including any inappropriate communications on social media.

LEAGUE TABLES

	Division 1	P	w	l	t	a	c	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Leigh</u>	12	10	1	0	1	0	9	5	1.99	272
2	<u>Appleton</u>	11	7	3	1	0	0	8	11	0.65	209
3	<u>Didsbury</u>	11	7	2	0	1	1	5	10	0.98	206
4	<u>Oakmere</u>	12	5	6	0	1	0	27	23	-0.19	183
5	<u>Chester Boughton Hall</u>	12	5	6	0	1	0	16	15	-0.79	164
6	<u>Nantwich</u>	11	4	5	1	0	1	11	14	0.16	148
7	<u>Stockport Georgians</u>	11	2	7	0	0	2	17	23	-0.82	106
8	<u>Stockport Trinity</u>	12	1	11	0	0	0	33	21	-2.18	79

	Division 2	P	w	wcn	l	lcn	c	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Lindow</u>	10	4	3	2	0	1	6	8	1.15	197
2	<u>Upton</u>	9	6	1	2	0	0	9	7	0.81	191
3	<u>Leyland</u>	10	4	2	3	0	1	11	11	0.8	180
4	<u>Hawarden Park</u>	10	5	1	4	0	0	14	11	-0.05	175
5	<u>Oxton</u>	9	2	2	3	1	1	10	8	-0.77	116
6	<u>Woodley</u>	8	0	1	3	3	1	5	7	-1.94	15
7	<u>Ashton-on-Mersey</u>	10	0	0	4	6	0	12	9	-2.21	-39

Division 3 West		P	w	wcn	l	lcn	a	c	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Porthill Park</u>	9	4	2	1	0	1	1	6	9	2.13	181
2	<u>Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI</u>	9	4	1	3	0	1	0	15	10	0.29	158
3	<u>Nantwich 2nd XI</u>	12	3	1	7	0	1	0	27	13	-0.37	148
4	<u>Appleton 2nd XI</u>	11	4	0	1	3	2	1	9	8	0.84	111
5	<u>Wistaston Village</u>	11	3	0	6	1	1	0	18	15	-1.21	106

Division 3 East		P	w	wcn	l	lcn	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Hayfield</u>	6	5	0	1	0	1	5	2.19	131
2	<u>Greenfield</u>	6	4	0	2	0	10	5	1.66	115
3	<u>Didsbury 2nd XI</u>	7	3	0	4	0	11	8	-0.71	94
4	<u>Stockport Georgians 2nd XI</u>	3	1	0	2	0	1	5	-1.76	31
5	<u>Hawk Green</u>	4	0	0	4	0	9	8	-3.48	17

	Division 4	P	w	wcn	l	lcn	t	c	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Lindow</u> 2 nd XI	9	7	0	2	0	0	0	10	5	0.93	190
2	<u>Buxton</u>	11	6	0	5	0	0	0	18	13	0.31	181
3	<u>Langley</u>	9	4	1	2	0	1	1	7	2	0.24	157
4	<u>Oakmere</u> 2 nd XI	10	3	1	4	0	1	1	20	11	0.02	154
5	<u>Stockport Georgians</u> 3 rd XI / North East Cheshire	11	4	0	6	0	0	1	23	14	-0.47	145
6	Heaton Mersey & <u>Cheadle</u>	10	6	0	2	2	0	0	8	4	1.01	142
7	<u>Lymm Oughtrington Park</u>	10	0	0	9	0	0	1	35	22	-1.87	65

T20 Western Division (FINAL)		P	w	wcn	l	lcn	c	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Appleton</u> Tigers	4	2	1	0	0	1	3.89	10
2	<u>Chester Boughton Hall</u> Deemons	4	1	2	1	0	0	-1.96	9
3	<u>Oakmere</u> Kats	4	2	0	0	1	1	3.39	6
4	<u>Nantwich</u> Vipers	4	0	1	3	0	0	-1.95	3
5	<u>Oxton</u>	4	0	0	1	3	0	-5.73	-3

T20 DIVISIONAL COMPETITION

Western Division - August 15:

Nantwich Vipers 85-8 (20; Charlotte Neal 32, Georgia Heath 2-1, Olivia Horsfield 2-18)

Appleton Tigers 87-3 (10.3; Emma Barlow 39*, Heath 26, Beth Hughes 2-26)

- Appleton won the final group match in this competition in style to secure their place in the Finals Day. Emma Barlow (39 from 30 balls) and Georgia Heath (26 from 17) completed this run chase in a hurry, after Heath had starred with the ball earlier.

KNOCKOUT CUPS

Development Knockout Semi Final – August 9:

Greenfield 72-5 (20; Madiha Hashmat 18, Lucy McCarten 3-10)

Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 67-9 (20; Daisy Cooke 27*, Lily Bailey 2-5, Hannah Stewart 2-5, Amber Anjum 2-12)

- Lucy McCarten looked to have bowled Chester into a winning position at halfway, but Boughton Hall soon found themselves 7-4 in reply, with Amber Anjum making two crucial early breakthroughs, and Daisy Cooke - the only double figure scorer - couldn't quite get them over the line. It all means Greenfield went through to their first cup final.

NATIONAL KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

Plate National Final – August 14:

Porthill Park Northern Stars 151-6 (20; Matilda Gater 57, Amy Griffiths 23, Isabella James 2-17)
Thriplow 149-3 (20; Isabella Routledge 73*)

- The Northern Stars held their nerve to scoop the National Plate title in this nailbiter.