

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One – June 11:

Didsbury v Leigh: Leigh won this battle of the two unbeaten sides, which could prove to be a vital result in the title race. The defending champions took three early Didsbury wickets via Megan Fairclough and their attack continued to enjoy success as Didsbury failed to reach three figures. Leigh lost two early wickets in reply, but any nerves were calmed by a stand of 62 between Rachael Walsh and Sophie Heaton.

Oakmere v Appleton: Annie Rashid joined the ranks of those who have taken seven wickets in a CWCL innings, as her 7-14 destroyed what looked to be a strong Oakmere batting line up on paper. Oakmere – still without a win this year – were all out for just 27 and Appleton chased down the target in 22 deliveries.

The only other players to have taken seven in an innings are Sarah Worsdale (Oakmere), Zara Matthews (Didsbury), Jenny Clarke (Appleton), Hannah Jones (Didsbury), Charlotte Thompson (Chester BH) and Millie Baldwin (Leigh).

Upton v Stockport Georgians: Georgians recorded their third win from four completed matches, and each victory has been based around making a good total with the bat. It's often been different players taking the lead role as well, with Tess Bailey and Amelia Sammons the top scorers here.

Nantwich v Chester Boughton Hall: It was four wins from four for the away teams on this day, with Nantwich all out for just 99 in the face of some excellent bowling figures from Jessica Jones and Nandu Valliyil. Bethan Robinson removed Chester's top three early in the reply, but it wasn't enough to defend the small total.

June 18:

Leigh v Nantwich: After their important win the previous week, Leigh's momentum was stalled here as the match was abandoned after just 7.4 overs of the second innings. Sophie Heaton's 75 not out helped Leigh recover from a slow start, and the two early wickets in the reply appeared to have put Nantwich on the back foot.

Didsbury v Oakmere: There was also a 'no result' outcome here, with Didsbury appearing to be favourites, needing 679 from 25 overs with seven wickets in hand.

Stockport Georgians v Chester Boughton Hall: The fast-scoring Georgians ground served up another high scoring encounter here. Despite no one reaching 50, Chester topped 200 with useful contributions from Katie Bennett, Amber Mays, Georgia Munro, Ali Cutler and Meg Cureton. Gaby McKeever made a 36-ball fifty in the second innings and added 81 in less than 10 overs with Heidi Cheadle to ensure Georgians were ahead of the required rate – and thus won their fourth league game of the year – when rain forced an early conclusion.

Appleton v Upton: Becca Othick took four top order wickets as Appleton dismissed Upton cheaply, in an innings where only Philippa Dagger offered significant resistance. Lily Scudder's five-wicket haul made life difficult during the Appleton reply, but the Warrington club eventually prevailed by four wickets.

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Division Two – June 11:

Hawarden Park v Lindow: Lindow got home with five wickets and 11 balls in hand to record a win in the clash of two previously unbeaten teams. Facing a tricky chase of 150, the Wilmslow club were indebted to Grace Hemsted and Alex Wilson adding 80 for the fourth wicket, having been teetering at 39-3. Hemsted remained unbeaten on 80 to guide her side to the win.

Oxton v Hayfield: Hayfield made it back-to-back wins after Alicia Peacock's six wickets for five runs blitzed the Oxton batting order.

June 18:

Lindow v Oxton: Lindow look to be in fine form in their quest to bring top-flight cricket to Wilmslow. Claire Ashworth, Alex Wilson and Grace Hemsted all had economy rates of 1.2 or less as Oxton struggled to 76 in 35 overs. A rapid opening stand of 61 between Emily Murray and Sarah Parker did most of the work in reply.

Leyland v Hawarden Park: Poppy Smith's good season continued with figures of three wickets for five runs in six overs, before Nicola Deane anchored a successful Hawarden run chase. Lindow are now the only unbeaten side in division two.

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Division Three West – June 15:

Nantwich 2nd XI v Porthill Park Northern Stars: The Stars completed their run chase in less than half the available overs. Peyton Hulme's 41 not out dominated the scoring during the second innings, after she had also bowled four overs for four runs in the first innings.

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Division Three East – June 8:

Stockport Georgians 2nd XI v Buxton: Buxton made it three league wins from three. Georgina Macey's 35 from 19 balls was perhaps the most crucial contribution, and although Lucy Neill replied with 62 in the Georgians innings, the target of 126 proved too steep.

June 15:

Stockport Georgians 2nd XI v Lindow 2nd XI: Lucy Neill again reached 60 here, this time from just 34 balls, and the final Georgians total of 140 proved too steep, although Lindow themselves reached a respectable 114.

Didsbury 2nd XI v Ashton-on-Mersey and Woodley: Eleanor Brennan has been another prolific scorer in Division 3 East this year, and her 52 was a crucial contribution in this high scoring encounter. Amanda Gettins replied with a fifty of her own in the reply, but her Ashton-on-Mersey and Woodley side finished 17 runs adrift.

June 18:

Lindow 2nd XI v Stockport Georgians 2nd XI: A late surge from Lindow still saw them fall five runs short. Charlotte Thompson was especially unlucky to be on the losing side after taking five wickets for seven runs.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

Stockport Georgians 2nd XI v Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley – ground availability at Georgians on original date

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Division Three Cross-Divisional Matches –

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

- Appleton 2nd XI v Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley – cancelled due to rain on original date
- Stockport Georgians 2nd XI v Nantwich 2nd XI – ground availability at Georgians on original date
- Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI v Stockport Georgians 2nd XI – Georgians unable to fulfil fixture on original date

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Division Four West – June 5:

Oakmere 2nd XI v Lindow 3rd XI: Charlotte King played an important role in keeping Lindow down to little more than three per over, before Carol Ingham anchored a successful Oakmere chase.

June 14:

Wistaston Village v Lindow 3rd XI: Dani Tilsley and Anna Bourne were in great form with the new ball, doing most of the work for this win by Wistaston by reducing Lindow to seven runs for six wickets early in the first innings.

June 15:

Lymm Oughtrington Park v Oakmere 2nd XI: Before this match, Oakmere were unbeaten and Lymm without a win, but some impressive bowling returns from Hannah Tovell and Caitlyn Hettiarachchi helped them defend 83 and break their duck for this year.

June 18:

Lymm Oughtrington Park v Toft: Madi Ashurst's 3-11 kept Lymm down to 82, a total which Toft chased down in the final over.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

Toft v Oakmere 2nd XI – cancelled due to unfit ground on original date

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Division Four East – June 7:

New Mills & High Peak North v North East Cheshire: North East completed another run chase in a hurry, with rapid scoring once again from Becky Scholes and Jessica Hood.

June 8:

New Mills & High Peak North v Hawk Green: Hawk Green got home with more than five overs to spare for a first league win of the year.

June 11:

Langley v Heaton Mersey & Cheadle: Langley's fine form continued and it's now five wins from five for them in the league this year. There were good contributions from many of the team with bat and ball and in the field, with the most notable individuals being Chloe Stevens for her 32 not out and Jenny Wallace and Amelia Onslow with three and two wickets respectively

North East Cheshire v Macclesfield: North East survived a scare to record their third win. Cruising to a target of 62, they were 37 for no loss from seven overs, before losing seven wickets for 23 upon the resumption after rain.

June 18:

Buxton 2nd XI v Heaton Mersey & Cheadle: Langley may be top with a 100 per cent record, but Buxton seconds look in the mood to push them all the way in the title race. This ten-wicket win was completed with some nine overs in hand.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

- Hawk Green v Heaton Mersey & Cheadle – Hawk Green unable to fulfil fixture on original date
- Macclesfield v Heaton Mersey & Cheadle – cancelled due to rain on original date
- Hawk Green v Macclesfield – Macclesfield unable to fulfil fixture on original date
- Macclesfield v New Mills – ground availability at Macclesfield on original date
- Hawk Green v Buxton 2nd XI – ground availability at Hawk Green on original date

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Dual player registrations:

Amelia Leach – Stockport Trinity for T20 competitions and Hayfield for Division 2

Player loans:

- Gillian Spragg – Oakmere to Hayfield for league match on June 11 only
- Alex Denn – Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI to Upton for league matches on June 11 and 18 only

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A few reminders from the League Committee meeting on May 21 regarding Play Cricket entries and fixtures issues:

- Please let me know if a match does not take place on the scheduled date, e.g. due to weather conditions, ground unavailability or either side being unable to fulfil the fixture
- Please ensure you rectify any Unsure entries on your team's PC scorecards, together with any players whose name is not linked to their PC statistics (these are players shown in red on the admin view of the match scorecard)
- If your club is unable to provide a scorer, please ensure the opposition are provided with all player names on the day of the match (including the names of those taking catches and effecting run outs)
- Please enter the batting and bowling points when entering a result. These are explained in the relevant competition regulations
- Please note that full match scorecards need to be on PC within five days of each match. Please be aware that league regulations now stipulate a five-point penalty for the third and subsequent occasion that a home club fails to do this.

The League is not currently in a position to re-open its Small Grants application process. There are still funds, however, available for clubs to purchase coloured playing kit, should you be currently playing in whites and want to make the switch. Coloured clothing is now permitted in all competitions administered by the League.

The League's representative XI will play the MCC at Chester Boughton Hall CC on Friday July 28 at 1130.

Nominations for the team are now requested from club managers and captains. Players wishing to nominate themselves are also very welcome to do so.

Players with CWCL clubs based outside of Cheshire are most certainly welcome in the team, as are those that play senior or junior representative cricket for counties other than Cheshire. The only basic criteria are that they expect to be available on the day, and that they play regular weekend cricket for a League member club.

Clubs are also welcome to nominate up to two players as additional fielders - this might be a great way of getting people involved, even if you feel they haven't yet reached the ideal standard for senior representative cricket. It's also a great way of involving lower division clubs.

We also need to provide at least one scorer, so would love to hear from anyone interested in this.

Please send me any nominations by June 25.

The host club's women's first team captain Nicole Fisher will lead the League XI on the day.

Across the final weekend of June (Friday 23 - Sunday 25), clubs are encouraged to raise funds for the only UK Charity funding research solely aimed at preventing breast cancer for future generations.

The League Presentation Evening will once again be at the Halton Stadium in Widnes and the format is likely to be similar to last year. Please mark the date in your diaries – Saturday October 21 – and full details will be issued in due course.

T20 DIVISIONAL COMPETITION

Western Division – June 13:

Chester Boughton Hall Deemons v Appleton Tigers: Amber Mays continued her good season with 40 retired from 28 balls as Chester topped 100 batting first. By recording a second win in this competition, the Deemons have set up something of a showdown with Nantwich later this month.

Eastern Division – June 14:

Leigh v Didsbury Swordettes: Only Stockport Georgians now stand between Didsbury and a place in Finals Day after the Manchester club recorded their third win from three in this division. Sophie Heaton gave the Leigh innings some late impetus, but they had been struggling earlier when Hannah Hones took 2-8 in her four overs, and the final Leigh total was just 99. 42 retired from 37 deliveries by Kashmira Shinde led the way in reply as Didsbury got home with more than four overs to spare.

Stockport Trinity Fire v Lindow: These two sides served up another high scoring encounter, just one week after Lindow had chased down Trinity's target of 146 in the Knockout Cup. Here it was Lindow making 146 batting first, with Sarah Parker, Grace Hemsted and Libby Ackerley all starring. Ellie Mason got the Trinity reply off to a rollicking start with four fours in the first over, and although she eventually made 43 retired with as many as 40 runs via fours and sixes, the run chase fell away after she had left the crease. Lindow eventually won relatively comfortably by 27 runs.

KNOCKOUT CUPS

Senior Knockout Quarter Final – June 7:

Lindow v Stockport Trinity Fire: Lindow achieved the highest successful run chase in the competition's history to make 146 in their second innings. Ellie Mason made 43 retired from 29 balls, well supported by Sarah McCann and Amelia Leach, to take Trinity to what looked an excellent total. Lindow, however, were scoring well right from the start in reply, and then made 43 in four overs between the 14th and 18th overs just when they needed an acceleration. Sarah Parker and Grace Hemsted were once again in fine form at the start of the reply, and then a crucial knock of 28 in the closing overs from Carys White saw her new club over the line against her former club.

June 8:

Didsbury Swordettes v Appleton Tigers: Lindow will host Didsbury in the last four, after the Swordettes clung on to record a four-run victory here. The Tigers slipped to 47-4 after 11 overs of their reply, and their scoring rate worm remained behind the required rate thereafter despite a sterling effort from Jess Lewis and Becca Othick.

Nantwich Vipers v Chester Boughton Hall Deemons: Vipers openers Madi Hudson and Grace Michell got their side off to a flying start, and Chester never really recovered as an imposing score of 135 was eventually posted. Chester duly fell some 60 runs short.

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Development Knockout Round One – June 6:

Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI v Oakmere 2nd XI: The top three for Chester all reached the retirement score of 25, taking them to a good total of 121, which proved well beyond Oakmere.

June 13:

Alvanley v Porthill Park Northern Stars: Peyton Hulme took 4-5 in the first innings, before the Stars completed their run chase of 102 in just 12 overs.

Please note the retirement score for batters in this cup is 25, not 30 or 40.

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LEAGUE TABLES

	Division 1	P	w	l	t	a	c	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Didsbury</u>	7	4	1	0	1	1	2	7	1.2	125
2	<u>Stockport Georgians</u>	6	4	1	0	1	0	1	2	1.06	111
3	<u>Chester Boughton Hall</u>	7	3	3	0	0	1	10	6	-0.11	99
4	<u>Appleton</u>	6	3	3	0	0	0	10	12	0.62	97
5	<u>Leigh</u>	5	3	0	0	2	0	4	0	2.31	95
6	<u>Nantwich</u>	6	2	2	0	1	1	3	9	0.07	78
7	<u>Upton</u>	6	0	6	0	0	0	14	19	-1.93	33
8	<u>Oakmere</u>	5	0	3	0	1	1	9	6	-3.32	31

	Division 2	P	w	wcn	l	lcn	a	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Hawarden Park</u>	5	4	0	1	0	0	5	3	1.8	108
2	<u>Lindow</u>	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.02	75
3	<u>Hayfield</u>	4	2	0	2	0	0	4	10	0.08	64
4	<u>Leyland</u>	3	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	-0.25	53
5	<u>Greenfield</u>	4	0	0	3	0	1	10	3	-2.95	21
6	<u>Oxton</u>	5	0	0	3	1	1	4	7	-3.17	9

	Division 3 West	P	w	l	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Porthill Park</u> Northern Stars	3	2	1	5	3	0.69	58
2	<u>Chester Boughton Hall</u> 2 nd XI	2	2	0	0	0	2.54	50
3	<u>Nantwich</u> 2 nd XI	2	1	1	4	2	0.02	31
4	<u>Appleton</u> 2 nd XI	2	0	2	10	3	-2.29	13

Division 3 East		P	w	l	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Didsbury</u> 2 nd XI	4	4	0	0	0	1.49	100
2	<u>Buxton</u>	3	3	0	0	0	0.57	75
3	<u>Stockport Georgians</u> 2 nd XI	3	2	1	5	4	0.21	59
4	Ashton-on-Mersey & <u>Woodley</u>	5	0	5	15	11	-1.13	26
5	<u>Lindow</u> 2 nd XI	4	0	4	15	8	-1.51	23

- In Division 3, the teams play the others in their region home and away, plus one match against each team from the other region.

Division 4 West		P	w	l	a	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Alvanley</u>	4	3	0	1	5	0	1.86	88
2	<u>Oakmere</u> 2 nd XI	4	3	1	0	3	2	0.84	80
3	<u>Wistaston Village</u>	5	2	3	0	12	9	0.46	71
4	<u>Toft</u>	4	2	1	1	5	7	0.36	70
5	<u>Lymm Oughtrington Park</u>	5	1	4	0	11	7	-1.38	43
6	<u>Lindow</u> 3 rd XI	4	1	3	0	7	6	-1.49	38

Division 4 East		P	w	wcn	l	lcn	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Langley</u>	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	2.47	125
2	<u>Buxton 2nd XI</u>	5	4	0	1	0	3	2	1.28	105
3	<u>North East Cheshire</u>	6	3	0	3	0	12	7	0.17	94
4	Heaton Mersey & <u>Cheadle</u>	4	2	0	2	0	4	3	-0.55	57
5	<u>Hawk Green</u>	3	1	0	2	0	6	3	-1.66	34
6	<u>Macclesfield</u>	3	0	0	3	0	5	7	-1.49	12
7	<u>New Mills</u>	4	0	0	3	1	14	4	-2.24	8

T20 Western Division		P	w	l	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Chester Boughton Hall</u> Deemons	2	2	0	0.82	6
2	<u>Nantwich</u> Vipers	1	1	0	1	3
3	<u>Oakmere</u> Kats	1	0	1	-0.41	0
4	<u>Appleton</u> Tigers	2	0	2	-1.1	0

T20 Eastern Division		P	w	l	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Didsbury</u> Swordettes	3	3	0	2.38	9
2	<u>Leigh</u>	2	1	1	0	3
3	<u>Stockport Georgians</u>	2	1	1	0.78	3
4	<u>Lindow</u>	2	1	1	0.18	3
5	<u>Stockport Trinity</u> Fire	3	0	3	-2.83	0

NATIONAL KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

Plate Northern Quarter-Final – June 16:

Blackpool beat Stockport Georgians on toss of coin

OTHER NEWS

Cheshire Cricket Board is delighted to announce the return of its award-winning 'Following On' Course for girls aged 16-19. 'Following On' aims to grow the volunteer base for affiliated cricket clubs and enhance candidates' skills across a range of disciplines, including coaching, ground preparation & the running of a cricket club. The course is delivered by professional staff from Cheshire Cricket Board. The next course is at Hartford CC on Wednesday July 26 and places are limited, so book early.

SENIOR WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Remaining Softball Festivals in Cheshire this year:

JUNE				
Runcorn	Sunday 25 th June	1pm	£24 per team	https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/g0q1zl
JULY				
Wistaston Village	Sunday 2 nd July	2pm*	£18 per team	https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/h0ql5t
Romiley	Sunday 2 nd July	2 pm	£30 per team	https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/y0q1z8
Lymm OP	Tuesday 11 th July	6 pm Start	£18 per team	https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/4lq620
Elworth	Friday 14 th July	6 pm start	Free	https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/8lq62p
Chester BH	Friday 14 th July	6 pm start	£32 per team	https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/qlq62q
Christleton	Sunday 16 th July	2pm	£18 per team	https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/k0q1zm
AUGUST				
Alvanley	Sunday 6 th Aug	2 pm	£24 per team	https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/l0q1zq
Broadbottom	Sunday 27 th Aug	1 pm	£20 per team	https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/20qqyl
SEPTEMBER				
Barrow	Sunday 3 rd Sept	1pm start	£24 per team	https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/9lq62w
Stockport	Sunday 3 rd Sept	11 am Start	£32 per team	https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/8lq62z
Romiley	Sunday 10 th Sept	2 pm start	£30 per team	https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/l0q1z9