

## **CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

### **Division One – June 16:**

[Chester Boughton Hall v Didsbury](#): Boughton Hall pulled off the third highest successful run chase in league history – a list in which they also hold the top two spots – to inflict further damage on Didsbury's faltering hopes of retaining the league. When Chester set the record at Stockport Trinity two years ago, Trinity had Ellie Mason on the losing side despite scoring 160 runs by herself. Today Didsbury's Roshini Prince-Navaratnam was on the losing side despite a personal score of 141, made from 122 balls with 20 fours and one six. None of her team-mates passed 11. Georgia Munro made 81 in the opener's slot and Holly Mayers added 49 at number three, followed later by a crucial 32 from Holly Cooke, and there were all of 17 balls in hand when Chester got over the line.

[Oakmere v Lindow](#): Lindow remain unbeaten in all competitions, and while there have been eye-catching individual batting performances from their big-name stars in previous matches, this win owed a lot to their home grown and youthful bowling line up. Grace Hemsted's 3-11 was the best analysis as Oakmere were under pressure right from the start, eventually making just 94. Three of Lindow's first four fell cheaply, but Hemsted stood firm, eventually joined by Holly Topp to complete matters with a flourish.

[Stockport Georgians v Appleton](#): Georgians decisively won this battle of the bottom two to record their first league win of the year, while leaving Appleton still searching for a first victory. Breanna Craven's opening spell of 3-12 inflicted the early damage and Appleton never recovered, stumbling to 66 all out as there were further bowling successes for Neve Boon and Brooke Noden. Georgians then needed just 13.2 overs to complete an eight-wicket win.

Leigh v Nantwich – cancelled due to unfit ground

### **June 23:**

[Chester Boughton Hall v Lindow](#): There's certainly no stopping Lindow here, as they equalled the league record for the highest Division 1 team score - the same total of 303 was made by Nantwich two years ago. Heidi Cheadle meanwhile bagged an individual record of her own as her remarkable innings of 172 is the highest ever made in Division 1 and the second highest in league history. 24 fours and three sixes from the 124 balls she faced completed this landmark performance, and Holly Topp (69) combined with her to add 153 for the first wicket. Chester have been involved in a number of high scoring matches over the years, especially on their superb home batting tracks, and their contribution to the game here was to make 218, itself the second highest losing team score in league history. Katie Bennet (44) was their top scorer, and amidst the carnage, Lindow's Libby Ackerley was the only bowler on either side to have an economy rate of less than four.

[Nantwich v Stockport Georgians](#): Nantwich still have a 100 per cent record from league matches where the weather has allowed them to take the field, but they were given a huge scare here by Georgians' Skye Thomas, whose 86 not out from 74 deliveries dominated a second innings score of 147. Ultimately, the young opener rain out of partners as Eleanor Sinker's 5-26 proved to be a matchwinning spell. Grace Michell (52) and Beth Hughes (45) were the top scorers in Nantwich's 168.

[Oakmere v Leigh](#): Leigh currently sit at the top of the league, although both Nantwich and Lindow could overtake them by winning games in hand. Leigh made it five wins from six completed matches here by restricting Oakmere to 139. After a good start at 96-2 (Leah Holland 42), Oakmere's middle and lower order folded to the bowling of Sophie Heaton, whose 6-14 return is the best in the division this year. After the loss of an early wicket in reply, Ellie Mason and Kirsten Smith took charge for Leigh to wrap up a nine-wicket win inside 24 overs – Mason hitting nine

fours and a six in a run-a-ball 63, while Smith found the boundary 13 times in her 71-ball knock of 64.

[Appleton v Didsbury](#): Didsbury got back to winning ways here, even though their powerful batting line-up is still not firing on all cylinders. They needed Zoe Coombes' 31 to rescue them from 25-5 and eventually reach 103. Marianne Lea and Anni Rashid each finished the innings with four wickets. There was more batting woe for Appleton though as they folded to 48 after their top order was blown away by Hannah Marshall, who became the third bowler in the match to take four wickets.

An updated list of the highest scores in the history of Division 1 – performances from other divisions, or from when the league only had one division, are not shown here. Startlingly, two of the top four were made in a losing cause – as mentioned above, breaking the Didsbury Women club record and making the biggest of her four career centuries was not enough for Roshini Prince-Navaratnam to taste victory last week.

Player	Score	Opponents	Year
H. Cheadle (Lindow)	172	Chester BH	2024
E. Mason (Stockport Trinity)	160	Chester BH	2022
E. Mason (Stockport Trinity)	158	Leigh	2021
R. Prince-Navaratnam (Didsbury)	141	Chester BH	2024
E. Jones (Porthill Park)	138*	Chester BH	2019
A.Cutler (Chester BH)	137*	Romiley	2013
K. Hartnett (Oakmere)	135*	Wistaston Village	2018
D. Prestidge (Oakmere)	134	Didsbury	2019
S. Ecclestone (Chester BH)	133*	Appleton	2016
E. Mason (Leigh)	133	Didsbury	2024

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## Division Two – June 23:

[Leyland v Greenfield](#): Leyland are beginning to look formidable at the top of division two and completed another comprehensive win here. Despite Amelia Buckley's 64, Greenfield only posted 132, indeed they were restricted to just 55 in the first 25 overs. Katie Poole's 53 not out and Isobel Cordingley's rapid 40 completed an eight-wicket win.

[Hayfield v Buxton](#): Hayfield recorded their first win here, and in some style as well. Charlotte Peacock took five wickets for seven as a dominant bowling display dismissed Buxton for 52. Ruth Lomas and Sarah McCann then completed the 10-wicket win.

[Upton v Hawarden Park](#): Upton were in good form here for a second win, topping 200 and completing a comfortable 58-run win. On a day when a number of batters made high scores across the league, Charlie Scudder made 90 here. Hawarden remain without a win and had to be consoled here by having taken the maximum bonus points.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

Greenfield v Buxton – unfit ground on original date of 28/4

Oxton have withdrawn from this competition. This means that no more than one club will be relegated from this division in the current season. Normally, a division 2 match cannot be re-arranged by mutual consent once the season has commenced. Because this withdrawal of Oxton may, however, result in the fixture list for some clubs becoming somewhat unbalanced, the League is happy for you to re-arrange any of your Division 2 fixtures, provided the new dates are agreed no later than Friday June 28. Please let me know ASAP of any agreed re-arrangements.

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**Division Three West – June 11:**

[Nantwich 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v JG Meakin Northern Stars](#): Ashlee Prince and Sophie Winward added an unbeaten 85 for the second wicket as Nantwich posted 108-1. Winward then played a significant role as Meakins slumped from 30-0 to 34-4 and ultimately fell 10 runs short.

[Alvanley v Chester Boughton Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> XI](#): Alvanley's winning start continued here with a 25-run win, making 93 in their 20 overs. Shree Dayama returned fine figures of 3-10 for Chester, but the match-winning contributions were made by Alvanley's Sid Shorrocks (38 not out) and Ellie Wright (3-12).

**June 18:**

[Alvanley v Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI](#): Alvanley maintained their 100 per cent record, eventually winning with five overs to spare, as a good partnership between Isla Entwistle and Charlie Barratt saw them to their target of 94. Barratt's 3-12 was also the standout bowling performance in an Appleton innings dominated by Amy Seddon's 46.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

Chester BH 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Nantwich 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – unfit ground on original date of 14/5

Chester BH 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – Appleton unable to fulfil fixture on original date of 26/5

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**Division Three East – June 16:**

[Buxton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Didsbury 2<sup>nd</sup> XI](#): Didsbury built their innings well, keeping wickets in hand initially before accelerating to a final 30-over total of 121, where Jessye Sadler's 38 was the top score. Although Georgina Howarth made 37 at the top of the Buxton card, her side were hit by three early scalps from Sasha Turnock, and they continued to lose regular wickets to finish 91 all out.

**June 20:**

[Stockport Georgians 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Lindow 2<sup>nd</sup> XI](#): Two cheap wickets apiece for Neve Boon, Lucy Neill and Flo Batey kept Lindow's innings in check, before Georgians chased down their target of 87 inside 16 overs – Gracie Whittle top scoring with 23.

### Division Three Cross-Divisional Matches

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

JG Meakin Northern Stars v Buxton 2nd XI – unfit ground on original date of 21/4  
Appleton 2nd XI v Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley – AOM & Woodley unable to fulfil fixture on original date of 3/6  
Nantwich 2nd XI v Stockport Georgians 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – no play due to rain on original date of 4/6  
Chester BH 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Stockport Georgians 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – Chester BH unable to fulfil fixture on original date of 9/6

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### Division Four West – June 10:

[Oakmere 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Wistaston Village](#): Carol Ingham anchored Oakmere's successful chase of 86, after Emily Faulkner and Charlotte King both recorded excellent figures in the first innings.

#### June 16:

Lymm Oughtrington Park w/o Toft

#### June 23:

[Kingsley v Wistaston Village](#): Kingsley's unbeaten record ended after they were restricted to 69 and Wistaston got home in the final over.

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### Division Four East – June 16:

Lindow 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Hawk Green: Lindow bowled their opponents out in just 8.4 overs, before reaching their target of 50 for the loss of three wickets. In an action-packed start, Hawk Green were 28-3 after three overs, with Rebecca Edmundson racing to 25 from her first 11 balls. Edmundson was obliged by competition regulations to retire at 30 and her team-mates struggled thereafter against the bowling of Layla Tyler and Laura Bamber. Richmal Giles took three wickets in the second innings, but Lindow never looked in any difficulty.

#### June 20:

[Didsbury 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Stockport](#): In a low-scoring affair, perhaps the crucial batting contribution was made a number 8, with Lucy Mansfield's 28 not out boosting Didsbury from 39-6 to a final total of 79-9. Katie Billings recorded the fine figures of three wickets for three runs in her four overs, only to be upstaged by the Didsbury new ball pair of Joely Hopper (5-9) and Emily Vandersteen (4-12) as Stockport were all out for 58.

#### June 23:

[Heaton Mersey & Cheadle v Stockport](#): An impressive bowling display from Stockport, where all five bowlers conceded 15 or less in their four overs. Chasing 64, Stockport sneaked home by three wickets, although Ruby James took 3-12 for the home side.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

Didsbury 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Heaton Mersey & Cheadle – no play due to rain on original date of 22/5

#### **Division Four South East – June 12:**

[Buxton 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Lindow Development XI](#): Sara Allen took four wickets to restrict Lindow to 87, before Buxton completed a six-wicket win, with the partnership of Jen Holmes and Katie Ryan seeing them home.

#### **June 23:**

[Macclesfield v Langley](#): Macclesfield claimed local bragging rights with an impressive win here that maintains their 100 per cent record. Charlotte Lloyd's 22 was their top score in an innings of 98, and Bella Moore's 2-10 dismissed both Langley openers, after which they struggled to 69.

[Lindow Development XI v Buxton 3<sup>rd</sup> XI](#): Hannah Kirk made 31 retired from just 17 balls. Three wickets apiece for Niamh Orritts and Martha Ford could not stop Lindow posting a formidable 138. Buxton just made it to three figures in reply, but were never close to pulling off the big run chase needed.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

North East Cheshire v Buxton 3<sup>rd</sup> XI – no play due to rain on original date of 9/6

North East Cheshire v Langley – no play due to unfit ground on original date of 16/6

New Mills & High Peak North v Macclesfield - no play due to unfit ground on original date of 16/6

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#### **Dual player registrations:**

Nicola Deane (Hawarden Park) also registered with Nantwich Vipers for the T20 Divisional Competition.

Abbey Mayers (Hawarden Park) also registered with Chester Boughton Hall Deemons for the T20 Divisional Competition.

#### **Player loans:**

Jess Jones (Chester Boughton Hall) – to Hawarden Park for maximum three league matches commencing June 23

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### **T20 DIVISIONAL COMPETITION**

#### **Western Division – June 17:**

[Nantwich Vipers v Oakmere Kats](#): Nantwich are very much in pole position to claim top spot and the place in the Final after a second win here. Three players reached the 20s for the Vipers as they maintained a good scoring rate throughout and took their side to a competitive 122. Phoebe Cottam and Kerry Hartnett took Oakmere to 41-0 from six overs in reply and it looked very much 'game on', but the next 10.4 overs saw nine wickets fall – with one player unable to bat – for just 37 more runs as Bethan Robinson and Beth Hughes turned the screw.

[Appleton Tigers v Chester Boughton Hall Deemons](#): Chester won decisively here, taking just 8.5 overs to chase down the small target of 67, but they will be reliant on Appleton doing them a favour in the final round if they are to have any chance of a second successive final in this competition. Emily Page took two early wickets in the second innings, but Katie Bennett and Holly Mayers swiftly took the game away from the Tigers.

#### **Eastern Division – June 19:**

[Lindow v Didsbury Swordettes](#): 273 runs in the match, with only one run separating the sides at the end, added up to one fantastic advert for the quality of cricket on show when two of the league's leading teams meet. Didsbury may have feared the worst when Lindow reached 65-1 in eight overs via the efforts of Holly Topp and Heidi Cheadle, but they were soon pegged back to 73-5. A big finish from Grace Hemsted and Libby Ackerley took the Wilmslow club to 137 in 20 overs. Hannah Marshall and Rosie Ackerley came together at 72-4 in reply and gradually accelerated their side's scoring rate, with overs 16 and 17 collectively adding 25 to the score. Another 14 were needed off the final over, but despite two more boundaries, Didsbury fell just short. In this run spree, there were still moments for bowlers to be proud of, such as Zara Matthews' double-wicket maiden to start Lindow's mini-slump, and Katie Farmer's spell of 2-12 in three overs in the second innings.

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## **LEAGUE TABLES**

[All CWCL League Tables](#)

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## **KNOCKOUT CUPS**

#### **Senior Knockout Quarter Final – June 18:**

[Chester Boughton Hall Deemons v Stockport Georgians](#): Chester recorded their third win in as many days, all in different competitions, and once again they completed an impressive run chase. Tess Bailey top scored with 25 for Georgians in their total of 111, with good bowling contributions from Gemma Rose (2-15) and Georgia Munro (2-18). Meg Cureton reached the retirement score of 40 and Liv Fuller supplied a useful 25 lower down the card as the Deemons got home with 13 balls to spare and went through to a semi-final at Didsbury.

#### **Development Knockout Round Two – June 10:**

[Buxton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Macclesfield](#): Macclesfield overhauled their target of 104 with three overs remaining, led by Autumn Greensmith's 32 retired. This means that there will be at least one fourth division team in the semi-finals, with Macclesfield due to travel to Wistaston in the last eight.

#### **June 11:**

Didsbury 2<sup>nd</sup> XI w/o Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley

## **NATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

### **Cup Round Three – June 11:**

Lindow w/o Leigh

### **Plate Round One – June 9:**

Leyland w/o Ramsbottom  
Stockport Georgians w/o Littleborough

### **June 18:**

[Didsbury 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Edgworth](#): Didsbury were the first club to enter two teams in the National Knockout and their second team's adventure ended at the first hurdle as Thunder all-rounder Olivia Thomas plundered 168 from 88 balls in an Edgworth total of 229. Amna Malik top scored with an unbeaten 30 as Didsbury replied with a creditable 109.

## **REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET**

The League's representative XI will play the MCC at Lindow CC on Tuesday August 6 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.

Please send me any nominations by July 4.

Heidi Cheadle from the host club will lead the League XI on the day.

## **SENIOR WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

There will be a comprehensive series of [women and girls' softball festivals](#) across Cheshire this summer.

Cheshire continues to offer its wide range of [umpiring and scoring courses](#).