

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One – June 30:

[Appleton v Lindow](#): Appleton made their highest score to date of their difficult season, but still fell well short of stopping Lindow's unbeaten run. Abbey Gore's 26 not out was the top score for the home side, but after their large opening stand the previous week, Heidi Cheadle and Holly Topp were on top form again. The Wilmslow club's opening pair started slowly, then accelerated rapidly to chase down 130 in 17.1 overs, with Topp dismissed just before the close for 50 from 49 balls, with eight fours; and Cheadle ending unbeaten after a dominant 76 from 55 balls with eight fours and five sixes.

[Stockport Georgians v Leigh](#): Another powerful display from Leigh and from Ellie Mason in particular, as she finished with a flurry of boundaries to reach 73 not out in her side's successful chase of 100 for one. Sophie Heaton earlier produced another fantastic spell, taking five wickets for four runs, suggesting a few league bowling records could be under threat this year.

[Chester Boughton Hall v Oakmere](#): Chester have been involved in a few high scoring games of late, but this wasn't one of them, being beaten by Oakmere by eight wickets. The home side mustered just 74 here, with Becky Jones returning fine figures of 3-8 in eight overs for Oakmere.

July 7:

[Stockport Georgians v Didsbury](#): Georgians again struggled with the bat, all out for 74 as Hannah Marshall, Rosie Ackerley and Roshini Prince-Navaratnam all took wickets and were highly economical. The Stockport club though very nearly pulled this one out of the bag, as Didsbury slipped from 46-3 to 52-7 as Liv Bell and Alexis Batey bowled highly effectively in tandem. Finally, they produced a partnership of note as Kashmira Shinde and Emily Wilkins took them all the way to 74 (scores level) before the eighth wicket fell. Shinde finished 34 not out in this two-wicket win – the only double figure score of the second innings.

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Division Two – June 30:

[Buxton v Leyland](#): Leyland are halfway through their matches with a 100 per cent record, and so are halfway to the title. This latest decisive win saw Buxton bowled out for 89 and Leyland completing an eight-wicket win.

[Hawarden Park v Hayfield](#): A welcome first win for Hawarden, as they now join both Hayfield and Buxton on one win each in the lower half of the table. 153 for 1 (35) Laura Nicholls (46) and Nicola Deane (42 not out) added 108 for the first wicket on the way to a final total of 153-1. Gillian Spragg made 39 not out, but Hayfield finished well short on 111-3.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

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

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Division Three West – June 26:

[Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI v Alvanley](#): A first defeat for Alvanley, as Tanvee Karasagod-Pallath took 2-7 in three overs as Alvanley were restricted to 88 in 20 overs. She then made the top score in the reply – 27 from 28 balls – as Chester won with five overs to spare.

June 27:

[JG Meakin Northern Stars v Nantwich 2nd XI](#): A commanding first win for Meakins, who chased down their target of 128 with nine wickets and 21 balls in hand, with Helen Hughes making an unbeaten 76 from 45 balls. Sophie Winward had earlier made an unbeaten 77 from 57 balls for Nantwich.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

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

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

Appleton 2nd XI v Chester BH 2nd XI – no play due to rain on original date of 1/7

Division Three East – June 26:

[Lindow 2nd XI v Didsbury 2nd XI](#): Another commanding win from Didsbury to make it four victories from four in this division. Eleanor Brennan's 41 not out set them on the way to a good total of 121, and excellent figures of 5-7 from Amy Walkman completed a 62-run win.

June 27:

[Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley v Stockport Georgians 2nd XI](#): Georgians won with eight wickets and three overs in hand and very much remain in title contention.

July 3:

[Lindow 2nd XI v Stockport Georgians 2nd XI](#): Libby Taylor made the top individual score of this low scoring affair and then took three wickets to lead her side to a six-run win, ensuring Neve Boon's four wickets were in vain.

Division Three Cross-Divisional Matches – June 30:

[JG Meakin Northern Stars v Didsbury 2nd XI](#): Luana Sims starred in both departments as Meakins won by 11 runs and ended Didsbury's unbeaten record in Division Three. She made 34 not out in the home side's 107-6 and then took three wickets for nine runs during the reply.

July 2:

[Didsbury 2nd XI v Alvanley](#): This was the cross-divisional fixture between the leaders of the two regional third divisions, but anyone expecting a close battle was in for a shock. Instead the outcome was an unwanted piece of history for Alvanley as only two of their batters troubled the scorers at all, and the final team total was just six runs. Sasha Turnock continued her recent fine form with a return of three for five, while Eleanor Brennan bettered that by taking three for no runs. Noreen Latif bowled two wicket maidens.

[Nantwich 2nd XI v Buxton 2nd XI](#): Also doing well here are Nantwich seconds. Ellie Pearson made 34 in their total of 104 here and Sophie Winward took 3-11 to wrap up an 18-run win.

July 4:

[Stockport Georgians 2nd XI v Appleton 2nd XI](#): Abbey Gire hit 68 not out, including two fours and two sixes, in an Appleton total of 115. Holly McCurrie took three wickets as Georgians replied with 76-8 and Appleton won on run rate to record their first win of the year.

July 7:

[Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI v Buxton 2nd XI](#): Tanvee Kasaragod-Pallath continued her excellent season with a 5-8 return as Buxton were all out for 57. Carys Lambe's 36 not out anchored a successful chase for an eight-wicket win.

Lindow 2nd XI w/o Appleton 2nd XI

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 2nd XI – no play due to rain on original date of 4/6

Chester BH 2nd XI v Stockport Georgians 2nd XI – Chester BH unable to fulfil fixture on original date of 9/6

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Division Four West – June 24:

[Oakmere 2nd XI v Lymm Oughtrington Park](#): Oakmere seconds maintained an unbeaten record here with a comfortable win. Carol Ingham made 30 retired in their total of 106, and Lymm only managed 51, with Emily Faulkner's four overs for four runs the best of several economical bowling returns.

June 27:

[Oakmere 2nd XI v Grappenhall](#): Carol Ingham maintained her consistent run scoring with an unbeaten 30 as Oakmere maintained their unbeaten run. Cheska Hales also reached this milestone for Grappenhall, but they finished on 99, some 16 runs short.

June 30:

[Grappenhall v Wistaston Village](#): A commanding win for Wistaston that put them top of the division, at least until Oakmere 2nd and Kingsley play their games in hand. Dani Tilsley scored 32 retired as they posted 123 and then took three for nine as Grappenhall closed on 80. Cheska Hales' 30 retired was the top score in the second innings.

July 1:

[Oakmere 2nd XI v Kingsley](#): Kingsley recorded a potentially important win at the top end of the table, chasing down their target of 64 from the penultimate ball of a reduced 16 overs.

July 7:

[Kingsley v Oakmere 2nd XI](#): Six days later, Kingsley gained their revenge as both sides seek to remain in title contention. Charlotte King made 30 retired in an Oakmere total of 103-5 and two cheap wickets each for Jane Tarpey and Carys Salomon helped restrict the home side to 90 in reply.

[Grappenhall v Toft](#): Toft decisively won the battle of the bottom two to record a first win of the year. Kate Lang took 5-7 as Grappenhall managed just 53. Kerry Knight's 23 not out helped Toft to a nine-wicket win inside just eight overs.

Division Four East – June 24:

[Heaton Mersey & Cheadle v Stockport Georgians 3rd XI](#): Zoe Flint took 4-13 to restrict Georgians to 81, a total that the hosts chased down with all of 40 balls to spare.

June 26:

[Didsbury 3rd XI v Hawk Green](#): Despite the efforts of Katya Georgieva (4-9), Richmal Giles guided Hawk Green to a solid total of 92. Giles then weighed in with 2-9 as – by a three-run margin – Hawk Green registered a first win and condemned Didsbury to a first defeat.

June 30:

[Stockport v Heaton Mersey & Cheadle](#): This division is shaping up for a very exciting finish, as after today's pair of matches, five teams have all won two and lost two. The exception is Stockport Georgians 3rd, who have played just two, winning once and losing once. Katie Billings' 31 retired rescued Stockport from a difficult start and ensured they chased down their target of 66 with 11 balls and four wickets in hand.

[Hawk Green v Didsbury 3rd XI](#): Freya Jones had an excellent all-round match as Hawk Green won by 23 runs. She reached the retirement score of 30 in their total of 124 – as did Toria Jarvis – and then took two Didsbury wickets for two runs. Katya Georgieva made 32 retired in the second innings.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

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

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Division Four South East – June 26:

[North East Cheshire v Lindow Development XI](#): A high scoring contest ended in North East's favour. Megan Owen was the only player from the winning side to reach the retirement score of 130 as her team reached 139. Hannah Kirk and Liv Byrne both reached this milestone for Lindow, but they finished 14 runs short, with the difference in the number of extras conceded by each side here being the crucial factor.

June 30:

[Lindow Development XI v Macclesfield](#): Macclesfield's 100 per cent record ended as they slipped to 59 all out and lost by 21 runs. Alison Hodge's unbeaten 21 held Lindow's innings together, and Bethany Seddon and Liv Byrne each took two wickets in the second innings.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

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

North East Cheshire v New Mills & High Peak North – New Mills unable to fulfil fixture on original date of 23/6

Division 5

The most eye-catching starts to the softball divisions have been made by Romiley, who have a 100 per cent record from five matches in Division 5 East, Old Parkonians, who have the same record in the West, and Elworth, who enjoy an unbeaten record from six in the South division.

Local rivals Runcorn, Widnes and Kingsley are fighting it out in the Mid Cheshire section

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With the league having decided to discontinue its Pitchero site, a number of [general documents](#) have now been uploaded to the Play Cricket site.

[Back issues of this newsletter](#) are still available via the Cheshire Cricket Board site.

Players with CWCL experience to watch out for in the Hundred over the coming weeks:

- Birmingham – Seren Smale
- London – Georgia Redmayne
- Manchester – Sophie Ecclestone, Eve Jones
- Trent – Grace Potts
- Welsh – Kate Coppack

T20 DIVISIONAL COMPETITION

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

Buxton v Stockport Georgians – no play due to rain on original date of 1/7

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LEAGUE TABLES

[All CWCL League Tables](#)

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KNOCKOUT CUPS

Senior Knockout Quarter Final – June 24:

[Appleton Tigers v Oakmere Kats](#): Appleton's T20 form is providing a welcome distraction from a difficult league campaign, and they now have a semi-final to look forward to, where they will host Lindow. Their last pair got them over the line to the target of 92 from the final ball in a cagey affair where Oakmere's Amy Jones was the top scorer on either side with 20 not out. Marianne Lea returned excellent figures of 3-12 for the Tigers.

Development Knockout Quarter Final – July 7:

[Wistaston Swans v Macclesfield](#): Macclesfield became the first fourth division side to reach the semi-finals with a three-wicket win here. The crucial part of the game was early on, with Wistaston's top five all failing, and they eventually struggled to post just 71.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Cup Northern Semi-Final – July 4:

[Didsbury Swordettes v Lindow](#): Didsbury powered into the regional final as Lindow suffered their first defeat in any competition this year. Holly Topp made 43, but three crucial wickets from Hannah Marshall and a fine 2-12 return from Zara Matthews kept the Wilmslow club down to 105. Kashmira Shinde's unbeaten 35 from 29 balls led the way as Didsbury got home for the loss of one wicket inside 13 overs.

Plate Group 2 Quarter-Final – June 27:

Stockport Georgians w/o Whitmore

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](#).