

The two biggest showpiece events in the League's calendar both take place in the coming week.

The League XI play MCC in the annual fixture at Lindow on August 6, with an 1130 start. The bar will be open all day and everyone is welcome.

Heidi Cheadle returns to the team for a third occasion, this time as captain, but all of the other selected players except for Meg Cureton will be experiencing this fixture for the first time.

Heidi Cheadle (capt)  
Rosie Ackerley  
Emilia Rossi  
Grace Michell  
Carys Lambe  
Holly Batey  
Kashmira Shinde  
Emily Wilkins (WK)  
Meg Cureton  
Holly Mayers  
Emily Murray

Additional fielders – Holly Humphreys & Isabelle Hevican

Umpires – Jeff Langham & Graham Church  
Scorers - Rosie Davis & Nicola Deane

Sunday August 11 is the League Finals Day at Hale Barns, with three cup finals to entertain the crowd. Again, the bar will be open.

A number of clubs have completed a senior T20 double in recent years, including Stockport Trinity, Chester Boughton Hall and Appleton. Lindow are bidding to do the same this year, as they play in their first ever women's cup finals.

After winning the Knockout Cup in each of the last two seasons, it's the other T20 final that features Nantwich this time, and the final match of the day will certainly result in a new name being added to the trophy.

Didsbury will be seeking their third Senior Knockout success. Chester's second team defend the Development trophy they won last year.

1030 - Senior Knockout Final – Didsbury Swordettes v Lindow  
1330 approx. - Development KO Final - Didsbury 2/Alvanley v Chester Boughton Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> XI  
1630 approx. - T20 Divisional Competition Final - Lindow v Nantwich Vipers

## **CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

### **Division One – July 28:**

[Stockport Georgians v Lindow](#): A dramatic second league win of the year for Georgians and second defeat for Lindow, with one run in 481 separating the sides after 80 overs dominated by the bat. Georgians maintained an almost uniform run rate of six runs per over throughout their innings of 241, spearheaded by Emily Thomas' unbeaten 105 from 115 balls. She was joined in significant stands of 75 for the first wicket with Skye Thomas (30) and 99 for third with Lucy Neill (59). Lindow replied with their own opening stand of 85 between Heidi Cheadle and Grace Hemsted, and when Cheadle passed three figures during a third wicket stand of 119 with Libby Ackerley, it very much looked like a famous run chase was on the cards. Emily Thomas though hadn't finished with playing a major role in this game, sending back Cheadle for 123 and Ackerley for 48. With more wickets for Gaby McKeever as the pressure built, there was an eighth wicket off the final ball when one was needed to tie and two to win. In such a batter dominated game, two bowlers stand out for their economical contributions, with Lindow's Ackerley conceding 19 runs in eight overs and Amelie Batey recording 2-28 for Georgians.

[Nantwich v Didsbury](#): Nantwich lost their 100 per cent league record as their chase of 177 never really got going. Zara Matthews top scored with 33 in the Didsbury innings, where Beth Hughes took 3-23. The reply was notable for Jodie Filer's miserly overs at the start and for Pooja Singh running through the lower order as the hosts slumped to 122. Charlotte Neal top scored with 36.

### **August 4:**

[Lindow v Oakmere](#): After their fast start to the season, Lindow slumped here to a third league defeat in the last four. Unlike the previous week, when they were edged out in a run spree, this was a comprehensive defeat for the Wilmslow club. Kerry Hartnett took four wickets for no runs and Sarah Worsdale bagged three as Lindow were all out for 66, setting up a seven-wicket win.

[Didsbury v Chester Boughton Hall](#): Didsbury moved into second place in the table after outplaying their opponents here. Chester lost their first three wickets without a run on the board, two of these to Pooja Singh, and things scarcely got better after that. Singh's final figures were 4-12, Isabelle Hevican took the last three wickets in the space of five balls and the final Chester total was just 41. A nine-wicket win was duly completed inside nine overs.

Fixtures awaiting mandatory re-arrangement:

Appleton v Stockport Georgians – National Knockout involvement for Georgians on 4/8

Chester BH v Stockport Georgians – National Knockout involvement for Georgians on 18/8

### **Division Two – June 2:**

Upton w/o Greenfield.

The league is now in a position to confirm this result. We also wish to highlight that only in very limited circumstances can a match in this division be re-arranged. Matches cannot, for example, be re-arranged due to general player unavailability, so clubs should not make re-arrangement requests of this nature and their opposition should not accept such requests.

#### **July 28:**

[Greenfield v Upton](#): Before this round of matches, the highest successful run chase in league history was Chester Boughton Hall's 221 against Stockport Trinity in 2022. While many were wondering if this would be surpassed by Lindow in their first division match, the record had already fallen here to Upton. This was made all the more remarkable by the fact division two play fewer overs than the top-flight. Furthermore, this record here was broken by all of 38 runs, and with three overs in hand. After bowling out Hayfield for 25 the previous week, this was an altogether different experience for the Upton attack as they conceded 258. Greenfield's chief run getters were Megan Russell (107 from 83 balls) and Ella Owen (40 from 39). After being one of the bowlers who suffered at the hands of Russell and her team-mates, Lily Scudder produced a magnificent response with the bat for the Wirral side. Her 131 not out from 100 balls featured 21 fours and a six, with the chief support coming from Charlie Scudder with 51 from 52 balls.

#### **August 4:**

[Hawarden Park v Buxton](#): After a difficult few weeks, Hawarden hung on to win here. Poppy Smith (63) top scored in their total of 167, but this looked very much in danger courtesy of another superb score from Buxton's Georgina Macey. Her 97 from 102 balls was not quite enough though, as some her team-mates were tied down by the Hawarden bowlers, and the Welsh club eventually recorded a five-run win.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

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

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#### **Division Three West – July 28:**

[Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Alvanley](#): Batters making hay in the sun extended to the third division as well. Alvanley's 30-over total of 174-5 would have won many a third division match, but Isla Entwistle, who made 92 not out, was destined to finish on the losing side. Abbey Gore's 54 led the way for Appleton, with Holly McCurrie supplying vital late runs as they won by two wickets.

#### **July 30:**

[Alvanley v Nantwich 2<sup>nd</sup> XI](#): After an early scare in their reply, Alvanley eventually emerged as comfortable winners to keep up the pressure on Nantwich at the top. Jenna Gill and Ellie Wright each took three wickets as Nantwich were dismissed for 56. Emily Mason struck twice in her opening over, but from 6-3, Isla Entwistle's 37 not out steadied the ship and took her side to a seven-wicket win in just 7.4 overs.

#### **August 4:**

[Nantwich 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Alvanley](#): Nantwich decisively reversed the result from just five days earlier and look to be in a very strong position in the title race. An unbeaten 55 from Grace Carter and 37 from Ashlee Prince took them to a formidable total of 176. Poppy-Mae Shufflebotham's four wickets and Eleanor Beecher's three then ensured Alvanley were all out for 43.

Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v JG Meakin – JG Meakin unable to fulfil fixture on original date of 29/7 and will not be re-arranged, awarded to Appleton by forfeit.

Chester BH 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Nantwich 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – unfit ground on original date of 14/5 and will not be re-arranged, recorded as Cancelled.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Chester BH 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – no play due to rain on original date of 1/7  
Chester BH 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v JG Meakin – JG Meakin unable to fulfil fixture on original date of 28/7

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### **Division Three East – July 23:**

[Buxton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Lindow 2<sup>nd</sup> XI](#): A comfortable win for Lindow, as Louise Long's 65 from 55 balls took them to 105. This proved well beyond Buxton, who closed on 42.

#### **July 25:**

[Stockport Georgians 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Didsbury 2<sup>nd</sup> XI](#): Didsbury survived a late scare to record what could be a crucial win at the top of this division. Rosie Davis' 29 was the only double figure score in Didsbury's modest 82 in 20 overs. Sasha Turnock's fine season continued as she struck twice in the first four balls of the reply, and more wickets for Ramilee Cabral reduced Georgians to 43-7. There was a twist though as Neve Boon and Beth Tittensor batted through the rest of the innings, taking Georgians within six runs of the target.

#### **July 28:**

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

#### **July 31:**

[Lindow 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley](#): A comfortable win for Lindow by 109 runs to 76, with Nikki Hill and Harriet Ashurst each making 41.

#### **August 1:**

[Stockport Georgians 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Buxton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI](#): A comprehensive win for Georgians, who were inspired to a large total of 162 in 20 overs by an innings of 72 from 37 balls by Hannah Wilke, who may emerge as one of this year's genuine breakthrough players. Hermione Trotter then took four wickets in 12 deliveries as Buxton only managed 64.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley v Lindow 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – no play due to rain on original date of 16/7

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### **Division Three Cross-Divisional Matches**

Fixtures awaiting mandatory re-arrangement:

Stockport Georgians 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v JG Meakin Northern Stars – ground availability on original date of 7/7

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley – AOM & Woodley unable to fulfil fixture on original date of 3/6  
Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley v Chester BH 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – no play due to rain on original date of 11/7  
Alvanley v Lindow 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – Alvanley unable to fulfil fixture on original date of 21/7

#### **Division Four West – July 22:**

[Oakmere 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Grappenhall](#): Victory here kept Oakmere in pole position in the title race. Nicki Oyler's 20 and 2-6 was the standout all-round contribution from Grappenhall, but their final total of 82 was well short of the 127 posted by the hosts. Abbi Lamidey made the top score of the match with 32 retired and Rachel Warrenger's 3-11 was Oakmere's best bowling return.

#### **July 26:**

[Toft v Oakmere 2<sup>nd</sup> XI](#): There was another comfortable win for Oakmere here. Rachel Tidd and Emily Faulkner were the top scorers in their total of 104, with Toft only reaching 61 in reply.

#### **July 28:**

[Wistaston Village v Kingsley](#): One final big score to report on this day came from Kingsley. They stole a march on their opponents in the title race by racking up 152 in 20 overs, with unbeaten 30s from Hayley Rose, Tarryn Warman and Steph Woodstock. Woodstock was then one of the leading bowlers as Wistaston replied with 87.

#### **August 4:**

[Wistaston Village v Lymm Oughtrington Park](#): Although their top score was just the 23 contributed by Zoe Davies, Wistaston racked up a competitive score of 107. Hannah Tovell took 3-8 for Lymm. In the second innings, Anna Bourne's superb return of four for six restricted Lymm to 94.

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#### **Division Four East – July 24:**

[Didsbury 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Stockport Georgians 3<sup>rd</sup> XI](#): Georgians looked to be up against it when they were all out for 63 but managed to dramatically turn things around and dismiss Didsbury for 36. Sara Mirza made 15 in the first innings and was the only batter in the match to reach double figures. Amy Walkman took three wickets for one run and Joely Hopper three for four in the first innings. Georgians' bowling stars included Hannah Wilke (3-4) and Hermione Trotter (2-5).

#### **July 28:**

[Hawk Green v Heaton Mersey & Cheadle](#): Hawk Green's top three of Freya Jones, Richmal Giles and Rebecca Edmundson all scored quickly to lead their side to 127, which proved 15 runs too much for the visitors.

[Didsbury 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Lindow 3<sup>rd</sup> XI](#): Laura Bamber took five wickets for Lindow, but couldn't halt Didsbury's run scoring momentum, with Katya Georgieva top scoring as they reached an imposing 132. Lindow could only reply with 83.

#### **July 29:**

[Stockport v Stockport Georgians 3<sup>rd</sup> XI](#): A commanding win for Georgians as they took over at the top of the table. Hannah Wilke is already building something of a reputation as a very promising prospect, and here she made 31 from just 14 balls at number eight, before bowling four overs for just six runs. Stockport CC closed on just 67, some 61 runs short.

#### **August 4:**

[Stockport Georgians 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Stockport](#): Georgians then beta the same opposition for the second time in a week. Hannah Wilke's 30 retired took just 12 balls this time as she helped her team to reach 117. The visitors reached 76-9 in reply, with Georgians having the luxury of giving two overs' bowling to all ten outfielders.

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#### **Division Four South East – July 24:**

[Lindow Development XI v New Mills & High Peak North](#): With an unbeaten 33 from Rosie Williams it appeared that Lindow had posted a fairly competitive total. Michelle Thorpe and Eve Singleton scored rapidly in reply though, and New Mills won by seven wickets with all of 27 balls remaining.

#### **July 28:**

[Langley v Macclesfield](#): On a day of high scoring, there was much excitement in a lower scoring affair here, as these local rivals had a thrilling tie with both finishing on 75. Macclesfield's Michelle Lloyd (3-12) and Ponshirly Jayabalan (3-13) were the best bowlers in the first innings, but were upstaged by Langley's Amelia Onslow, who took four wickets for six runs.

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  
North East Cheshire v Macclesfield – no play due to unfit ground on original date of 16/6  
North East Cheshire v Buxton 3<sup>rd</sup> XI – no play due to unfit ground on original date of 10/7  
Langley v North East Cheshire - no play due to unfit ground on original date of 17/7  
New Mills & High Peak North v Langley – no play due to unfit ground on original date of 14/7\* - provisional league adjudication pending any further communication from clubs

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#### **Player loans:**

Bella Eardley, Adelaide Mather, both Leigh to Greenfield, for league match on July 28 only

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#### **Division 5**

Romiley have become the first team to complete their 2024 league fixture programme and have done so with a perfect record of eight wins to clinch the crown in Division 5 East.

Elworth are one game away from also finishing with a 100 per cent record in Division 5 South.

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A further reminder that the regulations require clubs to alert their opposition prior to any match where they have selected players in their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> XI who regularly play for higher ranked teams at the club.

We would also like to warn clubs to follow the correct procedure regarding the submission of team sheets. It may seem to be overly formal what is outlined here, but doing it this way really is the best way to avoid any disputes:

- Care needs to be taken to ensure the team sheet is correct
- The sheet needs to be signed by a recognised team official, such as the coach, manager or captain
- If there is a desire to change any of the names on the sheet after the toss, the permission of the opposition captain must be obtained. We have sought advice from Duane Jones in his role as League Umpires & Scorers Officer, and he has said that it would be reasonable to enter the field of play at the fall of a wicket in order to seek this permission

As mentioned at the recent Committee meeting, clubs need to pay greater attention to match scorecard entries on Play Cricket. The League Executive no longer has the resources to check these, given the ever-increasing volume of fixtures, and it is again likely that end of season awards will be based on the Play Cricket statistics. In particular:

- Please ensure your bonus points are shown correctly – these are explained in the relevant [competition regulations](#)
- Please ensure the wicketkeeper is identified in the team listings
- Please try to complete any Unsure player entries
- Please try to amend any player entries where they are not linked to their Play Cricket membership record – if you click on a player's name in a correctly completed scorecard, it should direct you to this record

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.

The Cricket Playing Survey, run by the ECB, provides a chance for recreational players and volunteers to have their say and influence the future of cricket at grassroots level. Sharing your opinion on how the sport is run today, and how you think cricket could develop and improve, provides valuable insight to the ECB, counties and leagues across England and Wales, to turn your ideas into actions. The survey is only open until August 12.

Please mark Wednesday September 25 in your diaries as the date of the next full League Committee meeting. This meeting will again be held remotely.

## **T20 DIVISIONAL COMPETITION**

### **Eastern Division – July 22:**

Stockport Georgians v Didsbury: Didsbury secured a victory by all of 104 runs to end their campaign in this division with two wins from three. Roshini Prince-Navaratnam and Zoe Coombes both made 37 from 28 balls as their side reached 141. Pooja Singh's excellent form continued with a 4-9 return as Didsbury swept the Georgians batting line up aside in the second innings.

## **LEAGUE TABLES**

[All CWCL League Tables](#)

## **KNOCKOUT CUPS**

### **Senior Knockout Semi-Final – July 22:**

[Appleton v Lindow](#): It was very much 'game on' here when Appleton made 124-7 (Amy Seddon 40 retired from 29 balls) and then took a wicket with the first ball of the reply. Lindow though had three innings of note to see them over the line with eight wickets and 22 balls in hand. Heidi Cheadle made 41 retired from as many balls, Emily Murray hit 36 in only 22 deliveries, and Carys White's 21 not out applied the finishing touch to send the Wilmslow team into their second cup final of the year.

### **July 23:**

[Didsbury Swordettes v Chester Boughton Hall Deemons](#): A superb game ended with Didsbury getting to their target at the start of the final over. After racing to 74-1, with contributions from Meg Cureton and Georgia Munro, the Deemons fell away to finish on 97-7. Early wickets fell in reply though, and it was left to Roshini Prince-Navaratnam to rescue Didsbury, as she made 43 retired from 52 balls. The Didsbury tail then knocked off the few runs they needed following their captain's retirement.

### **Development Knockout Quarter-Final – July 24:**

[Chester Boughton Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Nantwich 2<sup>nd</sup> XI](#): This was a repeat of last year's final and Chester prevailed once again. Sophie Winward made 31 in Nantwich's innings, but the team was kept down to 73 in a rain-reduced 15 overs. Abbey Mayers and Meg Cureton returned the most economical figures. Tanvee Karasagod-Pallath's 21 from 25 balls got Chester off to a good start, and Mayers and Ffion Jones were at the crease at the end to seal a seven-wicket win with 11 balls in hand.

### **Semi-Final – August 1:**

[Macclesfield v Chester Boughton Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> XI](#): Macclesfield became the first fourth division club to reach the semi-finals, but their run ended with a decisive win for holders Boughton Hall. Ava Rogers and Elin Roberts each took three wickets as Macclesfield were all out for 33. Tanvee Karasagod-Pallath led the way as Chester took just 25 balls of the second innings to complete the win.

## **NATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

### **Plate National Semi-Final – August 4:**

[Stockport Georgians v Leyland](#): It was already known before this match that the league would have its first ever representative in the final of a national competition, and it was Georgians who prevailed to go forward to a final against North London club Harrow St Mary's. This will be played on the iconic ground on John Paul Getty's Wormsley estate on August 18. The top four of Skye Thomas, Emily Thomas, Lucy Neill and Gaby McKeever all made a rapid score of 25 or above in a Georgians total of 138. Emily Thomas took 3-21 and McKeever bowled her four overs for just 15 as Leyland finished short on 120.



## **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](#).