

## **CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

With most issues now settled, this is the latest list of winners and runners-up across the CWCL competitions. Persistent rain foiled the prospect of a winner takes all decider in Division 1 between Didsbury and Leigh today.

	<b>WINNERS</b>	<b>RUNNERS UP</b>
<b>Division 1</b>	Leigh	
<b>Division 2</b>	Leyland	Upton
<b>Division 3 West</b>	Nantwich 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	
<b>Division 3 East</b>	Didsbury 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Stockport Georgians 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
<b>Division 4 West</b>	Oakmere 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Kingsley
<b>Division 4 East</b>	Stockport Georgians 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	Stockport
<b>Division 4 South East</b>	Macclesfield	
<b>Division 5 West</b>		
<b>Division 5 East</b>	Romiley	Macclesfield 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
<b>Division 5 Mid Cheshire</b>	Runcorn	
<b>Division 5 South</b>	Elworth	Christleton
<b>T20 Divisional Competition</b>	Nantwich Vipers	Lindow
<b>Senior Knockout Cup</b>	Didsbury Swordettes	Lindow
<b>Development Knockout Cup</b>	Didsbury 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Chester Boughton Hall 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
<b>Softball Knockout Cup</b>		

### **Division One – September 8:**

Leigh v Oakmere: The three title chasing clubs all recorded wins eventually, but Leigh were left wondering whether the weather would allow them to do so for long periods. Play was suspended at the first innings drinks break with Oakmere on 70-2, before play finally resumed in the nick of time for a result to be possible. Chasing 88 in 23 overs, Leigh stormed to their target in 10.5 overs, with Adelaide Mather smashing 65 not out from 38 balls, with 12 fours and a six.

Didsbury v Appleton: Didsbury were in dominant form to set up a potential title decider against Leigh on the following Sunday. Emily Wilkins made 70 and Kashmira Shinde 51 in their total of 219, and Appleton could only reply with 66.



### **Division Three West**

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 and never re-arranged, recorded as Cancelled

Chester BH 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v JG Meakin – JG Meakin unable to fulfil fixture on original date of 28/7 and never re-arranged, recorded as a conceded match

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### **Division Three East**

Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley v Lindow 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – no play due to rain on original date of 16/7 and never re-arranged, recorded as Cancelled.

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### **Division Three Cross-Divisional Matches – September 8:**

Chester Boughton Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Lindow 2<sup>nd</sup> XI: Both teams enjoyed some success in the 25 overs that were possible before play was abandoned. Lindow scored 136, largely due to openers Louise Long (57) and Nikki Hill (35), while the nine Chester bowlers took nine wickets between them – two each for Olivia Haywood and Elen Weigh.

#### **September 15:**

JG Meakin v Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley, Alvanley v Lindow 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, Nantwich 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Didsbury 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, Buxton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – all cancelled due to rain

The fixture between Nantwich and Didsbury would have been something of a victory lap for both sides. Didsbury had already clinched Division 3 East and Nantwich would have needed only two points from the fixture to wrap up the Division 3 West title.

Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley v Chester BH 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – no play due to rain on original date of 11/7 and will not be re-arranged, recorded as Cancelled

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### **Division Four West – September 2:**

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Toft v Oakmere 2<sup>nd</sup> XI: Oakmere wasted little time in completing the win that took them within nine points of the title. Toft were kept down to 44 in 15 overs, with some impressively economical figures from all eight bowlers used – Abi Lamidey returning the best analysis with 2-3 in two overs. Lamidey then made 22 not out from 26 balls as a nine-wicket win was completed inside eight overs

#### **September 12:**

Lymm Oughtrington Park v Oakmere 2<sup>nd</sup> XI: The weather did not allow Oakmere to seal the title with a win, but by scoring 30 in seven overs here, they moved ahead of Kingsley to claim first place in the final standings.

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### **Division Four East – September 3:**

Lindow 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Stockport Georgians 3<sup>rd</sup> XI: Title winners Georgians signed off by completing their campaign with an 11 runs per over run chase. Suzy Ryder's 24 helped Lindow to 72 in 15 overs, but Georgians replied with 76-1 in seven overs, where Esme Halford made an unbeaten 26 from 13 balls.

Hawk Green v Stockport: Stockport moved back into second place with a comfortable eight-wicket win. Annie Shaw's two wickets pegged back a rapid start from Hawk Green, who closed on 79 from 15 overs. Sarah Vickers' 31 from 25 balls completed the chase inside 11 overs.

### **September 8:**

Stockport v Didsbury 3<sup>rd</sup> XI: Stockport made sure of second place in the division with a tense win here. Didsbury were two down in the first three balls of the match, bowled by Katie Billings, but recovered to 93-6 – Joely Hopper's 20 not out the top score. Billings' 30 retired then rescued Stockport from 10-3, and despite Hopper's 2-7 in four overs, the hosts won from the final ball when their number 10 Evie Brown struck her first ball for four.

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### **Division Four South East – September 1:**

New Mills & High Peak North v Buxton 3<sup>rd</sup> XI: A comfortable win for New Mills as they maintained their interest at the top end of the table. Nikki Thorn's 3-7 was the crucial bowling contribution as Buxton were restricted to 62 in their 20 overs.

### **September 5:**

Lindow Development XI v North East Cheshire: North East's innings fell away to 83-4 once Rebecca Scholes had retired following her knock of 31. Hannah Kirk's 23 not out was the top score as Lindow won by seven wickets with an over to spare.

### **September 8:**

Macclesfield v New Mills & High Peak North – no play due to rain and will not be re-arranged, recorded as Cancelled.

This could have been a potential title decider, but the washout means that the trophy will be held by Macclesfield for the next 12 months.

### **September 15:**

New Mills & High Peak North w/o Langley

### **Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:**

North East Cheshire v Langley – 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

Buxton 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Langley – Langley unable to fulfil fixture on last date of 11/8

Langley v North East Cheshire - no play due to unfit ground on original date of 17/7

Matches can be re-arranged by mutual consent for dates up to and including September 22. Any match not played by this date will be recorded as Cancelled where ground or weather conditions prevented play on the most recent arranged date. Other matches will be recorded as a concession by the team that was unable to fulfil the fixture on the most recent arranged date.

## Player loans:

Amelia Buckley – Greenfield to Leigh for league match on September 8.

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The next meeting of the full League Committee will take place remotely on Wednesday September 25 at 1930. Club main representatives should have received the Zoom link.

A reminder that the young player guidelines of the Cheshire Cricket Board do not allow anyone to appear in senior cricket who had not started school year 8 at the start of the season. The key date here is the 'start of the season', so anyone who has moved into school year 8 this month should not be selected for the remaining matches.

The CWCL 2024 Awards Evening is to be held at Nantwich Town Football Club (Atherton & Associates Suite), The Swansway Stadium, Waterlode, Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 5BS on Saturday October 12 at 1930.

We again continue with the informal format used in recent years of a buffet meal and disco, following the presentation of the team and individual trophies.

The price per person is once again frozen at £20.

Award winning clubs will be offered priority tickets, limited in the first instance to a maximum of 10 per club. However please specify the total number of tickets your club requires to aid with overall ticket allocation.

Responses are requested to League Secretary Alan Rogers, via club main representatives, by September 24 please.

Payment details will be sent out to clubs when the number of tickets allocated is confirmed to clubs.

We will be asking for one payment for the total number of tickets no later than Monday October 7. Any club that is still in possession of a 2023 team trophy is responsible for ensuring that this gets to the event, to be presented to this year's winners.

Seren Smale became the latest player to have featured in the league and to have played full international cricket, when she made her England debut against Ireland yesterday, scoring 25 and claiming two wicketkeeping dismissals. Although this was largely a second-string England side, not featuring any of the players selected for the T20 World Cup, the matches in Ireland this month still enjoy full international status, so we can add Seren – who played for Chester Boughton Hall and Nantwich – to the growing list.

England – Laura MacLeod, Sophie Ecclestone, Sarah Collyer, Lauren Griffiths, Enid Bakewell, Helen Wardlaw, Seren Smale

Scotland – Ruth Willis, Nadia Wheeler, Liv Bell

Bangladesh – Mina Khatun

France – Amy Seddon

Guernsey – Rosie Davis

Qatar – Ameesha Jabir

Stockport Georgians' Liv Bell is in the Scotland squad for next month's T20 World Cup, putting her in line to become the first player to appear in both the CWCL and a major tournament final in the same year.

The Cheshire County League (the senior men's league in Cheshire) are compiling their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary book. This will include a list of players from the league who have also played full international cricket. I have passed a list to the author of several people from women's cricket who meet these criteria, but please feel free to let me know of any names you might be aware of.

## **Division 5**

Runcorn have edged out local rivals Widnes to clinch the title in Division 5 Mid Cheshire. They have also become the first club to submit their application to join Division 4 for next year.

Any club wishing to apply for promotion from Division 5 to Division 4, i.e. to play senior hardball cricket for the first time, will need to complete the detailed application form. These clubs will then need to attend the AGM in November to answer any questions that league officers or club representatives may have.

## **LEAGUE TABLES**

All CWCL League Tables

## **KNOCKOUT CUPS**

### **Softball Knockout**

Old Parkonians and Neston are through to the final of this competition.

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

Cheshire continues to offer its wide range of umpiring and scoring courses.