

CESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

This is the final list of winners and runners-up across the CWCL competitions.

	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
Division 1	Leigh	Didsbury
Division 2	Leyland	Upton
Division 3 West	Nantwich 2 nd XI	Alvanley
Division 3 East	Didsbury 2 nd XI	Stockport Georgians 2 nd XI
Division 4 West	Oakmere 2 nd XI	Kingsley
Division 4 East	Stockport Georgians 3 rd XI	Stockport
Division 4 South East	Macclesfield	New Mills & High Peak North
Division 5 West	Old Parkonians	Neston
Division 5 East	Romiley	Macclesfield 2 nd XI
Division 5 Mid Cheshire	Runcorn	Northwich
Division 5 South	Elworth	Christleton
T20 Divisional Competition	Nantwich Vipers	Lindow
Senior Knockout Cup	Didsbury Swordettes	Lindow
Development Knockout Cup	Didsbury 2 nd XI	Chester BH 2 nd XI
Softball Knockout Cup	Old Parkonians & Neston (final not completed)	

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Division One – September 22:

Appleton v Stockport Georgians, Lindow v Nantwich - both cancelled due to rain

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Division Two – September 22:

Leyland v Buxton: Leyland completed their unbeaten season with a huge 10-wicket win. Buxton, bowled out for 42 today, now face relegation to Division 3 should both of the Division 3 regional winners from this year choose to be promoted. Today, Leyland managed to give a bowl to all 11 players. To illustrate their dominance of this division this year, not only did all other clubs lose at least three matches, but Leyland's net run rate was 2.4 and the next best was 0.62.

Division Three West – September 22:

Alvanley w/o JG Meakin

Division Three Cross-Divisional Matches – September 15:

Stockport Georgians 2nd XI v JG Meakin - cancelled due to rain

Division Four South East

North East Cheshire v Langley – no play due to unfit ground on original date of 16/6 and never re-arranged, recorded as Cancelled

North East Cheshire v Buxton 3rd XI – no play due to unfit ground on original date of 10/7 and never re-arranged, recorded as Cancelled

Buxton 3rd XI v Langley – Langley unable to fulfil fixture on last date of 11/8 and never re-arranged, recorded as a concession by Langley

Langley v North East Cheshire - no play due to unfit ground on original date of 17/7 and never re-arranged, recorded as Cancelled

All CWCL Final League Tables

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.

We will be asking for one payment per club 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 earlier this month, 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.

I've also been informed of an Isle of Man international at Greenfield.

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

Namibia - Sylvia Shihepo

Isle of Man – Alanya Thorpe

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 50th anniversary book. This will include a list of players from that 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. Essentially, they will need to have played senior men's cricket in the County League (not necessarily for a 1st XI) in addition to their international appearances.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Cheshire Women's Cricket League will be held on Wednesday November 13 at 1930, venue to be confirmed. The agenda will include:

Reports from League Officers, covering their activities in the last 12 months.

Election of Officers. Anyone wishing to volunteer as a league officer will be very welcome – it is not the case that an existing officer has to stand down in order for a vacancy to arise. The posts for Marketing & Communications and Planning & Strategy remain vacant, anyone is welcome to stand for election to an existing Officer role, and there may also be scope for splitting some of the existing roles given the continued expansion of the league, especially with regard to fixtures & results administration from the lower division. Many of the existing Officers are connected with Division 1 clubs and volunteers from the lower divisions are especially welcome.

Applications from any club wishing to join the league for the first time and to go straight into the hardball divisions (Divisions 1-4). Any club in this situation should request a copy of the application form as soon as possible.

Applications from any club wishing to be promoted from division 5 (softball) to Division 4 (hardball). Any club in this situation should request a copy of the application form as soon as possible.

Applications from any club wishing to be promoted from division 2, 3 or 4. Only the champions of division 2 and the two regional division 3s are entitled to automatic promotion and other clubs will need to make an application, including the winners of the three regional division 4s. There is no official application form here and any club wishing to be promoted will need to prepare a presentation explaining why they are ready for cricket at the higher level. Amongst this year's divisional champions, Leyland will be exercising their right to be promoted to Division 1.

Applications from any club wishing to field a new 2nd XI or 3rd XI and for this team to go straight into the hardball divisions (Divisions 1-4). There is no official application form here and any club wishing to field an additional team will need to prepare a presentation explaining why they are ready to do so.

Proposals for changes to the regulations governing player eligibility for 2nd and 3rd XIs. The existing regulations can be viewed [here](#). Please submit any proposed changes by October 27 so these can be circulated in advance of the meeting. Changes to any other area of the regulations will be debated at the January meeting.

The League is pleased to announce that the Small Grants application scheme is still open. Provided they do not owe money to the league for balls, affiliation fees or anything else, all clubs are eligible to apply for £100 via this scheme, with those with two hardball and/or softball teams allowed to apply for £150 and those with three or more entitled to request £200. Please read the guidelines on the separate email – sent to club main representatives – carefully as these grants are only intended to fund a club's medium to long term development of female cricket and cannot be used to meet regular club expenses.

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SENIOR WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

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

The Board also offers a number of safeguarding courses. These do not take a long time to complete but are very important for anyone in a position of responsibility in grassroots cricket.