

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One – June 1:

[Lindow 202-4 \(37\), Chester Boughton Hall 141-7 \(37\)](#)

Chester Boughton Hall became the last team in the top-flight to lose their unbeaten record, while Lindow hit the top spot for the first time this year here. For the second week in succession, Heidi Cheadle reached three figures, and on this occasion stayed unbeaten with a score of 125 as the Wilmslow club topped three figures. Tanvee Karasagod-Pallath's 28 was the top score in the second innings as the Lindow attack kept a tight rein on things, with Faye Smith's 2-14 in eight overs the standout performance.

[Leigh 180-5 \(37\), Oakmere 181-4 \(36.3\)](#)

Title defenders Leigh slipped to a second defeat of the year as Kerry Hartnett's unbeaten 78 guided Oakmere to victory in the final over. Adelaide Mather's 118 from as many deliveries in the first innings thus proved to be in vain.

[Stockport Georgians 93, Didsbury 94-3](#)

Jodie Filer took 7-17 to join the limited list of bowlers in league history who have taken seven in a single match. After a stuttering start, Didsbury were guided home by Emily Wilkins (51*) and Ellie Micklewright (33).

June 8:

[Lindow 228-6 \(38\), Stockport Georgians 134-6 \(29.3\)](#)

Lindow cemented their lead with this win on faster run rate. Heidi Cheadle made 101 this time, from 89 balls, with 15 fours and a six, making it her third league century in succession. Oakmere's Shami Ahmed has previously achieved this 'hat-trick', but her three tons in succession spanned two seasons. Holly Topp supported her with 79, before Georgians top order suffered at the hands of Emily Page. She later returned to complete her five-wicket haul, and despite Gaby McKeever's 48, Georgians were always behind the required rate.

[Didsbury 232-6, Nantwich 173-9](#)

Another matchwinning centurion today as Roshini Prince-Navaratnam, who remained unbeaten on 108 from 96 deliveries as her Didsbury team racked up an imposing total. Beth Hughes' three wickets engineered a brief collapse at 101-5, before the Cheshire captain received the support of Jessye Sadler and Helen Johnson to boost the total. Hughes delivered the top score of the second innings, with 45, but Nantwich never threatened to pull off this big chase.

[Leyland 144-8, Chester Boughton Hall 128](#)

A second league win of the year for Leyland, achieved despite failing to capitalize on a very good start to their own innings. Olivia Cunliffe and Matilda MacLeod took them to 67-0, before Shree Dayama and Carys Lambe took charge with the ball. Charlotte Whitaker's 5-23 then delivered the coup de grace as Chester were dismissed short of the required total, despite Lambe continuing her excellent match with 37.

[Oakmere 47, Leigh 53-1](#)

This was altogether very different from the reverse fixture. Lucy Page took three early wickets and Oakmere never really put any partnerships together after that. Leigh completed the chase inside 10 overs with an unbeaten 31 from Ellie Mason.

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Division Two – June 1:

[Upton 222-5, Greenfield 167-2](#)

Upton made it four wins from four here. Lily Scudder (96) and Charlie Scudder (63) both scored at better than a run per ball and added 121 together for the third wicket. Helen Smith contributed an unbeaten 61 in reply but her side fell well short of the target.

[Didsbury 2nd XI 98, Hayfield 78](#)

Didsbury maintained their 100 per cent record in completed matches, but Hayfield were just nine runs short of their revised target in this rain affected match. Hayfield's Emily Bell finished with a fine return of 5-11 in five overs, before another fine bowling performance in the second innings proved crucial for the result, as Louise Hevican took 4-13.

June 8:

[Hayfield 110-7 \(33\), Northop Hall 111-2 \(27.5\)](#)

Hayfield are still looking for a first win, as despite the loss of two early wickets, Northop Hall comfortably completed their chase via an unbroken stand of 95 from Hollie Sigsworth and Laura Nicholls.

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Division Three East

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

Woodley v Lindow 2nd XI – no play due to rain on original date of 8/6

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Division Four West – June 1:

[Lymm Oughtrington Park 105-4, Grappenhall 106-6](#)

Grappenhall moved to the top of the table, albeit having played the most matches. Bev Rosbottom's 2-9 in four overs was the standout bowling contribution as they restricted Lymm to little more than 100 and then completed their chase with four overs to spare.

[Kingsley 143-5, Oxton 103-5](#)

A big total for Kingsley as they recorded a second league win. Tarryn-Lee Warman made 30 from 22 balls as part of a strong middle order effort. Molly Price's 33 from 33 balls in reply thus proved to be in vain.

[Runcorn 138-6, Wistaston Village 77](#)

Runcorn also scored big, but things weren't going their way initially as Anna Bourne took 4-9 and left them reeling at 30-6. Sarah O'Connor then made 31 retired and Cassie Kennedy-Nation and Hayley Rose remained unbeaten in a significant partnership as the score was boosted by 108 for no further loss. Kennedy-Nation wasn't finished there either, with a 3-9 bowling return completing her fine day.

June 4:

[Kingsley 139-7, Elworth 133-8](#)

Kingsley stayed unbeaten, although they needed Tarryn Warman and Jen Hobson to fire them to a big total after initially slumping to 30-5. Liels Gildea's 31 retired from 18 balls got the reply off to a good start, but Elworth's innings fell away a little in the later stages and they finished just short of the target.

June 8:

[Wistaston Village 53, Runcorn 54-7](#)

Despite being made to fight all the way to their low target, Runcorn prevailed to maintain their unbeaten record.

[Oxton 128-4, Grappenhall 116-7](#)

A first win since their reformation for the Oxton team. Lucy Andrews and Molly Price played their part in posting a formidable total and, despite Nicky Oyler's best effort 5s, Grappenhall fell short.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

Kingsley v Runcorn – Kingsley unable to fulfil fixture on original date of 18/5

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Division Four East – June 2:

[Lindow 3rd XI 115-7, Stockport 119-1](#)

Sarah Vickers and Leah Kimm were in the runs as Stockport decisively recorded their first win of the year.

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Division Four South East – June 1

[Lindow Development XI 91-3, Macclesfield 2nd XI 92-2](#)

Ponshirly Jayabalan's 30 retired from 31 balls led the way in a comfortable Macclesfield chase.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

New Mills & High Peak North v North East Cheshire – NE Cheshire unable to fulfil fixture on original date of 11/5

Langley v Buxton 2nd XI – no play due to rain on original date of 28/5

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Division 5

Widnes, Aston, Sale, Macclesfield, Romily, New Brighton and Old Parkonians all remain unbeaten across the six softball divisions.

Permanent transfers for remainder of season:

Liv Byrne – Lindow to Didsbury

Overseas player registrations:

Kashmira Shinde (Didsbury), India.

Bonus Points

The new facility on Play Cricket that automatically calculates bonus points has now been set up. It is no longer possible for club or league results administrators to make entries in the usual bonus point boxes.

There are, however, several situations to be mindful of:

Division 3 matches played over 20 overs per side. Here, the home team needs to change the entry in the Scheduled Overs box to 20 to ensure that batting points are calculated according to the correct run rate.

Reduced Overs Matches. If the number of overs available to the batting side is reduced due to ground or weather conditions, the home team needs to change the entry in the Scheduled Overs box to the appropriate revised figure to ensure that batting points are calculated according to the correct run rate.

Abandoned Matches. If the result is 'abandoned' i.e. play commenced but there was insufficient play for a result, then an adjustment may need to be made. If the innings ran to at least 10 overs in Division 1, nine overs in Division 2, eight overs in a 30 over Division 3 match or five overs in a Division 3 or 4 match played over 20 overs, then no action is required. If the innings was curtailed prior to this, you need to make a request to a league administrator for a manual adjustment to ensure that no batting or bowling points are allocated for that innings.

Officials

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

These include a new Umpires course at Woodley CC on the evenings of May 27 and June 10 from 1800 to 2130. The total cost is £70 but when you umpire any five matches (whether it's 50 overs or 16 softball overs or anything in between) you can register this with Cheshire Cricket Board and you will receive £35 of this cost as a refund. You will also get a free shirt, a few other goodies and the invitation to become a member of ECB ACO, which is free for the first year (another £30 saving). As a member you are insured (personal injury and some legal cover) from the moment you go to a match to when you are finished. The course is interactive and fun, you'll learn a lot about the game and how to umpire at certain situations and be safe at either bowler's or striker's end.

There is also a female only evening course at Bowdon Vale CC. This is not an official umpire or scorer course, but it gives a bit of insight into some of the main rules, takes away some myths

and covers some basic scoring and umpiring tips. The date to mark in your diary here is June 12 from 1900 to 2130. Bookings for this free course can also be made via the link above.

As communicated at the pre-season captains meeting, Division 1 of the CWCL will move to a system of appointed umpires from 2026. To be ready for this clubs need to ensure umpires are in an appointed listing, hold ACO membership (which includes DBS). Umpires may wish to attend refresher training, and these are promoted here when appropriate and across ECB Facebook pages including the [Women and Girls Cricket in Cheshire page](#).

How ready do you feel for the changes coming in 2026? What do you need help with - how to get on appointed list, or any other questions? Watch this space for dates for face-to-face and virtual session to help Division 1 teams prepare for this change. Please share any feedback and Emma Mallinson, the League's Umpires Representative, will also be delighted to answer any questions.

Fast Bowling Directive

The ECB restrictions on the number of overs that can be bowled by a fast bowler have been revised. A bowler is defined as 'fast' if it would be expected that an average wicketkeeper would normally stand back to their bowling.

Under 15 bowlers can only bowl five overs in a spell, with those in the Under 13 age group also restricted 10 overs in a day. Under 14 and Under 15 bowlers can bowl 12 overs in a day – remember that these are 'per day' restrictions and not 'per match', which may be relevant if a player features in two matches on the same day.

Under 16 and Under 17 bowlers can bowl six overs in a spell and 15 in a day.

Under 18 and Under 19 bowlers can bowl six overs in a spell and 18 in a day.

In any seven-day period, it is recommended there should be a maximum of four bowling days with only one instance of bowling on consecutive days.

The target maximum overs per week is 20 for an Under 13, 24 for an Under 15, 26 for an Under 17 and 28 for an Under 19.

Transgender Policy

Following the recent changes to the ECB's transgender policy, we would like to highlight this section from the national governing body's [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document on this subject:

Q: What support is available for transgender player(s) who are impacted by this?

A: People can contact feedback@ecb.co.uk and the email will be passed to a relevant member of ECB staff who can discuss their individual circumstances and the support which they might require. Alternatively, if preferred, the ECB will connect individuals to LGBTQ+ organisations who are also able to provide support.

League Disciplinary Officer

Chris Robinson has announced her intention to stand down from this role, meaning that a replacement will be required by the time of the next AGM in November. This role is essentially the liaison between the League and the Disciplinary Committee that is chaired by Derek Barnett. If a

volunteer can be identified at this stage, then Chris is willing to work with that person and provide a formal handover over the coming months.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the league committee will be on Wednesday August 6 and it is once again likely to be held remotely.

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T20 CHAMPIONSHIP

June 3:

[Chester Boughton Hall Deemons 88-8, Stockport Georgians 89-5](#)

Gracie Whittle's 2-11 was the most impressive bowling return as Chester's batting was kept in check for most of their 20 overs. Georgians stumbled to 33-3 before Skye Thomas and Lucy Neill added another 45 without mishap.

[Nantwich Vipers 117-4, Lindow 121-2](#)

Lindow achieved their second win of the competition with a startling nine runs per over run chase, with Heidi Cheadle and Carys White to the fore. Morganne Prince and Bethan Hughes were Nantwich's top scorers, while in this batter dominated game, the bowling efforts of Lindow's Amy Seddon (1-12 in four overs) and Nantwich's Grace Carter (2-17) also stand out. Nantwich's bid to retain the crown looks to be over after this second defeat.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

Didsbury v Oakmere – no play due to rain on original date of 5/6

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LEAGUE TABLES

[All CWCL Tables](#)

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KNOCKOUT CUPS

Development Knockout Round Two – May 28:

[Lindow 2nd XI 133-3, Stockport 22](#)

With Louise Long and Hannah Kirk making rapid 30s, and Jo Seddon and Bethany Seddon enjoying success with the ball, Lindow made light work of Stockport to book their place in the last eight.

June 1:

[Whalley Range 179-4, Hawk Green 59](#)

Whalley Range continued their very strong start to life in the league's competitions and an intriguing clash with Lindow seconds now lies ahead. The Manchester club's top five all reached the retirement score of 30, but Nafeesa Haddad's 33 from nine balls is the one that really stands out. Sanjivani Kappor took 3-1 in the reply.

June 2:

[Nantwich 2nd XI 107-5, Oakmere 2nd XI 109-2](#)

Abi Lamidey and Emily Faulkner knocked off a good portion of this target as they opened the Oakmere reply, and a comfortable win followed.

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

Plate National Round One – June 8:

[Whalley Range 113-7, Fleetwood 43](#)

A thumping win as Whalley Range very much took their CWCL form into the national competition.

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Metro Bank Women's One Day Cup Tier 3 Division 1 – June 1:

[Staffordshire 183, Cheshire 184-6](#)

Cheshire made it two from three in this 50-over competition, firstly via impressive bowling returns from Hannah Marshall, Amy Seddon and Ellie Mason; and secondly via Mason's 86 at the top of the order anchoring the run chase.

Lancashire are the first trophy winners of the new professional county era, but [you might say they owe a lot to Cheshire](#)? Opinions here are mine and not necessarily representative of the League Committee as a whole. Another former CWCL player involved in the final was Gabi Brown, with the former Romiley player selected to officiate in her first final.