

Division One – June 15:

Chester moved to the top of the table here, albeit having played more matches than Lindow. Morganne Prince top scored with 38 in the first innings, but with Meg Cureton taking 3-26 and Jessica Jones 2-6, Nantwich failed to reach 100. Grace Carter's five-wicket haul made life difficult during the run chase, but Boughton Hall prevailed by three wickets – Katie Bennett top scoring with 29.

Another one to add to the list of close finishes in division one this year, and it was Didsbury who narrowly missed out on a win for the second time this year. Their last pair of Jessye Sadler and Louise Hevican added 15 runs, but not the one more that was needed to secure a tie or the two that were needed to win, with the match ending with a run out from the penultimate ball. Possibly what made the difference here was Leigh's fielding display, and while the outstanding outfield catch from Lucy Page stands out as the 'champagne moment', the rest of the catching and the ground fielding were both near faultless. Didsbury looked to be in a great position when Leigh were reduced to 90-7 with Danielle Collins back in the pavilion for 51. Hannah Hones took 3-10 for Didsbury during this period. Olivia McCusker and Elizabeth Brown then added a vital 41 for the eighth wicket, and the pair would later bag five wickets between them.

Leyland made it back-to-back wins after beating Oakmere with more than 11 overs to spare. Rachel Warrenger stood firm in the first innings with 37 not out from 139 balls as wickets fell around her. Lowri Whitaker (2-9 in five overs) and Olivia Cunliffe (1-10 in six) returned some of the most impressive figures as Leyland kept a tight rein on the Oakmere scoring rate. Cunliffe's 33 was the top score as Leyland won comfortably, despite Sarah Worsdale's three wickets.

June 22:

Chester cemented their lead by beating the same opposition seven days later. Again Nantwich failed to reach three figures batting first, with Shree Dayama returning fine figures once again with 3-15. This time, Boughton Hall eased to the victory target with 22 overs to spare as Katie Bennett and Tanvee Kasaragod-Pallath scored 70 runs for the first wicket.

Division Two – June 15:

Didsbury prevailed in the first clash of the year between the two unbeaten teams in this division. Marianne Lea took 3-8 in six overs in the first innings, and Lucy Mansfield's 45 not out anchored a comfortable run chase.

[Greenfield 105, Hayfield 108-7](#)

Hayfield came out on top in the match between the two teams previously without a win. Emily Bell's 3-8 return damaged Greenfield's efforts to post a higher score, and Sarah McCann's 38 played a vital role in the reply following the loss of three early wickets to Megan Russell and Alanya Thorpe.

June 22:

[Greenfield 156-2 \(32\), Northop Hall 157-1 \(21.4\)](#)

More impressive batting for Northop Hal as they served notice that they are not to be counted out of the title race. Megan Russell's 108 not out from 107 balls was in vain as Holly Sigsworth finished 69 not out in the reply, supported by 34 from Alys Evans and 23 not out from Poppy Smith.

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Division Three West – June 10:

[Nantwich 2nd XI 106-4, Oakmere 2nd XI 110-2](#)

Layla Dwyer dismissed both Nantwich openers for zero and although they recovered via Beatrice Harris (41) and Sophie Winward (31), Oakmere had little difficulty chasing down the target with five overs in hand.

June 16:

[Nantwich 2nd XI 112-2, Oakmere 2nd XI 110-2](#)

Nantwich reversed the earlier result here in a much closer encounter. Sophie Winward made 44 not out this time and Emily Faulkner and Layla Dwyer both reached the 30s but could not quite see Oakmere home.

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Division Three East – June 15:

[Lindow 2nd XI 200-4, Buxton 70](#)

Claire Ashworth hit 85 from 60 balls as Lindow racked up a formidable total and secured a third win from three. Jo Seddon's bowling then claimed several Buxton wickets early in the reply.

[Heaton Mersey & Cheadle 113, Macclesfield 115-9](#)

Ann Tomi hit 54 for Heaton Mersey & Cheadle, but she attracted little support, and this proved to be almost half of the final total. Annabelle Morton's 49 was a similarly dominant score in the Macclesfield reply as Ellie Pagan's spell of 4-13 made this run chase difficult.

June 19:

[Stockport Georgians 2nd XI 95, Macclesfield 86](#)

Emilia Maddison's 23 helped Georgians recover from 18-4 and ultimately her side came out on top, with Beth Tittensor taking 4-10 in the second innings.

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 15:

[Lymm Oughtrington Park 59-4, Runcorn 60-2](#)

Runcorn decisively maintained their 100 per cent record, with a tight bowling display, followed by a dominant 29 not out from Steph Woodstock.

[Grappenhall 109-5, Kingsley 80](#)

Runcorn are now the only unbeaten team in the division after this loss from Kingsley. Cheska Hales was once again in the runs for Grappenhall.

[Elworth 95-4, Wistaston Village 93-8](#)

Liesl Gildea and Jen Regan were in the runs for Elworth to take them to a total that proved just too much for Wistaston.

June 18:

[Kingsley 92-6, Runcorn 96-9](#)

Runcorn maintained their 100 per cent league record by the smallest of margins, with the last pair striking the winning runs in the final over. Hayley Rose played a vital role at number nine with 25 from 15 balls as part of a last wicket stand of 39 with Jenny Faulkner. It all meant Tarryn Warman's 26 and 4-11 for Kingsley proved to be in vain.

[Wistaston Village 126-5, Elworth 124-6](#)

Another close encounter here, with Wistaston prevailing and reaching a good total despite no individual batter reaching 20. Rosie Richardson top scored for Elworth, but they fell just short.

June 22:

[Grappenhall 122-6, Oxton 112-3](#)

Nicki Oyler's 32 was the top score as Grappenhall posted what was ultimately a winning total. Molly Price also reached the retirement score in reply as Oxton fell just short.

[Wistaston Village 77-5, Kingsley 78-5](#)

A comfortable chase for Kingsley, achieved with five overs in hand. Nicki Jarvis rescued Wistaston from a difficult start and Anna Bourne then took 3-8 in the second innings, but Tarryn-Lee Warman's 30 guided Kingsley to victory.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

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

Division Four East – June 12:

[Didsbury 3rd XI 66-8, Stockport 67-6](#)

Annie Shaw's 3-7 return kept Didsbury down to a modest total. Despite Liv Byrne's 3-10 in the second innings and having no individual score above 14, Stockport got home in the final over.

June 15:

[Brooklands 150-2, Lindow 3rd XI 54](#)

A third win of the year for Brooklands, achieved by a significant margin, with Kiko Tazaki-Quayle their top scorer.

June 16:

[Toft 53, Stockport 54-1](#)

After a difficult start, Stockport have now won the last three matches. They did so in style here, racing to 54 in six overs, with Katie Billings making 29 of these.

June 17:

[Stockport Georgians 3rd XI 91-5, Didsbury 3rd XI 69](#)

Hermione Trotter and Esme Halford were the top scorers for Georgians, before a great return of 3-1 from Poppy Furness helped dismiss Didsbury.

Sadly Toft have withdrawn from this division, so their remaining scheduled fixtures will not take place.

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Division Four South East – June 9:

[Langley 104-0, Buxton 2nd XI 94-6](#)

Jenny Wallace and Edie Nightingale both reached 30 retired as Langley won the match without losing a wicket.

June 15:

[Langley 67, North East Cheshire 68-7](#)

Two outstanding bowling efforts combined to dismiss Langley cheaply and set up another win for unbeaten North East. Rebecca Scholes needed just 17 balls to take five wickets for seven runs, while Sian Avery-Lofthouse contributed 4-10. Ivy Floyd's 17 not out helped them over the line after they had been reduced to 39-6 in reply.

June 17:

[Hawk Green 86-7, Langley 87-1](#)

Langley raced to their target at almost eight per over, spearheaded by Jenny Wallace's 29 from 28 balls.

June 18:

[Langley 95-8, Lindow Development XI 96-3](#)

It was a different story for Langley the following day as they were kept down to a two-figure total. Harriet Ashurst took just 18 balls to reach 30 retired in the Lindow reply.

June 22:

[Macclesfield 2nd XI 118-5, Hawk Green 87](#)

Autumn Greensmith was in the runs as Macclesfield stayed unbeaten.

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

Macclesfield 2nd XI v New Mills & High Peak North - no play due to rain on original date of 8/6

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League Umpires & Scorers Officer and Lindow 3rd XI captain Emma Mallinson recently umpired in partnership with League Competitions Secretary and Oakmere player Carol Ingham. They became the first all-female umpire partnership for a Cheshire men's league fixture.

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T20 CHAMPIONSHIP

June 9:

[Lindow 161-4, Oakmere 106-5](#)

Holly Topp's 42 retired got Lindow off to a good start, then Libby Ackerley (32* from 13 balls) was amongst those contributing in the latter part of the innings to take them to a formidable total. Rachel Warrenger top scored with 37 in the reply, but Oakmere were never really in the hunt.

June 10:

[Chester Boughton Hall Deemons 100-6, Didsbury Swordettes 104-3](#)

Chester reached 69-1, with Georgia Munro giving them some early impetus, but their final total of 100 certainly has to be regarded as below par given the advances made by clubs in recent years. Pooja Singh's 2-9 was the most eye-catching analysis in the second half of the innings. Emily Wilkins got Didsbury's reply off to a good start and Roshini Prince-Navaratnam's 26 not out finished the job.

June 12:

[Nantwich Vipers 139-2, Stockport Georgians 142-7](#)

Georgians maintained an interest in the title race by pulling off the highest successful run chase in tournament history. Amelia Sammons and Skye Thomas got the chase off to a fine start and it was Bethany Evans who saw them home as regular wickets began to fall.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

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

LEAGUE TABLES

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KNOCKOUT CUPS

Development Knockout Round Two – June 10:

[Stockport Georgians 2nd XI 82-4, Woodley 65-6](#)

Georgians prevailed in a low scoring encounter, where the top scoring batters were Georgians' Esme Halford (25) and Woodley's Amanda Gettins (24). The best bowling figures were definitely on the Stockport side though, with Blythe Beckett taking 4-9 and Neve Boon finishing her four overs with 1-3.

June 17:

[Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 94-6, Alvanley 95-7](#)

Alvanley prevailed in a tense clash between two of the fancied teams in this competition. Bella Williams' 32 from 28 balls was the only significant individual score from Chester and Williams would later take two wickets as Alvanley kept ahead of the required rate but lost regular wickets. They eventually got home with an over to spare, with Isla Entwistle top scoring on 24.

June 19:

[Buxton 119-4, Brooklands 101-7](#)

Brooklands reply started well with 30 from 18 balls from Lily Robinson, but from 50-1 after six, things fell away after that. Caitlin McClurg – who also made 30 from 18 in the first innings - bowled some tight overs at the death.

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

Thunder Cup Group 1 – June 22:

[Ramsbottom 145-9, Stockport Georgians dnb](#)

The weather didn't allow a result in either match in this group, where both of the CWCL sides were on top when the rain came. Holly Batey's 3-18 was the best performance in a match between the two semi-finalists from this group.

[Didsbury 224-3, Edgworth dnb](#)

Didsbury were racing along at more than six runs per over here. Holly McCurrie made 46 and Hannah Jones (52*) and Hannah Marshall (42*) were enjoying an unbroken century stand.

Thunder Cup Group 2 – June 22:

[Leigh 317-7 \(50\), Lindow 203-5 \(33.2\)](#)

Leigh turned on the style to claim a Duckworth-Lewis-Stern win in a match between two teams who had already qualified for the semi-finals. England Under 19 star Olivia Brinsden – one of the Thunder Academy players allocated to Leigh for this competition – made 63, but the top score was Lucy Page's 68. Danielle Collins, Ellie Mason and Peyton Hulme were also in the runs as they racked up a big total. Despite Libby Ackerley's 74, Lindow fell short in a reply that was twice interrupted by rain.

[Sefton Park 74-5, Leyland dnb](#)

Precious little action here sadly as rain had the last word.

National Knockout Northern Quarter-Final – June 22:

[Lindow 101-4, Stockport Georgians 102-1](#)

Both clubs fielded largely second string sides as their better known players were in Thunder Cup action. Georgians raced to victory in little more than half of the available 20 overs, led by Hannah Wilke's 54 from 31 balls.

Plate National Round One – June 12:

[Hightown St Mary's 41-7 \(17\), Leyland 42-1 \(5.4\)](#)

Lowri Whitaker bowled her four overs for no runs and took three wickets into the bargain as Leyland kept a tight rein on Hightown throughout the innings. Grace Nuttall then made 33 of the 42 runs scored in a comfortable run chase.

Round Two – June 22:

[Whalley Range 98, Leyland 101-6](#)

The two remaining CWCL teams met here, and the fourth division side managed to worry their top division opponents a little, especially when it was 16-3 early in the reply. Hannah Cook took 4-16 for Leyland and Hannah Price 3-21 for Whalley Range. Isobel Cordingley's 46 not out proved to be the vital contribution for Leyland.

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Vitality Blast Women's League 3 Division 1 North – June 16:

[Buckinghamshire 170-5, Cheshire 111-7](#)

After pegging Bucks back to 100-5 with five overs to go, Cheshire were hit by a blast from Cara Duggan in the closing overs, as she made 38 from 15 balls to ensure another 70 were added. Faced with the need to score at 8.5 runs per over, Cheshire lost a flurry of early wickets, three of them to Natasha MacBean, and only put a stand together once the game was over as a contest. Charlotte Neal top scored with 25 not out.

[Buckinghamshire 107-7, Cheshire 108-1](#)

The second game of the day saw a real turnaround, as some of the bowlers who were very expensive earlier turned in miserly spells. Hannah Marshall, who escaped much of the punishment in the morning match, was again in fine form with a 2-11 return. Amy Seddon (1-9 in three overs) and Emily Page (3-18) put their travails from the first match behind then to play a key role in restricting Bucks to a modest total. Cheshire's second wicket pair of Roshini Prince-Navaratnam and Grace Michell started cautiously, before accelerating at the right time, and with scores of 62 and 27 respectively were able to see Cheshire home in the final over.