

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One – June 29:

[Leigh 176, Leyland 179-7](#)

In previous seasons no team has won the league with three defeats, and if that is maintained this year, Leigh will not be retaining their title. Hannah Cook and Emma Duerden each took three wickets to restrict the champions, whose top scorer was Danielle Collins with 48. Isobel Cordingley's 60 led the way for Leyland in reply and Hannah Snape's 25 not out completed the job after a brief collapse had given Leigh hope.

[Nantwich 156-5, Lindow 157-0](#)

The teams in the box seat for now are Chester, with two defeats, and Lindow, who have still lost just the one. The Wilmslow club's openers eased past their target against a Nantwich team who still have just one win across all competitions. Beth Hughes top scored for Nantwich with 49, before the explosive batting of Holly Topp (75*) and Heidi Cheadle (73*) completed the win inside 20 overs. You suspect that Cheadle may well have made her fourth league century in succession had her side not got over the line earlier?

[Stockport Georgians 139, Oakmere 140-3](#)

Oakmere secured a potentially vital victory in the bottom half of the table here. Georgians started rapidly – in an innings where Gracie Whittle was the top scorer with 42, the really rapid scoring came from Amelia Sammons, who reached 37 from 23 balls before falling to the bowling of Annie Rashid, the former Appleton player who is the league's all-time leading wicket taker and who was making a first appearance for her new club. Emily Faulkner took 3-14 in the middle order as the Georgians batting fell away. Natalie Lyons wasted no time in getting into her groove when opening the batting in reply and it was her stand of 86 for the second wicket with Rachel Warrenger that really saw the Northwich club take charge of the game. Lyons eventually fell for 73 from 99 balls with three sixes.

July 6:

[Didsbury 134, Lindow 138-0](#)

Didsbury were struggling early on here at 19-3 after Emily Page's opening salvo. Their final total was boosted by Roshini Prince-Navaratnam's 54, but it was always doubtful whether 134 would be competitive. Perhaps what wasn't expected was that there would be time for Heidi Cheadle to complete a fourth century in five matches. Holly Topp is a fine player in her own right who has enjoyed not inconsiderable success in the league, but here she was content to play second fiddle with 22 from 43 balls as Cheadle well and truly lit up a gloomy afternoon in Wilmslow from the other end. Her final remarkable total was 107 from 62 balls with 20 fours and two sixes, with the century itself coming from 58 deliveries, and was this one of the league's all-time greatest innings?

[Leigh 222-4, Chester Boughton Hall 205-7](#)

Ellie Mason's 82 led the way to a fine total for Leigh, with Sophie Heaton contributing 67 not out. It all left Chester facing a record chase to win the match, and at 0-2 after eight balls, a comprehensive Leigh win was on the cards. That the champions were made to sweat on their victory was a remarkable effort from Chester thereafter, with Holly Mayers top scoring with 73, Holly Cooke making 59 and Georgia Munro 37. It took Chester to the 'three losses' mark as well,

so if the previous years can be used as a benchmark, Lindow are in a title race of one, having just a single defeat. One suspects there may be more twists over the next two months though.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

Stockport Georgians v Nantwich – abandoned due to exceptional circumstances on original date of 6/7

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Division Two – June 29:

[Upton 154, Northop Hall 123-6](#)

The winner here was always set to go top of the table, albeit having played a game more than Didsbury seconds. Lily Scudder made 63 for Upton and Alexa Harrison's 2-13 was the best analysis in the second innings as Upton's attack kept in check a Northop Hall batting line up that had been in prolific form prior to this.

[Greenfield 111, Hayfield 112-6](#)

Alice Dyson's 5-21 and Bo Singleton's 4-20 set up the run chase and then Gillian Spragg played the vital role with 35 not out to see Hayfield to a second win. Lily Bailey took 3-13 and Beth Garforth hit 37 in defeat for Greenfield.

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Division Three West – June 24:

[Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 130-3, Oakmere 2nd XI 110-6](#)

Tanvee Kasaragod Pallath made 55 and Shree Dayama 35 as Chester posted a formidable total. Layla Dwyer made 55 in the reply, but Dayama took two cheap wickets to help ensure Oakmere fell short.

June 29:

[Alvanley 76, Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 77-5](#)

An all-round Chester bowling performance paved the way for this victory, as they used eight bowlers, none of whom bowled more than 25 balls, and seven of them took at least one wicket, indeed Zavial Payne was the only one to claim a second scalp. Tanvee Karasagod-Pallath top scored with 30 in the second innings as they eased home, despite Emma Powell's 3-18.

June 30:

[Nantwich 2nd XI 89-5, Oakmere 2nd XI 88-4](#)

The three matches between Nantwich and Oakmere in this division are now complete, and while one was a comfortable win for Oakmere, the other two have both gone Nantwich's way after some close finishes. Emily Faulkner of Oakmere was the top scorer on either side with just 25 as the bowlers held sway, with perhaps the crucial contribution being the 1-7 in four overs from Nantwich's Emily Mason.

July 2:

[Alvanley 100-4, Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 94-3](#)

Sarah Auterson top scored with 33 as Alvanley moved top of the table with a narrow win. Charlie Baratt's 2-10 in four overs was one of the crucial bowling contributions in the second innings – although Ffion Jones and Shana Kelly added 65 for the fourth wicket, they couldn't score the seven more that were required.

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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

Buxton v Heaton Mersey & Cheadle – insufficient play for a result due to rain on original date of 22/6

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Division Four West – July 6:

[Oxton 19, Kingsley 22-1](#)

A quick affair here for sure, with Jen Hobson and Mandy Dorrell taking two quick wickets alongside a raft of run outs.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

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

Grappenhall v Lymm - Lymm unable to fulfil fixture on original date of 16/6

Lymm v Elworth – Elworth unable to fulfil fixture on original date of 22/6

Kingsley v Elworth – Elworth unable to fulfil fixture on original date of 29/6

Runcorn v Elworth – no play due to rain on original date of 6/7

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Division Four East – June 26:

[Whalley Range 138-3, Stockport Georgians 3rd XI 61-8](#)

Whalley Range go marching on, convincingly beating the previously unbeaten Georgians thirds. Noreen Latif, Sairah Zafar and Hannah Price all made unbeaten 30s here. Rabia Malik recorded an impressive analysis of three wickets for three runs.

June 29:

[Whalley Range 150-4, Lindow 3rd XI 14](#)

Whalley Range's fifth league win was their biggest yet, with Hannah Price following up her 30 retired with six wickets for seven runs. Nafeesa Haddad, Dua Batool and Nida Bano all played their part in racking up a big total.

[Didsbury 3rd XI 64, Brooklands 66-1](#)

Brooklands are also going well in this division and have only a single defeat to their name. Here they comprehensively beat Didsbury, with Yashvi Parmar taking 3-3 and the consistent Lily Robinson anchoring the chase.

[Stockport 75, Stockport Georgians 3rd XI 79-3](#)

Blythe Beckett recorded the best figures of the nine Georgians bowlers and then made an unbeaten 33 from 30 balls in the rapidly completed chase.

July 2:

[Lindow 3rd XI 74-7, Didsbury 3rd XI 75-1](#)

A second win of the year for Didsbury, inspired by Joely Hopper's 2-3 in four overs. Sophie Davies top scored with 26 in the reply.

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Division Four South East – June 29:

[Buxton 2nd XI 78-7, North East Cheshire 79-3](#)

North East made it four wins from four at the top of the table. Once again, Becky Scholes (32 retired and 2-7) and Sian Avery-Lofthouse (3-7) played prominent roles.

[New Mills and High Peak North 109-5, Hawk Green 68](#)

Two more teams maintained 100 per cent records in this division today. Rachel Monteath was their top scorer with good support from Hannah Rowe. Rebecca Edmundson reached the 20s in reply, but Hawk Green fell well short.

[Macclesfield 2nd XI 98-6, Langley 78-4](#)

Poonshirly Jayabalan top scored in the first innings and Macclesfield then ensured victory with a miserly bowling show.

July 6:

[North East Cheshire 117-3, New Mills & High Peak North 85](#)

North East won this match between two teams who previously had 100 per cent records, and once again Rebecca Scholes was to the fore, making 31 from 17 balls and being joined on the retirement score by Fiona Smythe. Scholes then took 3-13 in a reply where Rachel Monteath scored almost half of the runs.

[Lindow Development XI 114-4, Hawk Green 80-4](#)

Harriet Ashurst from Lindow and Richmal Giles from Hawk Green were the top scorers here, but Ashurst and her Lindow colleagues scored at a much faster rate.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

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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T20 CHAMPIONSHIP

July 2:

[Didsbury Swordettes 156-2, Lindow 117-6](#)

After victories in previous rounds where they chased 113 in 14 overs and 121 in 13.2 overs, as well as scoring 161 batting first, it all looked set for Lindow to wrap up the title here. Didsbury really did have other ideas though, scoring rapidly from the start with one run per ball 40s from Emily Wilkins and Hannah Jones. Roshini Prince-Navaratnam went further than that though with 42 from 23 balls. Lindow's previous efforts suggested they were well capable of overhauling 156, but scoreboard pressure well and truly told. In the middle of a remarkable run of scoring in the main league competition, Heidi Cheadle was removed here for a single figure score to the bowling of Jodie Filer and numbers three to five also made single figure scores as Didsbury turned the screw tighter. Holly Topp's 43 from 42 balls was the only score of substance as Lindow fell well short.

July 3:

[Stockport Georgians 151-2, Oakmere Kats 121-8](#)

Hannah Wilke, Tess Bailey and Manvi Rajshetty all scored rapidly as Georgians topped 152, and they eventually won with a degree of comfort despite a brisk start by Oakmere in reply. After Lindow's defeat, Didsbury will be crowned champions if they beat Georgians on July 17, while a win for the Stockport side will keep alive the possibility of a three-way tie at the top between Lindow, Georgians and Didsbury, where the trophy winners would be decided by net run rate.

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LEAGUE TABLES

[All CWCL Tables](#)

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KNOCKOUT CUPS

Development Knockout Quarter Final – July 1:

[Kingsley 109-6, Alvanley 111-2](#)

Both sides were able to accelerate their scoring rate after slow starts. Tarry Warman supplied quick runs for Kingsley and Isla Entwistle supplied the crucial impetus to ensure Alvanley avoided being on the wrong end of an upset.

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

National Knockout Northern Semi-Final – July 6:

[Ramsbottom 179-1, Stockport Georgians 36](#)

Once again fielding a second-string side due to league commitments, Georgians were outgunned here by the Lancashire League powerhouse team. Maeve Jones' 85 not out from 62 balls set the tone for the afternoon and Evie Bennett took 4-4 in the reply.

Plate National Semi-Final North – June 30:

[Blyth 102-4, Leyland 104-1](#)

Leyland are the last CWCL team in a national competition after a comfortable win here. Abigail Hannan's 70 not out dominated the Blyth innings, but Olivia Cunliffe was in fine form during the reply with an unbeaten 61 from 36 balls.

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Vitality Blast Women's League 3 Division 1 North – June 29:

[Cheshire 157-5, Staffordshire 150-7](#)

Emily Wilkins' 64 from 42 balls led the way to a very solid Cheshire total, with Megan Cureton (48) keeping her company to add 111 for the second wicket. Ellie Mason's 2-18 was the best bowling analysis in the reply as Cheshire hung on.

[Cheshire 97-8, Staffordshire 99-7](#)

Once again it was won one lost one from a T20 double header. In a rather different start to the second game, Cheshire found themselves 0-2 after three balls and never really recovered. Lauren Kenvyn, a familiar face from the CWCL, did a lot of the damage with 3-18. Staffs were indebted to Lydia Perry in their stuttering reply, with Mason's 2-17 amongst the bowling performances that made life difficult.