

The coming two weeks see both of the League's principal annual showpiece occasions take place: Look forward to seeing you – there will be a bar facility at both matches and Hale Barns will have food available for purchase at the finals.

Annual League XII v MCC fixture, Alvanley, August 28 @ 1130

The following players have been selected for the League XII:

Emily Wilkins (c, Didsbury)
Holly Topp (wk, Lindow)
Heidi Cheadle (Lindow)
Shree Dayama (Chester BH)
Isla Entwistle (Alvanley)
Peyton Hulme (Leigh)
Hannah Marshall (Didsbury)
Adelaide Mather (Leigh)
Abbey Mayers (Chester BH)
Lucy Page (Leigh)
Charlie Scudder (Upton)
Faye Smith (Lindow)

13th (additional fielder) Bella Williams (Chester BH)

Umpires – Graham Church & Jasmine Naeem
Scorers – Rosie Davis (Didsbury) & MCC appointee

Many congratulations to all of the selected players.

12 players have been selected, and the team will operate on the same basis as the senior county selections this year, i.e. we just need to make sure only 11 bat and only 11 are on the field at one time. Whoever isn't selected to be in the batting 11 will certainly get a bowl.

Only three of these 12 have played for the League team previously and all of the top three divisions are represented.

T20 Finals Day, Hale Barns, August 31

1100 Development KO Final – Lindow 2nd XI v Oakmere 2nd XI / Alvanley
1500 Senior KO Final - Didsbury Swordettes v Lindow

Lindow may have made great strides in recent years but are still to win a senior trophy. That might all change here, although Didsbury will be determined to retain the Senior Cup where they beat Lindow in last year's final. Doing so would seal a T20 double this year as well for the South Manchester club.

There's also the potential for a double Lindow celebration, but their opponents in the morning match will not be known until the second semi-final is played on Bank Holiday Monday. Whoever wins the Development Cup, there will be a new name on the trophy with none of the three sides having made a final previously.

Bank Holiday Monday

In addition to the Development semi, August 25 sees two potentially huge matches in Division 1. Depending on results the previous day, the Leigh v Lindow match could potentially be the one where the Wilmslow club wraps up the title, or one where Leigh keep their title defence alive. Nantwich host Stockport Georgians in a battle of the bottom two, both keen to avoid ending up last and in the one potential relegation spot.

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

Plate National Final – August 17:

[Falkland 139-7, Leyland 140-2](#)

It was glory for Leyland in Berkshire as they lifted the Plate trophy after an impressive run chase. Leyland's bowlers stuck to their task as Laura Schiewe and Izzy Storar compiled a rapid second wicket stand for the Berkshire club, with the rewards eventually coming via three wickets for Isobel Cordingley and two for Olivia Cunliffe. Any thoughts that the seven per over target had created scoreboard pressure were swiftly dispelled by Cunliffe, who scored 37 of the 41 Leyland made in the first five overs. Cunliffe eventually completed an extraordinary 102 from 67 balls with 17 fours and a six. In practice, Leyland are the first team from the CWCL to win a national competition – although Porthill Park lifted the Plate while members of the league in 2022, the team they fielded there was radically different from their typical CWCL eleven.

Thunder Cup Semi-Finals – August 17:

[Lindow 203, Stockport Georgians 204-7](#)

Amelia Sammons' superbly composed century led Georgians to victory and to the Old Trafford showpiece final after a seesaw run chase. Grace Hemsted made a fine 77 and Amy Seddon contributed 33 from 29 balls later, but many Lindow batters never looked entirely comfortable at the crease. Liv Bell took three wickets and Holly Batey conceded just 18 in nine overs as the final target was little more than four per over. Initially, Sammons was largely playing a lone hand during the reply, reaching 46 when the fifth wicket fell with the score on 74, with all of her colleagues having made 11 or less. In Daisy Cooke, Sammons finally found a partner who could soak up the pressure, and they duly added another 103 before Sammons was finally dismissed for 104 from 104 balls with 14 fours and two sixes. There was still work for Cooke to do when the seventh wicket fell with 20 required, but her 51* saw Georgians home, with Rhia Sedha joining her for the vital partnership.

[Leigh 145, Ramsbottom 106](#)

It will now be an all CWCL final at Old Trafford in five weeks' time, although it didn't look that way for part of the afternoon. Ellie Mason and Danielle Collins took Leigh to 69-0, before Ramsbottom bowlers such as Evie Bennett and Maeve Jones took charge. Leigh were soon running through the Ramsbottom order, and three scalps at the top of the card for Kasey Bentham and four in the middle order for Olivia Brinsden booked their place in the final at the Test ground.

Division One – August 10:

After a rare full programme of Division 1 games on this day, Lindow are sitting pretty, with a maximum of 43 more points required to wrap up a first title, so two wins from three will certainly be enough and one win may still suffice if they get enough bonus points from the others. Lindow were tied down in the middle overs by some tight overs from Hannah Jones and Kashmira Shinde, but the Wilmslow club prospered at other points of their innings, with Heidi Cheadle making 71 and Carys White 43 not out. Libby Ackerley took two early wickets and Didsbury struggled to put together a significant partnership or significant individual score thereafter.

A vital win for Nantwich and only their second of the year in the league. Bethan Hughes made 67 and added 95 for the first wicket with Morganne Prince (40) as they compiled a challenging total, despite four wickets for Olivia McCusker and three for Jess Bradley. After losing two early wickets, Leigh recovered via 69 from Rachael Walsh, but then collapsed from 144-4, with Eleanor Sinker's bowling playing a vital role in turning the game for Nantwich.

Nantwich were further boosted by a heavy defeat for fellow relegation contenders Stockport Georgians. Kerry Hartnett took three wickets and then made 60 not out in reaching the target for no loss in partnership with Phoebe Cottam (43*). Flo Batey's 37 not out was the top score for Georgians.

A superb win for Chester, completed with unbeaten scores of 56 for Katie Bennett and for Tanvee Karasagod-Pallath, with the latter having also been the pick of the bowlers earlier. Abi Bates' 36 was the top score for Leyland.

Phoebe Cottam's 64 gave Oakmere a great start, but they didn't really accelerate later on and kept the target within reach. Roshini Prince-Navaratnam (77) and Isabelle Hevican (57) put on 143 for the first wicket, meaning that Oakmere's flurry of wickets was too little, too late.

Northop Hall moved top of the table with another powerful batting display, particularly from Laura Nicholls, who amassed 100 exactly from 92 balls in her unbeaten innings, hitting 16 fours. Alys Evans made 45 in adding 101 with her captain. Marianne Lea's 39 lifted Didsbury after a difficult start, but with Emma Rixham taking 3-14 they were always up against it.

[Upton 32, Hayfield 33-1](#)

Upton's title hopes suffered a major setback as they were overwhelmed at Hayfield. Alice Dyson took 4-17, with two scalps each for Molly Doody and Freya Mason, before Dyson herself scored 24 of the runs required to reach the small target.

August 17:

[Northop Hall 206-3, Greenfield 170-8](#)

Northop Hall will be champions if they win their final match against Didsbury seconds on September 14. Hollie Sigsworth's 65 was her fifth half century of the year and Alys Evans also reached 50 as the team topped 200 once again. Megan Russell made 78 in reply, but they were always behind the required rate, with Abbey Young taking 3-19.

[Hayfield 154-7, Didsbury 2nd XI 103](#)

Didsbury seconds hopes took another blow as they went down to fast improving Hayfield, indeed Hayfield are one of four sides who can mathematically still land the title. Alice Dyson used all of her know how and experience of the professional game to see the High Peak side to victory – although three of their top four made ducks, Dyson made 82 from 79 balls, adding 126 for the fourth wicket with Charlotte Peacock (35). Dyson later took 3-8 with the ball, but the best figures were recorded by Molly Doody with 4-6.

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Division Three East – August 7:

[Lindow 2nd XI 154-2, Buxton 73-9](#)

One more step on what Lindow hope will be the road to the title, as they recorded a sixth win from six. Louise Long's consistent season continued with 61 from 48 balls as she added 107 for the second wicket with Nikki Hill. Jo Seddon took 3-11 as Buxton struggled to put any partnerships together.

August 10:

[Macclesfield 227-3, Woodley 134-8](#)

Macclesfield well and truly ran riot here, scoring at seven and a half per over, led by Annabelle Morton's incredible 129 not out from 87 balls with 20 fours and three sixes. Claire Anderton made a half century in reply, but the target just proved to be too steep. Saydee Gomes recorded 3-10 in the second innings.

August 14:

[Buxton 73-9, Stockport Georgians 2nd XI 74-2](#)

Are Lindow seconds too far ahead for Georgians? The Stockport side moved within 35 points of them with this emphatic win. Gina Howarth's 26 not out held Buxton's innings together as Amelie Batey (3-9) and Beth Tittensor (3-10) exerted control. Flo Batey's 30 and Tittensor's unbeaten 29 ensured a comfortable chase.

August 17:

[Buxton 107-8, Macclesfield 108-9](#)

High drama at Buxton as the home side were agonisingly edged out having looked to be on track for a first win of the year. Kay Woodhead took an incredible seven wickets for five runs, then the last Macclesfield pair of Autumn Greensmith and Emilie Ward added 25 to get their side over the line. Woodhead becomes only the seventh player in league history to take seven in a match, and her 7-5 here is the equal second-best performance so far seen in the league, and the first seven-wicket haul to be recorded in a division other than the top-flight. Macclesfield – whose top scorer today was Annabelle Morton (35) and best bowler was Millie Vickerstaff (3-31) now move to the top of the table, albeit having played the most matches.

RETURNS OF 7 WICKETS IN AN INNINGS

		Opponents	Division	Year
Z. Matthews (Didsbury)	7-4	Oakmere	1	2019
J. Clarke (Appleton)	7-5	Astley Bridge	1	2014
K. Woodhead (Buxton)	7-5	Macclesfield	3E	2025
C. Thompson (Chester BH)	7-8	Poynton	1	2009
H. Jones (Didsbury)	7-8	Chester BH	1	2019
M. Baldwin (Leigh)	7-9	Porthill P.	1	2021
A.Rashid (Appleton)	7-14	Oakmere	1	2023

Returns in **Yellow** are Divisional records

Return in **Green** is Overall Record

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Division Four West – August 3:

[Kingsley 101-6, Wistaston Village 53-5](#)

Kingsley moved back into second place with a decisive win. Joanna Leonard made 30 retired as they compiled a three-figure total, despite Kirsty Walley's 4-12 return and Anna Bourne conceding just one run in four overs.

August 10:

[Elworth 33, Runcorn 34-0](#)

Runcorn moved to within one win of title glory with a big win here. After initial success for their opening bowlers Cassie Kennedy-Nation and Sarah O'Connor, the final act was supplied by Jenny Faulkner, who took the last three wickets in successive balls to bag a hat-trick from the only three deliveries she sent down! Andie Cole and Michelle Bryan swiftly completed the job with the bat.

Oxton w/o Lymm Oughtrington Park

August 17:

[Runcorn 118-2, Oxton 71-8](#)

Unbeaten Runcorn duly wrapped up the title with another impressive performance. Steph Woodstock and Sam Marsh both made 30 retired, and then Sarah O'Connor ripped through the Oxton top order to complete the job.

[Wistaston Village 107-3, Grappenhall 108-2](#)

Sarah Pomfret and Nicki Oyler made rapid 30s as Grappenhall reached their target with three overs to spare, meaning Nicki Jarvis' own 30 for Wistaston proved to be in vain.

Runcorn v Elworth – no play due to rain on original date and never re-arranged, recorded as Cancelled.

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Division Four East – August 10:

[Whalley Range 112-5, Brooklands 77-4](#)

Whalley Range signed off with a win to complete their campaign with a 100 per cent league record. Sairah Zafar and Dua Batool both made 30 retired, before their bowlers finished the job. Lily Robinson also reached 30 during the Brooklands reply.

August 17:

[Brooklands 154-2, Lindow 3rd XI 89-5](#)

Brooklands strengthened their grip on second place with what turned out to be another comfortable win. The top three of Emily Hiller, Yashvi Parmar and Lily Robinson all made 30 retired, with Robinson's 33 from 17 balls being particularly notable. Sarah Bujac made 30 retired as Lindow reached 65-0, but this couldn't be sustained.

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Division Four South East – August 10:

[Buxton 2nd XI 72, New Mills & High Peak North 73-3](#)

New Mills stay very much in title contention after a comfortable win here. Eve Singleton's 3-4 as the best bowling return of the 10 bowlers used and Rachel Monteath's 30 retired anchored a chase completed in 11.5 overs

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Division 5

Many of the winners of the six regional softball divisions have already been crowned, including Widnes, Elworth, Sale, Old Parkonians and Macclesfield.

Crewe, Aston and Mobberley remain in contention in Division 5 South 1.

Kingsley, Old Parkonians, Macclesfield and Widnes are ready to contest the semi-finals of the softball knockout.

Transfers for remainder of season:

Sheila Holborrow, Toft to Lindow

Player loans:

Jenny Bryan – New Mills to Hayfield for maximum three league matches commencing August 3

Helen Johnson – North East Cheshire to Woodley for league match on August 10 only

Eve Singleton – New Mills to Hayfield for league match on August 17 only

Bella Williams – Chester BH to Northop Hall for league match on August 17 only

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Important communications from the last meeting of the full League Committee:

A decision has been made to delete all existing results from the Division 4 East table for the Toft team, who withdrew from the 2025 competitions after playing three games earlier this year. The clubs have until August 21 to make a note of any details they may require from the Play Cricket scorecards, at which point these match records will be deleted from the League site.

We are still interested in hearing from anyone who may wish to act as a divisional representative and to provide the members of the Executive Committee with insight into the experiences of playing in the various divisions and the concerns that may arise

The Cheshire Cricket Board requirement is that junior players selected for senior cricket in our divisions 1 to 5 must have been in school year 8 or above at the start of the season. If a match is played in September, after the new school year has commenced, you cannot select someone who has just started year 8.

As usual, the AGM in November will allow anyone to stand for any league officer position. In particular, however, we welcome volunteers wishing to stand for the Disciplinary Officer role, as Chris Robinson intends to stand down from this position. This role is a liaison function between the league and the independent disciplinary panel chaired by Derek Barnett. If an interested person can be found now, a formal handover can be carried out and appropriate guidance and support provided.

The next meeting of the full League Committee will take place on Wednesday October 8. This meeting will be held in person at a venue to be confirmed.

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The ECB has opened its [National Playing Survey](#) for 2025. This is your chance to shape the future of recreational cricket. The ECB values the opinions of players and volunteers, and your feedback is crucial for helping the game evolve.

As in previous years, you'll have the option to win one prize from the thank you prize draw!

The survey is open until Sunday August 24. Don't miss your chance to have your voice heard and win one of the fantastic prizes!

LEAGUE TABLES

[All CWCL Tables](#)

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KNOCKOUT CUPS

Senior Knockout Semi-Final – August 13:

[Lindow 182, Oakmere Kats 56](#)

Lindow ensured it would be a repeat of last year's final against Didsbury with this statement win. Despite losing a wicket from the first ball of the match and losing what might have been deemed key batters at other stages, the Wilmslow club still managed to maintain a uniform scoring rate of nine per over throughout. Amy Seddon made 45 from 33 balls and Carys White 44 not out from 24, with both able to return to the crease after initially retiring. The pressure of the imposing target was apparent immediately as Oakmere lost two wickets to run outs and one to a stumping in the first two overs. Amy Jones' 33 in as many balls dominated the scorecard as Faye Smith (4-5) and Emily Page (2-10) held sway with the ball.

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Metro Bank Women's One Day Cup Tier 3 Division 1 – August 10:

[Berkshire 173, Cheshire 174-3](#)

Cheshire's 50-over campaign resumed here, and they duly made it three wins from four in this competition, with a home game against leaders Devon still to play. Lily Bowlby's 64 not out at number seven revived Berkshire after a difficult start, but Cheshire made light of the run chase thanks to Ellie Mason's unbeaten 92.