We're well into September, but there's still a big weekend of cricket ahead.

After the weather intervened last time, Finals Day is now scheduled for this Sunday, September 21. Once again it will be at Hale Barns and the times and running order are the same:

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

Unfortunately, Hale Barns will be unable to offer the same level of catering service for a second time and all players, spectators and officials will need to bring their own food.

Stockport Georgians and Leigh get the privilege of playing at Old Trafford on the same day, with the 50-over Thunder Cup final to commence at 1030. Lancashire CC have advised that stand A1 will be open for spectators, who will enter via gate 1, and admission is free. Parking is available on the Great Stone Road car park. Details of which Lancashire and Lancashire Academy contracted players are likely to play in the match is likely to have to wait until Tuesday, when Lancashire play their semi-final.

There's also the small matter of the final Division 1 fixture. Nantwich host Leyland and both clubs, as well as Stockport Georgians, could all still be relegated.

This is what we know so far about the winners and runners-up in each competition.

	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
Division 1	Lindow	Chester Boughton Hall
Division 2	Northop Hall	Upton
Division 3 West	Alvanley	Chester Boughton Hall 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
Division 3 East	Lindow 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Stockport Georgians 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
Division 4 West	Runcorn	Kingsley
Division 4 East	Whalley Range	Brooklands
Division 4 South East	North East Cheshire	New Mills & High Peak North
Division 5 Wirral	Old Parkonians	New Brighton
Division 5 Mid	Widnes	Christleton
Division 5 South 1	Crewe	Aston
Division 5 South 2	Elworth	Crewe 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
Division 5 East 1	Sale	Brooklands
Division 5 East 2	Macclesfield	Romiley
T20 Championship	Didsbury Swordettes	Chester Boughton Hall Deemons
Senior Knockout		
Development Knockout		
Softball Knockout		

# **CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Division One - September 7:

# Leigh 71-6, Stockport Georgians 72-3

Georgians completed their league season with a third successive win. Holly Batey and Rhia Sedha again played an important role, with economical spells with the new ball, but it was Neve Boon's 3-10 that really did the damage in the middle overs as Leigh struggled to 71 in a reduced 25 overs. Skye Thomas made 39 from 25 balls in the reply as Georgians cruised to victory. Time will tell if their last three results will be enough to escape the drop.

#### Didsbury 95-7, Nantwich 96-1

Nantwich were another team winning convincingly. Isabelle Hevican stood firm with an unbeaten 40 from 90 balls as Didsbury lost regular wickets throughout their 28-over innings, as Bethan Robinson, Bethan Hughes and Eleanor Sinker all helped restrict the scoring rate. Nantwich managed their chase well, gradually accelerating the scoring. Hughes finished 41 not out and Charlotte Neal contributed a rapid 32 not out.

Leyland v Oakmere - cancelled

Leyland might have hoped this would be the day they would be safe from relegation. This cancellation however means that three teams can still be relegated as we build up to the final match of the season. Leyland will need seven points from their fixture at Nantwich this Sunday (September 21). Nantwich need 19 points — essentially a win or a near maximum haul from an abandoned match. A Nantwich win where Leyland get seven or more points will mean Georgians finish bottom.

Chester Boughton Hall v Lindow – cancelled

#### September 14:

Chester Boughton Hall v Lindow – cancelled

Had this match taken place, it would have been an effective play-off for second spot, but with a washout here, the runners-up spot goes to Boughton Hall.

# Division Two – September 7:

## Greenfield 127-6, Hayfield 131-4

After starting the year with four straight defeats, Hayfield then won seven of their last eight league matches and finished in style here as well. Alice Dyson again played a key role with 71 not out and six overs for eight runs. Charlotte Peacock's 3-14 also played a vital role in restricting Greenfield – whose top scorer was Alanya Thorpe with 40 – to around 4.5 per over in this rain reduced affair.

Upton v Didsbury 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – cancelled

This no result outcome means Northop Hall are champions of Division 2 for 2025.

### September 14:

### Northop Hall 112-6, Didsbury 2nd XI dnb

Just 20 overs were possible in the champions' final match. Laura Nicholls top scored with 40 to take her season runs total to an impressive 382, and while she only made 15 today, Hollie Sigsworth's aggregate of 597 positively smashes the previous record in this division.

Upton w/o Greenfield

Upton are the runners-up in division 2. Having finished level on points and on total wins with Hayfield, the fact that the Wirral side had fewer defeats sees them placed higher.

### **Division Three West - September 14:**

### Alvanley 52-2, Nantwich 2<sup>nd</sup> XI dnb

This was another match not concluded because of rain. What little play was possible was dominated by some more excellent batting from Isla Entwistle, who made 36 not out from 26 balls and her runs have been a major factor in Alvanley's title success.

### **Division Three East - September 2:**

## Woodley 78-3, Lindow 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 79-4

Lindow moved within eight points of the title. Claire Anderton made 50 from 45 balls for Woodley, but the final target remained within reach.

#### September 8:

# Stockport Georgians 3<sup>rd</sup> XI 76-5, Heaton Mersey & Cheadle 52

Bethany Evans made 25 from 26 balls as Georgians posted a target of almost five per over, despite Zoe Flint's 3-10. The reply relied heavily on Ann Tomi's 23, but there was little support as the innings fell away, with seven of the eight Georgians bowlers taking a wicket.

### September 14:

Heaton Mersey & Cheadle v Lindow - cancelled

The weather brought an anti-climactic end to a successful season for Lindow seconds, and the eight points they gained here were enough to see them to the divisional title and the right to be promoted to division 2, which they most certainly intend to take up.

#### Division Four West – September 2:

## Lymm Oughtrington Park 11, Runcorn 12-0

Champions Runcorn completed their campaign with the biggest of all of their wins this year. Cassie Kennedy-Nation took three early wickets, but the most startling bowling contribution was yet to come as Izzy Harrison's only over was an astonishing four-wicket maiden.

### September 8:

### Grappenhall 93-5, Kingsley 94-3

Kingsley got to their target with two balls to spare and have finished as runners up in this division for the second successive year. After Sarah Pomfret made 30 retired for Grappenhall, Joanna Leonard did the same for Kingsley, and with sufficient support to just see her side over the line.

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### **Division Four East - September 14:**

### Didsbury 3<sup>rd</sup> XI 78-2, Stockport 74

Stockport finished the season in much better from than they started, but couldn't quite end with a win here, losing the final wicket from the fourth to last ball. Tasneem Akram took regular wickets throughout her four overs, finishing with superb figures of 6-8 as no Stockport player passed 12. Sophie Davies made 30 at a run per ball in the first innings.

**Division Four South East - September 2:** 

### Hawk Green 41-3, North East Cheshire 44-1

North East boosted their net run rate in the four-way title race by winning this 10 overs match in just 21 balls. Ivy Floyd made 17 not out from just five balls.

# September 4:

# North East Cheshire 77-3, Lindow Development XI 70-6

Two days later and North East Cheshire won again, this time against one of their rivals. Ivy Floyd again played a significant role, with 31 from 32 balls and bowling three overs for one run. Rosie Williams made 24 from 25 balls in a valiant attempt to get Lindow over the line, but a slow start to the chase cost them in the end.

### September 7:

## New Mills & High Peak North 99-8, Buxton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 88-7

New Mills moved into top spot here. Eve Singleton made an important 29 not out in the middle order to back up Rachel Monteath's 30 retired, as New Mills posted a solid total, despite Hannah Semple's 4-16 return. Monteath then took 4-15 to seal this vital win.

# September 9:

### North East Cheshire 87-3, New Mills & High Peak North 81-3

Two days later and North East Cheshire were back on top after edging out their rivals. There were rapid ruins from Fiona Reeve and Rebecca Scholes and both then played their part with economical bowling spells.

### September 10:

# Macclesfield 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 89-6 (14), Lindow Development XI 47-7 (11)

Both of these teams are set to finish within touching distance of the top, but this result means North East Cheshire and New Mills were the only teams that could win the title heading into the final pair of matches. Bethany Seddon reduced Macclesfield to 1-2 before they recovered well via Autumn Greensmith's 30 from 24 balls. Greensmith ended her very consistent season with a bowling return of 2-4 as Lindow lost regular wickets throughout.

### September 14:

## Lindow Development XI 47-2, North East Cheshire 48-2

North East Cheshire are the champions of this division after a final day when the top two both won rain-reduced encounters. Claire Selby and Sian Avery-Lofthouse guided them to their target in a match reduced to the bare minimum 10 overs per side.

#### Hawk Green 45-3, New Mills & High Peak North 47-1

New Mills finished with a good win, but it proved to be in vain thanks to events a short distance away at North East Cheshire. Rachel Monteath's 22 from 13 balls led the way in a rapid run chase in what was a 16-over match here.

# **LEAGUE TABLES**

**All CWCL Tables** 

# REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Metro Bank Women's One Day Cup Tier 3 Division 1 - September 7:

#### Cheshire 50-0, Devon dnb

Grace Michell made 32 of Cheshire's runs as they seemed to be building a good platform, only for the weather to have the last word. This ends any lingering hopes of a top two finish for Cheshire and a place in the Tier 3 final.

# September 14:

### Cheshire 258-8 (50), Hertfordshire 66-4 (16.4)

There was sufficient play in Hitchin before the rain came to ensure Cheshire ended their comeback season on a high. After an uncertain start, Cheshire recovered dramatically from 75-5 to record the third highest total in the team's history, which also featured the sixth highest all-time 50-over score for the county and a record partnership. Charlotte Neal (91 from 91 balls) and Gaby McKeever (62 from 66) added 160 for the sixth wicket, which eclipses the previous record for this wicket, held by Lauren O'Reilly and Zehmarad Afzal from a match against Norfolk in 2016. Cheshire finish in 5<sup>th</sup> place in their 50-over division with a record of four wins, two defeats and one abandonment.