

There were only a few matches played on September 21, but there were some very important matches indeed, meaning that this day was much more than a postscript to the season.

Nantwich exited the first division after [losing their crunch fixture to Leyland](#). Both of these teams, plus Stockport Georgians, could all have been relegated at the start of play. Georgians ultimately saved their skins by winning all of their last three matches, when their position had previously looked more than precarious. It looked bad for Leyland after the first innings of this match when they totalled just 115-8, with Becca Othick taking 3-16 and Bethan Robinson an incredible two wickets for two runs in her eight overs. This left Leyland the task of taking at least seven wickets in the reply to stay up, but they duly delivered all ten, Emma Duerden's 4-11 and Lucy Murphy's 3-11 doing most of the damage.

The final Division 4 result to be entered came in the [Wistaston Village v Lymm Oughtrington Park](#) fixture. After a second attempt to play the match was washed out, the official result is now the statistics from the abandoned first attempt back in July. Wistaston managed just 63, with Bethany Johnson (5-9) and Erin Curryer (3-7) starring for Lymm. Rain then intervened after just a few balls of the Lymm reply.

[Stockport Georgians comprehensively beat Leigh](#) in the final of the inaugural Thunder Cup, played as a showpiece match on the Test ground at Old Trafford - surely the first time that a women's club match has been played there? Leigh were soon struggling against a superb opening spell from Holly Batey, who took 2-8 in six overs, and three more wickets each followed for Amelie Batey and Amelia Sammons. Leigh were both bowled out five overs short of their allocation and also barely broke two runs per over, with Peyton Hulme's 22 the top score in their 92 all out. Georgians, by contrast, raced to their eight-wicket win inside 17 overs, with an unbeaten 46 from 36 balls by Hannah Wilke. With Lancashire involved in the One Day Cup Final, this match did not involve any of the professional players who were allocated to clubs for this tournament, so the occasion genuinely involved 22 club cricketers, who were likely to be playing on the Old Trafford ground for the first time.

What was not decided on this day were the two CWCL knockout finals, with host venue Hale Barns declaring their ground unfit to stage the reserve days as early as the preceding Wednesday. Given the difficulties in finding another suitable neutral venue at this late stage, these matches - Alvanley v Lindow 2 in the development competition and Lindow v Didsbury in the senior competition - have now been deferred until next year.

It is intended that the team trophies will be presented at the League Committee meeting on Wednesday October 8 at 1930 at the Cheshire FA Office, Moss Farm, Northwich. If you are still in possession of a trophy that your club won in the 2024 season, please bring it to the meeting. If your club is unable to attend, please contact the league Executive to discuss appropriate alternative arrangements.

This meeting will be followed in the first half of November with the Annual General Meeting. The business of the AGM will include:

- Election of officers – while anyone is welcome to stand for any Officer position, the post of Disciplinary Secretary will become vacant, as things stand, after this meeting, so any volunteers for this position are especially welcome
- Reports on their activities over last 12 months from the existing Officers
- Promotion applications – any club, other than the winners of Division 2 and the two regional Division 3s, who wishes to be promoted to a higher division will need to apply to the AGM and present their case as to why they believe they are ready to take the next step. This requirement to apply still applies to the winners of the three regional division 4s.
- New club applications – any club wishing to be promoted from division 5 (the softball competitions) to play hardball cricket in division 4 will need to prepare a detailed application that answers all of the questions on the official application form – available on request. The same requirement applies to any club wishing to join the league and to go straight into the hardball divisions.

## 2025 TEAM HONOURS

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

## INDIVIDUAL HONOURS 2025

Divisional award winners at a glance – full details in the Statistics document

	<b>BATTING</b>	<b>BOWLING</b>	<b>FIELDING</b>	<b>WICKETKEEPING</b>
1	Heidi Cheadle (Lindow)	Sarah Worsdale (Oakmere) Carys Lambe (Chester BH)	Hannah Snape (Leyland)	Katie Bennett (Chester BH)
2	Hollie Sigsworth (Northop H)	Alice Dyson (Hayfield)	Rhiannon Cowan (Hayfield) Poppy Smith (Northop H)	Laura Nicholls (Northop H)
3W	Isla Entwistle (Alvanley)	Ffion Jones (Chester BH 2)	Lucy McCarten (Chester BH 2)	Jacqueline Faulkner (Oakmere 2)
3E	Louise Long (Lindow 2)	Anna Tunnicliffe (Macclesfield)	Ruby James (Heaton Mersey & Cheadle) Charlotte Lloyd (Macclesfield) Anna Tunnicliffe (Macclesfield)	Annabelle Morton (Macclesfield) Esme Halford (Stockport Georgians 2)
4W	Cheska Hales (Grappenhall)	Cassie Kennedy-Nation (Runcorn) Anna Bourne (Wistaston V)	Jules Bates (Kingsley) Steph Woodstock (Runcorn) Cheska Hales (Grappenhall)	Sam Marsh (Runcorn)
4E	Lily Robinson (Brooklands)	Noreen Aslam-Latif (Whalley R)	Sairah Zafar (Whalley R)	No qualifier with 4 dismissals
4SE	Rachel Monteath (New Mills)	Rachel Monteath (New Mills)	Sian Avery-Lofthouse (NE Cheshire)	Autumn Greensmith (Macclesfield 2) Jen Holmes (Buxton 2)