

The Dazzler:

Cheshire Women's

Cricket Weekly



RESULTS FROM THE MAIN LEAGUE

Division 4 West – April 19:

[Oxton 72-4, Grappenhall 73-7](#): Molly Price's fine all-round contribution can't stop Grappenhall winning.

Division 6

Softball cricket played with standard cricket scoring has arrived in the league for the first time this year, with three regional division 6 pools all playing this format. North East Cheshire, Holmes Chapel and Old Parkonians all recorded early wins, while there was a tied match between Alsager and Christleton.

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KNOCKOUT CUPS

Development Knockout Round One – April 26:

[New Mills & High Peak North 94-5, Brooklands 95-3](#):

On a day of more than one close finish, Emily Hillier's 32 from 17 balls fires the Brooklands chase to get home with a ball to spare.

[Grappenhall 72, Oxton 73-6](#): The opposite result here to a league game in the previous week.

[Stockport 81, Lindow 3rd XI 84-5](#): Emma Chambers and Jemima Levy each take three wickets to restrict Stockport.

Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI w/o Runcorn

Round Two – April 26:

[Didsbury 3rd XI 95-6, North East Cheshire 99-4](#): Two balls in hand here as North East get over the line – Jane Vayro top scoring.

The re-arranged 2025 knockout finals take place this Sunday, 3rd May, at Grappenhall CC.

The Development Knockout final between Alvanley and Lindow 2nd XI takes place at 1100, followed by the Senior Knockout final between the 1st XIs of Lindow and Didsbury.

The league was unable to hold an annual presentation night in 2025, and if this event is not held for a second successive year, it may well be the case that it is gone for good. We know many people from the League community have enjoyed these occasions in the past, but if they are to continue, it is vital that we receive offers of support in sourcing venues and organising the event.

Club match reports:

These reports can be submitted for publication by any club. They are written from the perspective of the named club and any views expressed are those of the club and not the League.

Macclesfield 1st XI v NECCC 1st XI – Submitted by North East Cheshire

North East Cheshire won the toss and elected to field first, setting the tone early with a disciplined and energetic performance in the field. The team worked well together to apply pressure throughout the innings. Tight fielding and smart bowling plans ensured that Macclesfield's opening batting pair were kept at the crease until the 20th over, limiting scoring opportunities and eventually forcing an error.

The breakthrough came with Macclesfield's first wicket, a sharp run out created by Freya Hadley, whose accurate throw was calmly taken behind the stumps by Yazmine Saeed. The pressure continued, and Saeed was later involved again, taking an excellent catch to remove one of Macclesfield's big batters off the bowling of Fern Whittle. Fiona Reeves delivered a particularly economical spell, conceding the lowest number of runs across her four overs and playing a key role in keeping the score competitive. Whittle capped off an impressive spell by bowling the final wicket of the innings on the very last ball, removing Macclesfield's captain. Macclesfield finished on 183.

In reply, North East Cheshire adjusted well to the longer format, showing patience and intent against a vocal opposition. The batting pair of Praanjol Nanda and Jane Vayro provided much-needed momentum. Vayro's standout batting effort, scoring 39 runs from 46 balls and scoring the highest number of boundaries (fours) across both teams, kept North East Cheshire in the contest.

While the result didn't fall our way, there were plenty of positives to take forward. As a group, the team adapted well to Division 3, with clear next steps identified.

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

The Thunder Cup – the competition involving sides from Cheshire and Lancashire, and which culminates in a final at Old Trafford – kicked off, although not in the way holders Stockport Georgians might have expected, with opponents Sefton Park conceding the match. Elsewhere, there was some high scoring and some fine bowling spells alongside the contributions with the bat.

Group One – April 26:

[Leigh 199, Leyland 201-4](#): Leyland followed up their CWCL win over the same opponents seven days earlier. Katie Poole's 64 leads the way in completing a potentially tricky run chase inside 32 overs, leaving Georgina Macey's 78 in vain.

Group Two – April 26:

[Didsbury 170, Lindow 171-4](#): Three scalps apiece for Faye Smith and Grace Hemsted leave Didsbury reliant on Isabel Ellsmore's quickfire 71. Heidi Cheadle's 78 completes the run chase for the Wilmslow club in a hurry.

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Vitality T20 Women's County Cup

Round One – April 26:

[Cheshire 76, Derbyshire 80-3](#): Spirited bowling effort from Cheshire, but the Tier 2 county eventually prevail.

Debutantes for Cheshire seniors so far this year include Carys Lambe (Chester BH), Libby Ackerley (Lindow), Adelaide Mather (Leigh) and Natalie Brown. Lambe and Ackerley were amongst the bowlers producing economical spells today.