

# The Dazzler:

## Cheshire Women's

### Cricket Weekly



#### **Last ball drama in delayed 2025 Knockout Final**

[2025 Senior Knockout Final: Didsbury 87-8, Lindow 88-8](#)

[2025 Development Knockout Final: Alvanley 70-9, Lindow 71-1](#)

Early May isn't usually the time for cricket cup finals, but at Grappenhall today, four teams were engaged in a third attempt to play the 2025 hardball T20 knockout finals, after two unsuccessful attempts last year.

It turned out to be a double celebration for Lindow as their first team won the Senior Knockout final and their seconds triumphed in the Development Knockout final. This also completed a season double for both teams at the Wilmslow club, as their 1<sup>st</sup> XI were champions of Division 1 in 2025, and their 2<sup>nd</sup> XI won Division 3 East.

There may have been some close finishes to Cheshire cup finals over the years, but surely nothing to match the drama of today's encounter. Lindow's Katie Farmer hit a single from the final ball to take the Wilmslow club past the target. In truth, Didsbury needed a wicket from that last delivery to pull off victory, as a simple dot ball would have left the teams tied on both runs and wickets. With the 19 over scores also the same, the decisive factor would have been the 18 over countback, when Lindow were one run ahead.

Didsbury's Emily Wilkins opened the match by hitting the first delivery for four, but the runs quickly dried up. Emily Page took two early wickets, Libby Ackerley bowled her four overs straight through for just 10 runs and at the halfway stage, Didsbury had still scored only 35 and had not hit any more boundaries.

Things improved a little with 52 in the second half, but Roshini Prince-Navaratnam's 35 from 45 balls was the only double figure score in the South Manchester club's innings. Libby Taylor took 3-5 in two overs at the death just as Didsbury would have been hoping to accelerate.

Lindow began their reply by losing regular wickets, but at 37-3 after six overs and 51-4 after nine, they were staying well ahead of the required rate. The next seven overs would produce just 15 further runs and see three wickets fall, including that of Lindow top scorer Heidi Cheadle for 29. It really did seem like the bowling efforts of Prince-Navaratnam and Isabelle Hevican had turned the game in Didsbury's favour.

The next twist came in the 17<sup>th</sup> over as 10 were added to the score. This kicked off a stand between Farmer and Page which took Lindow within 12 of victory. Three more overs of four runs each – including a couple of wides as the pressure mounted, and some scampered byes and leg byes - then took Lindow to the magic score of 88.

Earlier in the day, Lindow's second team enjoyed a more comfortable victory. Last August, in the first attempt to play the match, Alvanley's bowlers reduced their opposition to 39-9, but the tables were turned here by Lindow's new ball pair of Claire Ashworth and Bethany Seddon.

Put into bat, Alvanley slumped to 19-6. After surviving the first eight deliveries without mishap, two wickets fell before the end of the second over, and further wickets fell in the third, fourth, fifth and six overs as Seddon claimed a 4-14 return and Ashworth bowled her three overs for just four runs, taking two wickets.

Agatha Simmons and Lucy Powell led a recovery of sorts, adding 33 for the seventh wicket, with Simmons the eighth to fall, for the innings top score of 70.

Despite the partial recovery, a target of 71 never looked a daunting one. Lindow's reply began at a rate of five per over and the scoring rate never dropped too far below this, as a nine-wicket win was wrapped up in 15.2 overs – Nikki Hill's 25 not out being the top score.

The League thanks Grappenhall CC for hosting the event, and umpires Derek Barnett and Tony Sayle.

## CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

### Division One – May 3:

[Leigh 252-7, Northop Hall 71](#): On an otherwise low scoring day, Leigh bucked the trend as Danielle Collins smashed 118 from 122 balls. Emma Capper's 4-2 was the standout bowling contribution as they completed an emphatic win.

### [Chester Boughton Hall 125, Oakmere 126-5](#):

Tanvee Kasaragod-Pallath and Meg Cureton added 82 for the first wicket, but Oakmere were always keeping the scoring rate in check. Wickets then began to fall to Kerry Hartnett and Carys Salomon, before a half-century from Amy Jones completed an Oakmere win.

[Stockport Georgians 135, Leyland 60](#): Neve Boon's 4-16 led the way as Georgians blitzed the Leyland batting line up. Georgians' Tess Bailey (44) and Liv Bell (34) were the only players on either side to pass 15.

At this early stage, [Didsbury and Lindow – who have each played just one league match – are the only unbeaten teams in the top-flight](#). Five more have one win and one defeat, with four of these locked together on 32 points.

Umpires' Panel Appointments 10<sup>th</sup> May:

Didsbury v Lindow (at Woodford): Carol Ingham & Oliver Passant

Leigh v Chester Boughton Hall: David Barnes & Ankit Jain

Leyland v Oakmere: Steven Foster & Graham Pugh

### Division Two – May 3:

[Nantwich 264-5, Upton 63](#): After last year's relegation, Nantwich sent out a message that they intend their stay in the second tier to be a short one. This dominant performance featured 72 not out from 49 balls on debut from their South African overseas player Sarah Nettleton, alongside scores in the 30s from Grace Michell, Morganne Prince and Beatrice Harris. Four wickets each from Emily Mason and Eleanor Sinker to complete the superb performance.

### Division Four West – April 19:

[Aston 72-3, Kingsley 76-2](#): An opening win for previous division runners-up Kingsley.

### Division Four East – May 3:

### [Stockport Georgians 3<sup>rd</sup> XI 135-2, Stockport 48](#):

Blythe Beckett and Esme Halford lead the way to a big Georgians total, before Beckett completes her fine all-round match.

### Overseas player registrations:

Aimee Latham (Leigh), Australia, youth mobility visa

## KNOCKOUT CUPS

### Development Knockout Round One – April 26:

Buxton w/o Stockport Georgians 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

### April 29:

[Romiley 94-7, Whalley Range 97-1](#): Romiley post a decent total in their first competitive hardball match, but Whalley Range race to the target.

### Round Two – April 30:

[Nantwich 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 129-9, Crewe 79-8](#): Nantwich hold sway over local rivals Crewe, with Ashlee Prince leading the way to a formidable total.

## LEAGUE TABLES

### Elite Hardball

[Division 1](#)

[Division 2](#)

### Development Hardball (Standard Scoring)

[Division 3 West](#)

[Division 3 East](#)

[Division 4 West](#)

[Division 4 East](#)

[Division 4 South East](#)

### Development Hardball (Pairs Scoring)

[Division 5 West](#)

[Division 5 East](#)

### Softball (Standard Scoring)

[Division 6 West & South](#)

[Division 6 East](#)

[Division 6 Wirral](#)

### Softball (Pairs Scoring)

[Division 7 West 1](#)

[Division 7 West 2](#)

[Division 7 East 1](#)

[Division 7 East 2](#)

[Division 7 East 3](#)

[Division 7 South](#)

[Division 7 Wirral](#)