



First this week, some extraordinary goings on at Leigh. The home side posted 267-4 in 40 overs and must have been super-confident of completing the win, but Chester Boughton Hall had other ideas, reaching the target for the loss of six wickets in the final over. This smashes by more than 40 runs the previous record for a successful run chase in the league.

Danielle Collins followed up her century from the last week with an even bigger score of 174. Although this is now the second highest individual score in league history, knocking an innings of 172 by Heidi Cheadle down to third place, it will go down as the highest score ever made in a losing cause. Chester didn't have a centurion, but 70 from Georgia Munro, 59 not out from Katie Bennett and a rapid 27 not out at the death from Shree Dayama was more than sufficient.

The individual record still stands to Poynton's Jenny Halstead, who made 191 way back in 2005.

Division One – May 10:

[Didsbury 240-6, Lindow 96](#): Today marked the last chapter of the Didsbury v Lindow trilogy, after they had met over three successive Sundays in three different competitions. After Lindow's fairly comfortable win in the Thunder Cup and then their nail-biting win in the re-arranged 2025 Cheshire Senior KO Cup, today's league encounter went decisively in favour of Didsbury. Didsbury maintained a rapid scoring rate throughout, with Isabelle Hevican making 70 and Rosie Ackerley providing late impetus with 53 not out from 41 balls. Lindow survived the first 10 overs of the reply without loss, but only managed 21, and when they sought to accelerate, wickets soon fell. Sasha Turnock claimed three victims as Katie Farmer's 32 was the only significant score. Even at this early stage, Didsbury are the last unbeaten team in the first division.

[Oakmere 152-7, Leyland 153-5](#): Leyland made it two wins from three after their bowlers kept Oakmere's scoring rate below four per over. Judy Winnard took 3-17 as Kerry Hartnett's 58 not out was the only significant score. Oakmere dismissed several players cheaply during the reply, but Charlotte Whittaker's 86 ensured victory was completed with something to spare.

Umpire Appointments 17th May

Didsbury v Leigh (at Woodford) – Chris Rigg & Simon Smith
Oakmere v Northop Hall – Steven Foster & Michael Woolard
Lindow v Leyland (note venue reversed from original fixture draft) – Derek Barnett & Steve Wilkins
Chester Boughton Hall v Stockport Georgians – Graham Church & Emma Mallinson

Division Two – May 4:

[Lindow 2nd 121-8, Didsbury 2nd 122-8](#): Lindow made a valiant effort to defend the three runs per over target, but Maya Farr saw Didsbury home from a difficult position at 69-6.

May 10:

[Hayfield 175-2, Greenfield 70](#): A second convincing win for Hayfield, and a second significant score for Alice Dyson, who made 88 not out and shared in an opening stand of 110 with Ruth Lomas. Dyson wasn't finished there as she recorded remarkable figures of 4-2 in four overs.

[Alvanley 163, Lindow 2nd XI 166-8](#): Valuable late order runs turned this game Lindow's way. Charlie Barratt top scored for Alvanley in the first innings, then Alison Hodge's 39 looked to be in vain for Lindow as they were reduced to 78-4. After 54 were added by Alice Smith and Ada Byrne, another collapse to 142-8 followed, but Bethany Seddon, who took 4-33 earlier, was at the crease to complete the job.

Division Three West – May 5:

[Nantwich 2nd XI 127-6 \(20\), Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 57-6 \(14\)](#): Another excellent result for Nantwich, but they needed Izzi Pearson and Eleanor Beecher's runs to rescue them from 30-6. Beecher then took three wickets in the reply.

Division Three East – May 3:

[Buxton 66, North East Cheshire 67-6](#): Fiona Reeve's five wickets blitzed the Buxton top order, before she added an unbeaten 34 with the bat to see North East home in a tricky chase.

May 7:

[North East Cheshire 65, Stockport Georgians 2nd XI 66-6](#): Neve Boon's 5-6 return set up this Georgians win, although things were difficult in reply as Fiona Reeve continued her fine start to the season in the NE Cheshire attack.

Division Four West - May 10:

[Grappenhall 82-4, Kingsley 83-0](#): Kingsley powered to their target in 11.2 overs to complete a second win of the year, Jules Bates making 33 retired.

[Elworth 90-7, Crewe 94-4](#): Anna Bourne took 3-7 in the first innings and Alison Smith's unbeaten 32 in the reply ensured victory for Crewe in their hardball debut match.

Division Four East - May 7:

[Stockport 126-6 \(20\), Didsbury 3rd XI 84-2 \(14\)](#): A narrow win for Stockport on faster run rate. Stockport's Melissa Barclay was the fastest scorer among four players in the match to reach 30 retired.

Division Four East - May 10:

[Didsbury 3rd XI 85-4, Lymm Oughtrington Park 70-6](#): Anjali Santhakumar top scored as Didsbury completed a low-scoring win.

Division Four South East – May 3:

[Romiley 148-4, Langley 72-7](#): An impressive start for Romiley in their first hardball league match. Louise Arklie and Kate Higgins – who would later take three wickets – led the way to a significant first innings score.

May 10:

[Langley 40-9, Macclesfield 2nd XI 41-5](#): Niamh Kelly took 3-12 and all nine Macclesfield bowlers kept a tight grip on Langley's scoring. Poppy Hague took three during the reply but couldn't prevent a Macclesfield win.

[Buxton 2nd XI 131-4, New Mills & High Peak North 2nd XI 72-7](#): Charlotte Lacey and Annabelle Montgomery-White made unbeaten 30s as Buxton posted an unassailable total.

Player loans:

Eve Singleton – New Mills to Hayfield, for league match on 10th May only

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The Executive Committee is proposing the following schedule for meetings and application deadlines over the next 12 months:

- The next CWCL full League Committee meeting is on Wednesday 3rd June 2026 at 1930. This will be a Zoom meeting.
- Further full League Committee meetings are likely in early August and early October.
- Deadline for new club applications/new team applications from existing member clubs/promotion applications shall be Sunday 25th October 2026. These applications need to be made by anyone wishing to enter hardball cricket for the first time, or to field an additional hardball team
- Papers circulated to clubs ahead of the AGM - Sunday 1st November 2026
- AGM - Wednesday 18th November 2026
- Rules proposals submission deadline - Sunday 6th December 2026
- Rules papers circulated to clubs - Sunday 20th December 2026
- Rules meeting - Wednesday 13th January 2027
- Captain's meetings - Wednesday 10th March 2027 & Wednesday 17th March 2027. The proposal is to hold two meetings in different areas of the county.

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

National Knockout Cup Round One – May 4:

[Nantwich 133-6, Leyland 109-7](#): Grace Michell's runs and Beth Hughes' wickets lead Nantwich to another statement win.

Lindow w/o Northop Hall

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Vitality Blast Women's League 3 – Division 1A – May 10:

[Cheshire 71-9, Buckinghamshire 73-5](#)
[Cheshire 133-6, Buckinghamshire 87](#)

Cheshire's second T20 double header of the season went the same way as the first, with one win for each team. Today, Cheshire bounced back from a heavy defeat in the morning match to inflict their own heavy beating on Buckinghamshire in the afternoon.

The first match saw Cheshire lose wickets frequently throughout, with Adelaide Mather's 2-10 being the only real standout performance as Cheshire sought to defend just 71. The second match saw a much more competitive total posted by Cheshire, led by Ellie Mason's 72 from 52 balls. Emily Page and Rebecca Othick soon reduced Bucks to 3-3 in reply.

CHESHIRE BOARD NEWS

Cheshire Cricket Board is pleased to announce a new initiative aimed at increasing the number of female umpires across the county by making training more accessible and affordable.

Through this offer, female candidates attending an ECB Umpire Training Course (UTC) will benefit from a 50% bursary, with Cheshire Cricket Board covering half of the course fee (£35). The remaining £35 can then be reclaimed through the standard ECB officiating refund process – meaning the course can effectively be completed at no cost.

To claim the full refund, candidates simply need to:

- Attend the course in full (50% refunded)
- Officiate in five matches, Complete and submit their logbook (50% refunded)

This initiative is part of a wider commitment to grow and diversify the officiating workforce within Cheshire cricket, providing more opportunities for women to get involved and progress in the game.

The bursary applies to all UTC courses, including the [UTC course at Upton CC on June 1st and 8th](#); and a Women's Only Umpire Course in June (dates and booking link to follow).

Whether you're new to the game or already involved and looking to take the next step, umpiring is a fantastic way to stay connected to cricket, build confidence, and play a vital role in the sport.

OTHER NEWS

The [club group ticketing offer](#) gives clubs the chance to watch the world's best women's teams on home soil – offering two free tickets when they buy 10 tickets to any fixture in the T20 World Cup, excluding the Final. Adult tickets start at £15 and under 16 tickets are available from £5.

Matches at Old Trafford are as follows:

Saturday 13th June: Scotland v Ireland (1030), Australia v South Africa (1430)

Sunday 21st June: South Africa v India (1430)

Thursday 25th June: India v Bangladesh (1430)

Friday 26th June: Sri Lanka v Scotland (1830)

This offer requires you to set up an ICC online account. The deadline for this offer is 23rd May.

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Our league has very different regulations for the different divisions and competitions, so that we can accommodate both elite players and new players, and all levels in between. This is a quick guide to how the regulations differ:

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4	T20 Championship	Senior KO	Development KO
Leg side wides	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO
Max 8 ball over in all overs except the last	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Fielding circles & powerplays	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO
Re-arrangements permitted by mutual consent	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Re-arrangements permitted due to ground & weather	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Free hit following no ball	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Retirement of batter at 30	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES

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Development Hardball (Pairs Scoring)

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