



Didsbury still unbeaten, and lead the pack, despite Capper's heroics

[Didsbury 188-9 \(40\)](#), [Leigh 72-5 \(20\)](#): Didsbury maintained their 100 per cent league record with the first ever win in the league under the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method. For the second week, there was a remarkable individual performance from a Leigh player, but defeat for the team. Emma Capper claimed final figures of 6-31 for Leigh after commencing the final over not just with a hat-trick, but with four wickets in four balls. Capper then followed this up with a fifth wicket in the over off the last delivery, and this is certainly the first time that anything of this nature has occurred in the league since 2007, when detailed records began to be kept. Before the final over carnage, Roshini Prince-Navaratnam's 72 had already set the South Manchester club on the way to a good total.

Division One – May 17:

[Oakmere 245-4 \(38\)](#), [Northop Hall 102](#): Kerry Hartnett made an unbeaten 125 from 111 balls, hitting 14 fours and clearing the boundary four times as Oakmere racked up a very large total. Hartnett followed this up with two wickets, with Thisumi Jayawarna taking 3-18 in the second innings, including some important top order wickets.

[Stockport Georgians 218-4](#), [Chester Boughton Hall 109](#): Georgians made it two wins from three after this comprehensive win. Skye Thomas (83) and Emily Thomas (49) added more than 100 for the second wicket to set a stiff target. Although Boughton hall had remarkably chased down 267 the previous week, here they struggled against the likes of Blythe Beckett, who took 3-18.

[Leyland 73-9 \(27\)](#), [Lindow 74-1 \(10.5\)](#): The greatest number of overs lost to rain today was here, as the players waited two hours to get under way. All of Lindow's attack recorded impressive figures as Leyland struggled to get close to three per over. Lindow raced to the target, led by Heidi Cheadle's 39, perhaps fearing further interruptions.

As the dust settles on last week's incredible game at Leigh, this is the updated list of innings of 150 or higher achieved in the league. The second and fourth placed entries were both achieved in a losing cause. Indeed, the second, third and fourth placed entries were all achieved against Chester Boughton Hall, but this didn't prevent Chester from winning two of these matches. Ellie Mason's 160 was part of a Stockport Trinity total of 220, which Boughton Hall overhauled to set a record for the highest successful chase. That record fell when a Mason-inspired Leigh team chased 227 last year, before it was bettered by some 40 runs by Chester at Leigh.

191*	Jenny Halstead (Poynton)	v Appleton	2005
174	Danielle Collins (Leigh)	v Chester BH	2026
172	Heidi Cheadle (Lindow)	v Chester BH	2024
160	Ellie Mason (Stockport T)	v Chester BH	2022
158	Ellie Mason (Stockport T)	v Leigh	2021
155	Hannah Gradwell (Stockport T)	v Hyde	2012

All were Division 1 performances except for Gradwell's innings, which remains the Division 2 record.

Umpire Appointments 24th May

Northop Hall v Lindow – Barrie Burns & Ian Dutton
Oakmere v Leyland – Graham Church & Michael Woolard
Stockport Georgians v Didsbury – Tony Sayle & Daz Walker

Division Two – May 17:

[Alvanley 99](#), [Nantwich 100-0](#): Another statement performance from Nantwich. Grace Michell and Morganne Prince complete the chase in a hurry, after Michell's 3-14 earlier.

[Didsbury 2nd XI 96](#), [Upton 97-4](#): Lily Scudder took 3-10 as Upton kept the Didsbury total below 100. Marianne Lea and Sasha Turnock made life difficult for the Wirral club early in the reply, before Ellen McGowan's 33 not out ensured a comfortable win in the end.

Division Four West – May 17:

[Oxton 145-1](#), [Elworth 88-2](#): Oxton off the mark as Molly Price makes an unbeaten 30 and bowls a miserly spell.

Division Four East – May 17:

[Stockport Georgians 3rd XI 50](#), [Brooklands 51-4](#): Brooklands start with a commanding win, with three wickets for Karen Cox leading a dominant bowling display.

Player loans:

Ellie Chambers – Macclesfield to Leigh, for maximum of three league matches in 2026

T20 CHAMPIONSHIP

The T20 Championship commences tonight (Monday 18th May). With the retirement score now abolished in this competition, the question is who will become the first player to reach 50, or indeed the first to reach three figures? The current competition record individual score is 49 not out, recorded by Didsbury's Lauren Smith in 2016, at a time when the retirement score was 25, so she returned at the end and almost doubled her original score.

KNOCKOUT CUPS

Development Knockout Round One – May 17:

[Aston 110-4, Lymm Oughtrington Park 84-5](#): Liv Taylor stars in both areas as Aston progress comfortably

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.

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