



Division One – May 24:

[Lindow 317-0, Northop Hall 208-5:](#)

The sunniest Sunday to date this season saw five of the six division one sides in action making hay with the bat. This was especially true in North Wales, where hosts Northop Hall found themselves on the wrong end of a record-breaking performance from Lindow.

This 317 is the highest first division score on record, second only to the 338 once made by Neston in a second division game. Holly Topp made her first league appearance of the year and made 111 not out from 15 balls, reaching her century in 97 balls, despite only hitting eight fours.

The New Zealander's century was upstaged though by a remarkable 187 not out from Heidi Cheadle – after reaching her century in 88 balls, another 46 deliveries was all it took for her to accumulate another 87. Cheadle's overall score, which included 20 fours and three sixes, is the new first division record, and only four runs behind the overall league record, which was made back in 2005 by Poynton's Jenny Halstead, all when the league comprised a single division.

After this battering in the field, Northop Hall performed more than creditably with the bat, salvaging maximum batting points thanks to Hollie Sigsworth's 53 and Ayesha Khan's 48 not out.

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[Didsbury 144, Stockport Georgians 146-1:](#) One team not cashing in with the bat were Didsbury, who became the last team in this division to lose their unbeaten record. Roshini Prince-Navaratnam made 54, but most of her team mates struggled as Georgians' Blythe Beckett and Neve Boon continued their impressive starts to the season. There was then more extraordinary batting here, as Skye Thomas made 97 not out from 53 balls, with 17 fours and a six, completing the chase in an astonishing 16 overs.

[Leyland 225-4, Oakmere 195:](#) The title race remains wide open at this early stage, with Leyland hitting top spot, and with four teams all able to go above them by winning their game in hand. Hannah Snape made 74, Katie Poole 60 not out and Olivia Cunliffe 42 in this impressive Leyland total. Oakmere openers Phoebe Cottam and Thisumi Jayawarna made an impressive start to the reply, but there was less support lower down the card, and they fell 30 runs short, Emma Duerden taking four wickets.

Division Two – May 24:

[Upton 136-4, Hayfield 139-1:](#) Another impressive show from Hayfield as they made it three from three. Alexa Harrison made 42 in the first innings, but the Wirral side failed to get their run rate above 3.5 per over. After a miserly bowling display, Hayfield's top order made light work of the target. Alice Dyson now has a remarkable 282 runs from three matches this year, all without being dismissed – she added 86 to her total here in a century stand with Rhiannon Cowan.

May 25:

[Greenfield 155, Didsbury 2nd XI 158-4:](#) Alanya Thorpe's 64 not out from 44 balls boosted Greenfield's total in a first innings where Marianne Lea took four wickets. Scarlett Flood later took four in the second innings, but after the loss of three quick wickets, Amelia Grace's 73 from 48 deliveries ensured a comfortable Didsbury win.

Division Three West – May 24:

[Runcorn 241-7, Oakmere 2nd XI 55:](#) After a difficult first match, newly promoted Runcorn turned on the style in their second league encounter of the year, scoring at a rate of eight per over across the innings. Steph Woodstock's 43 got them off to a solid start, but the scoreboard really began to move when number 7 Izzy Harrison made 73 from 47 balls, with 14 fours and a six. Hayley Rose then took 3-11 to complete a huge victory.

[Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 130-8, Nantwich 2nd XI 101:](#) There are now no unbeaten sides in this division either. Chester posted a solid total with contributions all the way down the card, despite a fine spell of 4-9 from Olivia Taylor. Shree Dayama then took 3-18 in the second innings as Chester finished things off with the ball.

Division Four South East – May 24:

[Buxton 2nd XI 110-5, Romiley 111-5:](#) Romiley made it two league wins from two with this final over win. Emma Topping and Anya Wells both made 30 retired at around a run per ball during the successful chase.

Player loans:

Eve Singleton – New Mills to Hayfield, for league match on 24th May only – second of three permitted appearances
Chloe Manock – Crewe to Nantwich 2nd XI for league match on 24th May only
Olivia Taylor – Aston to Nantwich 2nd XI for league match on 24th May only
Karen Vine, Jo Leonard - both Kingsley to Oakmere 2nd XI for maximum three appearances commencing 24th May
Nic Jones – Aston to Oakmere 2nd XI for maximum three appearances commencing 24th May

The next meeting of the full league committee will be conducted remotely on Wednesday 3rd June at 1930. Club representatives should receive the Zoom link ahead of the meeting.

T20 CHAMPIONSHIP

May 18:

[Oakmere 72-6 \(15\)](#), [Chester Boughton Hall 73-5 \(14.2\)](#).

This was the first match played in this competition with no retirement score for batters, but the change did not come into play as the top scorer in the match was Meg Cureton with 21, as her Chester team got home in the final over. In this low scoring contest, the bowlers did best, with contributions including 3-7 from Boughton Hall's Diya Dayama and 2-10 from Oakmere's Emily Faulkner.

May 21:

[Stockport Georgians 180-2](#), [Lindow 120-8](#): Many observers might have thought that Ellie Mason had a good chance of being the first player to break the 50-barrier in this competition, and the Cheshire captain duly delivered on her first appearance for Georgians to fire her new club to an impressive win. Mason indeed looked set for three figures until she fell for 89, made from 52 balls with 11 fours and four sixes. Skye Thomas soon followed her in reaching the milestone, as she ended unbeaten on 66 from 55 deliveries, with six fours and a six. The opening stand reached 139 in just 14.5 overs. In reply, Lindow were restricted to a run per ball throughout, with the top score being Libby Ackerley's 25. Flo Batey and Gaby McKeever both took two wickets and kept their personal economy rate down to five.

KNOCKOUT CUPS

Development Knockout Round Two – May 21:

[Brooklands 31](#), [Buxton 34-3](#): Hannah Semple's 3-11 was the pick of the attack as Buxton's bowlers dominated. Despite the low target, there was still time for Emily Hillier to claim 3-7 in reply.

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Vitality Blast Women's League 3 – Division 1A – May 24:

[Cheshire 193-5](#), [Hertfordshire 159-3](#)
[Hertfordshire 156-7](#), [Cheshire 150-7](#)

A late collapse cost Cheshire the chance to top the group, and instead the T20 league campaign ended with a third occasion where Cheshire won one and lost one of a double-header.

Match one saw a massive Cheshire total of almost ten per over as Emily Wilkins and Emily Murray both made 50s – a first milestone of her Cheshire senior career in the latter case. Edie Stanley, Reece Nash and Katie Hassall all made runs in reply, but Herts finished well short.

Peyton Hulme took three wickets in the first innings of the second match. Ellie Mason and Murray then added 116 for the first wicket in reply, with Mason making 77 from 57 balls. A collapse then followed to the bowling of Becky Finch and Cara Castleman, leaving Cheshire in third place in the final table.

Cheshire's 50 over campaign commences this Sunday against Wiltshire, at Warrington.

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