



Rapid run chases from Georgians and Lindow underline their title credentials

Division One – June 21:

[Leigh 126, Stockport Georgians 127-3](#): Leaders Stockport Georgians secured their sixth successive league win in a match completed before 5pm. This had echoes of their win over Didsbury earlier in the season in that, presented with a small target, the Stockport side raced to victory at nine runs per over. Ellie Mason spearheaded this spectacular effort, and while her scoring was undoubtedly rapid, this was an innings full of sweet timing and placement.

[Northop Hall 152, Lindow 153-0](#): Spectacular as the Georgians' chase was, it wasn't even the day's fastest scoring innings. Heidi Cheadle and Holly Topp were reunited at the top of the Lindow card today and duly knocked off their victory target at a rate of 9.56 per over. Cheadle's unbeaten 80 - made today from 46 balls and featuring 10 fours and three sixes – takes her league aggregate runs for the season to 590, and her average to an incredible 295. Topp's 62 was made from 51 balls and was another dominant display. Earlier, Northop Hall recovered from 30-4, thanks mainly to Hollie Sigsworth's 74, but still lost a flurry of late wickets to the bowling of Katie Farmer (5-30).

Division One – June 21:

[Didsbury 164-9, Chester Boughton Hall 149](#): The division's closest game today saw Didsbury win, in a match where both sides might feel that they could have made more runs after strong starts. Didsbury were 84-0, but ultimately only had scores in the 20s from Holly McCurrie and Rosie Ackerley to support Roshini Prince-Navaratnam's 67. Shree Dayama took 3-22 in the first innings. Chester were 90-2 in reply, but Holly Mayers, with just 21, was the second top scorer behind Meg Cureton's 50. Didsbury have some of the best death bowlers in the league, and Hannah Jones and Hannah Marshall again played their part in the closing overs. Didsbury have still only lost one league match, and the title race currently looks like a four-horse race involving each of today's winners, plus Leyland.

Umpire Appointments 28th June
Chester Boughton Hall v Lindow – Derek Barnett & Ankit Jain
Didsbury v Stockport Georgians (at Woodford) – Emma Mallinson & Steve Wilkins
Northop Hall v Leyland – Barrie Burns & Graham Church
Oakmere v Leigh – Chris Moore & Keith Wells

Division Two – June 21:

[Hayfield 167, Alvanley 132](#): Hayfield maintained their 100 per cent record, although they had to work hard for this one. Rhiannon Cowan top scored for them with 43, with Freya Mason making 35. Eleri Morris took 3-16 and Lucy Graham 3-17 as the Alvanley attack kept them under pressure. Alvanley made a good start in reply, with both Isla Entwistle and Graham reaching the 30s, but things rather fell away from 80-1, Charlotte Peacock recording figures of 4-6.

[Greenfield 137-7, Lindow 2nd XI 88](#): Greenfield recorded a first win in this division since 2024. Things didn't look to be going their way when they slipped from 30-0 to 40-4, but Lexi Hall's 70 not out from 77 balls helped them to a solid total, despite a 5-21 return from Aoife Shephard. The Lindow reply never really got going, with both Hall and her new ball bowling partner Caitlin McDonald taking early wickets.

Division Three East – June 17:

[Lymm Oughtrington Park 81-7, Stockport Georgians 3rd XI 86-2](#): Elena Downes top scored for Lymm with 25, but scores of 30 retired in good time from Blythe Beckett and Holly Clarke completed the win with overs to spare for Georgians.

Division Four West – June 21:

[Crewe 131-7, Grappenhall 56](#): Another strong performance from Crewe, who move within 15 points of leaders Kingsley. Ellie Mead (3-12) was among the Grappenhall bowlers enjoying early success, and Crewe needed the runs of Ashleigh Grimes and Lisa Taylor to rescue them from 52-6. Anna Bourne's 2-2 in three overs had Grappenhall struggling from the start of the reply.

[Aston 104-1, Oxton 105-5](#): Third place in this division is now held by Oxton, who only took one wicket, but also kept the required rate down to something manageable. Liv Taylor and Caroline Lambden made runs in the first innings but were upstaged in the second as Molly Price's 30 retired from 22 balls proved to be the fastest scoring of the day.

Division Four East – June 21:

[Stockport 105-3, Lindow 4th XI 62-7](#): Georgina Park recorded eye-catching figures of 3-7 at the top of the Lindow bowling card, but Stockport largely bossed this game, with runs for Emily Rayner and Sarah Vickers and wickets for Katie Billings.

Division Four South East – June 15:

[Buxton 2nd XI 65-9, Langley 65-7](#): This bowler-dominated contest, where Langley's Lucy Worthington and Buxton's Nicole Grainger both took three wickets, ended in the first tie of the year in a league competition. Rebecca Longden bowled the final over of the match for Buxton and conceded just three runs.

June 17:

[New Mills & High Peak North 2nd XI 64-7, Lindow 3rd XI 65-0](#): A second commanding win of the year for Lindow thirds. Lucy Burton (21) was the only player to really break the shackles in the first innings as the Wilmslow club's attack kept a tight rein on the run rate. Alison Hodge and Seren Bull had the job done in just 8.2 overs in reply.

June 21:

[Romiley 139-0, New Mills & High Peak North 2nd XI 60](#): Louise Arklie and Elizabeth Skae led the way with the bat as Romiley scored at seven per over, without losing a wicket. Kate Higgins recorded a superb 5-6 in reply and New Mills were 22-8 before Nikki Thorn's 24 lifted their total.

[Macclesfield 2nd XI 111-2, Buxton 2nd XI 97-4](#): Bella Moore and Poppy Shufflebotham both made rapid 30 retired scores to take Macclesfield past three figures. Annabelle Montgomery-White made her 30 from just 20 balls in reply, but her side still fell short.

Development Knockout Round Two – June 18:

[Aston 62-7, Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 63-1](#): Two early wickets for Zavial Payne put Aston on the back foot, and Caroline Lambden's 29 would ultimately be almost half their total. Shree Dayama made a rapid 30 in the successful Chester chase.

Quarter Final – June 15:

[Nantwich 2nd XI 138-6, Elworth 54](#): Although their top score was just the 27 from Nicola Deane, Nantwich enjoyed useful contributions throughout the card to amass a daunting total. Lucy Abbott took three wickets for Elworth. Charlotte Walker took an impressive 3-3 in the reply to complete the win.

***** I am delighted to report that the Presentation Night returns this year. Ticket information will be issued in due course, but for now, please mark your diaries for Saturday 3rd October. We look forward to celebrating the season together at Sale Rugby Football Club's Heywood Road ground in Brooklands. *****

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