



Metro Bank Women's One Day Cup – Tier 3 Division 1 – May 31:

[Cheshire 239, Wiltshire 181:](#)

We've seen several batting records fall this season in the Cheshire Women's League, and now the 28-year-old record for the highest individual score by any player to represent Cheshire Women has fallen. Ellie Mason made 125 today in Cheshire's opening match of the 50-over competition, making her runs from 136 deliveries, with 17 fours. Her century completely dominated the Cheshire card, where the next best score was Emily Page's 23.

Wiltshire were soon on the back foot in reply, with Rebecca Othick taking 2-9 in six overs in a fine opening spell. Isla Thomson made 49 and Cerys Griffiths was left stranded on 36 when Page took her fourth wicket to complete the victory.

Mason's 125 surpasses the 113 made by England's Sarah Collyer in 1998, which was the first season that Cheshire fielded a standalone team, after the split from Lancashire. Having also made 109* in 2016, Mason now has two of the top three scores in the county team's history.

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division Two – May 31:

[Didsbury 2nd XI 114, Alvanley 115-4:](#) Alvanley recorded their first win as a second-tier side, getting home with six wickets and 10 overs in hand. Lucy Graham and Ellory Dean each took three wickets in a Didsbury innings where Abby Nicholson's 39 was the top score. Agatha Simmons then made 31 to guide a successful chase.

Division Three West – May 31:

[Oakmere 2nd XI 160-2, Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 161-2:](#)

We've seen impressive chases in the higher divisions already this year, including a remarkable 268 by Chester's first team. Here, the club's second team pulled off something a little less spectacular, but chasing down 160 with 11 balls of their 30 overs in hand is more than noteworthy in itself at second team level. Shree Dayama's unbeaten 62 spearheaded this chase, meaning the 85 not out made by Oakmere's Maddi Lawson was in vain.

[Nantwich 2nd XI 75, Runcorn 77-4:](#) Runcorn joined Chester 2s on two wins from three. Nicola Heaton took 5-13 and Izzy Harrison 3-19, before Heaton played an important role in seeing the chase through to completion.

Division Three East – May 26:

[Macclesfield 125-7, Stockport Georgians 2nd XI 73:](#) A second league win of the year for Macclesfield, with an impressive performance. Even when losing early wickets, Macc kept up a rapid scoring rate – Claire Thorley's 26 being the top score. When first change bowler Millie Vickerstaff took three wickets in her first over in the reply, Georgians' victory hopes had been severely dented.

May 31:

[Whalley Range 172-6, Buxton 71:](#) Whalley Range were again in impressive form, with the ever-dependable Hannah Price making 86 and Sairah Zafar 38 as a target of almost six per over was posted. Hattie Palmer's 5-14 completed a very comfortable win.

[North East Cheshire 149-8, New Mills & High Peak North137:](#)

It was a good deal closer, meanwhile, on the Poynton ground where hosts NE Cheshire recorded a second league win of the year. Freya Hadley contributed a vital 4-28 to ensure the New Mills chase fell short. Rebecca Scholes for the hosts and Rachel Monteath for the visitors both made scores in the 30s.

Division Four West - May 31:

[Crewe 123, Oxton 62:](#) Crewe maintained their unbeaten start with a degree of comfort. Despite 5-13 from Oxton's Alex Davies, the home side posted a score of better than a run per ball, with Alison Smith making 30 retired. Six of the eight Crewe bowlers then claimed wickets during the reply.

[Kingsley 121-6, Elworth 113-9:](#) Kingsley are also unbeaten in this division, after a narrow win over an Elworth side who had defeated them in the cup three days earlier. Tarryn-Lee Warman needed only 17 balls to make her 30 retired, then there was an extraordinary innings from Elworth's Leisl Gildea, who initially retired on 30 and then returned at the fall of the 9th wicket to almost double her score. Her final total of 53 from 34 balls was not quite enough though.

Division Four East - May 28:

[Stockport Georgians 3rd XI 141-7, Didsbury 3rd XI 84:](#) Blythe Beckett and Hermione Trotter's repaid scores of 32 and 31 retired led Georgians to a large total.

May 31:

[Lymm Oughtrington Park 67-2, Stockport 66-4:](#) This low scoring thriller saw Stockport fail to score from the final ball, when they needed one to tie and two to win. Lucy Gardiner made 26 and then made a crucial contribution with the ball, conceding six runs in four overs. Alongside the 2-5 in four overs recorded by her Lymm teammate Elena Downes, this was just enough to see the Warrington club over the line.

Division One

Umpire Appointments 7th June
Didsbury v Leyland (at Woodford) – Peter Hayes & Emma Mallinson
Oakmere v Stockport Georgians – Keith Wells & Kevin Taylor

Player loans:

Ellory Dean – Chester BH 2nd XI to Alvanley for maximum three league matches commencing 17th 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.

KNOCKOUT CUPS

Development Knockout Round Two – May 28:

[Kingsley 92-6, Elworth 95-1](#): Sophie Murray's 2-8 in three overs was the standout performance as Elworth's attack restricted Kingsley, with only Tarryn-Lee Warman making a significant score. Elworth openers Nethuli Denuwara and Lucy Abbott then scored the bulk of the runs required in reply.

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

Thunder Cup North West Competition

Six teams – five of them from the Cheshire League - will fight it out the four semi-final spots when the final round of group matches is played on 19th July, a day when potentially the Cheshire squad players could be available, as could any allocated Lancashire professionals not required by a Hundred franchise.

Sefton Park and Edgworth are now out of contention, having lost both group games, while Lindow and Leyland sit in pole position in the two groups. If these games follow the form book, and Lindow beat Edgworth and Leyland overcome Sefton, then the Leigh v Georgians and Ramsbottom v Didsbury matches become straight shoot-outs for a semi-final spot.

Group 1 – May 31:

[Leyland 218, Stockport Georgians 199](#): Leyland sneaked home in this see-saw contest. After losing two of their top three for no score, Leyland produced a partnership of 141 for the fourth wicket between Hannah Snape – 74 from 67 balls, with ten fours and a six – and Katie Poole, who contributed 66. This stand would ultimately comprise almost two-thirds of the total as the last seven wickets fell for 23, leaving some 17 overs unused. Gracie Whittle (4-26) and Flo Batey (3-31) were the most successful bowlers. Skye Thomas and Emily Thomas guided Georgians to 84-1 in reply, but after they fell in quick succession, hopes of victory rested with Hannah Wilke, but the home side's realistic chances ended when she was the eighth player out with 41 still needed. Emma Duerden's 3-22 was the pick of the bowling figures for Leyland.

[Sefton Park 93, Leigh 95-1](#): Leigh made light work of their opponents from Liverpool, with three wickets each for Lily Stobbs and Olivia McCusker leading the bowling effort. McCusker and Sophie Heaton then ensured it would be a comfortable chase.

Group 2 – May 31:

[Ramsbottom 274-4, Lindow 275-4](#): Not for the first time, the runs flowed at Lindow and not only did the home side complete their huge chase, but they had all of 17 balls in hand when the winning run was hit. Scarlett Anderson was the first player to find success with the bat as the Rams opener made 84, and the second half of the innings was all about Amelia Buckley, who remained unbeaten on 106 from 117 balls. Lindow set off at a rate of six per over in reply, and for a while it was exhibition stuff from Holly Topp and Heidi Cheadle. Their virtually chanceless opening stand had reached 188 in 31 overs when Cheadle was dismissed, almost completely out of the blue, having made 89 from 101 deliveries. After a second wicket fell soon afterwards, the Wilmslow club made the shrewd call to send in Claire Ashworth, with licence to play her shots, and she duly delivered 30 from 26 balls to take her side within sight of the finish line, with Faye Smith taking them within sight of the finish line, with Topp striking the winning run, remaining unbeaten on 105, from 117 balls.

[Didsbury 210-7, Edgworth 182](#): Didsbury's batting may not have been spectacular, but the crucial part of this win is that they did what so few sides in this competition have done so far, in that they used the full 50 overs. Thisumi Jayawarna, Holly McCurrie and Sarah McCann all played a valuable role in batting through these overs and nudging the score above 200. At 22-3 in reply, Didsbury might have been looking forward to a simple win, but Tanvee Kasaragod-Pallath made 41, before Edgworth's last pair of Rebecca Parkinson and Ruth Harbord added 26 together to potentially provide some late drama.

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