



Lindow race to their target to record a crucial win in the title race

Division One – July 12:

[Leigh 203-7, Lindow 204-2](#): Reigning champions Lindow won one of their matches in hand to move within 24 points of pacesetters Stockport Georgians. Leigh were scoring at six per over for the first half of their innings, but one of the crucial contributions was the 2-17 in five overs from Holly Topp that kept Leigh in check as they looked to accelerate. Adelaide Mather top scored in the first innings with 60 from 53 balls, supported by 40 from Frankie Hindle and 39 from Georgina Macey. After her rare bowling outing earlier, Topp then made 46 in her more familiar opener role, adding 104 with Grace Hemsted. The run chase was completed with more than 11 overs to spare – Hemsted remaining unbeaten on 89 from 87 balls, and Louise Long also scoring quickly with 39 from 29.

Division One – July 12:

[Didsbury 173-9, Leyland 175-4](#): The loser of this match would always be facing an uphill battle to remain in title contention, and it was Leyland who won decisively to just about retain an interest in the Championship fight. Holly McCurrie and Isabelle Hevican each made scores in the 30s when opening up for Didsbury, but Rosie Ackerley's 27 and Maya Farr's 15 not out would be the only innings with a strike rate of better than 100. Emma Duerden – a prolific wicket taker throughout this season – took three more here. Gone are the days when 173 could be viewed as a challenging target in the league's top division, and it looked more and more under par as Leyland set off at more than six per over. The scoring rate never really dropped, with the job completed in 31.4 overs thanks principally to Summer Carrington's 92 not out from 79 balls.

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Division Two – July 12:

[Didsbury 2nd XI 71, Hayfield 72-0](#): Hayfield's latest emphatic win made it eight wins from eight for the High Peak club – they have just four more to go to complete the season unbeaten. Didsbury made a decent start at 50-1, but later crumbled to the bowling of Darcey Hargreaves, Katie Eadsforth, Emily Bell and Charlotte Peacock. Ruth Lomas and Alice Dyson had the job done inside 12 overs in reply.

[Alvanley 133, Greenfield 136-0](#): This decisive win moved Greenfield off the bottom spot – although Lindow seconds still have three games in hand – and suggested that the battle to avoid the one possible relegation place is still alive. Lindsey Blain's 74 dominated the Alvanley card, but much of the damage was done when Bethany Garforth took all of the first four wickets of the match. Helen Smith made 77 not out from 84 balls in reply, with Zoe Cuthill contributing 35 in a straightforward chase.

Division Three West – July 6:

[Nantwich 2nd XI 130-5, Oakmere 2nd XI 85-4](#): Another decisive win for leaders Nantwich, and another half century for Beatrice Harris, who made 56 from 53 balls here. Nicola Deane added 42 not out as the South Cheshire club compiled an excellent total. Maddi Lawson was the pick of the Oakmere attack with 3-25 and she would then top score in the second innings with 29.

July 12:

[Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 232-2, Runcorn 129](#): Chester seconds recorded this emphatic win to move within three points of Nantwich seconds. Openers Molly Haslam and Diya Dayama both made solid 30s, but the real fireworks came from Shree Dayama (75 not out from 47 balls), with Bella Williams unbeaten on 57 from 64 deliveries. Runcorn produced one fine innings of their own, with 61 from 51 balls by Sam Marsh. Ffion Jones recorded excellent figures of 3-5 in 4.4 overs in reply.

Division Three East – July 8:

[Heaton Mersey & Cheadle 51-5, Whalley Range 55-2](#): A result that very much followed the form book, with unbeaten Whalley Range comfortably seeing off a Heaton Mersey & Cheadle side who were yet to win this year going into the match. Rabia Malik took 2-11 with the ball during the first innings and Nida Bano's 32 not out represented the majority of the scoring during the reply.

[Stockport Georgians 2nd XI 198-1, New Mills & High Peak North 97](#): Georgians maintained a run rate of almost ten per over throughout, as Tess Bailey needed just 64 balls to make 112 not out. Esme Halford contributed 42 from 29 balls and Trinae Edwards made 28 not out. Rachel Monteath's 37 was the only significant score during the reply.

July 12:

[New Mills & High Peak North 72, Whalley Range 73-1](#): Whalley Range go marching on, and regular consistent performers such as Neha Biju and Hannah Price were soon among the wickets here. Noreen Aslam-Latif hit 47 from 42 balls as the chase was completed in a hurry.

[Heaton Mersey & Cheadle 128-7, Buxton 122](#): A first league win of the year for Heaton Mersey & Cheadle. Ellie Pagan top scored for them today with 44 from 46 balls, while Nicola Grainger took three wickets in the second innings. Buxton made a decent start with scores in the 30s from openers Georgina Howarth and Kay Woodhead; but then Pagan, Jess Isaacs and Jane Hynes all took three wickets as the innings fell away.

Division Four East - July 12:

[Brooklands 137-1, Lindow 4th XI 73-6](#): Brooklands look to be the strongest placed club in this division, a position reinforced by this impressive win. Their top three – Karen Cox, Yashvi Parmar and Georgie McCarthy – all reached the retirement score of 30 today. Georgina Park's 26 was the top score in a Lindow innings where Parmar and Anna Howells each took two wickets.

Division Four South East – July 5:

[Macclesfield 2nd XI 153-3, Romiley 87](#): The runs kept flowing for Macclesfield, with three of their top four all reaching 30 retired at around one per ball: Charlotte Lloyd, Poppy-Mae Shufflebotham and Grace Conibere. Shufflebotham and Conibere would then be amongst the pick of the bowlers in the second innings.

July 6:

[Lindow 3rd XI 124-4, Buxton 2nd XI 55-7](#): Lindow remain unbeaten in this division after another dominant performance. Ada Byrne made 30 retired for them in the first innings and both Bethany Seddon and Jemima Levy conceded just four runs from four overs during the reply.

July 8:

[Macclesfield 2nd XI 92-6, Lindow 3rd XI 93-6](#): A potentially vital result as Lindow won the clash of the two previously unbeaten teams. Niamh Paterson's late cameo boosted Macclesfield after a difficult first half of the innings. Aoife Shephard made an important contribution at the top of the Lindow card and it was Bethany Seddon who saw them home.

Transfers for remainder of season:

Ellie Chambers – Macclesfield to Leigh

T20 CHAMPIONSHIP

July 9:

[Didsbury 85, Nantwich 86-2](#): The Didsbury innings never really got going and both a slow scoring rate and the loss of regular wickets were the main themes throughout. Sarah Nettleton bowled her four overs for just five runs at the start, Morganne Prince took 3-14 in the middle overs and Bethan Hughes 3-21 when bowling all of her overs at the death. The Nantwich reply itself got off to a slow start, but it was always going to take something special for Didsbury to turn the tables. Nettleton's 41 not out from 48 balls guided her side home with four overs to spare. It all means that Chester Boughton Hall – who have played just two matches to date – are the only unbeaten team in this competition.

KNOCKOUT CUPS

Development Knockout Quarter-Final – July 7:

[Oakmere 2nd XI 113-7, Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 114-4](#): Chester seconds sneaked through to a home semi-final against Nantwich seconds, after a close finish had seemed likely throughout the second half of the reply. Despite three wickets for Shree Dayama, Oakmere had maintained a healthy scoring rate throughout the first innings, thanks firstly to Maddie Lawson and then to Thisumi Jayawarna. Chester openers Molly Haslam and Shree Dayama duly made their 30 retired scores from 22 and 27 balls respectively, but if anyone thought Boughton Hall were cruising at 70-0 after 10.4 overs, the enforced retirement of the two openers threatened to change the course of the game. Layla Dwyer took wickets with successive balls, and Chester were left indebted to Diya Dayama, who became the third player in the innings to reach a score of 30 retired. It was only from the final ball that Chester got past Oakmere's score, although they were in fact assured of victory once a single from the second ball of the final over had tied the scores, as they had lost several wickets fewer.

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

National Knockout Plate Northern Section Semi-Final – July 6:

[Northop Hall 89-6, Leyland 90-4](#): Holders Leyland are three games away from repeating their winning campaign in last year's Plate. Hollie Sigsworth ensured it was a great first two overs for Northop Hall, but this didn't last, and the top score for the Flintshire club was Poppy Smith's 22 as all five Leyland bowlers did a great job, all conceding between 16 and 20 runs in four overs. After a few early wickets in reply – the first two both taken by Elin Roberts – Summer Carrington's 49 from 44 balls steadied the ship and Leyland got home inside 14 overs.

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Once again, it's the time of year when we ask club representatives to consider nominating players from their club to represent the Cheshire Women's League in the annual fixture against MCC. This year, the fixture is Thursday 27th August at Heaton Mersey CC. It will be a 45 overs per side match, starting at 11.00. Any nominated players should play regular weekend cricket in our league. Before replying, please check with the players that they are happy to be nominated and that they currently expect to be available on 27th August.

As well as nominating players for the main 11, we welcome nominations for the 'additional fielder' role. These are two or three additional players who will definitely get time on the field during the day. It can be a great way of ensuring that divisions 3 and 4 are represented in the squad, or it can be a great way of introducing people to senior representative cricket should you feel that they have the potential to make the main League 11 in the future.

Please reply to me by 22nd July if you are a team manager, coach, captain or vice-captain who wishes to nominate anyone from your club.

Metro Bank Women's One Day Cup – Tier 3 Division 1 – July 12:

[Staffordshire 315-7](#), [Cheshire 270-9](#): Cheshire came out second best in this run spree, with perhaps the key phase of the game being when Megan Pittman (90) and Matilda Atherton-Gater (84) added 148 in 22 overs for the second wicket. Both Cheshire openers – Ellie Mason and Emily Murray – made 33, with the highest scores being Gaby McKeever's 61 and Peyton Hulme's 52, but this was always set to be a very daunting chase for Cheshire.

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