



KNOCKOUT CUPS

Georgians, Didsbury and Chester 2nd book places at CWCL Finals Day

Senior Knockout Semi-Final – July 15:

[Lindow 112-5, Stockport Georgians 113-2](#): After a devastating demonstration of the team's talent in the shorter form of the game, Stockport Georgians are through to their first Cheshire Cup Final. Lindow were able to mount a recovery from 38-5, via Faye Smith and Amy Seddon and almost half of Lindow's runs came via Seddon's 49 not out, but the Wilmslow club's final total still looked inadequate. Too much damage had already been done – Sophie Sanders took 1-11 from four overs bowled straight through at the start, and Gracie Whittle took 3-15 when bowling the 4th, 6th, 8th and 10th overs. Lindow applied a brief handbrake on the scoring during the reply when Faye Smith took two wickets, but from 72-2, the remaining 41 runs were scored in just 17 balls, with the overall innings lasting just 12.3 overs. Ellie Mason finished with an imperious 76 not out from 39 balls, with 14 fours and one six.

July 16:

[Didsbury 176-0, Nantwich 151-5](#): Georgians' opponents in the final on 23rd August at Northwich will be Didsbury, after an incredible batting effort here. Roshini Prince-Navaratnam and Emilia Powell batted through the entire 20 overs, scoring as many as 119 off the last 11 overs – a rate of almost 11 per over during this period. Each faced 60 balls, Prince-Navaratnam making 85 with 14 fours, and Powell 82 with 12 fours and two sixes. Nantwich's run rate worm kept pace with Didsbury's through the first half of the reply, but it would always have been a tall order to match their opponents' second half scoring rate. Sarah Nettleton (57) and Aoife Fisher (43) were the top scorers, with the first wicket of the day finally falling to the bowling of Isabelle Hevican in the 33rd over of the match. Sarah McCann claimed three stumpings as the pressure grew.

Development Knockout Semi-Final – July 14:

[Nantwich 2nd XI 87, Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 88-3](#): Chester are through to the final – against Macclesfield or Whalley Range – and will have a second opportunity to win this competition, having previously triumphed in 2023. Shree Dayama and Ffion Jones both took two wickets and bowled economical spells, as the only significant Nantwich score was the 30 retired from number 7 Izzi Pearson. Boughton Hall openers Shree Dayama and Molly Haslam took the score to 58 before the end of the seventh over of the reply, meaning Jen Dickinson's three wickets came too late to save Nantwich.

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One – July 19:

[Chester Boughton Hall 167, Northop Hall 168-9](#): At the ninth attempt, Northop Hall finally recorded their first win as a division one team, getting home in the penultimate over of this absorbing contest. Chester struggled to put together any meaningful partnerships, with Shree Dayama's 25 the top score. Elin Roberts took 5-31 for Northop Hall. In reply, Northop Hall had contributions of 38 from Poppy Smith, 31 from Laura Nicholls and 26 from Hollie Sigsworth, before numbers 9 and 11 got them over the line. The efforts of Boughton Hall bowlers Shree Dayama (4-26) and Georgia Munro (3-21) thus proved to be in vain. It will still be a tall order for Northop Hall to avoid finishing bottom, as they need to make up 35 points on Leigh over just five matches, but this can't be anything other than a massive morale boosting win.

Umpire Appointments 26th July

Oakmere v Lindow – Derek Barnett & Ian Dutton

Leigh v Northop Hall – Steven Foster & Ankit Jain

Division Two – July 19:

[Didsbury 2nd XI 69, Hayfield 70-0](#): Another Hayfield win that was completed in double quick time, as they made it nine wins from nine. Freya Mason (4-7) and Ella Kassim (3-4) recorded superb figures, before Ruth Lomas and Alice Dyson completed the chase inside 10 overs.

[Nantwich 260-5, Upton 75](#): Nantwich were also in fine form as they seek to stay within touching distance of Hayfield. Morganne Prince's 93 anchored their innings, and they were helped to a big total in the closing overs by Sarah Nettleton's 75 not out from 44 balls. Izzi Selwood took 3-8 as part of the dominant Nantwich bowling show in the second innings.

[Greenfield 268-5, Alvanley 238-6](#): Greenfield's revival continues, and after three previous half centuries this year, Helen Smith made it into three figures, hitting 20 fours and two sixes in an innings of 126 from 106 deliveries. Lexi Hall made 49 not out and Alanya Thorpe 40 as they compiled a large total. Alvanley were well placed at 144-2 after 20 overs but lost some momentum after Isla Entwistle fell for 98.

Division Three West – July 13:

[Runcorn 158-2, Oakmere 2nd XI 147-5](#): Runcorn edged this high scoring contest, and they may retain an interest in the top of the table, if they can have a big finish to the season. Layla Dwyer's 66 from 48 balls kept Oakmere interested in this run chase, but ultimately the matchwinning contribution was the earlier 78 not out from 56 balls from Runcorn's Sarah O'Connor.

Division Three East – July 12:

[Macclesfield 178-6 \(30\), North East Cheshire 84-6 \(21.1\)](#): Macclesfield strengthened their grip on second spot, with scores in the 30s from openers Ponshirly Jayabalan and Annabelle Morton leading them to a solid total. Autumn Greensmith's 5-12 in the second innings wreaked havoc on a North East batting line up, where 49 not out from Rebecca Scholes dominated the scoring.

July 14:

[Whalley Range 106-5, Stockport Georgians 2nd XI 62-9](#): When Flo Batey took wickets in successive balls, Whalley Range found themselves in the unfamiliar position of being 14-4. This is, however, a club that has very much acquired the winning habit, having won Division 4 East last year with a 100 per cent record, and who are now more than halfway towards repeating that feat in the higher division. Nida Bano and Neha Biju added 63 for the fifth wicket, with Biju remaining unbeaten on 51 to steer her side to a three-figure total. Biju, Hannah Price and Sairah Zafar all combined to ensure Whalley Range then took six wickets in the first eight overs of the reply.

July 15:

[Whalley Range 148-2, Macclesfield 74-8](#): 24 hours later, it was plain sailing all the way for Whalley Range. Zainab Azam batted through their 20-over innings, finishing 70 not out from 56 balls, with 11 fours and one six. Noreen Aslam-Latif and Nida Bano contributed scores in the 30s. Aslam-Latif wasn't finished there, as she then took three wickets for two runs.

July 19:

[New Mills & High Peak North 153-7, Buxton 111](#): New Mills' Rachel Monteath had a superb individual match to record what was only her side's second league win of the year. Most of her teammates struggled with the bat against the likes of Nicole Grainger (3-24), but Monteath remained unbeaten at the end of the innings, hitting 13 fours in her unbeaten 92 from 100 balls. Monteath took 3-17 in the reply, which alongside Aimee McGrath's 3-7 meant that Buxton fell well short. Isla Stewart top scored in the second innings with 38.

Division Four West – July 19:

[Crewe 132-4, Aston 64](#): Crewe extended their lead in this division with a comfortable win over neighbours Aston. Asleigh Grimes and Nicki Jarvis made 30 retired at around a run per ball, then Anna Bourne took 4-14 to complete the win.

[Elworth 180-2, Oxtou 142-5](#): The Elworth top three of Nethuli Denuwara, Sophie Murray and Lucy Abbott all made 30 retired, before the finishing touches to a mammoth score were applied by Liesl Gildea's 25 from 13 balls. In reply, Oxtou made what would normally be a very good score, with 30 retired from Tessie Nickson and Liv Baker.

Division Four East – July 15:

[Lindow 4th XI 83-4, Lymm Oughtrington Park 78-5](#): Lindow clung on for a narrow win, with runs from Lucy Gardiner and Elena Downes not quite enough to see Lymm over the line. Hayley Bennett was Lindow's top scorer with 26.

July 19:

[Lymm Oughtrington Park 59-6, Brooklands 60-1](#): Brooklands moved into top spot with this comfortable win. Anna Howells took 3-10 as Lymm struggled to break above three per over.

Division Four South East – July 19:

[New Mills & High Peak North 108-4, Buxton 2nd XI 109-5](#): Buxton got past the target posted by their near neighbours at the start of the final over. Despite both teams reaching three figures, the top individual score on either side was the 19 not out from New Mills' Tracy Mortimer.

Transfers for remainder of season:

Ivy Floyd, North East Cheshire to Lindow

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

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 23rd July if you are a team manager, coach, captain or vice-captain who wishes to nominate anyone from your club.

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

With the dates of the regional final of the National Knockout and the final round of the group stage of the Thunder Cup falling on the same date, Lindow staged a nine-hour marathon at their Upcast Lane ground, with the 20 over National match followed by a reduced 35 overs per side game in the Thunder Cup. It was a demanding day for the nine players who featured in both matches, but ultimately a very rewarding day with two huge victories.

National Knockout Cup Northern Section Final – July 19:

[Lindow 151-6, Sessay 114-7](#): Lindow are the only CWCL club to have previously reached the national semi-finals of this competition, and this convincing victory over their opponents from North Yorkshire takes them to the same stage once again. Heidi Cheadle and Emily Murray took them to 80-0 from 10 overs, but the second half of the innings went less well. Had Lindow lost momentum and posted a below par total? If they had, then they swiftly regained the initiative with some early wickets. Sessay never regained the upper hand, with Faye Smith recording superb figures of 3-18. Emily Murray's 2-19 was a vital contribution in the death overs, and Amy Seddon and Grace Hemsted also had economy rates of less than five.

National Knockout Plate Northern Section Final – July 19:

[Leyland 131-4, Tynedale 37](#): Leyland stormed into the national stages of the competition that they won last year. CWCL form indicates this is a stronger Leyland side than the one that lifted the Plate last year, so is more silverware on the cards this time? Summer Carrington's 68 not out from 46 balls was the standout contribution in the first innings, and this was followed by a massively dominant bowling performance where all six bowlers took at least one wicket and where only one had an economy rate of more than two per over.

Thunder Cup North West Competition Group 2 – July 19:

[Lindow 300-3, Edgworth 156-9](#): The reduction of the length of the match didn't stop Lindow reaching 300 at a run rate of 8.57. Holly Topp made 135 from 106 balls, with 21 fours and one six; and Heidi Cheadle joined her in three figures by taking just 70 balls to compile a round 100 with 14 fours and two sixes – the pair added 206 together. Ivy Floyd had a first day to remember as a Lindow player, taking three top order wickets to reduce Edgworth to 40-5, and finishing with final figures of 4-21.

[Ramsbottom 243-9, Didsbury 149](#): Ramsbottom emerged triumphant from this winner takes all match, where the winner would go through to the semi-finals and the loser would exit the competition. Ramsbottom didn't have a half-centurion, but scores of between 35 and 41 from Scarlett Anderson, Maeve Jones, Manvi Rajshetty and Bryony Gledhill helped them to their decent total. Didsbury were always losing regular wickets in reply and could produce nothing higher than Thisumi Jayawarna's 31. Anderson took 4-37 to wrap up the win.

The semi-finals on 9th August will see the two group winners each hosting the runners-up from the other group, so it will be Lindow at home to Stockport Georgians, while Leyland host Ramsbottom.

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