



T20 CHAMPIONSHIP

Didsbury possibly in the driving seat after pivotal week

July 21:

[Lindow 203-1, Chester Boughton Hall 144-5](#): Heidi Cheadle became the first centurion in the competition's history – after all, this wasn't possible last year when a compulsory retirement score was in force – and her Lindow side also achieved a competition milestone with the first ever score of more than 200. The initial period actually saw Cheadle playing second fiddle, as Holly Topp made hay, scoring 20 off one over as Lindow made 108-0 in the first 10 overs. Chester recovered to restrict the scoring to 25 from the next five overs, during which time Topp fell for 75. Cheadle then led a late charge that saw 70 more in the final five overs, and 20 runs from the final over took her to a century of 52 balls, with her final score of 105 not out made from 54 balls, with 15 fours and two sixes. Curiously, for such a large total, there were no sixes hit until the final over, instead the Lindow batters hit as many as 29 fours. Chester's chase was always a tall order, but Shree Dayama and Tanvee Kasaragod-Pallath were able to shine with scores in the 40s.

Nantwich w/o Oakmere

July 22:

[Didsbury 174-3, Lindow 111-4](#): After their record breaking exploits 24 hours earlier, Lindow came down to earth here with their second defeat of the competition, which appears to end their chances of winning. Also, after Heidi Cheadle's century the day before, we didn't have to wait long for a second ton, with Didsbury captain Roshini Prince-Navaratnam making 102 here from 63 balls, with 11 fours and three sixes. The century mark itself was reached after 61 balls. Prince-Navaratnam's partnership with Hannah Jones added 99 in 10 overs and left Lindow facing a much more challenging chase than had looked likely at the halfway point of the innings. Prince-Navaratnam then chose to open the bowling and duly delivered the key wickets of both Lindow openers inside her first two overs. By the time Louise Long completed the highest individual innings of the reply (32), Lindow's hopes had well and truly gone.

July 23:

[Didsbury 165-6, Stockport Georgians 70](#): Georgians arguably began this match in the best position, having a far superior net run rate to the other teams with one defeat. The evening ended though with Didsbury having seemingly ended the hopes of another one of their challengers, consigning Georgians to a second defeat in this competition. Roshini Prince-Navaratnam's 38 from 32 balls got Didsbury off to a good start, but the senior role was played here by Hannah Jones, with 65 not out from 40 deliveries. Despite three late wickets for Freya Jones, the final Didsbury total looked more than challenging. In an extraordinary start to the reply, Prince-Navaratnam took three wickets in her first over and another two in the second, and Georgians were 29-8 at one stage.

Up to three re-arranged fixtures remain, and the race for the T20 Championship looks to be between the three teams with one defeat – Didsbury, Nantwich and Chester Boughton Hall. If two teams tie on points, the result of the match between the two teams will be the deciding factor, but if there is a three-way tie at the top, net run rate could be used, and here Didsbury have a significant advantage.

Division One – July 26:

[Oakmere 201-6, Lindow 202-2](#): Lindow won their match in hand to move one point ahead of Stockport Georgians, and in doing so produced some of their most devastating batting of what has already been a run-laden season. Phoebe Cottam (85*) anchored the Oakmere innings, and from a difficult position at 24-3 she added 105 in 22 overs with Sarah Worsdale and 54 in nine overs from Layla Dwyer. A target of just over 200 presented few difficulties though, with Heidi Cheadle and Holly Topp's opening stand of 160 coming at ten per over – Topp finishing unbeaten on 75 from 60 balls, with 11 fours; and Cheadle falling seven short of a third league century of the year, taking 54 balls to make 93 and hitting 13 fours and three sixes. For anyone wondering when the second and final meeting between the top two is, the answer is, not until almost the very end on 6th September.

[Northop Hall 162-5 \(30\), Leigh 96 \(24\)](#): There may yet be a genuine relegation battle in division one this year, indeed the loser of the Leigh-Oakmere game next Sunday may be in a spot of trouble. After eight straight losses, newly promoted Northop Hall made it back-to-back wins today. In the most rain-affected match of the season so far – there is yet to be a washout – the North Wales club reached a solid total via scores of 43 from both Laura Nicholls and Alys Evans. From 46-1 in reply, Leigh collapsed against the bowling of Poppy Smith and Shana Kelly. Northop Hall are now just 17 points behind Leigh and 23 behind Oakmere.

Umpire Appointments 2nd August
Lindow v Chester Boughton Hall – Carol Ingham & Steve Wilkins; Leyland v Northop Hall – Senthil Kumar Balu & Derek Barnett; Leigh v Oakmere – Graham Church & Steven Foster.

With four players having made a Cheshire senior debut today, clubs are reminded that regulations do not permit them to play 2nd, 3rd or 4th XI league cricket for the remainder of the season and that they can only make league appearances for the 1st XI. This applies regardless of whether they are one of the club's nominated 'starred' players.

Division Two – July 26:

Upton 146, Didsbury 2nd XI 143-7: In the battle to avoid finishing bottom, Didsbury gave themselves some breathing space with this victory, reaching their revised target with two overs to spare. Amelia Grace took 4-22 as Upton's last five wickets fell for 12 runs – Ava Prior top scoring in the first innings with 33. Sarah McCann made 30 early in Didsbury's reply, followed by 52 from 49 balls by Abby Nicholson in the middle order.

Division Three West – July 26:

Runcorn 126, Nantwich 2nd XI 116: One of the closest finishes of the day saw Runcorn beat Nantwich and move within four points of them at the top of the table, although Chester seconds look to be in pole position in this division. Nicola Heaton's 46 not out from 34 balls rescued Runcorn from 47-6, then Heaton took 4-17 as Nantwich's reply fell away after a decent start. Eleanor Beecher took 3-10 and Sophie Winward 4-18 in the first innings, the latter only denied an end of innings hat-trick by a wide delivery in the midst of her three wickets.

Division Four West – July 26:

Oxton 123-4, Crewe 97: A setback for leaders Crewe after Molly Price had a fine game for Oxton, making 30 retired and taking 3-13 with the ball.

Division Four East – July 26:

Lymm Oughtrington Park 63-6, Didsbury 3rd XI 65-3: Didsbury should perhaps not be counted out of the title race in this division just yet, after this comfortable win. Tasnim Akram's four wickets for four runs was the obvious standout performance here, before Charlotte Howard made 25 not out in the run chase.

Clubs are asked to reacquaint themselves with the [ECB Concussion Guidelines](#), which include:

- The guidelines are not intended to constitute professional medical advice
- Wearing a helmet is not a guarantee that a concussion event cannot occur
- Anyone with a suspected concussion must be removed from the field of play
- Medical advice should be sought within 24 hours of a suspected concussion
- Players should not return to competitive action within 21 days of a confirmed concussion event, or within 14 days of the last symptoms
- Symptoms may take up to 48 hours to become apparent
- Not all concussion events involve a loss of consciousness
- Umpires would be expected to call and signal dead ball immediately should a player be struck on the head or experience any other suspected concussion
- Concussion events do not necessarily involve contact with the head from the ball, for example it can be sustained while diving to stop a ball in the field
- Clubs are responsible for ensuring there are people with sufficient first aid experience at all matches

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Metro Bank Women's One Day Cup – Tier 3 Division 1 – July 26:

Cheshire 211-9, Berkshire 212-3: A difficult day for Cheshire, fielding four young debutantes, and Berkshire cruised to their target with more than 15 overs to spare, led by Ashneet Chahal's 83 not out from 77 balls. The highlights of Cheshire's innings were 51 from 32 balls by Amy Seddon, who opened the innings; Daisy Cooke's valuable 31, as she occupied the crease for a long time after the fifth wicket fell as early as the 19th over; and a record Cheshire last wicket stand of 48 between Shree Dayama, one of the debutantes, and Kasey Bentham. The fixture also saw Emily Page become the youngest player ever to captain the county's senior team.

LEAGUE TABLES

Elite Hardball	Development Hardball (Standard Scoring)	Development Hardball (Pairs Scoring)
Division 1	Division 3 West	Division 5 West
Division 2	Division 3 East	Division 5 East
T20 Championship	Division 4 West	
	Division 4 East	
	Division 4 South East	

Softball (Standard Scoring)	Softball (Pairs Scoring)
Division 6 West & South	Division 7 West 1
Division 6 East	Division 7 West 2
Division 6 Wirral	Division 7 East 1
	Division 7 East 2
	Division 7 East 3
	Division 7 South
	Division 7 Wirral