



EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

Lindow's Cup dreams ended, but Leyland through to Plate final

National Knockout Cup Semi-Final – August 2:

[Dorridge 149-7, Lindow 138-8](#): Lindow exited the competition at the semi-final stage, beaten by the same team that ended their campaign at the same stage in 2024. On this occasion, however, Lindow were left to reflect on what might have been, having been in a fantastic position with only a few overs to go. Warwickshire club Dorridge got off to a fine start via Liz Russell and Gabby Basketter but were pegged back in the middle overs by Claire Ashworth, and particularly Faye Smith, who returned an excellent 4-23. The target of 150 looked well within Lindow's reach, and Heidi Cheadle, Holly Topp and Emily Murray duly took them to 107-1, needing 43 from 34 balls. The game was turned though by Eleanor Phillips' hat-trick, and Phillips' 4-14 return, together with 3-21 from Russell, ended Lindow's dreams of the final.

National Knockout Plate Semi-Final – August 2:

[Copdock & Old Ipswichian 153-7, Leyland 155-4](#): CWCL interest in the National Knockouts will continue all the way to Finals Day, after Leyland completed a nailbiting win to seal a place in the final of the Plate competition that they won last year. Copdock reached 81-1 at halfway, but the key wicket of Dayle Anderson for 49 started a Leyland fightback. Three wickets for Emma Duerden in the closing stages further dented the Suffolk club's efforts to accelerate. Leyland stayed in touch the whole way during their chase - Summer Carrington added 50 with Hannah Snape and then 67 with Abi Bates, and although Bates was run out from the penultimate ball, Carrington duly struck the final ball for four to complete her innings of 59 from 43 balls. Kent club Hayes now await in the final on 16th August.

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One – August 2:

[Leigh 174-9, Oakmere 175-8](#): This was a potentially huge game at the foot of the table, and with Leigh losing here, bottom club Northop Hall would be within one point of them were they to win their game in hand. In a tightly fought contest, the highest individual score was just the 35 posted by E.Hall for Leigh, while Amy Jones made 34 for Oakmere. Danielle Collins took three wickets for Leigh, but also bowled the most wides - Collins struck from the third ball of the final over to keep alive the prospect of a tie, before another wide from the next delivery got Oakmere over the line for a first win in six league matches.

Umpire Appointments 9th August
Northop Hall v Didsbury – Barrie Burns & TBC

Division Two – August 2:

[Hayfield 225-4, Lindow 2nd XI 100](#): Hayfield made it ten wins from ten, and they were bossing this game right from the start. Ruth Lomas (62) and Bo Singleton (51) added 117 for the first wicket, and Alice Dyson and Charlotte Peacock put on 53 from the last seven overs. Emilia Rourke's 28 was the top score for Lindow, but again there were fine figures from the many Hayfield bowlers used, with Dyson taking 4-12.

[Didsbury 2nd XI 70, Nantwich 71-2](#): There was also a big win for Nantwich, and both they and Hayfield seem to be set for a title showdown on the Derbyshire club's ground on 30th August. Didsbury were losing wickets regularly and several Nantwich bowlers shone, but Morganne Prince's four wickets for one run from 14 balls was the real standout contribution. After the loss of two fairly early wickets, Nantwich were guided home by Sarah Nettleton's 39 not out from 23 balls.

Division Three West – July 28:

[Oakmere 2nd XI 85-7, Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 86-2](#): A decisive win for Chester that puts them in a great position – top of the table and having played a game less than the two teams below them. Tarryn Warman made 33 not out for Oakmere, but many of the others struggled against the likes of Zavial Payne (3-18). Bella Williams' 35 not out led a run chase completed inside 14 overs.

Division Three East – July 30:

[Heaton Mersey & Cheadle 96-5, Stockport Georgians 2nd XI 99-2](#): Jemma Haynes top scored in the first innings with 37 not out, but otherwise the scoring rate was kept largely in check, with Freya Jones taking 2-10. Bethany Evans' 39 not out led a comfortable run chase.

Division Four West – July 26:

[Grappenhall 112-4, Kingsley 87](#): Tarryn-Lee Warman's 31 retired was the only double figure score in the Kingsley innings, with considerable damage being inflicted by Sophie Thomas-Malone in her opening spell. Cheska Hales and Rebecca Ellis had been the top scorers for Grappenhall earlier.

August 2:

[Crewe 116-7, Elworth 117-3](#): This could, however, also have been a pivotal result. Leaders Crewe came unstuck at the hands of third-placed Elworth, and this means that Kingsley can win the title were they to win two games in hand. Nicki Jarvis and Rosie Meakin were in the runs for Crewe, but the runs were soon flowing from the Elworth batters. Nethuli Denuwara's 26 from 14 balls got them off to a great start, and with Liesl Gildea later reaching 30 from just 18 balls, this chase was completed with more than five overs to spare.

Division Four East - July 28:

[Didsbury 3rd XI 118-2, Stockport Georgians 3rd XI 66-7](#): Didsbury won comfortably to move into top spot, albeit having played a game more than Brooklands. Openers Anjali Santhakumar and Sophie Davies got the first innings off to a good start. Srinivasan scored almost half of the Georgians total during the reply.

August 2:

[Stockport 152-3, Lymm Oughtrington Park 78-5](#): Stockport moved up to third place with this commanding win. Emily Rayner and Melissa Barclay both reached the retirement score of 30 in their large total - Barclay taking just 11 balls. Elena Downes 31 retired dominated the second innings scoring as Lymm fell well short.

Division Four South East – July 28:

[Lindow 3rd XI 112-8, Langley 102-6](#): Lindow moved within 14 points of wrapping up the title with this narrow win. Victory was achieved despite five of their top six making ducks, four of them dismissed by Poppy Hague. The other member of the Wilmslow club's top six, Georgina Park, was the top scorer with 30 retired. Anne Chadwick, with 30 retired, top scored for Langley, but Lindow held on, with Jenny Ross (2-12) the pick of their attack.

Overseas exempt player registrations:

Ameesha Jabir (Nantwich)

Player loans:

Tarryn Warman, Jo Leonard, Emilia King – all Kingsley to Oakmere 2nd XI for league match on 28th July only

A meeting of the full league committee will be conducted remotely on Wednesday 12th August at 1930.

The ECB's 2026 Recreational Game Playing and Volunteering Survey is now open, giving players and volunteers the opportunity to share their experiences and help shape the future of grassroots cricket. The survey explores how people are participating in and enjoying the game, with feedback helping to inform future improvements across the recreational network. The survey takes around 15 minutes to complete and closes on 16 August. Find out more and complete the survey [here](#).

The ECB is looking for passionate cricket volunteers to take part in a filming project to create content for volunteers across the recreational game. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase great practices from your club. Please complete the [short expression of interest form](#) and upload a short video (maximum two minutes) telling them a little about yourself and why you'd like to take part.

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

I have pleasure in announcing the League XI to play MCC at Heaton Mersey CC on Thursday 27th August at 11am.

We may be announcing a 12th full member of the team in due course, which is likely to be an additional front-line bowler.

Carys White (Lindow, captain)
Neve Boon (Stockport Georgians)
Heidi Cheadle (Lindow)
Tanvee Kasaragod-Pallath (Chester BH)
Holly McCurrie (Didsbury)
Adelaide Mather (Leigh)
Hannah Marshall (Didsbury)
Georgia Munro (Chester BH)
Hannah Price (Whalley R)
Sarah O'Connor (Runcorn)
Holly Topp (Lindow)

Additional fielder
Jessye Sadler (Didsbury)

Umpires
Emma Mallinson & MCC appointee

Scorers
Rosie Davis (Didsbury) & MCC appointee

Metro Bank Women's One Day Cup – Tier 3 Division 1 – August 2:

[Cheshire 339-7, Buckinghamshire 339-8](#): An extraordinary day of run scoring at High Wycombe, with the Cheshire records for highest team score and highest individual score both smashed. Lucy Western, on loan from Leicestershire, made an incredible 193 not out from 137 balls in the Cheshire innings. Her knock featured 28 fours and three sixes, with 24 coming from the final over. As it turned out, Cheshire needed every one of those runs scored in the final over and in the entire innings. Molly Carter's 91 played the anchor role for Buckinghamshire, and there were rapid runs from Amelie Bishop (63 from 69 balls) at number three. Cara Gerber's 36 not out from 35 balls gave Bucks late impetus, and her single from the final ball tied the scores.

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