



Finals Day on Sunday

Every week between now and the end of season will see either a showpiece occasion, or else a crucial match in the division 1 or 2 title race. The CWCL's T20 Finals Day at Northwich CC is this Sunday, 23rd August, where the Development Knockout Final at 11am will be followed by the Senior Knockout Final at 3pm.

The Senior final sees Stockport Georgians in their first CWCL final, against Didsbury who have previously won this competition on three occasions. Whalley Range are also in a first final in the Development match, against a Chester second team seeking a second triumph in this competition.

The club's small car park is likely to fill up early, so overflow parking is available elsewhere in the Moss Farm Leisure Complex. The bar at the club will be open in time for the start of the Development KO Final at 11am. Fast food type meals can be purchased from the on-site caterer on the Moss Farm complex.

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

National Knockout Plate Final – August 16:

[Leyland 170-6, Hayes 129-9](#): Leyland are the national Plate champions for the second year in succession. This win owed a huge debt to Olivia Cunliffe, as with all but one of her teammates dismissed for single figures, she played an extraordinary lone hand, smashing 112 from 73 balls, with 17 fours and one six. Faced with an asking rate of 8.5, the Kent club were losing wickets from the very start. Emma Duerden's four overs for 16 runs was perhaps the standout bowling contribution.

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One – August 16:

[Lindow 301-4, Didsbury 152-8](#): The leaders were in fine form here and now lead Stockport Georgians by 26 points, having played a game more. Didsbury are the only team to have beaten Lindow in the league this year, but here it was a very different story from the game earlier in the season. Lindow got off to a fine start with another large opening stand from Holly Topp and Heidi Cheadle, with the pair progressing largely untroubled to 166-0 in the 20th over. Both then fell in successive overs to the bowling of Sasha Turnock, Topp for 92 from just 56 balls and Cheadle for 70. While the scoring rate wasn't quite so fast thereafter, the last 18 overs still produced 130 runs and only two wickets. Laurie Sheridan made 55 not out and there were good contributions from Carys White and Faye Smith. The Didsbury reply started slowly and most of the Lindow attack recorded excellent figures - Katie Farmer taking three wickets and Smith and Alice Westerby each taking two. Emilia Powell's 28 was the top score in the reply.

Umpire Appointments 23rd August
Leyland v Northop Hall – Ankit Jain & Duane Jones
Chester Boughton Hall v Oakmere (1500 start) – Ian Dutton & Steven Foster

Division Two – August 16:

[Didsbury 2nd XI 78, Lindow 2nd XI 79-1](#): A welcome win for Lindow at the foot of the table and only their second league victory of the year. One team could still be relegated from this division and there are still four teams in the mix, including a Didsbury side who were well beaten here. Bethany Seddon's 4-13 played the major role for Lindow with the ball, and Louise Long's 37 from 19 balls led the way as the chase was completed inside 10 overs.

Division Three West – August 11:

[Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 181-2, Nantwich 2nd XI 116-5](#): Chester clinched the Division 3 West title with this dominant performance. After a wicket from the second ball of the match, Bella Williams and Diya Dayama added 137 together. After Dayama fell for 51, Williams led the way in scoring 27 from the final two overs, taking her to 95 not out from just 65 balls. Charlotte Walker and Beatrice Harris reached the 30s for Nantwich, but this chase was always a very tall order.

August 16:

[Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 174-6, Runcorn 53](#): Chester seconds signed off a title winning league season in style, having lost just once during the programme. Bella Williams continued her good form with 37, but this Chester total was a team effort, with the second highest knock being Meg Cureton's 35 from 30 balls. Izzi Harrison took three wickets, but was then one of the batters blown away by the opening spells of Chester's Zavial Payne (4-16) and Ela Closs-Sharp (2-22). Two wickets for Annette Axon finished the job in a Runcorn innings where Steph Woodstock scored almost half of the runs.

[Nantwich 2nd XI 163-8, Oakmere 2nd XI 164-5](#): A first league win of the year for Oakmere seconds. Ada Christopherson top scored for Nantwich with 34 not out, while Carys Salomon (3-33) and Jane Tarpey (2-5) were the standout bowlers in the first innings. Abbi Lamidey's 71 from 64 balls led the run chase, and Oakmere held their nerve to get over the line, despite the best efforts of Morganne Prince (3-20).

Division Three East – August 12:

[Whalley Range 140-3 \(20\), Stockport Georgians 2nd XI 48-6 \(11.2\)](#): Whalley Range were another team to wrap up a divisional title this week. The bulk of their runs in this latest comfortable win came from openers Zainab Azam and Noreen Aslam-Latif.

August 16:

Heaton Mersey & Cheadle 88-8, Stockport Georgians 2nd XI 92-1

Division Four West - August 16:

[Aston 98-6, Kingsley 101-9](#): This victory keeps Kingsley in the box seat to win the division as they are now just 11 points behind Crewe with a game in hand. They were, however, made to fight all the way for this win by an Aston side with only one league win to their name this year. With four runs still needed. Kingsley captain Tarryn Warman had to return to the crease at the fall of the 9th wicket to finish the job, having retired earlier. Warman's final score of 37 not out from 17 balls completely dominated the second innings scorecard, and her final effort meant that the bowling endeavours of Caroline Lambden (4-27) and S. Root (3-23) were in vain. Liv Taylor's 30 retired was the top score for Aston, with Warman taking 3-13 in the first innings.

[Oxton 127-7, Grappenhall 113-6](#): There's a tight race for third spot in prospect, with both of these teams in contention. Hannah Williamson produced a fine 5-11 spell for Grappenhall, but Oxton still managed to get to what would be a winning score. Molly Price's 31 retired was the top score for Oxton. Amy Couture made an unbeaten 33 for Grappenhall, but their poor start at 36-5 cost them here.

Division Four East - August 12:

[Stockport 138-3, Lindow 4th XI 76](#): Katie Billings continued her excellent season with the bat with another score of 30 retired. Melissa Barclay and Leah Kimm supplied cameo knocks in the 20s as Stockport amassed a large total. Emilia Rourke made 25 from 14 balls but her Lindow side fell well short, as Annie Shaw took 5-16 and Kimm 3-16.

August 16:

[Didsbury 3rd XI 78-9, Brooklands 78-9](#): It was a thrilling tie in the showdown between the top two, but Didsbury probably needed to win this one, with Brooklands just nine points behind with a game in hand. The 18 made by Didsbury's Eleanor Taylor was the top score on either side in a nervous low-scoring affair. The Brooklands numbers 10 and 11 managed the three runs they needed from the final over to reach parity.

[Lymm Oughtrington Park 131-6, Lindow 4th XI 129-5](#):

This was a much higher scoring affair in a match where less was at stake. Erin Murphy and Caitlin Hettiarachchi were the joint top scorers for Lymm with 25, and while Lesley Chapman and Georgina Park both reached the retirement score in the reply, they didn't quite get enough support to see their side over the line.

Division Four South East – August 10:

[New Mills & High Peak North 2nd XI 53, Lindow 3rd XI 54-1](#): A ninth comprehensive win from nine matches leaves Lindow thirds just one win away from completing a perfect league season. Jenny Ross and Emily Seddon each took three wickets here.

The next full league committee is on Wednesday 7th October at 1930 and will be conducted remotely.

The most recent meeting agreed that the following individual awards will be presented at the 3rd October Presentation Night:

- A trophy for the highest run scorer in each of the Divisions 1-4, and in the T20 Championship+
- A trophy for the highest wicket taker in each of the Divisions 1-4, and in the T20 Championship +
- A trophy for the player with the most fielding dismissals (catches & run outs) in each of the Divisions 1-4*, and in the T20 Championship +
- A trophy for the wicketkeeper with the most dismissals in each of the divisions 1-4*, and in the T20 Championship +
- A single trophy for the player with the best batting average across the various Division 5s
- A single trophy for the player with the best batting average across the various Division 6s
- A single trophy for the player with the best batting average across the various Division 7s
- A single trophy for the player with the best bowling average across the various Division 5s
- A single trophy for the player with the best bowling average across the various Division 6s
- A single trophy for the player with the best bowling average across the various Division 7s

*these awards will only be given to fielders or wicketkeepers with at least four dismissals +batting and bowling averages, or the number of matches played, will be used to resolve any ties here - only one trophy per category per division will be awarded

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Metro Bank Women's One Day Cup – Tier 3 Division 1 – August 16:

[Cheshire 149, Devon 150-4](#): Leaders Devon comfortably maintained their unbeaten record. Several Cheshire batters got a start, but there was no individual score higher than Emily Murray's 36, with Katie Donovan, Abbie Lockett and Ellie Bishop all taking three wickets. Jemima Vereker's 71 from 59 deliveries led a chase completed with 22 overs to spare. Cheshire have just two wins from six in the 50 over competition, alongside three losses and a tie, but it would take something of a mathematical improbability for them to finish in one of the two relegation spots. Cheshire can make absolutely sure of Division 1 cricket next year by beating Shropshire on 30th August.

I have pleasure in announcing the League XI to play MCC at Heaton Mersey CC on Thursday 27th August at 11am. We have 12 full members of the team, as agreed with MCC on the understanding that they can do the same. Only 11 of these 12 can bat and only 11 will be on the field at any one time.

Carys White (Lindow, captain)
Neve Boon (Stockport Georgians)
Heidi Cheadle (Lindow)
Shree Dayama (Chester BH)
Emily Hillier (Didsbury)
Tanvee Kasaragod-Pallath (Chester BH)
Holly McCurrie (Didsbury)
Freya Mason (Hayfield)
Georgia Munro (Chester BH)
Hannah Price (Whalley R)
Sarah O'Connor (Runcorn)
Holly Topp (Lindow)

Additional fielder
Jessye Sadler (Didsbury)

Umpires
Emma Mallinson & Jasmine Naeem

Scorers
Rosie Davis (Didsbury) & MCC appointee

Of the league selections, Boon, Hillier, Kasaragod-Pallath, Mason, Price and O'Connor are selected for this fixture for the first time. Seven CWCL clubs and all of divisions 1 to 3 are represented.

Former England legend Claire Taylor is once again the big name in the MCC squad of 12 that also includes former Lancashire professional Phoebe Graham. Didsbury's Roshini Prince-Navaratnam captains the MCC side and is one of seven current or former CWCL players in the squad.

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