



Georgians dominate senior knockout final, while Chester 2s edge the development final

Senior Knockout Final: [Didsbury 110-5, Stockport Georgians 111-0](#)

Cheshire captain Ellie Mason led Stockport Georgians to a big victory in the final of the League's flagship knockout competition, held at Northwich CC.

Didsbury reached 22-0 in the four powerplay overs, but while this may have looked like a good platform, the run rate of 5.5 from this phase turned out to be exactly the same as the rate over the full innings – the expected acceleration never arrived.

Mason took the first two wickets in the space of three balls in the 10th over, with the score on 52, and went on to record 3-20. Spinner Amelie Batey also played a vital role in restricting the scoring in the middle overs, bowling four overs for 16 runs.

Although Hannah Marshall made 16 not out from nine balls in the dying overs, and Roshini Prince-Navaratnam carried her bat for 57, the general feeling was that this score would be significantly under par, given the batting power in the Georgians line up.

Didsbury only hit nine boundaries, all fours, during their entire innings, and even on one of the county's bigger grounds, this looked inadequate. Georgians duly matched this boundary total in 37 balls as Mason and Gaby McKeever serenely moved the score to 49-0 by this stage – 17 came from the fourth over and 11 from the sixth. The pair continued their largely untroubled progress to the target, with Didsbury never getting much of a sniff of a wicket – there was one dropped catch, and a catch from a free hit, but that was it for Didsbury in the field. The winning run finally came off the final ball of the 14th over, with Mason on 63 from 49 balls with nine fours and two sixes, and McKeever unbeaten on 40 from 37 deliveries.

Development Knockout Final: [Whalley Range 74, Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 78-8](#)

Chester seconds, who finished their Division 3 West campaign as champions with just a single loss, saw off the challenge of Whalley Range, who are currently unbeaten in Division 3 East. It was the expected close contest between two teams who are not used to losing, although it was perhaps surprising that the scores were as low as this.

Whalley Range never truly got on top of the Chester attack, with the top score being just 20, from Amelia Tariq, and no one after the top three reached double digits. Bella Williams has been in the runs of late, but here she underlined her skill as a bowler with a 4-14 return. Ffion Jones 2-12 in four overs was also a fine effort.

Some tight bowling, very much backed up by the fielders, reduced Chester to 39-5 in reply, suggesting that defending a low total might be possible. Meg Cureton and Jones produced the stand they needed, taking the score to 62, and although three further wickets fell, there was no final twist in the tale, with Jones remaining steadfast for a vital 14 from 44 balls as victory was completed from the first delivery of the final over. Neha Biju and Noreen Aslam-Latif each took two wickets for Whalley Range.

This occasion also marked the first occasion when two female umpires – Emma Mallinson and Fiona Shone – had officiated at the League's finals day.

League representative team v MCC and other big matches this week

The Cheshire Women's League XI will play MCC at Heaton Mersey CC on Thursday this week at 1100 in a 45 overs per side contest. 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)

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.

The league action over the Bank Holiday weekend promises several hugely important matches. Both of the Division 1 sides with just a single loss to their name have two matches. Lindow take on Chester Boughton Hall on Saturday at Wilmslow Leisure Centre, then travel to play Leigh on Monday. Stockport Georgians host Oakmere on Sunday and go to Northop Hall on Monday. There's also the top of the table clash in Division 2. Hayfield will be champions if they win at home to second placed Nantwich, while Nantwich need to win and keep Hayfield's bonus points down.

T20 CHAMPIONSHIP

August 21: Nantwich are champions after a winner takes all final match

[Nantwich 105-8, Chester Boughton Hall 100-7](#): After the weather-related cancellation of the Lindow v Nantwich game earlier in the week, it came down to a winner takes all final match at Chester Boughton Hall, where Nantwich prevailed in a thrilling tight contest. The only second division team in the competition, Nantwich duly finished above five division one sides. The cancellation of Wednesday's match ended any chance of a five-way tie on 9 points, instead Nantwich ended on 10 and Chester were the highest placed of three teams on 9, because they had a superior head-to-head record in the matches involving Stockport Georgians and Didsbury.

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One – August 23:

[Northop Hall 80, Leyland 84-2](#): Are Leyland still in title contention? Given they are still to play Lindow and Stockport Georgians, a perfect record between now and the end of the season could yet propel them to glory. They made light work here of bottom club Northop Hall, whose brief revival seems to have faded. Charlotte Whitaker took 3-15 for Leyland and there were two apiece for Hannah Cook and Emma Duerden, then Whitaker, Anna Whittle and Katie Poole all reached the 20s in a comfortable chase.

Umpire Appointments

30th August

Stockport Georgians v Oakmere – Derek Barnett & Steven Foster

Chester Boughton Hall v Leyland – Emma Mallinson & Fiona Shone

31st August

Leigh v Lindow (at Walshaw) – Senthil Kumar Balu & Graham Church

Northop Hall v Stockport Georgians – Emma Mallinson & Graham Pashley

Division Two – August 23:

[Alvanley 43, Nantwich 44-1](#): Second placed Nantwich recorded a massive win and now stand 19 points behind Hayfield ahead of next weekend's showdown. Sarah Nettleton took 6-12 in eight overs as Alvanley were dismissed in 20.1 overs, and Nantwich took just 6.5 more overs to complete the job – Beatrice Harris top scoring with 26 not out.

[Didsbury 2nd XI 211-3, Greenfield 105](#): Greenfield and Alvanley are both still very much in the battle to avoid finishing bottom, while Didsbury gave themselves some breathing space in this respect. Abby Nicholson (91) and Kate Chapman (55) put on 145 for the first wicket. Nicholson wasn't finished there, with 4-21 in the second innings, alongside a 4-15 return from Georgie Withers.

Division Three East – August 23:

[Stockport Georgians 2nd XI 92-8, North East Cheshire 95-5](#): Esme Halford's 24 was the top score as Georgians struggled to get above three per over. Fern Whittle's 37 not out steered North East home after they had slumped to 14-4.

Division Four West – August 23:

[Grappenhall 73-6, Crewe 74-2](#): Crewe did everything they realistically could here today, winning convincingly, and must now wait and see if Kingsley can secure 37 points from two matches to overhaul them at the top. Alison Smith and Anna Bourne both bowled miserly spells to restrict Grappenhall, with Smith also making 24 in a chase completed inside 10 overs.

[Oxton 136-3, Aston 98](#): Third-placed Oxton were in form with the bat here, with Molly Price and Lucy Andrews both making unbeaten 30s. Liv Taylor reached the same milestone, but Aston fell well short, with Price's 2-5 from three overs the standout bowling spell.

Division Four East – August 23:

[Brooklands 122-3, Lindow 4th XI 99-6](#): Brooklands are 16 points clear at the top with two games to play. Kiko Tazaki-Quayle made 32 retired and Divya Gundkal took 3-20 to keep them on track for title glory.

Division Four South East – August 23:

[New Mills & High Peak North 95-3, Romiley 97-3](#): Romiley look set for second place in this division. Grace Thorpe made 27 not out, but most of the New Mills batters were restricted by the bowling of the ten players who each bowled two overs. Cheryl Reville's 30 retired was the top score in the second innings.

[Macclesfield 2nd XI 84-8, Buxton 2nd XI 63-8](#): Bethany Johnson's 23 not out at number nine played a vital role in getting Macclesfield to a competitive total. Grace Conibere took 2-3 and Bella Moore 2-6 as Buxton finished well short.

Player loans:

Sophie Murray, Elworth to Alvanley, maximum two league matches commencing 23rd August

Further details are now available for the CWCL Annual Awards Evening on Saturday 3rd October 2026. Places are limited, so there will be an initial maximum of 12 tickets per club, on a first come first served basis. Tickets must be ordered via email to ditotty@gmail.com by 7th September. Please also confirm any food allergies or dietary needs. Payment in FULL for your TEAM must be made by 19th September. Please note that any tickets not paid for by the 19th September will be released for general sale. If your club wants more than 12 tickets, please give the total number required in your email to Di. We will let you know if anymore are available after the 19th September deadline. Presentations will start at 7.30pm, so please arrive in good time, and no later than 7.15pm.

OTHER NEWS

Recommended reading: Her World Cricket Tour by Jenny Thompson. Cheshire-born Jenny is a writer and cricket journalist now living in Adelaide, and perhaps more importantly, a former CWCL club player and Cheshire County player. This book documents her extraordinary solo global journey across more than 50 countries – visiting Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, the Americas and Oceania - to play, coach, and document the explosive growth of women's cricket worldwide. The book is available for pre-order via retailers such as Amazon, Waterstones and TG Jones.

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