

World Cup Recognition for Cheshire's Scoring Team

When the ICC Women's T20 World Cup came to England in 2026, Cheshire ACO was proudly represented on the world stage by three of its accredited scorers. Sandra Mason, Inge Bevers and James Emmerson were among just 42 scorers appointed nationally to support the tournament, a significant recognition of their expertise and a reflection of the high standards of cricket scoring within Cheshire.

While players often take centre stage, every international fixture relies on a dedicated team operating behind the scenes. From capturing every run, wicket and statistic to ensuring accurate data is delivered in real time, scorers play a vital role in the success of the game at every level.



For Sandra Mason, Cheshire ACO's Scorers Officer, the tournament brought the opportunity to score two matches at Emirates Old Trafford. Appointed as Live Scorer for Australia v South Africa on 13 June and India v South Africa on 21 June, she experienced first-hand the demands and excitement of scoring at one of the biggest events in women's cricket.

Reflecting on her appointments, Sandra said:

"The Women's World Cup doesn't come around very often and it was an amazing experience to be appointed to score two of the games both at Emirates Old Trafford. Firstly on 13th June 2026 Australia v South Africa, and secondly on 21st June 2026 India v South Africa. I was Live Scorer on

both games, and everything went very smoothly. Thanks to both Vanessa Holliday and Inge Bevers."

Not everything that caught Sandra's eye happened on the pitch.

"I had never scored a game where Spidercam was used, and I was fascinated with the camera whizzing around. On my next game for Macclesfield, my local club, I suggested they invest in Spidercam instead of the Frogbox!"

Inge Bevers, Cheshire ACO's Education Officer, was equally honoured to be part of the tournament and was appointed alongside Sandra for the India v South Africa match at Emirates Old Trafford.

"I was honoured to be appointed to one of the Women's T20 World Cup matches at Emirates Old Trafford, scoring with Sandra Mason."

The fixture turned out to be one of the most memorable matches of the group stage. In front of more than 11,000 spectators, South Africa produced a remarkable fightback led by Marizanne Kapp to secure a vital victory and keep their qualification hopes alive.

Asked what she enjoyed most about the experience, Inge highlighted the pride that comes from supporting the game behind the scenes:

"To get the opportunity to do what I love doing at the highest level in Women's cricket and be part of the team delivering the background support required for these, if not any, game of Cricket."

The third member of Cheshire's World Cup contingent was James Emmerson, who was appointed to Scotland v Ireland at Emirates Old Trafford. Having previously scored hundreds of international fixtures at first-class grounds across the country, James brought a wealth of experience to the tournament.

Appointed as Support Scorer, James worked alongside colleague Vanessa Holliday and was responsible for maintaining the official paper scoresheet, a reminder that even in the era of advanced digital scoring systems, traditional scoring skills remain an essential part of the game at the highest level.

Reflecting on the role of scorers, James highlighted the importance of adaptability and remaining calm under pressure.

"As a scorer, you need to be flexible, and you need to stay calm. If paper scoring is what's required, that's what you do. If you're suddenly required to move from one space to another to score, or team information is slow in coming through, you stay calm and learn to improvise."

James also believes Sandra's journey demonstrates the opportunities available to anyone willing to get involved in scoring.

"Sandra Mason is perhaps the best example of a scorer who came to one of Cheshire's courses and simply wanted to learn. She completed the accreditation pathway, continued to develop and took every opportunity that came her way. Today she's scoring matches all over the country at all sorts of levels and thoroughly enjoying it. I couldn't be happier for her."

With three Cheshire scorers selected amongst the officials appointed across the competition, Cheshire ACO Chair Martin Roberts praised the achievement:

"We are immensely proud of Sandra, Inge and James on their appointments to the ICC Women's T20 World Cup. Their achievements reflect not only their individual dedication and expertise, but also the high standards of officiating and scoring that Cheshire has worked hard to develop. They are outstanding ambassadors for Cheshire cricket and an inspiration to those looking to progress through the scoring pathway."

Cheshire ACO President Derek Barnett also paid tribute to Sandra, Inge and James:

"To see Cheshire scorers involved in a major ICC event is a huge honour for the county. Sandra, Inge and James have not only represented Cheshire with distinction on the world stage, but have also dedicated countless hours to supporting and developing scorers within the county. Their appointments are recognition of that commitment, and we are proud to have them representing Cheshire cricket at the highest level."

The appointments of Sandra, Inge and James demonstrate that there is a genuine pathway for scorers to progress from local recreational cricket to the very highest levels of the game. Their success is not only a source of pride for Cheshire ACO but also an inspiration for anyone considering becoming involved in cricket scoring.

If their story has inspired you, why not take the first step yourself? Cheshire ACO offers a **free online scoring course**, providing an excellent introduction to the role and the opportunities available within the game.

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From club cricket to ICC World Cups, Cheshire's scorers continue to show that dedication, learning and a passion for the game can take you all the way to the top. As Sandra's journey demonstrates, it can all start with a desire to learn and a willingness to get involved.

Congratulations to Sandra, Inge and James on their achievements and thank you for continuing to represent Cheshire cricket with such distinction.