

FINALS DAY

Senior Knockout Cup: Didsbury Swordettes 1st XI v Nantwich Vipers 1st XI:

Nantwich became the first club to retain this trophy since Chester Boughton Hall in 2009 as they completed a nailbiting one-run win.

The Vipers were pegged back in the first eight overs via economical spells of 0-12 and 2-13 respectively from Hannah Jones and Hannah Marshall but did well for the next 11 overs as Grace Michell played the anchor role and Hannah Bratt supplied the most eye-catching cameo.

Didsbury captain Roshini Prince-Navaratnam brought herself on for the final over and when she conceded just one run, many spectators thought this could be a crucial contribution, with her side now needing just 88 to win.

This very promising Nantwich attack have been bowling sides out cheaply in all competitions this year though, and they recovered superbly after Prince-Navaratnam and Kashmira Shinde took Didsbury to 35-1 after four overs. Bethan Robinson and Eleanor Sinker were among those recovering from expensive first overs to bowl three more miserly overs.

Didsbury eventually needed six from the final over, but a superbly composed effort from Izzi Pearson ensured they managed just a single from each of the first four balls, before two dot balls with a run out from each completed the match.

T20 Divisional Competition: Didsbury Swordettes 1st XI v Chester Boughton Hall Deemons 1st XI:

Didsbury won this competition for the first time, and after two last ball finals in 2021 and another earlier in the day, they won here by a slightly more comfortable 12 runs.

After their disappointment earlier in the day, it initially seemed that it might be a double disappointment for the South Manchester club, who were 50-4 after 13 overs. Ali Cutler bowled four overs for just 11 runs, but this was surpassed by Gemma Rose's 2-7, with both wickets being caught and bowled, the first of which was a truly spectacular effort.

It took Hannah Jones (38 not out from 30 balls) and Hannah Marshall (32 from 40) to get the scoreboard moving as they more than doubled the score in the remaining seven overs, taking their side to 106.

Chester also scored relatively slowly in the first two-thirds of the innings, but if Didsbury were already preparing to celebrate, they were given a fright by Rose, who cleared the boundary twice in her cameo of 22 – had she stayed a little longer, the result could have been different.

Jones returned to bowl the last of her four overs in the 19th over, conceding just three here and only five in total in her four overs. The 20th over was the last of three excellent overs of death bowling from Zara Matthews.

Their dream of being the first club since Chester in 2013 to complete a treble in Cheshire women's cricket died earlier in the day. Didsbury, however, will still complete a double if they secure at least seven points from Sunday's league match and clinch the League Championship in the process.

Development Knockout Cup: Chester Boughton Hall Deemons 2nd XI v Nantwich Vipers 2nd XI:

Chester ensured they would be taking home at least one trophy after a relatively comfortable win in their first final of the Development Cup, the competition for division three and four teams.

Chester took regular wickets from the off, but Nantwich's scoring rate remained good. Only when Flo Seymour reached the retirement score did the innings fall away. Lucy McCarten and Ava Rogers both finished with three wickets.

Chester knocked off 38 of the 91 they required via the opening stand between Ffion Jones and Holly Cooke, with the pair building the innings well and gradually accelerating at the right time. Liv Fuller's 20 not out completed the chase with 21 balls still remaining.

Hale Barns CC was a superb host venue, and the League also extends its thanks to umpires Chris Moore, Duane Jones, John Bone and Jeff Langham.

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division Two – September 3

Hayfield v Lindow: Lindow completed their league season with a 100 per cent record and can now look forward to the challenge of top-flight cricket next year. Hayfield posted a competitive 166, with an unbroken stand of 90 between Gillian Spragg (47 from 39 balls) and former Hundred and regional player Alice Dyson (70 from 83 balls). This did not unduly worry Lindow though, who got home for the loss of just two wickets, with Carys White and Grace Hemsted both making half centuries.

Hawarden Park v Oxtou: Hawarden recorded a comprehensive nine-wicket win to confirm a runners-up position in the second division. Ela Closs-Sharp and Holly Mayers both took three wickets for very few runs as Oxtou mustered just 64.

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Division Three West

Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI v Nantwich 2nd XI & Nantwich 2nd XI v Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI – both cancelled due to rain on original date and will not be re-arranged, recorded as Cancelled

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

- Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI v Porthill Park Northern Stars – cancelled due to rain on original date

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Division Three East – August 31:

Didsbury 2nd XI v Lindow 2nd XI: Nikki Hill's 25 from 29 balls took Lindow to a respectable 69 in 15 overs, but with Kate Chapman making 34 from 22 balls in the reply, Didsbury completed a nine-wicket win inside 10 overs.

September 3:

Buxton v Stockport Georgians 2nd XI: Buxton are closing in on the Division 3 East title after their latest victory. Georgians were soon reduced to 28-6 here, and although Holly Batey and Gracie Whittle led a significant recovery, they still only managed 113, with Lydia Slack finishing with fine figures of 6-18. Much of the work in reply was done by Faye Smith and Amy Simcox, with an opening stand of 83, meaning that the Derbyshire side still won by five wickets despite a late revival from Georgians.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

- Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley v Lindow 2nd XI – cancelled due to rain on original date

Division Three Cross-Divisional Matches – September 3:

Lindow 2nd XI v Porthill Park Northern Stars: The Stars are the champions of Division 3 West for 2023 and wrapped things up with a big win here. They used 10 bowlers in restricting Lindow to 94 in 30 overs before Izzy Higgins' half century completed a nine-wicket win.

Lindow 2nd XI v Nantwich 2nd XI – cancelled due to rain on original date and will not be re-arranged, recorded as Cancelled

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

- Appleton 2nd XI v Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley – cancelled due to rain on original date
- Buxton v Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI – cancelled due to rain on original date
- Buxton v Appleton 2nd XI – Appleton unable to fulfil fixture on last scheduled date

Division Four West – September 3:

Toft v Lymm Oughtrington Park: A comprehensive win for Lymm to round off the season in this division.

Division Four East – August 30:

New Mills & High Peak North v Heaton Mersey & Cheadle: New Mills failed to break four per over, with Eliza Chadwick's four overs for nine runs the best bowling analysis for the visitors. New Mills kept chipping away with wickets in the second innings but could not arrest the scoring rate and Heaton Mersey & Cheadle won with 13 balls to spare.

August 31:

North East Cheshire v Buxton 2nd XI: North East's good recent form continued with an eight-wicket win here. Gracie Whittle took three wickets and Becky Scholes bagged two wickets before another explosive innings from her in the reply. Scholes' 33 from 18 balls included three sixes as the chase of 86 was completed in 12.1 overs.

North East Cheshire v Langley – cancelled due to rain on original date and will not be re-arranged. Recorded as Cancelled. Barring a forfeit of their final match, this confirms Langley as divisional winners.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

- Hawk Green v Heaton Mersey & Cheadle – Hawk Green unable to fulfil fixture on original date
- Hawk Green v Macclesfield – Macclesfield unable to fulfil fixture on original date
- Hawk Green v New Mills & High Peak North – cancelled due to rain on original date
- Macclesfield v Hawk Green – Hawk Green unable to fulfil fixture on original date
- New Mills & High Peak North v Macclesfield – cancelled due to rain on original date

Player loans:

- Liv Taylor – Upton to Oxton for league match on September 3
- Gracie Whittle – North East Cheshire to Stockport Georgians for maximum three league matches commencing September 3

Division 5

Grappenhall and Neston are set to contest the league's first ever softball cup final, while Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge, Aston and Runcorn have clinched regional Division 5 titles, with Old Parkonians set to top Division 5 West.

LEAGUE TABLES

	Division 2	P	w	wcn	l	lcn	a	c	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Lindow</u> (CH)	10	8	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2.19	233
2	<u>Hawarden Park</u>	9	6	0	1	0	1	1	8	3	1.58	177
3	<u>Leyland</u>	9	3	1	3	0	2	0	11	7	-0.02	134
4	<u>Hayfield</u>	9	2	1	5	0	1	0	18	21	-0.3	122
5	<u>Greenfield</u>	9	1	1	6	0	1	0	14	6	-1.77	78
6	<u>Oxton</u>	10	0	0	5	4	1	0	7	9	-2.75	-16

Division 3 West		P	w	wcn	l	lcn	t	a	c	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Porthill Park</u> Northern Stars (CH)	8	4	1	1	0	1	1	0	8	8	0.99	164
2	<u>Nantwich</u> 2 nd XI	10	1	1	3	0	1	0	4	11	7	-0.56	115
3	<u>Chester Boughton Hall</u> 2 nd XI	9	3	0	3	1	0	0	2	12	7	0.3	100
4	<u>Appleton</u> 2 nd XI	8	1	0	5	1	0	1	0	29	7	-1.15	59

Division 3 East		P	w	l	a	c	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Buxton</u>	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	1.01	225
2	<u>Didsbury</u> 2 nd XI	11	8	3	0	0	13	6	0.55	219
3	<u>Stockport Georgians</u> 2 nd XI	11	6	4	1	0	21	10	0.62	189
4	<u>Lindow</u> 2 nd XI	11	1	8	1	1	27	14	-1.55	82
5	Ashton-on-Mersey & <u>Woodley</u>	9	1	7	0	1	23	17	-0.83	73

In Division 3, the teams play the others in their region home and away, plus one match against each team from the other region.

Division 4 West (FINAL)		P	w	wcn	l	lcn	t	a	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Alvanley</u> (CH)	10	7	0	0	0	1	2	10	0	2.06	216
2	<u>Oakmere</u> 2 nd XI	10	6	1	2	0	1	0	8	3	0.77	201
3	<u>Wistaston Village</u>	10	3	1	6	0	0	0	19	13	-0.34	132
4	<u>Lymm Oughtrington Park</u>	10	4	0	6	0	0	0	16	13	-0.38	129
5	<u>Toft</u>	10	2	1	4	2	0	1	11	17	-1.24	91
6	<u>Lindow</u> 3 rd XI	10	2	0	6	1	0	1	19	15	-0.96	82

Division 4 East		P	w	wcn	l	lcn	t	a	c	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Langley</u> (CH)	11	6	2	1	0	0	0	2	2	5	2.29	223
2	<u>North East Cheshire</u>	10	5	0	3	0	1	0	1	12	7	0.59	167
3	<u>Buxton 2nd XI</u>	11	5	0	5	0	0	0	1	19	12	0.38	164
4	Heaton Mersey & <u>Cheadle</u>	9	4	0	2	0	1	2	0	7	8	-0.04	146
5	<u>Macclesfield</u>	7	2	0	4	0	0	1	0	12	13	-0.7	83
6	<u>New Mills</u> & High Peak North	10	1	0	7	1	0	1	0	27	9	-1.69	59
7	<u>Hawk Green</u>	6	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	6	3	-1.85	49