

NATIONAL KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

Cup Northern Final – July 9:

Sessay Emeralds v Lindow: Lindow broke new ground for the League by becoming the first Cheshire club to make it to the last four of this competition. Sessay – something of a ‘super club’ in Yorkshire’s development programme - have dominated the Northern section of this competition since its inception, beating CWCL sides Didsbury and Nantwich twice each at this stage in the last four competitions. Here, however, the Wilmslow club prevailed, with Sarah Parker and Emilia Rossi amongst the bowlers helping to peg back the Yorkshire team from 89-2 to their eventual total of 107-7. Parker (39) and Emily Murray (31) then got Lindow off to a flyer, and although run scoring was harder in the second half of the reply, they still got home with two overs to spare. Lindow’s national semi-final is against Midlands regional winners Dorridge CC from Solihull, with the match to be played on neutral territory at Denby CC in Derbyshire on August 6.

Plate Midlands Final – July 16:

Caythorpe v Porthill Park Northern Stars: The Stars won the Midlands section of this competition for the second year running. Steph Butler and Frankie James made quick runs to help them to a formidable total, which proved well beyond Caythorpe’s reach.

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Many congratulations to the players selected to play for the Cheshire Women's League XI against MCC on Friday July 28 at Chester Boughton Hall. The event forms part of the celebrations for the host club’s 150th anniversary. The bar is open all day and all support is very welcome.

Nicole Fisher (captain, Chester BH)
Rosie Davis (Didsbury)
Ali Cutler (Chester BH)
Kate Gaging (Leigh)
Heidi Cheadle (Stockport Georgians)
Sarah Parker (Lindow)
Bella Woodside (Stockport Georgians)
Becca Othick (Appleton)
Georgia Munro (Chester BH)
Poppy Smith (Hawarden Park)
Hannah Marshall (Didsbury)

Additional fielders –Bella Williams (Hawarden Park) & Zoe Rigley (Didsbury)
Umpires - Duane Jones & MCC appointee
Scorers - Nicola Deane & Gill Short

The match is 40 overs per side from 1130.

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CHESHIRE WOMEN’S LEAGUE

Division One – July 9:

Leigh v Oakmere: Leigh’s title charge continued, with Millie Baldwin and Emma Capper returning fine figures as Oakmere managed only 82, of which Phoebe Cottam made 51. Leigh’s 163 featured good contributions from throughout the card.

Nantwich v Stockport Georgians: Nantwich hung on as Georgians finished 10 runs short of their revised target in this rain-reduced match. Only Heidi Cheadle really got to grips with the Nantwich attack as Bethan Robinson and Ameesha Jabir each took three wickets. The Nantwich innings featured 60 from Madi Hudson at the top of the card, then just when it seemed things were falling away at 102-6, Robinson and Lauren O’Reilly gave them some late impetus.

July 16:

Didsbury v Chester Boughton Hall: Table toppers Didsbury maintained top spot with an emphatic win. Chester managed just 91, and their difficulties began when new ball pair Hannah Marshall and Hannah Jones each conceded just six runs from their opening five overs. Zara Matthews took 4-18 later in the innings. Roshini Prince-Navaratnam and Kashmiri Shinde then guided the Manchester club to a nine-wicket win, scoring at six runs per over.

Leigh v Upton: Leigh remain Didsbury's most likely challengers, indeed Leigh would still go top if they won their match in hand. Leigh recorded another comfortable win here. Kasey Bentham made a fine all-round contribution, putting together a sizeable partnership with Kate Gaging and then taking two wickets.

Nantwich v Stockport Georgians: Nantwich beat Georgians for the second time in successive weekends. It very much looked like Georgians were set for revenge when they bowled the South Cheshire side out for 95 (Emily Thomas 4-18) and then reached 50-1 in reply. This Nantwich attack, however, do not give games up easily, and a huge collapse followed to the bowling of Kelsey Barker, Bethan Robinson and Ameesha Jabir.

Appleton v Oakmere: An impressive run chase completed this Appleton win, and they are only five points behind Leigh in the current table. Phoebe Cottam's 92 from 80 balls dominated the early part of the Oakmere innings, but they got some late impetus from the likes of Sophie Connor, and Appleton's target was a challenging 186. The Warrington club, however, remained in the hunt throughout, with some rapid cameos from Holly McCurrie and Jess Lewis, before Amy Seddon completed the job.



Division Two – July 9:

Leyland v Hayfield: Leyland produced possibly their best batting form of the year in the 20.5 overs that were possible here. Olivia Cunliffe and Matilda MacLeod added 65 for the first wicket and Anna Whittle kept the momentum going after the loss of three quick wickets.

Greenfield w/o Oxtan

July 16:

Leyland v Lindow: Lily Beckley took three wickets as Leyland managed just 52 and Lindow easily maintained their 100 per cent record.

Hawarden Park v Greenfield: Nicola Deane and Bella Williams put on 113 and batted through almost the entire Hawarden innings, but Greenfield's bowlers had done a good job in keeping the runs down and their target of 123 was certainly gettable. All five Hawarden bowlers recorded good figures in the second innings – Shana Kelly finishing with 1-11 from seven – and Greenfield fell 15 runs short.



Division Three West – July 3:

Appleton 2nd XI v Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI: Lucy McCarten took three wickets for two runs to ensure Chester would chase no more than four per over. They ultimately got home with 17 balls to spare but were indebted to an unbroken stand of 40 between Carys Lambe and Jessica Jones after the loss of several early wickets.

July 6:

Porthill Park Northern Stars v Nantwich 2nd XI: This was the first tied match in any of the league's competitions this year. Sophie Winward shone with bat and ball for Nantwich and was possibly the best player on either side.

July 9:

Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI v Appleton 2nd XI: Appleton seconds won this rain-reduced affair for their first league win of the year, largely thanks to a rapid stand of 82 for the first wicket between Abbey Gore and Maddie Lawson.

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 – July 13:

Didsbury 2nd XI v Stockport Georgians 2nd XI: With Eleanor Brennan's 48 not out from 49 balls, Didsbury completed what could have been a tricky chase of a three-figure score with all of 21 balls in hand, ensuring Skye Thomas ended on the losing side, despite her half-century for Georgians earlier in the innings.

Fixtures that must be re-arranged:

- Stockport Georgians 2nd XI v Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley – ground availability at Georgians on original date

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

- Didsbury 2nd XI v Lindow 2nd XI – cancelled due to rain on original date
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Division Three Cross-Divisional Matches – July 9:

Porthill Park Northern Stars v Stockport Georgians 2nd XI: No result here either, with Porthill dismissing Georgians cheaply – via 5-6 from Lucy Axcell and 3-2 from Iliana Chatzigeorgiou - but then losing two early wickets in their curtailed reply.

Fixtures that must be re-arranged:

- Stockport Georgians 2nd XI v Nantwich 2nd XI – ground availability at Georgians on original date

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

- Appleton 2nd XI v Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley – cancelled due to rain on original date
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Division Four West – July 5:

Lindow 3rd XI v Oakmere 2nd XI: Rachel Tidd starred with both bat and ball as Oakmere strengthened their grip on second place.

July 9:

Lymm Oughtrington Park v Lindow 3rd XI: In addition to their National Cup heroics, the Lindow club had a second win to celebrate here as well, with Alexandra Clinton leading the way with the ball as Lymm were restricted to just two per over. Despite the best efforts of Lymm's Caitlyn Hettiarachchi, who took four wickets, Lindow reached their target for the loss of six wickets.

July 10:

Oakmere 2nd XI v Toft: Oakmere's good recent run continued, with Carol Ingham again unbeaten as the mainstay of their batting innings of 96-9. Emily Faulkner's early wickets in the reply dashed Toft's hopes of chasing this down.

July 16:

Wistaston Village v Lymm Oughtrington Park: Elena Downes and Hannah Tovell took three wickets apiece as Wistaston managed only 52, a total that Lymm chased down easily.

Lindow 3rd XI v Alvanley: This was one of several matches on this day where the weather intervened, and no result was possible. Alvanley, however, underlined their title credentials by reaching 66 in just 10.5 overs

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Division Four East – July 9:

Buxton 2nd XI v Hawk Green: Rebecca Edmundson and Richmal Giles got the Hawk Green reply off to a flying start and their side ultimately sneaked home with one ball to spare to upset the division leaders.

July 16:

Heaton Mersey & Cheadle v Macclesfield: Macclesfield were in a good position, having restricted their opponents to 62 (Michelle Lloyd 4-11), but the rain intervened after just two overs of their reply.

Fixtures that must be re-arranged:

- Macclesfield v New Mills – ground availability at Macclesfield on original date
- Hawk Green v Buxton 2nd XI – ground availability at Hawk Green on original date

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

- Hawk Green v Heaton Mersey & Cheadle – Hawk Green unable to fulfil fixture on original date
- Macclesfield v Heaton Mersey & Cheadle – cancelled due to rain on original date
- Hawk Green v Macclesfield – Macclesfield unable to fulfil fixture on original date
- Langley v Buxton 2nd XI – cancelled due to rain on original date
- North East Cheshire v Buxton 2nd XI – cancelled due to rain on original date
- Hawk Green v Langley – Langley unable to fulfil fixture on original date

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Player loans:

- Gillian Spragg – Oakmere to Hayfield for league match on July 9 – third and final appearance
- Evie Proctor, Hannah Rowe- New Mills to Hayfield for league match on July 9
- Alexa Harrison – Oxton to Upton for league match on July 16

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KNOCKOUT CUPS

Senior Knockout Semi-Final – July 5:

Lindow v Didsbury Swordettes: Didsbury won their second vital T20 match in as many weeks to book their place in a second final. Six days earlier they bowled Stockport Georgians out for 58 to seal a place in the T20 Divisional Competition final, and here Lindow managed just 50, of which Emily Murray made 32. Zara Matthews took 3-13 and Hannah Jones and Rosy Wilson both took 2-10. The door briefly opened for Lindow in reply when 20-0 became 29-3, but Didsbury were never seriously troubled.

Development Knockout Quarter-Final – July 13:

Porthill Park Northern Stars v Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley: Porthill looked to be on the way to the last four after restricting their opponents to just 66 in 20 overs. They had, however, reckoned without Amanda Gettins' bowling, and when she took three wickets for one run in her first three overs, the Potteries club found themselves floundering at 7-4. Mariella McRae and Cerys Andrews rebuilt the innings and batted through the remainder of the Porthill reply, only to agonizingly fall one run short. Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley now host Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI in the semi-final.

Please note the retirement score for batters in this cup is 25, not 30 or 40.

LEAGUE TABLES

	Division 1	P	w	l	a	c	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Didsbury</u>	9	6	1	1	1	2	7	1.19	175
2	<u>Nantwich</u>	9	5	2	1	1	3	9	0.26	153
3	<u>Leigh</u>	8	5	1	2	0	7	4	1.81	152
4	<u>Appleton</u>	8	5	3	0	0	10	12	0.79	147
5	<u>Stockport Georgians</u>	9	4	4	1	0	11	17	0.65	136
6	<u>Chester Boughton Hall</u>	9	3	5	0	1	16	10	-0.78	109
7	<u>Oakmere</u>	8	1	5	1	1	16	13	-1.6	70
8	<u>Upton</u>	8	0	8	0	0	18	28	-1.92	46

Division 2		P	w	wcn	l	lcn	a	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Hawarden Park</u>	6	5	0	1	0	0	5	3	1.55	133
2	<u>Lindow</u>	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.76	125
3	<u>Hayfield</u>	6	2	0	3	0	1	9	15	-0.11	82
4	<u>Leyland</u>	5	1	1	2	0	1	8	2	-0.96	68
5	<u>Greenfield</u>	6	0	1	4	0	1	13	4	-2.23	50
6	<u>Oxton</u>	6	0	0	3	2	1	4	7	-3.17	-1

Division 3 West		P	w	wcn	l	lcn	t	a	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Porthill Park Northern Stars</u>	7	3	1	1	0	1	1	8	8	0.63	139
2	<u>Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI</u>	6	3	0	2	1	0	0	10	5	0.73	80
3	<u>Appleton 2nd XI</u>	6	1	0	4	0	0	1	24	6	-0.9	63
4	<u>Nantwich 2nd XI</u>	4	1	0	2	0	1	0	8	3	-0.49	51

Division 3 East		P	w	wcn	l	lcn	a	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Didsbury 2nd XI</u>	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.27	175
2	<u>Stockport Georgians 2nd XI</u>	6	3	0	2	0	1	12	6	0.1	101
3	<u>Buxton</u>	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.03	100
4	<u>Lindow 2nd XI</u>	6	0	0	5	0	1	17	11	-1.73	36
5	Ashton-on-Mersey & <u>Woodley</u>	6	0	0	6	0	0	20	13	-1.06	33

Division 4 West		P	w	l	a	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Alvanley</u>	7	5	0	2	10	0	2.29	151
2	<u>Oakmere 2nd XI</u>	7	5	2	0	8	3	0.66	136
3	<u>Toft</u>	6	2	3	1	11	14	-0.8	83
4	<u>Lindow 3rd XI</u>	7	2	4	1	12	10	-0.98	80
5	<u>Wistaston Village</u>	6	2	4	0	14	10	0.14	74
6	<u>Lymm Oughtrington Park</u>	7	2	5	0	12	10	-0.89	72

Division 4 East		P	w	wcn	l	lcn	a	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Buxton 2nd XI</u>	7	5	0	2	0	0	7	4	0.97	136
2	<u>Langley</u>	6	4	1	1	0	0	2	5	1.91	132
3	<u>North East Cheshire</u>	7	4	0	3	0	0	12	7	0.57	119
4	Heaton Mersey & <u>Cheadle</u>	6	2	0	2	0	2	7	8	-0.55	81
5	<u>Hawk Green</u>	4	2	0	2	0	0	6	3	-1.17	59
6	<u>Macclesfield</u>	5	1	0	3	0	1	8	11	-1.01	52
7	<u>New Mills & High Peak North</u>	7	0	0	5	1	1	23	7	-2.06	28