

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One – May 14:

Didsbury v Nantwich: Didsbury have been boosted by several new acquisitions this year and are shaping up well in their early matches. With regular wickets falling here, the Nantwich innings never really got started.

Leigh v Upton: Leigh recorded another impressive win in their quest to become the first club in five years to retain the league title. The batting was a genuine team effort, with several scores of note taking them to 181. Early wickets for Kasey Bentham snuffed out any chance of a successful Upton run chase.

May 21:

Appleton v Chester Boughton Hall: Two players returning after an absence of several years played a big role in taking Appleton to their first win of the year. Amber Mays 69 not out dominated as Abbey Gore and the rest of the Appleton attack bowled Chester out for 116. From a precarious position at 49-4, Appleton were guided home for the loss of only one more wicket by Eloise Johnston and Jo Lunt.

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Division Two – May 14:

Oxton v Greenfield: Greenfield were finally in the runs here, having struggled in their first two matches following promotion. The rain intervened, however, when eight more overs needed to be bowled in the second innings for there to be a positive result.

Hayfield v Leyland: Leyland edged this low scoring contest by 20 runs. Olivia Downs-Haskell's 5-15 for Hayfield was the best individual bowling return by some distance, but all of the Leyland attack played their part in the second innings to restrict Hayfield's scoring rate to little more than two per over.

May 21:

Hawarden Park v Hayfield: Vital early wickets for Poppy Smith dented Hayfield's reply and ensured Hawarden managed to successfully defend a total of 109.

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Division Three West – May 15:

Appleton 2nd XI v Nantwich 2nd XI: Appleton were pegged back after a rapid start, with Nantwich eventually getting home in the final over.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

- Porthill Park Northern Stars v Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI – Chester unable to fulfil on original date
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Division Three East – May 15:

Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley v Didsbury 2nd XI: Amanda Gettins made an unbeaten 66 for Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley, but her knock proved to be in vain as only 22 runs were scored by her teammates collectively.

Division Three Cross-Divisional Matches – May 14:

Porthill Park Northern Stars v Buxton: Buxton completed their tricky looking run chase in the final over, with Lydia Slack making an unbeaten 78 from 59 balls. This result suggests they could be genuine title contenders, but it remains early days.

Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI v Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley: Holly Cooke's four wickets led a miserly effort from the Chester attack as Woodley never got close to their target.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

- Appleton 2nd XI v Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley – cancelled due to rain on original date
 - Stockport Georgians 2nd XI v Nantwich 2nd XI – ground availability at Georgians on original date
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Division Four West – May 14:

Lymm Oughtrington Park v Wistaston Village: All over very quickly at Lymm, with Wistaston's attack rampant.

Alvanley v Lindow 3rd XI: Tarryn Warman's rapid scoring was perhaps the highlight of the Alvanley batting innings, before Emma Powell's three wickets put the seal on their victory.

May 21:

Lindow 3rd XI v Toft: Toft managed to peg back Lindow's reply, which had got off to a good start, but ultimately it was the Wilmslow club that prevailed, getting home with one ball remaining.

Oakmere 2nd XI v Lymm Oughtrington Park: Emily Faulkner delivered an excellent all-round performance in this win for her Oakmere team.

Wistaston Village v Alvanley: In this bowler-dominated match, Wistaston's Anna Bourne and Dani Tilsley delivered excellent figures in the first innings, but then the spells of Alvanley's Shauna Greenwood and Emily Robbins delivered the crucial contribution at the start of the reply.

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Division Four East – May 14:

North East Cheshire v Heaton Mersey & Cheadle: An impressive batting total and a comprehensive win for Heaton Mersey & Cheadle in their first league match of the year.

May 17:

New Mills & High Peak North v Buxton 2nd XI:

Buxton won this local derby by a clear margin for their second win of the campaign.

May 21:

Langley v North East Cheshire: Langley's excellent start to the season continued. Jenny Wallace's two wickets for five runs from five overs was perhaps their standout performance.

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

Permanent transfers:

Rachel Warrenger – Hawarden Park to Oakmere

Dual player registrations:

- Lauren O'Reilly – Nantwich for league competition and Stockport Trinity Fire for T20 competitions
- Georgia Macey – Buxton for league competition and Development Knockout and Stockport Trinity Fire for Senior T20 competitions

Player loans:

Alex Wilson – Lindow to Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley for league fixture on May 21 only

Other News:

The next meeting of the League Committee will take place on Wednesday May 24 at 1930 at Northwich CC. Please note that this is at the cricket club's premises and not at the offices of the Cheshire Cricket Board and Cheshire FA, which are on the same Moss Farm site.

We now enter a two-week period where eligible players can nominate themselves for consideration for the League XI to play MCC at Chester Boughton Hall on Friday July 28. Please let me know if you would like to be considered – you should play your main Sunday cricket in the CWCL. After June 6, nominations will be requested from club captains and managers.

LEAGUE TABLES

| | Division 1 | P | w | l | a | c | BatP | BowIP | NRR | Pts |
|---|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|------|-------|-------|-----|
| 1 | <u>Didsbury</u> | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.84 | 83 |
| 2 | <u>Leigh</u> | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.88 | 58 |
| 3 | <u>Chester Boughton Hall</u> | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 | -0.72 | 42 |
| 4 | <u>Appleton</u> | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 8 | -0.65 | 38 |
| 5 | <u>Nantwich</u> | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0.51 | 36 |
| 6 | <u>Stockport Georgians</u> | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.18 | 33 |
| 7 | <u>Upton</u> | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 9 | -2.25 | 16 |
| 8 | <u>Oakmere</u> | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | -5.18 | 12 |

| Division 2 | | P | w | wcn | l | lcn | a | BatP | BowIP | NRR | Pts |
|-------------------|----------------------|---|---|-----|---|-----|---|------|-------|-------|-----|
| 1 | <u>Hawarden Park</u> | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.42 | 50 |
| 2 | <u>Leyland</u> | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.57 | 50 |
| 3 | <u>Lindow</u> | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.74 | 25 |
| 4 | <u>Hayfield</u> | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 10 | -0.64 | 14 |
| 5 | <u>Greenfield</u> | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | -4.23 | 14 |
| 6 | <u>Oxton</u> | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

| Division 3 West | | | | P | w | l | BatP | BowIP | NRR | Pts |
|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--|---|---|---|------|-------|-------|-----|
| 1 | <u>Porthill Park</u> | Northern Stars | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 0.14 | 33 |
| 2 | <u>Chester Boughton Hall</u> | 2 nd XI | | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.47 | 25 |
| 3 | <u>Nantwich</u> | 2 nd XI | | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.35 | 25 |
| 4 | <u>Appleton</u> | 2 nd XI | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | -2.35 | 6 |

| | Division 4 West | P | w | l | a | BatP | BowIP | NRR | Pts |
|---|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|------|-------|-------|-----|
| 1 | <u>Alvanley</u> | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1.65 | 63 |
| 2 | <u>Oakmere 2nd XI</u> | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.13 | 50 |
| 3 | <u>Wistaston Village</u> | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 0.69 | 40 |
| 4 | <u>Lindow 3rd XI</u> | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | -1.36 | 31 |
| 5 | <u>Toft</u> | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 7 | -0.09 | 20 |
| 6 | <u>Lymm Oughtrington Park</u> | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 4 | -3.03 | 8 |

T20 DIVISIONAL COMPETITION

Western Division – May 18:

Nantwich Vipers v Appleton Tigers: There are only nine entrants in the T20 divisional competition this year, and with seven of these being first division clubs, it really could be too close to call, and it may well be the case that no team goes through the group stage with a 100 per cent record. Nantwich were, however, one of those getting off to the perfect start. Grace Michell got them off to a flying start and although the Appleton bowlers recovered in the latter part of the innings, the eventual target proved beyond them.

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Eastern Division – May 18:

Didsbury Swordettes v Lindow: Lindow made a solid total batting first and then restricted Didsbury to 44 after 10 overs of the reply, still needing another 69. The halfway turnaround proved to be the cue for Roshini Prince-Navaratnam and Kashmira Shinde to press the accelerator pedal, delivering 53 from the next five overs and ensuring that their side got home with 16 balls to spare in what had earlier looked like a tighter run chase.

Stockport Georgians v Stockport Trinity Fire: Georgians ran out comfortable winners after posting an imposing total. Trinity may have thought they had struck a decisive early blow in dismissing Heidi Cheadle in single figures, but her opening partner Gaby McKeever responded by reaching the

retirement score of 40 in just 17 deliveries. With Amelia Sammons and Liv Bell scoring at a run per ball, the final total was well beyond their near neighbours.

KNOCKOUT CUPS

Senior Knockout Round One – May 11:

Didsbury Swordettes w/o Greenfield

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Development Knockout Round One – May 9:

Heaton Mersey & Cheadle v Buxton: A comfortable passage for Buxton, with seven wickets and 29 balls in hand.

May 11:

Langley w/o North East Cheshire

May 12:

Toft v Lymm Oughtrington Park Lightning: Emma Moore's spell delivered a Lymm collapse in the closing overs, giving victory to Toft, who had earlier scored more than 80 in their first 11 overs.

To clarify, the retirement score for batters in this competition is 25, not 30.

Fixtures awaiting re-arrangement:

- Nantwich 2nd XI v Lindow 2nd XI – cancelled due to rain on original date
- Alvanley v Porthill Park Northern Stars – cancelled due to rain on original date

NATIONAL KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

Cup Round Two – May 21:

Didsbury w/o Longridge

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Plate Round Two – May 21:

Leigh v Nantwich Vipers: Despite having to chase more than six per over, Nantwich made light of their chase, winning with six wickets and 27 balls in hand.