

The League stages its Finals Day at Hale Barns CC this Sunday, September 3. Didsbury's first team are bidding to win both senior T20 trophies, having not so far won the T20 Divisional Competition. Standing in their way are Nantwich – defending the Senior Knockout crown – and Chester – looking for their first T20 success since 2017.

There's also the prospect of more glory for the Chester and Nantwich clubs as their second teams contest the Development Knockout Final.

The order of play is:

1000 – Senior Knockout Final – Nantwich Vipers v Didsbury Swordettes

1300 – Development Knockout Final – Nantwich 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Chester Boughton Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

1600 – T20 Divisional Competition Final - Chester Boughton Hall Deemons v Didsbury Swordettes

Because I'm away in two weeks' time, there will be another Dazzler in just one week from now, immediately after Finals Day.

## **CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

### **Division One – August 20:**

Leigh v Stockport Georgians: The penultimate round of matches in the first division could well go down as the most decisive. Leigh started the day knowing two wins from two would see them retain their title. Instead, they are left to hope Oakmere do them a huge favour in the final round. Leigh managed just 94 here in reply to Georgians' 140, with Amelia Sammons 3-20 the telling contribution in the second innings.

Didsbury v Upton: This emphatic win and Leigh's slip up means Didsbury will require just seven points from their final match at Oakmere on September 10 to win their first league title since 2019. Roshini Prince-Navaratnam's 84 and three supporting contributions in the 20s ensured the Manchester club kept up a good scoring rate throughout the innings. Without a spell of 4-12 from Chelsea McLerie, it could have been worse for Upton as well. Hannah Jones took two early wickets in reply and Didsbury never looked back, continuing to take regular wickets on the way to a 128-run win. With an appearance in both cup finals ahead as well, Didsbury are in strong contention to clinch the league's first treble since Chester Boughton Hall accomplished it in 2013. Upton, meanwhile, now know they will finish bottom in the top-flight, and will return to division two next year unless the second division champions decline their promotion opportunity, or the league agrees to expand the first division.

Oakmere v Nantwich: Nantwich bounced back from a defeat to Upton seven days earlier to record a comfortable win here. Their title hopes effectively slipped away last week, but they are still on the verge of clinching a top three finish, indeed they will be runners-up if they win the final game against Leigh. Beth Hughes' 4-14 was the best of several excellent bowling returns here as Oakmere were all out for 90, with Nantwich losing just two wickets in reaching the target.

Chester Boughton Hall v Appleton: Megan Cureton and Georgia Munro both scored 68 at around one run per ball as Chester amassed a huge 217. A massive victory was completed when Charlie Thompson and Jessica Jones each took three wickets during the reply, where Appleton reached just 46.

### **Division Two – August 20:**

Greenfield v Hayfield: Greenfield recorded their first win of the season – other than a win by forfeit – as they comfortably beat Hayfield. Amelia Buckley, Grace Eaves and Megan Russell all played their part in keeping the scoreboard moving, as the Saddleworth club reached 168, despite Rhiannon Cowan's six wickets. Greenfield then took regular wickets in reply, with no Hayfield batter passing 21, and the final total was just 120.

Oxton v Leyland: Leyland moved into third place with a comprehensive nine-wicket win. Abi Bates continued her excellent recent bowling form to dismiss the Wirral side for 70. May Hardy and Isobel Cordingley then contributed an unbroken second wicket stand of 62 in the reply.

### **August 27:**

Lindow v Hawarden Park – cancelled due to rain and will not be re-arranged

### **August 28:**

Lindow v Leyland: Lindow wrapped up the second division title with a 22-run win here. Sarah Parker's half-century helped them to 131 in the first innings, but with Olivia Cunliffe going well, the result hung in the balance for much of the reply. Grace Hemsted and Emilia Rossi were the bowlers who contributed a series of miserly overs at the death.

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### **Division Three West**

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

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

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### **Division Three East – August 20:**

Buxton v Didsbury 2<sup>nd</sup> XI: Buxton took a significant step towards the divisional title here. Lydia Slack's 44 not out gave them some late impetus and took them to 148 in 30 overs, before Kelly Bunting and Helen Szostakowicz led the way with the ball to a 57-run win.

### **August 21:**

Lindow 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Buxton: Faye Smith starred with both bat and ball as Buxton took another step closer to glory. She took five wickets in just 19 balls, then remained unbeaten on 29 as her side completed an eight-wicket win.

### **August 22:**

Stockport Georgians 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley: A first league win for Ashton-on-Mersey and Woodley, achieved with one ball to spare. Amanda Gettins and Fiona Reeve played significant roles in keeping Georgians' run rate down in the first innings, then Gettins got the reply off to a good start. Claire Anderton played the anchor role to see her side to the target of 75.

**August 24:**

Stockport Georgians 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Didsbury 2<sup>nd</sup> XI: Playing their third home match in four days, Georgians recorded a second win in that sequence. Isabelle Hevican made the top score of 30 as Didsbury posted 85 in 16 overs, but the target of more than five per over posed no difficulties for Georgians opening pair of Lucy Neill and Skye Thomas. Neill scored the lion's share of the runs, making 58 in 39 deliveries as victory was completed in 10.5 overs.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

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

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**Division Three Cross-Divisional Matches – August 13:**

Nantwich 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Buxton: Buxton maintained their 100 per cent record, despite Faye Smith recording the only significant score in their chase of 102. Meg Roberts and Sophie Winward recorded excellent figures for Nantwich, but Buxton still got home by two wickets. Lydia Slack is having an excellent season for Buxton in all departments and took 3-13 in the Nantwich innings.

**August 21:**

Stockport Georgians 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI: Despite Beth Tittensor's 3-3 bowling return, Appleton were able to score 70 in a reduced 17 overs, with Jo Lunt top scoring on 32. The target posed little difficulty for Georgians who completed the task inside 10 overs. Sasha Wardrop made 32 not out from 27 balls.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

- Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley – cancelled due to rain on original date
- Buxton v Chester Boughton Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – cancelled due to rain on original date
- Porthill Park Northern Stars v Didsbury 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – cancelled due to rain on original date
- Lindow 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Nantwich 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – cancelled due to rain on original date
- Buxton v Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – Appleton unable to fulfil fixture on last scheduled date

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**Division Four West – August 20:**

Lindow 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Wistaston Village: One bowler from each side took four wickets in this low scoring affair. Alexandra Clinton recorded 4-14 in the Wistaston innings of 72, but Lindow managed just 51 in reply, where Emily Clamp bagged a return of 4-4.

**August 21:**

Lindow 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Lymm Oughtrington Park: Olivia Gladwin's scoring rate of one per ball in making 30 retired set her apart from the other batters in this match and led Lymm to a comfortable nine-wicket win.

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**Division Four East – August 15:**

Hawk Green v Langley: An emphatic win for Langley as their title quest continues.

**August 20:**

New Mills & High Peak North v Langley: Langley were again in superb form, completing another 10-wicket win that means two wins from the last three matches will clinch the divisional crown. Ella Hirst and Jenny Wallace took seven wickets between them here.

Heaton Mersey & Cheadle v North East Cheshire: On a day of several one sided matches, this very much bucked the trend as the two teams ended tied on 91 from their 20 overs. It seemed that a late cameo from Becky Scholes would take North East over the line, but Ellie Pagan then duly bowled her third maiden of the day, claiming one wicket for herself, while three of the home side's batters were run out.

**August 22:**

Langley w/o Hawk Green

**August 23:**

Macclesfield v New Mills & High Peak North: The all-round efforts of Hannah Rowe led the way in taking New Mills to their first victory. Three wickets from Kate Higgins then snuffed out any hopes of a Macclesfield revival during the later stages of the reply.

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
- North East Cheshire v Langley – cancelled due to rain on original date
- New Mills v Macclesfield – cancelled due to rain on original date

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**Permanent transfers:**

Gillian Spragg – Oakmere to Hayfield

**Player loans:**

Charlotte Walker – Porthill Park Northern Stars to Appleton 1<sup>st</sup> XI for match on August 20 only  
Neve Boon – Langley to Stockport Georgians for maximum three matches commencing September 3

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The ECB's annual National Playing Survey is now available for completion. This is a chance for players and club volunteers to have their say about their experiences of the CWCL. It should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. If sufficient numbers from CWCL clubs complete the survey, the League will receive a detailed report of your responses. All those who complete the survey are entered into prize draws to win merchandise signed by the England men's and women's squads.

## **T20 DIVISIONAL COMPETITION**

### **Eastern Division**

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

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## **NATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

### **National Plate Final – August 20:**

Porthill Park Northern Stars v Moreton Mavericks: Porthill are national winners of the Plate for a second year in succession. Matilda Atherton-Gater and Tilly Kesteven made 52 and 41 respectively at more than a run per ball as the Stars posted a formidable 142. Moreton's reply quickly faded away after a good start at 38-0 and they fell 19 runs short.

## LEAGUE TABLES

	Division 1	P	w	l	a	c	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Didsbury</u>	13	8	1	2	2	2	12	1.48	246
2	<u>Leigh</u>	13	7	2	3	1	9	11	1.63	227
3	<u>Nantwich</u>	13	7	3	2	1	11	10	0.49	220
4	<u>Stockport Georgians</u>	13	6	5	1	1	14	18	0.81	198
5	<u>Appleton</u>	13	5	7	1	0	20	22	-0.37	175
6	<u>Chester Boughton Hall</u>	13	4	6	1	2	18	18	-0.53	160
7	<u>Oakmere</u>	13	2	6	2	3	23	14	-1.26	127
8	<u>Upton</u>	13	1	10	0	2	20	31	-1.99	92

	<b>Division 2</b>	P	w	wcn	l	lcn	t	a	c	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Lindow (CH)</u>	9	7	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2.45	208
2	<u>Hawarden Park</u>	8	5	0	1	0	0	1	1	8	3	1.55	152
3	<u>Leyland</u>	9	3	1	3	0	0	2	0	11	7	-0.02	134
4	<u>Hayfield</u>	8	2	1	4	0	0	1	0	13	20	-0.32	116
5	<u>Greenfield</u>	9	1	1	6	0	0	1	0	14	6	-1.77	78
6	<u>Oxton</u>	9	0	0	4	4	0	1	0	6	8	-3.01	-18

<b>Division 3 West</b>		P	w	wcn	l	lcn	t	a	c	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Porthill Park</u> Northern Stars	7	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	8	8	0.63	139
2	<u>Nantwich</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	7	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	11	7	-0.56	91
3	<u>Chester Boughton Hall</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	7	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	12	7	0.3	84
4	<u>Appleton</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	8	1	0	5	1	0	1	0	29	7	-1.15	59

<b>Division 3 East</b>		P	w	l	a	c	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Buxton</u>	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	1.13	200
2	<u>Didsbury</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	10	7	3	0	0	13	6	0.45	194
3	<u>Stockport Georgians</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	10	6	3	1	0	17	7	0.81	182
4	Ashton-on-Mersey & <u>Woodley</u>	9	1	7	0	1	23	17	-0.83	73
5	<u>Lindow</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	8	1	6	1	0	19	12	-1.31	64



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

<b>Division 4 West</b>		P	w	wcn	l	lcn	t	a	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Alvanley</u> (CH)	10	7	0	0	0	1	2	10	0	2.06	216
2	<u>Oakmere</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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>	9	3	0	6	0	0	0	16	13	-0.87	104
5	<u>Toft</u>	9	2	1	3	2	0	1	11	14	-0.8	88
6	<u>Lindow</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Langley</u>	10	6	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	5	2.29	215
2	<u>Buxton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI</u>	10	5	0	4	0	0	0	1	14	11	0.51	158
3	<u>North East Cheshire</u>	8	4	0	3	0	1	0	0	12	7	0.48	134
4	Heaton Mersey & <u>Cheadle</u>	8	3	0	2	0	1	2	0	7	8	-0.13	121
5	<u>Macclesfield</u>	7	2	0	4	0	0	1	0	12	13	-0.7	83
6	<u>New Mills &amp; High Peak North</u>	9	1	0	6	1	0	1	0	23	7	-1.82	53
7	<u>Hawk Green</u>	6	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	6	3	-1.85	49

<b>T20 Eastern Division (FINAL)</b>		P	w	l	c	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Didsbury Swordettes</u>	4	4	0	0	2.75	12
2	<u>Leigh</u>	4	2	1	1	0.65	7
3	<u>Stockport Georgians</u>	4	2	2	0	-0.07	6
4	<u>Lindow</u>	4	1	2	1	-0.25	4
5	<u>Stockport Trinity Fire</u>	4	0	4	0	-2.58	0