

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One – May 28:

[Didsbury v Stockport Georgians](#): Didsbury go marching on with this commanding win. Stacey Miles removed the two previously prolific Georgians openers, then it was over to Zara Matthews, whose 6-3 return blitzed the rest of the Stockport batting line up. The first clash between unbeaten Didsbury and Leigh is this Sunday (June 11).

Didsbury's Rosie Davis is set to join the list of League players who have played international cricket as she has been selected in the Guernsey squad to play a three-match series against Jersey in June and a five-match away series against Austria in August.

Stockport Georgians' Liv Bell made her debut for the Thunder regional team on May 31, taking two wickets in her side's four-wicket loss to Southern Vipers, followed by two more in the win over South East Stars. She becomes the first player from the Cheshire Youth pathway to make it to regional championship level since Sophie Ecclestone.

[Upton v Nantwich](#): Nantwich won by six wickets to continue their good start to the season, and there was little doubt as to what was the most eye-catching performance. Eleanor Sinker had already illustrated what a good acquisition she is with her five-wicket haul in the win over Appleton, and here she bowled an incredible 47 consecutive dot balls, before finally conceding a single from her final delivery, while in sight of the league's first ever 'clean sheet' in a full eight over spell. Chester Boughton Hall's Ali Cutler was the only bowler to have conceded just one from an eight over spell in the past.

June 4:

[Stockport Georgians v Appleton](#): Fantastic entertainment was on offer in Stockport, where one opener from each team narrowly missed out on a hundred. Emma Barlow made 95 for Appleton, almost adding to her career collection of hundreds, and although she dominated the scoring in the early overs, when she got support from the likes of Amy Seddon, the final total of 193 for the Warrington club looked a challenging one. A seesaw run chase followed, with Appleton in the ascendency when they snared Heidi Cheadle early on, then Georgians gaining control via a stand of 103 between Skye Thomas and Freya Jones. Things looked to be going Appleton's way when Jenny Arnold's wickets engineered a collapse of four for 14, only for Louisa Boyle to play a vital late role in getting Georgians over the line. At just 13 years of age, Thomas' innings of 94 was one of high promise, working the gaps well in addition to putting away the bad ball, but after she fell for 94 just before the close, it ensured that Chester's Megan Cureton remained the youngest centurion in league history, for now at least.

[Chester Boughton Hall v Oakmere](#): Natalie Lyons' 71 rescued Oakmere from a difficult start, but an unbeaten 62 from Katie Bennett saw Chester home with one ball to spare.

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Division Two – June 4:

[Hayfield v Greenfield](#): In this battle of two promoted teams, it was Hayfield who secured their first win at this level. After being in a perilous position at 49-4, a stand of 90 between Rhiannon Cowan and Charlotte Peacock took the girls from the High Peak to their victory target.

[Oxton v Hawarden Park](#): A thumping win for Hawarden, who now have three wins from three. Poppy Smith (71*) and Nicola Deane (69) scored the lion's share of their runs, before they dismissed Oxton cheaply.

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.



Division Three East – May 21:

[Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley v Buxton](#): Buxton were indebted to Lydia Slack, who followed up her two wickets with a quickfire 40 not out just when it seemed that their run chase was stalling.

June 4:

[Lindow 2nd XI v Didsbury 2nd XI](#): Eleanor Brennan's half century was the top score as Didsbury seconds made it three league wins from three.



Division Three Cross-Divisional Matches – May 22:

[Appleton 2nd XI v Didsbury 2nd XI](#): Amy Walkman and Georgina Birkinshaw added 87 for the fourth wicket in rapid time to take Didsbury to a formidable 20-over total of 139, which proved beyond Appleton's reach.

May 23:

[Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI v Lindow 2nd XI](#): An emphatic 10-wicket win for Chester. The match began with Jessica Jones ripping through the Lindow top order.

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



Division Four West – June 4:

[Lymm Oughtrington Park v Alvanley](#): Emma Bennion recorded the most economical figures – conceding five in four overs – as Alvanley restricted Lymm to 51 in 20 overs and maintained their good start to the year.

[Toft v Wistaston Village](#): Toft won with more than three overs to spare for their first league win.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

Toft v Oakmere 2nd XI – cancelled due to unfit ground on original date



Division Four East – May 23:

[Heaton Mersey & Cheadle v Hawk Green](#): Ellie Pagan's 3-12 was the best return as Hawk Green were dismissed cheaply and Heaton Mersey & Cheadle won comfortably.

May 24:

[Buxton 2nd XI v Macclesfield](#): The latest in the series of good results the Buxton club's teams have enjoyed at the start of this season. Anna Ellis' return of 4-4 in five overs was the standout performance.

June 4:

[North East Cheshire v Hawk Green](#): Jessica Hood (30 retired from just 10 balls) and Becky Scholes (31 retired from 16 deliveries) ensured North East completed their run chase in a hurry.

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

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Dual player registrations:

- Ruth Lomas – Hayfield for Division 2 and Senior Knockout and Stockport Trinity Fire for T20 Divisional Competition
- Becky Scholes – North East Cheshire for Division 4 and Stockport Trinity Fire for T20 Divisional Competition and Senior Knockout
- Lucy Bevan – Hawarden Park for Division 2 and Toft for Development Knockout
- Matilda MacLeod – Leyland for Division 2 and Toft for Development Knockout

Player loans:

Alex Dennison & Alys Evans – both Chester Boughton Hall to Hawarden Park for league match on June 4 only

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A few reminders from the League Committee meeting on May 21 regarding Play Cricket entries and fixtures issues:

- Please let me know if a match does not take place on the scheduled date, e.g. due to weather conditions, ground unavailability or either side being unable to fulfil the fixture
- Please ensure you rectify any Unsure entries on your team's PC scorecards, together with any players whose name is not linked to their PC statistics (these are players shown in red on the admin view of the match scorecard)
- If your club is unable to provide a scorer, please ensure the opposition are provided with all player names on the day of the match (including the names of those taking catches and effecting run outs)
- Please enter the batting and bowling points when entering a result. These are explained in the relevant [competition regulations](#)
- Please note that full match scorecards need to be on PC within five days of each match. Please be aware that league regulations now stipulate a five-point penalty for the third and subsequent occasion that a home club fails to do this.

The League is not currently in a position to re-open its Small Grants application process. There are still funds, however, available for clubs to purchase coloured playing kit, should you be currently playing in whites and want to make the switch. Coloured clothing is now permitted in all competitions administered by the League.

The League's representative XI will play the MCC at Chester Boughton Hall CC on Friday July 28 at 1130.

Nominations for the team are now requested from club managers and captains. Players wishing to nominate themselves are also very welcome to do so.

Players with CWCL clubs based outside of Cheshire are most certainly welcome in the team, as are those that play senior or junior representative cricket for counties other than Cheshire. The only basic criteria are that they expect to be available on the day, and that they play regular weekend cricket for a League member club.

Clubs are also welcome to nominate up to two players as additional fielders - this might be a great way of getting people involved, even if you feel they haven't yet reached the ideal standard for senior representative cricket. It's also a great way of involving lower division clubs.

We also need to provide at least one scorer, so would love to hear from anyone interested in this.

Please send me any nominations by June 25.

The host club's women's first team captain Nicole Fisher will lead the League XI on the day.

Hale Barns CC will host Finals Day for the League on Sunday September 3.

Anyone who has not completed any formal training on the topic of safeguarding is recommended to take this 30-minute [ECB module](#).

The next meeting of the League Committee will be on Wednesday July 26 at 1930.

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LEAGUE TABLES

	Division 1	P	w	l	a	c	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	Didsbury	5	4	0	0	1	0	0	1.88	108
2	Chester Boughton Hall	5	2	2	0	1	5	4	-0.51	67
3	Stockport Georgians	4	2	1	1	0	1	2	1.27	61
4	Nantwich	4	2	1	0	1	1	2	0.39	61
5	Leigh	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	2.88	58
6	Appleton	4	1	3	0	0	10	12	-0.51	47
7	Upton	4	0	4	0	0	10	11	-1.83	21
8	Oakmere	3	0	2	0	1	5	5	-2.61	18

Division 2		P	w	wcn	l	lcn	a	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	Hawarden Park	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.53	75
2	Leyland	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.57	50
3	Hayfield	3	1	0	2	0	0	4	10	-0.28	39
4	Lindow	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.74	25
5	Greenfield	4	0	0	3	0	1	10	3	-2.95	21
6	Oxton	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	4	-4.14	2

Division 3 West				P	w	l	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	Chester Boughton Hall	2 nd XI		2	2	0	0	0	2.54	50
2	Porthill Park	Northern Stars		2	1	1	5	3	0.14	33
3	Nantwich	2 nd XI		1	1	0	0	0	2.35	25
4	Appleton	2 nd XI		2	0	2	10	3	-2.29	13

Division 4 West		P	w	l	a	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
1	Alvanley	4	3	0	1	5	0	1.86	88
2	Oakmere 2 nd XI	2	2	0	0	0	0	1.13	50
3	Wistaston Village	4	1	3	0	12	9	0.34	46
4	Toft	3	1	1	1	5	7	0.44	45
5	Lindow 3 rd XI	2	1	1	0	2	4	-1.36	31
6	Lymm Oughtrington Park	3	0	3	0	6	5	-2.83	11

Division 4 East		P	w	wcn	l	lcn	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	Langley	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	1.67	100
2	Buxton 2nd XI	4	3	0	1	0	3	2	1.02	80
3	Heaton Mersey & Cheadle	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2.66	50
4	North East Cheshire	4	1	0	3	0	12	7	-0.74	44
5	Hawk Green	2	0	0	2	0	6	3	-4.06	9
6	Macclesfield	2	0	0	2	0	2	3	-1.32	5
7	New Mills	2	0	0	1	1	4	1	-2.6	-5

T20 DIVISIONAL COMPETITION

Western Division – May 22:

[Oakmere Kats v Chester Boughton Hall Deemons](#): Oakmere were restricted to just 78, with Jessica Jones 2-10 being the most economical contribution. Chester then passed their target in the penultimate over.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement:

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Eastern Division – May 24:

[Leigh v Stockport Georgians](#): A potentially vital win for Leigh. Each team's overseas player – Kate Gaging for Leigh and Heidi Cheadle for Georgians – reached the retirement score, but it was Gaging's team-mates that delivered better support.

May 25:

[Didsbury Swordettes v Stockport Trinity Fire](#): Rapid scoring from all of their top four – Roshini Prince-Navaratnam, Zara Matthews, Emily Wilkins and Rosie Davis – took Didsbury to an emphatic win. It's two wins from two for them in this group, but they still have tough matches against Stockport Georgians and Leigh.

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KNOCKOUT CUPS

Development Knockout Round One – May 25:

[Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley v Hawk Green](#): Amanda Gettins starred with both bat and ball to ensure a comfortable passage for Ashton-on-Mersey & Woodley

May 31:

[Nantwich 2nd XI v Lindow 2nd XI](#): With three batters in good form, the Nantwich total of 121 always looked likely to be a winning one.

June 1:

[Stockport Georgians 2nd XI v Nantwich 2nd XI](#): Georgians triumphed in this tight contest, with the most eye-catching contribution being Lucy Neill's 37 from 20 balls. Neill and Sacha Wardrop reached 25 retired for Georgians, but with the rest being dismissed cheaply, Neill was able to return to the crease.

Quarter Final – May 28:

[Toft v Buxton](#): Fourth division Toft upset third division Buxton in what is surely the best result to date for the Knutsford-based team since their entry into the league this year.

NATIONAL KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

Cup Northern Quarter-Final – June 4:

[Ramsbottom v Didsbury](#): Didsbury came through a potentially tricky early morning assignment away to Ramsbottom, who have swept aside all competition in Lancashire club cricket so far this year. The task looked trickier as well when Grace Johnson's 70 from 57 deliveries led the way in ensuring Didsbury needed to chase at six runs per over. They prevailed, however, with seven wickets and eight balls in hand, with Roshini Prince-Navaratnam and Zara Matthews knocking off the lion's share of the runs in an opening stand of 85. The result ensures that the north-western representative in the regional final will once again be a CWCL member club.

[Leyland v Lindow](#): This was effectively over in the first few minutes as Emilia Rossi and Libby Ackerley wreaked havoc to reduce Leyland to 6-5. Lindow – who have been paired exclusively with fellow Cheshire League teams in the competition so far – now head for Didsbury for the northern semi-final.

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Plate Round Two – May 25:

[Stockport Georgians v Sefton Park](#): Georgians racked up a massive 189 in 20 overs, with Heidi Cheadle hitting six sixes in her knock of 116, while putting on 167 for the first wicket with Skye Thomas.

May 29:

[Porthill Park Northern Stars v Hightown St Mary's](#): Porthill almost matched Georgians in posting a huge 186, with big scores for Melisha Tennakoon and Francesca James.

Plate Midlands Quarter-Final – June 4:

[Porthill Park Northern Stars v Pershore](#): The Stars were pushed all the way in this high scoring encounter, in their quest to win the Plate once again, and were certainly grateful to Lauren Kenvyn's middle order contribution.

Nantwich Vipers w/o Walmley