

Didsbury the early pacesetters, while Chester also record second win ... Georgians and Upton make it two from two in division two ... Woodley and Hayfield start well in division three ... Nantwich win all-CWCL clash with Didsbury in National

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One – May 23:

Stockport Trinity v Oakmere – Cancelled due to unfit ground, 8pts each

Chester Boughton Hall 116-7 (40; Ali Cutler 55, Georgia Heath 2-10, Abbey Gore 2-22) (25pts)
Appleton 45-6 (20; Annie Rashid 16, Tilly Buss 2-3) (6pts)
(Chester win on faster scoring rate)

- The weather did its best to spoil another matchday, but only one match in the top divisions was a no result. Here Appleton went down to defeat, joining the list of division one sides who won one and lost one of their first two matches this year. Chester meanwhile recorded a second win from three here, with Ali Cutler once again to the fore. Tilly Buss then played her part, conceding three runs in a five over spell. Oakmere, who have suffered two washouts after their opening win, are now the only unbeaten side in the top-flight, and a genuinely competitive title race could be on the cards.

May 30:

Porthill Park 70 (29; Lucy Shenton 19*, Rosie Wilson 3-3, Stacey Miles 2-19) (2pts)
Didsbury 73-2 (24.3; Hannah Marshall 40*, Shenton 2-10) (25pts)

- This clash of the top two from the last full season in 2019 went decisively the way of Didsbury, as Porthill's batting again failed to fire. Rosie Wilson's superb spell of three for three in five overs led the way in the field, before Hannah Marshall anchored the run chase, getting her side home without alarm. Didsbury now stand top of the table once again at this early stage.

Fixtures awaiting re-arrangement: Leigh v Chester BH

After the cancellation of Stockport Trinity's CWCL fixture on May 23, as many as four of the squad took the field for the club's third team, with Ellie Mason and Carys White chosen to open the batting together. Mason continued her superb personal season with exactly 100 from 90 balls, with four sixes, to play the major role in a successful chase of 238. Georgia Bath took 4-10 in the first innings, while White, Mason and Freya Jones all claimed catches in the field.

Division Two – May 23:

Porthill Park 2nd XI 95-9 (30; Amy Griffiths 42*, Liv Bell 3-8, Emily Thomas 2-18) (4pts)
Stockport Georgians 96-0 (14; Gaby McKeever 46*, Thomas 40*) (25pts)
(Restricted to 30 overs per side)

- Stockport Georgians continued their good start to the season with this comprehensive win. The run chase was completed in double quick time, but there was something of a race against time feel about it with the clouds rolling in. However, Gaby McKeever and Emily Thomas continued their excellent form with the bat, after Liv Bell had once again taken a number of cheap opposition wickets.

Upton 91 (31.4; Sophie Morris 37, Philippa Dagger 25, Hattie Nickson 3-20) (25pts)
Oxton 50-6 (29; Molly Price 16*, Charlie Scudder 3-7, Dagger 2-7) (6pts)
(Upton win on faster scoring rate)

- Upton also made it two wins from two by triumphing in the North Wirral derby. Oxton were always facing an uphill battle after Philippa Dagger and Charlie Scudder had reduced them to 20-5

Division Three West:

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement: Hawarden Park v Wistaston Village – no play due to rain on original date

Division Three East – May 19:

Didsbury 2nd XI 111-3 (20; Rosie Davis 35, Marianne Lea 27*) (25pts)
Langley 47 (17.1; Chloe Hawes 3-0, Lucy Smith 2-3, Amy Walkman 2-4) (3pts)

- A great performance by some of Didsbury's bowlers set the seal on this convincing victory.

May 23:

Langley 71-9 (30; Ella Hirst 20, Gemma Stewart 3-12, Georgie Morton 3-17, Madison Kay-Breen 2-12) (1pt)
Woodley 72-0 (12; Alex Wilson 39*, Abby Barlow 21*) (25pts)

- Another team continuing their good start to the season with a ten-wicket win today was Woodley, with the victory foundations laid by a good all-round bowling effort, before Alex Wilson and Abby Barlow completed the chase without alarm.

Lindow 54 (15.5; Michelle Hesslegrave 22, Zara Kelly 4-1, Alicia Peacock 2-3, Lily Dalkin-Strube 2-12) (1pt)
Hayfield 57-1 (15; Dalkin-Strube 30*)

- Zara Kelly's outstanding bowling spell set Hayfield on the way to a second convincing win.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement: Hayfield v Lindow

Division Four – May 18:

Lindow 2nd XI 47-5 (16; Kate Williams 2-17) (25pts)
Lymm Oughttrington Park 45-5 (16; Angela Evans 11) (5pts)
(Lindow performance information not available at present)

- Sometimes it's the lowest scoring matches that deliver the most exciting finishes, and here Lindow's seconds recorded their first ever win by the narrowest of margins.

May 23:

Heaton Mersey & Cheadle 102-4 (20; Amy Shaw 40*, Julia Tymoshenko 33) (25pts)
Hawk Green 67-8 (20; Richmal Giles 11, Lisa Critten 2-11, Kate Chapman 2-18) (5pts)

- Amy Shaw and Julia Tymoshenko added 70 for the fourth wicket to see their side to a solid total, and this proved enough to get Heaton Mersey & Cheadle over the line for their first ever win.

Division Five West:

Leigh 2nd XI 279, Wistaston Village 2nd XI 240
Wistaston Village 2nd XI, Oakmere 2nd XI 251
Wistaston Village 2nd XI 286, Alvanley 256

Division Five East:

Macclesfield 322, Broadbottom 315

Dual player registrations:

Lily Dalkin-Strube and Molly Doody will play for their main club Hayfield in Division 3 and the Development Knockout, and for Stockport Trinity in the Senior Knockout and T20 Divisional Competition.

LEAGUE TABLES

	Division 1	P	w	l	c	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Didsbury</u>	3	2	1	0	3	3	0.45	56
2	<u>Chester Boughton Hall</u>	3	2	1	0	1	1	0.47	52
3	<u>Oakmere</u>	3	1	0	2	0	0	1.16	41
4	<u>Stockport Trinity</u>	3	1	1	1	5	1	2.63	39
5	<u>Appleton</u>	2	1	1	0	2	4	-0.2	31
6	<u>Leigh</u>	2	1	1	0	1	1	-2.54	27
7	<u>Porthill Park</u>	4	0	3	1	6	7	-1.26	21

	Division 2	P	w	I	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Stockport Georgians</u>	2	2	0	0	0	2.94	50
2	<u>Upton</u>	2	2	0	0	0	0.5	50
3	<u>Porthill Park 2nd XI</u>	2	1	1	4	0	0.62	29
4	<u>Oxton</u>	2	0	2	3	7	-1.89	10
5	<u>Nantwich</u>	1	0	1	1	5	-0.29	6
6	<u>Ashton-on-Mersey</u>	1	0	1	0	2	-2.41	2

	Division 3 East	P	w	I	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Woodley</u>	2	2	0	0	0	3.15	50
2	<u>Hayfield</u>	2	2	0	0	0	1	50
3	<u>Didsbury 2nd XI</u>	2	1	1	1	4	1.11	30
4	<u>Langley</u>	2	0	2	2	2	-3.36	4
5	<u>Lindow</u>	2	0	2	1	2	-2.73	3

	Division 4	P	w	l	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Hawk Green</u>	2	1	1	3	2	-0.57	30
2	<u>Lindow 2nd XI</u>	2	1	1	3	1	-0.26	29
3	Heaton Mersey & <u>Cheadle</u>	1	1	0	0	0	1.75	25
4	<u>Stockport Georgians 2nd XI</u>	1	1	0	0	0	1.58	25
5	<u>Lymm Oughtrington Park</u>	2	0	2	4	5	-0.81	9

T20 DIVISIONAL COMPETITION

Western Division – May 17:

Oakmere Kats 114-2 (20; Kerry Hartnett 31ret, Natalie Lyons 24*)
 Chester Boughton Hall Deemons 97-8 (20; Ali Cutler 30ret, Hartnett 2-10)

- An excellent performance by Oakmere to score at almost six per over against their long-standing rivals. Kerry Hartnett was also in form with the ball to ensure Chester fell short, despite Ali Cutler's 30 from 26 deliveries.

Nantwich Vipers 72-7 (20; Madi Hudson 25, Olivia Horsfield 3-10)
 Appleton Tigers 74-6 (15.5; Georgia Heath 32*, Emma Barlow 20)

- Winners of the Western Division in 2018 and 2019, Appleton began what they hope will be another successful campaign in this competition, although Nantwich certainly made them fight for the points here.

May 25:

Nantwich Vipers 120-3 (20; Beth Hughes 32*, Grace Michel 30ret, Katie Haszeldine 30ret)
 Chester Boughton Hall Deemons 85-8 (20; Georgia Munro 18, Sophie Winward 2-5, Bethan Robinson 2-10)

- An excellent result for Nantwich, who not only managed to score quickly throughout the innings but accelerated to add 40 on the last five overs to set a target that proved well beyond Chester's reach. Chester's hopes of winning this competition are now at an end after this second defeat.

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement: Appleton Tigers v Oxton – Oxton unable to fulfil fixture on original date, Oxton v Nantwich – Oxton unable to fulfil fixture on original date

Eastern Division:

Fixtures awaiting possible re-arrangement: Woodley v Stockport Georgians, Ashton-on-Mersey v Woodley – cancelled due to rain on original date

KNOCKOUT CUPS

Development Knockout Round One – May 28:

Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 117-1 (20; Gemma Rose 27ret, Nandu Valliyil 25ret, Juliet Wiles 25ret)
Wistaston Swans 71-8 (20; Jen Regan 28ret, Zoe Davies 22*, Annette Axon 3-10)

- A powerful batting display set Chester on the way to victory.

May 30:

Heaton Mersey & Cheadle 63 (16.2; Charlotte Appleyard 20, Olivia Downs-Haskell 3-4, Freya Mason 2-8, Emily Mills 2-12)
Hayfield 66-0 (10.5; Downs-Haskell 25ret, Lily Dalkin-Strube 21*)

- Olivia Downs-Haskell starred with both bat and ball as Hayfield ensured a comfortable passage to the quarter-finals.

NATIONAL KNOCKOUT

Round Two – May 23:

Nantwich Vipers 81-9 (20; Grace Michel 16, Hannah Jones 2-12, Zara Matthews 2-12)
Didsbury Swordettes 18-4 (7; Kelsey Barker 2-4)

- After reaching the regional final in each of the last two years, Didsbury exited the competition here to fellow CWCL side Nantwich. Didsbury were 14 runs short of their revised Duckworth-Lewis-Stern target, with Nantwich's bowlers having removed some of their star names cheaply.

Plate Round One – May 23:

Leigh beat Leyland 2nd XI – no further details available.

OTHER NEWS

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[Sunday July 18 at Stockport](#)

[Friday August 6 at Nantwich](#)

[Monday August 30 at Barnton](#)

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Rachael Heyhoe-Flint Trophy - Selected Results – May 29:

Thunder 291-8 (50; Emma Lamb 121, Piepa Cleary 79, Sophie Ecclestone 37, Anya Shrubsole 3-29, Georgia Hennessey 3-57)

Western Storm 295-9 (50; Heather Knight 91, Shrubsole 61*, Sophie Luff 35, Fi Morris 25, Hennessey 23, Kate Cross 3-35, Ecclestone 3-63, Hannah Jones 2-46)

- On an opening day of high scoring matches, this encounter went to the final ball where Storm prevailed, ensuring Emma Lamb's 121 from 105 deliveries would be in vain

Northern Diamonds 279 (49.2; Lauren Winfield-Hill 110, Katherine Brunt 43, Sterre Kallis 36, Issy Wong 5-49, Stephanie Butler 2-46)

Central Sparks 283-8 (48.2; Amy Jones 114, Sarah Glenn 71*, Marie Kelly 34, Emily Arlott 24*. Linsey Smith 3-54, Beth Langston 2-26, Brunt 2-41)

- More drama here, as an unbeaten ninth wicket stand of 87 saw Sparks to victory.

May 31:

Thunder 247-9 (50; Georgie Boyce 91, Kate Cross 43, Sonali Patel 4-40, Mady Villiers 3-47)

Sunrisers 211 (45.2; Fran Wilson 50, Lissy MacLeod 38, Cordelia Griffith 22, Jo Gardner 22, Sophie Ecclestone 3-28, Cross 3-49, Alex Hartley 2-46)

- From 109-2, Sunrisers lost regular wickets, especially to Sophie Ecclestone, to see Thunder to victory in this encounter at Chester Boughton Hall. Chester is now effectively the team's home ground, with four of their six home matches this year to be played there.

Central Sparks 295-7 (50; Amy Jones 163*, Stephanie Butler 27, Lauren Filer 2-21, Fi Morris 2-44)

Western Storm 254-9 (50; Lauren Parfitt 91, Heather Knight 27, Sophie Luff 21, Ria Fackrell 4-34, Emily Arlott 2-48, Sarah Glenn 2-52)

- Amy Jones' mammoth innings, compiled off 114 deliveries, continued the early trend in this competition for high scoring and six hitting – she cleared the ropes six times here, and the total number of sixes hit in last year's competition has already been surpassed at this early stage.