

First triple header Finals Day to take place at Timperley on August 14 ... Chester closing in on league title, and also clinch T20 West title ... Trinity open up lead in division two ... League XI to play MCC announced ... Didsbury storm into Knockout Final ... 150 partnership ensures Cheshire end T20 campaign on a high ... Arrangements for Cheshire Cricket Big Day Out at the Old Trafford Super League match

All are welcome at Timperley CC on Sunday week (August 14) as the league stages its first ever triple-header Finals Day, with matches at 1030, 1330 and 1630. The order of the matches is yet to be determined, largely because there is the real possibility that Didsbury will be involved in two of the day's finals. Details of the latest matches are included in this newsletter, but the South Manchester side will definitely be involved in their first Knockout Final, and stand a very real chance of being in the T20 Divisional Competition final. Further details will be posted on the League website and on my Twitter account once known.

The Finals Day line up so far is:

Development Knockout Final: Bredbury Saints v Leigh Lionesses Knockout Final: Oakmere Kats/Oxton v Didsbury Swordettes

T20 Divisional Competition Final: Chester Boughton Hall Deemons v Didsbury Swordettes/Appleton Tigers/Stockport Trinity

Fire/Ashton-on-Mersey

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One / Two Cross Divisional Matches - July 24:

Ashton-on-Mersey 121-4 (40; Mina Khatun 30, Amanda Gettins 26) (8pts) Stockport Trinity 124-5 (29; Gaby McKeever 50*, Gettins 3-22) (25pts)

• A potentially crucial win for Trinity who moved 27 points clear at the top of division two. Trinity's bowlers did an excellent job in keeping the run rate down, with Ashton only enjoying the upper hand when Mina Khatun and Amanda Gettins were batting together. Gaby McKeever's rapid half century led a fairly comfortable run chase.

July 31:

Stockport Trinity 55 (19.4; Sarah McCann 12, Kate Coppack 6-17, Hannah Snape 3-7) (1pt) Chester Boughton Hall 56-0 (12.1; Lorna Starkey 34*, Sammi Short 12*) (25pts)

• Kate Coppack and Hannah Snape ripped through the Trinity batting line up to take Chester within 40 points of their first league title since 2013. It is likely they will only need to win one of their remaining four matches, surely a formality given their current form.

Ashton-on-Mersey 175-3 (50; Mina Khatun 62*, Carol Ingham 50*) (24pts)
Oxton 45 (22.3; Elisha Price 11, Mary Priestner 3-9, Rachel Mann 3-10, Laurie Sheridan 2-7) (2pts)

• Ashton recorded their first league win of the season – save for a win by forfeit- as half centuries from Mina Khatun and Carol Ingham led them to a formidable total. The pair shared an unbroken fourth wicket stand of 114.

Appleton 223-6 (40; Sami Fowler 66*, Emma Barlow 46, Anni Rashid 23, Rebecca Moss 4-40) (25pts) Hawarden Park 31 (20.4; Olivia Horsfield 3-0, Rashid 2-0) (3pts)

 Appleton were resounding winners in what was the last league match to be played at the Castle – Hawarden move to a new ground next year and all three of their remaining league matches are away.

Oakmere 219-8 (40; Hailey Coutts 46, Natalie Lyons 40, Raffaella Rodighiero 21, Hannah Bratt 2-32, Emily Mackenzie 2-44) (25pts)

Wistaston Village 45 (34.3; Lyons 2-5, Rachel Tidd 2-5, Rodighiero 2-7, Emma Tarpey 2-12) (4pts)

• Oakmere continued their good recent form with this big win. With the first division sides having the upper hand in all of today's cross-divisional matches, the division two situation remains largely unchanged.

Division Three - July 24:

Leigh 108-7 (20) (25pts) Stockport Georgians 56-6 (20) (7pts)

• Leigh march on at the top of division three, maintaining their unbeaten record.

Matches that can still be re-arranged in Division Three. Clubs please advise of any new dates.

Match	Reason not played on original date	Action if match not rearranged
Stockport G v Leigh	Ground unavailability on part of home team	Adjudication would be required
Lymm v Didsbury 2 nd XI	Unfit ground	Record as cancelled, 8pts each
Lymm v Bredbury	Lymm unable to fulfil fixture	Award to Bredbury

I have pleasure in unveiling the League XI team to play MCC at Ashton-on-Mersey on Wednesday August 31 at 1100:

Laura Newton (Wistaston Village, captain), Alison Smith (Wistaston Village), Phoebe Cottam (Oakmere, wk), Sarah Worsdale (Oakmere), Vicki Dean (Ashton-on-Mersey), Mary Priestner (Ashton-on-Mersey), Sammi Short (Chester Boughton Hall), Alexa Harrison (Oxton), Emma Barlow (Appleton), Lauren Smith (Didsbury), Emma Royle (Stockport Trinity). Fielding reserves: Becky Baldock (Ashton-on-Mersey) & AN Other. Scorers: Gill Short & David Kay

The next CWCL Committee meeting is Wednesday August 10 at 1930 at Appleton CC.

T20 DIVISIONAL COMPETITION

Western Division - July 19:

Chester Boughton Hall Deemons 89-4 (20; Sammi Short 25ret, Lauren O'Reilly 25ret, Natalie Lyons 2-17) Oakmere Kats 50-9 (20; Kate Skelhorn 19, Short 4-2, Lorna Starkey 4-20)

• Chester moved into pole position to win the Western Division after another excellent display. Kate Skelhorn and Raffaella Rodighiero scored 75% of the Oakmere runs between them. However, the rest had no answer to the bowling of Lorna Starkey, and particularly Sammi Short, whose return of 4-2 in four overs with two maidens, against a strong batting line up, is surely the T20 performance of the year to date. At the halfway stage of their reply, Oakmere were on 45-4 and exactly halfway to their target. However, Chester's bowlers only allowed them to score five more runs in the last 10 overs, while taking five more wickets.

July 26:

Oxton 53-8 (20; Lily Scudder 17, Lorna Starkey 3-0, Annette Axon 3-2) Chester Boughton Hall Deemons 54-5 (19.5; Maeve Sparks 18*, Rivca Burns 2-8, Jess Pickavance 2-11)

Chester won to ensure top spot in the division, and a place in the Final, but not after an almighty scare. Oxton ran
Chester so close despite two remarkable sets of bowling figures on the Chester side. Lorna Starkey took three
wickets for no runs in her four overs and Annette Axon also took three while conceding just two in her 24 balls. Axon
was previously the only bowler in the competition's history to reel off four maidens in the same match, so now she
shares the record with her team-mate.

Eastern Division - July 25:

Didsbury Swordettes 163-7 (20; Lauren Smith 49*, Hannah Jones 28ret, Bhumika Doshi 26ret, Jill Ward 2-37) Bredbury Saints 75-6 (20; Alex Wilson 26ret, Zara Matthews 2-20)

Bredbury's bowlers enjoyed some success, but the wickets they took only served to allow Lauren Smith to return to
the crease, and Didsbury's Australian star came within an ace of recording the competition's first half century – quite
an achievement when batsmen need to retire at 25 and can only return when all players have batted. Didsbury's
home match with Appleton next week looks crucial in determining who will win the division, and proceed to the grand
final.

Matches that can still be re-arranged in the Western Division. Clubs please advise of any new dates.

Match	Reason not played on original date	Action if match not rearranged
Hawarden v Chester BH	Hawarden unable to fulfil fixture	Award to Chester BH
Oxton v Hawarden	Hawarden unable to fulfil fixture	Award to Oxton
Oakmere v Hawarden	Hawarden unable to fulfil fixture	Award to Oakmere
Wistaston v Oxton	Oxton unable to fulfil fixture	Award to Wistaston

Matches that can still be re-arranged in the Eastern Division. Clubs please advise of any new dates.

Match	Reason not played on	Action if match not re-
	original date	arranged
Trinity v Didsbury	Unfit ground	Record as cancelled, 1pt
		each
Bredbury v Ashton on M	Ashton on M unable to fulfil	Award to Bredbury
-	fixture	·

KNOCKOUT CUPS

Knockout Cup Quarter Final – June 11:

Hawarden Park v Oxton cancelled due to rain on this date and never re-arranged. Oxton win on toss of coin.

Semi Final - July 29:

Didsbury Swordettes 124-5 (20; Roshini Prince-Navaratnam 28ret, Hannah Jones 26ret, Carrie Elwood 25ret, Morganne Prince 2-17)

Wistaston Swans 37 (15.4; Laura Smith 3-2, Victoria Powell 2-8)

 Didsbury clinched a place in their first ever Knockout Final, and in doing so provided more evidence of the formidable T20 squad they have assembled this year. Faced with a potentially tricky away tie, Leesa Mellon's side dominated to win by 87 runs.

CHESHIRE SENIORS

NatWest Women's County T20 Division Three – July 24:

Cheshire 64-1 (7; Kate Coppack 23*, Ellie Mason 22*)

Cornwall 42-4 (7; Laura MacLeod 2-3)

(Restricted to 7 overs per side)

 The weather eventually relented in Truro (surely Cheshire's longest ever way trip) to allow a whistle stop match of seven overs each, and Kate Coppack and Ellie Mason responded by both scoring at two runs per ball to take Cheshire to victory. Lauren O'Reilly conceded just eight runs from two overs during Cornwall's reply.

Cheshire 150-0 (20; MacLeod 71*, Mason 60*) Hertfordshire 111-6 (20; Sarah Bartlett 37, Loren Christian 21)

• Cheshire's T20 campaign ended on a major high with a new Cheshire T20 partnership record for any wicket. Cheshire finished in mid-table and under current ECB plans will again be in a national division three next season.

Cheshire: Sarah McCann (captain), Laura MacLeod, Charlotte Williams, Ellie Mason, Sammi Short, Lauren O'Reilly, Phoebe Cottam, Kathryn Jackson, Kate Coppack, Morganne Prince, Carys White. Scorer: Gill Short

Cheshire's home game with Scotland on Bank Holiday Monday August 29 has been switched from Bramhall CC to Hyde CC.

Sarah McCann and Charlotte Williams will be touring North America with the MCC in September, playing matches in New York and Toronto.

CHESHIRE JUNIOR GIRLS' TEAMS

Women's Under 17 County T20 Group 1 - July 28:

Yorkshire 115-8 (20; Ellie Mason 4-15) Cheshire 83-7 (20; Mason 45)

Cheshire 75 (19.4; Ellie Mason 22)

Lancashire 30-1 (4.3)

(Lancashire win on faster scoring rate chasing revised total of 27 in seven overs)

Women's Under 15 County T20 Group 1 - July 27:

Cheshire 93-4 (20; Katie Bennett 24) Cumbria 90-7 (20; Megan Cureton 3-10)

Women's Under 13 County Championship B Division Group 1 – July 18:

Cheshire 135-8 (35; Katie McLean 29, Laurie Sheridan 29) Yorkshire Development 137-9 (27; Phoebe Jones 3-25, Zoe Cabral 2-26, Freya Davies 2-33)

July 29:

Northumberland 169-8 (35; Zoe Cabral 3-15, Grace Michell 2-17) Cheshire 87-6 (35)

WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE

The Big Night Out for Cheshire women's and girls' cricket is drawing closer. We would love to see anyone with a connection to the League, the Cheshire senior women's team, the three Cheshire girls' teams or the clubs of the selected Cheshire-based players on Friday August 12. On this day, Lancashire Thunder play Yorkshire Diamonds in the Women's Super League at Old Trafford. Play starts at 1800, and early arrivals are welcome to meet in the Quadrant pub (Greatstone Road, M32 8GR – this is on the other side of the tram tracks from the ground) from 1630. From 1745 please meet in Stand C Lower at the ground – Lancashire CCC say that their regular Party Stand, Stand D, is likely to be closed on this day due to building work.

If you wish to avoid the queue on the night and buy a ticket in advance, you can do so <u>here</u>. All tickets are unreserved so no need to worry about not being able to sit with the group. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £1 for under 18s. Lancashire CCC members can get free admission simply by producing their membership book at the turnstile.

The Lancashire Thunder squad includes

- Current England internationals Danielle Wyatt, Kate Cross, Sophie Ecclestone (Chester Boughton Hall & Alvanley CCs)
- Former England international Laura MacLeod (Wistaston Village CC)
- Other Cheshire-based player Emma Lamb (Bramhall CC)
- Overseas players Deandra Dottin, Hayley Matthews, Amy Satterthwaite

Sarah Taylor will not be playing in this tournament as she continues to take a break from the game. Amy Satterthwaite will captain the side and Taylor will not be replaced in the squad. Yorkshire Diamonds boast current England players Danielle Hazell, Lauren Winfield, Jenny Gunn and Katherine Brunt; alongside former England player Laura Spragg and overseas stars Shabnim Ismail, Beth Mooney and Alex Blackwell.

There is no official Cheshire trip to any other Thunder matches, but tickets can be bought here should you wish to watch the team play Southern Vipers at Blackpool CC on Friday August 5 at 1400. The Southern Vipers squad includes current and former England players Charlotte Edwards, Natasha Farrant, Arran Brindle and Lydia Greenway and overseas players Suzie Bates, Sara McGlashan and Morne Nielsen.

Lancashire Thunder lost a low scoring opening match to Western Storm on Sunday.

Kia Women's Super League - July 31:

Lancashire Thunder 83 (18.3; Emma Lamb 25, Stafanie Taylor 4-14, Heather Knight 3-11) Western Storm 86-6 (15.3; Knight 23, Deandra Dottin 3-8, Sophie Ecclestone 1-24)

Friendly match - July 29:

Loughborough Lightning 73-4 (11; Amy Jones 31*, Ellyse Perry 21, Kate Cross 2-10, Sophie Ecclestone 1-10) Lancashire Thunder 75-4 (10.4; Amy Satterthwaite 22*, Georgia Elwiss 3-9) (Restricted to 11 overs per side)

FIXTURES

Monday August 1

Cheshire Women's League (1830):

Division Three: Bredbury St Mark's v Didsbury 2nd XI

Women's Under 15 County Championship A Division Group 1 (1300): Lancashire v Cheshire (at Urmston)

Tuesday August 2

Knockout Cup Semi Final (1830): Oxton v Oakmere Kats

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):

Eastern Division: Stockport Trinity Fire v Ashton-on-Mersey

Women's Under 17 County Championship A Division Group 1 (1200): Cheshire v Yorkshire (at Wistaston Village)

Wednesday August 3

Kia Women's Super League (1630): Loughborough Lightning v Lancashire Thunder (at Loughborough University)

Thursday August 4

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):

Eastern Division: Ashton-on-Mersey v Appleton Tigers

Women's Under 17 County Championship A Division Group 1: Cheshire v Durham (at Grappenhall)

Friday August 5

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):

Eastern Division: Didsbury Swordettes v Appleton Tigers

Kia Women's Super League (1400): Lancashire Thunder v Southern Vipers (at Blackpool)

Sunday August 7

Cheshire Women's League (1330):

Division One: Appleton v Didsbury, Chester Boughton Hall v Ashton-on-Mersey

Division Two: Wistaston Village v Hawarden Park

Monday August 8

Cheshire Women's League (1830):

Division Three: Didsbury 2nd XI v Stockport Georgians

Women's Under 17 County Championship A Division Group 1 (1200): Cheshire v Lancashire (at Middlewich)

Tuesday August 9

Kia Women's Super League (1430): Surrey Stars v Lancashire Thunder (at Guildford)

Wednesday August 10

Women's Under 13 County Championship B Division Group 1 (1300): Cheshire v Yorkshire Development (at Marple)

Thursday August 11

Women's Under 15 County Championship A Division Group 1 (1200): Cheshire v Durham (at Warrington)

Friday August 12

Kia Women's Super League (1800): Lancashire Thunder v Yorkshire Diamonds (at Old Trafford)

Sunday August 14

CWCL T20 Finals Day (at Timperley)

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Knockout Final: Oakmere Kats/Oxton v Didsbury Swordettes

T20 Divisional Competition Final: Chester Boughton Hall Deemons v Didsbury Swordettes/Appleton Tigers/Ashton-on-Mersey

TABLES

In division one and two, each team will play the others in their division at home and away, plus one fixture against each of the teams in the other division. Teams will play 12 matches in total in division one and 11 in division two. One up one down promotion and relegation will apply between the two divisions.

Team	р	W	I	а	wcn	BatP	BowlP	Pen	NRR	Pts
Chester Boughton Hall	8	7	0	1	0	0	4	0	1.34	187
Oakmere	10	4	4	2	0	23	18	0	1.35	157
Appleton	8	4	3	1	0	10	8	0	0.64	126
Didsbury	8	3	4	1	0	15	7	0	-0.46	105
Ashton-on-Mersey	8	1	5	1	1	24	10	1	-0.5	91

Division Two

Team	р	w	I	С	а	lcn	wcn	BatP	BowlP	Pen	NRR	Pts
Stockport Trinity	8	5	2	0	1	0	0	12	1	0	0.84	146
Wistaston Village	8	4	3	1	0	0	0	6	10	2	-0.24	122
Oxton	8	2	4	0	1	0	1	3	14	0	-0.8	100
Hawarden Park	8	0	5	1	0	2	0	9	10	0	-3.58	7

(Astley Bridge have withdrawn and results of matches involving them have been removed from the division one and two tables)

p - Played, w - Won (25), I - Lost (0), c - Cancelled (8), a - Abandoned (8), lcn - Team Conceded (-10), wcn - Opposition Conceded (25), t - Tied (15), BatP - Batting Bonus Points, BowlP - Bowling Bonus Points, Pen - Penalty Points, NRR - Net run rate, Pts - Points

Division Three

Team	р	w	I	а	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
Leigh	4	3	0	1	6	1	2.52	90
Bredbury St Mark's	2	1	0	1	2	0	9.45	35
Stockport Georgians	2	1	1	0	3	4	0.16	32
Didsbury 2 nd XI	2	1	1	0	3	2	0.84	30
Lymm Oughtrington Park	4	0	4	0	6	2	-6.7	8

(Northop Hall have withdrawn and the result of the one match they played versus Leigh has been removed from the table) p - Played, w - Won (25), I - Lost (0), c - Cancelled (8), a - Abandoned (8), Icn - Team Conceded (-10), wcn - Opposition Conceded (25), t - Tied (15), BatP - Batting Bonus Points, BowlP - Bowling Bonus Points, Pen - Penalty Points, NRR - Net run rate, Pts - Points

T20 Western Division

Team	р	W	I	NRR	Pts
Chester Boughton Hall Deemons (C)	3	3	0	1.14	9
Oakmere Kats	3	2	1	1.65	6
Wistaston Swans	3	1	2	-0.99	3
Hawarden Park	1	0	1	-2.54	0
Oxton	2	0	2	-1.99	0

T20 Eastern Division

Team	р	W	I	NRR	Pts
Didsbury Swordettes	2	2	0	4.83	6
Appleton Tigers	2	2	0	2.23	6
Stockport Trinity Fire	2	1	1	-0.33	3
Ashton-on-Mersey	1	0	1	-5.25	0
Bredbury Saints	3	0	3	-3.35	0

p - Played, w - Won (3), I - Lost (0), NRR - Net run rate, Pts - Points

County T20 Division Three (Final Standings)

Team	р	w	I	С	Pts
Scotland (C)	8	8	0	0	32
Derbyshire (P)	8	7	1	0	28
Devon	8	6	2	0	24
Northamptonshire	8	4	4	0	16
Cheshire	8	3	4	1	13
Oxfordshire	8	3	4	1	13
Cornwall	8	2	6	0	8
Hertfordshire	8	2	6	0	8
Shropshire (R)	8	0	8	0	0