

Oakmere still setting the pace, but Chester starting to hit top form? ... Trinity score 275 as Mason makes 105 as first division sides dominate the initial cross-divisional fixtures ... Georgians march on at top of division three ... League Committee and EGM at Didsbury THIS WEDNESDAY ... Mixed fortunes for Cheshire U17 on first T20 day

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One / Two Cross Divisional - June 4:

Oakmere 115 (35.5; Dawn Prestidge 20, Hannah Bratt 5-13, Alison Smith 3-15) (25pts) Wistaston Village 54 (30.4; Hayley Coutts 2-1, Rachel Tidd 2-2, Prestidge 2-5, Raffaella Rodighiero 2-11) (6pts)

• All of today's cross-divisional matches went the way of the first division sides, in some cases decisively so. Here an all-round Oakmere bowling display ensured they stay top of division one, dismissing Wistaston cheaply and ensuring that Hannah Bratt's five wicket haul earlier in the day was in vain.

Didsbury 229-5 (40; Hannah Jones 98, Hannah Marshall 47, Zara Matthews 22, Rosie Davies 21) (25pts) Oxton 97 (29.2; Alexa Harrison 29, Abby Nicholson 5-11) (5pts)

Didsbury decisively beat Oxton to record their first win in 40 over cricket in more than 12 months. Hannah Jones
narrowly failed to become the second player to make a first division century this season, before Abby Nicholson
ripped through the Oxton top order.

Leigh 138 (36.2; Daisy Mullan 89*, Nathalie Long 4-30, Charlotte Cross 2-24, Sami Fowler 2-24) (5pts) Appleton 139-1 (30; Laura Jackson 67*, Emma Barlow 62*) 25pts)

• Leigh were indebted to Daisy Mullan, who carried her bat through the innings, but once again a fairly respectable total posed little difficulty for the first division side.

Ashton-on-Mersey 146-6 (40; Amanda Gettins 50*, Sarah Sutcliffe 46*, Annette Axon 2-7, Sammi Short 2-21) (5pts) Chester Boughton Hall 147-2 (23.4; Hannah Snape 59*, Lorna Starkey 51, Azure Wilkinson 2-40) (25pts)

• Chester are starting to look formidable once again, and they duly recorded their third straight win here. Amanda Gettins and Sarah Sutcliffe, batting at seven and eight, rescued Ashton after none of their top six passed 10, but the final total of 146 was no match for the likes of Hannah Snape and Lorna Starkey, who took their side home with 16 overs in hand.

Century stands from June 4: Barlow & Jackson (Appleton) 138* for 2nd wicket Snape & Starkey (Chester BH) 107 for 2nd wicket Gettins & Sutcliffe (Ashton-on-M) 106* for 7th wicket

June 11:

Oakmere (25pts) w/o Oxton (minus 10pts)

Without needing to play, Oakmere took one step closer to what would be their first title since 2014. Having played
more matches than their rivals, Oakmere are now five matches from glory.

Stockport Trinity 275-3 (40; Ellie Mason 105, Carys White 65, Sarah McCann 61) (24pts) Wistaston Village 71 (29.2; Katie Bennett 22, Gillian Spragg 3-2, Mason 2-13, Katy Hart 2-16) (3pts)

Ellie Mason hit the highest individual score of the season so far, as her Stockport Trinity side ran up the largest
team score of the season to date. Carys White made her maiden senior half-century, before excellent figures from
all of the Trinity bowlers completed a massive win. The first division sides are still bossing the cross-divisional
fixtures so far this year, even when teams from the top of the second division play teams from the bottom of the
first.

Leigh 79-8 (25; Daisy Mullan 41, Roshini Prince-Navaratnam 3-7, Hannah Marshall 3-9) (5pts) Didsbury 80-1 (20.3; Hannah Jones 30*, Prince-Navaratnam 24*) (25pts) (Restricted to 25 overs per side)

 After previously playing for Didsbury in the T20 competitions, Roshini Prince-Navaratnam made her full league debut for Didsbury, and played her part with both bat and ball as her team made it back-to-back victories. In the first Sunday league match of the year to be seriously affected by rain, Leigh were once again indebted to Daisy Mullan for allowing them to post a competitive total.

Division Three - June 4:

Hawarden Park 122-6 (30; Rachel Warrenger 29, Nicole Baker-Tunney 2-23) (6pts) Stockport Georgians 125-1 (24.1; Beth Garnett 57*, Sharon Skade 20*) (25pts)

• Georgians recorded their third win from four, and this was possibly the most impressive yet as they reached their stiff target with only one wicket down, scoring at five per over in the process.

June 11:

Hawarden Park 59 (27.5; Rachel Warrenger 13, Amelia Brereton 3-14, Liv Bell 2-11) (3pts) Stockport Georgians 60-5 (21.4; L Bell 26*, Warrenger 2-1) (25pts)

Georgians completed a league double over Hawarden as they march on at the top of division three.

Karen Prince has stepped down from her roles as League Secretary and Results Secretary with immediate effect for personal reasons. Clubs are asked not to send any more results sheets to Karen, and for the short term at least, to input full scorecards from their matches on Play-Cricket. This matter may be discussed further at the next League Committee meeting on June 14.

All clubs are requested to make every effort to ensure they are represented at this meeting, which starts at 1930 at Didsbury CC. The meeting will be preceded by an EGM to discuss the issue of which coloured kit and which balls are to be used in which League competitions.

Player loans authorised (for main league competition only):

Georgia Bath - Stockport Georgians to Stockport Trinity

CHESHIRE JUNIOR GIRLS' TEAMS

Women's Under 17 County T20 Group 1 – June 1:

Cheshire 121-5 (20; Carys White 43, Beth Nicholson 33) Derbyshire 73-9 (20; Emma Royle 5-4)

After Cheshire had compiled a healthy total, Cheshire's hopes were snuffed out by Emma Royle's second
impressive bowling spell in a representative match in a matter of days, after she took four wickets for East Cheshire
against West Cheshire in the showcase match played on May 28.

Nottinghamshire 119-8 (20; Christine Lawson 4-14) Cheshire 75 (20; Ellie Mason 29)

• Cheshire however lost the second match of the day, despite an excellent spell from Christine Lawson, backed up by some economical spells from Sammi Short and Ellie Mason.

Manager Lee Prince comments as follows on these matches:

Our now traditional T20 season opener saw us pitched against two first class counties yet again this time at Middlewich CC. The ground looked a picture as it usually does there and the hospitality was as ever first class.

Before the first match Kathryn Jacksons appointment as skipper for the 2017 season was confirmed with Katie Bennett to be Vice Captain.

There were U17s debuts for Kaytlin Watterson and Natalie Bell who both claimed their first U17s wickets with the ball on the day. There were also debuts for Georgia Gill and Poppy Beardsell both of whom showed real commitment and skill in the field, Georgie making numerous diving stops close in and Poppy making several excellent saves on the boundary.

In game one se were invited to bat first against Derbyshire and posted a useful 121 for 5 of our 20 overs. Carys White (43), Beth Nicholson (37) and Ellie Mason (19) making useful contributions.

In reply Derbyshire never really threatened to get near to our total and Cheshire ran out comfortable winners by 48runs. There was an exceptional 4 over spell from Emma Royle claiming 5 wickets for 4 runs and Sammi Short bagged her 100th wicket in all forms of county cricket, congratulations Sammi. All together it was very good team performance.

Game 2 against Notts proved to be a very different proposition. Notts posted a competitive 119 in their 20 overs, Christine Lawson being the pick of the bowlers with 4 wickets for 14 runs. We looked to be in with a shout at 50 for 3 off 8 but we were eventually bowled out for 70 with Ellie (29) top scoring.

There were many positives to be gained from the day and they should stand us in good stead as the season really kicks in through July and August.

Well done to everyone including the coaching team James and Ali. Huge thank you to our scorer Gill 'stato' Short and to our photographer Gary 'the lense' Short who's action shots of the day will I'm sure appear on the 17s Facebook site soon.

Thanks again to everyone for your support.

Women's Under 15 County T20 Group 1 - May 30:

Cheshire 65-8 (20) Lincolnshire 69-1 (12)

Cheshire 56-2 (16; Katie McLean 20*)

Cumbria 32-0 (7.4)

(Cumbria won rain affected match on faster scoring rate)

• Cheshire's modest totals were passed with relative comfort by both opposition teams.

Women's Under 13 County Championship B Division Group 1 - June 7:

Cumbria 77 (26.5; Izzi Pearson 4-3, Tilly Arton 3-3) Cheshire 66 (26.4; Bailey Colman 21)

A good start for Cheshire with the ball could not be sustained with the bat as we slipped to a narrow defeat.

(A correction to an item in the last Dazzler. The 'Hannah Snape' who captained the Lancashire under 13 B team against Cheshire is not the same player who currently appears in the CWCL for Chester Boughton Hall).

JUNIOR GIRLS CLUB CRICKET & SENIOR WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

There's a clue in the name. Festivals are all about celebration. A <u>women's softball cricket festival</u> is no different. It's all about getting together to enjoy the game. The squidgy ball means no ouches! The colourful bats are perfect for smashing boundaries with. leaving you with pure cricketing fun: bowl, bat, catch, laugh!

Festivals will be held at Timperley CC on July 2, Warrington CC on July 30 and Chester BH CC on August 6.

It's teams of eight players, and beginners are encouraged! It's a free event with activities for all the family.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Monday June 12

Senior Knockout Cup Round One (1830): Appleton Tigers v Oakmere Kats

Tuesday June 13

Women's Under 15 County Championship A Division Group 1 (1200): Lancashire v Cheshire (at Monton & Weaste)

Thursday June 15

Senior Knockout Cup Quarter-Final (1830): Ashton-on-Mersey v Chester Boughton Hall Deemons Women's Under 13 County Championship B Division Group 1 (1400): Cheshire v Northumberland (at Barnton)

Friday June 16

Senior Knockout Cup Quarter-Final (1830): Didsbury Swordettes v Wistaston Swans

Sunday June 18

Cheshire Women's League (1330):

Division One/Two Cross-Divisional: Ashton-on-Mersey v Stockport Trinity

Division Three: Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI v Didsbury 2nd XI Senior Knockout Cup Quarter-Final (1330): Woodlev v Oxton

Women's County Championship T20 Division 3 Group B (1030 & 1630): Cheshire v Lincolnshire & Shropshire (at Chester

Boughton Hall)

Monday June 19

Cheshire Women's League (1830):

Division Three: Didsbury 2nd XI v Lymm Oughtrington Park

Thursday June 22

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):

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

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

Friday June 23

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):

Western Division: Wistaston Swans v Oakmere Kats

Sunday June 25

Cheshire Women's League (1330):

Division One/Two Cross-Divisional: Oxton v Appleton, Wistaston Village v Didsbury, Leigh v Chester Boughton Hall

Development Knockout Cup (1330):

Semi-Final: Stockport Georgians v Woodley

Monday June 26

Cheshire Women's League (1830):

Division Three: Woodley v Didsbury 2nd XI

Senior Knockout Cup Quarter-Final (1830): Appleton Tigers / Oakmere Kats v Stockport Trinity Fire

LEAGUE TABLES

Division One	p	w	wcn	I	lcn	BatP	BowlP	Pen	NRR	Pts
Oakmere	7	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	1.9	140
Didsbury	6	2	1	3	0	6	10	0	0.29	91
Chester Boughton Hall	5	3	0	2	0	7	3	0	0.21	85
Appleton	5	3	0	2	0	5	5	0	-0.29	85
Stockport Trinity	5	3	0	2	0	4	5	1	1.2	83

Division Two	р	w	I	lcn	t	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
Wistaston Village	5	2	2	0	1	2	7	-0.96	74
Leigh	6	1	5	0	0	14	6	-0.8	45
Ashton-on-Mersey	4	1	3	0	0	11	7	-0.64	43
Oxton	5	1	2	1	1	6	7	-1.02	43

p - Played, w - Won (25), I - Lost (0), 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

Division One is Chester Boughton Hall, Appleton, Didsbury, Oakmere and Stockport Trinity Division Two is Ashton-on-Mersey, Leigh, Wistaston Village and Oxton. 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.