

Didsbury's run in National ends in agonising fashion ... Appleton win match in hand to go top of division one ... Upton edge Appleton 2s in battle of unbeaten division 3 sides ... No stopping Appleton and Trinity at top of T20 divisions ... Cheshire gain first win but lose three more, as division two future hangs by a thread

NATIONAL KNOCKOUT

National Knockout Northern Regional Final - June 17:

Sessay 115-6 (20; Sophie Richardson 42, Katie Baines 24*, Hannah Jones 2-12) Didsbury 112 (20; Roshini Prince-Navaratnam 45, Laura Griffiths 31, Amy Burton 3-5, Baines 2-3)

Didsbury came within an ace of reaching the national Finals Day, but instead their run in this competition ended in
the northern regional final, effectively the last eight of the competition nationally. Yorkshire club Sessay were
reduced to 8-3 and 29-4 before recovering to post a good total, but Didsbury looked to have this one in the bag
when they reached 99-3 in their run chase. Alas it was not to be, but as one of the first two Cheshire League sides
to enter this competition, Didsbury have certainly demonstrated how favourably the League's clubs measure up
against some of the best that other leagues have to offer.

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division Two - June 17:

Ashton-on-Mersey 82-6 (40; Azure Wilkinson 24, Poppy Donohue 2-13) (24pts) Leigh 34 (16; Wilkinson 3-7, Sarah Sutcliffe 3-9, Amanda Gettins 3-15) (3pts)

Ashton's bowlers were all in good form as they combined to beat Leigh in this low-scoring encounter

June 24:

Ashton-on-Mersey 169-9 (40; Becky Baldock 43, Mary Priestner 33, Beth Garnett 3-19, Zoe Jones 3-23) (25pts) Stockport Georgians 151-8 (40; Beth Garnett 50, Jane Bellwood 30, Amanda Gettins 4-28, Amelia Beddy 2-24) (10pts)

• A closely fought encounter, but in the end it was the fast-improving Ashton-on-Mersey side who held their nerve.

Leigh 127 (34.1; Emma Capper 54, Abbie Wright 24*, Hattie Nickson 4-25, Alexa Harrison 3-5, Lucy Andrews 3-17) (25pts) Oxton 85 (26.4; Hannah Kowalski 26, Capper 5-14, Rachel Downs 2-5) (7pts)

• Oxton had three bowlers with fine figures, but the undoubted star of the show here was Emma Capper, whose all-round efforts earned Leigh their first win of the season.

Division One / Two Cross Divisional - June 17:

Stockport Georgians+ 79-9 (40; Jane Bellwood 18, Anni Rashid 3-2, Sylvia Christelow 2-11) (6pts) Appleton* 83-7 (24.3; Rashid 31, Zoe Jones 2-7, Liv Bell 2-13) (25pts)

- Appleton moved back to the top of division one, but only after an almighty scare. From 38-5, the Warrington side
 needed a partnership of 41 from Anni Rashid and Sylvia Christelow who were also their bowling heroes earlier in
 the day to get to the brink of their target.
- *= first division club
- +=second division club

Division One/Two matches awaiting re-arrangement: Didsbury v Stockport Georgians (due to National Knockout involvement)

Division Three East - June 17:

Didsbury 2nd XI 156-4 (25; Abby Petch 26ret, Sophie Davies 25ret, Amna Malik 25ret, Hana Rafiq 25ret) (25pts) Lymm Oughtrington Park 108-3 (25; Carol Ingham 28) (5pts) (All Didsbury wickets were Retired Out, so Lymm get no bonus points for these)

• A second win for Didsbury, achieved via a powerful batting display.

June 18:

Didsbury 2nd XI 154-3 (20; Tasneem Akram 81*, Abby Petch 31, Kate Scott-Griffiths 23, Amelia Barnham 2-20) (25pts) Lymm Oughtrington Park 46 (18.1; Hana Rafiq 3-0, Amy Walkman 3-8, Alice Dunn 2-14) (3pts)

Playing the reverse fixture the day after the encounter at Lymm, Didsbury were again comfortable winners.
 Tasneem Akram and Hana Rafiq produced fine individual performances, as their side start to climb the division three table.

June 19:

Woodley 90-5 (20; Fiona Reeve 19*, R Edmundson 2-21) (25pts) Marple 27 (16.2; Reeve 4-3, Karen Pannett 2-4, Georgie Morton 2-8) (3pts)

• Fiona Reeve top scored and then produced a fine bowling spell in this victory for Woodley

Division Three Cross-Divisional – June 24:

Upton 114-9 (30; Cath Williams 17, Camille Wood 3-7, Emily Page 2-24) (25pts) Appleton 2nd XI 111-5 (30; Eloise Jackson 41, Wood 27, Charlie Scudder 2-14) (9pts)

• With these two sides unbeaten at the top of their respective regional divisions, a close encounter was always on the cards, and so it proved here, but it was Upton who prevailed.

Hawarden Park 122-4 (20; Rachel Warrenger 39, Laura Wilson 30*, Katie Martin 22, Alice Dunn 2-24) (25pts) Didsbury 2nd XI 75 (19.5; Catherine Bonner 18, Lucy Willcock 3-18, Laura Wilson 2-4, Libby Wilson 2-11) (6pts)

 A much more comprehensive win for Hawarden than was the case in the development knockout cup match between the teams played on the same day.

Division Three matches awaiting re-arrangement: Hawarden Park v Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI, Marple v Hawarden Park, Marple v Lymm Oughtrington Park, Appleton 2nd XI v Moodley, Woodley v Nantwich, Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI v Woodley

T20 DIVISIONAL COMPETITION

Western Division - June 11:

Oakmere Kats 53-9 (20; Kate Skelhorn 26*, Nathalie Long 4-10, Olivia Horsfield 2-8) Appleton Tigers 54-1 (10.4; Emma Barlow 28ret)

With the divisional section of the competition expanded to six matches per team this year, and with only one
qualification place still available in each division, there's a long way to go before any team can claim to be on
course for the final. However, Appleton have every reason to be delighted with the way their campaign has gone so
far, and after this comprehensive win they are in the enviable position of having already recorded wins over both
Chester and Oakmere.

June 15:

Chester Boughton Hall Deemons 84-6 (20; Megan Cureton 24, Hannah Snape 20, Christine Lawson 2-10) Wistaston Swans 86-4 (16.2; Katie Haszeldine 25ret, Katie Bennett 22)

• Chester are the defending champions in this competition, but their hopes of a repeat are hanging by a thread after their second defeat in the Western Division. Wistaston reached their target with all of 22 deliveries remaining to record what is the Crewe-based club's first win in any competition so far this year.

June 18:

Wistaston Swans 95-4 (20; Jen Regan 28ret, Alison Smith 26ret)
Appleton Tigers 96-4 (17; Holly McCurrie 28ret, Poppy Beardsell 20*, Katie Haszeldine 2-16)

• In the match between the last two unbeaten teams in this division, Appleton prevailed, chasing down a stiff-looking target with overs to spare, despite facing what looked a strong Wistaston attack on paper. In what was largely a batsmen's match, Appleton's Anni Rashid conceded just one run from her four overs.

Oakmere Kats v Wistaston Swans – Oakmere did not fulfil fixture on original date of May 21 and will not be re-arranged – awarded to Wistaston

Eastern Division - June 12:

Stockport Trinity Fire 137-5 (20; Jennie Kitzinger 27ret, Gaby McKeever 27ret, Hattie Roberts 26ret, Carys White 25ret, Azure Wilkinson 2-30)

Ashton-on-Mersey 82-5 (20; Claire Anderton 25ret, Maria Kerrison 25ret, Emma Royle 2-3, Gillian Spragg 2-13)

• With four of their top seven reaching the retirement score, Trinity posted a formidable score that put them on the way to their second win in this competition

June 21:

Ashton-on-Mersey 144-3 (20; Amanda Gettins 26ret, Charlotte Williams 26ret, Becky Baldock 25ret) Woodley 57-8 (20; Marika Smith 13, Claire Anderton 2-8, Gettins 2-16)

This was Ashton's first win in the competition as they posted one of the largest T20 totals of the season so far

June 22:

Stockport Trinity Fire 101-4 (20; Gaby McKeever 26ret, Carys White 21*, Hannah Jones 2-4) Didsbury 37 (10.4; Gillian Spragg 4-2, Emma Royle 4-5)

• Didsbury may have gone a long way in the national T20 competition, but in Cheshire's principal tournament in the shorter format they were unable to stop the Trinity juggernaut, and the Stockport club remain emphatically unbeaten in all competitions this year.

T20 Divisional matches awaiting possible re-arrangement: Woodley v Didsbury Swordettes

KNOCKOUT CUPS

Knockout Cup Quarter-Final - June 4:

Oakmere Kats v Chester Boughton Hall Deemons – Oakmere did not fulfil fixture on original date of June 4 and will not be re-arranged – awarded to Chester

Development Knockout Cup Quarter Final – June 24:

Hawarden Park 94-6 (20; Rachel Warrenger 24, Lowri Williams 23*, Shulmatla Zaman 2-16, Hannah Marshall 2-16) Didsbury 2nd XI 93-5 (20; Marshall 28ret, Laura Wilson 2-9)

• A fantastic finish saw Hawarden prevail after taking wickets off all of the last three deliveries of the match – had holders Didsbury scored just one run off these balls then they would have progressed on fewer wickets lost.

Development Knockout fixtures awaiting re-arrangement: Upton v Lymm Oughtrington Park Lightning

CHESHIRE SENIORS

NatWest Women's County T20 Division Two - June 17:

Cheshire 75 (18.5; Ellie Mason 21, Jackie Hawker 5-6) Somerset 79-1 (11.5; Olivia Hamilton 44*, Sophie Luff 21*)

• Cheshire travelled to Somerset for what was always going to be a very difficult double-header, and Somerset, with all their top-flight experience, were worthy winners of the day's first match.

Hampshire 155-6 (20; Ella Chandler 43, Emily Windsor 31*, Charlie Dean 30, Danielle Ransley 26, Ellie Mason 3-34) Cheshire 93-6 (20; Dawn Prestidge 27, Carys White 22, Fi Morris 3-12, Dean 2-10)

 The second match pitted Cheshire against the county who have won the first division of this year's 50 over competition, and again it proved a very tough assignment, despite wickets for Ellie Mason and a stand of 46 between Dawn Prestidge and Carys White. Former England captain Charlotte Edwards played against Cheshire for the first time here but did not bat or bowl. Cheshire:

Both matches:

Dawn Prestidge, Kerry Hartnett, Sarah Worsdale (all Oakmere), Carys White (Stockport Trinity), Kate Coppack (Chester BH), Holly McCurrie (Appleton), Katie Bennett, Katie Haszeldine (both Wistaston Village), Megan Cureton (Oxton), Ellie Mason.

First match only: Nadia Wheeler (Chester BH) Second match only: Molly Price (Oxton)

June 24:

Cheshire 124-5 (20) Northamptonshire 81-6 (20) (No further details at present)

• This set of fixtures involved the three promoted sides, who were also the three sides without a victory at the start of the day, and two victories appeared to be imperative for any county which hoped to escape the drop.

Cheshire 95-8 (20; Kate Coppack 29, Dawn Prestidge 23, Abigail Evans 2-13, Naima Minhofer 2-13, Helen Cutler 2-16) Gloucestershire 96-1 (13; Evans 70*)

• Cheshire could not take their momentum into the day's second match, and Gloucestershire ran out winners with a full seven overs to spare, with Abigail Evans reaching 70 in just 51 deliveries. With three sides to be relegated, it was always going to be a tough ask for Cheshire to avoid returning to the regional third divisions after just one season in national division two. Cheshire conclude their 2018 season with home games against Scotland and Berkshire at Chester Boughton Hall this Sunday, and although it looks an uphill battle, Cheshire can still stay up if the beat Berkshire and a series of other results both at Chester and elsewhere go their way.

Cheshire:

Dawn Prestidge, Kerry Hartnett, Sarah Worsdale (all Oakmere), Carys White (Stockport Trinity), Kate Coppack, Lauren O'Reilly (both Chester BH), Holly McCurrie (Appleton), Katie Bennett, Katie Haszeldine (both Wistaston Village), Megan Cureton, Molly Price (both Oxton), Ellie Mason.

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CHESHIRE JUNIOR GIRLS' TEAMS

Women's Under 15 County T20 Group 1 - June 12:

Lancashire 189-4 (40; Lily Scudder 2-41) Cheshire 112 (35.2; Georgia Heath 44, Zara Matthews 4-29)

Under 13 Friendlies - June 14:

Lancashire 134 (24; Tilly Kesteven 4-9, Bailey Colman 3-11) Cheshire 96-8 (35; Kesteven 40)

June 21:

Leicestershire 112-5 (16; Tilly Kesteven 2-17)

Cheshire 106-2 (16; Katherine Axon 26*, Kesteven 25)

LEAGUE TABLES

Division 1	р	w	wcn	I	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
Appleton	6	5	0	1	3	2	1.2	130
Oakmere	6	4	1	1	1	2	1.1	128
Chester Boughton Hall	6	4	0	2	5	9	1.15	114
Didsbury	4	3	0	1	0	5	1.11	80
Wistaston Village	6	0	0	6	10	15	-2.17	25

Division 2	р	W	I	lcn	С	BatP	BowIP	Pen	NRR	Pts
Stockport Trinity	5	4	0	0	1	0	0	2	0.77	106
Ashton-on-Mersey	7	3	3	1	0	5	3	1	0.13	72
Stockport Georgians	6	2	4	0	0	7	11	0	-0.33	68
Oxton	6	1	5	0	0	11	20	0	-1.33	56
Leigh	6	1	4	0	1	7	9	0	-0.69	49

p - Played, w - Won (25), wcn - Opposition Conceded (25), I - Lost (0), Icn - Team Conceded (-10), t - Tied (15), a - Abandoned (8), c - Cancelled (8), 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 Wistaston Village Division Two is Ashton-on-Mersey, Leigh, Oxton, Stockport Georgians and Stockport Trinity. 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 13 matches in total. One up one down promotion and relegation will apply between the two divisions.

Division 3 West	р	w	wcn	I	lcn	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
Upton	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	1.53	125
Nantwich	4	2	1	1	0	4	3	1.27	82
Hawarden Park	4	1	0	3	0	6	6	-0.89	37
Chester Boughton Hall 2 nd XI	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	-3.2	-8

Division 3 East	р	w	I	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
Appleton 2 nd XI	5	4	1	4	5	2.15	109
Didsbury 2 nd XI	6	3	3	8	5	0.83	88
Woodley	3	2	1	4	1	0.95	55
Lymm Oughtrington Park	5	1	4	9	6	-2.92	40
Marple	4	0	4	12	8	-3.12	20

Division 3 West is Chester BH, Upton, Hawarden and Nantwich. Division 3 East is Appleton, Marple, Lymm, Woodley and Didsbury. Teams will play the others in their division home and away, and the teams in the other division once.

T20 Western Division	р	w	wcn	I	lcn	NRR	Pts
Appleton Tigers	3	3	0	0	0	1.26	9
Wistaston Swans	3	1	1	1	0	0.12	6
Chester Boughton Hall Deemons	2	0	0	2	0	-0.81	0
Oakmere Kats	2	0	0	1	1	-2.41	-1

T20 Eastern Division	р	w	I	NRR	Pts
Stockport Trinity Fire	3	3	0	2.8	9
Didsbury Swordettes	2	1	1	-0.91	3
Ashton-on-Mersey	3	1	2	-0.13	3
Woodley	2	0	2	-3.4	0

ENGLAND WOMEN

Second One-Day International - June 12:

England 331-6 (50; Sarah Taylor 118, Tammy Beaumont 101, Amy Jones 29, Heather Knight 24, Danielle Wyatt 20, Marizanne Kapp 2-48, Ayabonga Khaka 2-72, Shabnim Ismail 2-78)
South Africa 262-9 (50; Lizelle Lee 117, Chloe Tryon 44, Kapp 29, Sophie Ecclestone 3-54, Katherine Brunt 2-34, Laura Marsh 2-53)

England squared the series as Sarah Taylor made her seventh ODI hundred and Tammy Beaumont her fourth.
 Chasing what would have been a record winning total, South Africa gave England a scare, with some powerful hitting from Lizelle Lee and then from Chloe Tryon. Taylor's wicketkeeping throughout the series was also a delight to watch!

Third One-Day International – June 15:

South Africa 228 (49.5; Dane van Niekerk 95, Laura Wolvaardt 64, Katherine Brunt 3-52, Laura Marsh 2-43) England 232-3 (44; Tammy Beaumont 105, Heather Knight 80*, Amy Jones 29, Ayabonga Khaka 2-63)

• Beaumont made it back-to-back hundreds as England convincingly wrapped up the series. Sophie Ecclestone conceded just 26 runs in her ten overs.

T20 Tri-Series - June 20:

England 250-3 (20; Tammy Beaumont 116, Danielle Wyatt 56, Katherine Brunt 42*, Natalie Sciver 33, Sophie Lackay 2-59) South Africa 129-6 (20; Dane van Niekerk 72, Mignon du Preez 25, Brunt 2-18, Danielle Hazell 2-35)

An extraordinary match which saw England smash the T20 international record score. This was Tammy
Beaumont's third successive century across formats, but here she took just 52 balls to amass her 16 runs.
Katherine Brunt then took just 16 balls to score her 42 runs at the end of the innings. Amongst the batting feats,
there was a fantastic bowling spell as well, as Anya Shrubsole conceded only eight runs from four overs.

June 23:

England 160-5 (20; Beaumont 71, Heather Knight 35*, Sarah Taylor 20, Shabnim Ismail 2-27, Zintle Mali 2-39) South Africa 166-4 (19.3; Lizelle Lee 68, Sune Luus 63*, Dane van Niekerk 25, Anya Shrubsole 2-24, Sophie Ecclestone 2-35)

• Something of a turnaround as only three days after being on the receiving end of the record breaking England score, South Africa emerged victorious.

England 172-8 (20; Natalie Sciver 59, Tammy Beaumont 23, Anya Shrubsole 22, Leigh Kasperek 3-35, Sophie Devine 2-42)

New Zealand 118 (18.3; Maddy Green 23, Suzi Bates 23, Sophie Ecclestone 4-18, Heather Knight 2-17)

 And then a dramatic contrast from England. On the same day as the loss to South Africa, they proceeded to end New Zealand's 12-match winning run in T20 internationals. Sophie Ecclestone's career best international T20 figures triggered a batting collapse in the Kiwi middle order

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Monday June 25

Cheshire Women's League (1830):

Division Three East: Marple v Didsbury 2nd XI Under 13 Softball Competition (1800): North/West Group: Didsbury v Brooklands

South-East Group: Stockport v Lindow

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

Under 13 Friendly (1300): Cheshire v Cumbria (at Barnton)

Tuesday June 26

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

Wednesday June 27

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

Thursday June 28

Cheshire Women's League (1830):

Division Three Cross-Divisional: Lymm Oughtrington Park v Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI

Friday June 29

Knockout Cup Quarter-Final (1830): Wistaston Swans v Stockport Trinity Fire

Under 13 Softball Competition:

South/East Group: Cheadle Hulme v Stockport Georgians

Sunday July 1

Cheshire Women's League (1330):

Division Two: Leigh v Oxton

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

Division Three West: Nantwich v Upton

Division Three East: Lymm Oughtrington Park v Woodley

Women's County T20 Division Two (both at Chester Boughton Hall):

(1030): Cheshire v Scotland (1630): Cheshire v Berkshire

Monday July 2

Cheshire Women's League (1830):

Division Three East: Appleton 2nd XI v Didsbury 2nd XI

Under 13 Softball Competition (1800):

South-East Group: Macclesfield v Cheadle Hulme

Under 11 Friendly (1200): Cheshire v Shropshire (at Lymm Oughtrington Park)

Tuesday July 3

Knockout Cup Semi-Final (1830): Chester Boughton Hall Deemons v Appleton Tigers

Under 13 Softball Competition (1815):

North/West Group: Sale v Brooklands Women's Under 17 County Championship A Division Group 1 (1200): Yorkshire v Cheshire (at Stainborough)

Thursday July 5

Under 13 Softball Competition:

South-East Group: Stockport v Lindow

Under 13 Friendly (1300): Cheshire v Shropshire (at Elworth)

Friday July 6

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

Sunday July 8

Cheshire Women's League (1330):

Division One/Two Cross-Divisional: Stockport Georgians v Chester Boughton Hall, Stockport Trinity v Wistaston Village, Oxton v Oakmere, Leigh v Didsbury

Monday July 9

T20 Divisional Competition (1830): Eastern Division: Woodley v Trinity Under 13 Softball Competition:

South-East Group: Stockport v Macclesfield