

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One – July 15:

Didsbury 51 (24.2; Leesa Mellon 20, Nathalie Long 4-15, Sami Fowler 2-6, Abbey Gore 2-8) (2pts)

Appleton 52-1 (15.4; Emma Barlow 31*) (25pts)

- Appleton decisively won what was a battle of the top two sides. The Warrington club are now in pole position for their first title since 2015, indeed a repeat of their 2010 treble remains possible. Like so many of their wins this year and in previous years, Emma Barlow with the bat and Nathalie Long with the ball played a significant role. Abbey Gore also picked up two cheap wickets – the former Neston, Chester and Warrington leg-spinner has returned to the league this year, and she still holds the record for the best bowling analysis for the League representative XI, set back in 2010.

Oakmere 156-4 (30; Kerry Hartnett 83*, Hailey Coutts 22, Natalie Lyons 21) (25pts)

Chester Boughton Hall 148-6 (30; Ali Cutler 53, Hannah Snape 32, Lorna Starkey 23, Rachel Tidd 2-12) (7pts)

- Appleton and Oakmere are now the two front runners, and after Kerry Hartnett led Oakmere to victory here, Chester now have as many as three league defeats to their name.

July 22:

Oakmere 238-2 (40; Kerry Hartnett 135*, Carol Ingham 60, Hailey Coutts 30*) (25pts)

Wistaston Village 61 (27.4; Morganne Prince 32, Hartnett 5-0) (2pts)

- This quite simply speaks for itself – Kerry Hartnett's unbeaten century, followed by five wickets for no runs in ten deliveries when she was thrown the ball, must represent the finest individual performance in league history. The win takes Oakmere to the top, albeit having played one game more, and almost confirms that Wistaston will finish bottom of division one.

Chester Boughton Hall 211-3 (40; Hannah Snape 102*, Lauren O'Reilly 38, Lorna Starkey 26*) (25pts)

Didsbury 201 (40; Roshini Prince-Navaratnam 77, Hannah Jones 46, Zara Matthews 40, Starkey 3-29, Annette Axon 2-30, Ali Cutler 2-46) (7pts)

- For the second week running, a team lost after posting 200 in the second innings. Didsbury were bowled out 11 short of their target off the final ball, after Hannah Snape, one of the county's most promising young players, had made her maiden century in the first innings. Both these sides now have three league defeats, and no team in recent years has won the league in those circumstances, so is the title race now between Appleton and Oakmere?

Division Two – July 15:

Stockport Trinity 255-2 (40; Kate Harvey 121*, Gaby McKeever 44*, Carys White 36) (24pts)

Oxtun 203-3 (40; Megan Cureton 103*, Tessie Nickson 47, Sophie McArdle 2-44) (6pts)

- The league runs aggregate record fell here as these two sides served up 458 runs between them. Megan Cureton equalled the previous best for the highest individual score made in a losing cause – with 103 not out this is now jointly held by the young Oxtun captain and by Penny Critchlow, who made the same score for Romiley versus Chester in 2014. Cureton and Tessie Nickson added 172 for the second wicket. However, for all that Oxtun contributed to this match, they still fell some 50 runs short of Trinity's total, after Kate Harvey scored 121 – the highest individual score in the league so far this year. Trinity are just two victories away from wrapping up the division two title.

July 22:

Stockport Georgians 131-9 (40; Natalie Bell 50*, Abbie Wright 3-15, Ella Smith 2-18) (25pts)

Leigh 105 (31; Kasey Benthall 17, Liv Bell 3-14, Cleo Johnson 3-14, Zoe Jones 3-20) (8pts)

- Georgians got back to winning ways, with Natalie Bell's innings the difference between the two sides, being the only player in the match to score more than 20. Leigh got closer than had looked likely at 24-5.

Oxton 121 (33.4; Ally Byrne 48, Amanda Gettins 4-11, Claire Anderton 3-34) (6pts)
Ashton-on-Mersey 125-6 (26.4; Anderton 34, Mary Priestner 30, Kate Renshaw 3-14) (25pts)

- Four teams could still feasibly finish second in division two – Stockport Trinity appear to be away over the horizon in top spot. This win however cemented Ashton-on-Mersey's advantage in that race.

Division Three Cross-Divisional – July 16:

Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 80-6 (16.3; Charlie Waring 19, Catherine Bonnar 2-12) (13pts)
Didsbury 2nd XI dnb (11pts)

- At the end of the long drought we have experienced, this was the first match since the opening day to fall victim to the weather. Chester's seconds are still to win but were going well here when play was halted.

July 22:

Upton 184-2 (30; Lily Scudder 71, Cath Williams 51) (25pts)
Marple 106 (25.2; Rebecca Edmundson 60*, Madi Arthur 4-25, Charlie Scudder 3-10) (5pts)

- Half-centuries for the prolific Lily Scudder and Cath Williams ensured Upton stay 35 points ahead – there are four league matches to go for the top two in the Western Division. Marple finished well short but Rebecca Edmundson produced an eye-catching innings of 60 in 49 deliveries with 11 fours.

Nantwich 139-5 (30; Grace Michell 47, Caroline McLeod 23, Maddie Hudson 21, Sylvia Christelow 3-20) (25pts)
Appleton 132-2 (30; Abbey Gore 51*, Laurie Sheridan 49*) (8pts)

- Nantwich won a high scoring contest by a narrow margin to keep some pressure on Upton in the Western Division title race.

Woodley 91-7 (20; Fiona Reeve 25, Libby Wilson 2-12, H Mayers 2-16, Katie Martin 2-37) (25pts)
Hawarden Park 42-8 (20; Charlotte Penney 17*, Reeve 3-8, Kathryn Robinson 3-8) (5pts)

- Fiona Reeve was the stand-out performer as Woodley recorded a comfortable victory

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

T20 DIVISIONAL COMPETITION

Western Division – July 10:

Chester Boughton Hall Deemons 93-4 (20; Ali Cutler 26ret, Hannah Snape 26ret, Charlotte Thompson 25*, Charlotte Cross 2-7)
Appleton Tigers 94-4 (16.1; Emma Barlow 26ret, Anni Rashid 25ret, Chloe Page 22*)

- Chester were formidable opponents in recording a T20 trophy double last season, but here their challenge in this competition for 2018 ended as Appleton maintained their 100 per cent record.

July 13:

Wistaston Swans 105-3 (20; Hannah Bratt 27ret, Laura MacLeod 26ret)
Oakmere Kats 101-3 (Shami Ahmed 25ret, Hayley Coutts 25ret, Jen Regan 3-29)

- In what is becoming a very difficult season for them in the main league competition, the T20 competitions have been Wistaston's salvation. Here they recorded an impressive win over Oakmere in something of a run spree, and the Crewe-based club could yet pip Appleton to the Western Division top spot.

Eastern Division – July 9:

Stockport Trinity Fire 172-3 (20; Kate Harvey 27ret, Gaby McKeever 27ret, Carys White 26ret, Olivia Smith 25ret, Emma Royle 22*)
Woodley 92-8 (20; Abby Barlow 26ret, Fiona Reeve 20, Alice Smith 2-17, Lucy Higginbotham 2-26)

- This latest win saw Trinity record runs all the way down the scorecard, on the way to the highest T20 team score of the season.

July 19:

Ashton-on-Mersey 77-8 (20; Charlotte Williams 25ret, Emma Royle 3-1)
Stockport Trinity Fire 81-4 (16.1; Kate Holt 25ret, Royle 21)

- Trinity's latest win all but mathematically secured their top spot in this division, and their place in the final at Ashley CC on August 19. While Didsbury would draw level on 15 points by winning the last game at Trinity, a freakish win would be needed to overturn Trinity's net run rate advantage, with their score standing at 2.76 in this respect, compared to Didsbury's minus 0.91.

Didsbury Swordettes won by walkover against Ashton-on-Mersey, and in the home and away fixtures against Woodley

T20 Divisional matches awaiting possible re-arrangement: Chester Boughton Hall Deemons v Wistaston Swans

KNOCKOUT CUPS

Development Knockout Cup Quarter Final – July 15:

Lymm Oughtrington Park Lightning 47 (18.3; S Urj 20*, Charlie Scudder 3-1, Ellen McGowan 2-0)
Upton 49-1 (5.5; Lily Scudder 18*)

- Upton won comfortably to set up a home semi with Hawarden

CESHIRE JUNIOR GIRLS' TEAMS

Women's Under 17 County Championship A Division Group 1 – July 3:

Cheshire 97-9 (40; Madi Hudson 18)
Yorkshire 101-1 (16.3)

July 12:

Lancashire 239-4 (40; Molly Price 2-26)
Cheshire 108-8 (40; Katie Bennett 36)

July 17:

Cheshire 89
Durham 71
(Full details not available at present)

- Cheshire made a remarkable comeback, having been reduced to 20-7 batting first.

July 20:

Durham 80 (28.3; Tilly Kesteven 3-10, Rebecca Othick 2-17, Molly Price 2-19)
Cheshire 7-0 (1.2)
(Abandoned)

Women's Under 15 County Championship A Division Group 1 – July 6:

Cheshire 171-8 (39; Madi Hudson 35, Georgia Heath 27, Charlie Scudder 24*)
Northumberland 175-7 (39.2; Charlie Scudder 3-36, Zoe Cabral 2-15)

July 11:

Cheshire 73 (29; Madi Hudson 35)
Yorkshire 77-1 (14.4)

Under 13 Friendlies – July 9:

Cheshire 198 (34.4; Tilly Kesteven 52, Gemma Black 42)
Northumberland 103 (24.1; Amy Wheeler 4-19, Molly Saunders 3-12)

Under 11 Friendlies – July 11:

Staffordshire 89 (23; Grace Hemsted 3-3, Jessica Isaacs 2-4)
Cheshire 90-2 (13.1; Lucy Gater 43)

JUNIOR GIRLS CLUB CRICKET & SENIOR WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

In the South-East division of the under 13 softball competition, Macclesfield have won all six of their matches. In the North-West group, Sale have won five matches, with two losses and one cancelled.

Oxton and Upton have both won two matches from three in the under 15 competition.

LANCASHIRE THUNDER

Tickets are now on sale for Lancashire Thunder's Women's Super League matches at Old Trafford. On Friday August 3 at 1430, the Thunder play Western Storm, and tickets can be purchased [here](#). On Tuesday August 7, Thunder host Surrey Stars, again at 1430 – visit here for [tickets](#). Both matches are part of double-headers with Lancashire Lightning matches in the men's T20 Blast, so there should be cricketing entertainment on offer until after 2100 on both days, and the tickets allow you to stay on and watch the men's matches for no extra charge. It is recommended that anyone associated with Cheshire cricket purchases an unreserved seat in Stand B, where under 18 tickets cost just £1, and where adult tickets are priced at £12 and £5 respectively for the two matches.

General admission tickets for the match against Yorkshire Diamonds at Blackpool CC on Tuesday August 14 (1430 start) can be purchased [here](#) - £5 for adults, £1 for under 18s. This is a stand-alone women's fixture and there will be no men's game that day.

Lancashire Thunder have two further home fixtures in the expanded Super League programme, but these are both on club cricket Sundays.

The August 7 home match will be televised, but the August 3 match will not. There is also the chance to watch two Lancashire Thunder away matches on Sky TV on July 27 and July 31 – these will be screened on the subscription channel Sky Sports Cricket, and maybe also on the free-to-air channel Sky Sports Mix.

The Thunder squad includes England internationals Danielle Hazell, Sophie Ecclestone, Alex Hartley and Kate Cross – all players for whom bowling is the stronger suit. The mainstays of the batting could therefore be their three overseas players – India's Harmanpreet Kaur, Australia's Nicole Bolton and New Zealand's Amy Satterthwaite.

Kia Super League – July 22:

Lancashire Thunder 72 (16.5; Evelyn Jones 19, Jenny Gunn 3-10, Sophie Devine 3-15, Kirstie Gordon 2-20)
Loughborough Lightning 74-4 (15.1; Georgia Adams 22*, Alex Hartley 2-12)

- With Kaur yet to arrive and the two remaining overseas stars making just six between them, the Thunder struggled in their opening match. Their bowlers did a fine job though and the outcome was still in the balance at 35-4 in the reply.

ENGLAND WOMEN

Third ODI – July 13:

England 219 (47.4; Amy Jones 78, Tammy Beaumont 53, Leigh Kasparek 5-39, Hayley Jensen 2-26, Jess Watkin 2-38)
New Zealand 224-6 (44.4; Sophie Devine 117*, Amy Satterthwaite 25, Maddy Green 23, Katey Martin 23, Sophie Ecclestone 2-39, Katherine Brunt 2-40)

- At the end of what has largely been a successful summer for England, New Zealand took the honours in the final game. The Kiwis have relied heavily on two batsmen of late, but here Sophie Devine not only hit a century, but the rest provided enough support to help her overhaul the modest England total.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Tuesday July 24

Women's Under 15 County T20 Group 1:
(1330): Cumbria v Cheshire
(1630): Yorkshire v Cheshire

Thursday July 26

Knockout Cup Semi-Final (1830): Stockport Trinity Fire v Didsbury Swordettes
Cheshire Women's League (1830):
Division Three West: Upton v Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI
Division Three East: Lymm Oughtrington Park v Appleton 2nd XI
Women's Under 17 County T20 Group 1 (both at York):
(1330): Cheshire v Cumbria
(1630): Yorkshire v Cheshire

Friday July 27

Under 11 Friendly (1200): Yorkshire v Cheshire (at Rockingham)

Sunday July 29

Cheshire Women's League (1330):
Division One: Didsbury v Oakmere, Appleton v Wistaston Village
Division Two: Leigh v Stockport Trinity, Oxton v Stockport Georgians
Division Three West: Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI v Nantwich
Division Three Cross-Divisional: Hawarden Park v Lymm Oughtrington Park

Monday July 30

Cheshire Women's League (1830):
Division Three East: Didsbury 2nd XI v Appleton 2nd XI
T20 Divisional Competition (1830):
Western Division: Oakmere Kats v Chester Boughton Hall Deemons
Eastern Division: Woodley v Ashton-on-Mersey

Tuesday July 31

Knockout Cup Semi-Final (1830): Chester Boughton Hall Deemons v Appleton Tigers
Women's Under 15 County Championship A Division Group 1 (1200): Cheshire v Durham (at Stockport Georgians)

Wednesday August 1

Cheshire Women's League (1830):
Division Three East: Marple v Lymm Oughtrington Park
T20 Divisional Competition (1830):
Eastern Division: Stockport Trinity Fire v Didsbury Swordettes
Women's Under 17 County Championship A Division Group 1: Cheshire v Yorkshire (at Chester Boughton Hall)

Thursday August 2

Cheshire Women's League (1830):
Division Three West: Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI v Upton
Under 11 Friendly (1300): Cheshire v Lancashire

Friday August 3

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):
Western Division: Wistaston Swans v Appleton Tigers

Sunday August 5

Cheshire Women's League (1330):
Division One: Appleton v Chester Boughton Hall, Didsbury v Wistaston Village
Division Two: Stockport Trinity v Ashton-on-Mersey
Division Three Cross-Divisional: Woodley v Upton, Nantwich v Lymm Oughtrington Park, Marple v Hawarden Park

Monday August 6

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):
Western Division: Appleton Tigers v Oakmere Kats

LEAGUE TABLES

Division 1	p	w	wcn	l	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
Oakmere	9	7	1	1	1	2	1.77	203
Appleton	8	7	0	1	3	2	1.48	180
Chester Boughton Hall	9	6	0	3	10	11	1.14	171
Didsbury	8	5	0	3	6	8	1.21	139
Wistaston Village	8	0	0	8	16	17	-2.47	33

Division 2	p	w	l	lcn	c	BatP	BowIP	Pen	NRR	Pts
Stockport Trinity	7	6	0	0	1	0	0	4	1.14	154
Ashton-on-Mersey	9	4	4	1	0	7	3	1	-0.08	99
Stockport Georgians	9	3	6	0	0	9	12	0	-0.81	96
Leigh	9	2	6	0	1	11	15	0	-0.66	84
Oxton	10	1	9	0	0	24	29	0	-1.48	78

p - Played, w - Won (25), wcn - Opposition Conceded (25), l - Lost (0), lcn - Team Conceded (-10), t - Tied (15), a - Abandoned (8), c - Cancelled (8), BatP - Batting Bonus Points, BowIP - 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	p	w	wcn	l	lcn	a	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
Upton	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.65	175
Nantwich	7	3	2	2	0	0	8	7	0.68	140
Hawarden Park	5	1	0	4	0	0	7	10	-1.13	42
Chester Boughton Hall 2 nd XI	4	0	0	1	2	1	7	0	-3.2	-5

Division 3 East	p	w	wcn	l	lcn	a	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
Appleton 2 nd XI	8	6	0	2	0	0	9	8	1.94	167
Woodley	5	4	0	1	0	0	4	1	1.47	105
Didsbury 2 nd XI	8	3	0	4	0	1	10	9	0.43	102
Lymm Oughtrington Park	7	1	1	5	0	0	14	9	-2.79	73
Marple	7	0	0	6	1	0	18	10	-2.94	18

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	p	w	wcn	l	lcn	NRR	Pts
Appleton Tigers	4	4	0	0	0	1.24	12
Wistaston Swans	4	2	1	1	0	0.15	9
Chester Boughton Hall Deemons	3	0	0	3	0	-0.9	0
Oakmere Kats	3	0	0	2	1	-1.33	-1

T20 Eastern Division	p	w	l	lcn	wcn	NRR	Pts
Stockport Trinity Fire	5	5	0	0	0	2.76	15
Didsbury Swordettes	5	1	1	0	3	-0.91	12
Ashton-on-Mersey	5	1	3	1	0	-0.39	2
Woodley	5	0	3	2	0	-3.6	-2