

FINALS DAY

Development Knockout Final:

Upton 100-9 (20; Charlie Scudder 27ret)
Nantwich Vipers 83-9 (20; Emily Clamp 18, Gemma Black 6-13)

- These two sides have both had an excellent first season, but largely thanks to Gemma Black really rising to the occasion with the ball, Upton recorded their third win of the season over Nantwich to land the first silverware of the day.

Senior Knockout Final:

Stockport Trinity Fire 49 (13.4; Carys White 23, Nathalie Long 3-8, Sami Fowler 2-14)
Appleton Tigers 50-6 (14.4; Eloise Jackson 21*, Emma Royle 4-3)

- The Trinity innings never really got going, with only Carys White able to get to grips with the Appleton attack. However, a blistering opening spell from Emma Royle reduced Appleton to 11-5 in reply, and they were grateful to Eloise Jackson for seeing them home to their first Knockout Cup since 2010.

T20 Divisional Competition Final:

Stockport Trinity Fire 90 (18.3; Gaby McKeever 45, Carys White 26*, Kathryn Jackson 3-18, Olivia Horsfield 2-17)
Appleton Tigers 92-2 (16.4; Emma Barlow 25ret, Georgia Heath 21*)

- And it was again Appleton's trophy in the second final between these two teams. Trinity made a more competitive total this time, although they did need Gaby McKeever and Carys White to return to the crease after initially retiring to boost their total. Appleton's run chase was a more comfortable affair on this occasion, and again it was their first win in this competition in eight seasons. These were Trinity's first two defeats in any competition this year.

The League thanks Ashley CC for undertaking the not inconsiderable task of staging the triple-header Finals Day. Thanks also to umpires Keith Wells, Graham Church and Graham Pugh.

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One – August 12:

Appleton 76 (35; Emma Barlow 24, Sophie Connor 2-6, Emma Tarpey 2-9, Jane Tarpey 2-11) (3pts)
Oakmere 39-1 (13.4; Kerry Hartnett 26*) (25pts)
(Oakmere win on faster scoring rate)

- This was perhaps the pivotal result of the season, as reigning champions Oakmere moved back to the top of the table, and restricted rivals Appleton to just three bonus points. Oakmere had eight bowling options, all of whom had a good track record in league matches, and the Appleton batting line-up never really got to grips with them. This was Appleton's first league defeat since a loss to the same opposition in the second week of May, but it was Oakmere's first defeat since a match at Stockport Trinity in the first week of May – Oakmere are unbeaten against division one sides and curiously their only reverse came in a cross-divisional fixture against all-conquering second division champions Trinity. Oakmere dominated the play that was possible here, and indeed the biggest threat to their victory came via a lengthy rain break, with play only able to resume when the bare minimum of 20 overs to constitute a match remained. Appleton's chances of landing the championship now appear to rely on Oakmere slipping up, either against Chester Boughton Hall on September 2, or Wistaston Village on September 9.

Wistaston Village 128-4 (30; Hannah Bratt 69*, Morganne Prince 28, Charlotte Thompson 2-10) (8pts)
Chester Boughton Hall 132-5 (28.4; Lorna Starkey 69*, Thompson 22, Zoe Cabral 20, Christine Lawson 2-18, Bratt 2-23) (25pts)
(Restricted to 30 overs per side)

- Wistaston's first league win of the year remains elusive, although they did gain maximum batting points in this reduced overs clash, before making Chester fight for the runs – they eventually got home with eight balls to spare.

Division Two – August 12:

Stockport Georgians 119 (38; Beth Garnett 63, Gaby McKeever 4-6, Lucy Higginbotham 3-15, Hattie Roberts 2-20) (3pts)
Stockport Trinity 121-0 (15.5; Carys White 60*, Kate Harvey 38*) (24pts)

- Newly crowned second division winners Stockport Trinity really did play like champions in this most local of all local derbies. Although Beth Garnett held the Georgians innings together, their total was passed inside 16 overs without loss, as Trinity warmed up in style for their two cup finals the following week.

Ashton-on-Mersey 51 (26.3; Nicola Nolan 12, Ella Smith 4-11, Poppy Donohue 3-4) (1pt)
Leigh 55-0 (8.1; Daisy Mullan 27*, Carrie Blood 25*) (25pts)

- In a division where the other four teams could still finish second behind Trinity, Leigh moved slightly ahead of the other three teams with this crushing victory.

Division Three West – August 14:

Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 107-6 (20; Beth Nicholson 29ret, Nicole Fisher 26ret, Laura Wilson 2-16) (7pts)
Hawarden Park 108-4 (18; S Smale 34, Jane Martindale 2-31) (25pts)

- Hawarden completed an impressive run chase with two overs remaining to record their second league win of the season.

Division Three Cross-Divisional – August 12:

Didsbury 2nd XI 118-7 (30; Amy Walkman 25, Abby Nicholson 21, Kelsey Barker 3-7) (7pts)
Nantwich 119-6 (28.5; Bethan Robinson 37, Florence Seymour 23, Tasneem Akram 5-15) (25pts)

- Nantwich emerged victorious in this match between the two teams who became the first to complete their league programme. The victory means that long-time Division Three West pacesetters Upton will need 14 points from their two remaining matches to overhaul Nantwich.

August 16:

Woodley 135-1 (20; Abby Barlow 73, Alex Wilson 49*) (25pts)
Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 76-5 (20; Nic Capes 31, Fiona Reeve 3-7) (5pts)

- Another impressive performance from Woodley, and from Abby Barlow in particular, set things up for a crunch match at the top of Division 3 East on Monday. Whoever wins between Woodley and Appleton seconds will be in pole position to land the title.

Division Three matches awaiting re-arrangement: Hawarden Park v Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI, Hawarden Park v Lymm Oughtrington Park, Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI v Upton

The next League Committee meeting is on Wednesday October 10 at 1930 at Oakmere CC. The AGM is on Wednesday November 14, same time and venue.

As we approach September it is time to start looking forward to our end of season 'do' to celebrate another successful year for the Cheshire Women's Cricket League. This year we are in the west of the County and will be going to **Frodsham Golf Club on Saturday 29 September 2018.**

As usual we will have a three-course dinner, followed by the presentations and a disco. You need to be there by about 1900 and we will sit down to dinner at 1930. After the presentation the disco and bar will carry on until 12 midnight.

We have again achieved a good deal and tickets are available at £20 per person. The League is again prepared to offer up to three additional tickets free of charge to all clubs that purchase at least six tickets.

Demand for tickets could be high and there is a limit of 120 places, so to avoid disappointment please act quickly to get your orders and numbers in to Alan Thomas and your payment made to Bob Halstead. **Tickets are offered on a first pay first come basis (please note that Under 16s must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult).**

Attached is the menu order form which should be completed and emailed to alan.thomas@peugeotmail.co.uk (copied to ditotty@googlemail.com), **no later than Friday 22 September. Payment must be made at the same time, or your ticket could be offered for re-sale.**

Meeting attendance

There are always important issues to discuss at committee meetings, and in particular we would like to highlight that at the January meeting those present at the meeting vote on any changes to the regulations for the forthcoming season, which of course then affect all clubs. In March, the captains are briefed on some very important issues for the season ahead.

In view of the comments above about the available Small Grants budget, the League has decided that no grant applications will be considered until the March 2019 meeting. Additionally, at this time, grant applications will only be considered from clubs who have been represented at all three of the following meetings:

A - The AGM on November 14 2018 at 1930 at Oakmere CC

B - The Rules meeting, date tbc in January 2019

C - The March/April 2019 Captains meeting and the regular Committee meeting that immediately follows

Ideally, clubs would be represented by the captain, coach or manager at each meeting. However, any member of the playing squad is welcome at our meetings. We understand that some clubs have very young playing squads and it may not be possible or appropriate for them to attend, so it is also perfectly acceptable for clubs to be represented by a club official or a parent of a younger player.

KNOCKOUT CUPS

Development Knockout Cup Semi-Final – August 16:

Upton 72 (19.2; Madi Arthur 13*, Laura Wilson 3-4, Katie Martin 2-17, Libby Wilson 2-18)

Hawarden Park 69 (19.3; S Smale 31*, Arthur 2-8, Ellen McGowan 2-8, Hannah McGowan 2-15)

- Upton were reduced to 33-7 batting first but recovered to seal a nail-biting win in the final over.

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

After careful consideration of the nominations, Emma and myself have pleasure in announcing the Cheshire Women's League XI to play the MCC at Ashton-on-Mersey on Thursday August 30 at 1130. Six players appear in this XI for the first time, and the team is completely changed from that which took the field against MCC last year.

Emma Barlow (Appleton, c), Katie Bennett (Wistaston Village, wk), Holly McCurrie, Annie Rashid (both Appleton), Liv Bell (Stockport Georgians), Molly Price (Oxton), Ali Cutler, Lauren O'Reilly (both Chester Boughton Hall), Sarah McCann (Stockport Trinity), Emma Capper (Leigh), Roshini Prince-Navaratnam (Didsbury)
(Fielding reserves - to attend on the day, and will definitely get time on the field): Natalie Bell, Georgie Gill (both Stockport Georgians)

Umpires: Allan Axon, Geoff Young

Scorers: Ray Bell (Stockport Georgians), Rosie Davis (Didsbury)

The MCC team includes Claire Taylor, a double world champion and the first woman to be named a Wisden Cricketer of the Year, alongside two names from the Cheshire club scene in Sarah Sutcliffe and Morganne Prince:

Bev Nicholson (c), Claire Taylor (wk), Jayde Ellis, Jo Foster, Leesh Hawkins, Hannah Pettigrew, Morganne Prince, Helena Stolle, Sarah Sutcliffe, Danni Warren, Nirali Hathi.

CESHIRE JUNIOR GIRLS' TEAMS

Women's Under 17 County Championship A Division Group 1 – August 8:

Cheshire 177-7 (40; Poppy Beardsell 51, Katie Bennett 44)

Nottinghamshire 176-6 (40; Bailey Colman 3-28, Madi Arthur 2-33)

August 10:

Cheshire v Lancashire – Match cancelled

Under 17 Friendlies – August 13:

Wales 190 (24.4; Izzi Pearson 2-30, Madi Arthur 2-30, Natalie Bell 2-32, Madi Hudson 2-36)

Cheshire 61 (15; Natalie Bell 22)

Under 15 Friendlies – August 7:

Cheshire 117-4 (20; Izzi Pearson 48, Laurie Sheridan 39)
Huntingdonshire 92-9 (20; Liv Bell 3-18, Rebecca Othick 3-21)

Under 13 Friendlies – August 9:

Cheshire 93-4 (20; Lucy Neill 35*)
Shropshire 91-9 (20; Bailey Colman 4-17, Bethan Robinson 3-7)
Cheshire 109-7 (20; Grace Michell 60*)
Shropshire 110-6 (18; Gemma Black 3-13)

August 14:

Kent B 89 (24.2; Katherine Axon 3-7, Bethan Robinson 3-11, Bailey Colman 2-16)
Cheshire 91-4 (17.3; Tilly Kesteven 36)

August 15:

Cheshire 112-3 (20; Grace Michell 37, Tilly Kesteven 25*)
Northamptonshire 91-6 (20)

Oxfordshire 74-5 (20; Tilly Kesteven 3-14)
Cheshire 75-3 (13; Grace Michell 29, Bailey Colman 28*)

August 16:

Cheshire 113-2 (20; Bethan Robinson 32, Bailey Colman 31*)
Suffolk 110 (18.4; Tilly Kesteven 4-17, Lucy Neill 2-15)

Under 11 Friendlies – August 7:

Shropshire 152 (18; Lucy Gater 4-5, Abbigail Lamidy 2-7)
Cheshire 126 (27.2; Emilia Sedgwick 26, Grace Hemsted 22)

August 15:

Cheshire 59-5 (15)
Wales U12 61-5 (14.2; Abbigail Lamidy 2-5)

LANCASHIRE THUNDER

Kia Super League – August 7:

Surrey Stars 167-8 (20; Lizelle Lee 70, Sarah Taylor 51, Emma Lamb 2-12, Danielle Hazell 2-29, Sophie Ecclestone 2-32)
Lancashire Thunder 112 (19.2; Evelyn Jones 40, Nicole Bolton 24, Amy Satterthwaite 21, Dane van Niekerk 3-20, Bryony Smith 2-9)

- Lizelle Lee's blistering innings of 70 from just 37 deliveries included six maximums, and even Sarah Taylor was reduced to simply working the ball for singles to give her partner the strike. Her efforts took her side to a total that was way beyond the reach of a Thunder side whose strike rate remained pedestrian throughout the reply. This is the fourth time Lancashire Thunder have played what might be described as a showcase fixture at Old Trafford, and all four have resulted in defeat.

August 9:

Western Storm 185-4 (20; Heather Knight 76, Stafanie Taylor 51*, Smriti Mandhana 49, Sophie Ecclestone 2-27)
Lancashire Thunder 109 (18.2; Ellie Threlkeld 33, Nicole Bolton 21)

- Western Storm's massive total proved well beyond the reach of Lancashire Thunder

August 11:

Lancashire Thunder 136-7 (20; Amy Satterthwaite 47, Georgie Boyce 38, Sophie Devine 2-22, Kirstie Gordon 2-29)
Loughborough Lightning 137-1 (14.3; Amy Jones 66*, Rachael Haynes 40*, Devine 22)

- Another heavy defeat to high-flying opposition left Thunder's chances of Finals Day qualification hanging by a thread.

August 14:

Lancashire Thunder 154-9 (20; Harmanpreet Kaur 74, Nicole Bolton 46, Katherine Brunt 3-22, Beth Langston 2-12, Katie Levick 2-25)
Yorkshire Diamonds 145-8 (20; Brunt 44*, Alice Davidson-Richards 33, Beth Mooney 25, Thea Brookes 22, Alex Hartley 2-27)

- Thunder completed a 'Roses' double over the Diamonds in this must win match. Both sides started slowly and scored heavily towards the end of their innings, with Harmanpreet Kaur hitting six sixes in her 74 from 44 deliveries. Sophie Ecclestone achieved the rare feat of bowling a maiden in a T20 powerplay as the Diamonds struggled for runs early in their reply.

August 18:

Lancashire Thunder 162-3 (20; Harmanpreet Kaur 44*, Nicole Bolton 43, Georgie Boyce 28, Amy Satterthwaite 27)
Southern Vipers 153 (19.4; Danielle Wyatt 36, Tammy Beaumont 34, Sara McGlashan 25, Sophie Ecclestone 4-20, Satterthwaite 2-14)

- Another narrow victory rounded off the Thunder's most successful season to date, but thanks to a Surrey Stars win on the same night, it was not enough to earn Lancashire a place in the top three and a spot at Finals Day.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Tuesday August 21

Under 11 Friendly (1300): Cheshire v Yorkshire (at Marple)

Sunday August 26

Cheshire Women's League (1330):

Division One/Two-Cross-Divisional: Didsbury v Stockport Trinity

Division Three Cross-Divisional: Marple v Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI, Appleton 2nd XI v Hawarden Park

Thursday August 30

Senior Representative Match (1130): Cheshire Women's League XI v MCC (at Ashton-on-Mersey)

Friday August 31

Under 11 Friendly (1300): Lancashire v Cheshire (at New Longton)

Sunday September 2

Cheshire Women's League (1330):

Division One: Chester Boughton Hall v Oakmere, Appleton v Didsbury

Division Two: Stockport Trinity v Oxton, Ashton-on-Mersey v Stockport Georgians

Division One/Two Cross-Divisional: Wistaston Village v Leigh

Division Three West: Hawarden Park v Upton

Division Three East: Marple v Woodley

LEAGUE TABLES

Division 1	p	w	wcn	l	lcn	c	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
Oakmere	11	8	1	1	0	1	1	2	1.83	236
Appleton	11	8	1	2	0	0	5	3	1.19	233
Chester Boughton Hall	11	7	0	4	0	0	14	13	0.89	202
Didsbury	10	6	0	3	0	1	6	8	1.12	172
Wistaston Village (R)	11	0	0	10	1	0	24	21	-2.34	35

Division 2	p	w	wcn	l	lcn	c	BatP	BowlP	Pen	NRR	Pts
Stockport Trinity (C & P)	10	7	1	0	0	2	0	0	5	1.39	211
Leigh	11	3	0	6	0	2	11	15	0	-0.32	117
Stockport Georgians	11	3	0	7	0	1	13	12	0	-0.83	108
Ashton-on-Mersey	11	4	0	5	2	0	8	3	1	-0.39	90
Oxton	11	1	0	9	0	1	24	29	0	-1.48	86

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.

LEAGUE TABLES

Division 3 West	p	w	wcn	l	lcn	a	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
Nantwich	11	6	2	3	0	0	13	11	0.69	224
Upton	9	8	0	1	0	0	5	5	1.66	210
Hawarden Park	7	2	0	4	1	0	7	10	-0.94	57
Chester Boughton Hall 2 nd XI	8	0	0	5	2	1	19	6	-2.96	13

Division 3 East	p	w	wcn	l	lcn	a	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
Appleton 2 nd XI	10	8	0	2	0	0	9	8	2.06	217
Woodley	9	8	0	1	0	0	4	1	1.41	205
Didsbury 2 nd XI	12	4	0	7	0	1	24	16	-0.17	148
Lymm Oughtrington Park	10	2	1	7	0	0	17	9	-2.5	101
Marple	10	0	1	8	1	0	28	15	-2.42	58

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, BowlP - Bowling Bonus Points, Pen - Penalty Points, NRR - Net run rate, Pts - Points

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.