

## **CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

### **Division One – April 28:**

Porthill Park 131 (40; Emily Stones 37, Lucy Yates 28, Natalie Lyons 2-18) (25pts)  
Oakmere 111 (40; Dawn Prestidge 37, Ellie-Mae Davies 5-15, Stones 2-18) (8pts)

- League newcomers Porthill – who bring with them a hugely promising young squad, some of whom have already broken into Staffordshire's first team - had a dream start as they recorded this victory at Oakmere, who start 2019 seeking a third successive league title.

### **May 5:**

Chester Boughton Hall 47 (23.2; Annette Axon 15\*, Katie Bailey 4-10, Ellie-Mae Davies 2-5) (1pt)  
Porthill Park 48-1 (19.4; Luana Sims 25\*) (25pts)

- Porthill's dream start to life in the league continues, and after two weekends they have now defeated the two clubs who have won the championship in the last three seasons. After a closer match at Oakmere the previous week, on this occasion the margin of victory was much larger, and all achieved without their senior county players – three of those who inspired their opening win at Oakmere were on county duty this week.

Didsbury 168-8 (40; Roshini Prince-Navaratnam 47, Leesa Mellon 34, Zara Matthews 34, Laurie Sheridan 3-28) (25pts)  
Appleton 129 (37; Georgia Heath 46, Hanna Rafiq 4-22, Matthews 2-15) (8pts)

- Didsbury have finished third in division one in each of the last two seasons, and here they began their league campaign with an impressive win over last year's runners-up
- A report on Appleton and Cheshire starlet Georgia Heath's [recent cricket trip to the West Indies](#).

### **Division Two – April 28:**

Upton 93-8 (35; Cath Williams 13, Charlie Scudder 13, Beth Garnett 3-16, Liv Bell 2-14, Zoe Jones 2-25) (6pts)  
Stockport Georgians 94-5 (31; Maddy White 35) (25pts)

- Upton produced a solid display on their first outing since winning promotion, but ultimately could not quite score enough to stop Georgians getting home with four overs to spare

Ashton-on-Mersey 130-6 (35; Becky Baldock 31, Beth Caunce 24, Ellie Grisdale 2-21) (25pts)  
Oxton 113-8 (35; Emily Renshaw 26, Sarah Sutcliffe 2-16, Amanda Gettins 2-17, Emily Hirst 2-22) (6pts)

- Oxton got fairly close to their target, but much of the damage had been done when they lost three quick wickets at the start of the reply

Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Nantwich – Cancelled due to unfit ground, 8pts each

### **May 5:**

Ashton-on-Mersey 112-7 (35; Becky Baldock 38, Jen Regan 3-30, Anna Bourne 2-18) (25pts)  
Wistaston Village 61 (33.5; Regan 25, Sarah Sutcliffe 3-12, Jordi Matthews 2-2, Nicola Nolan 2-0) (5pts)

- Ashton-on-Mersey are the early pacesetters in division two as here they comfortably made it two wins from two.

Leigh 226-3 (35; Daisy Mullan 105, Emma Capper 69) (25pts)  
Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 43 (24; Chris McLean 18\*, Gabbie Crabb 3-1, Abbie Wright 2-2, Mullan 2-5) (2pts)

- Last year's runners-up in division two were Leigh, and they served notice of their potential for this season with this commanding win, where they scored at almost 6.5 per over. Daisy Mullan becomes the league's first centurion of the new season, taking just 68 deliveries to score her runs.

Stockport Georgians 64-8 (35; Laura Dalton 35, Alexa Harrison 4-7, Ellie Grisdale 2-16) (4pts)  
Oxton 68-5 (22.5; Tessie Nickson 19, Natalie Bell 2-19) (25pts)

- Georgians won on the opening weekend against Upton and Oxton lost to Ashton-on-Mersey, but the roles were reversed here. Georgians couldn't break the shackles, and their final total represented less than two runs per over, with Alexa Harrison's four wickets for seven runs in seven overs the most impressive. This win was actually more comfortable than it sounds given that the Wirral side reached 43-1 before losing wickets when in sight of their target.

Upton 91-8 (35; Madi Hudson 3-13) (5pts)

Nantwich 92-3 (23; Hudson 32, Morganne Prince 24\*) (25pts)

- Upton and Nantwich were the top two sides in division three last year, and while Upton edged both of their 2018 encounters on the way to the division three title, here it was Nantwich who prevailed. The South Cheshire side eventually got home with a degree of comfort, after being reduced to 2-2 early in their reply.

### **Division Three – April 28:**

Woodley 121-7 (30; Fiona Reeve 40\*, Rosie Bradshaw 2-19) (25pts)

Marple 62 (25.2; Richmal Giles 26, Alex Wilson 3-7, Georgie Morton 3-7) (5pts)

- Woodley eventually ran out comfortable winners in the East Stockport derby, but Marple had earlier dismissed a number of Woodley's best batsmen for low scores, and Woodley were certainly indebted to Fiona Reeve for leading the way to what proved to be a winning total.

### **Dual player registrations:**

Dawn Prestidge to play league cricket for Oakmere and T20 competitions for Chester Boughton Hall

## **LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE T20**

### **April 28:**

Leyland 87-6 (20; Megan Snape 24, Rebecca Barker 20, Gemma Rose 2-14)

Chester Boughton Hall 25 (19; Katie Boardman 3-4, Summer Carrington 2-1, Abigail Bates 2-2)

- Chester may have thought they were in a good position at halfway, but soon found themselves in unfamiliar territory against a rampant Leyland attack.

Blackpool 61-7 (20; Caroline Blundell 21, Amna Malik 4-10)

Didsbury 62-2 (9.3; Zara Matthews 18\*, Stacey Miles 18\*)

- This encounter however went decisively the way of the Cheshire League side as Amna Malik's fine spell was instrumental in ensuring Didsbury took the spoils in this match, played at the first-class venue of Stanley Park.

Ribble Valley 84-6 (20; Natalie Kaye 43, Hattie Roberts 2-20)

Stockport Trinity 85-2 (18.1; Kate Harvey 23, Sarah McCann 23)

- Scores in the twenties from their opening pair ensured Trinity got off to a good start, and they ultimately prevailed in what could have been a tricky run chase.

Tottington St John's 98-2 (20; Daisy Mullan 48\*, Sophie Heaton 32, Ella Smith 2-17)

Leigh 93-1 (20; Emma Capper 41\*, Carrie Blood 23\*)

- This was the tightest of the four fixtures played on this day, and in a game of few wickets, Tottington prevailed to make it honours even with Cheshire League teams winning two and Lancashire teams two on the opening day. Daisy Mullan plays for Leigh in the CWCL and Tottington in the Lancashire League, and was arguably the main difference between the sides in securing the points for Tottington.

A reminder for all entrants in this competition – it is a standard 11-per-side affair and not a nine-a-side affair similar to the Lancashire T20 in previous years.

## **NATIONAL KNOCKOUT**

### **Round One – May 6:**

Leyland 130-3 (20; Megan Snape 54\*, Abigail Bates 35)

Stockport Georgians 60-3 (20; Gaby McKeever 16\*, Summer Carrington 2-10)

- Leyland have already illustrated how strong a team they are in the new Lancashire & Cheshire T20, and here they claimed the scalp of a Cheshire club in the National, with the greater guile and experience of Leyland seeing off Stockport Georgians. Georgians, who are being supported by some of Stockport Trinity's squad in this competition, now go into the Plate, and face a trip to Ribble Valley.

Didsbury w/o Ribble Valley

## **SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET**

The Cheshire county club and the CWCL will again jointly stage the BigClash at Oakmere on Bank Holiday Monday May 27. In previous years, this has involved two back-to-back T20 matches being staged from approximately 12.00 onwards, loosely based around the idea of a challenge between East Cheshire and West Cheshire, although players from League member clubs based in other counties are likely to be selected as well. Although some officials of the Cheshire team will be present, this event's primary purpose is to provide additional representative cricket for League players, regardless of whether they aspire to represent Cheshire.

Therefore, over the next week could you please consider whether you wish to nominate one or more players from your squad for this match, and then enquire as to their availability. Thanks.

Please note that Lancashire 1st/2<sup>nd</sup> XI, Staffordshire 1<sup>st</sup> XI, Shropshire 1st XI and any other county team will obviously have priority, so please don't nominate those who expect to be playing for official county teams on this day. However, notwithstanding this, CWCL clubs based outside the Cheshire border are still welcome to nominate.