

Impressive wins for Appleton take them to the top of the table ... AOM setting pace in close division 2 race ... Hawarden top division 3 after third victory ... Didsbury fall in T20 regional final again ... Cheshire win one of first four T20s ... League Committee meeting now on June 26

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One - June 9:

Porthill Park 125 (37.1; Georgia Norman 71*, Jess Lewis 3-7, Annie Rashid 3-11, Eloise Jackson 4 wicketkeeping dismissals) (6pts)

Appleton 127-4 (35; Jackson 36*, Annie Rashid 22, Ellie-Mae Davies 3-18) (25pts)

Eloise Jackson followed up her wicketkeeping achievements by anchoring the innings to see her side home.
 Appleton's all-round bowling display had earlier paved the way for this win that dents Porthill's impressive start. The only unbeaten team left in division one is Didsbury, who have still played only one league match due to their commitments in other competitions.

June 16:

Appleton 131-9 (40; Georgia Heath 38, Laurie Sheridan 22, Ali Cutler 3-10, Tilly Buss 2-17, Zoe Cabral 2-26) (25pts) Chester Boughton Hall 86 (26.2; Seren Smale 33, Becky Jones 3-2, Sami Fowler 2-11, Annie Rashid 2-14) (7pts)

A number of impressive performances from Appleton players, and their second major win in the previous two
weekends. The Warrington club top the table by 30 points but have played more matches than all of their rivals.

Division Two – June 9:

Nantwich 60 (22.2; Flo Seymour 18*, Alexa Harrison 4-21, Ellie Grisdale 2-7, Freya Davies 2-10, Kate Renshaw 2-11) (3pts)

Oxton 61-4 (22.5; Tessie Nickson 28, Grace Michel 2-11, Madi Hudson 2-19) (25pts)

• Division 2 is shaping up to be perhaps the most closely fought division this year, and here Oxton, who haven't had everything their own way so far, ended the unbeaten run of Nantwich.

Stockport Georgians 93 (29.2; Rosemary Duckworth 22, Natalie Bell 20, Jordi Matthews 3-17, Sarah Sutcliffe 2-12) (6pts) Ashton-on-Mersey 94-5 (25.5; Beth Caunce 30, Rebecca Scholes 2-10) (25pts)

• Although they didn't have everything their own way when chasing down the target, Ashton-on-Mersey won once again and could now be the best bet in this division, where the title race remains wide open.

June 16:

Stockport Georgians 118-5 (20; Maddy White 54, Samiya Rahman 2-16, Emma Capper 2-24) (25pts) Leigh 63-9 (20; Carrie Blood 19, Amelia Brereton 3-13, Cleo Johnson 2-3) (7pts) (Restricted to 20 overs per side)

• Stockport Georgians have in some ways had a difficult start to their season, but this is undoubtedly their best result of the year. Maddy White's half-century was the top score as they scored at almost six runs per over.

Upton 92-6 (35; Charlie Scudder 23, Lily Scudder 21, Sophie Morris 20*, Kate Renshaw 2-18) (25pts) Oxton 77 (30.1; Hannah Kowalski 29, Hannah McGowan 3-4, Philippa Dagger 2-18) (5pts)

Upton edged a low scoring contest to claim the points in the league's first North Wirral derby

Ashton-on-Mersey v Appleton 2nd XI & Wistaston Village v Nantwich – Matches cancelled due to rain, 8pts for each team

Division Three - June 3:

Didsbury 2nd XI (25pts) w/o Lymm Oughtrington Park (minus 10pts)

June 16:

Hawarden Park 102-2 (20; Rachel Warrenger 44, Ela Closs-Sharpe 21) (25pts) Marple 84-5 (20; Richmal Giles 47, Laura Cavanagh 20, Laura Nicholls 2-20) (6pts) (Restricted to 20 overs per side)

Another impressive batting show from Hawarden, once again spearheaded by captain Rachel Warrenger

Division Four - June 16:

Heaton Mersey & Cheadle 107-9 (20; Michelle Hesslegrave 3-17) (6pts) Lindow 108-2 (17.2; Alison Hodge 30*, Caroline James 27, Hesslegrave 21*) (25pts) (Heaton Mersey & Cheadle performance details not available at present)

• Lindow's first ever match resulted in victory as they accomplished a tricky looking run chase with overs to spare.

Player loans:

Kate Chapman – Heaton Mersey & Cheadle to Appleton (June 16)

Clubs are reminded that loan players can now make just three loan appearances for the same club during the same season, so it is no longer possible to approve open-ended loans as may have been the case in previous seasons.

The next meeting of the League Committee will now take place on Wednesday June 26 at 1930 with the venue to be confirmed. The League's ECB grant has been reduced this year, but it will still be possible to consider Small Grants applications from clubs at this meeting. £200 will be available to clubs with one team and £300 to those with two senior women's teams to assist with the costs of running the women's team, subject to:

- A representative of the club having attended all of the previous three meetings, and the meeting in June, and
- The club having a full scorecard on Play Cricket for all of its 2018 women's home matches

T20 DIVISIONAL COMPETITION

Eastern Division - June 5:

Stockport Georgians 75-6 (20; Natalie Bell 26ret, Hattie Roberts 2-2, Alice Smith 2-9) Stockport Trinity Fire 79-2 (13.4; Emily Thomas 26ret, Carys White 20)

• A poor start put paid to Georgians' realistic chances here, and although they recovered from 22-5, their final total was still not enough to cause Trinity any alarms

KNOCKOUT CUPS

Development Knockout Cup Quarter-Final – June 9:

Marple 55 (16.3; Mel Hall 15, Tilly Buss 5-5, Gemma Rose 2-7, Jenny Martindale 2-14) Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 56-0 (10.4; Rose 22*, Jan Oates 12*)

 Tilly Buss led the way here, taking a five-wicket haul and a hat-trick and recording the best of some impressive Chester bowling figures, before Boughton Hall's openers comfortably finished the job

NATIONAL KNOCKOUT

Northern Region Final – June 16:

Didsbury 70-9 (20; Mishel Jeena 25, Amy Burton 3-5, Katie Baines 2-5, Daisy Stokoe 2-23) Sessay 46-0 (7.2; Burton 19*, Adrianna Darlow 15*) (Sessay win by 10 wickets on Duckworth-Lewis-Stern)

• It's been a fine achievement by Didsbury to reach the regional final (the national last eight) once again, but as they did last year, they fell at the final hurdle before the national Finals Day. Again, it was Sessay who prevailed, albeit by a larger margin than in the same match last year.

MATCHES AWAITING RE-ARRANGEMENT

Division 1: Didsbury v Oakmere (National KO involvement)

Division 2: Nantwich v Upton (ground unavailability issues)

Division 3: Woodley v Marple, Lymm v Woodley (both due to weather conditions)

Division 4: Lindow v Marple 2nd XI (ground unavailability issues)

T20 Western Division: Oakmere v Appleton

Senior KO Cup: Trinity v Ashton-on-M, Didsbury v Wistaston (both due to weather conditions)

Development KO Cup: Didsbury 2nd XI v Heaton Mersey & Cheadle (weather conditions)

Please advise any new dates once arranged

CHESHIRE SENIORS

County T20 Division Two – June 9:

Scotland 141-4 (20; Sarah Bryce 101*, Dawn Prestidge 2-24)
Cheshire 97-9 (20; Ellie Mason 43, Prestidge 27, Katherine Fraser 3-12, Abtaha Maqsood 3-27)

• T20 is the form of the game when one major innings can make a big difference, and although Cheshire claimed a number of cheap wickets, Sarah Bryce's 64-ball century was undoubtedly the decisive contribution here. Ellie Mason did her best in reply, with two sixes in her 28-ball knock, but the target just proved too stiff.

Cheshire 86-4 (20; Dawn Prestidge 24)
Derbyshire 64-7 (20; Prestidge 3-10, Millie Hodge 3-14)

A much lower scoring second match saw Cheshire record their first win of the season. Dawn Prestidge recorded
the best bowling figures to add to her top score from the first innings, and Molly Price conceded only five runs from
her four overs. There was also an excellent debut from Millie Hodge, who attends the Lancashire Thunder Regional
Development Centre alongside her new team-mates Ellie Mason and Tilly Kesteven.

Cheshire squad of 13 for June 9 matches: Dawn Prestidge (capt), Katie Bennett (wk), Ellie Mason, Carys White, Gaby McKeever, Megan Cureton, Holly McCurrie, Nalisha Patel, Emma Royle, Molly Price, Tilly Kesteven, Roshini Prince-Navaratnam, Millie Hodge

June 16:

Cheshire 106-6 (20; Roshini Prince-Navaratnam 28, Dawn Prestidge 27, Nicole Richards 3-23, Tilly Bond 2-7) Somerset 107-4 (19.1; Sophie Luff 42)

• Defeat here for Cheshire, despite posting a three-figure target and then taking it to the final over against the traditionally strong Somerset team

Cheshire 86-6 (18; Ellie Mason 28, Roshini Prince-Navaratnam 22, Laura Ellison 3-15) Durham 90-4 (14.5; Ami Campbell 23, Olivia Thomas 2-20) (Restricted to 18 overs per side)

 After a good start, Cheshire's innings fell away somewhat, and Durham got home with more than three overs to spare.

Cheshire squad of 12 for June 16 matches: Dawn Prestidge (capt & wk), Ellie Mason, Carys White, Gaby McKeever, Megan Cureton, Holly McCurrie, Olivia Thomas, Emma Royle, Molly Price, Tilly Kesteven, Roshini Prince-Navaratnam, Millie Hodge

Cheshire play Yorkshire and Worcestershire at Barnton CC this Sunday (June 23), and the matches are 1030 and 1630 starts.

The ECB is still to announce what the future holds for women's county cricket after the end of this season. However, with no immediate prospect of Cheshire playing any more 50 over county cricket, I have taken the opportunity to update the county team's all-time 50 over statistics, covering the period 1998 to 2016, and the document has been sent as a separate attachment with this newsletter.

LEAGUE TABLES

Division 1	р	W	I	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
Appleton CC, Cheshire	5	3	2	7	6	-0.02	88
Oakmere CC	3	2	1	3	5	0.92	58
Porthill Park CC	3	2	1	4	2	0.59	56
Chester Boughton Hall CC	4	1	3	4	11	-1.15	40
Didsbury CC	1	1	0	0	0	0.98	25
Stockport Trinity CC	2	0	2	9	5	-0.51	14

Division 2	р	W	wcn	I	Icn	С	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
Ashton-on-Mersey CC	7	4	0	1	0	2	4	3	0.57	123
Nantwich CC	6	3	0	1	0	2	1	2	0.97	94
Upton CC, Cheshire	6	2	1	3	0	0	7	10	-0.5	92
Leigh CC, Lancashire	5	3	0	2	0	0	8	6	1.44	89
Stockport Georgians CC	6	2	0	3	0	1	4	9	-0.79	71
Oxton CC, Cheshire	5	2	0	3	0	0	7	10	0.08	67
Appleton CC 2 nd XI	5	1	0	1	1	2	0	2	-1.79	33
Wistaston Village CC	4	0	0	3	0	1	11	9	-1.22	28

wcn - Opposition Conceded (25), lcn - Team Conceded (-10)

LEAGUE TABLES

Division 3	р	w	wcn	I	lcn	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
Hawarden Park CC	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	2.72	65
Didsbury CC	3	0	2	1	0	3	1	-2.4	54
Marple CC	3	1	0	2	0	6	5	-0.13	36
Woodley CC, Cheshire	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.97	25
Lymm Oughtrington Park CC	3	0	0	2	1	0	1	-5.11	-9

Division 4	р	w	I	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
Chester Boughton Hall 2 nd XI	1	1	0	0	0	2.44	25
Lindow CC	1	1	0	0	0	0.88	25
Marple 2 nd XI	1	1	0	0	0	0.41	25
Cheadle CC, Cheshire	3	0	3	11	5	-1.51	16

T20 Eastern Division	р	w	I	NRR	Pts
Stockport Trinity Fire	2	2	0	2.67	6
Didsbury Swordettes	1	1	0	5.9	3
Stockport Georgians CC - Womens 1st XI	2	1	1	-0.35	3
Marple CC - Womens 1st XI	1	0	1	-0.75	0
Ashton-on-Mersey CC - Womens 1st XI	1	0	1	-3.25	0
Woodley CC, Cheshire - Womens 1st XI	1	0	1	-5.9	0

OTHER NEWS

The Cheshire Cricket Board are again seeking qualified coaches to join their team of full-time <u>Coaching Officers</u>. The Board also invite <u>nominations</u> of worthy individuals who deserve to be short-listed for the Outstanding Service to Cricket Awards (OSCAs)