

(Minimum five innings to qualify for the batting average lists, except in division 4 where four innings were required)
 (Minimum 30 overs – division 1 & 2 – and 20 overs – division 3 - to qualify for all the bowling average, economy rate and strike rate lists below)

DIVISION 1

	p	w	l	a	c	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
Didsbury CC (CH)	10	8	1	0	1	3	3	2.02	214
Porthill Park CC	10	7	2	0	1	7	5	1.4	195
Oakmere CC	10	5	4	1	0	11	20	-0.17	164
Appleton CC	10	5	5	0	0	11	14	-0.04	150
Chester Boughton Hall CC	10	2	8	0	0	15	24	-1.17	89
Stockport Trinity CC	10	1	8	1	0	23	16	-1.89	72

Batting Award – Most Runs

Dawn Prestidge (Oakmere) 451
 Evelyn Jones (Porthill Park) 424
 Roshini Prince-Navaratnam (Didsbury) 325
 Mishel Jeena (Didsbury) 274
 Carys White (Stockport Trinity) 255

Best Batting Average

Evelyn Jones 141.33
 Dawn Prestidge 56.38
 Mishel Jeena 54.80
 Roshini Prince-Navaratnam 54.17
 Lucy Yates (Porthill Park) 48.00

Centuries

Evelyn Jones 138* & 125
 Dawn Prestidge 134 & 123
 Megan Cureton (Chester Boughton Hall Deemons) 119
 Roshini Prince-Navaratnam 118
 Mishel Jeena 105* - the two Didsbury centuries came in the same match as the pair shared a stand of 228 for the first wicket
 Ali Cutler (Chester Boughton Hall) 104* - league record for an innings in a losing cause

Bowling Award – Most Wickets

Ellie-Mae Davies (Porthill Park) & Zara Matthews (Didsbury) 19
 Tilly Buss (Chester Boughton Hall) 14
 Emily Stones (Porthill Park), Hana Rafiq (Didsbury), Hannah Jones (Didsbury) 12

Best Bowling Average

Emily Stones 4.08 – league record
 Ellie-Mae Davies 4.89
 Zara Matthews 6.37
 Hana Rafiq 6.58
 Hannah Jones 6.75

Best Strike Rate

Emily Stones 15.33
Ellie-Mae Davies 16.74
Hana Rafiq 18.00
Tilly Buss (Chester Boughton Hall) 18.07
Zara Matthews 19.16

Best Economy Rate

Rosie Wilson (Didsbury) 1.51
Lucy Yates (Porthill Park) 1.55
Hannah Jones 1.56
Emily Stones 1.60
Ellie-Mae Davies 1.75

Five Wicket Performances

Zara Matthews 7-4 – league record
Hannah Jones 7-8
Emily Stones 6-10
Hannah Snape (Chester Boughton Hall) 5-2
Ellie-Mae Davies 5-15

Wicketkeeping Award – Most Dismissals

Mishel Jeena (Didsbury) 16 (13 caught, 1 stumped, 2 run out)
Eloise Jackson (Appleton) 14 (9c, 5s) – would have won at least a joint share of the award in any other season
Phoebe Cottam (Oakmere) 8 (5c, 3s)

Fielding Award - Most Dismissals

Jess Lewis (Appleton) 7 (5 caught, 2 run out)
Dawn Prestidge (Oakmere), Natalie Lyons (Oakmere), Rebecca Othick (Appleton), Hannah Jones (Didsbury), Lucy Yates (Porthill Park) 6

Didsbury are the League Champions for the first time, after losing just one of their 2019 league matches.

In any Championship winning team there is likely to be strength from one to eleven, but the South Manchester club's title hopes were massively boosted by their close season acquisition of wicketkeeper-batsman Mishel Jeena. Her new opening partnership with Roshini Prince-Navaratnam became one of the most feared batting contributions in the league, and behind the stumps Jeena bagged an impressive 16 dismissals.

Didsbury had some excellent bowlers, with Hannah Jones, Hana Rafiq and Rosie Wilson amongst those who did sterling work all season. However, it was Zara Matthews who finished as the division's joint leading wicket taker. Last year she quietly produced consistent performances and had the bowling award been awarded on the basis of the best average then she would have won it last year, but this year she really announced her arrival on the big stage, most notably with a league record bowling spell of seven wickets for four overs.

Porthill Park are another very strong team and were rewarded with the runners-up spot in their first season in the league. Evelyn Jones certainly made a big impact, with two centuries and some other major scores, but some of Porthill's younger players also had superb seasons. Ellie-Mae Davies took 5-15 on the opening day and continued to produce consistent performances throughout the year. Emily Stones took 12 wickets, with an impressive strike rate of 15.33 and economy rate of 1.60, while her scarcely credible bowling average of 4.08 is a league record for any division when those who bowled only a handful of overs are excluded.

2018 champions Oakmere lost to Porthill on the opening day, but the way in which they won their next three matches suggested they could be contenders once more. The Northwich club couldn't sustain that form, although they still finished third and claimed the significant scalp of Didsbury in the final weeks of the season when Dawn Prestidge hit her second big century of the season.

Appleton had some days to be proud of, such as when they beat Porthill, but some low scores with the bat in the closing weeks saw them fall to fourth place.

Chester Boughton Hall finished in an unfamiliar fifth place. Their record run chase of 215 – led by Megan Cureton's century – and their score of 197 in losing a run spree to Oakmere demonstrated what they were capable of, but their only two league wins of the year would both be achieved against bottom placed Stockport Trinity.

Trinity did finish sixth and last in the top division, but their exhilarating T20 double still leaves them with plenty to celebrate.

DIVISION 2

	p	w	wcn	l	lcn	c	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
Leigh CC (CH)	14	9	1	3	0	1	10	8	1.72	276
Oxton CC	14	7	1	6	0	0	13	18	0.26	231
Ashton-on-Mersey CC	14	7	0	3	0	4	8	10	0.47	225
Upton CC	14	5	2	6	0	1	17	20	-0.07	220
Nantwich CC	14	5	1	5	0	3	10	16	0.23	200
Stockport Georgians CC	14	4	2	6	0	2	15	19	0.15	200
Appleton CC 2 nd XI	14	3	1	3	4	3	2	9	-1.44	95
Wistaston Village CC	14	0	0	8	4	2	16	20	-2.54	12

Batting Award – Most Runs

Daisy Mullan (Leigh) 332

Ellie Davey (Leigh) 326

Liv Bell (Stockport Georgians) 280

Charlie Scudder (Upton) 278

Claire Anderton (Ashton-on-Mersey) 253

Best Batting Average

Ellie Davey 54.33

Daisy Mullan 47.45

Jordi Matthews (Ashton-on-Mersey) 35.67

Liv Bell 35.00

Katie Bennett (Wistaston Village) 30.14

Centuries

Daisy Mullan 112 & 105

Ellie Davey 101* - sharing a stand of 196 with Daisy Mullan

Liv Bell 102

Bowling Award - Most Wickets

Ellie Grisdale (Oxton) 21

Alexa Harrison, Kate Renshaw (both Oxton) & Sarah Sutcliffe (Ashton-on-Mersey) 20 wickets

Sophie Morris (Upton) & Jordi Matthews (Ashton-on-Mersey) 18

Best Bowling Average

Kelsey Barker (Nantwich) 4.56

Sarah Sutcliffe 6.40

Sophie Morris 6.83

Morganne Prince (Nantwich) 7.22

Kasey Bentham (Leigh) 7.27

Best Strike Rate

Sarah Sutcliffe 17.10
 Sophie Morris 17.22
 Jordi Matthews 18.61
 Kelsey Barker 19.44
 Kate Renshaw 19.50

Best Economy Rate

Kelsey Barker 1.41
 Morganne Prince 1.77
 Kasey Bentham 1.83
 Phillippa Dagger (Upton) 1.95
 Ellie Grisdale 2.04

Five Wicket Hauls

Sophie Morris 6-10
 Jordi Matthews 5-22

Wicketkeeping Award – Most Dismissals

Katie Bennett (Wistaston Village) 9 (4c, 5s)
 Becky Baldock (Ashton on Mersey), Carrie Blood (Leigh) & Rosemary Duckworth (Stockport Georgians) 6
 Jess Penney (Upton) 4

Fielding Award – Most Dismissals

Emily Renshaw (Oxton) 8 (3c, 5ro)
 Tessie Nickson, Kate Renshaw (both Oxton), Madi Hudson (Nantwich) & Jen Regan (Wistaston Village) 6

Perhaps the most noteworthy thing about division two this year was how closely matched some of the teams were. Leigh eventually finished 45 points clear of the pack after a strong finish, but just 31 points covered second to sixth place.

Leigh had the top two run scorers in the division, with Daisy Mullan edging the race with her team-mate Ellie Davey to finish as the top run scorer, even though Davey had the higher batting average. Perhaps the club's most noteworthy performance was the match in which the pair compiled a partnership of 196.

With Ellie Grisdale, Alexa Harrison and Kate Renshaw all reaching the 20-wicket mark, Oxton can be proud of their highest ever finish as they recorded eight wins and bagged the runners-up spot.

DIVISION 3

	p	w	wcn	l	lcn	a	c	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
Woodley CC (CH)	12	9	0	1	0	1	1	9	4	2.2	254
Hawarden Park CC	12	6	2	2	1	0	1	10	3	1.81	211
Didsbury CC 2 nd XI	12	4	3	5	0	0	0	7	12	-1.21	194
Lymm Oughttrington Park CC	12	0	2	7	2	0	1	7	6	-3.47	51
Marple CC	12	1	0	5	4	1	1	14	13	-0.91	28

Batting Award – Most Runs

Rachel Warrenger (Hawarden Park) 340
 Nicky Deane (Hawarden Park) 281
 Alex Wilson (Woodley) 170
 Abby Barlow (Woodley) 147
 Nicola Derbyshire (Woodley) 93

Best Batting Average

Rachel Warrenger 170.00
 Nicky Deane 93.67
 Georgie Morton (Woodley) 27.50
 Abby Barlow 24.50
 Alex Wilson 24.29

Bowling Award – Most Wickets

Georgie Morton (Woodley) 16
 Alex Wilson (Woodley) 13
 Louise Hughes (Woodley) & Shamaila Zaman (Didsbury 2nd XI) 11
 Hana Rafiq (Didsbury 2nd XI) 9

Best Bowling Average

Louise Hughes 5.64
 Alex Wilson 6.38
 Shamaila Zaman 6.91
 Hana Rafiq 8.44
 Georgie Morton 9.44

Best Strike Rate

Shamaila Zaman 13.55
 Louise Hughes 13.64
 Hana Rafiq 14.00
 Georgie Morton 17.81
 Kathryn Robinson (Woodley) 18.00

Best Economy Rate

Alex Wilson 2.02
 Louise Hughes 2.48
 Ela Closs-Sharpe (Hawarden Park) 2.64
 Tasneem Akram (Didsbury 2nd XI) 2.95
 Shamaila Zaman 3.06

Wicketkeeping Award – Most Dismissals

Zoe Rigley (Didsbury 2nd XI) 5 (3 caught, 1 stumped, 1 run out)
 Imogen Young (Woodley) 4 (2c, 1s, 1ro)
 Nicky Deane (Hawarden Park) 2 (2c)

Fielding Award - Most Dismissals

Alex Wilson (Woodley) 7 (6 caught, 1 run out)
 Thea Murray-Williams (Hawarden Park) 4 (2c, 2ro)
 7 players on 3

Rachel Warrenger made four half-centuries, with a top score of 90, to end as the top run scorer, and her team-mate Nicky Deane's runs total was well ahead of the third placed player. However, the pair couldn't lead Hawarden Park to glory, and it was Woodley who won their first ever trophy after the likes of Georgie Morton, Alex Wilson and Louise Hughes were all prolific run scorers.

DIVISION 4

	p	w	wcn	l	lcn	c	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
Lindow CC (CH)	9	6	0	1	0	2	4	3	0.88	173
Chester Boughton Hall CC 2 nd XI	9	5	1	1	0	2	2	5	2.12	173
Marple CC 2 nd XI	9	4	0	4	1	0	13	11	0.59	114
Heaton Mersey & Cheadle	9	0	0	9	0	0	25	12	-2.92	37

Batting Award – Most Runs

Laura Cavanagh (Marple 2nd XI) 112
 Charlotte Appleyard (Heaton Mersey & Cheadle) 91
 Claire Ashworth (Lindow) 83
 Jo Seddon (Lindow) 79
 Michelle Hesslegrave (Lindow) 73

Best Batting Average

Claire Ashworth 27.33
 Michelle Hesslegrave 24.33
 Pam Sandover (Marple 2nd XI) 24.00
 Freya Jones (Marple 2nd XI) 19.33
 Alison Hodge (Lindow) 16.33

Bowling Award – Most Wickets

Kat Axon (Marple 2nd XI) 15
 Claire Ashworth (Lindow) 12
 J Martindale (Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI) 11
 Holly Chambers (Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI) 9
 Annette Axon (Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI), Lisa Critten (Heaton Mersey & Cheadle) & Jo Seddon (Lindow) 7

Average, economy rate and strike rate tables could not be published at this stage due to some incomplete scorecards

Wicketkeeping Award – Most Dismissals**Di Totty (Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI) 4 (3 caught, 1 run out)**

Freya Jones (Marple) 3 (2 s, 1 ro)
 Megan Cureton (Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI) 2 (2s)

Fielding Award – Most Dismissals**Ashlee Barnes (Lindow) 4 dismissals (all caught)**

Holly Chambers & Jan Oates (Chester Boughton Hall), Grace Williams & Claire Ashworth (both Lindow) 3

Lindow were crowned champions of this division in their first foray into competitive hardball cricket, with the likes of Claire Ashworth and Michelle Hesslegrave being welcome additions to the league's talent pool. Chester's second team pushed them all the way, and after the two teams finished level on points and with an identical record of wins and losses, it was only by having the better head-to-head record that the Wilmslow club took the honours.

T20 COMPETITIONS**Batting Award – Most Runs**

Carys White (Stockport Trinity Fire) 131
 Nicky Deane (Hawarden Park / Oakmere Kats) 113
 Rachel Warrenger (Hawarden Park / Oakmere Kats) 107
 Hannah Bratt (Nantwich Vipers) 101
 Kate Harvey (Stockport Trinity Fire) 75

Bowling Award – Most Wickets**Tilly Buss (Chester Boughton Hall Deemons) 11**

Hana Rafiq (Didsbury Swordettes) 8
 Rachel Saunders (Didsbury Swordettes), Gemma Rose (Chester Boughton Hall Deemons), Emma Royle (Stockport Trinity Fire), Hannah Jones (Didsbury Swordettes) all on 7

Five Wicket Hauls

Hannah Jones 5-3
 Hana Rafiq 5-5
 Tilly Buss 5-5
 Liv Bell (Stockport Georgians) 5-6
 Beth Garnett (Stockport Georgians) 5-14

Fielding Award – Most Dismissals

Kate Scott-Griffiths (Didsbury Swordettes) 5
 Gillian Spragg (Stockport Trinity Fire) 4
 7 players on 3

Wicketkeeping Award – Most Dismissals

Gaby McKeever (Stockport Trinity Fire) 4
 Mishel Jeena (Didsbury Swordettes), Seren Smale (Chester Boughton Hall Deemons) 3
 Di Totty (Chester Boughton Hall Deemons), Sarah McCann (Stockport Trinity Fire) 2

A ten-and-a-half hour cricket marathon saw Lancashire Thunder's Super League match with Western Storm sandwiching the League's four cup finals on [one amazing Sunday in August](#).

Eastern Division champions Stockport Trinity won the T20 Divisional Competition Final as they impressively outperformed Western Division champions Appleton to avenge last year's defeat to the same opposition.

Later Trinity had a much closer affair in the Senior Knockout Final but completed their run chase with three wickets and three balls in hand and can now justifiably claim to be the county's best team in the stronger format.

The Plate was re-introduced this year and is now a competition for first round losers in the Senior Knockout. Upton took home their third trophy in the two years they have been members of the league after seeing off Stockport Georgians in the final.

Hawarden Park won the Development Knockout Cup. The total of 143 they posted against Didsbury 2nd XI in the final was a fine effort.

LEAGUE XI REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Performances in the League XI's four wicket win over MCC:

Roshini Prince-Navaratnam (Didsbury) 44

Kate Harvey (Stockport Trinity) 23

Carys White (Stockport Trinity) 21

Ellie-Mae Davies (Porthill Park) 2-3 in six overs

Emily Stones (Porthill Park) 2-12 in eight overs

Molly Price (Chester Boughton Hall) 2-12 in seven overs

Gillian Spragg (Stockport Trinity Fire) 2-33

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

For the second season in succession, Didsbury reached the Northern Regional Final of the National T20 Knockout, which is the last eight nationally. Didsbury's first team were also the winners of a new T20 competition involving leading clubs from both the Cheshire and Lancashire leagues.

Didsbury have been great ambassadors for the league in these competitions, but Guardian journalist Tanya Wilson has said that they also provide hope while "the UK swamps about in the political morass." In an article in the newspaper's weekly cricket email newsletter, The Spin, she says they are "a cricket club that does pretty much everything you would want a cricket club to do." The article goes on to say that Didsbury captain Leesa Mellon recalls how a trip to watch a women's Ashes Test in distant Canterbury in 2015 led directly to the recruitment of two key players. The Didsbury social media marketing effort while they watched the match in their club kit led to numerous re-tweets and their Division 2 title win was mentioned during the live Sky Sports coverage.

Didsbury's first team entered five competitions this year and lost just four matches in total as they scooped two major trophies. Their only defeats were:

- Division 1 – lost to Oakmere on August 25 by 73 runs, but still finished as champions
- Lancashire & Cheshire T20 – undefeated champions
- T20 Divisional Competition – lost to Stockport Trinity on July 2 by five wickets with two balls to spare, and therefore did not top the Eastern Division or reach the final
- Senior Knockout Cup – lost the final to Stockport Trinity on August 18 by three wickets with three balls to spare
- National Knockout – lost the Northern regional final on June 16 to Sessay by 10 wickets

Otherwise, the team recorded 20 wins across the five competitions. Didsbury's women's second team played 15 matches in 2019, so the total workload for the club's women's teams was 39 matches.

Didsbury are the first League club to finish top of division 1 (this year), division 2 (2015) and division 3 (2012, their first year in the league.)