

THE DAZZLER EXTRA – ON THIS WEEK – APRIL 26

April 25 2010

A new venture for the League as a new season kicked off with its defending champions hosting a showpiece friendly against a league representative team. Aside from 2019 winners Didsbury, Poynton are the only club to win the CWCL on just one occasion, and their powerful line-up amassed 149-6 in a rain reduced 30 overs here. Kate Holt top scored with 31 while Abbey Gore's spell of 3-14 remains the record bowling performance for the League XI. The League team started well, with Natalie Heap making 39, but Poynton spinners Hannah Gradwell and Coral Murphy shared seven wickets and wrapped up a 37-run win.

League XI: Emma Barlow (Appleton, captain), Jess Richards (Bowdon, wk), Ali Cutler, Nic Capes (Chester BH), Natalie Heap (Hawarden Park), Sarah Sutcliffe (Bowdon), Abbey Gore, Sam Hilton (Neston), Jess Lewis (Appleton), Jemma Bentley (Oakmere), Leesa Mellon (Hyde)

April 28 2013

Lorna Thomas made 125 not out and Ali Cutler an unbeaten 107 as [Chester Boughton Hall scored 268-0](#) in their first game of the year against Stalybridge St Paul's. 2013 would see Chester crowned champions for the first time in five years.

April 28 2013

2013 would also be the year Appleton's title winning run ended – they couldn't quite manage four years in a row, although they did finish as runners-up, and no club can match their record of seven successive top two final placings, which they achieved between 2010 and 2016. In contrast to Chester, the calculators were out for Appleton's first match, as they [beat Romiley by four runs on faster run rate](#) in a rain-affected match.

April 27 2014

Two of the most consistent run scorers in recent seasons battled it out here, and despite her unbeaten 78, Penny Critchlow could not see her Romiley side to victory. Emma Barlow's 86 was the key performance in this [Appleton victory](#).

April 27 2014

The season would end with Oakmere crowned league champions for the first time since the top division moved to 40-over cricket. [Restricting 2013 treble winners Chester Boughton Hall to 66-9 in 40 overs](#) was certainly a dream start.

April 26 2015

By this early stage of the season, three division two teams had already won cross-divisional matches against division one sides, and [Wistaston Village's win over Astley Bridge](#) featured a fine spell of 6-8 from Alison Smith.

April 24 2016

See below for more of her heroics, but new acquisition Kerry Hartnett – with a wealth of experience of senior county cricket with Hampshire – led the way to [a commanding Oakmere win](#) here as she followed up a bowling spell of 2-9 in six overs with a rapid half-century.

April 24 2016

The League welcomed Australia A spin bowler Lauren Smith as Didsbury's overseas player, and although [her team lost to Chester Boughton Hall here, the young Aussie had an eye-catching debut](#). Her score of 94 represented more than 75 per cent of her team's total, and she added 74 for the tenth wicket with her near namesake team-mate Laura Smith, who scored just a single during that partnership. Lauren Smith then conceded just two runs in eight overs during the second innings.

April 23 2017

How was this for an opening statement? Chester Boughton Hall were unbeaten champions in 2016 but failed to take a wicket on the first day of the following season. [Oakmere openers Kerry Hartnett \(102*\) and Helen Smith \(90*\) batted through the entire innings](#) in a team score of 206-0, with Chester making just 107-8 in reply. 2017 did indeed prove to be an Oakmere title winning year.

April 29 2018

Nantwich enjoyed [a fantastic first day as a league club](#) as they beat Hawarden Park by 96 runs.

April 28 2019

Porthill Park joined the League last year and were the first club admitted to division one for their debut season, in anticipation of them being a strong team. This certainly proved to be the case, as they would go on to finish as runners-up, and here [they enjoyed the perfect start](#). Ellie-Mae Davies took 5-15 as the team from Newcastle-under-Lyme beat 2017 and 2018 champions Oakmere by 20 runs.

If anyone has any memories of the matches reported in an issue of the Dazzler Extra, and they would like to share these with the readership, please let me know.

For next week?

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