

Porthill, Didsbury, Trinity remain unbeaten in the Summer Series ... New plans for a match involving League players this Thursday after MCC's cancellation

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Summer Series Western Division – July 28:

Upton 85-6 (20; Lily Scudder 24, Alexa Harrison 2-17, Freya Davies 2-22) (25pts)

Oxton 79-6 (20; Molly Price 17) (7pts)

- Both of these teams lost their opening fixtures, but while Upton went down by the larger margin on the first day, they bounced back well here to edge a tight contest in the North Wirral derby.

July 30:

Porthill Park 130-4 (20; Evelyn Jones 87*, Sophie Winward 2-25) (25pts)

Nantwich 46-8 (20; Beth Hughes 11, Ellie-Mae Davies 3-11, Georgia Norman 2-4) (3pts)

- Evelyn Jones continued her fine start to the season, indeed the Nantwich attack largely kept her Porthill team-mates in check, but after an innings of this magnitude in a 20-over clash, it was always going to be an uphill task in reply.

August 2:

Porthill Park 198-3 (30; Evelyn Jones 105, Becky Cripwell 40, Emily Stones 23*) (25pts)

Chester Boughton Hall 97-9 (30; Seren Smale 26, Ali Cutler 21, Nicole Fisher 21, Lauren Kenvyn 3-4, Cripwell 3-16, Olivia Chorlton 2-9) (5pts)

- On paper, Chester are arguably the toughest opposition Porthill will face in the Western Division this year, so the Potteries-based club are in an excellent position after their third resounding victory. In the final overs, Chester's Tilly Buss finally became the first bowler to dismiss Evelyn Jones this year, but not before the former England Academy and current West Midlands Regional elite batsman had become the league's first centurion of 2020. Her runs aggregate from three matches was 290 after this match. Becky Cripwell also enjoyed a fine all-round match here and Lauren Kenvyn conceded just four runs in five overs in addition to taking three wickets.
- The match was covered live on the CBHLCC You Tube Channel – a first for a league match, unless someone wishes to correct me – with commentary from Kieren O'Loughlin and Di Totty, and additional contributions from Tilly Buss when she wasn't on the field.

Nantwich 88-7 (30; Beth Hughes 32, Hannah McGowan 3-13) (25pts)

Upton 77 (29.5; Charlie Scudder 14, Bethan Robinson 4-8, Hughes 2-15) (6pts)

- Nantwich edged a tight contest for their first win of the campaign, with Bethan Robinson's regular wickets helping to check Upton's run chase.

August 6:

Upton 97-2 (20; Lily Scudder 60) (25pts)

Chester Boughton Hall 86-4 (20; Ali Cutler 39, Philippa Dagger 2-9) (6pts)

- Lily Scudder and Philippa Dagger led the way to what is surely Upton's greatest victory in their short history.

August 9:

Porthill Park 202-4 (30; Evelyn Jones 50, Georgia Norman 40*, Emily Stones 35*, Becky Cripwell 27, Freya Davies 2-33) (25pts)

Oxton 76 (20.4; Tessie Nickson 28, Grace Potts 3-1, Amy Griffiths 2-3, Ellie-Mae Davies 2-10) (4pts)

- A genuine team batting effort from Porthill as a number of players both got a start and went on to score rapidly, and duly led their side to the first team score in excess of 200 this year. After her dismissal for 50, Evelyn Jones' batting average for the year fell to 170. A fine spell from Grace Potts followed as Porthill completed their latest victory.

Chester Boughton Hall 77-7 (30; Seren Smale 21) (3pts)

Nantwich 82-2 (20; Madi Hudson 40*) (25pts)

- More evidence of the exciting strides being made at Nantwich as they beat Chester with all of 10 overs and eight wickets in hand.

Summer Series Eastern Division – July 30:

Stockport Trinity 106-7 (20; Carys White 31ret, Ellie Mason 30ret, Becky Scholes 2-13) (25pts)

Stockport Georgians 97-6 (20; Scholes 26*, Gaby McKeever 20, Mason 3-6) (9pts)

- Georgians narrowly failed to record a first ever victory over their near neighbours, indeed without the all-round efforts of Ellie Mason it is highly likely they would have been successful. As it was, Trinity made it two wins from two.

Ashton-on-Mersey 79-3 (20; Amanda Gettins 15*) (5pts)

Didsbury 80-2 (13.1; Roshini Prince-Navaratnam 25ret, Laura Smith 25ret) (25pts)

- A comfortable win for 2019 champions Didsbury in their first match of the season.

August 2:

Ashton-on-Mersey 67-8 (30; Becky Baldock 16, Lucie Gater 3-9, Liv Bell 2-11) (25pts)

Stockport Georgians 56 (21.5; Natalie Bell 17, Amanda Gettins 3-7, Amelia Sammons 2-11, Jordi Matthews 2-14) (4pts)

- More agony for Georgians with a third defeat by a narrow margin as instead it was Ashton-on-Mersey who recorded their first win of the year. That certainly didn't look a likely outcome at 31-7 after 14 overs of the first innings as the Stockport club's fine young attack, spearheaded by Lucie Gater and Liv Bell, ripped through AOM's top order. It was two players who both batted for 16 overs who helped to turn the tide. Becky Baldock came in at 19-4 and Jordi Matthews at the fall of the seventh, with Matthews duly occupying the crease to the end despite scoring just nine runs. Then it was Matthews herself who took the first two wickets in the Georgians reply. Amanda Gettins then contributed a superbly accurate spell of three wickets for seven runs in six overs and the scoreboard soon read 25-7. Natalie Bell and Grace Woosey doubled the score in their partnership to give their side hope, but again it was not to be Georgians' day. Amelia Sammons supplied the crucial breakthrough eighth wicket – she really is a fine addition to the AOM squad this season.

Leigh 81-8 (30; Poppy Donohue 19, Hannah Jones 3-8, Chloe Hawes 2-15, Hannah Marshall 2-22) (4pts)

Didsbury 82-4 (20.3; Roshini Prince-Navaratnam 35*, Donohue 2-10) (25pts)

- Hannah Jones wreaked some early damage in the Leigh top order before Poppy Donohue and Ella Smith led a recovery of sorts from 39-6. The final target was still well within Didsbury's reach though.

August 4:

Leigh 73-5 (16; Daisy Mullan 35, K Carson 2-6) (8pts)
Didsbury 77-5 (14.3; Hannah Jones 31, Zara Matthews 29*) (25pts)

- Hannah Jones and Zara Matthews have won a number of matches for Didsbury in recent years as a spin bowling partnership, but here they combined to score 78% of their team's runs in rapid time. Leigh must have fancied their chances earlier when opening bowlers Kasey Bentham and Poppy Donohue reduced Didsbury to one run for two wickets after 20 balls of the reply.

August 6:

Ashton-on-Mersey 79-6 (20; Claire Anderton 41, Natalie Bell 3-17) (7pts)
Stockport Georgians 80-5 (17.1; Emily Thomas 33, Amanda Gettins 3-7) (25pts)

- Stockport Georgians became the last team in the Eastern Division to record a win this year, reversing the result from the previous Sunday. Emily Thomas got their run chase off to a flying start and Georgians got home with room to spare, despite another fine spell from Amanda Gettins later in the innings.

August 9:

Stockport Trinity 149-6 (30; Jenny Dunn 71*) (25pts)
Leigh 119-8 (30; Ellie Davey 39*, Dunn 2-17, Alice Smith 2-18, Emma Royle 2-19) (7pts)

- Former Cheshire captain Jenny Dunn carried her bat through the innings to make the lion's share of the runs as Stockport Trinity remained unbeaten. A series of early wickets then snuffed out Leigh's hopes of a successful run chase.

Didsbury 163-4 (30; Roshini Prince-Navaratnam 72, Mishel Jeena 37*, Hannah Marshall 25, Tess Bailey 2-30) (25pts)
Stockport Georgians 94-6 (30; Emily Thomas 50*, Zara Matthews 3-13, Jones 2-7) (5pts)

- Another hugely impressive performance from Didsbury in all departments maintains their own 100 per cent record. Roshini Prince-Navaratnam scored at slightly more than one per ball and Mishel Jeena at slightly less than one per ball as they set their opponents a stiff target. Emily Thomas made runs for the second match in succession in the Georgians reply but regular wickets at the other end ensured victory for the Manchester club. Both of the scheduled meetings between Didsbury and Trinity are during the last three weeks of the season, so can the two clubs remain unbeaten until then?

Summer Series Development Division – August 2:

Heaton Mersey & Cheadle 49 (18.3; Kate Chapman 16, Jo Seddon 3-6, Grace Williams 2-7) (4pts)
Lindow 50-5 (15; Chapman 2-5) (25pts)

- A winning start for Lindow, but not without a scare along the way.

August 4:

Wistaston Village 82-5 (20; Nikki Jarvis 38*, Jenny Marvel 2-12) (7pts)
Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI 86-3 (14.2; Mandy Humphreys 31*, Juliet Wiles 27) (25pts)

- A half-century opening stand between Mandy Humphreys and Juliet Wiles set Chester on the way to a run chase they completed with something to spare.

August 9:

Lindow 106-3 (20; Jo Seddon 27, Claire Ashworth 25*, Ashlee Barnes 21, Ella Hirst 2-11) (25pts)

Langley 87-9 (20; Natalie Stevens 23, Lily Beckley 2-12, Hannah Brooks 2-13, Ashworth 2-18) (7pts)

- Langley gave a spirited performance in their first fixture since joining the league, but Lindow's three-figure target proved too stiff.

LEAGUE TABLES

Western Division		P	w	l	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Porthill Park</u>	4	4	0	0	0	3.92	100
2	<u>Upton</u>	4	2	2	2	6	-1.14	58
3	<u>Nantwich</u>	3	2	1	1	2	-0.46	53
4	<u>Chester Boughton Hall</u>	4	1	3	10	4	-1.23	39
5	<u>Oxton</u>	3	0	3	11	7	-2.05	18

Eastern Division		P	w	l	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
1	<u>Didsbury</u>	4	4	0	0	0	2.17	100
2	<u>Stockport Trinity</u>	3	3	0	0	0	1.91	75
3	<u>Stockport Georgians</u>	5	1	4	9	14	-0.72	48
4	<u>Leigh</u>	4	1	3	11	8	-0.99	44
5	<u>Ashton-on-Mersey</u>	4	1	3	9	6	-1.47	40

Development Division		P	w	l	BatP	BowlP	Pts	NRR
1	Lindow	2	2	0	0	0	50	1.06
2	Chester Boughton Hall 2 nd XI	1	1	0	0	0	25	1.9
3	Langley	1	0	1	5	2	7	-0.95
4	<u>Wistaston Village</u>	1	0	1	5	2	7	-1.9
5	Heaton Mersey & Cheadle	1	0	1	1	3	4	-0.88

Important message about junior players in open age cricket in 2020:

Following further discussions with the Director of the Cheshire Cricket Board, the County Welfare Officer, the Performance Manager and the Women and Girls Manager, a final decision has been reached over juniors playing in open age cricket for the remainder of the 2020 season.

Children who started school year 7 in September 2019 are not permitted to play any open age cricket. Any child wishing to play in open age cricket must have been in Year 8 or above in September 2019.

Cheshire Youth Cricket will not be selecting age group squads for the 2020 season, therefore any child in year 7 does not meet ECB criteria for playing in any open age cricket.

Players in year 7 can train with other juniors up to and including the Under 17 age group, as long as the club take steps to ensure it is a suitable training environment for each player.

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

With regret I have to report that the MCC have withdrawn from Thursday's scheduled fixture. The MCC were concerned about the Covid-19 restrictions in Greater Manchester and that there could be an impact on the match if these restrictions were tightened at short notice very close to the match date. A number of the MCC players travel significant distances for this fixture.

However, I am pleased to report that the League is now planning to stage a match involving 22 Cheshire club players in place of the scheduled MCC fixture. This will again be at Nantwich this Thursday, August 13, and it will be 40 overs per side with an 1130 start.