

## **CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

### **Division Two – July 1:**

Leigh 179-6 (40; Emma Capper 59, Georgia Taylor 25, Rachel Downs 22, Ella Smith 20\*, Alexa Harrison 2-28) (25pts)  
Oxton 129-6 (40; Tess Nixon 29, Rebecca Othick 22\*, Hannah Kowalski 20, Abbie Wright 2-30) (7pts)

- Emma Capper made it back-to-back half centuries as her Leigh side made it back-to-back wins over Oxton over the last two Sundays.

### **Division One / Two Cross Divisional – July 1:**

Stockport Georgians+ 58 (25.2; Beth Garnett 23, Zara Matthews 2-4, Abby Nicholson 2-9) (1pt)  
Didsbury\* 59-0 (11; Laura Griffiths 31\*, Leesa Mellon 23\*) (25pts)

- Didsbury produced a fine all-round bowling effort, then Laura Griffiths and Leesa Mellon continued their recent good form at the top of the order to complete the win.

Ashton-on-Mersey+ 80-5 (40; Azure Wilkinson 49\*) (2pts)  
Appleton\* 81-0 (13; Emma Barlow 57\*, Jess Lewis 12\*) (25pts)

- Appleton were in fine form as their title challenge continues. Appleton, Didsbury and Oakmere all have one defeat to their name at the top of division one

### **July 8:**

Wistaston Village\* 151-7 (40; Hannah Bratt 44, Katie Bennett 42, Hannah Wicks 3-15) (6pts)  
Stockport Trinity+ 153-1 (25.1; Sarah McCann 47\*, Kate Harvey 44, Jennie Kitzinger 26\*) (24pts)

- Wistaston made what looked like a decent total but are still looking for their first league win as Trinity made light work of the target. The Stockport club are just three wins away from wrapping up division two.

Oxton+ 59 (34.1; Hannah Kowalski 23, Raffaella Rodighiero 5-15, Leah Holland 2-5) (3pts)  
Oakmere\* 60-4 (13.5; Dawn Prestidge 22\*, Rebecca Othick 3-17) (25pts)

- In her first appearance of the season, Raffaella Rodighiero recorded one of the league's best bowling analyses of the season to fire her side to this victory.

Leigh+ 56 (20.3; Ella Smith 20, Hana Rafiq 5-15) (2pts)  
Didsbury\* 62-1 (12.2; Roshini Prince-Navaratharam 29\*, Hannah Jones 26\*) (25pts)

- The same five wicket haul was recorded here by Hana Rafiq, and it sent her Didsbury side top of division one on run rate, level with Appleton and two ahead of Oakmere.

Stockport Georgians+ 81 (31.3; Natalie Bell 31, Georgie Gill 20, Lorna Starkey 6-3, Hannah Snape 2-4) (3pts)  
Chester Boughton Hall\* 82-1 (14.2; Ali Cutler 37, Snape 22\*) (25pts)

- However, the best analysis of the season so far, and the fourth best in league history, was recorded by Lorna Starkey here, ripping through the lower order of a Georgians side who had made a decent start. Chester are just a further 14 points behind Oakmere, and with the bulk of the cross-divisional matches now played, we can look forward to some titanic battles between the four title contenders, starting this Sunday.

\*= first division club

+ = second division club

### **Division Three West – July 1:**

Nantwich 117-6 (30; Madi Hudson 51\*, Charlie Scudder 2-11, Ellen McGowan 2-28) (8pts)  
Upton 118-7 (24; Cath Williams 27, Lily Scudder 22, Hudson 2-7, Izzi Pearson 2-25) (25pts)

- Upton edged another tight contest with their closest rivals in the division. However, having beaten Nantwich twice – by margins of six runs and three wickets – and having won a cross-divisional match against Eastern Division leaders Appleton seconds, Upton are well and truly sitting pretty at the top.

### **Division Three East – July 1:**

Woodley 127-5 (20; Abby Barlow 66, Alex Wilson 35, S Hughes 2-33) (25pts)

Lymm Oughtrington Park 86-8 (20; Carol Ingham 50\*, Barlow 2-10, Emily Mason 2-19) (8pts)

- Despite Carol Ingham's half-century, the total posted by Woodley earlier in the day proved too stiff a chase.

### **July 2:**

Didsbury 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 56-5 (20; Rosie Wilson 18\*, Emily Page 3-7) (3pts)

Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 57-1 (10; Chloe Page 22\*) (25pts)

- Emily Page not only took three wickets but also bowled two maiden overs as Appleton extended their lead at the top.

### **July 9:**

Appleton 150-4 dec (17.3; Di Buckley 36 ret, Abbey Gore 33 ret, Poppy Beardsell 26\*) (25pts)

Marple 58-5 (20; Katherine Axon 20, Chris McLean 2-13) (3pts)

- Another big win for Appleton, as some rapid scoring was followed up by Annie Roberts conceding just one run in four overs.

### **Division Three Cross-Divisional – June 28:**

Lymm Oughtrington Park (25pts) w/o Chester Boughton Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> XI (minus 10pts)

Nantwich (25pts) w/o Marple (minus 10pts)

Division Three matches awaiting re-arrangement: Hawarden Park v Chester Boughton Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, Marple v Hawarden Park, Marple v Lymm Oughtrington Park, Woodley v Nantwich, Chester Boughton Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Woodley

Clubs unable to fulfil fixtures on the scheduled dates are urged to give their opposition as much notice as possible.

Permanent transfers:

Laurie Sheridan – Ashton-on-Mersey to Appleton

Player loans:

Carol Ingham – Lymm Oughtrington Park to Oakmere (for league matches)

Madi Hudson, Caitlin Davis & Grace Michell – Nantwich to Wistaston Village (for league matches)

Rachel Warrenger – Hawarden Park to Oakmere (for league matches)

Dual player registrations:

Carol Ingham to play Division 3 and Development Knockout for Lymm Oughtrington Park and T20 Divisional Competition for Oakmere Kats

Rachel Warrenger to play Division 3 and Development Knockout for Hawarden Park and T20 Divisional Competition for Oakmere Kats

## **KNOCKOUT CUPS**

### **Knockout Cup Quarter-Final – June 29:**

Stockport Trinity Fire 139-5 (20; Carys White 26ret, Jennie Kitzinger 25ret, Jen Regan 3-29)

Wistaston Swans 98 (18.4; Alison Smith 28ret, Kate Harvey 3-3, Gillian Spragg 2-15, Hattie Roberts 2-28)

- Wistaston themselves got close to three figures in this high-scoring match but were still well behind the imposing total posted by Trinity, who now go through to a home semi-final with Didsbury.

## **CHESHIRE SENIORS**

### **NatWest Women's County T20 Division Two – July 1:**

Scotland 154-3 (20; Lorna Jack 56\*, Rachel Scholes 32, Kathryn Bryce 29)  
Cheshire 139-5 (20; Kate Coppack 51, Dawn Prestidge 36, Abtaha Maqsood 3-14)

- Cheshire made an excellent fist of chasing down a large total posted by the promotion chasing Scotland team. Kate Coppack bowled her four overs for just 16 runs, then led the run chase.

Cheshire 122-7 (20; Katie Bennett 28, Megan Cureton 22\*, Rachel Hardy 2-12)  
Berkshire 101-9 (20; Ashleigh Muttitt 32\*, Hardy 22, Sarah Worsdale 2-10, Kate Coppack 2-14, Ellie Mason 2-18)

- Some vital late order runs took Cheshire to a competitive total, before some fine sets of bowling figures completed the job. The news got better when it transpired that all other results had gone the right way and Cheshire had indeed staved off relegation, with Berkshire joining Gloucestershire and Northamptonshire in the regional third divisions. In their first two seasons since reverting to T20 cricket only it could be said that Cheshire have achieved their goals in both – promotion last year and avoiding relegation this time.

Cheshire:

Dawn Prestidge, Kerry Hartnett, Sarah Worsdale (all Oakmere), Carys White (Stockport Trinity), Kate Coppack (Chester BH), Holly McCurrie, Georgia Heath (both Appleton), Katie Bennett (Wistaston Village), Megan Cureton, Molly Price (both Oxtan), Ellie Mason.

Scorer: Alan Rogers

The Cheshire senior women's team is sponsored by Stockport-based independent tax advisory firm [The TACS Partnership](#).

## **CHESHIRE JUNIOR GIRLS' TEAMS**

### **Women's Under 17 County Championship A Division Group 1 – June 27:**

Cheshire 272-5 (40; Katie Bennett 97, Georgia Heath 76, Megan Cureton 50)  
Nottinghamshire 220-4 (40; Madi Arthur 2-34)

- The warmest of all the recent hot days saw Cheshire's batsmen make hay in what may go down as one of the greatest team performances in the history of Cheshire girls' county cricket. Katie Bennett fell agonisingly short of a century, almost overshadowing what were still fine knocks from Georgia Heath and Megan Cureton. Bennett captained the team superbly in the field, and kept wicket, during the successful second innings, no mean feat after her long innings in the heat.

### **Women's Under 15 County Championship A Division Group 1 – June 25:**

Yorkshire 200 (36.1; Molly Price 3-10, Abby Nicholson 2-25, Zoe Cabral 2-29)  
Cheshire 97-9 (40; Price 16)

#### **June 26:**

Cheshire 118-6 (40; Georgia Heath 27, Sophie Morris 22)  
Northumberland 119-4 (29.5; Charlie Scudder 2-11)

### **Under 13 Friendlies – June 25:**

Cumbria 32 (9.3; Bailey Colman 7-4, Isabella Woodside 2-0)  
Cheshire 126-2 (18; Tilly Kesteven 53\*, Bethan Robinson 23, Charlotte Neal 22\*) – Cheshire continued to bat after reaching target

#### **July 5:**

Cheshire 152-3 (25; Lucy Neill 54, Grace Michell 43\*, Bailey Colman 20)  
Shropshire 93 (21; Tilly Kesteven 2-8, Gemma Black 2-10, Molly Saunders 2-12, Amy Wheeler 2-23)

### **Under 11 Friendlies – July 2:**

Shropshire 131 (29.1; Rosie Gorman 3-13)  
Cheshire 132-8 (23.2; Bea Lomas 34)

## **SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET**

*This has been sent to League captains and managers this week ...*

I would like to invite you to nominate players from your club for the League XI to play the MCC on August 30 at 11am at Ashton-on-Mersey CC. (I am led to believe Claire Taylor could finally be in the MCC side this year!)

It's unlimited nominations per club now, so feel free to nominate anyone you think deserves to play. Senior county players can be nominated, as can players from clubs outside Cheshire, as can players who represent counties other than Cheshire.

We have had division 3 players in the main 11 in the past, however maybe the best chance for development players to get involved is via one of the two 'fielding reserve' slots, and I would also welcome nominations here.

Finally, we also need 2 scorers, so again nominations welcome here.

Please check the nominated players are happy to play and don't expect to be on holiday etc. on the day

Nominations by July 23 please - this gives you two weekends to ask players and compile your nominations list.

## **OTHER NEWS**

Nominations are sought from the Cheshire cricket network for the ECB's Outstanding Service to Cricket Awards (OSCA's). Anyone wishing to make a nomination of a deserving candidate can visit the homepage of the Cheshire Cricket Board, where there is a link to a nomination form.

The closing date for nominations is July 31.

The categories are:

**Heartbeat of the Club** – for that special volunteer that your club simply couldn't do without, often the roles they carry out are behind the scenes. He/She often undertakes several roles and is always there to lend a hand.

**Leagues** - This award is aimed at recognising the outstanding contribution made by a League Official who has helped and supported an increase in participation to get more people playing more.

**Lifetime Achiever** – This individual will have made an outstanding difference to their cricket Club, League, Board or local cricket community over a significant number of years.

**NatWest CricketForce** - A club which has galvanised its members to support NWCF, gained support from local and national businesses, as well as linking with the local community in the recruitment of volunteers for club.

**Officiating (Umpires & Scorers)** - This award is for an official who has visibly increased the quality of officiating and standard player satisfaction of the cricket within their own club, league, or county.

**Young Volunteer** – This award is designed to highlight and show the fantastic contribution that young volunteers can make within the game.

Cheshire Cricket Board are offering [free cardiac screenings](#) for local cricketers.

## **ENGLAND WOMEN**

### **T20 Tri-Series – June 28:**

New Zealand 129 (18.1; Sophie Devine 52, Amy Satterthwaite 37, Anya Shrubsole 3-16, Danielle Hazell 2-21)  
England 130-3 (15.5; Sarah Taylor 51, Natalie Sciver 39\*, Heather Knight 24\*, Jess Watkin 2-27)

- A comprehensive win for England ahead of a meeting of the same two sides in the final

### **July 1:**

New Zealand 137-9 (20; Suzi Bates 31, Sophie Devine 31, Danielle Hazell 2-20, Katherine Brunt 2-26, Sophie Ecclestone 2-26)

England 141-3 (17.1; Danielle Wyatt 50, Tammy Beaumont 35, Natalie Sciver 21\*, Amelia Kerr 2-22)

- England's win in the final was their 13<sup>th</sup> in 14 T20 matches against New Zealand and maintains the team's unbeaten record on the Chelmsford ground. Katherine Brunt's two wickets in an over were crucial in pegging back the Kiwis after a fast start, but the same overall analysis was recorded by Sophie Ecclestone, who was later named Player of the Tournament.

### **First ODI – July 7:**

England 290-5 (50; Heather Knight 63, Amy Jones 63, Tammy Beaumont 40, Natalie Sciver 37, Katherine Brunt 30\*, Sarah Taylor 26, Amelia Kerr 2-36, Lea Tahuu 2-57)

New Zealand 148 (35.3; Sophie Devine 33, Suzi Bates 28, Maddie Green 21, Sciver 3-18, Laura Marsh 3-24, Georgia Elwiss 2-16)

- All of the top six contributed as England posted an imposing total, only really looking in any bother when leg-spinner Amelia Kerr was in operation. New Zealand's reliance on their opening pair was once again highlighted as they collapsed after an opening stand of 70.

### **Second ODI – July 10:**

England 241 (48; Tammy Beaumont 67, Natalie Sciver 54, Katherine Brunt 25, Amy Jones 20, Sophie Devine 2-26, Jess Watkin 2-30, Leigh Kasperek 2-49)

New Zealand 118 (38; Suzi Bates 24, Maddy Green 20, Sophie Ecclestone 3-14, Katie George 3-36)

- Sophie Ecclestone was again in fine form as England crushed the Kiwis to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the series.

## **FORTHCOMING FIXTURES**

### **Wednesday July 11**

Under 13 Softball Competition (1800):

North-West Group: Brooklands v Ashley

Women's Under 15 County Championship A Division Group 1 (1200): Yorkshire v Cheshire

Under 11 Friendly (1200): Staffordshire v Cheshire (at Cannock)

### **Thursday July 12**

Under 13 Softball Competition (1800):

South-East Group: Cheadle Hulme v Lindow

Women's Under 17 County Championship A Division Group 1 (1200): Lancashire v Cheshire (at Skelmersdale)

### **Friday July 13**

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):

Western Division: Wistaston Swans v Oakmere Kats

Eastern Division: Didsbury Swordettes v Ashton-on-Mersey

### **Saturday July 14**

Under 15 West Division (0930): North East Wales v Upton

### **Sunday July 15**

Cheshire Women's League (1330):

Division One: Didsbury v Appleton, Oakmere v Chester Boughton Hall

Division Two: Oxton v Stockport Trinity

Division Three Cross-Divisional: Nantwich v Marple

Development Knockout Cup Quarter-Final: Upton v Lymm Oughtrington Park Lightning

### **Monday July 16**

Cheshire Women's League (1830):

Division Three East: Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Woodley

Division Three Cross-Divisional: Didsbury 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Chester Boughton Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

Under 13 Friendly (1200): Cumbria v Cheshire (at Millom)

### **Tuesday July 17**

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):

Western Division: Chester Boughton Hall Deemons v Wistaston Swans

Women's Under 17 County Championship A Division Group 1: Cheshire v Durham (at Ashton-on-Mersey)

### **Wednesday July 18**

Cheshire Women's League (1830):

Division Three West: Upton v Chester Boughton Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

### **Thursday July 19**

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):

Eastern Division: Ashton-on-Mersey v Stockport Trinity Fire

**Friday July 20**

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):

Eastern Division: Didsbury Swordettes v Woodley

Women's Under 17 County Championship A Division Group 1: Durham v Cheshire

**Sunday July 22**

Cheshire Women's League (1330):

Division One: Chester Boughton Hall v Didsbury, Oakmere v Wistaston Village

Division Two: Oxton v Ashton-on-Mersey, Stockport Georgians v Leigh

Division Three Cross-Divisional: Woodley v Hawarden Park, Marple v Upton, Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Nantwich**Monday July 23**

Cheshire Women's League (1830):

Division Three East: Didsbury 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Woodley**LEAGUE TABLES**

Division 1	p	w	wcn	l	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
Didsbury	7	6	0	1	0	5	1.89	155
Appleton	7	6	0	1	3	2	1.38	155
Oakmere	7	5	1	1	1	2	1.29	153
Chester Boughton Hall	7	5	0	2	5	9	1.36	139
Wistaston Village	7	0	0	7	15	16	-2.12	31

Division 2	p	w	l	lcn	c	BatP	BowIP	Pen	NRR	Pts
Stockport Trinity	6	5	0	0	1	0	0	3	0.95	130
Leigh	8	2	5	0	1	8	10	0	-0.66	76
Ashton-on-Mersey	8	3	4	1	0	7	3	1	-0.22	74
Stockport Georgians	9	2	7	0	0	10	12	0	-1	72
Oxton	8	1	7	0	0	16	25	0	-1.49	66

p - Played, w - Won (25), wcn - Opposition Conceded (25), l - Lost (0), lcn - Team Conceded (-10), t - Tied (15), a - Abandoned (8), c - Cancelled (8), BatP - Batting Bonus Points, BowIP - Bowling Bonus Points, Pen - Penalty Points, NRR - Net run rate, Pts - Points

Division One is Chester Boughton Hall, Appleton, Didsbury, Oakmere and Wistaston Village Division Two is Ashton-on-Mersey, Leigh, Oxton, Stockport Georgians and Stockport Trinity. Each team will play the others in their division at home and away, plus one fixture against each of the teams in the other division. Teams will play 13 matches in total. One up one down promotion and relegation will apply between the two divisions.

Division 3 West	p	w	wcn	l	lcn	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
Upton	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	1.44	150
Nantwich	6	2	2	2	0	8	7	0.8	115
Hawarden Park	4	1	0	3	0	6	6	-0.89	37
Chester Boughton Hall 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	3	0	0	1	2	2	0	-3.2	-18

Division 3 East	p	w	wcn	l	lcn	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
Appleton 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	7	6	0	1	0	4	5	2.34	159
Didsbury 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	7	3	0	4	0	10	6	0.43	91
Woodley	4	3	0	1	0	4	1	1.22	80
Lymm Oughtrington Park	7	1	1	5	0	14	9	-2.79	73
Marple	6	0	0	5	1	14	9	-3.02	13

(Not including Marple v Didsbury 2<sup>nd</sup> from 25/6)

Division 3 West is Chester BH, Upton, Hawarden and Nantwich. Division 3 East is Appleton, Marple, Lymm, Woodley and Didsbury. Teams will play the others in their division home and away, and the teams in the other division once.

County T20 Division 2	p	w	l	NRR	Pts
Hampshire (C & P)	8	7	1	2.27	28
Wales (P)	8	7	1	1.95	28
Scotland	8	7	1	0.63	28
Durham	8	5	3	-0.1	20
Somerset	8	4	4	0.8	16
Cheshire	8	2	6	-0.86	8
Berkshire (R)	8	2	6	-0.74	8
Northamptonshire (R)	8	1	7	-1.9	4
Gloucestershire (R)	8	1	7	-2.2	4

Cheshire will be joined in division two next year by promoted sides Devon, Essex and Derbyshire, plus relegated Yorkshire and Worcestershire.