

## **CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

### **Division One – May 13:**

Appleton 123-4 (40; Holly McCurrie 69\*, Emma Barlow 25) (5pts)

Oakmere 126-4 (37; Shami Ahmed 49, Helen Smith 41, Sami Fowler 2-19) (25pts)

- Appleton's unbeaten run ended here, despite a career best from Holly McCurrie, as Shami Ahmed and Helen Smith led the way in a successful run chase to get Oakmere back on track after defeat the previous week.

Chester Boughton Hall 235-2 (40; Ali Cutler 60, Sammi Short 59\*, Kate Coppack 55, Lorna Starkey 35\*) (25pts)

Wistaston Village 114-2 (40; Katie Bennett 53\*, Toyin Higgs 26) (4pts)

- The batsmen were in charge at Chester as the home side maintained their title challenge. Of their three half-centurions, Kate Coppack undoubtedly provided the best entertainment, reaching her 50 in just 24 deliveries. Wistaston remain without a victory and are somewhat adrift of their four division one rivals, but will take comfort from only losing two wickets to a side of Chester's pedigree as they seek to climb the table in the coming weeks.

### **Division Two – May 13:**

Stockport Georgians 48 (25.5; Rosemary Duckworth 12, Alice Smith 4-10, Emma Royle 2-2, Hannah Wicks 2-2) (1pt)

Stockport Trinity 49-1 (11.4; Jennie Kitzinger 21) (25pts)

- Stockport Trinity maintained their 100 per cent record in what was the league's closest ever local derby – the two grounds are only metres apart. Once again Trinity bowled first and dismissed their opposition for a low total, paving the way for their third victory

### **Division One / Two Cross Divisional – May 6:**

Oakmere\* 62 (25.2; Helen Smith 14, Hannah Wicks 4-15, Georgia Bath 2-14, Katy Hart 2-18) (3pts)

Stockport Trinity+ 63-4 (28.1; Jennie Kitzinger 29\*, Sophie Connor 2-14) (25pts)

- Oakmere's spectacular start to the season was checked by a Stockport Trinity side who recorded a six-wicket win. Hannah Wicks and Katy Hart were again in the wickets for the Stockport club, backed up by some good fielding, and whilst there were a few nervous moments in their run chase, Jennie Kitzinger's composed innings saw her side home.
- Jennie Kitzinger will captain the MCC squad that will tour Belgium this summer. Laura MacLeod is also included in the tour party.

Appleton\* 255-5 (40; Emma Barlow 101 ret out, Georgia Heath 57\*, Anni Rashid 31\*, Rebecca Othick 2-57) (25pts)

Oxton+ 106-5 (40; Molly Price 33, Rashid 2-19) (6pts)

- In only the third week of the season, Appleton, who last won the League Championship in 2015, were already the last unbeaten side in the first division. Runs have been hard to come by for many clubs and batsmen on bowler-friendly early season pitches, but here Appleton's batsmen made hay, especially the ever-reliable Emma Barlow, who made the league's first century of the season, supported by a maiden fifty from Georgia Heath. Molly Price top scored for Oxton as they reached three figures in reply.

Leigh+ 105-7 (40; Carrie Blood 25, Emma Capper 21, Kasey Bentham 20\*, Lorna Starkey 2-12, Ali Cutler 2-15, Zoe Cabral 2-34) (4pts)

Chester Boughton Hall\* 106-2 (33.1; Cutler 61\*) (25pts)

- Several Leigh batsmen got starts, but Chester ultimately prevailed with something to spare, as Ali Cutler and Lorna Starkey continued their good early season form. This result leaves Stockport Trinity as the last unbeaten side in division two.

Ashton-on-Mersey 78+ (38.5; Sarah Sutcliffe 32, Roshini Prince-Navaratnam 3-5, Leesa Mellon 2-0, Hannah Jones 2-9, Zara Matthews 2-16) (3pts)

Didsbury 82-2\* (20.5; Jones 24, Mellon 23\*) (25pts)

- A good all-round bowling show ensured Didsbury recorded a second successive victory.

## May 7:

Stockport Georgians+ 135-8 (Natalie Bell 49\*, Georgie Gill 27, Alison Smith 4-19, Christine Lawson 2-25) (25pts)  
Wistaston Village\* 86 (21; Katie Haszeldine 31, Liv Bell 4-25, Beth Garnett 2-15) (6pts)

- Georgians made it two wins out of three against a Wistaston side still searching for their first victory. Natalie Bell shepherded the lower order well after her side had slipped from 43-1 to 86-6, adding 45 for the seventh wicket with Jane Bellwood. Katie Haszeldine and Jen Regan made 30 in the first four overs of the reply, but a triple wicket maiden from Liv Bell started a procession of the top order. The number of cross-divisional matches won by second division teams this weekend (two) is higher than in the whole of last season.

## May 13:

Didsbury\* 199-4 (40; Leesa Mellon 102\*, Zara Matthews 43, Kate Renshaw 2-32) (25pts)  
Oxton+ 117-3 (40; Megan Cureton 76\*) (5pts)

- Leesa Mellon became the league's second centurion of the season as Didsbury comfortably recorded a third win in succession, despite Megan Cureton's best efforts for the Wirral side. Didsbury, like Oakmere, Appleton and Chester, have lost one match so far this season, so we could be set for a closely fought and dramatic title race this season. Chester lead by a single point at present, with three points separating the four teams.

\*= first division club

+ = second division club

## Division Three West – May 13:

Upton 111-6 (30; Lily Scudder 68\*, Sophie Winward 3-21) (25pts)  
Nantwich 105-4 (30; Grace Michell 24, Madi Hudson 22, Charlie Scudder 2-18) (7pts)

- Both sides recorded hugely impressive wins in their first matches as league member clubs, but here the points went to the Wirral-based side as, following Lily Scudder's impressive innings, their bowlers held their nerve in the final overs.

## Division Three East – May 7:

Woodley 74-9 (20; Abi Barlow 26, Amy Jones 4-3, Georgia Heath 3-7) (5pts)  
Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 76-2 (18; Amy Jones 29\*) (25pts)

- Amy Jones starred in both departments as Appleton's seconds won their first match

## May 13:

Lymm Oughtrington Park 100-5 (20; Sue Jones 23, K Axon 2-4, A Smith 2-6) (25pts)  
Marple 89-7 (20; Smith 31, Lorraine Robinson 3-16, K Williams 2-9, A Evans 2-30) (8pts)

- Unlike Upton, Nantwich and Appleton seconds before them, Marple narrowly failed to record a victory in their first match, edged out by the ever improving Lymm team.

## Division Three Cross-Divisional – May 7:

Didsbury 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 22 (20.4; Charlie Scudder 2-2) (0pts)  
Upton 23-0 (6.1; Ellen McGowan 16\*) (25pts)

- A truly spectacular start for Upton, who made light work of Didsbury to win their first ever competitive match by the astounding margin of ten wickets.

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

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The League players selected for two showcase T20 matches at Oakmere on Bank Holiday Monday (May 28) are:

Kate Coppack, Lauren O'Reilly, Hannah Snape, Nadia Wheeler (Chester BH), Megan Cureton, Alexa Harrison, Molly Price (Oxton), Rosie Davis, Leesa Mellon, Kate Scott-Griffiths (Didsbury), Sarah McCann, Jennie Kitzynger, Carys White (Stockport Trinity), Sami Fowler, Georgia Heath, Olivia Horsfield (Appleton), Katie Haszeldine (Wistaston Village), Maria Kerrison (Ashton-on-Mersey), Dawn Prestidge, Sarah Worsdale, Kerry Hartnett (Oakmere).

## **LEAGUE TABLES**

<b>Division 1</b>	<b>p</b>	<b>w</b>	<b>l</b>	<b>BatP</b>	<b>BowIP</b>	<b>NRR</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Chester Boughton Hall	4	3	1	2	4	1.55	81
Didsbury	4	3	1	0	5	1.11	80
Appleton	4	3	1	3	2	1	80
Oakmere	4	3	1	1	2	1.05	78
Wistaston Village	4	0	4	7	11	-1.8	18

<b>Division 2</b>	<b>p</b>	<b>w</b>	<b>l</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>BatP</b>	<b>BowIP</b>	<b>NRR</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Stockport Trinity	4	3	0	1	0	0	1.44	83
Stockport Georgians	4	2	2	0	0	2	-0.5	52
Oxton	3	0	3	0	7	10	-2.13	17
Leigh	2	0	1	1	3	1	-0.57	12
Ashton-on-Mersey	3	0	3	0	5	3	-2.16	8

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 East	p	w	l	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
Lymm Oughtrington Park	1	1	0	0	0	0.55	25
Appleton 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	1	1	0	0	0	0.52	25
Marple	1	0	1	5	3	-0.55	8
Woodley	1	0	1	4	1	-0.52	5
Didsbury 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	1	0	1	0	0	-3	0

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.

## **OTHER NEWS**

Cheshire Cricket Board are recruiting for two full-time [Coaching Officers](#).

## **FORTHCOMING FIXTURES**

### **Monday May 14**

Cheshire Women's League (1830):

Division Three East: Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Lymm Oughtrington Park, Didsbury 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Marple

Knockout Cup (1830):

Round One: Woodley v Stockport Trinity Fire

Friendly Match (1200):

Lancashire v Cheshire U13 (at East Lancs CC)

### **Thursday May 17**

Under 15 County Championship A Division Group 1 (1200): Durham v Cheshire (at Sacriston)

### **Sunday May 20**

Cheshire Women's League (1330):

Division One/Two Cross-Divisional: Chester Boughton Hall v Oxton, Oakmere v Leigh, Wistaston Village v Ashton-on-Mersey

Division Three Cross-Divisional: Marple v Appleton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

Division Three West: Upton v Hawarden Park

National Knockout Round Two: Norden v Didsbury, Whitwell v Stockport Georgians

### **Monday May 21**

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):

Western Division: Appleton Tigers v Chester Boughton Hall Deemons, Oakmere Kats v Wistaston Swans

### **Wednesday May 23**

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):

Eastern Division: Stockport Trinity Fire v Woodley

Under 15 County Championship A Division Group 1 (1200): Cheshire v Lancashire

### **Thursday May 24**

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):

Eastern Division: Ashton-on-Mersey v Didsbury Swordettes

Cheshire Women's League (1830):

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

**Sunday May 27**

Cheshire Women's League (1330):

Division Three West: Hawarden Park v Nantwich

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

**Monday May 28**

Cheshire T20 showcase (at Oakmere, 1200)

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