

## **CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

### **Division One – May 7:**

Oakmere 185-2 (40; Dawn Prestidge 97\*, Raffaella Rodighiero 52\*) (25pts)

Appleton 116 (40; Emma Barlow 42, Laura Jackson 38\*, Jane Tarpey 3-17, Vicky Heaton 3-24, Sarah Worsdale 2-10) (4pts)

- Oakmere made it three wins from three by negotiating a tough-looking trip to Appleton. Once again, the Northwich-based side piled on the runs batting first, although on this occasion it was Dawn Prestidge and Raffaella Rodighiero who made hay. Oakmere are now the only unbeaten side in the first division.

Chester Boughton Hall 100 (37.5; Sammi Short 29, Kate Coppack 25, Amna Malik 4-25, Leesa Mellon 2-7, Hannah Jones 2-9) (25pts)

Didsbury 79-9 (40; Rosie Davis 19, Short 3-8, Holly Chambers 2-12, Coppack 2-15) (7pts)

- 2016 champions Chester finally recorded their first win, having opened the season with two defeats. However, it wasn't all plain sailing once again for Boughton Hall, and Didsbury got much closer than might have been the case after they were reduced to 16-5. Chester's Sammi Short and Didsbury's Hannah Jones both bowled five maidens in their eight over stints.

### **May 14:**

Stockport Trinity 45 (16.5; Kate Coppack 6-15, Lorna Starkey 2-16) (0pts)

Chester Boughton Hall 46-0 (11; Ali Cutler 24\*, Starkey 8\*) (25pts)

- After two defeats, followed by a first win when they still weren't at their best, Chester really kickstarted their season with a devastating example of just what they are still capable of. Kate Coppack's six wickets led the way to a victory that was completed before 4pm.

Appleton 129-7 (40; Laura Jackson 76\*, Charlotte Champion 3-9, Amna Malik 2-20) (25pts)

Didsbury 122 (40; Hannah Jones 32, Leesa Mellon 31, Georgia Heath 3-11, Jess Lewis 3-27) (7pts)

- Appleton were immensely grateful to Lancashire starlet Laura Jackson, who made almost 60 per cent of their modest total in this nailbiting win. For Didsbury the wait for a league win goes on – despite their successes in T20 competitions the South Manchester side have not won a 40 over match for almost 12 months. Here they fell agonizingly short, bowled out in the final over to lose by just seven runs.

### **Division Two – May 7:**

Ashton-on-Mersey 122 (38; Sarah Sutcliffe 19, Katie Bennett 4-24) (4pts)

Wistaston Village 123-2 (25; Alison Smith 49\*, Bennett 27\*) (25pts)

- A second win for Wistaston, achieved with all of 15 overs in hand, inflicting a second defeat in the process. Katie Bennett, who has often kept wicket for Wistaston and other league clubs in the past, shone as a bowler here.

### **May 14:**

Wistaston Village 189 (40; Katie Bennett 68, Agnes Firth 43, Alison Smith 20, Alexa Harrison 4-35, Freya Davies 3-21) (15pts)

Oxton 189 (40; Amy Benson 44, Charlotte Scudder 38, Harrison 20, Hannah Bratt 4-24) (15pts)

- Oxton's last wicket fell to a run out off the final ball as they sought the single that would have given them an extraordinary victory, and would have broken Wistaston's own record for the league's record run chase. Instead, the match ended in a no less extraordinary tie, with the teams having shared 378 runs, the highest in the history of the second division. In such a high scoring match, Alexa Harrison and Hannah Bratt each took four wickets. The teams in division two look very evenly matched and more closely fought matches are surely in store.

### **Division One / Two Cross Divisional – May 14:**

Leigh 60 (33; Ellen Bradshaw 10, Jane Tarpey 2-5, Rachel Warrenger 2-6, Kate Skelhorn 2-10, Hannah Thorley 2-14) (2pts)

Oakmere 61-2 (16; Dawn Prestidge 26\*, Kasey Bentham 2-14) (25pts)

- Oakmere march on with their fourth win out of four. Oakmere's two loan players – Rachel Warrenger and Hannah Thorley – shared four wickets in a good all-round bowling show for the Northwich club.
- Oakmere's previous wins have all been achieved by batting first and compiling a large total. Not only have Oakmere batsmen achieved five of the seven Division One scores of 50 or above so far, but four of these have been scores of 90 or above – Helen Smith's 90 not out, Dawn Prestidge's 97 not out and Kerry Hartnett's 102 not out and 101. The only other first division players to raise their bats for a half-century so far are Stockport Trinity's Jennie Kitzinger and Appleton's Laura Jackson, while Chester and Didsbury are yet to salute their first half-centurion.
- In contrast, all four division two clubs have had at least one half-century so far – Tess Nixon and Alexa Harrison of Oxtun, Nicky Deane of Leigh, Amanda Gettins of Ashton-on-Mersey and Wistaston's Alison Smith and Katie Bennett have all achieved the feat so far.

### **Division Three – May 8:**

Didsbury 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 117-6 (20) (25pts)

Stockport Georgians 74-4 (20; Beth Garnett 33, Hannah Marshall 2-) (7pts)

(Full performance details not available at present)

- Didsbury compiled a formidable total to reverse their defeat to Georgians from just eight days earlier.

### **May 14:**

Stockport Georgians 91 (30; Liv Bell 20) (25pts)

Woodley 77 (26; Nicole Baker-Tunney 3-9, Beth Garnett 3-10) (7pts)

(Full performance details not available at present)

- Excellent figures from some of the Georgians attack as they recorded their second league win.

An important notice to clubs to remind them that for all League matches in Division 1-3, traditional white cricket clothing should be worn, and a traditional red ball should be used. Coloured clothing and pink balls are only for use in the T20 West & East Divisions and the Knockout Cups. A proposal to allow coloured clothing in League matches was rejected when last discussed at the January 2016 Rules meeting. Any club wishing to propose an alteration should do so at a future meeting, or propose an EGM.

Dual player registrations:

Dawn Prestidge – Oakmere for league cricket and Chester Boughton Hall for T20 competitions

Player loans authorised (for main league competition only):

Hannah Thorley – Chester Boughton Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> XI to Oakmere

## **CHESHIRE SENIORS**

Cheshire will prepare for their T20 campaign by staging two matches between West and East Cheshire, both to be played on Sunday May 28. Members of the current county squad will all be allocated to one of these regional teams, with the remaining places in the squads of 14 to be filled by leading players from CWCL clubs which have entered the T20 divisional competition. The two back-to-back fixtures will serve a dual purpose: it will give the Cheshire T20 squad the chance to get high-quality match practice ahead of the campaign, and it will allow some deserving candidates from clubs to gain additional representative recognition. Batsmen will not retire on reaching 25 in these matches. Di Totty will manage West Cheshire and Sarah McCann will take charge of East Cheshire, and Di and Sarah would be interested in hearing about any players who club captains/coaches/managers wish to nominate for these matches. Look forward to seeing you at what should be a great showcase of the county's best players. Please keep an eye on the League website and Twitter feed closer to the day itself for further details of these fixtures.

## LEAGUE TABLES

Division One	p	w	l	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
Oakmere	4	4	0	0	0	2.01	100
Chester Boughton Hall	4	2	2	7	3	-0.17	60
Appleton	3	2	1	3	1	-0.2	54
Stockport Trinity	3	1	2	4	5	-0.63	34
Didsbury	3	0	3	6	10	-0.81	16

Division Two	p	w	l	t	BatP	BowIP	NRR	Pts
Wistaston Village	3	2	0	1	0	0	0.88	65
Oxton	3	1	1	1	4	4	-0.26	48
Leigh	3	1	2	0	4	2	-0.51	31
Ashton-on-Mersey	2	0	2	0	7	6	-1.17	13

Division One is Chester Boughton Hall, Appleton, Didsbury, Oakmere and Stockport Trinity Division Two is Ashton-on-Mersey, Leigh, Wistaston Village and Oxton. 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 12 matches in total in division one and 11 in division two. One up one down promotion and relegation will apply between the two divisions.

## **FORTHCOMING FIXTURES**

### **Tuesday May 16**

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

### **Thursday May 18**

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

### **Sunday May 21**

Cheshire Women's League (1330):

Division One: Stockport Trinity v Appleton, Didsbury v Oakmere

Division Two: Ashton-on-Mersey v Leigh

Division Three: Hawarden Park v Lymm Oughtrington Park

### **Monday May 22**

Women's Under 15 County Championship A Division Group 1 (1200): Nottinghamshire v Cheshire (at Kirkby Portland)

### **Tuesday May 23**

T20 Western Division (1830): Chester Boughton Hall Deemons v Wistaston Swans

T20 Eastern Division (1830): Woodley v Ashton-on-Mersey

Under 13 County Friendly (1300): Cheshire v Lancashire (at Upton)

### **Wednesday May 24**

T20 Eastern Division (1830): Stockport Trinity Fire v Didsbury Swordettes

### **Sunday May 28**

Senior Representative Matches: West Cheshire v East Cheshire

## **WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE**

Sky Sports will televise eight matches in the Super League in 2017. The first six matches in the round-robin competition will be shown as part of double-headers with matches in the men's County T20 Blast. Sky will then also take its cameras to Finals Day at Hove on September 1. This is the first time that UK domestic women's cricket will be shown on TV.

Lancashire Thunder have three home matches. The first will be on the afternoon of Wednesday August 16 against Surrey Stars at Old Trafford, and will be part of a televised double-header, with a men's match (Lancashire Lightning v Worcestershire Rapids) to follow at 1830. The Thunder also play stand-alone home matches on Sunday August 20 versus Loughborough Lightning at Blackpool CC, and on Wednesday August 23 against Southern Vipers at Liverpool CC. All three matches are scheduled to start at 1430.

We look forward to seeing as many people with a connection to Cheshire women's or girls' cricket at Old Trafford or Liverpool. (The Blackpool match is however on the same day as the CWCL Finals Day). Lancashire Thunder is in no way a Lancashire county side – it represents the entire North West region, and includes players from Cheshire in the squad, so there is every reason to get behind this team and to wish them every success.

Tickets for Stand A (where under 18s tickets are available for just £4 and adults £10, so probably the best for a club group trip) for the Old Trafford match can NOW be purchased [here](#), and general admission tickets for the Liverpool match can be purchased [here](#).

For the Old Trafford match, the ticket also includes the men's match.

[Danielle Hazell is the new captain](#) of Lancashire Thunder. Other confirmed Thunder players so far are Australia's Jess Jonassen, England's Kate Cross and the New Zealand duo of Amy Satterthwaite and Lea Tahuu. Sarah Taylor will also be in the squad if she is fit to return to the sport.