

NATIONAL KNOCKOUT

National Knockout Round Four – June 3:

Leyland 107-6 (20; Hannah Snape 23*, Abigail Bates 23, Millie Procter 23, Amna Malik 2-32)
Didsbury 108-3 (16; Leesa Mellon 38, Laura Griffiths 28, Lisa Boardman 2-29)

- Leyland looked to have posted a competitive total, but Didsbury's opening pair lead the way in making light work of the target – Leesa Mellon scored her runs off just 25 deliveries and Laura Griffiths used up just 33 balls. Didsbury now play in the regional final – effectively the national quarter-final, away to Sessay of North Yorkshire on June 17. If they win that, they will be one of four teams to compete in the national Finals Day at Newport on June 24.

CHESHIRE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Division One / Two Cross Divisional – June 3

Stockport Trinity+ 152 (38.2; Carys White 49, Sarah McCann 36, Kate Harvey 22, Hannah Snape 5-20) (25pts)
Chester Boughton Hall* 112-9 (40; Ali Cutler 22, Snape 20, Gillian Spragg 4-12) (8pts)

- Stockport Trinity march on at the top of division two, recording their second win in a cross-divisional match this year. Despite Hannah Snape's five wicket haul, Trinity reached a solid total, before Gillian Spragg led the way with the ball in completing victory. This is Chester's second league defeat of the year, and perhaps they can't afford any more slip-ups if they are to regain the title.

Appleton* 131-8 (40; Holly McCurrie 38, Sami Fowler 30*, Kasey Bentham 3-24) (25pts)
Leigh+ 61 (26.4; Rachel Downs 28, Fowler 3-7, Nathalie Long 2-8, Jess Lewis 2-13) (5pts)

- Appleton and Oakmere are now perhaps in pole position, each having just one defeat to their name (the same also applies to Didsbury, who have games in hand following their successes in the National.)

Wistaston Village* 97-6 (40; Morganne Prince 22, Molly Price 2-14) (3pts)
Oxton+ 99-1 (21; Megan Cureton 54*, Tessie Nickson 34*) (25pts)

- Oxton decisively prevailed in this match of two teams who were previously without a win.

Oakmere* (25pts) w/o Ashton-on-Mersey+ (minus 10pts)

*= first division club

+ = second division club

Division One/Two matches awaiting re-arrangement: Didsbury v Stockport Georgians (due to National Knockout involvement)

Division Three West – June 10:

Nantwich (25pts) w/o Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI (minus 10pts)

Division Three East – June 4:

Didsbury 2nd XI 73-4 (20; Ellen Gallimore 34*, Kate Scott-Griffiths 21, Alex Wilson 3-4) (7pts)
Woodley 74-5 (19.4 overs; Nic Derbyshire 19, K.Carson 2-12) (25pts)

- Woodley registered their first win of the season after edging a thrilling run chase

June 8:

Didsbury 2nd XI 178-2 (20; Hannah Marshall 87*, S Davies 37) (25pts)
Marple 76-7 (20; A Smith 12, Tasneem Akram 2-13, Anisa Sharif 2-15) (5pts)

- Didsbury decisively won this clash of two sides who were both waiting for their first win of the year

Division Three Cross-Divisional – June 3:

Upton 153-5 (20; Lily Scudder 52 ret out, Sophie Morris 50 ret out) (25pts)
Lymm Oughtrington Park 57-9 (20; Carol Ingham 23, Charlie Scudder 3-1) (4pts)

- Upton march on as a century opening stand led the way in decisively maintaining their 100 per cent record.

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

The regulations for Division 1/2 and for the Finals of the T20 Divisional and the Knockout Cup contain the following:

“Coaching shall not be permitted from non-players during a match. In such an event, the umpire shall request the coach/manager/parent/spectator or other person carrying out the coaching activity to stop. If this persists, the umpire shall have the power to warn the offending team captain and manager that the matter will be reported. For the purposes of this regulation, ‘coaching’ will include assistance with setting the field and the conveying of detailed tactical instructions.”

Following discussions at the recent Committee meeting, the League wishes to clarify that the use of the wording “during a match” applies only to occasions when play is in progress. Players may still receive coaching from their captain; and from coaches, managers and other non-players, during all intervals and stoppages, including drinks intervals.

The regulations for Division 3 and the preliminary rounds of the T20 competitions do not specifically forbid coaching. Coaches, managers and other non-players are still able to coach players during play, within reason, in these matches.

Player loans:

Ashlee Prince & Izzi Pearson – Nantwich to Wistaston Village

Dual player registrations:

Megan Cureton to play for Oxton in Division 2 and for Chester Boughton Hall Deemons in the T20 Divisional Competition and Knockout Cup

The League’s annual Presentation Dinner will be held on Saturday September 29 at Frodsham Golf Club.

KNOCKOUT CUPS

Knockout Cup Quarter-Final – June 4:

Stockport Georgians 53-8 (20; Rosemary Duckworth 13, Nathalie Long 3-12, Annie Rashid 2-1)
Appleton Tigers 55-1 (10.5; Holly McCurrie 26ret)

- Appleton’s bowling attack all returned good figures, then Holly McCurrie continued her good form with the bat in the run chase

June 10:

Didsbury Swordettes 158-1 (20; Laura Griffiths 26ret, Roshini Prince-Navaratnam 25ret, Tilly Kesteven 25ret, Zara Matthews 25ret, Amy Walkman 22)
Oxton 71-9 (20; Lucy Andrews 11, Prince-Navaratnam 3-5, Kate Scott-Griffiths 2-6)

- A powerful batting display from their top five sent Didsbury through to a semi-final, away to either Stockport Trinity or Wistaston

Knockout fixtures awaiting re-arrangement: Oakmere Kats v Chester Boughton Hall Deemons

Development Knockout Cup Quarter Final – June 3:

Nantwich Vipers 90-8 (20; SophieGould 15*, Abi Barlow 2-6, K Pannett 2-16)
Woodley 51 (17.2; Barlow 26ret, Madi Hudson 3-1, Izzi Pearson 3-10, Gould 2-5)

- Nantwich didn’t compile a huge total, but they still progressed with something to spare, as only Abi Barlow was able to get to grips with some fine bowling from the likes of Madi Hudson and Izzi Pearson.

Development Knockout fixtures awaiting re-arrangement: Upton v Lymm Oughtrington Park Lightning

LEAGUE TABLES

Division 1	p	w	wcn	l	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
Oakmere	6	4	1	1	1	2	1.1	128
Chester Boughton Hall	6	4	0	2	5	9	1.15	114
Appleton	5	4	0	1	3	2	1.15	105
Didsbury	4	3	0	1	0	5	1.11	80
Wistaston Village	6	0	0	6	10	15	-2.17	25

Division 2	p	w	l	lcn	c	BatP	BowlP	Pen	NRR	Pts
Stockport Trinity	5	4	0	0	1	0	0	2	0.77	106
Stockport Georgians	4	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0.04	52
Oxton	5	1	4	0	0	9	15	0	-1.38	49
Ashton-on-Mersey	5	1	3	1	0	5	3	0	-0.31	23
Leigh	4	0	3	0	1	7	6	0	-1.22	21

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, BowlP - 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	BowlP	NRR	Pts
Upton	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1.92	100
Nantwich	4	2	1	1	0	4	3	1.27	82
Hawarden Park	3	0	0	3	0	6	6	-1.62	12
Chester Boughton Hall 2 nd XI	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	-3.2	-8

Division 3 East	p	w	l	BatP	BowlP	NRR	Pts
Appleton 2 nd XI	4	4	0	0	0	3.04	100
Didsbury 2 nd XI	3	1	2	4	3	0.13	32
Lymm Oughtrington Park	3	1	2	3	4	-2.56	32
Woodley	2	1	1	4	1	-0.19	30
Marple	3	0	3	12	5	-3.26	17

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.

CHESHIRE SENIORS

NatWest Women's County T20 Division Two – June 10:

Cheshire 90-7 (20; Kerry Hartnett 16, Bailey Wanless 2-10, Sophie Jacobson 2-28)

Durham 91-2 (17.2; Laura Hockaday 37, Rachel Hopkins 27*)

- Cheshire returned to the national second division of the T20 competition after one season in the regional division 3, and found life hard in this opening match, losing regular wickets. Despite some economical bowling figures, Durham always looked in control of their run chase.

Cheshire 106-7 (20; Ellie Mason 23)

Wales 108-5 (18.5; Gabby Basketter 24, Claire Nicholas 23, Rachel Priest 22, Dawn Prestidge 2-12, Kerry Hartnett 2-31)

- Cheshire played better in the second match but Wales still ultimately prevailed. Wales reached 33-0 in four overs thanks largely to their international star Rachel Priest, but once she departed, Wales had things much less their own way.

Cheshire:

Both matches:

Dawn Prestidge, Kerry Hartnett, Phoebe Cottam (all Oakmere), Carys White (Stockport Trinity), Kate Coppack, Lauren O'Reilly (both Chester BH), Holly McCurrie (Appleton), Katie Bennett (Wistaston Village), Megan Cureton (Oxton), Ellie Mason.

First match only: Georgia Heath (Appleton)

Second match only: Molly Price (Oxton)

Scorer: Alan Rogers

CHESHIRE JUNIOR GIRLS' TEAMS

Women's Under 17 County T20 Group 1 – May 31:

Cheshire 108-6 (20; Megan Cureton 27)
Cumbria 64 (16.3; Kaytlin Watterson 3-11, Molly Price 2-11)

Durham 130-5 (20; Hope Anderson 2-29)
Cheshire 108-7 (20; Katie Bennett 39, Megan Cureton 38)

- This double-header began with a solid batting effort and an excellent bowling performance to see off Cumbria, but in the second match Durham just made too many for Cheshire to chase.

Women's Under 15 County T20 Group 1 – May 29:

Cumbria 108-3 (20; Zoe Cabral 2-18)
Cheshire 109-1 (16.5; Georgia Heath 53*, Sophie Morris 27*)

Northumberland 144-2 (20)
Cheshire 115-8 (20; Georgia Heath 68)

- Georgia Heath had a superb day with the bat, but her efforts could only bring out one victory from two for Cheshire

JUNIOR GIRLS CLUB CRICKET & SENIOR WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Macclesfield have four wins from four in the South/East group of the under 13 softball competition, while in the North/West group, Sale have won three matches out of four.

LANCASHIRE THUNDER

Tickets are now on sale for Lancashire Thunder's Women's Super League matches at Old Trafford. On Friday August 3 at 1430, the Thunder play Western Storm, and tickets can be purchased [here](#). On Tuesday August 7, Thunder host Surrey Stars, again at 1430 – visit here for [tickets](#). Both matches are part of double-headers with Lancashire Lightning matches in the men's T20 Blast, so there should be cricketing entertainment on offer until after 2100 on both days, and the tickets allow you to stay on and watch the men's matches for no extra charge. It is recommended that anyone associated with Cheshire cricket purchases an unreserved seat in Stand B, where under 18 tickets cost just £1, and where adult tickets are priced at £12 and £5 respectively for the two matches.

General admission tickets for the match against Yorkshire Diamonds at Blackpool CC on Tuesday August 14 (1430 start) can be purchased [here](#) - £5 for adults, £1 for under 18s. This is a stand-alone women's fixture and there will be no men's game that day.

Lancashire Thunder have two more home fixtures in the expanded Super League programme, but these are both on club cricket Sundays.

The August 7 home match will be televised, but the August 3 match will not. There is also the chance to watch two Lancashire Thunder away matches on Sky TV on July 27 and July 31 – these will be screened on the subscription channel Sky Sports Cricket, and maybe also on the free-to-air channel Sky Sports Mix.

ENGLAND WOMEN

First One-Day International – June 9:

England 189-9 (50; Katherine Brunt 72*, Shabnim Ismail 3-25, Ayabonga Khaka 3-42)
South Africa 193-3 (45.3; Lizelle Lee 92*, Dane van Niekerk 58, Mignon du Preez 36*, Anya Shrubsole 2-36)

- This was most certainly not what was hoped for, or indeed anticipated, in England's first home match since the World Cup. Katherine Brunt's innings rescued England from a dire position at 97-8, but the final total was still not enough to test South Africa. Although they were reduced to 5-2 early in their reply, and several bowlers produced economical spells – Sophie Ecclestone conceding 32 in her ten overs – the Springboks got home with room to spare. The second match of the series is at Hove at 1300 on Tuesday.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Monday June 11

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):

Western Division: Oakmere Kats v Appleton Tigers

Eastern Division: Woodley v Didsbury Swordettes

Tuesday June 12

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):

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

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

Under 13 Softball Competition (1815):

North/West Group: Sale v Didsbury

Wednesday June 13

Under 13 Softball Competition (1815):

North/West Group: Brooklands v Heaton Mersey

Thursday June 14

Under 13 Friendly (1300): Cheshire v Lancashire (at Lymm Oughtrington Park)

Friday June 15

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):

Western Division: Wistaston Swans v Chester Boughton Hall Deemons

Sunday June 17

Cheshire Women's League (1330):

Division Two: Ashton-on-Mersey v Leigh

Division One/Two Cross-Divisional: Appleton v Stockport Georgians

Division Three West: Upton v Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI

Division Three East: Woodley v Marple, Lymm Oughtrington Park v Didsbury 2nd XI

National Knockout Regional Final: Sessay v Didsbury

Women's County T20 Division Two (both at Taunton Deane):

(1030): Somerset v Cheshire

(1330): Cheshire v Hampshire

Monday June 18

Cheshire Women's League (1830):

Division Three East: Didsbury 2nd XI v Lymm Oughtrington Park

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):

Western Division: Appleton Tigers v Wistaston Swans

Tuesday June 19

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):

Western Division: Chester Boughton Hall Deemons v Oakmere Kats

Wednesday June 20

Under 13 Softball Competition (1815):

North/West Group: Heaton Mersey v Sale

Thursday June 21

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):

Eastern Division: Ashton-on-Mersey v Woodley

Under 13 Friendly: Leicestershire v Cheshire

Friday June 22

T20 Divisional Competition (1830):

Eastern Division: Didsbury Swordettes v Stockport Trinity Fire

Sunday June 24

Cheshire Women's League (1330):

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

Division Three Cross-Divisional: Upton v Appleton 2nd XI (at Appleton), Hawarden Park v Didsbury 2nd XI, Chester Boughton Hall 2nd XI v Woodley

Development Knockout Cup:

Quarter-Final: Hawarden Park v Didsbury 2nd XI (double-header with league match)

Semi-Final: Nantwich Vipers v Marple

National Knockout Finals Day (at Newport) – to comprise the winners of the four regional sections, which will include Didsbury if they beat Sessay on June 17

Under 13 Softball Competition (0900):

North/West Group: Ashley v Sale

Women's County T20 Division Two (both at Finedon Dolben):

(1030): Northamptonshire v Cheshire

(1330): Cheshire v Gloucestershire

Monday June 25

Cheshire Women's League (1830):

Division Three East: Marple v Didsbury 2nd XI

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

Under 13 Softball Competition (1800):

North/West Group: Didsbury v Brooklands