

LEAGUE NEWS

From the CWCL AGM held on November 18:

Moorfield CC from Widnes were elected as the League's 12th full member club. They will play in Division Two of the League and will also enter both cup competitions, meaning that with New Brighton continuing to play club cricket, both cup competitions will have 13 entrants.

The 2010 regulations for all CWCL competitions were formally adopted. The following changes to regulations had already been agreed at a meeting held on September 30:

- 8 points each shall remain the standard points allowance for league matches that are washed out.
- In the event that a league match commences but the weather then curtails play before sufficient overs have been bowled for a result, the two sides shall both receive 8 points plus bonus points gained up to the point the match is abandoned.
- League matches where no play is possible due to weather conditions can be re-arranged, but only by mutual consent of the two teams involved, and only to the Sunday following the original date.
- If teams tie on points, number of wins, number of losses and head-to-head record in the league, then the teams will be split according to net run rate.
- Players can represent a different club in cup competitions than in that which they represent in the main league. (Players wishing to take advantage of this must register their intentions with the League Committee prior to playing their first match of the season for their second club).
- A player representing one club in a cup competition then becomes 'cup-tied' and cannot play for any other club in cup cricket in the same season. Transfers for cup cricket would not be permitted.
- Weather-affected Cup matches can now be played over as little as 5 overs per innings if necessary. A win on faster run rate will be possible if the team batting second has completed half the number of overs that were available to the side batting first, subject to each side having had the opportunity of at least 5 overs each.

- Weather-affected Cup matches in the T20 Western and Eastern Divisions can no longer be decided by a bowl-out. (Although all Knockout Cup matches and the T20 Cup and Plate semi-finals and final will still be decided by bowl-out as a last resort if a result is not possible by any other method prior to the cut-off date).

The AGM also adopted the following changes to the regulations:

- T20 Western Division to be expanded to seven teams to take account of Moorfield's acceptance into the league.
- League matches can be re-arranged for any reason provided the change occurs before the start of the season, and is made with the mutual consent of both teams. (After the start of the season, re-arrangements will still only be permitted in the event of the home team's ground becoming unavailable).
- The new ECB restrictions on the overs to be bowled by young bowlers (see next page for details) were adopted into the league regulations.

All 2010 competition regulations have now been posted to the CWCL website.

All existing Officers were re-elected, plus Sarah McCann and Jon Merrick have taken on new roles. The full list of Officers for 2010 is:

President – Di Totty

Chair - vacant

Secretary- Sarah Stevens

Treasurer – Bob Halstead

Senior Fixtures & Results Secretary / Press Officer– Martin Saxon

Junior Girls Development Manager – Sue Barlow

Junior Competitions & Development Secretary – Sarah McCann

Umpires & Scorers Representative – Chris Robinson

Rules & Disciplinary Secretary – Jon Merrick

All clubs were asked to consider suitable candidates to take up the chair position for 2010.

The next League Committee meeting will be on Wednesday January 27 at 1930, provisionally at Bowdon CC.

The ECB has altered the restrictions on the number of overs young bowlers can bowl as follows:

AGE	PREVIOUS MAX OVERS PER SPELL	PREVIOUS MAX OVERS PER DAY	UPDATED MAX OVERS PER SPELL	UPDATED MAX OVERS PER DAY
Up to U13	4	8	5	10
U14, U15	5	10	6	12
U16, U17	6	18	7	18
U18, U19	7	21	7	18

These have been incorporated into the CWCL regulations. As women's cricket generally restricts the overs any bowler can bowl to one fifth of the innings total, the changes to the maximum overs per day may not be relevant here. But the information is provided here for reference.

As before, the limits do not apply for bowlers for whom a wicketkeeper in their own age group would normally be expected to stand up to the stumps.

CHESHIRE COUNTY NEWS

Cheshire Women's County Cricket Club held its inaugural AGM on November 12 and hence now has Elected Officers for the first time. At this meeting, the team's officers were all elected to carry out the same roles they had undertaken in 2009, with Dawn Prestidge formally taking on the additional role of Assistant Coach.

Captain - Lauren Griffiths
 Vice-Captain / Assistant Coach - Dawn Prestidge
 Coach - Andy Paton
 Secretary / Treasurer - Jennie Kitzinger
 Fixture Secretary / Press Officer - Martin Saxon
 Sponsorship & Fundraising Officer - Alan Thomas

Under the anticipated changes to women's county cricket in 2010, Cheshire's Twenty20 Championship matches will take place on the following dates:

May 23 & 30
 June 13 & 20
 July 25

These will involve playing double-headers against five other counties.

County Championship matches in 2010 are likely to take place on the following dates:

August 1, 15 & 29
 September 5 & 12

These will involve playing each of Essex, Middlesex, Surrey, Warwickshire and Worcestershire once.

Confirmed fixture information to be available from December 7, watch the website.

WARRINGTON LADIES PREMIER LEAGUE NEWS

Warrington fixtures in 2010 will take place on the following dates:

May 2, 9 & 16
 June 6 & 27
 July 4, 11 & 18
 August 8 & 22

Detailed fixture information not yet released. Premier League Final is on September 4 (Saturday).

CHESHIRE GIRLS TEAMS NEWS

Addendum to the Cheshire Youth Cricket Award Winners information in the last issue:

Cheshire Under 13 Girls Award Winners

Batting: Erica Sanders

Bowling: Emma Smith

Most Improved: Chloe Page

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LEAGUE CRICKET REVIEW OF 2009

Cheshire Women's League Division One

Defending champions Chester Boughton Hall and 2008 runners-up Poynton both began with a series of comfortable victories, before the first meeting of the two sides on 26 July. Up to this point, Ali Cutler had scored 170 runs in only three innings for Chester. But despite Cutler being injured in the warm-up, Chester prevailed over Poynton in the first meeting as Poynton were all out for 81, with Charlotte Thompson taking 7-8, the league's best bowling return of the season.

Despite not featuring again, Cutler's form in the three matches she did play saw her finish as the league's second top run scorer. Although her absence did not stop Chester beating Poynton on the first occasion, her absence was more keenly felt the following week, when Chester went down to their first league defeat in almost three years, by 10 runs at Oakmere. Poynton beat Hawarden Park by 71 runs on the same day, with a 5-4 return from Ellie Barker.

Poynton then took a decisive step towards a first ever title as they bowled Chester out for 70 and completed the task for the loss of only two wickets. Poynton captain Gillian Spragg, the league's leading wicket taker this year, took 4-9 including a hat-trick in this match.

Although Chester comfortably beat Hawarden in their game in hand, with 6-5 from Nic Capes, the division's second top wicket taker, the last day dawned with Poynton needing only five points from a clash at home to Appleton to land the title. Chester did their bit on the last day with a nine wicket win over Bowdon, but in a match that was eventually abandoned, Poynton secured the necessary points.

Third-placed Appleton were only defeated by Chester during the season. Emma Barlow hit three successive half-centuries as she finished the division's top run scorer. Appleton recorded the highest team score of the season (229-4), the highest individual innings (Amy Page's 111) and the highest partnership (198 between Page and Nathalie Long), all in the same game against Hawarden. Page finished third in the run scorers chart for the division.

Ending Chester's run illustrated the improvement in Oakmere's fortunes during the course of the season. Bowdon's highlight was an opening day victory over Hawarden, and Bowdon's Sarah Sutcliffe was only dismissed once during the league season, to a run out on the final day. Newly promoted Hawarden found the going tough in division one and an immediate return to division two unfortunately awaits the Welsh side.

Cheshire Women's League Division Two

Romiley & Dinting triumphed in a clash of the league's two newest teams on the opening day. Hannah Marsden took 5-10, which would not be bettered in the division all season, to dismiss Trafford for 112 as Romiley prevailed by five wickets.

The title race swiftly turned into a two-horse race between these two sides, but of these two excellent sides, only one could be promoted. And it was Romiley who took the title, despite Trafford reversing the opening day result later in the season. On this occasion Trafford made 148-6 and Romiley were all out for 123 with Amanda Gettins taking 5-22 including a hat-trick. Lydia Slack top scored for Romiley with 70 to give them extra batting bonus points, and this proved crucial, as Romiley secured one more bonus point in losing this game than Trafford had on the opening day.

Ultimately this one point was the difference between the teams. Romiley and Trafford won all their other matches, and both had two games abandoned. One one league Sunday, both teams underlined their quality by making record scores. Trafford scored 247-2 against Werneth, a second division record team score, with an unbeaten 101 from Gettins. Romiley scored 238-7 against Neston, with Slack hitting 121, a second division individual record and the highest innings in the entire league for four years. Trafford had the two top wicket takers in the division in Gettins and Mary Priestner, while Romiley's Slack finished as highest run scorer, with all-rounder Gettins finishing third in this list.

Between Slack and Gettins in the 'most runs' table was Hyde captain Leesa Mellon, whose best performance was an innings of 109 against Neston.

Werneth made their highest ever score in reaching 180-7 against Neston in a match in late season to ensure they finished above Neston at the foot of the table.

Leading Run Scorers – Division One

		50s	100s	Best	Average
Emma Barlow (Appleton)	218	3		76	72.67
Ali Cutler (Chester BH)	170	2		81	85.00
Amy Page (Appleton)	155		1	111	31.00
Victoria Latham (Chester BH)	123	1		67*	61.50
Sarah Sutcliffe (Bowdon)	122			34*	122.00
Nicky Deane (Chester BH)	113			30	22.60
Kate Holt (Poynton)	105			43*	52.50
Claire Waterhouse (Oakmere)	95			43	13.57
Jane Tarpey (Oakmere)	94	1		65*	47.00
Megan Frost (Poynton)	94	1		54	23.50
Jemma Bentley (Oakmere)	91	1		56	18.20

Leading Wicket Takers – Division One

		Best	Average	Strike Rate	Economy
Gillian Spragg (Poynton)	14	4/9	6.86	18.86	2.18
Nic Capes (Chester BH)	12	6/5	4.42	11.33	2.34
Emma Jackson (Poynton)	11	4/29	7.55	13.45	3.36
Jess Lewis (Appleton)	11	3/4	8.18	14.55	3.38
Vicky Heaton (Oakmere)	11	3/27	8.64	19.09	2.71
Claire Waterhouse (Oakmere)	11	3/29	14.36	28.00	3.08
Anni Rashid (Appleton)	10	3/11	5.90	22.60	1.57
Charlotte Thompson (Chester BH)	10	7/8	8.90	18.90	2.83
Annette Axon (Chester BH)	9	4/2	5.67	21.67	1.57
Ellie Barker (Poynton)	9	5/4	8.67	15.33	3.39

Most Wicketkeeping Dismissals – Division One

	Caught	Stumped	Total
Carly Timmins (Chester BH)	7	0	7
Jacqui Faulkner (Oakmere)	6	1	7
Heather McHale (Poynton)	2	1	3

Most Fielding Catches – Division One

Ali Cutler (Chester BH)	4
Annette Axon (Chester BH)	4
Amy Page (Appleton)	4

Leading Run Scorers - Division Two

		50s	100s	Best	Average
Lydia Slack (Romiley & Dinting)	229	1	1	121	57.25
Leesa Mellon (Hyde)	205		1	109	51.25
Amanda Gettins (Trafford)	170		1	101*	57.33
Carol Ingham (Trafford)	144			49	28.80
Lucy Makinson (Hyde)	117			46	29.25
Susan Hill (Trafford)	104	1		84*	104.00
Vicky Downes (Werneth)	94	1		56	23.50
Penny Critchlow (Romiley & Dinting)	79	1		68*	79.00

Leading Wicket Takers – Division Two

		Best	Average	Strike Rate	Economy
Amanda Gettins (Trafford)	11	5/22	7.91	18.55	2.56
Mary Priestner (Trafford)	8	3/8	9.50	20.25	2.81
Hannah Marsden (Romiley & Dinting)	6	5/10	3.00	11.67	1.54
Vicky Downes (Werneth)	6	3/8	12.17	21.00	3.48
Alex Wilson (Werneth)	6	3/27	15.50	24.50	3.80
Georgina Morton (Werneth)	6	4/15	15.50	28.00	3.32
Sinead Murphy (Trafford)	6	4/25	16.33	29.00	3.38
Lydia Slack (Romiley & Dinting)	5	2/2	8.00	27.60	1.74
Charlotte Wilson (Romiley & Dinting)	5	2/5	13.00	22.80	3.42

Most Fielding Catches – Division Two

Leesa Mellon (Hyde)	5
Lydia Slack (Romiley & Dinting)	4
Nicola Wibberley (Trafford)	4

All Rounders

Players in both best batsmen and bowlers lists: Claire Waterhouse, Amanda Gettins, Vicky Downes.

Player in best batsmen, bowlers and fielders list: Lydia Slack

League Tables

	PLAYED	WON	WON BY FORFEIT	LOST	LOST BY FORFEIT	ABANDONED	BATTING BONUSES	BOWLING BONUSES	POINTS	
<u>DIVISION ONE</u>										
POYNTON	10	6	1	1	0	2	3	3	197	Champions
CHESTER BOUGHTON HALL	10	6	1	2	0	1	6	5	194	
APPLETON	10	4	0	2	0	4	9	5	146	
OAKMERE	10	3	0	4	1	2	20	13	114	
BOWDON	10	1	0	5	0	4	15	11	83	
HAWARDEN PARK	10	0	0	6	1	3	6	12	32	Relegated
<u>DIVISION TWO</u>										
ROMILEY & DINTING										Champions & promoted
	8	3	2	1	0	2	6	3	150	
TRAFFORD	8	4	1	1	0	2	5	3	149	
HYDE	8	3	0	2	0	3	5	4	108	
WERNETH	8	1	0	4	1	2	11	12	54	
NESTON	8	0	0	3	2	3	1	10	15	

ECB Premier League North

Warrington could not repeat the Premier League North title triumph achieved by the team the previous year in its former incarnation as The Tytherington Club, having to settle for second place despite a superb first half of the season. A nailbiting two-wicket win over Sheffield United kicked off the era of women's cricket at Warrington. But after a washout at Leeds New Farnley, three big victories followed.

Warrington made 179 against Meir Heath, with 50 from Dawn Prestidge. There then followed a spectacular start to the reply as Kate Skelhorn hit the stumps with the first ball of the reply, and did so again in the opening over. Skelhorn's return of 3-6 led the way as the Potteries side mustered only 55. Prestidge and Skelhorn surpassed these performances at Old Modernians, with Prestidge making 91 in a total of 213, before Skelhorn took 5-27 on the way to a 110 run win. A dramatic turnaround then occurred as Warrington defeated nearest challengers Ransome & Marles. From 66-7, Natalie Heap and Sarah McCann led the Warrington recovery to 163-9, then Lorna Thomas took 4-10 as Ransome were all out for 94.

Sitting pretty with a commanding lead, Warrington travelled to Sheffield. Unfortunately a true 'off-day' followed. A wayward Warrington attack allowed Sheffield to reach 192-9. Warrington were going well in reply at 120-3, with another half-century from Prestidge, but crumbled to 146 all out. Warrington got back to winning ways with a five wicket win at Meir Heath and a nine wicket win over Leeds, where Prestidge made her fourth 50 on her way to being the division's top scorer. A washout at home to Old Modernians followed.

Had Warrington won at Sheffield, a handful of bonus points in the last match at Ransome & Marles would have seen them to the title. But the vital defeat there left this match as a winner takes all decider. Unlike most of the season, Ransome could call on Australian international Renee Farrell and England international Jenny Gunn, and this pair made 218 runs between them in a formidable total of 290. Hannah Gradwell (54), who was also in the top five run scorers in the division, got the Warrington reply off to a good start at 120-2, before a collapse to 144 all out, where Gunn again played a major part.

Leading Run Scorers

		50s	Best	Average	Position in Division
Dawn Prestidge	298	4	91	42.57	1
Hannah Gradwell	204	1	54	40.80	4
Lauren Griffiths	147		32	24.50	8

Leading Wicket Takers

		Best	Average	Strike Rate	Economy	Position in Division
Lorna Thomas	13	4/10	14.85	30.46	2.92	1
Kate Skelhorn	12	5/27	13.75	31.00	2.66	2=
Natalie Heap	11	3/25	17.36	27.45	3.79	5=
Dawn Prestidge	8	2/9	21.13	38.50	3.29	9=

Wicketkeeping Dismissals

	Caught	Stumped	Total	Position in Division
Lauren Griffiths	7	5	12	1=

Most Fielding Catches

		Position in Division
Dawn Prestidge	4	1=