

Chester are hit for six

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WINSFORD Ladies maintained top spot in their league following a fine 6-3 victory away to Chester on Sunday.

The visitors got off to a dream start when Danielle Lydiate fired home a trademark free kick from fully 40 yards to stun their hosts.

Sharon Tidd doubled her side's lead after 18 minutes when she won a one-on-one battle with the keeper to slot home.

She added to her tally 20 minutes later when she grabbed her second following a dreadful mix up in the Chester rearguard.

On the rare occasions the home side broke through Emma Johnson's superbly marshalled defence, they found Winsford keeper Lucy Presland in outstanding form.

Chester rallied at the start of the second half and within 10 minutes had reduced the deficit by two goals, only to be further denied by Presland as they pressed for an equaliser.

Kylie Kettle showed coolness under pressure to restore her team's two-goal cushion, but Winsford were pegged back again after their hosts converted a corner on 70 minutes.

Sarah Lee blasted home from the edge of the box to make it 5-3, and sub Carrie-Ann Bowyer finally ended the Chester challenge five minutes from the end of a remarkable match.

The win leaves the Ladies tied at the top with Stockport, on 16 points each, although their rivals have played a game less, with Winsford in first place due to their superior goal difference.

Winsford Ladies take a break from league action this Sunday as they entertain basement side Stockport Blues in the cup.

The Blues have lost every game so far this season, conceding a huge 32 goals along the way, so Winsford will be confident they can book their place in the next round.