

Warrington Guardian

Promotion guaranteed

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WINSFORD Ladies FC have gained promotion from Cheshire and Manchester League Two in their first season in the division.

Despite still having six games to go, Winsford, who have taken the division by storm, are sitting pretty at the top of the table and are guaranteed promotion.

They have won 12 games on the bounce and will look to make it 13 when they face Manchester City at Barton Stadium on Sunday.

And it is likely that this clash will show who will be champions of the league as City are currently just one point behind Winsford.

Winsford though have the upper hand, having gone unbeaten so far this season and still have a game in hand on their rivals.

They continued their excellent run last Saturday when they beat a strong, experienced Macclesfield Ladies 3-0.

Winsford got off to a perfect start when a corner from Michaela Thompson after 10 minutes was only half cleared by the Macclesfield defence and Lauren Wilkinson drove the ball into the far corner of the net.

And just five minutes later Winsford doubled their lead.

The ever-lively Sarah Lee collected a pass from Sharon Tidd who rounded the keeper and chipped the ball in to the net.

Macclesfield raised their game in the second half and proved a much sterner test for Winsford.

But the Barton Stadium-based side are top of the league for a reason and they proved this by scoring the goal of the game to seal the win.

Danielle Lydiate collected the ball in midfield, beat two defenders and unleashed an unstoppable shot from 30 yards.