



Macclesfield Quiz League

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A League

Results

Ox-fford 'C'	180	152	Wharfies
Alice Walker	48	48	Art Higham
Haydn Thompson	48		
Church House Bollington	165	186	Dolphin Dragons
Ed Baron	42	42	Liz Horrocks
Ashton Davies	42	42	Robin Morrell
Weaver	166	158	British Flag
Graham Bailey	42	39	Ian Tams

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Dolphin Dragons	1	1	0	0	186	2
Ox-fford 'C'	1	1	0	0	180	2
Weaver	1	1	0	0	166	2
Church House Bollington	1	0	0	1	165	0
British Flag	1	0	0	1	158	0
Wharfies	1	0	0	1	152	0
Dolphin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ox-fford	0	0	0	0	0	0

Individual Top Ten

		Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 1
1=	Alice Walker	Ox-fford 'C'	1	48	48	48	48
1=	Art Higham	Wharfies	1	48	48	48	48
1=	Haydn Thompson	Ox-fford 'C'	1	48	48	48	48
4	Brian Bogie	Wharfies	1	45	45	45	45
5=	Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	1	42	42	42	42

5=	Ed Baron	Church House Bollington	1	42	42	42	42
5=	Graham Bailey	Weaver	1	42	42	42	42
5=	Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Dragons	1	42	42	42	42
5=	Robin Morrell	Dolphin Dragons	1	42	42	42	42
10=	Chris Wall	Dolphin Dragons	1	39	39	39	39
10=	Ian Tams	British Flag	1	39	39	39	39

B League

Results

Harrington Academicals	163	151	Robin Hood
Dave Partington	48	36	Jim Kennelly
Nags Head	174	130	Harrington 'B'
Alasdair Reid	54	30 30	Geoff Parkin John Green
Waters Green Lemmings	146	145	Royal Oak
Bob Langstaff	36	30 30	Alan James Rosalie James

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Nags Head	1	1	0	0	174	2
Harrington Academicals	1	1	0	0	163	2
Waters Green Lemmings	1	1	0	0	146	2
Robin Hood	1	0	0	1	151	0
Royal Oak	1	0	0	1	145	0
Harrington 'B'	1	0	0	1	130	0
Plough Horntails	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waters Green Rams	0	0	0	0	0	0

Individual Top Ten

		Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 1
1	Alasdair Reid	Nags Head	1	54	54	54	54
2	Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	1	48	48	48	48
3	Paul Prior	Nags Head	1	42	42	42	42
4=	Bob Langstaff	Waters Green Lemmings	1	36	36	36	36
4=	Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	1	36	36	36	36
4=	Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	1	36	36	36	36
7=	Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	1	33	33	33	33
7=	Tony Wilkinson	Robin Hood	1	33	33	33	33

9=	Alan James	Royal Oak	1	30	30	30	30
9=	Geoff Parkin	Harrington 'B'	1	30	30	30	30
9=	John Green	Harrington 'B'	1	30	30	30	30
9=	Rosalie James	Royal Oak	1	30	30	30	30
9=	Tim Grimes	Robin Hood	1	30	30	30	30

C League

Results

Sutton Club	131	125	Pack Horse Bowling Club
Paul Heaven	33	27	Tim Bloor
Prince of Wales	128	146	Park Timers
Andy Ridgway	39	36	John Poyser
Chester Road Tavern	136	149	Sutton Mutton
Jim Moores	33	39	Wynne Keith-Davies

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Sutton Mutton	1	1	0	0	149	2
Park Timers	1	1	0	0	146	2
Sutton Club	1	1	0	0	131	2
Chester Road Tavern	1	0	0	1	136	0
Prince of Wales	1	0	0	1	128	0
Pack Horse Bowling Club	1	0	0	1	125	0
Cock Inn	0	0	0	0	0	0
Park Taverners	0	0	0	0	0	0

Individual Top Ten

		Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 1
1=	Andy Ridgway	Prince of Wales	1	39	39	39	39
1=	Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	1	39	39	39	39
3=	Glyn Bradley	Park Timers	1	36	36	36	36
3=	John Poyser	Park Timers	1	36	36	36	36
5=	Jim Moores	Chester Road Tavern	1	33	33	33	33
5=	Paul Heaven	Sutton Club	1	33	33	33	33
7	Mike Proctor	Sutton Mutton	1	30	30	30	30
8=	Mitch Moores	Chester Road Tavern	1	27	27	27	27
8=	Tim Bloor	Pack Horse Bowling Club	1	27	27	27	27
8=	Tony Moores	Chester Road Tavern	1	27	27	27	27

Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

The questions were well up to the standard that we've come to expect from the **Ox-fford**, and there were excellent scores all round. Of the nine games, three were won by teams going "first first" and six by the teams going the other way.

The teams that won by going "first first" were the **Ox-fford 'C'**, **Weaver** and **Sutton Mutton**.

	Wk		Team	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'mnt	Total	Last Year
1	1	Spec	Ox-fford	10.00	6.63	7.22	23.58	24.69
2	1	GK	Ox-fford	8.23	4.65	6.50	19.37	17.22

The Ox-fford's Specialist questions scored full marks for Difficulty; this means that they were easier than any we had last season. The balance was better than average, with a slight bias towards the teams that went first first.

The General Knowledge questions were also significantly easier than average. The balance was slightly worse than average, with a bias towards the teams that went first (i.e. second in the Specialist questions).

Because the bias favoured different teams in each half, the balance was very good overall, with a very slight bias (116 to 112, relative difficulty 1.04) in favour of the teams that went second in the Specialist questions.

In total, the Specialist questions scored slightly lower than the Ox-fford's Specialist questions from last season (which ended up winning the trophy). This was mainly due to a lower score for Balance. For the General Knowledge questions the Ox-fford scored significantly better than for last year's set, which finished comfortably in mid-table.

Week 1

Hats off to **Alasdair Reid** of the **Nags Head**, whose **54** was the highest individual score of the week.

The Nags went "first second"; Alasdair got the second question in each Specialist round and the first in each General Knowledge round (1, 9, 17, etc.). The only ones he got wrong were California's official state animal and the fact that Bamako is the capital of Mali.

Elsewhere in the B League there was excitement at the Waters Green Tavern, where the **Lemmings** beat the **Royal Oak** by just one point.

Top team score of the week was **186** by the **Dolphin Dragons**, with top-ten individual contributions from **Liz Horrocks**, **Robin Morrell** and **Chris Wall**.

In the C League, the **Chester Road Tavern** were unlucky to lose to the **Sutton Mutton** despite three top-ten individual contributions from **Jim Moores**, **Mitch Moores** and **Tony Moores**. The Mutton themselves made the highest team score in the C League, which means they top the table after Week 1.

Cup – Round 1

The draw has now been made for **Round 1 of the Cup** which will be played on **24 October 2017**.

The 24 teams in the League are all playing and there are no additional teams this year.

As we have 24 teams, the format will be that in the first round there will be eight games between 16 teams, leaving eight teams to ask the questions. Two of these eight teams will set the questions, with the other six teams having a "bye".

The eight winners of the games in Round 1 will go forward to the next round of the Cup; the eight losers will go into the Plate.

The eight teams who are not playing in Round 1 will join the eight winners to make the last 16 for the Cup.

All will be explained for Round 2 etc as we go through the season, but in essence, the eight losing teams in Round 1 of the Cup will be the Plate Quarter Finalists.

So, the details for Round 1 are as follows:

Questions for the night will be set by the **Ox-fford 'C'** and the **Park Timers**, who will also supply **two Question Masters each to cover the games to be played.**

The six teams with "byes" are:

Harrington Academicals	Waters Green Lemmings	Nags Head
Chester Road Tavern	British Flag	Ox-fford

Each of these six teams will provide **one Question Master**, to complete the eight games.

The mathematically inclined amongst you will see that this leaves us with a surplus of Question Masters – better too many than not enough, as history shows us!

Teams should please decide beforehand who is going so that no one turns up unnecessarily and we don't have to call anyone on the night.

The games are:

Sutton Mutton	Royal Oak
Prince of Wales	Weaver
Harrington 'B'	Park Taverners
Robin Hood	Dolphin Dragons
Wharfies	Plough Horntails
Dolphin	Pack Horse Bowling Club
Waters Green Rams	Cock Inn
Church House Bollington	Sutton Club

These games will be played on **24 October 2017.**

Questions for Round 2 will be set by two of the losing teams from the above games. A draw will be made after the above games have been played.

Regards,

Mark