

News and Views: 2017–18 Season – Week 9 –

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Results

It was Derby Day throughout the Leagues, with Derby matches at the **Dolphin**, the **Harrington**, the **Ox-fford**, the **Park**, the **Sutton Club** and the **Waters Green Tavern**.

Two of the Derbies were also top-of-the-table clashes. In the A League, the **Ox-fford** came out on top by a margin of 19 points; in the C League, the **Sutton Mutton** won by 9 points.

In the B League there were victories for the **Harrington Academicals**, the **Waters Green Rams** and the **Plough Horntails**. The **Ox-fford 'C'**'s defeat in the A League means that the Rams are now the only undefeated team in all three Leagues.

The closest game of the week was in the match between the **Wharfies** and the **British Flag**, which the Flag won by just one point.

Tables

As pointed out last week, the **Ox-fford 'C'**'s three-point lead meant that they kept top spot in the A League despite losing to their stablemates. At the other end of the table, the **British Flag** moved off the bottom with their victory over the **Wharfies**. At the half-way stage of the season, there is now just one point separating the bottom four teams, with the bottom three all on four points and the **Weaver** just one point ahead.

In the B League, the **Waters Green Rams'** victory in the game in hand that they held over the **Nags Head** meant that they occupy the top spot at the half-way stage of the season. The top two now seem to be pulling away, while two teams are beginning to look stranded at the bottom; there are two four-point gaps, and the middle four are separated by just two points.

In the C League, the **Sutton Mutton** consolidated top spot with their victory over the **Sutton Club**, which also allowed the **Park Taverners** to move into second place by defeating the **Timers**.

Individual

In a week of modest scoring, the top individual score was 45 by **Haydn Thompson** and **Mark Watson**, sitting opposite each other in the Ox-fford Derby. **Alan Hodgson** scored 42, and these were the only three scores over 40 in all three leagues.

There were just two personal bests, also both in the A League: **Tim Massey** (27) and **Derek Owen** (15). Of the 72 people who played this week, no fewer than 42 registered their worst (or equal worst) scores of the season.



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A League

Results

Wharfies	122	123	British Flag
Brian Bogie	33	27	Phil Davies
Dolphin	150	117	Dolphin Dragons
Alan Hodgson	42	36	Dave Cooper
Peter McBride	33		
Jeff Corry	21		
Derek Owen (pb)	15		
Ox-fford	160	141	Ox-fford 'C'
Mark Watson	45	45	Haydn Thompson
		33	Alice Walker
		27	Tim Massey (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Ox-fford 'C'	7	6	0	1	1199	12
Ox-fford	7	5	1	1	1141	11
Dolphin	7	4	1	2	1080	9
Church House Bollington	7	3	1	3	1079	7
Weaver	7	2	1	4	1080	5
Dolphin Dragons	7	2	0	5	1009	4
British Flag	7	2	0	5	997	4
Wharfies	7	2	0	5	975	4

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 9
Haydn Thompson	Ox-fford	7	333	54	42	45
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	7	297	51	36	42
Alice Walker	Ox-fford	7	297	48	33	33
Peter McBride	Dolphin	7	285	51	33	33
Mark Watson	Ox-fford	6	273	48	45	45
Graham Bailey	Weaver	7	258	45	30	
Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Dragons	7	246	45	21	30
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	6	243	51	30	
Brian Bogie	Wharfies	6	240	51	30	30
Alan Gilday	Weaver	6	219	42	27	



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B League

Results

Harrington 'B'	86	113	Harrington Academicals
Tom Aindow	18	33	Rob Parkin
Waters Green Rams	115	107	Waters Green Lemmings
Keith Pointon	36	18 18	Bob Langstaff Nick Peck
Plough Horntails	115	108	Robin Hood
Malcolm Asquith	30	27	Jim Kennelly

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Waters Green Rams	7	7	0	0	1077	14
Nags Head	7	6	0	1	1055	12
Royal Oak	7	4	0	3	1060	8
Harrington Academicals	7	3	1	3	902	7
Plough Horntails	7	3	1	3	876	7
Waters Green Lemmings	7	3	0	4	906	6
Robin Hood	7	1	0	6	940	2
Harrington 'B'	7	0	0	7	798	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 9
Keith Pointon	Waters Green Rams	7	261	45	27	36
Alasdair Reid	Nags Head	7	258	54	24	
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	7	243	48	24	24
Alan James	Royal Oak	7	228	39	27	
Andrew Wright	Nags Head	7	222	36	27	
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	7	216	42	21	27
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	7	213	39	24	30
Rosalie James	Royal Oak	7	207	45	21	
Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	7	207	42	15	15
Anne Jeater	Plough Horntails	7	186	39	21	21



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C League

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Park Taverners	106	91	Park Timers
Graham Wallace	24	24	Glyn Bradley
Sutton Mutton	103	94	Sutton Club
Mike Proctor	27	21	Simon Rumsey
Pack Horse Bowling Club	113	74	Chester Road Tavern
Reg Bloor	21	12	Tony Moores
Michael Murphy	21	12	Chris Moores

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Sutton Mutton	7	6	0	1	854	12
Park Taverners	7	5	0	2	870	10
Sutton Club	7	4	1	2	828	9
Cock Inn	7	3	1	3	833	7
Park Timers	7	3	0	4	836	6
Pack Horse Bowling Club	7	3	0	4	819	6
Prince of Wales	7	2	0	5	777	4
Chester Road Tavern	7	1	0	6	753	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 9
Shauna Barstow	Park Taverners	7	186	51	12	12
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	7	183	39	15	15
John Poyser	Park Timers	7	183	36	18	18
Glyn Bradley	Park Timers	7	180	36	15	24
Mike Proctor	Sutton Mutton	7	174	36	18	27
Peter Wilcox	Cock Inn	6	168	33	21	
Jackie Hulme	Cock Inn	7	168	33	9	
Andy Ridgway	Prince of Wales	7	165	39	12	
Peter Bullivent	Cock Inn	7	144	30	12	
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	5	138	30	24	24

Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

As we have now reached the half-way stage of the season, last season's scores are no longer taken into account. This will mean slight changes in the scores in the table below, and it means that the Ox-fford (Specialist) have swapped places with the British Flag (also Specialist) at the top of the table. There are other movements elsewhere in the table.

	Wk			Difficulty	Balance	Ent'mnt	Total	Last Year
1	1	Spec	Ox-fford	10.00	7.75	7.22	24.97	19.98
2	3	Spec	British Flag	7.54	9.77	7.11	24.42	24.69
3	6	GK	Sutton Club	10.00	7.55	5.79	23.34	22.17
4	4	GK	Waters Green Rams	7.08	7.02	6.22	20.33	18.84
5	5	GK	Ox-fford 'C'	6.42	8.14	5.37	19.93	17.41
6	2	GK	Royal Oak	5.85	6.87	5.72	18.44	8.20
7	7	Spec	Wharfies	4.34	8.04	5.44	17.82	14.58
8	8	GK	Chester Road Tavern	6.86	3.88	5.67	16.41	(20.47)
9	1	GK	Ox-fford	9.41	0.00	6.50	15.91	17.22
10	7	GK	Wharfies	5.36	6.28	3.33	14.96	22.03
11	3	GK	British Flag	3.42	5.36	5.67	14.45	(24.69)
12	8	Spec	Waters Green Lemmings	1.89	8.23	4.32	14.44	22.21
13	4	Spec	Pack Horse Bowling Club	2.65	6.16	4.40	13.21	(13.95)
14	2	Spec	Sutton Mutton	3.95	4.34	3.44	11.73	(11.50)
15	9	Spec	Prince of Wales	0.00	7.54	3.83	11.37	
16	6	Spec	Sutton Club	4.55	1.00	5.22	10.77	(19.98)
17	5	Spec	Ox-fford 'C'	3.71	0.00	5.79	9.50	19.47
18	9	GK	Nags Head	0.00	1.11	5.11	6.22	(14.19)

For the full spreadsheet, please click [here](#).

These were the hardest questions so far this season – both sets scoring zero for difficulty. The average team score was 113, which is also lower than anything we saw last season.

The Prince of Wales's Specialist questions were quite well balanced, with a slight bias in favour of the teams that went second (teams going second scored on average 85% of their average scores, while those going first averaged 82%). The General Knowledge questions, set by the Nags Head, were quite heavily biased in favour of the teams going second (first in the Specialists) – 91% to 79%. Overall, there was a significant bias (87% to 81%) in favour of the teams that went first in the Specialist questions.

Overall, teams scored 84% of their average scores on the Specialist questions and 85% on the General Knowledge.

Five matches were won by the teams that went first in the Specialist questions, and four by the teams that went second. The four teams that won against the perceived bias (going "first second") were the **British Flag**, the **Dolphin**, the **Waters Green Rams** and the **Plough Horntails**.

The A League gave the Specialist questions their lowest Entertainment score of the season (3.33). The B League gave them marginally more, and only their *equal* lowest (3.50), while the C League gave them 4.67 – ranking them 10th out of the 18 sets so far this season. This is only the second set of questions this season that have been more popular in the C League than in the A or B – the other being the General Knowledge questions set by the Sutton Club in Week 6.

The General Knowledge questions were more popular in the A and B Leagues (5.83 and 5.00 respectively) but the C League ranked them joint 11th out of 18, with a score of 4.00.