



Macclesfield Quiz League

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Results

The closest result in the A League was also the one that had the most effect on the table. Having gained only their second win of the season last week, the **British Flag** beat the **Weaver** by just three points, and this was enough to lift them into sixth place.

There were two close results in the B League. The **Nags Head** beat the **Harrington 'B'** by four points, while the **Royal Oak** scored just three more than the **Waters Green Lemmings**. The other B League match resulted in a comfortable victory for the **Harrington Academicals** over the **Robin Hood**.

In the C League, all three matches were closely contested – in fact all six teams were separated by just 18 points. Highest scorers were the **Sutton Club**, who were separated from the **Pack Horse Bowling Club** by the aforementioned 18 points.

Tables

Victories for the **Dolphin Dragons** and the **British Flag** meant that they both climbed above the **Weaver**, who are now in the A League's relegation zone.

In the B League, the bottom three teams all lost, while the Plough Horntails (fourth from bottom) didn't play. The only change in the B League table was that the **Nags Head** moved back into first place ahead of the **Waters Green Rams** (who didn't play) on goal difference.

The two C League teams that didn't play – the **Park Taverners** and the **Cock Inn** – each dropped a place, overtaken by the **Sutton Club** and the **Park Timers** respectively.

Individual

It was another week of modest individual scoring: top scorer was **Robin Morrell** with 42. Robin proved his value to the Dolphin Dragons – they've won every game he's played in this season, and lost every one he hasn't.

On the other hand there were twelve personal bests this week: **Tim Massey** (36 – his second on the trot), **Phil Davies** and **Chris Butler** (both 33), **Geoff Shaw**, **Tony Browne** and **Trisha Ashton** (30), **John Stein** and **Mitch Moores** (27), **Emma Griggs** (24), **Mike Hewitt** and **Martin Biss** (21), and **Sunil Peck** (18).

There were 24 "personal worsts" this week – compared with 42 last week.



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A League

Results

Wharfies	121	163	Ox-fford 'C'
Brian Bogie	39	36 36	Tim Massey (pb) Haydn Thompson
Dolphin Dragons	145	128	Church House Bollington
Robin Morrell	42	30	Ashton Davies
British Flag	145	142	Weaver
Phil Davies (pb) Geoff Shaw (pb) Tony Browne (pb)	33 30 30	39	Graham Bailey

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Ox-fford 'C'	8	7	0	1	1362	14
Ox-fford	7	5	1	1	1141	11
Dolphin	7	4	1	2	1080	9
Church House Bollington	8	3	1	4	1207	7
Dolphin Dragons	8	3	0	5	1154	6
British Flag	8	3	0	5	1142	6
Weaver	8	2	1	5	1222	5
Wharfies	8	2	0	6	1096	4

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 10
Haydn Thompson	Ox-fford 'C'	8	369	54	36	36
Alice Walker	Ox-fford 'C'	8	330	48	33	33
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	7	297	51	36	
Graham Bailey	Weaver	8	297	45	30	39
Peter McBride	Dolphin	7	285	51	33	
Brian Bogie	Wharfies	7	279	51	30	39
Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Dragons	8	276	45	21	30
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	7	273	51	30	30
Mark Watson	Ox-fford	6	273	48	45	
Alan Gilday	Weaver	7	255	42	27	36



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B League

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Robin Hood	122	152	Harrington Academicals
Jim Kennelly	27	39	Rob Parkin
Tony Wilkinson	27	36	Dave Partington
		21	Mike Hewitt (pb)
Harrington 'B'	122	126	Nags Head
Richard Sinton	30	33	Andrew Wright
John Green	30		
Martin Biss (pb)	21		
Royal Oak	127	124	Waters Green Lemmings
Bill Cawley	33	33	Jon Thompson
		18	Sunil Peck (pb)
		18	Nick Peck
		18	Bob Langstaff

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Nags Head	8	7	0	1	1181	14
Waters Green Rams	7	7	0	0	1077	14
Royal Oak	8	5	0	3	1187	10
Harrington Academicals	8	4	1	3	1054	9
Plough Horntails	7	3	1	3	876	7
Waters Green Lemmings	8	3	0	5	1030	6
Robin Hood	8	1	0	7	1062	2
Harrington 'B'	8	0	0	8	920	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 10
Alasdair Reid	Nags Head	8	279	54	21	21
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	8	279	48	24	36
Keith Pointon	Waters Green Rams	7	261	45	27	
Andrew Wright	Nags Head	8	255	36	27	33
Alan James	Royal Oak	8	249	39	21	21
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	8	243	42	21	27
Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	8	240	42	15	33
Rosalie James	Royal Oak	8	231	45	21	24
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	7	213	39	24	
John Green	Harrington 'B'	8	210	36	12	30



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C League

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Pack Horse Bowling Club	103	121	Sutton Club
Mike Vickerstaff	27	33 24	Chris Butler (pb) Emma Griggs (pb)
Park Timers	113	101	Prince of Wales
Glyn Bradley	21	30	Trisha Ashton (pb)
Sutton Mutton	117	106	Chester Road Tavern
John Stein (pb)	27	27	Mitch Moores (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Sutton Mutton	8	7	0	1	971	14
Sutton Club	8	5	1	2	949	11
Park Taverners	7	5	0	2	870	10
Park Timers	8	4	0	4	949	8
Cock Inn	7	3	1	3	833	7
Pack Horse Bowling Club	8	3	0	5	922	6
Prince of Wales	8	2	0	6	878	4
Chester Road Tavern	8	1	0	7	859	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 10
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	8	204	39	15	21
John Poyser	Park Timers	8	201	36	18	18
Glyn Bradley	Park Timers	8	201	36	15	21
Shauna Barstow	Park Taverners	7	186	51	12	
Mike Proctor	Sutton Mutton	8	186	36	12	12
Andy Ridgway	Prince of Wales	8	177	39	12	12
Peter Wilcox	Cock Inn	6	168	33	21	
Jackie Hulme	Cock Inn	7	168	33	9	
Chris Butler	Sutton Club	7	162	33	12	33
Tony Moores	Chester Road Tavern	7	150	30	12	24



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Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Wk			Difficulty	Balance	Ent'mnt	Total	Last Yr
1	3	Spec	British Flag	7.65	9.87	7.11	24.64	22.17
2	1	Spec	Ox-fford	10.00	7.35	7.22	24.57	24.69
3	6	GK	Sutton Club	10.00	7.82	5.79	23.61	19.98
4	4	GK	Waters Green Rams	7.23	6.73	6.22	20.18	18.84
5	5	GK	Ox-fford 'C'	6.28	7.77	5.37	19.42	17.41
6	2	GK	Royal Oak	5.91	7.22	5.72	18.85	8.20
7	7	Spec	Wharfies	4.31	8.00	5.44	17.76	14.58
8	8	GK	Chester Road Tavern	6.85	3.70	5.67	16.22	(20.47)
9	1	GK	Ox-fford	9.45	0.00	6.50	15.95	17.22
10	3	GK	British Flag	3.42	6.21	5.67	15.30	(22.17)
11	7	GK	Wharfies	5.49	5.95	3.33	14.77	22.03
12	4	Spec	Pack Horse Bowling Club	2.59	7.37	4.40	14.37	(13.95)
13	8	Spec	Waters Green Lemmings	2.01	7.90	4.32	14.23	22.21
14	2	Spec	Sutton Mutton	3.92	5.87	3.44	13.24	(11.50)
15	6	Spec	Sutton Club	4.54	3.20	5.22	12.95	(19.98)
16	9	Spec	Prince of Wales	0.00	9.01	3.83	12.84	11.16
17	5	Spec	Ox-fford 'C'	3.85	2.68	5.79	12.32	19.47
18	10	GK	Plough Horntails	4.42	0.05	5.11	9.59	(16.35)
19	10	Spec	Cock Inn	2.80	0.00	3.83	6.63	(14.69)
20	9	GK	Nags Head	0.00	1.41	5.11	6.52	(14.19)

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

The Specialist questions, set by the **Cock Inn**, seem to have been quite hard - teams scoring on average 95% of their average scores. The **Plough Horntails'** General Knowledge set were only slightly easier (96%), but because we're comparing two different sets of scores (one for Specialist questions and one for General Knowledge) they have scored rather better here for Difficulty.

Both sets seem to have suffered from bias, but each team had the benefit in one half of the quiz so the match results are unlikely to have been affected. Both sets were biased towards the teams that went second (103% to 87% in the Specialists and 103% to 89% in the General Knowledge).

Overall there was a very slight bias towards the teams that went first in the Specialist questions (96% to 95%). Even so, the majority of games were won by the teams going second. The teams that won by going "first first" were the **Dolphin Dragons**, the **Harrington Academicals**, the **Royal Oak** and the **Sutton Mutton**.

The General Knowledge questions were slightly more popular than the Specialists. Not for the first time, both sets got their lowest Entertainment mark from the C League.

An indirect but significant consequence of the low marks scored by this week's questions for Balance (and, to a lesser extent, for Difficulty) is that the **British Flag's** Specialist questions have returned to the top of the table, by the smallest of margins. The reasons for this are complicated,



but in short: this week's questions have set a new benchmark for the biggest difference in balance, and because the match scores were so much higher on the **Ox-fford**'s questions than on the Flag's, this has more effect on the Ox-fford's score than any other. Last week the Ox-fford's score for Balance was 7.75 and the Flag's was 9.77, and the Ox-fford's total score was 24.97 to the Flag's 24.42 - a lead of 0.55. This week the Flag lead by just 0.07.