



Macclesfield Quiz League

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News and Views: 2017–18 Season – Week 12 – 6 February 2018

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Results

In a table-topping clash in the B League, the **Nags Head** put paid to the **Waters Green Rams'** unbeaten record (the last in the League this season). Top scorers in the B League this week were the **Royal Oak** with 180 – beating the **Harrington Academicals**. Elsewhere the B League saw its second draw of the season, between the **Waters Green Lemmings** and the **Robin Hood**.

Overall top scorers were the **Dolphin** with 196. This was the highest score of the season, beating the 194 scored by the **Ox-fford** *against* the **Dolphin** in Week 6. Indeed it was the highest score for over two years – equalling the **Ox-fford's** score in Week 8 of the 2015–16 season. The highest team score last season was 188, by the **Ox-fford 'C'** in Week 18.

Also in the A League, the **Weaver** scored a narrow victory over the **Church House Bollington** and the **Ox-fford** beat the **Dolphin Dragons** in game that was only slightly less close.

In the C League, the **Sutton Mutton** suffered only their second defeat of the season, at the hands of the **Park Taverners**. There were also victories for the **Pack Horse Bowling Club** and the **Cock Inn**.

Tables

The **Weaver's** victory moved them off the bottom of the A League table and into fourth place, but they are just one point above the **British Flag**, who didn't play this week and replaced the Weaver in eighth place. The two bottom teams each have a game in hand over the three immediately above them, so with four or five games left there's still everything to play for.

There was a change at the top of the B League, where the **Nags Head's** victory over the **Rams** meant that they replaced them at the top of the table on goal difference – but the Rams have a game in hand.

Similarly in the C League, the **Park Taverners'** victory over the **Sutton Mutton** meant that they replaced them at the top of the table on goal difference – with both having played nine games.

Individual

After a few weeks of low scoring, there were no fewer than 35 personal bests this week and only three personal worsts. Top scorers were **Mark Watson** and **Andrew Wright**, each with 51. Mark and Andrew were in the same place – second on the team that went first first.

Please note

Owing to pagination issues, the A League news & views follow those for the C League this week – on Page 4.



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B League

Results

Harrington Academicals	157	180	Royal Oak
Rob Parkin (pb)	48	42 42	Alan James (pb) Bill Cawley (pb)
Waters Green Lemmings	144	144	Robin Hood
Sunil Peck (pb)	30	36 36	Lorraine Hilton (pb) Tim Grimes (pb)
Nags Head	167	148	Waters Green Rams
Andrew Wright (pb)	51	39	Bob Astles (pb)
Alasdair Reid	33	33	Keith Pointon
Billy Stubbs (pb)	27	27	Adum Carr (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Nags Head	10	8	0	2	1465	16
Waters Green Rams	9	8	0	1	1356	16
Royal Oak	9	6	0	3	1367	12
Harrington Academicals	10	5	1	4	1364	11
Waters Green Lemmings	9	3	1	5	1174	7
Plough Horntails	8	3	1	4	990	7
Robin Hood	10	2	1	7	1343	5
Harrington 'B'	9	0	0	9	1032	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 12
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	10	357	48	24	45
Alasdair Reid	Nags Head	10	342	54	21	33
Keith Pointon	Waters Green Rams	9	333	45	27	33
Andrew Wright	Nags Head	10	330	51	24	51
Alan James	Royal Oak	9	291	42	21	42
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	8	285	48	24	48
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	9	273	42	21	
Rosalie James	Royal Oak	9	270	45	21	39
Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	9	267	42	15	27
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	8	249	39	24	



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C League

Results

Park Taverners	164	141	Sutton Mutton
Graham Wallace (pb)	42	42	Wynne Keith-Davies (pb)
Heather Wallace (pb)	42	39	Mike Proctor (pb)
Shauna Barstow	27		
Pete Dykstra (pb)	21		
Prince of Wales	131	144	Pack Horse Bowling Club
Andy Ridgway	33	36	Tim Bloor (pb)
Tim Hayes (pb)	30	36	Michael Murphy (pb)
		27	Andrew Vickerstaff (pb)
Sutton Club	133	143	Cock Inn
Chris Butler (pb)	39	36	Jackie Hulme (pb)
Marshall Barnard (pb)	30	30	Peter Wilcox
Emma Griggs (pb)	24	27	Anne Goddard (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Park Taverners	9	7	0	2	1156	14
Sutton Mutton	9	7	0	2	1112	14
Sutton Club	10	6	1	3	1196	13
Cock Inn	9	5	1	3	1097	11
Pack Horse Bowling Club	10	4	0	6	1176	8
Park Timers	8	4	0	4	949	8
Prince of Wales	10	2	0	8	1123	4
Chester Road Tavern	9	1	0	8	968	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 12
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	9	246	42	15	42
Shauna Barstow	Park Taverners	9	231	51	12	27
Jackie Hulme	Cock Inn	9	231	36	9	36
Andy Ridgway	Prince of Wales	10	228	39	12	33
Mike Proctor	Sutton Mutton	9	225	39	12	39
Chris Butler	Sutton Club	9	219	39	12	39
Peter Wilcox	Cock Inn	8	216	33	18	30
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	7	213	42	24	42
John Poyser	Park Timers	8	201	36	18	
Glyn Bradley	Park Timers	8	201	36	15	



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A League

Results

Wharfies	146	196	Dolphin
Brian Bogie	45	48	Peter McBride
Mike Hancock (pb)	36	45	Alan Hodgson
Richard Briand (pb)	27	42	John Brown (pb)
		30	Derek Owen (pb)
Weaver	171	169	Church House Bollington
Alan Gilday (pb)	48	45	Ashton Davies
Lesley Davies (pb)	36	42	John Hargreaves
		27	Jon Wilkie (pb)
		27	Bob Gratton
Dolphin Dragons	147	155	Ox-fford
Dave Turner (pb)	36	51	Mark Watson (pb)
Dave Cooper	33		
Liz Horrocks	30		
John Burgess (pb)	24		

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Ox-fford 'C'	9	8	0	1	1544	16
Ox-fford	9	7	1	1	1456	15
Dolphin	8	5	1	2	1276	11
Weaver	10	3	1	6	1517	7
Church House Bollington	10	3	1	6	1489	7
Wharfies	10	3	0	7	1401	6
Dolphin Dragons	9	3	0	6	1301	6
British Flag	9	3	0	6	1256	6

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 12
Haydn Thompson	Ox-fford 'C'	9	420	54	36	
Alice Walker	Ox-fford 'C'	9	369	48	33	
Brian Bogie	Wharfies	9	360	51	30	45
Graham Bailey	Weaver	10	360	45	30	33
Mark Watson	Ox-fford	8	357	51	33	51
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	8	342	51	36	45
Peter McBride	Dolphin	8	333	51	33	48
Alan Gilday	Weaver	9	330	48	27	48
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	8	318	51	30	45



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A League Individual Top Ten - continued

Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Dragons	9	306	45	21	30
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	Wk		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'mnt	Total	Last Yr
1	12	GK	Park Timers	10.00	8.14	7.07	25.21	23.61
2	1	Spec	Ox-fford	10.00	7.90	7.22	25.12	24.69
3	3	Spec	British Flag	7.47	9.91	7.11	24.50	22.17
4	6	GK	Sutton Club	7.14	7.93	5.79	20.86	19.98
5	4	GK	Waters Green Rams	5.14	7.06	6.22	18.42	18.84
6	7	Spec	Wharfies	4.46	8.28	5.44	18.18	14.58
7	5	GK	Ox-fford 'C'	4.40	8.09	5.37	17.86	17.41
8	2	GK	Royal Oak	4.26	6.93	5.72	16.92	8.20
9	12	Spec	Harrington 'B'	4.80	5.00	6.28	16.08	(10.27)
10	4	Spec	Pack Horse Bowling Club	2.57	8.07	4.40	15.04	(13.95)
11	8	GK	Chester Road Tavern	4.96	4.34	5.67	14.97	(20.47)
12	2	Spec	Sutton Mutton	4.01	7.51	3.44	14.97	(11.50)
13	6	Spec	Sutton Club	4.58	4.99	5.22	14.79	(19.98)
14	8	Spec	Waters Green Lemmings	2.01	8.45	4.32	14.78	22.21
15	3	GK	British Flag	2.33	6.13	5.67	14.12	(22.17)
16	5	Spec	Ox-fford 'C'	3.81	4.17	5.79	13.77	19.47
17	7	GK	Wharfies	3.93	6.04	3.33	13.31	22.03
18	1	GK	Ox-fford	6.70	0.00	6.50	13.20	17.22
19	11	GK	Dolphin	3.13	5.70	4.33	13.16	14.05
20	9	Spec	Prince of Wales	0.00	8.78	3.83	12.61	(11.16)
21	10	GK	Plough Horntails	3.11	1.84	5.11	10.05	(16.35)
22	10	Spec	Cock Inn	2.71	2.09	3.83	8.64	(14.69)
23	9	GK	Nags Head	0.00	3.23	5.11	8.34	(14.19)
24	11	Spec	Dolphin	3.11	0.00	4.67	7.78	20.37

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

The big news this week is that the **Park Timers'** General Knowledge questions have replaced the **Ox-fford's** specialist set at the top of the table. Thanks to a new feature of the spreadsheet (!), we can reveal that the average team score in the General Knowledge section of the quiz was **99**. The previous highest average this year was 90 in Week 6 (when the setters were the Sutton Club); the average for the season so far is 82.

The Park Timers' questions scored well all round. They received the third highest Entertainment score of the season, and the highest for a General Knowledge set. The balance was good, with a slight bias in favour of the teams that went second (first in the Specialists); this equals the previous best score this season (for General Knowledge questions), by the **Ox-fford 'C'** in Week 5.



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The Specialist questions, set by the **Harrington 'B'**, also scored fairly well. They were only the sixth of the 24 sets so far this season to average more than six for Entertainment. The balance was not great; according to the spreadsheet there was a distinct bias (110% to 96%) in favour of the teams that went second. Overall they were slightly easier than average, with teams scoring on average 103% of their average scores.

The slight bias in the General Knowledge questions counteracted that in the Specialists, so overall there was a slight bias (114% to 111%) in favour of the teams that went second in the Specialist questions. This is borne out by the fact that five of the nine games were won by the teams going "second first", with three going the other way and one drawn. The three teams that won by going "first first" were the **Ox-fford**, the **Nags Head**, and the **Pack Horse Bowling Club**.

The average team score for the Specialist questions was **56**; the average total score was **154**. This compares with an average score for the season of 54 in the Specialists and 136 in total. This season's previous highest average total score was 145 in Week 6.