

News and Views: 2017–18 Season – Week 14 – 27 February 2018

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Results

In a similar scenario to last week, all the teams that went "first first" in the A League won, and in the B League all the teams that went "second first" won. In the C League (where all eight teams played), the results were split – two of the four matches were won by the teams that went "first first", and two by those going "second first".

The closest game of the week was in the C League, where the **Chester Road Tavern** came within one point (or two, to be strictly accurate) of gaining only their second victory of the season, against the **Park Timers**. With one question remaining and the Timers two points behind, John Poyser was able to come up with the correct answer (Wolverine), to win the game for his team.

In the B League, the **Waters Green Rams** (unbeaten until last week) lost again – this time to the **Royal Oak**. This was the Oak's fifth consecutive win.

Tables

In the A League, the **Ox–fford** took advantage of the **Ox–fford 'C'**'s week off to move to the top of the table for the first time since Week 6, with a victory over the **Wharfies**. The mid-table tussle between the **Dolphin Dragons** and the **Weaver** went to the latter, who moved above their hosts back into fourth place.

Similarly in the B League, where the **Nags Head** had a week off, the **Royal Oak** went to the top of the table for the first time this season with their victory over the **Waters Green Rams**. These three teams are now all on 16 points, but the Rams have a game in hand.

At the other end of the B League table, the first promotion or relegation issue of the season was confirmed with the **Harrington 'B'**'s defeat at the hands of the Waters Green Lemmings. The **Robin Hood** are in need of a minor miracle if they are to avoid the same fate.

There was no movement at the top of the C League, but the **Park Timers** moved into fourth place above the **Cock Inn** and the **Prince of Wales** moved above the **Pack Horse Bowling Club** into sixth.

Individual

Top score this week was 48 by **Mark Watson**. The only other person to score over 40 was **Alan Hodgson** with 45. There were just three personal bests this week – one in each League: **Mitch Moores** (30), **Dave Robinson** (24), and **Nick Peck** (21). There were no fewer than 23 personal worsts (or equal worsts).

Some players have now played twelve games, which means that their lowest scores drop out of contention. The only effect that this had on any of the top places was in the C League, where **Andy Ridgway** dropped from second to fifth. **Alice Walker** had a similar fall in the A League, due to not playing (and having a marginally lower best score than **Brian Bogie**).

A League

Results

Church House Bollington	103	147	Dolphin
Ed Baron	27	45	Alan Hodgson
Dolphin Dragons	117	131	Weaver
Liz Horrocks	27	27	Ian Greive
Wharfies	127	158	Ox-fford
Art Higham	36	48 24	Mark Watson Dave Robinson (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Ox-fford	11	9	1	1	1769	19
Ox-fford 'C'	10	9	0	1	1713	18
Dolphin	10	6	1	3	1562	13
Weaver	11	4	1	6	1648	9
Dolphin Dragons	11	4	0	7	1557	8
Church House Bollington	11	3	1	7	1592	7
Wharfies	12	3	0	9	1660	6
British Flag	10	3	0	7	1388	6

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 14
Haydn Thompson	Ox-fford 'C'	10	462	54	36	
Mark Watson	Ox-fford	10	453	51	33	48
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	10	429	51	36	45
Brian Bogie	Wharfies	11	417	51	24	33
Alice Walker	Ox-fford 'C'	10	417	48	33	
Peter McBride	Dolphin	10	393	51	30	30
Graham Bailey	Weaver	11	381	45	21	21
Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Dragons	11	366	45	21	27
Alan Gilday	Weaver	10	354	48	24	24
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	8	318	51	30	
Dave Cooper	Dolphin Dragons	11	318	39	15	24



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B League

Results

Waters Green Rams	129	150	Royal Oak
Bob Astles	36	30 30	Bill Cawley Rosalie James
Harrington 'B'	105	110	Waters Green Lemmings
John Green	21	24 21	Jon Thompson Nick Peck (pb)
Plough Horntails	110	87	Harrington Academicals
Dave McGuinness	27	24	Steve Dale

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Royal Oak	11	8	0	3	1648	16
Nags Head	11	8	0	3	1583	16
Waters Green Rams	10	8	0	2	1485	16
Harrington Academicals	11	5	1	5	1451	11
Waters Green Lemmings	11	5	1	5	1412	11
Plough Horntails	10	5	1	4	1225	11
Robin Hood	11	2	1	8	1462	5
Harrington 'B'	11	0	0	11	1254	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 14
Alasdair Reid	Nags Head	11	372	54	21	
Andrew Wright	Nags Head	11	366	51	24	
Keith Pointon	Waters Green Rams	10	366	45	27	33
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	10	357	48	24	
Alan James	Royal Oak	11	339	42	21	27
Rosalie James	Royal Oak	11	330	45	21	30
Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	11	315	42	15	24
Bill Cawley	Royal Oak	10	291	42	12	30
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	8	285	48	24	
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	9	273	42	21	
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	9	273	39	24	



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C League

Results

Pack Horse Bowling Club	102	113	Sutton Muttton
Mike Vickerstaff	18	33	Wynne Keith-Davies
Andrew Vickerstaff	18		
Sutton Club	106	112	Prince of Wales
Simon Rumsey	24	27 27	Trisha Ashton Tim Hayes
Chester Road Tavern	110	111	Park Timers
Mitch Moores (pb)	30	24 24	Glyn Bradley John Poyser
Park Taverners	119	89	Cock Inn
Graham Wallace	24	21	Peter Wilcox
Shauna Barstow	24		

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Park Taverners	11	9	0	2	1411	18
Sutton Mutton	10	8	0	2	1225	16
Sutton Club	12	6	1	5	1425	13
Park Timers	10	6	0	4	1195	12
Cock Inn	11	5	1	5	1264	11
Prince of Wales	12	4	0	8	1362	8
Pack Horse Bowling Club	11	4	0	7	1278	8
Chester Road Tavern	11	1	0	10	1181	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 14
Shauna Barstow	Park Taverners	11	285	51	12	24
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	10	279	42	15	33
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	9	276	42	24	24
Jackie Hulme	Cock Inn	11	267	36	9	18
Andy Ridgway	Prince of Wales	12	261	39	12	18
Mike Proctor	Sutton Mutton	10	246	39	12	21
John Poyser	Park Timers	10	246	36	18	24
Peter Wilcox	Cock Inn	10	243	33	6	21
Chris Butler	Sutton Club	10	234	39	12	
Glyn Bradley	Park Timers	9	225	36	15	24



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Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Wk			Difficulty	Balance	Ent'mnt	Total	Last Yr
1	12	GK	Park Timers	10.00	8.70	7.07	25.77	23.61
2	1	Spec	Ox-fford	10.00	7.98	7.22	25.20	24.69
3	3	Spec	British Flag	7.61	9.72	7.11	24.44	22.17
4	6	GK	Sutton Club	7.33	8.52	5.79	21.63	19.98
5	4	GK	Waters Green Rams	5.43	7.24	6.22	18.90	18.84
6	5	GK	Ox-fford 'C'	4.86	8.39	5.37	18.62	17.41
7	7	Spec	Wharfies	4.57	8.55	5.44	18.56	14.58
8	2	GK	Royal Oak	4.62	7.23	5.72	17.58	8.20
9	12	Spec	Harrington 'B'	4.94	5.47	6.28	16.69	(10.27)
10	13	Spec	Church House Bollington	4.39	5.99	6.22	16.61	20.49
11	2	Spec	Sutton Mutton	4.08	7.90	3.44	15.42	(11.50)
12	13	GK	Church House Bollington	2.71	7.39	5.22	15.32	15.79
13	4	Spec	Pack Horse Bowling Club	2.53	8.28	4.40	15.22	(13.95)
14	6	Spec	Sutton Club	4.68	4.82	5.22	14.72	(19.98)
15	3	GK	British Flag	2.95	5.96	5.67	14.58	(22.17)
16	8	GK	Chester Road Tavern	5.31	3.56	5.67	14.54	(20.47)
17	8	Spec	Waters Green Lemmings	2.08	7.84	4.32	14.25	22.21
18	7	GK	Wharfies	4.35	6.34	3.33	14.03	22.03
19	11	GK	Dolphin	3.61	5.94	4.33	13.87	14.05
20	5	Spec	Ox-fford 'C'	3.83	3.72	5.79	13.35	19.47
21	1	GK	Ox-fford	6.80	0.00	6.50	13.30	17.22
22	9	Spec	Prince of Wales	0.00	8.87	3.83	12.70	(11.16)
23	14	Spec	Robin Hood	3.68	2.77	5.06	11.51	14.01
24	10	GK	Plough Horntails	3.53	1.66	5.11	10.30	(16.35)
25	9	GK	Nags Head	0.70	3.03	5.11	8.85	(14.19)
26	14	GK	Robin Hood	0.00	4.39	4.45	8.84	14.12
27	10	Spec	Cock Inn	2.77	2.01	3.83	8.61	(14.69)
28	11	Spec	Dolphin	3.19	0.00	4.67	7.86	20.37

All questions were set by the **Robin Hood**, as all the C League teams were playing. The Robin scored marginally better for Entertainment than last year, but most teams found the questions rather difficult. In particular, the General Knowledge rounds were (according to the spreadsheet) the most difficult we've had yet this season.

The Specialist questions were only slightly harder than average, but there was a marked bias towards the teams that went second (107% to 89%). This was partially cancelled out by the General Knowledge questions, which also seemed to be biased towards the teams that went second (87% to 79%). Overall the balance was quite good, with only a slight bias towards the teams that went "second first" (90% to 88%). This is borne out by the fact that five of the ten matches were won by the teams that went "first first", with five going the other way.