



Macclesfield Quiz League

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News and Views: 2017–18 Season – Week 16 – 13 March 2018

By **Haydn Thompson**, with input from **Mark Watson**.

Results

There were some very close games this week, and a couple of very one-sided ones. Of the nine games, five were won and lost by 8 points or fewer, while one ended with a margin of 51 points and one with 45 points.

Six games were won by the teams going "first first", and three went the other way. The three teams that won by going "second first" were the **Dolphin Dragons**, the **Sutton Mutton** and the **Chester Road Tavern**.

One of the less extreme margins of victory was the **Weaver's** victory over the **Dolphin** by 160 points to 137. Also in the A League, the **Ox-fford 'C'** lost for only the second time this season, to the **Church House Bollington**.

The two biggest victories came in the B League, where the **Royal Oak** beat the **Nags Head** by 171 to 120 and the **Waters Green Lemmings** beat the **Plough Horntails** by 167 to 122.

In the C League, the **Chester Road Tavern** achieved only their second victory of the season, over the **Cock Inn**.

Tables

Congratulations to the **Sutton Mutton**, who secured promotion with victory over the **Prince of Wales**. If they win their last two games, the Mutton might just snatch the C League title from the **Park Taverners** – but one win will almost certainly do it for the Taverners.

In the A League, victories for the **Weaver**, the **Church House Bollington** and the **Dolphin Dragons** secured the top flight places of the first two, while the Dragons need just one point from their last two matches to guarantee their safety. This leaves both the **British Flag** and the **Wharfies** in the Last Chance saloon; but as they play each other in the final game, a victory for either of them in Week 17 would mean that the Dragons might well need that point.

The B League relegation issues were finalised last week, and now only three teams can be promoted. As the **Nags Head** are third and have only one game left to play (and are a bit short on match points), the **Royal Oak** and the **Waters Green Rams** are looking like hot favourites.

Individual

Top scorer this week was **Ashton Davies** with 48. The only other score of over 40 was by **Graham Bailey**. There were 11 personal bests and 16 personal worsts (or equal worsts). Eight of the personal worsts, and only two of the personal bests, came in the A League.

In the individual tables, movements are unpredictable now as nearly everyone has played at least eleven games. The most significant change this week was that **Alasdair Reid** drew level on total points with **Keith Pointon** (in the B League), and went above him by virtue of a better top score. After next week, Keith will know exactly what he needs to do in the final game as the Nags Head don't play in Week 18.



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In the C League, **Wynne Keith-Davies** is in a fairly strong position but could still be caught by either **Graham Wallace** or **Sauna Barstow**. Meanwhile in the A League, **Mark Watson** is looking stronger every week as he attempts to haul back **Haydn Thompson's** lead.

A League

Results

Ox-fford 'C'	150	156	Church House Bollington
Haydn Thompson	39	48	Ashton Davies
British Flag	138	141	Dolphin Dragons
Ian Tams	27	30	Liz Horrocks
Tony Browne	27	30	Dave Turner
		27	Mike Ockelton (pb)
Dolphin	137	160	Weaver
Alan Hodgson	39	42	Graham Bailey
		30	Ian Greive (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Ox-fford 'C'	12	10	0	2	2051	20
Ox-fford	12	9	1	2	1945	19
Dolphin	12	7	1	4	1880	15
Weaver	13	5	1	7	1963	11
Church House Bollington	13	5	1	7	1901	11
Dolphin Dragons	12	5	0	7	1698	10
British Flag	12	3	0	9	1664	6
Wharfies	12	3	0	9	1660	6

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 16
Haydn Thompson	Ox-fford 'C'	12	516	54	39	39
Mark Watson	Ox-fford	11	507	54	33	
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	12	474	51	39	39
Alice Walker	Ox-fford 'C'	12	462	48	33	36
Peter McBride	Dolphin	12	444	51	30	30
Brian Bogie	Wharfies	11	417	51	24	
Graham Bailey	Weaver	13	417	45	30	42
Alan Gilday	Weaver	12	393	48	27	27
Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Dragons	12	375	45	27	30
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	9	366	51	30	48



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B League

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Robin Hood	136	140	Waters Green Rams
Tony Wilkinson (pb)	36	33 30	Keith Pointon Adum Carr (pb)
Royal Oak	171	120	Nags Head
Alan James Gill Baker (pb) Rosalie James	36 30 30	39	Alasdair Reid
Waters Green Lemmings	167	122	Plough Horntails
Nick Peck (pb) Bob Langstaff Jon Thompson Becky Turner (pb)	39 36 36 21	39	Julian Amey

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Royal Oak	13	10	0	3	1980	20
Waters Green Rams	12	10	0	2	1820	20
Nags Head	13	9	0	4	1860	18
Waters Green Lemmings	13	7	1	5	1723	15
Harrington Academicals	12	5	1	6	1568	11
Plough Horntails	12	5	1	6	1491	11
Robin Hood	13	2	1	10	1743	5
Harrington 'B'	12	0	0	12	1381	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 16
Alasdair Reid	Nags Head	13	405	54	30	39
Keith Pointon	Waters Green Rams	12	405	45	33	33
Andrew Wright	Nags Head	13	372	51	27	24
Alan James	Royal Oak	13	369	42	27	36
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	10	357	48	24	
Rosalie James	Royal Oak	13	348	45	27	30
Bill Cawley	Royal Oak	12	345	42	18	27
Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	13	342	42	24	36
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	11	339	42	21	27
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	9	315	48	24	



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C League

Results

Park Timers	124	149	Sutton Club
Glyn Bradley (pb)	36	36	Emma Griggs (pb)
Andrew Fenton (pb)	24		
John Poyser	24		
Sutton Mutton	121	113	Prince of Wales
Mike Proctor	33	21	Trisha Ashton
Chester Road Tavern	97	94	Cock Inn
Tony Moores (pb)	33	24	Peter Wilcox

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Park Taverners	12	10	0	2	1573	20
Sutton Mutton	12	9	0	3	1473	18
Sutton Club	13	7	1	5	1574	15
Cock Inn	13	6	1	6	1490	13
Park Timers	12	6	0	6	1447	12
Pack Horse Bowling Club	12	5	0	7	1407	10
Prince of Wales	13	4	0	9	1475	8
Chester Road Tavern	13	2	0	11	1389	4

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 16
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	12	321	42	21	24
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	10	306	42	24	
Shauna Barstow	Park Taverners	12	303	51	15	
Glyn Bradley	Park Timers	11	297	36	15	36
Peter Wilcox	Cock Inn	12	291	33	18	24
Mike Proctor	Sutton Mutton	11	279	39	12	33
John Poyser	Park Timers	12	270	36	18	24
Jackie Hulme	Cock Inn	11	267	36	9	
Andy Ridgway	Prince of Wales	13	264	39	15	15
Chris Butler	Sutton Club	11	261	39	12	27



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Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Wk		Team	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'mnt	Total	Last Yr
1	1	Spec	Ox-fford	10.00	8.28	7.22	25.50	24.69
2	12	GK	Park Timers	10.00	8.01	7.07	25.08	23.61
3	3	Spec	British Flag	7.59	9.96	7.11	24.66	22.17
4	6	GK	Sutton Club	7.34	8.59	5.79	21.72	19.98
5	15	Spec	Dolphin Dragons	8.32	5.28	6.97	20.57	22.04
6	5	GK	Ox-fford 'C'	4.83	8.71	5.37	18.91	17.41
7	7	Spec	Wharfies	4.59	8.84	5.44	18.88	14.58
8	4	GK	Waters Green Rams	5.42	6.45	6.22	18.09	18.84
9	16	Spec	Harrington Academicals	4.36	8.10	5.61	18.07	(21.53)
10	15	GK	Dolphin Dragons	5.77	5.98	6.26	18.01	22.12
11	2	GK	Royal Oak	4.70	7.27	5.72	17.70	8.20
12	.13	Spec	Church House Bollington	4.46	5.99	6.22	16.66	20.49
13	12	Spec	Harrington 'B'	4.94	5.33	6.28	16.55	(10.27)
14	2	Spec	Sutton Mutton	4.09	8.25	3.44	15.78	(11.50)
15	4	Spec	Pack Horse Bowling Club	2.61	8.23	4.40	15.25	(13.95)
16	13	GK	Church House Bollington	2.69	7.07	5.22	14.98	15.79
17	6	Spec	Sutton Club	4.70	4.93	5.22	14.86	(19.98)
18	3	GK	British Flag	2.95	6.09	5.67	14.71	(22.17)
19	8	GK	Chester Road Tavern	5.37	3.49	5.67	14.53	(20.47)
20	8	Spec	Waters Green Lemmings	2.12	8.00	4.32	14.45	22.21
21	7	GK	Wharfies	4.36	6.42	3.33	14.11	22.03
22	11	GK	Dolphin	3.71	5.49	4.33	13.53	14.05
23	1	GK	Ox-fford	6.89	0.00	6.50	13.39	17.22
24	5	Spec	Ox-fford 'C'	3.83	3.73	5.79	13.34	19.47
25	9	Spec	Prince of Wales	0.00	8.64	3.83	12.47	(11.16)
26	16	GK	Park Taverners	4.57	1.44	5.67	11.68	(20.43)
27	14	Spec	Robin Hood	3.68	2.68	5.06	11.43	14.01
28	10	GK	Plough Horntails	3.61	1.13	5.11	9.85	(16.35)
29	10	Spec	Cock Inn	2.83	1.93	3.83	8.60	(14.69)
30	9	GK	Nags Head	0.74	2.73	5.11	8.58	(14.19)
31	14	GK	Robin Hood	0.00	4.07	4.45	8.52	14.12
32	11	Spec	Dolphin	3.21	0.00	4.67	7.88	20.37

Both sets of questions sit solidly in the middle of the Entertainment table, and both scored fairly well for Difficulty. The difference between them was in their Balance scores.

According to the spreadsheet, the Specialist questions (set by the **Harrington Academicals**) showed a slight bias towards the teams that went first – 102% to 97%. In the General Knowledge

(set by the **Park Taverners**), the bias was towards the same teams and a lot more pronounced: 107% to 93%. Overall there was a significant bias in favour of the teams that went "first first": 105% to 95%. This means that teams going "first first" scored on average 105% of their average scores over the season, while those going "second first" scored 95%. On an average team score of 149, this makes an overall difference of 15 points – potentially quite significant in view of the number of close games this week.

Last week I said that "Assuming [the Ox-fford's Specialist questions and the Park Timers' General Knowledge set] remain in close competition until the end of the season, maybe we should declare it a draw, and each team should keep the trophy for six months!" Of course we should not assume any such thing; although these two sets will no doubt remain in close competition with each other, we still have four sets to go this season and there is still time for one or more other contenders to take pole position in the race for the Cars&Vans 4U Trophy.