

News and Views: 2017–18 Season – Week 17 – 20 March 2018

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

Results

There were ten games again this week, as all the A League teams played. Six games were won by the teams that went "second first", and four went the other way.

In the A League, the top four teams all won; similarly, the top three in the B League also won. In the C League, the **Park Timers** became only the third team this season to beat the **Sutton Mutton**, and there were also victories for the **Park Taverners** and the **Prince of Wales**.

Tables

Congratulations to the **Royal Oak** and the **Waters Green Rams**, who both clinched promotion this week. They are currently level on points, but the Oak have played all their games; consequently the Rams need only one point from their final game to finish as champions. In fact they will be champions even if they lose, provided they score 139 match points or more.

The Oak have not been beaten in the second half of the season; their last defeat in the League was in Week 7, on 5 December. They have lost three games this season - two of them by just one point, and even in the third the margin was only six points!

Congratulations also to the **Park Taverners**, who are now confirmed as C League champions. Promotion was already in the bag for them after last week, and also for the **Sutton Mutton**.

Defeats for the **Wharfies** and the **British Flag** confirmed that barring unforeseen circumstances, both of these teams will play in the B League next season. They will battle to avoid the wooden spoon in Week 18. The A League title race however has gone right to the wire: the winners of the **Ox-fford** derby will be champions. Meanwhile, all there is to play for in the **Dolphin** derby is one league place for the **Dragons**.

Individual

Top score this week was 51, by **Bob Thompson** and **Mark Watson**. Bob and Mark each had the same set of questions - second on the team that went "second first". This continues a remarkable run for Bob, who has now played four times this season and scored 51 each time!

There were five scores in the 40s: **Alice Walker** with 48, **Alan Hodgson** with 45, and 42s from **Brian Bogie**, **Alan Gilday**, and **Dave Partington** on his return from a holiday in the sun.

The best score in the C League was 36 by **Glyn Bradley**, who also had the same questions as Bob Thompson and Mark Watson.

There were seven personal bests this week, and 21 personal worsts (or equal worsts). Apart from the aforementioned Bob Thompson, Alice Walker and Glyn Bradley, the four other personal bests were for **Bob Astles** (39), **Ian Grieve** (30), **Martin Biss** (27), and **Pat Jeater** (24).

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A League

Results

Church House Bollington	151	138	Wharfies
Ashton Davies	39	42	Brian Bogie
Dolphin Dragons	135	167	Ox-fford 'C'
Liz Horrocks	33	48	Alice Walker (pb)
Ox-fford	158	154	Weaver
Mark Watson	51	42 30 30	Alan Gilday Ian Grieve (pb) Graham Bailey
British Flag	119	157	Dolphin
Phil Davies	27	45	Alan Hodgson

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Ox-fford 'C'	13	11	0	2	2218	22
Ox-fford	13	10	1	2	2103	21
Dolphin	13	8	1	4	2037	17
Church House Bollington	14	6	1	7	2052	13
Weaver	14	5	1	8	2117	11
Dolphin Dragons	13	5	0	8	1833	10
Wharfies	13	3	0	10	1798	6
British Flag	13	3	0	10	1783	6

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 17
Mark Watson	Ox-fford	12	525	54	45	51
Haydn Thompson	Ox-fford 'C'	13	516	54	39	39
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	13	480	51	39	45
Alice Walker	Ox-fford 'C'	13	477	48	36	48
Peter McBride	Dolphin	13	444	51	30	27
Brian Bogie	Wharfies	12	435	51	30	42
Graham Bailey	Weaver	14	417	45	30	30
Alan Gilday	Weaver	13	408	48	27	42
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	10	405	51	30	39
Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Dragons	13	381	45	27	33



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B League

Results

Waters Green Rams	174	140	Harrington Academicals
Bob Thompson (pb)	51	42	Dave Partington
Bob Astles (pb)	39		
Plough Horntails	122	140	Nags Head
Anne Jeater	30	30	Andrew Wright
Pat Jeater (pb)	24	30	Alasdair Reid
Harrington 'B'	124	152	Royal Oak
John Green	33	30	Alan James
Martin Biss (pb)	27	30	Bill Cawley

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Royal Oak	14	11	0	3	2132	22
Waters Green Rams	13	11	0	2	1994	22
Nags Head	14	10	0	4	2000	20
Waters Green Lemmings	13	7	1	5	1723	15
Harrington Academicals	13	5	1	7	1708	11
Plough Horntails	13	5	1	7	1813	11
Robin Hood	13	2	1	10	1743	5
Harrington 'B'	13	0	0	13	1505	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 17
Alasdair Reid	Nags Head	14	405	54	30	30
Keith Pointon	Waters Green Rams	13	405	45	33	33
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	11	399	48	24	42
Andrew Wright	Nags Head	14	375	51	27	30
Alan James	Royal Oak	14	372	42	27	30
Bill Cawley	Royal Oak	13	357	42	21	30
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	10	348	48	24	33
Rosalie James	Royal Oak	14	348	45	27	27
Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	13	342	42	24	
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	11	339	42	21	



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C League

Results

Pack Horse Bowling Club	117	126	Park Taverners
Andrew Vickerstaff	21	30	Heather Wallace
Cock Inn	99	114	Prince of Wales
Peter Wilcox	18	27	Andy Ridgway
Peter Bullivant	18		
Park Timers	130	110	Sutton Mutton
Glyn Bradley (pb)	36	27	Wynne Keith-Davies

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Park Taverners	13	11	0	2	1699	22
Sutton Mutton	13	9	0	4	1583	18
Sutton Club	13	7	1	5	1574	15
Park Timers	13	7	0	6	1577	14
Cock Inn	14	6	1	7	1589	13
Prince of Wales	14	5	0	9	1589	10
Pack Horse Bowling Club	13	5	0	8	1524	10
Chester Road Tavern	13	2	0	11	1389	4

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 17
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	11	333	42	24	27
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	13	327	42	21	27
Glyn Bradley	Park Timers	12	318	36	18	36
Shauna Barstow	Park Taverners	13	306	51	18	18
Peter Wilcox	Cock Inn	13	291	33	18	18
John Poyser	Park Timers	13	285	36	18	33
Mike Proctor	Sutton Mutton	12	282	39	15	15
Andy Ridgway	Prince of Wales	14	276	39	15	27
Jackie Hulme	Cock Inn	12	273	36	15	15
Chris Butler	Sutton Club	11	261	39	12	



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Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Wk			Difficulty	Balance	Ent'mnt	Total	Last Yr
1	1	Spec	Ox-fford	10.00	8.32	7.22	25.54	24.69
2	12	GK	Park Timers	10.00	8.13	7.07	25.20	23.61
3	3	Spec	British Flag	7.58	9.92	7.11	24.61	22.17
4	6	GK	Sutton Club	7.33	8.68	5.79	21.80	19.98
5	17	Spec	Chester Road Tavern	6.74	7.81	6.05	20.59	20.47
6	15	Spec	Dolphin Dragons	8.33	5.24	6.97	20.54	22.04
7	5	GK	Ox-fford 'C'	4.81	8.70	5.37	18.88	17.41
8	7	Spec	Wharfies	4.62	8.78	5.44	18.85	14.58
9	16	Spec	Harrington Academicals	4.39	8.08	5.61	18.09	(21.53)
10	15	GK	Dolphin Dragons	5.75	6.05	6.26	18.06	22.12
11	4	GK	Waters Green Rams	5.44	6.16	6.22	17.82	18.84
12	2	GK	Royal Oak	4.68	6.90	5.72	17.30	8.20
13	13	Spec	Church House Bollington	4.46	6.26	6.22	16.94	20.49
14	12	Spec	Harrington 'B'	4.91	5.46	6.28	16.65	(10.27)
15	2	Spec	Sutton Mutton	4.09	8.43	3.44	15.96	(11.50)
16	4	Spec	Pack Horse Bowling Club	2.61	8.15	4.40	15.17	(13.95)
17	13	GK	Church House Bollington	2.72	7.11	5.22	15.05	15.79
18	3	GK	British Flag	2.96	6.41	5.67	15.04	(22.17)
19	6	Spec	Sutton Club	4.71	5.05	5.22	14.98	(19.98)
20	8	Spec	Waters Green Lemmings	2.09	8.12	4.32	14.53	22.21
21	8	GK	Chester Road Tavern	5.40	3.41	5.67	14.48	(20.47)
22	7	GK	Wharfies	4.36	6.37	3.33	14.07	22.03
23	1	GK	Ox-fford	6.89	0.00	6.50	13.39	17.22
24	5	Spec	Ox-fford 'C'	3.82	3.52	5.79	13.13	19.47
25	11	GK	Dolphin	3.70	5.10	4.33	13.12	14.05
26	17	GK	Waters Green Lemmings	2.71	5.73	4.25	12.70	(22.21)
27	9	Spec	Prince of Wales	0.00	8.67	3.83	12.50	(11.16)
28	16	GK	Park Taverners	4.56	1.61	5.67	11.85	(20.43)
29	14	Spec	Robin Hood	3.67	2.62	5.06	11.36	14.01
30	10	GK	Plough Horntails	3.61	0.94	5.11	9.66	(16.35)
31	14	GK	Robin Hood	0.00	4.12	4.45	8.57	14.12
32	9	GK	Nags Head	0.74	2.61	5.11	8.46	(14.19)
33	10	Spec	Cock Inn	2.82	1.68	3.83	8.33	(14.69)
34	11	Spec	Dolphin	3.21	0.00	4.67	7.88	20.37

The **Chester Road Tavern**'s Specialist questions scored well all round. They are currently 10th in the "entertainment only" table, and 5th overall. The General Knowledge questions, set by the **Waters Green Lemmings**, were less popular and are 30th out of 34 for Entertainment. They

were least popular in the C League, where they were given the second lowest score of the season so far for a GK set.

The Specialist questions were easier than average; teams scored on average 108% of their average scores. The General Knowledge were a little on the hard side, and the "average average" was 93%.

Both sets were reasonably well balanced, and the bias was towards the teams that went first in each case. This meant that the bias cancelled itself out, and overall the questions were very well balanced.

Not only that, but because one set was slightly easier than average and the other was slightly harder, the total scores were very close to the average. Teams that went "first first" scored on average 99% of their average scores, while those that went "second first" scored on average exactly 100% of their averages. In fact, four of the ten teams going "second first" scored exactly that: the **Wharfies** (138), the **Royal Oak** (152), the **Pack Horse Bowling Club** (117) and the **Prince of Wales** (114).

Individual Summary (continued from Page 1)

In the A League individual table, Mark Watson finally overtook **Haydn Thompson** (who also had the same set of questions, but is less familiar with the respective *oeuvres* of The Smiths and John Cooper Clarke). Haydn must now score at least 48 in Week 18, and one more correct answer than Mark, to claim the title for the first time ever.

In the B League, the only people in the current top six who can play next week are **Keith Pointon** and **Dave Partington**. Either or both of them can snatch the title from **Alasdair Reid**; to do so, Keith needs to score 36 but Dave needs only 33. It's any one of those three really ...

In the C League, any one of the current top four can still win it. **Wynne Keith-Davies** must score at least 27 to be in with a chance, **Glyn Bradley** 36, and **Sauna Barstow** 45. But if **Graham Wallace** scores more than 24, this will raise the stakes even higher!