

News and Views: 2018–19 Season – Week 2 – 16 October 2018

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Results

Congratulations to the **Chester Road Tavern**, who have won their first two games this season. Last season it took them until their penultimate game, in Week 16, to achieve their second victory!

The CRT were one of five teams that won by going "second first"; four games were won by those that went "first first".

There were no really close games this week, the smallest margin being the **Ox–fford**'s twelve-point victory over the **Waters Green Rams**. One game in each league was won by more than thirty points.

Tables

Apart from the Chester Road Tavern, there are three other teams with two victories to their name: **Harrington Academicals** and **British Flag** in the B League, and **Park Timers** in the C League. The Accies currently lead the Flag by just five game points, while the Timers have a 21-point margin over the CRT.

In the A League, each of the six games so far this season has been won by a different team; or, to put it another way, no team has won more than one game but all except two have won one. This means that positions in the table are mainly down to "goal difference", which obviously favours the teams that have played two games (and won one of them).

Individual

There were three scores of 51: **Alice Walker**, **Mark Watson** and **Bob Thompson**. Highest score outside the A League was 48 by **Jim Kennelly**; there was also a 48 in the A League for **Alan Hodgson**. Jim is the only person to appear in the latest Top Tens having played only one game!

A League

Results

Royal Oak	148	185	Ox-fford 'C'
Alan James	39	51	Alice Walker
Ox-fford	181	169	Waters Green Rams
Mark Watson	51	51	Bob Thompson
Dolphin	169	150	Church House Bollington
Alan Hodgson	48	45	Ashton Davies

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Ox-fford 'C'	2	1	0	1	357	2
Church House Bollington	2	1	0	1	325	2
Royal Oak	2	1	0	1	320	2
Ox-fford	1	1	0	0	181	2
Weaver	1	1	0	0	179	2
Dolphin	1	1	0	0	169	2
Waters Green Rams	2	0	0	2	331	0
Dolphin Dragons	1	0	0	1	149	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 2
Alice Walker	Ox-fford 'C'	2	96	51	45	51
Haydn Thompson	Ox-fford 'C'	2	90	45	45	45
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	2	87	45	42	45
Ed Baron	Church House Bollington	2	84	45	39	39
Rosalie James	Royal Oak	2	75	45	30	30
Alan James	Royal Oak	2	69	39	30	39
Keith Pointon	Waters Green Rams	2	69	36	33	36
Gill Baker	Royal Oak	2	63	42	21	21
Bill Cawley	Royal Oak	2	54	33	21	33
Caroline Massey	Ox-fford 'C'	2	54	33	21	21
Tim Massey	Ox-fford 'C'	2	54	30	24	30



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B League

Results

Waters Green Lemmings	114	163	Rushton Diamonds
Bob Langstaff	27	42	Brian Bogie
Nags Head	144	160	Harrington Academicals
Alasdair Reid Andy Johnson	33 33	45	Dave Partington
British Flag	158	138	Plough Horntails
Phil Davies	36	27 27	Malcolm Asquith Anne Jeater

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Harrington Academicals	2	2	0	0	337	4
British Flag	2	2	0	0	332	4
Plough Horntails	2	1	0	1	287	2
Rushton Diamonds	1	1	0	0	163	2
Waters Green Lemmings	2	0	0	2	260	0
Park Taverners	1	0	0	1	159	0
Nags Head	1	0	0	1	144	0
Sutton Mutton	1	0	0	1	138	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 2
Phil Davies	British Flag	2	84	48	36	36
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	2	84	45	39	45
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	2	75	42	33	33
Anne Jeater	Plough Horntails	2	63	36	27	27
Bob Langstaff	Waters Green Lemmings	2	63	36	27	27
Stuart Mills	Harrington Academicals	2	63	33	30	33
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	2	60	33	27	27
Tony Browne	British Flag	2	60	30	30	30
Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	2	57	33	24	24
Geoff Shaw	British Flag	2	57	30	27	30



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C League

Results

Harrington 'B'	111	140	Park Timers
John Green	30	33	John Poyser
Chester Road Tavern	119	99	Pack Horse Bowling Club
Jim Moores	36	24	Tim Bloor
Robin Hood	159	110	Cock Inn
Jim Kennelly	48	27	Peter Wilcox

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Park Timers	2	2	0	0	286	4
Chester Road Tavern	2	2	0	0	265	4
Robin Hood	1	1	0	0	159	2
Sutton Club	1	1	0	0	152	2
Cock Inn	2	0	0	2	253	0
Harrington 'B'	2	0	0	2	249	0
Pack Horse Bowling Club	2	0	0	2	220	0
Brewers Arms	0	0	0	0	0	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 2
Jim Moores	Chester Road Tavern	2	75	39	36	36
John Poyser	Park Timers	2	69	36	33	33
Andrew Fenton	Park Timers	2	66	36	30	30
Geoff Parkin	Harrington 'B'	2	63	36	27	27
John Green	Harrington 'B'	2	63	33	30	30
Mitch Moores	Chester Road Tavern	2	54	27	27	27
Peter Wilcox	Cock Inn	2	54	27	27	27
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	1	48	48	48	48
Andrew Vickerstaff	Pack Horse Bowling Club	2	48	30	18	18
Peter Bullivent	Cock Inn	2	48	27	21	21
Jackie Hulme	Cock Inn	2	48	27	21	21

Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	Spec	Ox-fford	9.49	7.68	7.17	24.34	24.69
2	1	GK	Ox-fford	7.97	9.07	7.22	24.26	17.22
3	2	GK	Dolphin Dragons	5.41	8.77	6.22	20.41	17.65
4	2	Spec	Dolphin Dragons	6.14	6.54	6.22	18.89	20.42

The **Dolphin Dragons'** questions scored well all round, and both sets achieved marks that would have seen them comfortably in the final Top Ten last season. Overall they were slightly easier than average; the General Knowledge were very well balanced but the Specialists showed a slight bias in favour of the team that went second.

Readers of [Nick's blog](#) will have seen that the Specialist questions (or at least their share of them) did not suit the **Lemmings**. The spreadsheet bears this out, but (as stated above) detected only a slight bias overall. The Lemmings scored only 64% of their average Specialist total, while other teams going first scored anything between 98% (**Plough Horntails**) and 124% (**Harrington Academicals**). For the teams that went second, averages varied from 96% (**Harrington 'B'**) to 123% (**Robin Hood**).

The fact that four teams won by going "first first" and five by going "second first" also suggests that there wasn't too much wrong with the balance. Sorry Lemmings!

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