



Macclesfield Quiz League

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News and Views: 2018–19 Season – Week 3 – 23 October 2018

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Results

This week we had our first draw of the season, and it came in the Ox-fford derby. The **Ox-fford** were two points ahead at the break (60 points to 58), but the **'C'** recouped the deficit in the General Knowledge questions.

The other two A League games resulted in decisive victories for the **Weaver** and the **Dolphin**.

The biggest margin of victory in any league this week was for the **Harrington Academicals** over the Waters Green Lemmings. The **Rushton Diamonds** had a comfortable victory over the Park Taverners, while the game between the **British Flag** and the **Sutton Mutton** was a lot closer.

In the C League, where all eight teams played, three of the games were fairly close but the biggest win was for the **Robin Hood** over the Pack Horse Bowling Club.

Tables

Two teams have played three and won three: **Harrington Academicals** in the B League, and **Park Timers** in the C League. In the A League, where only two teams have played three games (and those two have won only one game each), the **Weaver** are ahead of the **Dolphin** on goal difference.

The A League shows an elegant configuration this week: two teams on four points, two on three, two on two and two on zero!

Individual

Mark Watson is out on his own this week with 51 points. **Alice Walker** and **Alan Hodgson** each scored 48, while the highest score outside the A League was 42 each for **Jim Kennelly** and **Jackie Hulme**.

Picture Round

It was good to see a picture round this week. This is a rare occurrence these days; I've now been compiling questions for the website for very nearly two years, and I think I'm right in saying that this is only the third picture round we've had in this time. I can't help feeling that now that so many of us are no longer in gainful employment, photocopiers are an increasingly scarce resource! (A picture round means 10 or 20 extra pages per game, compared to about 16 in total if there is no picture round – and these can be done double-sided to save paper.)

Well done to the **Plough Horntails** for making the extra effort – especially in providing an alternative (verbal) question for each picture, to cater for visually impaired contestants, as opposed to the two that are called for. For future reference, however, the following points are offered as ways in which it could have been made even better: (continued on **Page 5**)

A League



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Results

Ox-fford	154	154	Ox-fford 'C'
Mark Watson	51	48	Alice Walker
Weaver	174	146	Royal Oak
Lesley Davies	45	33	Bill Cawley
Dolphin	156	128	Dolphin Dragons
Alan Hodgson	48	39	Liz Horrocks

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Weaver	2	2	0	0	353	4
Dolphin	2	2	0	0	325	4
Ox-fford 'C'	3	1	1	1	511	3
Ox-fford	2	1	1	0	335	3
Royal Oak	3	1	0	2	466	2
Church House Bollington	2	1	0	1	325	2
Waters Green Rams	2	0	0	2	331	0
Dolphin Dragons	2	0	0	2	277	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 3
Alice Walker	Ox-fford 'C'	3	144	51	45	48
Haydn Thompson	Ox-fford 'C'	3	129	45	39	39
Mark Watson	Ox-fford	2	102	51	51	51
Rosalie James	Royal Oak	3	102	45	27	27
Alan James	Royal Oak	3	99	39	30	30
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	2	96	48	48	48
Gill Baker	Royal Oak	3	90	42	21	27
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	2	87	45	42	
Bill Cawley	Royal Oak	3	87	33	21	33
Ed Baron	Church House Bollington	2	84	45	39	



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B League

Results

Rushton Diamonds	149	105	Park Taverners
Brian Bogie	36	33	Shauna Barstow
British Flag	132	139	Sutton Mutton
Ian Tams	33	33 33	Wynne Keith-Davies Mike Proctor
Harrington Academicals	171	120	Waters Green Lemmings
Dave Partington	39	33	Bob Langstaff

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Harrington Academicals	3	3	0	0	508	6
British Flag	3	2	0	1	464	4
Rushton Diamonds	2	2	0	0	312	4
Plough Horntails	2	1	0	1	287	2
Sutton Mutton	2	1	0	1	277	2
Waters Green Lemmings	3	0	0	3	380	0
Park Taverners	2	0	0	2	264	0
Nags Head	1	0	0	1	144	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 3
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	3	123	45	39	39
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	3	108	42	33	33
Stuart Mills	Harrington Academicals	3	99	36	30	36
Bob Langstaff	Waters Green Lemmings	3	96	36	27	33
Phil Davies	British Flag	2	84	48	36	
Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	3	84	33	24	27
Geoff Shaw	British Flag	3	84	30	27	27
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	2	78	45	33	33
Brian Bogie	Rushton Diamonds	2	78	42	36	36
Tony Browne	British Flag	3	78	30	18	18



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C League

Results

Robin Hood	158	114	Pack Horse Bowling Club
Jim Kennelly	42	27	Michael Murphy
Park Timers	129	118	Chester Road Tavern
Glyn Bradley	33	30	Steve Moores
Sutton Club	124	111	Brewers Arms
Wendy Brown	33	30	Tim Hayes
Cock Inn	109	125	Harrington 'B'
Jackie Hulme	42	36	John Green

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Park Timers	3	3	0	0	415	6
Chester Road Tavern	3	2	0	1	383	4
Robin Hood	2	2	0	0	317	4
Sutton Club	2	2	0	0	276	4
Harrington 'B'	3	1	0	2	374	2
Cock Inn	3	0	0	3	362	0
Pack Horse Bowling Club	3	0	0	3	334	0
Brewers Arms	1	0	0	1	111	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 3
John Green	Harrington 'B'	3	99	36	30	36
Andrew Fenton	Park Timers	3	93	36	27	27
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	2	90	48	42	42
Jackie Hulme	Cock Inn	3	90	42	21	42
John Poyser	Park Timers	3	90	36	21	21
Jim Moores	Chester Road Tavern	2	75	39	36	
Andrew Vickerstaff	Pack Horse Bowling Club	3	69	30	18	21
Geoff Parkin	Harrington 'B'	2	63	36	27	
Bill Moores	Chester Road Tavern	3	63	30	12	21
Jill Green	Harrington 'B'	3	63	30	12	21



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Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	GK	Ox-fford	7.92	9.51	7.22	24.65	17.22
2	1	Spec	Ox-fford	9.56	7.85	7.17	24.58	24.69
3	2	GK	Dolphin Dragons	5.37	8.79	6.22	20.39	17.65
4	3	GK	Plough Horntails	5.26	9.35	5.51	20.12	8.76
5	2	Spec	Dolphin Dragons	6.13	6.62	6.22	18.97	20.42
6	3	Spec	Plough Horntails	3.73	9.22	5.76	18.71	—

There were ten games this week. Four were won by the teams that went "first first", and five went the other way; there was also one draw.

This suggests a very even balance, and the spreadsheet bears this out. The questions were also of pretty much average difficulty – and in this context, average is fine (not too hard, and certainly not too easy). On average, teams going "first first" scored 102% of their average scores (98% in the Specialist and 104% in the General Knowledge), while those going "second first" scored exactly 100% (96% in the Specialist and 103% in the General Knowledge).

The Entertainment scores were the lowest so far this season, but still perfectly respectable. The **Plough Horntails'** total marks would have put both of their sets in the top ten last season.

Picture Round (continued from Page 1)

As I was saying ... the following points are offered as ways in which the picture round could have been made even better:

- Standard practice is to provide two copies of each picture – one for each team. Of course this means more photocopying (see above), but it makes it so much easier if each team can be handed one picture
- Ideally, the pictures would be numbered. This would make it a lot easier for the question master to keep track of where he or she was up to