



Macclesfield Quiz League

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News and Views: 2018–19 Season – Week 6 – 20 November 2018

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Results

In both the A League and the C League, something had to give as the two unbeaten teams played each other. There is now just one unbeaten team in each league: the **Dolphin, Harrington Academicals** and the **Robin Hood**.

The **Dolphin Dragons** and the **Cock Inn** achieved their first victories of the season.

Tables

The **Dolphin's** victory over the **Ox-fford** means that they go top of the A League with a game in hand on the teams immediately below them. **Rushton Diamonds** went top of the B League on goal difference, having played one more game than the **Harrington Academicals**. Similarly in the C League, the **Park Timers** went top on goal difference over the **Chester Road Tavern**, who didn't play this week.

Individual

There were only eleven personal bests this week: five in the A League (including three for the **Dolphin**), four in the B League and two in the C League. Top score was 51, by **Alan Hodgson** and **Haydn Thompson**. In the B and C Leagues there were no scores above 36.

Almost half of the people who played this week (38 out of 80) registered their lowest (or equal lowest) scores of the season so far: 14 in the A League, and 12 each in the B and C Leagues.



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A League

Results

Dolphin Dragons	158	144	Weaver
Dave Cooper (pb)	39	42	Graham Bailey
Royal Oak	140	128	Church House Bollington
Rosalie James	33	39	Ashton Davies
Ox-fford	153	174	Dolphin
Mark Watson	48	51 45 33	Alan Hodgson (pb) Peter McBride (pb) Jeff Corry (pb)
Waters Green Rams	160	180	Ox-fford 'C'
Scott Dawson	45	51	Haydn Thompson (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Dolphin	4	4	0	0	661	8
Ox-fford 'C'	5	3	1	1	880	7
Ox-fford	5	3	1	1	833	7
Royal Oak	5	3	0	2	767	6
Weaver	5	2	0	3	811	4
Church House Bollington	5	2	0	3	765	4
Dolphin Dragons	5	1	0	4	715	2
Waters Green Rams	4	0	0	4	630	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 6
Mark Watson	Ox-fford	5	261	57	48	48
Alice Walker	Ox-fford 'C'	5	243	54	45	45
Haydn Thompson	Ox-fford 'C'	5	228	51	39	51
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	5	213	45	39	39
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	4	189	51	42	51
Paul Morrissey	Ox-fford	5	180	45	27	36
Rosalie James	Royal Oak	5	174	45	27	33
Alan Gilday	Weaver	5	171	42	27	33
Ed Baron	Church House Bollington	5	168	45	18	18
Peter McBride	Dolphin	4	165	45	39	45



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B League

Results

Sutton Mutton	120	145	Rushton Diamonds
Wynne Keith-Davies (pb)	27	36	Brian Bogie
Mike Proctor	27		
Gill Dyson (pb)	24		
Park Taverners	123	143	Plough Horntails
Pete Dykstra (pb)	27	33	Anne Jeater
Nags Head	129	151	British Flag
Dave Pennington (pb)	33	36	Neil Drummond

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Rushton Diamonds	5	4	0	1	744	8
Harrington Academicals	4	4	0	0	670	8
British Flag	5	3	0	2	747	6
Plough Horntails	5	2	0	3	684	4
Nags Head	4	2	0	2	584	4
Park Taverners	5	1	0	4	677	2
Waters Green Lemmings	4	1	0	3	529	2
Sutton Mutton	4	1	0	3	519	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 6
Brian Bogie	Rushton Diamonds	5	189	42	36	36
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	4	168	45	39	
Art Higham	Rushton Diamonds	5	165	45	27	30
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	4	150	45	30	30
Anne Jeater	Plough Horntails	5	150	36	24	33
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	4	144	42	33	
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	4	135	45	27	27
Bob Langstaff	Waters Green Lemmings	4	132	36	27	
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	5	132	33	9	30
Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	4	129	45	24	



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C League

Results

Brewers Arms	98	123	Park Timers
Kenny Davenport-Slater (pb)	24	30	Andrew Fenton
Robin Hood	136	98	Sutton Club
Lorraine Hilton	30	24	Paul Heaven
Cock Inn	123	113	Pack Horse Bowling Club
Peter Wilcox (pb)	36	27	Tim Bloor

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Park Timers	6	4	0	2	784	8
Chester Road Tavern	5	4	0	1	678	8
Robin Hood	4	4	0	0	586	8
Sutton Club	4	3	0	1	515	6
Harrington 'B'	5	2	0	3	649	4
Pack Horse Bowling Club	6	1	0	5	693	2
Cock Inn	4	1	0	3	485	2
Brewers Arms	4	0	0	4	452	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 6
John Green	Harrington 'B'	5	171	39	30	
Andrew Fenton	Park Timers	6	165	36	21	30
Glyn Bradley	Park Timers	5	150	39	24	27
Tim Bloor	Pack Horse Bowling Club	6	141	33	12	27
Andrew Vickerstaff	Pack Horse Bowling Club	6	138	30	18	18
John Poyser	Park Timers	5	132	36	18	18
Jackie Hulme	Cock Inn	4	114	42	21	24
Mitch Moores	Chester Road Tavern	4	111	30	27	
Jim Moores	Chester Road Tavern	3	102	39	27	
Wendy Brown	Sutton Club	4	99	33	6	6



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Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	Spec	Ox-fford	9.52	7.63	7.17	24.32	24.69
2	1	GK	Ox-fford	7.67	9.18	7.22	24.07	17.22
3	5	GK	Sutton Club	6.51	8.64	6.33	21.48	19.98
4	2	GK	Dolphin Dragons	5.11	8.76	6.22	20.10	17.65
5	3	GK	Plough Horntails	5.09	9.40	5.51	20.00	8.76
6	4	Spec	Waters Green Rams	4.57	9.95	5.39	19.91	
7	2	Spec	Dolphin Dragons	6.13	6.85	6.22	19.21	20.42
8	3	Spec	Plough Horntails	3.65	9.40	5.76	18.82	
9	5	Spec	British Flag	6.06	5.61	6.72	18.39	24.61
10	6	Spec	Waters Green Lemmings	3.93	7.48	4.97	16.38	14.47
11	4	GK	Waters Green Rams	6.39	0.65	5.22	12.26	18.84
12	6	GK	Harrington 'B'	4.10	2.51	5.32	11.94	(16.23)

Of the ten games this week (all eight A League teams playing), eight were won by the teams that went "first first". The two teams that won against these odds were the **Royal Oak** and **Rushton Diamonds**. Quite what the geographic influence on the results was, remains a mystery!

This week's questions did not score well at all. Their positions in the full table above are reversed in the Entertainment scores – the **Harrington 'B'**'s General Knowledge questions sitting in tenth place and the **Waters Green Lemmings'** Specialist set in twelfth. According to the spreadsheet these were also two of the three most difficult sets of questions we've had so far this season. The Specialists scored well for Balance, but the General Knowledge seemed to show a marked bias in favour of the teams that went second ("first first"); both of these findings are reflected in the match scores.

Overall, teams that went "first first" scored 104% of their average scores, while those that went "second first" scored 93%. On an average team score of 137, this would mean a points difference of 15. Two of the games that went "with the bias" were within this margin.