



# Macclesfield Quiz League

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## News and Views: 2018–19 Season – Week 8 – 11 December 2018

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### *Results*

On the face of it, this seems to have been an excellent week to win the toss and go "second first". Only one team won by going "first first", and that was the **Waters Green Lemmings**.

There were relatively few close games this week. Closest of all was in the C League, where the **Brewers Arms** just missed out on their first victory of the season – over the unbeaten **Robin Hood**, no less – going down by 133 points to 135.

### *Tables*

With just one round of matches to go in the first half of the season, the tables are starting to look more meaningful (as most teams have played six games, with two in each League having played seven). The **Dolphin** returned to the top of the A League with a narrow victory over the **Ox-fford 'C'**, and the **Royal Oak** dropped to third. **Rushton Diamonds** remain at the top of the B League, while **Harrington Academicals** replaced the **British Flag** in second spot. In the C League, the **Robin Hood** are still unbeaten and remain in first place, while the **Park Timers** moved above the **Chester Road Tavern** into second.

### *Individual*

Top scorer this week was **Scott Dawson**, with a personal best for the season of 51. No one scored 48, but there were five 45s: **Peter McBride**, **Alan Hodgson**, **Alice Walker**, **Andy Johnson** and **Brian Bogie**.

There were 20 personal bests this week, and 16 personal worsts.

In the A League, **Alice Walker**'s 45 points took her into first place in the Individual table as neither of the top two played. She has an 18–point advantage over anyone else, but three people are tied on 270 points.

There was no change at the top of either the B or C League tables, where **Brian Bogie** and **John Green** are in the respective top places.



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## A League

### Results

<b>Ox-fford</b>	<b>167</b>	144	<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>
Paul Morrissey	42	39	Dave Turner (pb)
Laurence Plant (pb)	39		
Mark Shaw (pb)	33		
Kate Bean (pb)	21		
<b>Weaver</b>	<b>185</b>	137	<b>Waters Green Rams</b>
Alan Gilday	39	51	Scott Dawson (pb)
<b>Dolphin</b>	<b>170</b>	163	<b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>
Peter McBride (pb)	45	45	Alice Walker
Alan Hodgson	45	42	Haydn Thompson
Jeff Corry	24	36	Tim Massey (pb)
Derek Owen (pb)	21		

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Dolphin</b>	6	5	0	1	981	10
<b>Ox-fford</b>	7	4	1	2	1112	9
<b>Royal Oak</b>	6	4	0	2	938	8
<b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>	6	3	1	2	1043	7
<b>Weaver</b>	7	3	0	4	1157	6
<b>Church House Bollington</b>	6	3	0	3	948	6
<b>Waters Green Rams</b>	6	1	0	5	918	2
<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>	6	1	0	5	859	2

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 8
<b>Alice Walker</b>	Ox-fford 'C'	6	288	54	45	45
<b>Ashton Davies</b>	Church House Bollington	6	270	57	39	
<b>Haydn Thompson</b>	Ox-fford 'C'	6	270	51	39	42
<b>Alan Hodgson</b>	Dolphin	6	270	51	36	45
<b>Mark Watson</b>	Ox-fford	5	261	57	48	
<b>Alan Gilday</b>	Weaver	7	252	42	27	39
<b>Paul Morrissey</b>	Ox-fford	7	246	45	24	42
<b>Peter McBride</b>	Dolphin	6	240	45	30	<b>45</b>
<b>Graham Bailey</b>	Weaver	6	228	48	30	36
<b>Rosalie James</b>	Royal Oak	6	216	45	27	



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## B League

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<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>	<b>141</b>	130	<b>Plough Horntails</b>
John Thompson	36	33	Malcolm Asquith (pb)
Bob Langstaff	24		
Becky Turner (pb)	21		
<b>Nags Head</b>	<b>168</b>	101	<b>Sutton Mutton</b>
Andy Johnson (pb)	45	36	Wynne Keith-Davies
Dave Pennington (pb)	36		
Andrew Wright	36		
<b>Rushton Diamonds</b>	151	<b>160</b>	<b>Harrington Academicals</b>
Brian Bogie (pb)	45	39	Rob Parkin
Art Higham	30		
Chris Bogie (pb)	27		
Mike Hancock (pb)	21		

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Rushton Diamonds</b>	7	5	0	2	1043	10
<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	6	5	0	1	986	10
<b>Nags Head</b>	6	4	0	2	918	8
<b>British Flag</b>	6	4	0	2	910	8
<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>	6	3	0	3	815	6
<b>Plough Horntails</b>	7	2	0	5	943	4
<b>Park Taverners</b>	6	1	0	5	823	2
<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	6	1	0	5	764	2

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 8
<b>Brian Bogie</b>	Rushton Diamonds	7	264	45	30	<b>45</b>
<b>Dave Partington</b>	Harrington Academicals	6	240	45	30	30
<b>Art Higham</b>	Rushton Diamonds	7	225	45	27	30
<b>Rob Parkin</b>	Harrington Academicals	6	219	42	33	39
<b>Wynne Keith-Davies</b>	Sutton Mutton	6	210	45	27	36
<b>Anne Jeater</b>	Plough Horntails	7	207	36	24	27
<b>Jon Thompson</b>	Waters Green Lemmings	6	198	45	24	36
<b>Malcolm Asquith</b>	Plough Horntails	7	192	33	9	<b>33</b>
<b>Graham Wallace</b>	Park Taverners	5	183	45	30	
<b>Bob Langstaff</b>	Waters Green Lemmings	6	177	36	21	24



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## C League

### Results

<b>Robin Hood</b>	<b>135</b>	133	<b>Brewers Arms</b>
Jim Kennelly	33	36	Trisha Ridgway (pb)
Jenny Edwards (pb)	24		
<b>Park Timers</b>	<b>147</b>	114	<b>Cock Inn</b>
Glyn Bradley	36	24	Peter Wilcox
John Poyser	30	24	Peter Bullivent
Karyn Johnston (pb)	24		
<b>Sutton Club</b>	116	<b>138</b>	<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>
Wendy Brown	30	33	Reg Bloor (pb)
		24	Tim Bloor
		21	Mike Vickerstaff (pb)
		21	Michael Murphy

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Robin Hood</b>	6	6	0	0	859	12
<b>Park Timers</b>	7	5	0	2	931	10
<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	6	4	0	2	810	8
<b>Harrington 'B'</b>	6	3	0	3	778	6
<b>Sutton Club</b>	6	3	0	3	765	6
<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>	7	2	0	5	831	4
<b>Cock Inn</b>	6	2	0	4	736	4
<b>Brewers Arms</b>	6	0	0	6	703	0

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 8
<b>John Green</b>	Harrington 'B'	6	207	39	30	
<b>Glyn Bradley</b>	Park Timers	6	186	39	24	36
<b>Andrew Fenton</b>	Park Timers	7	180	36	15	15
<b>Jim Kennelly</b>	Robin Hood	4	165	48	33	33
<b>Tim Bloor</b>	Pack Horse Bowling Club	7	165	33	24	24
<b>John Poyser</b>	Park Timers	6	162	36	30	30
<b>Jackie Hulme</b>	Cock Inn	6	156	42	15	15
<b>Wendy Brown</b>	Sutton Club	6	153	33	30	30
<b>Peter Wilcox</b>	Cock Inn	5	147	36	24	24
<b>Andrew Vickerstaff</b>	Pack Horse Bowling Club	6	138	30		

## Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'm'nt	Total	Last Yr
1	1	Spec	<b>Ox-fford</b>	9.42	7.75	7.17	<b>24.34</b>	24.69
2	1	GK	<b>Ox-fford</b>	7.47	9.29	7.22	<b>23.97</b>	17.22
<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	Spec	<b>Park Taverners</b>	<b>6.88</b>	<b>7.84</b>	<b>6.72</b>	<b>21.44</b>	<b>(11.45)</b>
4	5	GK	<b>Sutton Club</b>	6.32	8.67	6.33	<b>21.32</b>	19.98
5	3	GK	<b>Plough Horntails</b>	4.92	9.61	5.51	<b>20.04</b>	8.76
6	4	Spec	<b>Waters Green Rams</b>	4.52	9.96	5.39	<b>19.87</b>	
7	2	GK	<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>	4.94	8.69	6.22	<b>19.85</b>	17.65
8	7	GK	<b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>	7.81	5.53	6.26	<b>19.60</b>	19.10
9	2	Spec	<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>	6.09	6.97	6.22	<b>19.28</b>	20.42
10	7	Spec	<b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>	3.70	9.28	5.87	<b>18.84</b>	12.56
11	3	Spec	<b>Plough Horntails</b>	3.59	9.18	5.76	<b>18.54</b>	
12	5	Spec	<b>British Flag</b>	5.99	5.51	6.72	<b>18.22</b>	24.61
13	6	Spec	<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>	3.88	7.53	4.97	<b>16.38</b>	14.47
14	4	GK	<b>Waters Green Rams</b>	6.18	1.06	5.22	<b>12.46</b>	18.84
15	6	GK	<b>Harrington 'B'</b>	3.96	2.37	5.32	<b>11.65</b>	(16.23)
<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	GK	<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	<b>4.75</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>5.67</b>	<b>11.62</b>	<b>13.96</b>

It was very much a game of two halves for this week's questions.

The Specialists, set by the **Park Taverners** (with two visual rounds) scored well all round and came in at No. 3 in the table – but some way behind either of the Ox-fford's sets. The General Knowledge, set by the **Chester Road Tavern**, were quite popular – coming in at No. 5 in the Entertainment table. According to the spreadsheet they were slightly easier than average overall, but it was the balance that let them down: teams going first (second in the Specialists) scored on average 109% of their average scores, while those going second (first in the specialists) averaged only 94%. This 15% difference would mean a difference of just over 12 points on an average team score of 82 (in the General Knowledge).

Overall, the teams that went "second first" scored 110% of their average scores, while those going "first first" scored only 99%. This 11% difference would mean a points difference of just over 15 on an average team score of 137. With relatively few close games this week, only three games (one in each League) are likely to have been affected by this apparent imbalance; had those three gone the other way, four games would have been won by the teams that went "first first" and five by those that went "second first".