



# Macclesfield Quiz League

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## News and Views: 2018–19 Season – Week 15 – 5 March 2019

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### *Results*

In the C League, the **Brewers Arms** continued their remarkable turnaround in form by winning their third consecutive game – after losing the first eight. This time their victims were the **Park Timers**.

In the A League, when all eight teams played, the most significant result was the **Dolphin's** narrow defeat at the hands of the **Ox-fford**. This was also one of the narrowest victories of the week – the **Royal Oak** beating the **Church House Bollington** by the same margin.

In the B League, the **Nags Head** gained a creditable victory over the **British Flag**.

### *Tables*

The Ox-fford's victory over the Dolphin opens things up at the top of the A League. The **Ox-fford 'C'** are slight favourites due to their superior goal difference, but their game against the **Dolphin** in Week 17 now becomes even more crucial. At the other end of the A League, the **Waters Green Rams** are now relegated, while the **Dolphin Dragons** look almost certain to join them in the B League next season.

At the top of the B League, three teams are tied on 16 points; but the **Harrington Academicals** have a game in hand over the **British Flag** and the **Rushton Diamonds**. The **Sutton Mutton** look all but doomed to relegation, with the other place being between the **Park Taverners** and the **Waters Green Lemmings**.

In the C League, the **Robin Hood's** 11th consecutive victory confirms them as champions. The **Park Timers** are probably favourites for second place, but with two games in hand, the **Sutton Club** are the team most likely to benefit if they slip up in their final match.

### *Individual*

No fewer than six players tied for top score this week, with a fairly modest 45. Two players in the B League scored 39, while in the C League, **Jim Kennelly's** 33 was the only score over 30.

There were just seven personal bests, and 21 people failed to better their lowest scores of the season.

No one will be surprised to see **Mark Watson** move into top place in the A League table as the other players' lowest scores start to slip out of contention. **Wynne Keith-Davies** and **Graham Wallace** moved into the top two places in the B League, and the C League title may well depend on how many of the Robin Hood's last three games **Jim Kennelly** takes part in.



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## A League

### Results

<b>Weaver</b>	<b>166</b>	141	<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>
Ian Grieve (pb)	45	42	Dave Cooper (pb)
<b>Church House Bollington</b>	151	<b>155</b>	<b>Royal Oak</b>
Ashton Davies	45	36	Alan James
<b>Dolphin</b>	156	<b>160</b>	<b>Ox-fford</b>
Peter McBride	45	45	Mark Watson
Alan Hodgson	45		
<b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>	<b>179</b>	112	<b>Waters Green Rams</b>
Haydn Thompson	45	30	Keith Pointon

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>	12	8	1	3	2018	17
<b>Ox-fford</b>	12	8	1	3	1902	17
<b>Dolphin</b>	11	7	0	4	1737	14
<b>Weaver</b>	12	6	0	6	1961	12
<b>Church House Bollington</b>	12	6	0	6	1915	12
<b>Royal Oak</b>	12	6	0	6	1834	12
<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>	12	4	0	8	1743	8
<b>Waters Green Rams</b>	11	1	0	10	1540	2

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 15
<b>Mark Watson</b>	Ox-fford	10	498	57	36	45
<b>Alice Walker</b>	Ox-fford 'C'	12	498	54	33	42
<b>Ashton Davies</b>	Church House Bollington	12	486	57	36	45
<b>Haydn Thompson</b>	Ox-fford 'C'	12	468	51	33	45
<b>Peter McBride</b>	Dolphin	11	453	48	30	45
<b>Alan Hodgson</b>	Dolphin	10	438	51	36	45
<b>Alan Gilday</b>	Weaver	12	411	48	30	36
<b>Graham Bailey</b>	Weaver	11	408	48	30	33
<b>Ed Baron</b>	Church House Bollington	11	390	45	18	36
<b>Paul Morrissey</b>	Ox-fford	12	381	45	27	30



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## B League

### Results

<b>Rushton Diamonds</b>	<b>141</b>	116	<b>Sutton Mutton</b>
Art Higham	30	30 27	Wynne Keith-Davies John Stein
<b>Plough Horntails</b>	<b>156</b>	113	<b>Park Taverners</b>
Malcolm Asquith (pb) Dave McGuinness (pb)	39 33	27	Graham Wallace
<b>British Flag</b>	134	<b>157</b>	<b>Nags Head</b>
Ian Tams	30	39 33	Paul Prior Alasdair Reid (pb)

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>British Flag</b>	12	8	0	4	1788	16
<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	11	8	0	3	1656	16
<b>Rushton Diamonds</b>	12	8	0	4	1588	16
<b>Nags Head</b>	11	7	0	4	1697	14
<b>Plough Horntails</b>	12	6	0	6	1627	12
<b>Park Taverners</b>	12	4	0	8	1602	8
<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>	11	4	0	7	1329	8
<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	11	1	0	10	1333	2

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 15
<b>Wynne Keith-Davies</b>	Sutton Mutton	11	372	45	21	30
<b>Graham Wallace</b>	Park Taverners	11	360	45	21	27
<b>Dave Partington</b>	Harrington Academicals	10	360	45	18	
<b>Rob Parkin</b>	Harrington Academicals	10	348	42	27	
<b>Anne Jeater</b>	Plough Horntails	12	336	39	24	24
<b>Phil Davies</b>	British Flag	10	327	48	15	24
<b>Brian Bogie</b>	Rushton Diamonds	9	327	45	24	24
<b>Art Higham</b>	Rushton Diamonds	10	321	45	24	30
<b>Malcolm Asquith</b>	Plough Horntails	11	315	39	9	39
<b>Andrew Wright</b>	Nags Head	9	312	48	27	27



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## C League

### Results

<b>Park Timers</b>	91	<b>111</b>	<b>Brewers Arms</b>
Andrew Fenton	21	21 21	Andy Ridgway Trisha Ridgway
<b>Sutton Club</b>	101	<b>132</b>	<b>Robin Hood</b>
Chris Butler	21	33	Jim Kennelly
<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>	<b>128</b>	111	<b>Cock Inn</b>
Mike Vickerstaff	27	27	Anne Goddard (pb)

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Robin Hood</b>	11	11	0	0	1440	22
<b>Park Timers</b>	13	7	1	5	1588	15
<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	12	6	0	6	1465	12
<b>Sutton Club</b>	11	6	0	5	1367	12
<b>Harrington 'B'</b>	12	5	0	7	1423	10
<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>	13	4	1	8	1521	9
<b>Cock Inn</b>	11	4	0	7	1196	8
<b>Brewers Arms</b>	11	3	0	8	1314	6

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 15
<b>John Green</b>	Harrington 'B'	10	297	39	18	
<b>John Poyser</b>	Park Timers	12	291	36	18	18
<b>Andrew Fenton</b>	Park Timers	13	279	36	18	21
<b>Jim Kennelly</b>	Robin Hood	7	273	48	33	33
<b>Wendy Brown</b>	Sutton Club	10	255	33	6	
<b>Trisha Ridgway</b>	Brewers Arms	10	249	36	15	21
<b>Andrew Vickerstaff</b>	Pack Horse Bowling Club	11	246	30	18	
<b>Geoff Parkin</b>	Harrington 'B'	11	240	36	9	
<b>Chris Butler</b>	Sutton Club	10	240	30	18	21
<b>Mitch Moores</b>	Chester Road Tavern	11	240	30	12	



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## Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	GK	<b>Ox-fford</b>	9.89	8.67	7.22	<b>25.77</b>	17.22
2	1	Spec	<b>Ox-fford</b>	10.00	5.50	7.17	<b>22.67</b>	24.69
3	5	GK	<b>Sutton Club</b>	7.99	6.98	6.33	<b>21.30</b>	19.98
4	14	GK	<b>Dolphin</b>	5.84	9.43	5.78	<b>21.05</b>	13.17
5	2	GK	<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>	6.39	8.37	6.22	<b>20.97</b>	17.65
6	8	Spec	<b>Park Taverners</b>	7.01	6.54	6.72	<b>20.27</b>	(11.45)
7	7	GK	<b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>	10.00	3.38	6.26	<b>19.64</b>	19.10
8	3	GK	<b>Plough Horntails</b>	6.33	7.41	5.51	<b>19.25</b>	8.76
9	4	Spec	<b>Waters Green Rams</b>	3.19	9.87	5.39	<b>18.45</b>	
10	9	GK	<b>Rushton Diamonds</b>	5.79	7.01	5.39	<b>18.19</b>	14.14
11	9	Spec	<b>Park Timers</b>	9.88	1.13	7.00	<b>18.01</b>	(23.61)
12	3	Spec	<b>Plough Horntails</b>	2.26	9.61	5.76	<b>17.64</b>	
13	13	GK	<b>Cock Inn</b>	7.64	4.21	5.56	<b>17.41</b>	7.42
14	2	Spec	<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>	5.65	5.53	6.22	<b>17.40</b>	20.42
15	10	GK	<b>Robin Hood</b>	4.69	7.67	3.89	<b>16.24</b>	(14.01)
16	7	Spec	<b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>	2.08	8.08	5.87	<b>16.02</b>	12.56
<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>GK</b>	<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>	<b>4.10</b>	<b>7.29</b>	<b>4.57</b>	<b>15.96</b>	<b>12.70</b>
18	13	Spec	<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	7.34	2.72	5.83	<b>15.89</b>	18.04
19	10	Spec	<b>Nags Head</b>	1.35	7.46	5.50	<b>14.32</b>	(7.83)
20	5	Spec	<b>British Flag</b>	5.48	1.90	6.72	<b>14.10</b>	24.61
21	8	GK	<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	5.97	2.09	5.67	<b>13.74</b>	13.96
22	6	GK	<b>Harrington 'B'</b>	5.03	3.05	5.32	<b>13.40</b>	(16.23)
23	4	GK	<b>Waters Green Rams</b>	7.94	0.00	5.22	<b>13.16</b>	18.84
24	6	Spec	<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>	2.78	4.90	4.97	<b>12.65</b>	14.47
25	12	Spec	<b>Church House Bollington</b>	0.24	6.43	5.10	<b>11.77</b>	17.13
26	12	GK	<b>Church House Bollington</b>	1.95	4.34	4.82	<b>11.11</b>	14.74
<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Spec</b>	<b>Harrington 'B'</b>	<b>3.02</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>9.35</b>	<b>16.23</b>
28	11	Spec	<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	0.00	5.92	3.17	<b>9.09</b>	11.5
29	14	Spec	<b>Dolphin</b>	2.33	0.00	5.22	<b>7.55</b>	7.84
30	11	GK	<b>Brewers Arms</b>	0.00	2.70	3.89	<b>6.59</b>	(11.16)

Neither set of questions scored particularly highly. The Specialist questions, set by the **Harrington 'B'**, are 18th in the Entertainment rankings, and the **Waters Green Lemmings'** General Knowledge set are fourth from bottom; but overall these positions are almost exactly reversed.

Both sets of questions were slightly harder than average, according to the spreadsheet. In the Specialists, teams scored on average 97% of their averages, and there was a distinct bias in favour of the teams that went second. The General Knowledge scores were lower, relatively



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speaking, with average scores of 94%; these also showed a bias towards the teams that went "second first" – albeit less pronounced than in the Specialists. Overall, the teams that went "first first" scored only 92% of their averages, while those that went "second first" scored 99%. On an average team score of 140 this would make a difference of about ten points. In fact, only two games this week were won by a margin of less than ten points, and one of those was won by the team that was playing against the apparent bias.