



# Macclesfield Quiz League

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## News and Views: 2018–19 Season – Week 17 – 19 March 2019

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### *Results*

There were some very close matches this week, including one draw - the second of the season for the **Ox-fford 'C'**, against the **Dolphin**. In the C League, the **Sutton Club** beat the **Pack Horse Bowling Club** by just two points and the **Cock Inn** beat the **Park Timers** by four. All three games in the B League were decided by fifteen points or fewer; in a crucial game at the Harrington, the **Academicals** went down by ten points to the **Rushton Diamonds**.

### *Tables*

Congratulations to the **Ox-fford**, who are now confirmed as A League champions. The **Ox-fford 'C'** will be runners-up. The bottom two places in the A League are also settled, with the **Dolphin Dragons** joining the **Waters Green Rams** in the B League next season.

The **Rushton Diamonds** secured promotion with their victory over the Academicals, and the **British Flag** will join them if they defeat the Park Taverners in their final game. If they don't, either the **Nags Head** or the **Academicals** could pip them at the post.

**Waters Green Lemmings'** victory over the **Plough Horntails** leaves the **Park Taverners** in greatest danger of joining the **Sutton Mutton** in relegation from the B League. The **Horntails** will await next week's results with bated breath; goal difference would appear to be in their favour, but an exceptional score for the Lemmings could have them in trouble if the Taverners win.

In a beautifully choreographed finish to the C League season, the **Sutton Club** and the **Chester Road Tavern** play each other next week to see who will join the **Robin Hood** in the B League next season.

### *Individual*

Top scorer this week, by some margin, was **Keith Pointon** with 51. There were only two scores in the 40s - **Alan Hodgson** and **Haydn Thompson** each with 42. Joint top scorers in the B League were team-mates **Dave Partington** and **Rob Parkin**, each with 39; top scorer in the C League was **Tim Bloor** with a personal best 33.

Tim was one of only six people to register a personal best score this week, while no fewer than 35 (out of 72) failed to better their lowest scores of the season.

Congratulations to **Mark Watson**, who is now confirmed as individual champion in the A League. **Jim Kennelly** finally made it to the top of the C League individual table, and realistically only **John Green** can now prevent him taking the title. In the B League, **Dave Partington** is favourite and (with the Rushton Diamonds having played all their games) only his team-mate **Rob Parkin** can beat him.



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## A League

### Results

|                          |            |            |                                |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Dolphin Dragons</b>   | 119        | <b>166</b> | <b>Ox-fford</b>                |
| Chris Wearne (pb)        | 27         | 39         | Mark Watson                    |
| <b>Waters Green Rams</b> | 121        | <b>149</b> | <b>Weaver</b>                  |
| Keith Pointon (pb)       | 51         | 33<br>33   | Graham Bailey<br>Lesley Davies |
| <b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>      | <b>154</b> | <b>154</b> | <b>Dolphin</b>                 |
| Haydn Thompson           | 42         | 42         | Alan Hodgson                   |

### Table

|                                | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Total | Points |
|--------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|--------|
| <b>Ox-fford</b>                | 14     | 10  | 1     | 3    | 2239  | 21     |
| <b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>            | 13     | 8   | 2     | 3    | 2172  | 18     |
| <b>Dolphin</b>                 | 13     | 7   | 1     | 5    | 2058  | 15     |
| <b>Weaver</b>                  | 14     | 7   | 0     | 7    | 2269  | 14     |
| <b>Church House Bollington</b> | 13     | 7   | 0     | 6    | 2085  | 14     |
| <b>Royal Oak</b>               | 13     | 6   | 0     | 7    | 1990  | 12     |
| <b>Dolphin Dragons</b>         | 13     | 4   | 0     | 9    | 1862  | 8      |
| <b>Waters Green Rams</b>       | 13     | 2   | 0     | 11   | 1829  | 4      |

### Individual Top Ten

|                       | Team                    | Played | Total | Highest | Lowest | Wk 17 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------|-------|---------|--------|-------|
| <b>Mark Watson</b>    | Ox-fford                | 12     | 549   | 57      | 39     | 39    |
| <b>Alice Walker</b>   | Ox-fford 'C'            | 13     | 498   | 54      | 33     | 30    |
| <b>Ashton Davies</b>  | Church House Bollington | 13     | 495   | 57      | 39     |       |
| <b>Alan Hodgson</b>   | Dolphin                 | 12     | 492   | 51      | 36     | 42    |
| <b>Haydn Thompson</b> | Ox-fford 'C'            | 13     | 477   | 51      | 33     | 42    |
| <b>Peter McBride</b>  | Dolphin                 | 13     | 471   | 48      | 36     | 36    |
| <b>Graham Bailey</b>  | Weaver                  | 13     | 426   | 48      | 33     | 33    |
| <b>Keith Pointon</b>  | Waters Green Rams       | 13     | 417   | 51      | 30     | 51    |
| <b>Alan Gilday</b>    | Weaver                  | 14     | 411   | 48      | 30     | 27    |
| <b>Ed Baron</b>       | Church House Bollington | 12     | 402   | 45      | 30     |       |



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## B League

### Results

|                                  |          |                      |  |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------|--|
| <b>Plough Horntails</b>          | 112      | <b>125</b>           | <b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>   |
| Malcolm Asquith                  | 27       | 33                   | Jon Thompson   |
| <b>Sutton Mutton</b>             | 108      | <b>123</b>           | <b>Nags Head</b>   |
| John Stein<br>Wynne Keith-Davies | 21<br>21 | 33                   | Paul Prior   |
| <b>Harrington Academicals</b>    | 136      | <b>146</b>           | <b>Rushton Diamonds</b>  |
| Dave Partington<br>Rob Parkin    | 39<br>39 | 36<br>24<br>24<br>21 | Brian Bogie<br>Derek Goldstraw (pb)<br>Art Higham<br>Mike Hancock (Ob) |

### Table

|                               | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Total | Points |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|--------|
| <b>Rushton Diamonds</b>       | 14     | 10  | 0     | 4    | 2028  | 20     |
| <b>British Flag</b>           | 13     | 9   | 0     | 4    | 1943  | 18     |
| <b>Nags Head</b>              | 13     | 8   | 0     | 5    | 1968  | 16     |
| <b>Harrington Academicals</b> | 13     | 8   | 0     | 5    | 1926  | 16     |
| <b>Plough Horntails</b>       | 14     | 6   | 0     | 8    | 1874  | 12     |
| <b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>  | 13     | 6   | 0     | 7    | 1709  | 12     |
| <b>Park Taverners</b>         | 13     | 5   | 0     | 8    | 1758  | 10     |
| <b>Sutton Mutton</b>          | 13     | 1   | 0     | 12   | 1548  | 2      |

### Individual Top Ten

|                           | Team                   | Played | Total | Highest | Lowest | Wk 17 |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------|-------|---------|--------|-------|
| <b>Dave Partington</b>    | Harrington Academicals | 12     | 411   | 45      | 30     | 39    |
| <b>Brian Bogie</b>        | Rushton Diamonds       | 11     | 402   | 45      | 24     | 36    |
| <b>Rob Parkin</b>         | Harrington Academicals | 12     | 396   | 42      | 33     | 39    |
| <b>Graham Wallace</b>     | Park Taverners         | 12     | 372   | 45      | 27     |       |
| <b>Wynne Keith-Davies</b> | Sutton Mutton          | 13     | 372   | 45      | 21     | 21    |
| <b>Andrew Wright</b>      | Nags Head              | 11     | 366   | 48      | 27     | 27    |
| <b>Phil Davies</b>        | British Flag           | 11     | 354   | 48      | 15     |       |
| <b>Art Higham</b>         | Rushton Diamonds       | 12     | 354   | 45      | 24     | 24    |
| <b>Malcolm Asquith</b>    | Plough Horntails       | 13     | 336   | 39      | 27     | 27    |
| <b>Anne Jeater</b>        | Plough Horntails       | 14     | 336   | 39      | 24     | 18    |



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## C League

### Results

|                                |            |            |                    |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|
| <b>Brewers Arms</b>            | 89         | <b>149</b> | <b>Robin Hood</b>  |
| Trisha Ridgway                 | 21         | 30         | Jim Kennelly       |
| Tim Hayes                      | 21         | 27         | Phil Moss (pb)     |
|                                |            | 27         | Lorraine Hilton    |
| <b>Cock Inn</b>                | <b>101</b> | 97         | <b>Park Timers</b> |
| Peter Wilcox                   | 21         | 18         | Andrew Fenton      |
| <b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b> | 110        | <b>112</b> | <b>Sutton Club</b> |
| Tim Bloor (pb)                 | 33         | 27         | Chris Butler       |

### Table

|                                | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Total | Points |
|--------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|--------|
| <b>Robin Hood</b>              | 13     | 12  | 0     | 1    | 1829  | 24     |
| <b>Sutton Club</b>             | 13     | 8   | 0     | 5    | 1626  | 16     |
| <b>Park Timers</b>             | 14     | 7   | 1     | 6    | 1685  | 15     |
| <b>Chester Road Tavern</b>     | 13     | 7   | 0     | 6    | 1611  | 14     |
| <b>Harrington 'B'</b>          | 13     | 6   | 0     | 7    | 1551  | 12     |
| <b>Cock Inn</b>                | 13     | 5   | 0     | 8    | 1487  | 10     |
| <b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b> | 14     | 4   | 1     | 9    | 1631  | 9      |
| <b>Brewers Arms</b>            | 13     | 3   | 0     | 10   | 1527  | 6      |

### Individual Top Ten

|                           | Team                    | Played | Total | Highest | Lowest | Wk 17 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------|-------|---------|--------|-------|
| <b>Jim Kennelly</b>       | Robin Hood              | 9      | 339   | 48      | 30     | 30    |
| <b>John Green</b>         | Harrington 'B'          | 11     | 321   | 39      | 18     |       |
| <b>Wendy Brown</b>        | Sutton Club             | 12     | 294   | 33      | 15     | 15    |
| <b>John Poyser</b>        | Park Timers             | 13     | 291   | 36      | 18     | 15    |
| <b>Andy Ridgway</b>       | Brewers Arms            | 11     | 285   | 45      | 15     | 15    |
| <b>Trisha Ridgway</b>     | Brewers Arms            | 12     | 285   | 36      | 15     | 21    |
| <b>Andrew Fenton</b>      | Park Timers             | 14     | 279   | 36      | 18     | 18    |
| <b>Chris Butler</b>       | Sutton Club             | 12     | 276   | 30      | 18     | 27    |
| <b>Jackie Hulme</b>       | Cock Inn                | 12     | 273   | 42      | 15     | 15    |
| <b>Tim Bloor</b>          | Pack Horse Bowling Club | 12     | 252   | 33      | 12     | 33    |
| <b>Andrew Vickerstaff</b> | Pack Horse Bowling Club | 12     | 252   | 30      | 18     | 24    |
| <b>Mitch Moores</b>       | Chester Road Tavern     | 12     | 252   | 30      | 12     |       |



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## Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

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

|           | Week      |             | Setters                 | Difficulty  | Balance     | Ent'ment    | Total        | Last Yr      |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1         | 1         | GK          | Ox-fford                | 9.90        | 8.03        | 7.22        | 25.15        | 17.22        |
| 2         | 1         | Spec        | Ox-fford                | 10.00       | 5.73        | 7.17        | 22.90        | 24.69        |
| 3         | 2         | GK          | Dolphin Dragons         | 6.34        | 9.09        | 6.22        | 21.66        | 17.65        |
| 4         | 16        | Spec        | Pack Horse Bowling Club | 7.40        | 7.49        | 6.51        | 21.40        | 14.96        |
| 5         | 5         | GK          | Sutton Club             | 7.90        | 6.90        | 6.33        | 21.13        | 19.98        |
| 6         | 7         | GK          | Ox-fford 'C'            | 10.00       | 4.39        | 6.26        | 20.65        | 19.10        |
| 7         | 8         | Spec        | Park Taverners          | 7.21        | 6.61        | 6.72        | 20.54        | (11.45)      |
| 8         | 14        | GK          | Dolphin                 | 5.78        | 8.94        | 5.78        | 20.50        | 13.17        |
| 9         | 3         | GK          | Plough Horntails        | 6.34        | 7.58        | 5.51        | 19.42        | 8.76         |
| 10        | 9         | GK          | Rushton Diamonds        | 5.82        | 7.47        | 5.39        | 18.68        | 14.14        |
| 11        | 9         | Spec        | Park Timers             | 9.90        | 1.53        | 7.00        | 18.43        | (23.61)      |
| 12        | 2         | Spec        | Dolphin Dragons         | 5.66        | 6.53        | 6.22        | 18.41        | 20.42        |
| 13        | 13        | GK          | Cock Inn                | 7.62        | 4.86        | 5.56        | 18.04        | 7.42         |
| 14        | 3         | Spec        | Plough Horntails        | 2.31        | 9.69        | 5.76        | 17.75        |              |
| 15        | 4         | Spec        | Waters Green Rams       | 3.16        | 8.85        | 5.39        | 17.40        |              |
| <b>16</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>GK</b>   | <b>Royal Oak</b>        | <b>2.95</b> | <b>9.49</b> | <b>4.56</b> | <b>17.00</b> | <b>16.96</b> |
| 17        | 15        | GK          | Waters Green Lemmings   | 4.16        | 7.86        | 4.57        | 16.60        | 12.70        |
| 18        | 7         | Spec        | Ox-fford 'C'            | 2.03        | 7.96        | 5.87        | 15.86        | 12.56        |
| 19        | 10        | GK          | Robin Hood              | 4.74        | 7.22        | 3.89        | 15.85        | (14.01)      |
| 20        | 13        | Spec        | Harrington Academicals  | 7.33        | 2.46        | 5.83        | 15.61        | 18.04        |
| 21        | 4         | GK          | Waters Green Rams       | 7.88        | 2.07        | 5.22        | 15.16        | 18.84        |
| 22        | 10        | Spec        | Nags Head               | 1.37        | 8.13        | 5.50        | 14.99        | (7.83)       |
| 23        | 8         | GK          | Chester Road Tavern     | 6.08        | 3.12        | 5.67        | 14.87        | 13.96        |
| 24        | 5         | Spec        | British Flag            | 5.51        | 2.45        | 6.72        | 14.68        | 24.61        |
| 25        | 6         | GK          | Harrington 'B'          | 5.08        | 3.10        | 5.32        | 13.50        | (16.23)      |
| 26        | 6         | Spec        | Waters Green Lemmings   | 2.90        | 4.87        | 4.97        | 12.74        | 14.47        |
| 27        | 16        | GK          | Pack Horse Bowling Club | 5.93        | 0.00        | 5.96        | 11.89        |              |
| 28        | 12        | GK          | Church House Bollington | 1.94        | 4.85        | 4.82        | 11.62        | 14.74        |
| 29        | 12        | Spec        | Church House Bollington | 0.30        | 6.22        | 5.10        | 11.61        | 17.13        |
| 30        | 15        | Spec        | Harrington 'B'          | 3.09        | 1.02        | 5.50        | 9.61         | 16.23        |
| <b>31</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>Spec</b> | <b>Royal Oak</b>        | <b>0.25</b> | <b>4.16</b> | <b>4.33</b> | <b>8.74</b>  |              |
| 32        | 11        | Spec        | Sutton Mutton           | 0.00        | 5.49        | 3.17        | 8.66         | 11.5         |
| 33        | 14        | Spec        | Dolphin                 | 2.39        | 0.00        | 5.22        | 7.61         | 7.84         |
| 34        | 11        | GK          | Brewers Arms            | 0.00        | 3.70        | 3.89        | 7.59         | (11.16)      |



Most teams seem to have found the **Royal Oak's** questions quite tough; only a couple managed to score more than their averages, and the overall average was 90%. This meant low scores all round for Difficulty, and it may also be reflected in the Entertainment scores, where the two sets are in 30th and 31st place out of 34.

The General Knowledge questions were redeemed by their balance, which was very good (according to the spreadsheet). Unfortunately the same could not be said for the Specialist set, which (again according to the spreadsheet) were heavily biased in favour of the teams that went first. Those teams scored on average 92% of their average scores, while those going second scored only 85%.

Overall, the balance wasn't too bad; teams that went "first first" averaged 92% of their average scores, while those that went "second first" averaged 89%. On an average team score of 140 this would mean a difference of four or five points. This may have affected the results in a couple of games, including the draw between the Ox-fford 'C' and the Dolphin.