



Macclesfield Quiz League

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News and Views: 2018–19 Season – Week 18 – 26 March 2019

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Results and Tables

The most crucial match this week was the one between the **Sutton Club** and the **Chester Road Tavern**, where the winners would be promoted along with the **Robin Hood** – except that the CRT needed to win by at least 15 points. The result was a victory for the CRT by 124 points to 100, so congratulations to them, and commiserations to the Sutton Club – who missed out by just nine points in a total of over 1700.

The Chester Road Tavern's form has shown a marked improvement this season. We put it down partly to their being able to turn out their strongest team on more occasions than previously, and partly also to the continued progress made by **Mitch Moores**, who has made his first ever Top Ten finish.

And just one more thing about the Chester Road Tavern: they were the only team to win away from home this week! Eight of the nine games were won by the home teams.

In the B League, every game was crucial for at least one team. At the top of the table there were wins for all three of the teams in contention for the second promotion place, which leaves the **British Flag** not only promoted but champions on goal difference over the **Rushton Diamonds**. Commiserations to the **Nags Head** and **Harrington Academicals**, who were in the race right up to the finish.

The three promotion contenders in the B League were playing the bottom three, and as we've seen, they all won; so there was no change at the bottom of the table. This means that the **Waters Green Lemmings** survive to play another season at the same level, while the **Park Taverners** are relegated along with the **Sutton Mutton**.

All issues in the A League were settled last week; the **Ox-fford** are champions, with the **Ox-fford 'C'** as runners up, while the **Waters Green Rams** and the **Dolphin Dragons** will be playing in the B League next season.

Individual

It's not often that we get two players with 54 points or more, so congratulations to **Ashton Davies** and **Bob Thompson**. Otherwise it was a low-scoring week, with only **Alice Walker** and **Alan Hodgson** (42 each) scoring over 40. The highest scorers in the B League were **Paul Prior** and **Neil Drummond** with 36 each, and in the C League **Peter Bullivent** was the top scorer with a personal best 33.

There were only five personal bests this week, and 25 players failed to better their lowest scores of the season.

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Individual ... continued

In the individual tables, **Ashton Davies**'s excellent score meant that he pipped **Alice Walker** to second place in the A League individual table. **Mark Watson** (who didn't play this week) is the clear winner however; his 549 (average just a fraction under 50) is, I believe, the highest ever for an 11-game reckoning.

In the B League, none of the top three managed to beat their 11th-best score, so **Dave Partington** is the champion and **Brian Bogie** (who didn't play) is runner-up, with **Rob Parkin** getting the other plate.

Jim Kennelly only needed to turn up really to secure the C League trophy, and he did so despite registering his lowest score of the season. There was no change in the other top three places either, with **John Green** finishing as runner-up and **Wendy Brown** in third place.

Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

Winners

The Weaver's questions failed to challenge the Top Ten, so the **Cars & Vans 4U** question setters' trophy goes to the **Ox-fford** yet again. This is their third win in a row, and their seventh in the last eight years. It was their General Knowledge questions that came top this season (for the third time in those seven), and their Specialist set were runners-up. This is only the fifth time this century (nay, Millennium) that the same team has finished in the top two places, and the second for the Ox-fford; the previous occasion on which they did it was in 2006-7.

Congratulations also to the **Pack Horse Bowling Club**, whose Specialist questions from Week 16 were the best set by a team other than the Ox-fford this season (according to the spreadsheet). And special mention to the **Park Timers** – so often runners-up to the Ox-fford in recent years – whose Specialist questions from Week 9 received the best marks for Entertainment after the Ox-fford's two sets, with a League average of exactly seven.

This Week

It was a mid-table finish for the **Weaver**'s General Knowledge questions, and lower mid table for the Specialists.

Both sets were in mid table for Entertainment – in 14th and 18th place respectively.

According to the spreadsheet they were slightly harder than average; teams scored on average 95% of their averages – 90% in the Specialist and 98% in the General Knowledge.

The spreadsheet detected a slight bias in favour of the teams that went "first first". This was more marked in the General Knowledge, where the teams that went "first first" scored on average 101% of their averages and those that went "second first" scored 95%. Overall the figures were 97% for the teams that went "first first" and 93% for those that went "second first". On an average team score of 140 this would have made a difference of about six points. There were no games with a winning margin of less than 17, so if the spreadsheet is correct then no results are likely to have been affected.

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Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy: Table

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	GK	Ox-fford	9.86	8.52	7.22	25.60	17.22
2	1	Spec	Ox-fford	10.00	6.57	7.17	23.74	24.69
3	16	Spec	Pack Horse Bowling Club	7.39	8.02	6.51	21.93	14.96
4	2	GK	Dolphin Dragons	6.31	9.25	6.22	21.77	17.65
5	8	Spec	Park Taverners	7.18	7.48	6.72	21.38	(11.45)
6	5	GK	Sutton Club	7.96	6.99	6.33	21.28	19.98
7	7	GK	Ox-fford 'C'	10.00	4.83	6.26	21.09	19.10
8	14	GK	Dolphin	5.86	8.57	5.78	20.20	13.17
9	3	GK	Plough Horntails	6.40	7.39	5.51	19.31	8.76
10	9	GK	Rushton Diamonds	5.87	7.37	5.39	18.63	14.14
11	9	Spec	Park Timers	9.94	1.50	7.00	18.44	(23.61)
12	13	GK	Cock Inn	7.69	4.97	5.56	18.23	7.42
13	2	Spec	Dolphin Dragons	5.55	6.45	6.22	18.22	20.42
14	18	GK	Weaver	5.20	7.04	5.83	18.07	10.00
15	3	Spec	Plough Horntails	2.45	9.53	5.76	17.74	
16	4	Spec	Waters Green Rams	3.28	8.83	5.39	17.50	
17	17	GK	Royal Oak	3.03	9.51	4.56	17.10	16.96
18	15	GK	Waters Green Lemmings	4.21	7.83	4.57	16.61	12.70
19	7	Spec	Ox-fford 'C'	2.12	7.93	5.87	15.92	12.56
20	13	Spec	Harrington Academicals	7.37	2.60	5.83	15.80	18.04
21	10	GK	Robin Hood	4.75	7.10	3.89	15.73	(14.01)
22	10	Spec	Nags Head	1.51	8.48	5.50	15.49	(7.83)
23	4	GK	Waters Green Rams	7.94	2.25	5.22	15.41	18.84
24	8	GK	Chester Road Tavern	6.15	3.47	5.67	15.29	13.96
25	5	Spec	British Flag	5.52	2.26	6.72	14.50	24.61
26	18	Spec	Weaver	0.63	7.96	5.56	14.14	15.17
27	6	GK	Harrington 'B'	5.09	3.43	5.32	13.84	(16.23)
28	6	Spec	Waters Green Lemmings	2.96	4.85	4.97	12.78	14.47
29	16	GK	Pack Horse Bowling Club	5.96	0.00	5.96	11.92	
30	12	Spec	Church House Bollington	0.49	6.25	5.10	11.85	17.13
31	12	GK	Church House Bollington	2.05	4.84	4.82	11.71	14.74
32	15	Spec	Harrington 'B'	3.15	1.44	5.50	10.09	16.23
33	11	Spec	Sutton Mutton	0.00	5.44	3.17	8.61	11.5
34	17	Spec	Royal Oak	0.35	3.75	4.33	8.43	
35	11	GK	Brewers Arms	0.00	4.16	3.89	8.05	(11.16)
36	14	Spec	Dolphin	2.44	0.00	5.22	7.66	7.84



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A League

Results

Church House Bollington	166	147	Ox-fford 'C'
Ashton Davies	54	42	Alice Walker
Waters Green Rams	175	123	Dolphin Dragons
Bob Thompson (pb)	54	30 30	Liz Horrocks Dave Cooper
Dolphin	162	145	Royal Oak
Alan Hodgson John Brown (pb)	42 36	36 36	Bill Cawley Rosalie James

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Ox-fford	14	10	1	3	2239	21
Ox-fford 'C'	14	8	2	4	2319	18
Dolphin	14	8	1	5	2220	17
Church House Bollington	14	8	0	6	2251	16
Weaver	14	7	0	7	2269	14
Royal Oak	14	6	0	8	2135	12
Dolphin Dragons	14	4	0	10	1985	8
Waters Green Rams	14	3	0	11	2004	6

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 18
Mark Watson	Ox-fford	12	549	57	39	
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	14	510	57	42	54
Alice Walker	Ox-fford 'C'	14	507	54	42	42
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	13	498	51	39	42
Haydn Thompson	Ox-fford 'C'	14	480	51	36	36
Peter McBride	Dolphin	14	471	48	36	30
Keith Pointon	Waters Green Rams	14	432	51	33	45
Graham Bailey	Weaver	13	426	48	33	
Alan Gilday	Weaver	14	411	48	30	
Ed Baron	Church House Bollington	13	405	45	30	33



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B League

Results

Nags Head	145	105	Waters Green Lemmings
Paul Prior	36	30	Jon Thompson
Harrington Academicals	157	102	Sutton Mutton
Rob Parkin	33	30	Wynne Keith-Davies
British Flag	153	115	Park Taverners
Neil Drummond	36	33	Graham Wallace

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
British Flag	14	10	0	4	2096	20
Rushton Diamonds	14	10	0	4	2028	20
Nags Head	14	9	0	5	2113	18
Harrington Academicals	14	9	0	5	2083	18
Plough Horntails	14	6	0	8	1874	12
Waters Green Lemmings	14	6	0	8	1814	12
Park Taverners	14	5	0	9	1873	10
Sutton Mutton	14	1	0	13	1650	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 18
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	13	411	45	30	30
Brian Bogie	Rushton Diamonds	11	402	45	24	
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	13	396	42	33	33
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	14	381	45	27	30
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	13	378	45	27	33
Andrew Wright	Nags Head	11	366	48	27	
Phil Davies	British Flag	12	354	48	15	15
Art Higham	Rushton Diamonds	12	354	45	24	
Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	13	342	45	24	30
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	13	336	39	27	
Anne Jeater	Plough Horntails	14	336	39	24	



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C League

Results

Robin Hood	135	105	Harrington 'B'
Tony Wilkinson (pb)	27	30	John Green
Jim Kennelly	27		
Andrew Clark (pb)	21		
Tim Grimes	21		
Cock Inn	127	88	Brewers Arms
Peter Bullivent (pb)	33	18	Trisha Ridgway
Sutton Club	100	124	Chester Road Tavern
Emma Griggs	21	27	Mitch Moores
		27	Tony Moores
		27	Steve Moores

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Robin Hood	14	13	0	1	1964	26
Chester Road Tavern	14	8	0	6	1735	16
Sutton Club	14	8	0	6	1726	16
Park Timers	14	7	1	6	1685	15
Harrington 'B'	14	6	0	8	1656	12
Cock Inn	14	6	0	8	1614	12
Pack Horse Bowling Club	14	4	1	9	1631	9
Brewers Arms	14	3	0	11	1615	6

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 18
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	10	366	48	27	27
John Green	Harrington 'B'	12	333	39	18	30
Wendy Brown	Sutton Club	13	297	33	18	18
John Poyser	Park Timers	13	291	36	18	
Trisha Ridgway	Brewers Arms	13	288	36	18	18
Andy Ridgway	Brewers Arms	12	285	45	15	15
Jackie Hulme	Cock Inn	13	285	42	15	27
Andrew Fenton	Park Timers	14	279	36	18	
Chris Butler	Sutton Club	12	276	30	18	
Peter Wilcox	Cock Inn	11	267	36	12	21
Mitch Moores	Chester Road Tavern	13	267	30	18	27