Macclesfield Quiz League

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News and Views: 2019–20 Season – Week 6 – 12 November 2019

Results

Only two games were decided by fewer than ten points this week – but in four others the margin was between 11 and 13. Six were won by the teams that went "first first"; these were evenly spread between the Leagues, with two in each.

It's probably fair to say that all six games in the A and B Leagues went to form, but in the C League, two teams recorded their first wins of the season. The **Broken Cross Club** followed up last week's draw with a victory over the **Sutton Mutton**, by a margin of just three points; but possibly the surprise result anywhere this week was an 11–point victory for the **Pack Horse Bowling Club** (previously ninth in the table) over the **Brewers Arms** (second).

Tables

Once again this week there was no change at the top of any of the three Leagues; the two **Nags Head** teams and the **Park Taverners** remain in the three top spots.

Not much change at the bottom of the tables either; in the A and B Leagues the bottom three are the same as last week, while in the C League the **Broken Cross** and **Pack Horse** clubs both moved above the **King's Gambit** thanks to their first wins of the season.

In the A League the **Weaver** climbed to their highest position of the season so far, largely at the expense of the **Queens** who didn't play. The B League's biggest climbers were the **Dolphin Dragons**, who are steadily repairing the damage done by their two weeks off in Weeks 2 and 3 and are now in third place. And in the C League the **Park Timers** moved up from sixth to fourth with their third victory of the season.

Individual

There were 19 personal bests this week, and 31 people failed to better their lowest scores of the season.

For the second week running, **Ashton Davies** scored 51 and was the only individual to top 50. Next highest was **Peter McBride** with 45, and there were six scores of 42 (three each in the A and B Leagues). Joint top scorers in the C League were **John Green** and **John Poyser**, each with a personal best 39.

One of the 42s was for **Mark Watson**, taking him to the top of the A League Individual table above **Alice Walker**, who didn't play. In the B League, **Dave Partington** remains in first place but **Keith Pointon** and **Jim Kennelly** both moved ahead of **Paul Prior**, who was second last week but didn't play this time. Similarly in the C League, **Andy Ridgway** still tops the table but **Shauna Barstow**, who was second last week but didn't play this time, was overtaken by four people: **John Green**, **John Poyser**, **Wendy Brown** and **Kenny Davenport–Slater**.
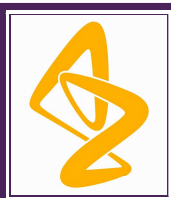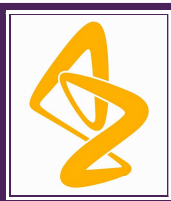
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A League

Results

Church House Bollington	149	**173**	Nags Head 'B'
Ashton Davies (pb)	51	42	Mark Watson
Ed Baron (pb)	39	36	Laurence Plant (pb)
		33	Mark Shaw (pb)
Rushton Diamonds	156	**160**	**Dolphin**
Art Higham	39	45	Peter McBride (pb)
Brian Bogie	39		
Weaver	**172**	159	**Royal Oak**
Ian Grieve (pb)	42	42	Bill Cawley (pb)
Alan Gilday	36	30	Rosalie James
Graham Bailey	30	27	Gill Baker (pb)
Lesley Davies (pb)	27		

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Nags Head 'B'	5	5	0	0	872	10
Dolphin	5	3	0	2	803	6
Weaver	4	3	0	1	645	6
Rushton Diamonds	5	2	0	3	772	4
Queens	4	2	0	2	690	4
Church House Bollington	4	2	0	2	615	4
British Flag	4	1	0	3	586	2
Royal Oak	5	0	0	5	782	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 6
Mark Watson	Nags Head 'B'	5	**234**	51	42	42
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	5	**219**	48	42	42
Alice Walker	Queens	4	**204**	54	48	
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	4	**195**	41	42	51
Peter McBride	Dolphin	5	**195**	45	27	45
Brian Bogie	Rushton Diamonds	5	**195**	42	36	39
Rosalie James	Royal Oak	5	**180**	48	30	30
Art Higham	Rushton Diamonds	5	**168**	42	27	39
Haydn Thompson	Queens	4	**162**	48	36	
Alan James	Royal Oak	5	**162**	42	24	24

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B League

Results

Dolphin Dragons	**138**	125		**Robin Hood**
Liz Horrocks (pb)	42	33		Jim Kennelly
Nags Head	**150**	110		**Chester Road Tavern**
Alasdair Reid	33	33		Tony Moores (pb)
Waters Green Rams	**143**	132		**Harrington Academicals**
Keith Pointon	42	42		Dave Partington

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Nags Head	6	5	0	1	907	10
Waters Green Rams	5	5	0	0	807	10
Dolphin Dragons	4	3	0	1	640	6
Harrington Academicals	6	2	0	4	848	4
Plough Horntails	4	2	0	2	543	4
Robin Hood	5	1	0	4	672	2
Waters Green Lemmings	4	1	0	3	479	2
Chester Road Tavern	4	0	0	4	419	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 6
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	6	**246**	48	27	42
Keith Pointon	Waters Green Rams	5	**201**	45	30	42
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	5	**174**	42	30	33
Paul Prior	Nags Head	5	**168**	42	24	
Alasdair Reid	Nags Head	5	**165**	42	21	33
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	5	**162**	39	27	27
Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Dragons	4	**147**	42	30	42
Andy Johnson	Nags Head	5	**147**	39	21	30
Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	4	**135**	39	27	
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	4	**129**	33	30	
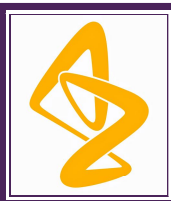
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C League

Results

Sutton Mutton	113	**116**	**Broken Cross Club**
Wynne Keith–Davies	30	30 24	Jackie Hulme (pb) Peter Bullivent (pb)
Brewers Arms	117	**128**	**Park Horse Bowling Club**
Andy Ridgway	33	30	Michael Murphy (pb)
Harrington 'B'	125	**137**	**Sutton Club**
John Green (pb)	39	33 30 24	Chris Butler (pb) Wendy Brown Emma Griggs (pb)
King's Gambit	101	**136**	**Park Timers**
Sam Baker (pb) Michael Taylor	24 24	39	John Poyser (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Park Taverners	5	5	0	0	664	10
Brewers Arms	6	4	0	2	701	8
Sutton Club	5	4	0	1	688	8
Park Timers	5	3	0	2	625	6
Harrington 'B'	5	2	1	2	634	5
Sutton Mutton	5	2	0	3	618	4
Broken Cross Club	6	1	1	4	573	3
Pack Horse Bowling Club	5	1	0	4	603	2
King's Gambit	6	1	0	5	497	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 6
Andy Ridgway	Brewers Arms	6	**165**	36	18	33
John Green	Harrington 'B'	5	**156**	39	24	39
John Poyser	Park Timers	5	**156**	39	24	39
Wendy Brown	Sutton Club	4	**144**	45	30	30
Kenny Davenport-Slater	Brewers Arms	6	**132**	30	15	21
Shauna Barstow	Park Taverners	4	**126**	36	24	
Mike Proctor	Sutton Mutton	4	**117**	33	24	
Chris Butler	Sutton Club	4	**117**	33	21	33
Geoff Parkin	Harrington 'B'	4	**114**	33	24	24
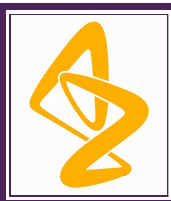
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	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 6
Jackie Hulme	Broken Cross Club	5	**111**	30	6	30
Simon Rumsey	Sutton Club	5	**111**	27	12	12

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	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	4	Spec	**Park Timers**	7.82	8.21	6.47	**22.50**	18.44
2	4	GK	**Waters Green Rams**	5.23	8.61	6.20	**20.04**	18.84
3	1	Spec	**Rushton Diamonds**	6.24	6.27	6.67	**19.18**	
4	**6**	Spec	**Queens**	**3.84**	**8.89**	**6.03**	**18.76**	**15.92**
5	2	GK	**Dolphin Dragons**	3.61	9.13	5.65	**18.39**	17.65
6	5	GK	**Sutton Club**	4.82	7.03	6.11	**17.96**	21.28
7	3	Spec	**British Flag**	1.63	9.81	6.03	**17.47**	14.50
8	**6**	GK	**Queens**	**4.56**	**6.87**	**5.86**	**17.29**	**21.09**
9	2	Spec	**Sutton Mutton**	4.81	6.64	4.11	**15.56**	8.61
10	1	GK	**Rushton Diamonds**	7.83	1.39	6.28	**15.50**	18.63
11	5	Spec	**Sutton Club**	2.02	0.00	6.19	**8.21**	
12	3	GK	**British Flag**	2.57	0.00	5.04	**7.61**	

The **Queens'** questions received more or less average marks all round, with the Specialists faring slightly better than the General Knowledge. The two sets are fourth and eighth respectively, out of twelve, in the overall table.

Both sets were of average **Difficulty**. In the Specialist rounds teams scored, on average, exactly 100% of their average scores (rounded); for the General Knowledge the figure was 101%. The **Balance** was pretty good (according to the spreadsheet): in the Specialists the teams that went first scored on average 98%, while those going second scored 101%. In the General Knowledge the figures were 104% (for the teams that went first in the Specialists) and 98% (for those that went second). The biases that the spreadsheet identified in the two sets tended to cancel each other out, so that overall the teams that went "first first" scored 102% of their averages, while those that went "second first" scored 99%.

The **Entertainment** scores were slightly less than average; the Specialist questions are currently seventh out of twelve, the General Knowledge ninth. The Specialist questions went down slightly better in the A League than in the B or C; the General Knowledge were also best received in the A League, and did well enough in the C League, but the B League gave them one of their lowest marks of the season so far.