



# Macclesfield Quiz League

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## News and Views: 2019–20 Season – Week 7 – 19 November 2019

### Results

Seven games this week were won by the teams that went "second first". The three teams that managed to buck this trend were the **Waters Green Lemmings**, **Robin Hood** and **Park Taverners**; the first and third of these won by a single point.

Most games do however seem to have gone to form. Biggest surprise of the week was possibly the **Waters Green Lemmings'** single-point victory over the **Dolphin Dragons**, who started (and remain) four places above them in the B League. The other single-point margin was the **Park Taverners'** victory over the **Sutton Mutton**.

### Tables

Biggest movers of the week were the **Church House Bollington**, who moved up from sixth place to third in the A League following their victory over the Queens.

In the B League, the only change was that the **Robin Hood** swapped places with the **Plough Horntails** following their second victory of the season; they are now in fifth place, while the Horntails drop to sixth.

Also enjoying their second win of the season were the **Pack Horse Bowling Club**, who moved up from eighth place to sixth in the C League as a result.

### Individual

Congratulations to **Alan Hodgson**, whose 57 was the highest individual score of the season so far. Batting second on the team that went "second first", the only question that defeated Alan was the one about the Woodstock lyrics. This was in Round 6 of the General Knowledge ... frustratingly, probably just about the point when Alan was starting to think about the Maximum Break! (Apologies for the mixed sporting metaphor ... )

Close behind was **Ashton Davies** with 54. Ashton got a full house in the General Knowledge questions; the two that he missed out on were in rounds 3 and 7 of the Specialists – the ones about the Ultra-Low Emissions Zone acronym and Stoke-on-Trent's link to the RMS *Titanic*.

There were also four scores in the 40s – including two in the B League, for **Jim Kennelly** (48) and **Jon Thompson** (42). Highest score in the C League was 33, which was achieved by four people.

There were 19 personal bests this week, and 27 people failed to better their lowest scores of the season.



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## A League

### Results

<b>Church House Bollington</b>	<b>180</b>	158	<b>Queens</b>
Ashton Davies (pb)	54	48	Haydn Thompson (pb)
<b>British Flag</b>	118	<b>174</b>	<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>
Tony Browne (pb)	33	45	Mark Watson
<b>Weaver</b>	141	<b>173</b>	<b>Dolphin</b>
Ian Grieve	36	57	Alan Hodgson (pb)

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	6	6	0	0	1046	12
<b>Dolphin</b>	6	4	0	2	976	8
<b>Church House Bollington</b>	5	3	0	2	795	6
<b>Weaver</b>	5	3	0	2	786	6
<b>Queens</b>	5	2	0	3	848	4
<b>Rushton Diamonds</b>	5	2	0	3	772	4
<b>British Flag</b>	5	1	0	4	702	2
<b>Royal Oak</b>	5	0	0	5	782	0

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 7
<b>Mark Watson</b>	Nags Head 'B'	6	<b>279</b>	51	42	45
<b>Alan Hodgson</b>	Dolphin	6	<b>276</b>	57	42	57
<b>Ashton Davies</b>	Church House Bollington	5	<b>249</b>	54	42	54
<b>Alice Walker</b>	Queens	5	<b>246</b>	54	42	42
<b>Peter McBride</b>	Dolphin	6	<b>237</b>	45	27	42
<b>Haydn Thompson</b>	Queens	5	<b>210</b>	48	36	48
<b>Brian Bogie</b>	Rushton Diamonds	5	<b>195</b>	42	36	
<b>Rosalie James</b>	Royal Oak	5	<b>180</b>	48	30	
<b>Art Higham</b>	Rushton Diamonds	5	<b>168</b>	42	27	
<b>Ian Grieve</b>	Weaver	5	<b>168</b>	42	27	36
<b>Mark Shaw</b>	Nags Head 'B'	6	<b>168</b>	33	18	21



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## B League

### Results

<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>	145	<b>146</b>	<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>
Robin Morrell	39	42 27 27	Jon Thompson (pb) Sunil Peck (pb) Bob Langstaff
<b>Nags Head</b>	<b>150</b>	143	<b>Plough Horntails</b>
Andy Johnson Paul Prior	33 33	36	Malcolm Asquith (pb)
<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	111	<b>158</b>	<b>Robin Hood</b>
Mitch Moores (pb) Chris Moores (pb) Bill Moores (pb)	33 24 21	48 24 24	Jim Kennelly (pb) Tim Grimes (pb) Andrew Clark

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Nags Head</b>	7	6	0	1	1057	12
<b>Waters Green Rams</b>	5	5	0	0	807	10
<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>	5	3	0	2	785	6
<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	6	2	0	4	848	4
<b>Robin Hood</b>	6	2	0	4	830	4
<b>Plough Horntails</b>	5	2	0	3	686	4
<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>	5	2	0	3	625	4
<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	5	0	0	5	530	0

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 7
<b>Dave Partington</b>	Harrington Academicals	6	<b>246</b>	48	27	
<b>Jim Kennelly</b>	Robin Hood	6	<b>222</b>	48	30	48
<b>Keith Pointon</b>	Waters Green Rams	5	<b>201</b>	45	30	
<b>Paul Prior</b>	Nags Head	6	<b>201</b>	42	24	33
<b>Alasdair Reid</b>	Nags Head	6	<b>195</b>	42	21	30
<b>Andy Johnson</b>	Nags Head	6	<b>180</b>	39	21	33
<b>Jon Thompson</b>	Waters Green Lemmings	5	<b>177</b>	42	27	42
<b>Liz Horrocks</b>	Dolphin Dragons	5	<b>168</b>	42	21	21
<b>Malcolm Asquith</b>	Plough Horntails	5	<b>165</b>	36	30	36
<b>Rob Parkin</b>	Harrington Academicals	5	<b>162</b>	39	27	



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## C League

### Results

<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	118	<b>119</b>	<b>Park Taverners</b>
Wynne Keith-Davies	24	33	Graham Wallace (pb)
Gill Dyson (pb)	18		
Mike Proctor	18		
<b>Brewers Arms</b>	<b>127</b>	110	<b>Harrington 'B'</b>
Andy Ridgway	33	24	John Green
		21	Geoff Parkin
		18	Tom Aindow (pb)
<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>	<b>141</b>	116	<b>Broken Cross Club</b>
Tim Bloor	30	33	Peter Wilcox
Andrew Vickerstaff (pb)	27		
<b>Park Timers</b>	122	<b>125</b>	<b>Sutton Club</b>
John Poyser	33	24	Simon Rumsey
Andrew Fenton (pb)	30	24	Wendy Brown
Karyn Johnson (pb)	21		

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Park Taverners</b>	6	6	0	0	783	12
<b>Brewers Arms</b>	7	5	0	2	828	10
<b>Sutton Club</b>	6	5	0	1	813	10
<b>Park Timers</b>	6	3	0	3	747	6
<b>Harrington 'B'</b>	6	2	1	3	744	5
<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>	6	2	0	4	744	4
<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	6	2	0	4	736	4
<b>Broken Cross Club</b>	7	1	1	5	689	3
<b>King's Gambit</b>	6	1	0	5	497	2

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 7
<b>Andy Ridgway</b>	Brewers Arms	7	<b>198</b>	36	18	33
<b>John Poyser</b>	Park Timers	6	<b>189</b>	39	24	33
<b>John Green</b>	Harrington 'B'	6	<b>180</b>	39	24	24
<b>Wendy Brown</b>	Sutton Club	5	<b>168</b>	45	24	24
<b>Kenny Davenport-Slater</b>	Brewers Arms	7	<b>156</b>	30	15	24
<b>Shauna Barstow</b>	Park Taverners	5	<b>141</b>	36	15	15
<b>Peter Wilcox</b>	Broken Cross Club	6	<b>138</b>	33	15	33



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	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 7
<b>Geoff Parkin</b>	Harrington 'B'	5	<b>135</b>	33	21	21
<b>Mike Proctor</b>	Sutton Mutton	5	<b>135</b>	33	18	18
<b>Jackie Hulme</b>	Broken Cross Club	6	<b>135</b>	30	6	24
<b>Simon Rumsey</b>	Sutton Club	6	<b>135</b>	27	12	24

## Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	4	Spec	<b>Park Timers</b>	7.67	8.22	6.47	<b>22.36</b>	18.44
<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Spec</b>	<b>Royal Oak</b>	<b>7.44</b>	<b>9.23</b>	<b>5.15</b>	<b>21.81</b>	<b>8.43</b>
3	4	GK	<b>Waters Green Rams</b>	5.31	8.48	6.20	<b>19.99</b>	18.84
4	1	Spec	<b>Rushton Diamonds</b>	6.08	6.30	6.67	<b>19.05</b>	—
5	6	Spec	<b>Queens</b>	3.68	8.97	6.03	<b>18.68</b>	15.92
6	2	GK	<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>	3.68	9.28	5.65	<b>18.61</b>	17.65
7	5	GK	<b>Sutton Club</b>	4.89	6.88	6.11	<b>17.87</b>	21.28
8	3	Spec	<b>British Flag</b>	1.49	9.84	6.03	<b>17.35</b>	14.50
9	6	GK	<b>Queens</b>	4.61	6.60	5.86	<b>17.06</b>	21.09
10	2	Spec	<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	4.64	6.66	4.11	<b>15.41</b>	8.61
11	1	GK	<b>Rushton Diamonds</b>	7.88	1.10	6.28	<b>15.26</b>	18.63
<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>GK</b>	<b>Royal Oak</b>	<b>2.90</b>	<b>3.74</b>	<b>5.98</b>	<b>12.62</b>	<b>17.10</b>
13	5	Spec	<b>Sutton Club</b>	1.87	0.00	6.19	<b>8.06</b>	—
14	3	GK	<b>British Flag</b>	2.64	0.00	5.04	<b>7.68</b>	—

It was very much a game of two halves for the **Royal Oak's** questions. The Specialists scored well all round (except for a slightly disappointing Entertainment mark) and are currently second only to the Park Timers' Specialist set from Week 4. The General Knowledge on the other hand scored poorly for both Difficulty and Balance, and are 12th out of 14.

Most teams found the **Specialist** questions fairly easy; on average, teams scored 110% of their average scores. The spreadsheet detected a slight bias towards the teams that went second, who scored on average 111% of their average scores, while those that went second scored 109%.

According to the spreadsheet, the **General Knowledge** questions were of exactly average difficulty for the teams that went first (second in the Specialists), but teams that went second (first in the Specialists) scored only 89% of their averages.

Overall, the teams that went "first first" scored 98% of their average scores, while those that went "second first" scored 104%. On an average team score of 139, this could have made a difference of eight or nine points; this may have been enough to influence the results of two games.

The bias that the spreadsheet detected is perhaps borne out by the fact that seven of the ten games were won by the teams that went "second first".

Neither set scored well for **Entertainment** and they currently sit 9th and 12th, out of 14, in that respect.