

## News and Views: 2019–20 Season – Week 9 – 10 December 2019

### *Results*

One of the League's two remaining unbeaten records fell this week, as the **Park Taverners** were narrowly (and, if the victors will forgive us, somewhat surprisingly) defeated by the **Harrington 'B'**. This leaves the **Nags Head 'B'** as the only undefeated team in the League.

At the other end of the scale, the **Royal Oak** came out victorious in the six-pointer (sorry, I suppose that should be "four-pointer") at the bottom of the A League. The **Chester Road Tavern** are now the only team yet to mark up a victory this season.

**Waters Green Rams** brought out the big guns in their four-pointer with the **Dolphin Dragons** – both Scott Dawson and Bob Thompson playing, for what I suspect may be the first time (although I stand to be corrected). It paid off; the Rams won by 158 points to 141, to go to the top of the B League table.

### *Tables*

At this half-way point of the season, the **Nags Head 'B'** have a four-point lead at the top of the A League, while in the B League the **Waters Green Rams** and the 'original' **Nags Head** team have a similar advantage over the rest of the field. Similarly in the C League, the **Sutton Club** and the **Park Taverners** are four points clear of the **Brewers Arms** in third.

In the B League, no fewer than four teams are level on six points and occupy places four to seven; we can expect some jockeying for position amongst these four in the coming weeks. The equivalent places in the A League are more conventionally spaced, with **Rushton Diamonds** in most danger of dropping into the relegation zone depending on future results.

### *Individual*

**Ashton Davies** was top scorer once again this week with 51. There were three scores in the 40s: **Haydn Thompson** with 45, and **Alice Walker** and **Scott Dawson** with 42 each. Top scorer in the C League was **Mick Graves** with 33.

Ashton is in a commanding position in the A League individual table, with a 21-point lead over three players who are separated only by their respective highest scores: **Alan Hodgson**, Alice Walker and **Mark Watson**.

In the B League, **Dave Partington** has a similar lead over **Keith Pointon** in second place. The C League is much closer: **John Poyser** is just six points (two questions, as you don't need reminding) ahead of **John Green**. But **Wendy Brown** and **Andy Ridgway** are only one further question behind; and Wendy has missed a game, so this could prove crucial later on when contestants have played twelve games.

There were only 12 personal bests this week (six of them in the C League), and 14 people failed to better their lowest scores of the season.



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## A League

### Results

<b>Royal Oak</b>	<b>176</b>	114	<b>British Flag</b>
Alan James	39	33	Neil Drummond (pb)
Rosalie James	36		
Bill Cawley	33		
Gill Baker (pb)	27		
<b>Queens</b>	<b>170</b>	110	<b>Rushton Diamonds</b>
Haydn Thompson	45	27	Art Higham
<b>Church House Bollington</b>	<b>166</b>	161	<b>Weaver</b>
Ashton Davies	51	36	Alan Gilday
Ed Baron (pb)	39	33	Ian Grieve
		33	Graham Bailey
		27	Lesley Davies (pb)

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	7	7	0	0	1200	14
<b>Dolphin</b>	7	5	0	2	1130	10
<b>Church House Bollington</b>	7	5	0	2	1123	10
<b>Queens</b>	7	4	0	3	1169	8
<b>Weaver</b>	7	3	0	4	1089	6
<b>Rushton Diamonds</b>	7	2	0	5	1021	4
<b>Royal Oak</b>	7	1	0	6	1094	2
<b>British Flag</b>	7	1	0	6	929	2

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 9
<b>Ashton Davies</b>	Church House Bollington	7	<b>342</b>	54	42	51
<b>Alan Hodgson</b>	Dolphin	7	<b>321</b>	57	42	
<b>Alice Walker</b>	Queens	7	<b>321</b>	54	33	42
<b>Mark Watson</b>	Nags Head 'B'	7	<b>321</b>	51	42	
<b>Haydn Thompson</b>	Queens	7	<b>279</b>	48	24	45
<b>Peter McBride</b>	Dolphin	7	<b>264</b>	45	27	
<b>Brian Bogie</b>	Rushton Diamonds	7	<b>258</b>	42	21	21
<b>Rosalie James</b>	Royal Oak	7	<b>246</b>	48	30	36
<b>Graham Bailey</b>	Weaver	7	<b>237</b>	42	27	33
<b>Alan James</b>	Royal Oak	7	<b>237</b>	42	24	39



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## B League

### Results

<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	<b>132</b>	91	<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>
Dave Partington Rob Parkin	30 30	27	Mitch Moores
<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>	125	<b>132</b>	<b>Plough Horntails</b>
Jon Thompson	27	30 30 21	Dave McGuinness Malcolm Asquith Pat Jeater (pb)
<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>	141	<b>158</b>	<b>Waters Green Rams</b>
Liz Horrocks Dave Cooper Chris Wearne (pb)	36 27 24	42	Scott Dawson

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Waters Green Rams</b>	7	6	0	1	1061	12
<b>Nags Head</b>	7	6	0	1	1057	12
<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>	7	4	0	3	1063	8
<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	7	3	0	4	980	6
<b>Robin Hood</b>	7	3	0	4	942	6
<b>Plough Horntails</b>	7	3	0	4	916	6
<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>	7	3	0	4	878	6
<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	7	0	0	7	711	0

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 9
<b>Dave Partington</b>	Harrington Academicals	7	<b>276</b>	48	27	30
<b>Keith Pointon</b>	Waters Green Rams	7	<b>258</b>	45	27	30
<b>Jim Kennelly</b>	Robin Hood	7	<b>243</b>	48	21	
<b>Jon Thompson</b>	Waters Green Lemmings	7	<b>234</b>	42	27	27
<b>Liz Horrocks</b>	Dolphin Dragons	7	<b>231</b>	42	21	36
<b>Malcolm Asquith</b>	Plough Horntails	7	<b>216</b>	36	21	30
<b>Paul Prior</b>	Nags Head	6	<b>201</b>	42	24	
<b>Alasdair Reid</b>	Nags Head	6	<b>195</b>	42	21	
<b>Rob Parkin</b>	Harrington Academicals	6	<b>192</b>	39	27	30
<b>Andy Johnson</b>	Nags Head	6	<b>180</b>	39	21	



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## C League

### Results

<b>Park Taverners</b>	119	<b>124</b>	<b>Harrington 'B'</b>
Nick Crowdy (pb)	27	27	Geoff Parkin
Pete Dykstra	27	27	John Green
		24	Tom Aindow (pb)
<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	<b>149</b>	107	<b>Park Timers</b>
Mick Graves (pb)	33	24	John Poyser
Wynne Keith-Davies	30	24	Andrew Fenton
John Stein (pb)	24		
<b>Brewers Arms</b>	105	<b>140</b>	<b>Sutton Club</b>
Andy Ridgway	27	30	Wendy Brown
		27	Paul Heaven (pb)
<b>King's Gambit</b>	75	<b>126</b>	<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>
Helen Hughes (pb)	18	30	Tim Bloor
Susan Taylor	18		

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Sutton Club</b>	8	7	0	1	1066	14
<b>Park Taverners</b>	8	7	0	1	1027	14
<b>Brewers Arms</b>	8	5	0	3	933	10
<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	8	4	0	4	987	8
<b>Park Timers</b>	8	4	0	4	970	8
<b>Harrington 'B'</b>	8	3	1	4	955	7
<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>	8	3	0	5	971	6
<b>Broken Cross Club</b>	8	1	1	6	774	3
<b>King's Gambit</b>	8	1	0	7	658	2

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Pld	Total	High	Low	Wk 9
<b>John Poyser</b>	Park Timers	8	<b>234</b>	39	21	24
<b>John Green</b>	Harrington 'B'	8	<b>228</b>	39	21	27
<b>Wendy Brown</b>	Sutton Club	7	<b>225</b>	45	24	30
<b>Andy Ridgway</b>	Brewers Arms	8	<b>225</b>	36	18	27
<b>Wynne Keith-Davies</b>	Sutton Mutton	8	<b>180</b>	42	24	30
<b>Shauna Barstow</b>	Park Taverners	7	<b>174</b>	36	15	15
<b>Tim Bloor</b>	Pack Horse Bowling Club	7	<b>174</b>	36	12	30
<b>Kenny Davenport-Slater</b>	Brewers Arms	8	<b>174</b>	30	15	18
<b>Simon Rumsey</b>	Sutton Club	8	<b>174</b>	27	12	18
<b>Geoff Parkin</b>	Harrington 'B'	7	<b>171</b>	33	9	27

## Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Wk		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	7	Spec	<b>Royal Oak</b>	9.55	9.39	5.15	<b>24.09</b>	8.43
2	1	GK	<b>Rushton Diamonds</b>	10.00	6.06	6.28	<b>22.34</b>	18.63
3	4	GK	<b>Waters Green Rams</b>	7.11	8.80	6.20	<b>22.11</b>	18.84
4	4	Spec	<b>Park Timers</b>	10.00	5.60	6.47	<b>22.07</b>	18.44
5	6	Spec	<b>Queens</b>	5.54	9.67	6.03	<b>21.23</b>	15.92
6	1	Spec	<b>Rushton Diamonds</b>	8.10	6.20	6.67	<b>20.98</b>	
7	2	GK	<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>	5.74	8.80	5.65	<b>20.19</b>	17.65
8	7	GK	<b>Royal Oak</b>	3.16	9.91	5.98	<b>19.05</b>	17.10
9	3	Spec	<b>British Flag</b>	2.64	9.27	6.03	<b>17.95</b>	14.50
10	2	Spec	<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	6.27	6.68	4.11	<b>17.06</b>	8.61
<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>GK</b>	<b>Broken Cross Club</b>	<b>5.43</b>	<b>7.18</b>	<b>4.43</b>	<b>17.05</b>	<b>18.23</b>
12	6	GK	<b>Queens</b>	5.47	1.94	5.86	<b>13.27</b>	21.09
13	8	Spec	<b>Brewers Arms</b>	0.00	9.34	3.86	<b>13.20</b>	(8.05)
14	5	GK	<b>Sutton Club</b>	6.57	0.00	6.11	<b>12.68</b>	21.28
<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Spec</b>	<b>Robin Hood</b>	<b>1.60</b>	<b>6.49</b>	<b>4.37</b>	<b>12.45</b>	<b>(15.73)</b>
16	3	GK	<b>British Flag</b>	2.49	4.81	5.04	<b>12.35</b>	
17	5	Spec	<b>Sutton Club</b>	3.42	0.00	6.19	<b>9.61</b>	
18	8	GK	<b>Nags Head</b>	0.00	4.72	4.08	<b>8.80</b>	(15.49)

The good news about this week's questions is that (according to the spreadsheet) they were very well balanced when taken as a whole. The Specialists showed a moderate bias towards the teams that went second, but the General Knowledge showed a slightly lesser bias towards those that went second (i.e. "first first"). Overall, the spreadsheet found the questions to be perfectly balanced; teams on both sides scored on average 97% of their average scores.

The **Broken Cross Club's** General Knowledge questions were only slightly harder than average (and indeed gained a better than average score for Difficulty), but in the **Robin Hood's** Specialist set teams scored only 90% of their average scores. The hardest lot of all was in the Specialist questions, for teams that went "first first" – who scored (on average) only 87% of their averages. Those that went "second first" scored 93% on their selection.

The questions didn't go down too well in the Entertainment stakes; the General Knowledge set are currently 14th (out of 18) on that count and the Specialists are 15th.