

News and Views: 2021–2 Season – Week 3 – 7 December 2021

Results

The **Sutton Derby** this week gave us our first draw of the season, as the **Club** and the **Mutton** shared 286 points. This was the only 'live' result in the C League, with the other match being a walkover for the **Pack Horse Bowling Club** as the **Cock Inn** were unfortunate enough to get their dates mixed up.

There are only two Derby matches on the fixture list this season, and the other one was also played this week – at the **Queens Hotel**. This one ended in a narrow victory for the 'Originals'. Apart from the aforementioned draw, the closest game this week came in the B League – **Harrington Academicals** beating the **Dolphin Dragons** by just eight points.

Tables

The **Queens** remain top of the A League, but they have some tough games coming up and will do well to stay in that position. They're one of three unbeaten teams, but have played one game more than either the **Nags Head 'B'** or the **Poachers**.

In the B League there are only two unbeaten teams after **Waters Green Lemmings** could only field three players and were well beaten by the **Park Taverners** – who moved to the top of the table, being the only team to have played three and won three.

The only C League team with a 100% record is the **Park Timers**. They're currently one point behind the **Sutton Mutton**, who have played a game more but dropped a point in this week's draw. The Timers will go top if they beat the King's Gambit in Week 4, as the Mutton have an extra week off.

Individual

Alice Walker and **Mark Watson** were joint top scorers this week with 51 each. But it's **Alan Hodgson** who's emerging as the early front-runner in the A League, with an excellent 150 points from three games.

We have a Top Twelve in the A League this week, as no fewer than five players are tied in eighth place with a total of 84.

In the B League there were three scores of 42. They all came in the same game, and the people concerned were all called Dave: **Dave Partington**, **Dave Barber** and **Dave Cooper**.

(Is Dave Turner turning out for the Dragons this season? That must make it a nightmare for the question masters!)

Dave Barber is currently tied with **Anne Jeater** at the top of the B League individual table. Anne is listed first, presumably on alphabetical order of first name – they seem to have identical records!

In the C League, the Sutton Club have no fewer than five players in the Top Ten – no mean feat, especially as three of them have only played two games. But the top three are all from their stable-mates, the Mutton: **Mike Proctor**, **Mick Graves**, and **Wynne Keith-Davies**.

A League

Results

Poachers	179	151	Rushton Diamonds
Ashton Davies	48	42	Brian Bogie
Queens	174	159	Queen Bs
Alice Walker	51	36 36	Steve Clare Ian Tams
Dolphin	155	191	Nags Head 'B'
Alan Hodgson	45	51	Mark Watson

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Queens	3	3	0	0	530	6
Dolphin	3	2	0	1	492	4
Nags Head 'B'	2	2	0	0	370	4
Poachers	2	2	0	0	347	4
Rushton Diamonds	3	0	0	3	437	0
Queen Bs	3	0	0	3	427	0
Waters Green Weavers	2	0	0	2	324	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 3
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	3	150	54	45	45
Alice Walker	Queens	3	147	54	42	51
Haydn Thompson	Queens	3	129	48	36	36
Peter McBride	Dolphin	3	120	48	30	42
Mark Watson	Nags Head 'B'	2	99	51	48	51
Ashton Davies	Poachers	2	90	48	42	48
Tony Browne	Queen Bs	3	90	42	21	27
Brian Bogie	Rushton Diamonds	2	84	42	42	42
Graham Bailey	Waters Green Weavers	2	84	42	42	
Ian Tams	Queen Bs	3	84	36	24	36
Caroline Massey	Queens	3	84	33	24	24
Richard Briand	Rushton Diamonds	3	84	30	27	27

B League

Results

Harrington Academicals	161	153	Dolphin Dragons
Dave Partington	42	42 42	Dave Barber Dave Cooper
Plough Horntails	173	123	Chester Road Tavern
Julian Amey Anne Jeater	36 36	30 30	Jim Moores Tony Moores
Park Taverners	141	103	Waters Green Lemmings
Nick Crowdy	33	30	Sunil Peck

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Park Taverners	3	3	0	0	442	6
Nags Head	2	2	0	0	339	4
Dolphin Dragons	3	1	0	2	474	2
Plough Horntails	3	1	0	2	454	2
Harrington Academicals	2	1	0	1	320	2
Waters Green Lemmings	2	1	0	1	248	2
Chester Road Tavern	3	0	0	3	338	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 3
Anne Jeater	Plough Horntails	3	105	42	27	36
Dave Barber	Dolphin Dragons	3	105	42	27	42
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	3	99	33	33	33
Shauna Barstow	Park Taverners	3	96	33	30	30
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	3	90	36	27	27
Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Dragons	2	87	48	39	
Paul Prior	Nags Head	2	84	42	42	
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	2	81	42	39	42
Alasdair Reid	Nags Head	2	78	39	39	
Dave Cooper	Dolphin Dragons	2	72	42	30	42

C League

Results

Sutton Club	143	143	Sutton Mutton
Emma Griggs	33	36	Mick Graves
Cock Inn	No result		Pack Horse Bowling Club
Cock Inn did not attend; Pack Horse Bowling Club win by default			

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Sutton Mutton	3	2	1	0	408	5
Park Timers	2	2	0	0	283	4
Sutton Club	3	1	1	1	424	3
Pack Horse Bowling Club	2	1	0	1	106	2
Cock Inn	3	0	0	3	209	0
King's Gambit	1	0	0	1	90	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 3
Mike Proctor	Sutton Mutton	3	87	36	18	33
Mick Graves	Sutton Mutton	3	84	36	24	36
Wynne-Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	3	81	33	24	24
Emma Griggs	Sutton Club	2	66	33	33	33
Chris Butler	Sutton Club	3	66	27	18	27
Wendy Brown	Sutton Club	3	66	24	21	21
Andrew Fenton	Park Timers	2	60	39	21	
John Green	Sutton Club	2	54	33	21	
John Poyser	Park Timers	2	54	30	24	
Simon Rumsey	Sutton Club	2	51	30	21	30

Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	3	GK	Waters Green Weavers	8.91	9.75	7.00	25.66	11.37
2	1	GK	Nags Head 'B'	7.80	5.76	7.67	21.23	25.60
3	1	Spec	Nags Head 'B'	7.64	5.55	7.06	20.25	23.74
4	2	GK	Shamrock Bar	7.16	5.74	6.06	18.95	11.51
5	2	Spec	Harrington Academicals	6.82	5.49	6.33	18.64	20.57
6	3	Spec	Waters Green Weavers	6.80	4.37	6.11	17.27	18.04

Ian Grieve, who co-ordinated this week's questions on behalf of the Waters Green Weavers, has highlighted two of them that seem to have proved quite difficult: the one about the mammal with the biggest eyes, relative to its body ([Specialist Round 4, Question 3](#)) and the one about Mrs. Merton's first name ([Specialist Round 3, Question 8](#)). I doubt however whether these will have spoiled anyone's evening, especially as one of them went to each team.

It was a game of two halves for the **Waters Green Weaver's** questions. The General Knowledge are currently top of the table, but the Specialists are bottom (even though their mark would have put them in mid-table last season). Most teams seem to have found the General Knowledge set quite easy, and the spreadsheet could discern no bias - teams on both sides scoring on average 115% of their average scores since the start of last season.

This is all reflected in the Entertainment marks for the General Knowledge questions, which was a respectable 7.00. The overall score of 25.66 will take some beating, although last season they would have finished a close second to the Chester Road Tavern's Specialists questions.

The Entertainment marks for the Specialist questions (6.11) is also perfectly respectable, but competition is hot so far this season and it puts them fifth out of six. The Difficulty mark (6.80) was also slightly better than average, but they were slightly let down by the Balance. According to the spreadsheet there was a marked bias (in the Specialist set) towards the teams that went "second first". Even so – as already pointed out – their overall score of 17.27 would have put them squarely in mid-table last season: 17th out of 34.

Only time will tell if the apparent high standard of questions so far this season will continue into 2022!

Overall, the teams that went "second first" seem to have had a slight advantage over their opponents. But this may be skewed by the fact that one team going "first first" had only three players. If you give that team a score of 110% of their average (which is the average of what other teams scored) the balance is actually very good.

You might say that the Balance mark for the Entertainment questions suffered from this blip. But if that is the case, you would also have to say that the General Knowledge questions benefitted. So I think I'll leave it there!