



News and Views: 2021–2 Season – Week 7 – 1 February

This week's matches took us to the half-way point of the season. Full individual tables have been posted – see the 2021–2 menu at the top of this page (and every other page on the site).

Results

There was one very close game this week – **Park Taverners** beating the **Nags Head** by just three points – but the other six were all decided by large margins.

Four were won by the teams that went "first first", and the spreadsheet does suggest that there was a significant bias towards those teams. But let's not forget that a bias of 10% towards one team or the other is most unlikely to make a difference of more than about 20 points.

Congratulations to the **Waters Green Weavers**, who took full advantage of the **Dolphin** being a man down to take their first victory of the season, against the apparent run of the questions.

Tables

In the B League, **Park Taverners** were level on points with the **Nags Head** last week, and behind them on goal difference. Their narrow victory (see above) means that they go above the Nags, but it was **Harrington Academicals**, who were also level on points last week and sandwiched between the latter two on goal difference, who went top with a victory over the **Plough Horntails**.

Park Timers, who won the only game in the C League this week, move above the **Sutton Club** into second place.

Waters Green Weavers moved off the bottom of the A League table on goal difference thanks to their first victory of the season.

The **Queens'** victory over the **Poachers** means that they are now the only team with a 100% record. The **Sutton Mutton** (who didn't play this week) are also unbeaten, but have drawn one game.

Individual

Top scorers this week were **Haydn Thompson**, **Alice Walker** and **Mark Watson**, each with 51 points. **Ashton Davies** and **Alan Hodgson** each scored 42. Top scorer in the B League was **Rob Parkin** with 39, and in the C League **John Poyser** takes the honours with a new personal best (for the season) of 33.

Overall there were ten personal bests this week: four each in the A and B Leagues, and two in the C League. But a total of 21 people – eight, ten and three respectively – failed to beat their lowest scores of the season so far.

There was little change in the A and B League Top Tens, except that a few people who've missed a game or two made re-entries. And in the C League, where only one game was played this week, two Park Timers – **Andrew Fenton** and **John Poyser** – moved into the top two places (from third and eighth respectively), and three **Pack Horse Bowlers** came back into the Top Ten.



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A League

Results

Poachers	135	183	Queens
Ashton Davies	42	51 51	Haydn Thompson (pb) Alice Walker
Waters Green Weavers	158	132	Dolphin
Ian Grieve	39	42	Alan Hodgson
Harrington Diamonds	133	157	Nags Head 'B'
Gill Baker (pb) Chris Bogie Neil Scott (pb)	39 27 21	51	Mark Watson (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Queens	6	6	0	0	1055	12
Poachers	6	5	0	1	815	10
Nags Head 'B'	6	4	0	2	809	8
Dolphin	6	2	0	4	930	4
Queen Bs	6	2	0	4	889	4
Waters Green Weavers	6	1	0	5	934	2
Harrington Diamonds	6	1	0	5	864	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 7
Alice Walker	Queens	6	291	51	42	51
Haydn Thompson	Queens	6	270	51	36	51
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	6	267	54	33	42
Peter McBride	Dolphin	6	234	51	27	36
Ian Grieve	Waters Green Weavers	6	231	42	33	39
Graham Bailey	Waters Green Weavers	6	213	42	30	36
Ashton Davies	Poachers	5	204	51	21	42
Mark Watson	Nags Head 'B'	4	195	51	45	51
Tony Browne	Queen Bs	6	174	174	21	
Bob Gratton	Poachers	5	171	171	27	27

B League

Results

Harrington Academicals	174	93	Plough Horntails
Rob Parkin (pb)	39	21 18 18	Anne Jeater Pat Jeater (pb) Malcolm Asquith
Nags Head	130	133	Park Taverners
Andy Johnson	36	36	Graham Wallace (pb)
Dolphin Dragons	162	89	Waters Green Lemmings
Liz Horrocks Dave Barber Dave Turner (pb) Dave Cooper	30 30 27 27	21	Bob Langstaff

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Harrington Academicals	6	5	0	1	946	10
Park Taverners	6	5	0	1	849	10
Nags Head	6	4	0	2	971	8
Dolphin Dragons	6	4	0	2	951	8
Plough Horntails	6	2	0	4	794	4
Waters Green Lemmings	6	1	0	5	609	2
Chester Road Tavern	6	0	0	5	672	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 7
Paul Prior	Nags Head	6	225	42	21	21
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	6	213	42	30	36
Andy Johnson	Nags Head	6	204	42	27	36
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	6	204	39	27	39
Dave Barber	Dolphin Dragons	6	198	42	27	30
Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Dragons	5	192	48	30	30
Graham Wallace	Plough Taverners	6	186	36	27	36
Ian Musgrave	Nags Head	6	171	33	21	21
Shauna Barstow	Plough Taverners	6	171	33	21	30
Anne Jeater	Plough Horntails	6	165	42	18	21
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	6	165	33	18	18

C League

Results

Park Timers	140	93	Pack Horse Bowling Club
John Poyser (pb)	33	24	Tim Bloor
Tim Brewin (pb)	27		
Andrew Fenton	27		

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Sutton Mutton	4	3	1	0	517	7
Park Timers	4	3	0	1	554	6
Sutton Club	4	2	1	1	565	5
Pack Horse Bowling Club	4	1	0	3	419	2
King's Gambit	4	0	0	4	346	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 7
Andrew Fenton	Park Timers	4	126	39	24	27
John Poyser	Park Timers	4	117	33	24	33
Mick Graves	Sutton Mutton	4	108	36	21	
Mike Proctor	Sutton Mutton	4	102	33	18	
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	4	99	27	24	
Chis Butler	Sutton Club	4	93	27	18	
Simon Rumsey	Sutton Club	3	87	36	21	
Wendy Brown	Sutton Club	4	87	24	21	
Andrew Vickerstaff	Pack Horse Bowling Club	4	81	24	18	18
John Green	Sutton Club	3	75	33	21	
Michael Murphy	Pack Horse Bowling Club	4	75	30	6	15
Tim Bloor	Pack Horse Bowling Club	3	75	27	24	24

Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	3	GK	Waters Green Weavers	8.96	8.41	7.00	24.36	11.37
2	4	GK	Cock Inn	6.62	9.67	6.56	22.85	(21.38)
3	1	GK	Nags Head 'B'	7.67	6.33	7.67	21.67	25.60
4	1	Spec	Nags Head 'B'	7.40	5.07	7.06	19.53	23.74
5	6	Spec	Sutton Club	5.18	7.18	6.42	18.78	(18.04)
8	5	Spec	Harrington Diamonds	5.29	6.67	6.78	18.74	21.29
6	2	GK	Shamrock Bar	7.22	5.14	6.06	18.42	11.51
7	2	Spec	Harrington Academicals	6.82	5.02	6.33	18.17	20.57
9	3	Spec	Waters Green Weavers	6.72	5.00	6.11	17.83	18.04
10	5	GK	Harrington Diamonds	5.77	4.75	6.42	16.93	16.28
11	4	Spec	Park Taverners	7.06	1.66	6.33	15.04	13.42
12	7	Spec	Queen Bs	2.85	5.46	5.94	14.25	18.11
13	6	GK	Plough Horntails	5.50	2.66	5.78	13.94	(7.62)
14	7	GK	Queen Bs	4.92	3.77	5.33	8.69	10.99

The **Queen Bs'** questions did not score well. The teams that went "first first" found them generally of average difficulty, but those that went "second first" didn't do so well. This meant that the Difficulty scores were on the low side. For Balance, the Specialist questions scored better than the General Knowledge – mainly because in the period covered by the spreadsheet, the balance has tended to be better in the General Knowledge than in the Specialists. In other words, this week's General Knowledge questions are being judged against a better-balanced set of previous questions than the Specialists.

Overall, the teams that went "first first" scored 99% of their average scores, while those that went "second first" scored only 90%. On an average match score of 135, this means that any team that went "second first" and lost by fewer than about 12 points may have grounds for feeling hard done by. There is only one match that falls into this category.

The Entertainment scores were also quite low. For the Specialists the scores were fairly consistent across the three Leagues, but it was a different story for the General Knowledge. The latter got a better score than the Specialists from the A League (7.00 compared with 6.33) and exactly the same in the B League (both 5.50); but they were not liked by the C League, who only scored them 3.5 out of 10.

There was only one match in the C League this week, which (of course) means only two teams. I think we can safely say that at least one of those teams had serious issues with the General Knowledge questions. What was the problem, people? Let us know on the Forum – that's what it's there for!