



# Macclesfield Quiz League

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## News and Views: 2023–4 Season, Week 6 – 9 January 2024

### *Results*

Four of the games this week were won by the teams that went "second first". The two teams that won going the other way were the **Dolphin Hammers** and the **Waters Green Nags**. But the spreadsheet detected negligible bias in either the Specialists or the General Knowledge (see the [Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy](#) section for more details).

### *Tables*

With neither the Queens of the Castle nor the Dolphin playing, the **Nags Head 'B'** stretched their lead at the top of the A League table to four points. But the four teams immediately below them all have a game in hand, and they have yet to play two of them.

In the B League, the **Waters Green Nags** and **Bate Hallers** pulled away from the Park Taverners and the Sutton Club (neither of whom played). The Nags are still ahead of the Hallers on goal difference, but the latter have a game in hand. These two teams play each other next week, and then the Nags are setting the questions; so the Hallers have a couple of opportunities to make a move.

### *Individual*

None of last week's A League top three played this week, and **Ian Grieve** made the most of the opportunity to go top. But his score of 45 was bettered by both **Mark Watson** and **Greg Spiller**, each of whom scored 51. **Ashton Davies** and **Dave Partington** each scored 42.

Top scorer in the B League was **Wynne Keith-Davies** with 48; **Ian Musgrave** and **Paul Prior** each scored 45, and **Julian Amey** scored 42. Wynne makes his first appearance in the Top Ten this week, but Paul and Ian remain in a strong position in the two top places.

There were fourteen personal bests this week – nine of them in the A League – but ten people recorded their lowest scores of the season also.

### *Questions*

Most teams seem to have found the Specialists quite easy, and they are third (out of twelve) in the Entertainment table. The General Knowledge, according to the spreadsheet, were of exactly average difficulty (arguably the ideal standard), and both sets seem to have been very well balanced.

A few niggles have been mentioned on the Forum (how easy is it to recite the second line of the "she sells sea shells" tongue-twister, in 15 seconds, under pressure and without warning?!), but the consensus seems to be that the **Park Taverners** did a good job as question setters.



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## A League – Full Results

**Note:** in this section, the teams that went "first first" (first in the Specialist questions) are on the left in the tables. In the subheadings, the home teams are given first.

### *Poachers vs. Waters Green Weavers*

Waters Green Weavers	Spec	GK	Total	Poachers	Spec	GK	Total
Alan Gilday	18	21	39	Ed Baron	18	21	39
Maddy Griffiths	9	6	15	Bob Gratton	12	15	27
Adum Carr	12	9	21	Greg Spiller	24	27	51
Ian Grieve	18	27	45	Ashton Davies	18	24	42
Conferred	10	19	29	Conferred	2	10	12
Passed over	4	5	9	Passed over	3	5	8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>179</b>

### *Nags Head 'B' vs. Harrington Academicals*

Harrington Academicals	Spec	GK	Total	Nags Head 'B'	Spec	GK	Total
Dave Partington	21	21	42	Steve Carter	12	18	30
Rob Parkin	12	15	27	Mark Watson	21	30	51
Alan James	15	12	27	Dave Robinson	24	15	39
Steve Dale	15	12	27	Paul Morrissey	15	15	30
Conferred	5	16	21	Conferred	4	8	12
Passed over	2	10	12	Passed over	5	11	16
<b>Totals</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>178</b>

### *Dolphin Hammers vs. Nags Head*

Dolphin Hammers	Spec	GK	Total	Nags Head	Spec	GK	Total
Liz Horrocks	18	18	36	Phil Davies	15	21	36
Pete Sayers	9	15	24	Neil Drummond	15	18	33
David Barber	18	21	39	Ian Tams	18	15	33
Dave Cooper	18	15	33	Tony Browne	12	15	27
Conferred	7	13	20	Conferred	1	9	10
Passed over	8	13	21	Passed over	4	6	10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>149</b>



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## B League – Full Results

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### *Waters Green Nags vs. Chester Road Tavern*

Waters Green Nags	Spec	GK	Total	Chester Road Tavern	Spec	GK	Total
Ian Musgrave	21	24	45	Tom Radley (pb)	12	21	33
Sunil Peck	3	9	12	Mitch Moores	15	12	27
Vic Usk	9	9	18	Chris Moores	6	9	15
Paul Prior	24	21	45	Ian Kenny	3	3	6
Conferred	7	14	21	Conferred	11	13	24
Passed over	7	14	21	Passed over	4	5	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>114</b>

### *Bate Hallers vs. Sutton Mutton*

Sutton Mutton	Spec	GK	Total	Bate Hallers	Spec	GK	Total
Wynne Keith–Davies	24	24	48	Julian Amey	15	27	42
John Stein	0	3	3	Grenville Leah	18	18	36
Mick Graves	9	9	18	Anne Jeater	18	18	36
Mike Proctor	12	12	24	Dave McGuinness	12	3	15
Conferred	10	16	26	Conferred	2	12	14
Passed over	6	6	12	Passed over	6	13	19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>162</b>

### *Park Timers vs. Pack Horse Bowling Club*

Pack Horse Bowling Club	Spec	GK	Total	Park Timers	Spec	GK	Total
Reg Bloor	12	9	21	Andrew Fenton	15	12	27
Mike Wagstaff	0	3	3	John Poyser	18	12	30
Andrew Wagstaff	9	12	21	Karyn Johnston	12	6	18
Tim Bloor	18	15	33	Tim Brewin	9	18	27
Conferred	8	16	24	Conferred	5	10	15
Passed over	6	8	14	Passed over	8	7	15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>132</b>

## A League – Summary

### Results

**Note:** in this section, the home teams are on the left and the away teams are on the right.

<b>Poachers</b>	<b>179</b>	158	<b>Waters Green Weavers</b>
Greg Spiller (pb)	51	45	Ian Grieve
Ashton Davies	42		
Ed Baron (pb)	39		
<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	<b>178</b>	156	<b>Harrington Academicals</b>
Mark Watson	51	42	Dave Partington
Dave Robinson (pb)	39	27	Steve Dale (pb)
		27	Rob Parkin
		27	Alan James
<b>Dolphin Hammers</b>	<b>173</b>	149	<b>Nags Head</b>
Dave Barber	39	36	Phil Davies
Liz Horrocks (pb)	36	33	Ian Tams (pb)
Dave Cooper (pb)	33	33	Neil Drummond
Pete Sayers (pb)	24	27	Tony Browne (pb)

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	5	5	0	0	855	10
<b>Queens of the Castle</b>	4	3	0	1	739	6
<b>Poachers</b>	4	3	0	1	699	6
<b>Dolphin</b>	4	3	0	1	667	6
<b>Dolphin Hammers</b>	4	2	0	2	624	4
<b>Nags Head</b>	5	1	0	4	712	2
<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	5	0	1	4	799	1
<b>Waters Green Weavers</b>	5	0	1	4	792	1

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 6
<b>Ian Grieve</b>	Waters Green Weavers	5	<b>210</b>	48	33	45
<b>Haydn Thompson</b>	Queens of the Castle	4	<b>198</b>	57	42	
<b>Alan Hodgson</b>	Dolphin	4	<b>198</b>	54	42	
<b>Alice Walker</b>	Queens of the Castle	4	<b>192</b>	60	39	
<b>Dave Partington</b>	Hamilton Academicals	5	<b>192</b>	45	27	42
<b>Mark Watson</b>	Nags Head 'B'	4	<b>189</b>	54	39	51
<b>Rob Parkin</b>	Hamilton Academicals	5	<b>183</b>	48	27	27
<b>Alan Gilday</b>	Waters Green Weavers	5	<b>180</b>	45	24	39
<b>Neil Drummond</b>	Nags Head	5	<b>165</b>	48	27	33
<b>Peter McBride</b>	Dolphin	4	<b>162</b>	51	33	
<b>Alan James</b>	Hamilton Academicals	5	<b>162</b>	36	27	27

## B League – Summary

### Results

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<b>Waters Green Nags</b>	<b>162</b>	114	<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>
Ian Musgrave	45	33	Tom Radley (pb)
Paul Prior	45		
<b>Bate Hallers</b>	<b>162</b>	131	<b>Sutton Mutton</b>
Julian Amey	42	48	Wynne Keith-Davies (pb)
Grenville Leah (pb)	36		
Anne Jeater	36		
<b>Park Timers</b>	<b>132</b>	116	<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>
John Poyser	30	33	Tim Bloor (pb)
		21	Andrew Vickerstaff (pb)
		21	Reg Bloor

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Waters Green Nags</b>	5	4	0	1	797	8
<b>Bate Hallers</b>	4	4	0	0	505	8
<b>Park Taverners</b>	4	3	0	1	596	6
<b>Sutton Club</b>	4	3	0	1	569	6
<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	5	2	0	3	670	4
<b>Park Timers</b>	5	2	0	3	642	4
<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>	5	0	0	5	531	0
<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	4	0	0	4	501	0

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 6
<b>Paul Prior</b>	Waters Green Nags	5	<b>213</b>	57	30	45
<b>Ian Musgrave</b>	Waters Green Nags	5	<b>198</b>	48	24	45
<b>John Poyser</b>	Park Timers	5	<b>150</b>	36	24	30
<b>Andrew Fenton</b>	Park Timers	5	<b>144</b>	39	21	27
<b>Graham Wallace</b>	Park Taverners	4	<b>135</b>	39	27	
<b>Shauna Barstow</b>	Park Taverners	4	<b>132</b>	42	21	
<b>Wynne Keith-Davies</b>	Sutton Mutton	4	<b>129</b>	48	15	48
<b>Anne Jeater</b>	Bate Hallers	4	<b>129</b>	39	24	36
<b>Tim Bloor</b>	Pack Horse Bowling Club	5	<b>123</b>	33	21	33
<b>Tim Brewin</b>	Park Timers	5	<b>120</b>	33	15	27

## Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	GK	<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	10.00	9.38	7.16	<b>26.54</b>	21.64
<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Spec</b>	<b>Park Taverners</b>	<b>9.72</b>	<b>9.08</b>	<b>6.83</b>	<b>25.64</b>	<b>26.00</b>
3	5	GK	<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	8.21	8.68	5.83	<b>22.72</b>	12.37
4	2	Spec	<b>Sutton Club</b>	5.28	8.43	6.66	<b>20.37</b>	21.98
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>GK</b>	<b>Park Taverners</b>	<b>4.14</b>	<b>9.63</b>	<b>5.67</b>	<b>19.44</b>	<b>19.10</b>
6	4	Spec	<b>Dolphin Hammers</b>	4.37	8.26	6.17	<b>18.80</b>	11.27
7	3	Spec	<b>Queens of the Castle</b>	3.35	9.00	5.50	<b>17.85</b>	16.72
8	2	GK	<b>Sutton Club</b>	3.71	7.45	6.58	<b>17.75</b>	20.28
9	1	Spec	<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	9.12	0.00	7.25	<b>16.37</b>	19.80
10	5	Spec	<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	5.78	4.71	5.67	<b>16.16</b>	23.24
11	3	GK	<b>Queens of the Castle</b>	3.06	5.18	5.75	<b>13.99</b>	13.47
12	4	GK	<b>Dolphin Hammers</b>	2.81	4.64	5.16	<b>12.61</b>	20.60

Most teams seem to have found the **Park Taverners'** Specialist questions quite easy and the General Knowledge of pretty much average difficulty. This is not just according to the spreadsheet; a couple of subjective comments tend to suggest the same.

Both sets seem to have been very well balanced. Overall, the teams that went "first first" scored 106% of their average marks, and those that went "second first" scored 108%. For the Specialist questions the figures were 115% and 119%; for the General Knowledge they were 99% and 100%, and no team scored less than 93% or more than 112% of their average.

On Entertainment, the Specialist questions are currently third (out of twelve) but the General Knowledge are only tenth. The Specialist questions just failed to dislodge the Nags Head 'B''s General Knowledge set from top spot in the overall table (above), while the General Knowledge are fifth – still in the top half of the table.