



Macclesfield Quiz League

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News and Views: 2017–18 Season – Week 6 – 28 November 2017

Results

There were ten games again this week, as all the B League teams played.

There were some high scores, which is as much to the credit of the question setters as to that of the contestants – take a bow, the **Sutton Club**. The highest score of all was an eye-catching 194 by the **Ox-fford**; this was in fact the highest score in the League for almost two years. On 5 January 2016 – in Week 8 of the 2015–16 season – the Waters Green Rams were beaten by 196 points to 138, by ... the Ox-fford.

The most noteworthy result this week was perhaps the **Cock Inn**'s victory over the Sutton Mutton, which was their first of the season.

There were no really close games – the closest being in the B League where the **Nags Head** beat the **Robin Hood** by six points.

Tables

In the A League, the only real change was that the **Church House Bollington** moved into third place with their victory over the British Flag. The Weaver also moved above the Wharfies, who didn't play, on goal difference (from fifth to fourth).

Similarly in the B League, the **Waters Green Rams** moved into second place with victory over the Harrington 'B', and are now level on points with the **Nags Head** with a game in hand.

In the C League, the **Cock Inn** moved off the bottom of the table with their first win of the season. The **Sutton Club** remain in first place despite not playing this week.

Individual

The highest individual score of the week came in the C League, and it was the 51 achieved by **Shauna Barstow** of the Park Taverners. Sitting in Seat No. 1 in the Specialist questions, the three that Shauna got wrong were the ones about the city with two cathedrals, the man in ITMA and the litter of pigs. This was a great effort, and may well be Shauna's all-time personal best!

Shauna's score took her to the top of the C League individual table, with **Andy Ridgway** not playing this week. **Jackie Hulme** also moved past Andy into second place, with her personal best score of the season so far.

In the A League, **Brian Bogie** remains on top of the table despite not playing this week – but **Ashton Davies** is now only one question behind him.

In the B League, **Alasdair Reid** and **Dave Partington** each scored 42, so Alasdair remains just one question ahead of Dave in first place.

There were a total of 23 personal bests this week (too many to list really – they're all mentioned below!), and twelve scores of 42 or over.



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A League

Results

Ox-fford 'C'	172	158	Weaver
Alice Walker	45	39	Alan Gilday
Haydn Thompson	45	33	Lesley Davies (pb)
		30	Ian Greive (pb)
		30	Graham Bailey
British Flag	149	162	Church House Bollington
Geoff Shaw (pb)	30	45	Ashton Davies
Neil Drummond (pb)	30		
Ian Tams	30		
Dolphin	161	194	Ox-fford
Peter McBride (pb)	51	48	Mark Watson (pb)
Alan Hodgson (pb)	45	45	Laurence Plant (pb)
		45	Paul Morrissey (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Ox-fford	5	4	0	1	825	8
Ox-fford 'C'	4	4	0	0	701	8
Church House Bollington	5	2	1	2	788	5
Weaver	5	2	0	3	784	4
Wharfies	5	2	0	3	744	4
Dolphin	4	1	1	2	617	3
Dolphin Dragons	4	1	0	3	600	2
British Flag	4	1	0	3	583	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 6
Brian Bogie	Wharfies	5	210	51	30	
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	5	207	51	30	45
Haydn Thompson	Ox-fford 'C'	4	189	54	42	45
Mark Watson	Ox-fford	4	183	48	45	48
Graham Bailey	Weaver	5	183	45	30	30
Alice Walker	Ox-fford 'C'	4	177	48	36	45
Peter McBride	Dolphin	4	171	51	33	51
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	4	162	45	36	45
Alan Gilday	Weaver	4	156	42	36	39
Lesley Davies	Weaver	5	153	33	27	33



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B League

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Robin Hood	152	158	Nags Head
Jim Kennelly	36	42 36 30	Alasdair Reid Andrew Wright (pb) Dave Pennington (pb)
Harrington 'B'	118	151	Waters Green Rams
John Green	27	45 33	Keith Pointon (pb) David Reynolds (pb)
Royal Oak	163	125	Plough Horntails
Alan James (pb) Bill Cawley (pb) Gill Baker (pb)	39 39 27	33 30	Malcolm Asquith Dave McGuinness (pb)
Waters Green Lemmings	111	149	Harrington Academicals
Jon Thompson	30	42	Dave Partington

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Nags Head	5	4	0	1	750	8
Waters Green Rams	4	4	0	0	650	8
Royal Oak	5	3	0	2	785	6
Waters Green Lemmings	5	3	0	2	670	6
Harrington Academicals	5	2	1	2	691	5
Plough Horntails	4	1	1	2	501	3
Robin Hood	5	1	0	4	690	2
Harrington 'B'	5	0	0	5	594	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 6
Alasdair Reid	Nags Head	5	189	54	24	42
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	5	186	48	309	42
Alan James	Royal Oak	5	171	39	30	39
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	5	162	42	21	36
Andrew Wright	Nags Head	5	162	36	27	36
Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	5	159	42	24	30
Rosalie James	Royal Oak	5	150	45	21	21
Keith Pointon	Waters Green Rams	4	147	45	27	45
John Green	Harrington 'B'	5	147	36	24	27
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	4	129	42	24	24
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	4	129	39	27	33



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C League

Results

Park Timers	120	138	Pack Horse Bowling Club
John Poyser	21	33 33	Reg Bloor (pb) Mike Vickerstaff (pb)
Cock Inn	142	113	Sutton Mutton
Jackie Hulme (pb) Peter Bullivent (pb)	33 30	30	Wynne Keith-Davies
Chester Road Tavern	114	156	Park Taverners
Jim Moores (pb)	33	51	Shauna Barstow (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Sutton Club	5	3	1	1	603	7
Park Taverners	5	3	0	2	641	6
Sutton Mutton	4	3	0	1	516	6
Park Timers	4	3	0	1	508	6
Pack Horse Bowling Club	5	2	0	3	592	4
Prince of Wales	5	2	0	3	574	4
Cock Inn	5	1	1	3	588	3
Chester Road Tavern	5	1	0	4	580	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 6
Shauna Barstow	Park Taverners	5	147	51	15	51
Jackie Hulme	Cock Inn	5	132	33	21	33
Andy Ridgway	Prince of Wales	5	129	39	12	
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	4	123	39	24	30
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	4	114	30	27	27
Peter Wilcox	Cock Inn	4	108	33	21	24
Jim Moores	Chester Road Tavern	4	108	33	15	33
John Poyser	Park Timers	4	105	36	18	21
Chris Butler	Sutton Club	4	99	30	18	
Tony Moores	Chester Road Tavern	4	99	30	18	24



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Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Wk		Team	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'mnt	Total	Last Year
1	3	Spec	British Flag	8.51	8.87	7.11	24.49	24.69
2	6	GK	Sutton Club	8.63	9.66	5.79	24.08	19.98
3	1	Spec	Ox-fford	10.00	6.84	7.22	24.06	22.17
4	4	GK	Waters Green Rams	5.93	7.49	6.22	19.64	18.84
5	2	GK	Royal Oak	5.13	8.21	5.72	19.05	8.20
6	5	GK	Ox-fford 'C'	5.49	8.19	5.37	19.04	17.41
7	1	Spec	Ox-fford	8.11	4.19	6.50	18.81	17.22
8	3	GK	British Flag	3.61	7.79	5.67	17.07	
9	2	GK	Sutton Mutton	5.11	8.32	3.44	16.87	(11.50)
10	4	Spec	Pack Horse Bowling Club	3.93	8.21	4.40	16.54	(13.95)
11	6	Spec	Sutton Club	5.74	4.63	5.22	15.59	
12	5	Spec	Ox-fford 'C'	4.99	3.28	5.79	14.07	19.47

It was very much a game of two halves for the **Sutton Club's** questions. The General Knowledge questions scored well all round, being the easiest of the season so far (in the General Knowledge) and almost perfectly balanced. Unfortunately for the setters, their scores were just not high enough to displace the British Flag (Specialists) from the top of the table; these scored similarly for Difficulty and Balance, but rather better for Entertainment.

The Specialist questions scored less well. They were slightly easier than average, but there was a marked bias towards the teams that went second.

Overall, there was a slight bias towards the teams that went second in the Specialist questions, who scored on average 109% of their average scores as opposed to 104% for the teams that went first first.

Of the ten games, four were won by the teams going "first first" and six went the other way. The teams that won by going "first first" were the **Ox-fford 'C'**, **Waters Green Rams**, **Harrington Academicals** and **Park Taverners**.