



# Macclesfield Quiz League

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## News and Views: 2017–18 Season – Week 15 – 6 March 2018

By **Haydn Thompson**, with input from **Mark Watson**.

### *Results*

Once again there were ten games this week, as all eight B League teams played. The top three teams all won, and in the mid-table clash at the Harrington the **Waters Green Lemmings** secured a comfortable victory over the **Academicals**. In the opposite fixture the **Waters Green Rams** had an even more comfortable victory over the **Harrington 'B'**, scoring 195 points – the second best score in all three Leagues this season, just one point behind the **Dolphin's** total in Week 12.

The closest result was in the C League once again, and once again it involved the **Park Timers**, who lost by the odd point in 257 to the **Pack Horse Bowling Club**. Last week the Timers won by the same margin. This week they had a four-point lead going into the last round, but they lost that round by 8 points to 3.

### *Tables*

Congratulations to the **Park Taverners** on becoming the first team to win promotion this season. Elsewhere in the C League, two close results meant that the **Cock Inn** moved ahead of the **Park Timers** into fourth place, and the **Pack Horse Bowling Club** moved ahead of the **Prince of Wales** (who didn't play) into sixth.

One more relegation issue was resolved this week, and we now know that the **Robin Hood** will be joining the C League next season along with the **Harrington 'B'**. As we've already seen, the top three teams in the B League all won and the bottom three all lost, so the only change was that the **Waters Green Lemmings** moved two points clear of the **Harrington Academicals** in mid-table.

The A League championship is now back in the hands of the **Ox-fford 'C'**, after the **Dolphin's** narrow victory over the **Ox-fford**.

### *Individual*

It was a very good week for individual scores, with **Mark Watson** racking up the season's third score of 54. There were also 51s for **Scott Dawson**, **Peter McBride**, **Bob Thompson** and **Haydn Thompson**. Bob has played three times this season, and has scored 51 each time – if he played every week, he would take some catching.

(**Note:** Bob and Haydn are definitely not twins – in fact they are not even related in any way, as far as we know.)

There were also 19 personal bests – a very respectable total for this stage in the season – and five personal worsts (or equal worsts).

In the B League Individual table, **Keith Pointon** moved into first place as **Alasdair Reid** and **Andrew Wright** had both played eleven games before this week. Similarly in the C League, **Shauna Barstow** lost first place to **Wynne Keith-Davies**.



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## A League

### Results

<b>Weaver</b>	155	<b>188</b>	<b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>
Graham Bailey (pb)	45	51	Haydn Thompson
Lesley Davies (pb)	36	42	Alice Walker
Alan Gilday	36	33	Stuart Orford
<b>Church House Bollington</b>	<b>153</b>	138	<b>British Flag</b>
Bob Gratton (pb)	39	30	Geoff Shaw (pb)
Ed Baron	39	30	Ian Tams
<b>Ox-fford</b>	176	<b>181</b>	<b>Dolphin</b>
Mark Watson (pb)	54	51	Peter McBride
		42	Alan Hodgson
		36	Jeff Corry (pb)

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>	11	10	0	1	1901	20
<b>Ox-fford</b>	12	9	1	2	1945	19
<b>Dolphin</b>	11	7	1	3	1743	15
<b>Weaver</b>	12	4	1	7	1803	9
<b>Church House Bollington</b>	12	4	1	7	1745	9
<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>	11	4	0	7	1557	8
<b>Wharfies</b>	12	3	0	9	1660	6
<b>British Flag</b>	11	3	0	8	1526	6

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 15
<b>Haydn Thompson</b>	Ox-fford 'C'	11	513	54	36	51
<b>Mark Watson</b>	Ox-fford	11	507	54	33	54
<b>Alan Hodgson</b>	Dolphin	11	471	51	36	42
<b>Alice Walker</b>	Ox-fford 'C'	11	459	48	33	42
<b>Peter McBride</b>	Dolphin	11	444	51	30	51
<b>Brian Bogie</b>	Wharfies	11	417	51	24	
<b>Graham Bailey</b>	Weaver	12	405	45	30	45
<b>Alan Gilday</b>	Weaver	11	390	48	24	36
<b>Liz Horrocks</b>	Dolphin Dragons	11	366	45	21	
<b>Ashton Davies</b>	Church House Bollington	8	318	51	30	
<b>Dave Cooper</b>	Dolphin Dragons	11	318	39	15	



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## B League

### Results

<b>Nags Head</b>	<b>157</b>	145	<b>Robin Hood</b>
Paul Prior (pb)	42	39 24 24	Jim Kennelly Andrew Clark (pb) Tim Grimes
<b>Waters Green Rams</b>	<b>195</b>	127	<b>Harrington 'B'</b>
Scott Dawson (pb) Bob Thompson (pb)	51 51	36 27 24	John Green (pb) Geoff Parkin Martin Biss (pb)
<b>Plough Horntails</b>	144	<b>161</b>	<b>Royal Oak</b>
Julian Amey	42	39	Bill Cawley
<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	117	<b>144</b>	<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>
Rob Parkin Stuart Mills	30 30	30 27 27	Jon Thompson Nick Peck (pb) Bob Langstaff

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Royal Oak</b>	12	9	0	3	1809	18
<b>Nags Head</b>	12	9	0	3	1740	18
<b>Waters Green Rams</b>	11	9	0	2	1680	18
<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>	12	6	1	5	1556	13
<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	12	5	1	6	1568	11
<b>Plough Horntails</b>	11	5	1	5	1369	11
<b>Robin Hood</b>	12	2	1	9	1607	5
<b>Harrington 'B'</b>	12	0	0	12	1381	0

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 15
<b>Keith Pointon</b>	Waters Green Rams	11	399	45	27	33
<b>Alasdair Reid</b>	Nags Head	12	390	54	24	39
<b>Andrew Wright</b>	Nags Head	12	372	41	27	30
<b>Dave Partington</b>	Harrington Academicals	10	357	48	24	
<b>Alan James</b>	Royal Oak	12	354	42	21	36
<b>Rosalie James</b>	Royal Oak	12	342	45	24	33
<b>Jon Thompson</b>	Waters Green Lemmings	12	330	42	24	30
<b>Bill Cawley</b>	Royal Oak	11	330	42	12	39
<b>Rob Parkin</b>	Harrington Academicals	9	315	48	24	30
<b>Jim Kennelly</b>	Robin Hood	10	312	42	21	39



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## C League

### Results

<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>	<b>129</b>	128	<b>Park Timers</b>
Reg Bloor	24	36	Glyn Bradley (pb)
Andrew Vickerstaff	24		
Mike Vickerstaff	24		
<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	127	<b>132</b>	<b>Cock Inn</b>
Wynne Keith-Davies	33	33	Peter Bullivent (pb)
<b>Park Taverners</b>	<b>163</b>	111	<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>
Graham Wallace	30	33	Tony Moores (pb)
Shauna Barstow	30		
Heather Wallace	30		
Pete Dykstra	27		

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Pack Taverners</b>	12	10	0	2	1573	20
<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	11	8	0	3	1352	16
<b>Sutton Club</b>	12	6	1	5	1425	13
<b>Cock Inn</b>	12	6	1	5	1396	13
<b>Park Timers</b>	11	6	0	5	1323	12
<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>	12	5	0	7	1407	10
<b>Prince of Wales</b>	12	4	0	8	1362	8
<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	12	1	0	11	1292	2

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 15
<b>Wynne Keith-Davies</b>	Sutton Mutton	11	312	42	15	33
<b>Graham Wallace</b>	Pack Taverners	10	306	42	24	30
<b>Shauna Barstow</b>	Pack Taverners	12	303	51	15	30
<b>Peter Wilcox</b>	Cock Inn	11	273	33	6	30
<b>Jackie Hulme</b>	Cock Inn	11	267	36	9	
<b>Andy Ridgway</b>	Prince of Wales	12	261	39	12	
<b>Glyn Bradley</b>	Park Timers	10	261	36	15	36
<b>John Poyser</b>	Park Timers	11	261	36	15	15
<b>Mike Proctor</b>	Sutton Mutton	10	246	39	12	
<b>Mitch Moores</b>	Chester Road Tavern	11	237	30	9	21



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## Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Wk			Difficulty	Balance	Ent'mnt	Total	Last Yr
1	1	Spec	<b>Ox-fford</b>	10.00	8.37	7.22	<b>25.59</b>	24.69
2	12	GK	<b>Park Timers</b>	10.00	8.18	7.07	<b>25.25</b>	23.61
3	3	Spec	<b>British Flag</b>	7.56	9.78	7.11	<b>24.45</b>	22.17
4	6	GK	<b>Sutton Club</b>	7.31	8.83	5.79	<b>21.93</b>	19.98
<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Spec</b>	<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>	<b>8.16</b>	<b>5.80</b>	<b>6.97</b>	<b>20.93</b>	<b>22.04</b>
6	4	GK	<b>Waters Green Rams</b>	5.41	7.00	6.22	<b>18.62</b>	18.84
7	5	GK	<b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>	4.85	8.40	5.37	<b>18.62</b>	17.41
8	7	Spec	<b>Wharfies</b>	4.55	8.34	5.44	<b>18.32</b>	14.58
<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>GK</b>	<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>	<b>5.75</b>	<b>6.04</b>	<b>6.26</b>	<b>18.05</b>	<b>22.12</b>
10	2	GK	<b>Royal Oak</b>	4.66	7.08	5.72	<b>17.46</b>	8.20
11	12	Spec	<b>Harrington 'B'</b>	4.90	5.70	6.28	<b>16.88</b>	(10.27)
12	13	Spec	<b>Church House Bollington</b>	4.41	6.10	6.22	<b>16.73</b>	20.49
13	2	Spec	<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	4.00	8.16	3.44	<b>15.60</b>	(11.50)
14	13	GK	<b>Church House Bollington</b>	2.68	7.53	5.22	<b>15.43</b>	15.79
15	4	Spec	<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>	2.56	8.04	4.40	<b>15.01</b>	(13.95)
16	6	Spec	<b>Sutton Club</b>	4.59	5.05	5.22	<b>14.85</b>	(19.98)
17	8	GK	<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	5.32	3.67	5.67	<b>14.66</b>	(20.47)
18	3	GK	<b>British Flag</b>	2.94	5.93	5.67	<b>14.55</b>	(22.17)
19	8	Spec	<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>	2.02	8.07	4.32	<b>14.41</b>	22.21
20	7	GK	<b>Wharfies</b>	4.33	6.60	3.33	<b>14.26</b>	22.03
21	11	GK	<b>Dolphin</b>	3.65	5.72	4.33	<b>13.70</b>	14.05
22	5	Spec	<b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>	3.80	3.85	5.79	<b>13.44</b>	19.47
23	1	GK	<b>Ox-fford</b>	6.89	0.00	6.50	<b>13.39</b>	17.22
24	9	Spec	<b>Prince of Wales</b>	0.00	9.05	3.83	<b>12.88</b>	(11.16)
25	14	Spec	<b>Robin Hood</b>	3.65	2.87	5.06	<b>11.58</b>	14.01
26	10	GK	<b>Plough Horntails</b>	3.61	1.41	5.11	<b>10.13</b>	(16.35)
27	10	Spec	<b>Cock Inn</b>	2.85	2.27	3.83	<b>8.95</b>	(14.69)
28	14	GK	<b>Robin Hood</b>	0.00	4.43	4.45	<b>8.88</b>	14.12
29	9	GK	<b>Nags Head</b>	0.71	2.80	5.11	<b>8.62</b>	(14.19)
30	11	Spec	<b>Dolphin</b>	3.15	0.00	4.67	<b>7.82</b>	220.37

For the full spreadsheet, please click [here](#).

All questions were set by the **Dolphin Dragons**. Last year the Dragons scored just over 22 points in total for each set; this year their scores were slightly lower, but both sets are still in the Top Ten for this season (so far – out of 30).



The questions were quite popular, and currently stand fourth and seventh in the Entertainment table (Specialist and GK respectively). Unusually they went down best in the C League, which gave the Specialist rounds their highest score of the season: 6.67. The General Knowledge questions scored 6.50 in the C League and 6.12 overall.

Nine of the ten games were won by the teams going "first first". The only team to buck this trend was the **Royal Oak**.

The spreadsheet agrees that the questions favoured the teams that went first in the Specialist questions. Both sets were relatively easy – especially the Specialists, where teams scored on average 115% of their average marks over the season. In the General Knowledge the figure was 105%. In each case the teams that went "first first" scored better percentage-wise; in total, the average was 114% going "first first" and 104% going "second first". If this is accurate, it means that on average scores of 135 (over the season), the teams going "second first" were effectively handicapped by approximately 13.5 points.

In the grand scheme of things however, the big news this week is that the **Ox-fford's** Specialist questions have returned to the top of the table at the expense of the **Park Timers'** set. This is down to a change in the Balance scores in each case. By way of explaining this, I can only say that the unusually high scores this week will have increased most teams' average scores, and this will result in some minor adjustment of the relative scores each week. Note that the Park Timers' questions were in the General Knowledge rounds, so these two sets are not compared directly.

I would also point out that there is very little difference between the total scores for these two sets of questions. The Ox-fford's score has increased from 25.20 to 25.59, while the Park Timers' score has decreased from 25.77 to 25.25. Last week the Park Timers were 0.55 ahead; this week they're behind by 0.34.

Assuming these two sets remain in such close competition until the end of the season, maybe we should declare it a draw, and each team should keep the trophy for six months!