



Macclesfield Quiz League

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News and Views: 2018–19 Season – Week 10 – 15 January 2019

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Results

This week we had our second draw of the season, between the **Park Timers** and the **Pack Horse Bowling Club**. As the Park Timers were third before this week and the Pack Horse were seventh, this would have to be seen as a good result for the latter. Another good result in the C League was a victory for the **Cock Inn** (previously 6th in the table) over the **Chester Road Tavern** (previously second).

In the A League, a 'relegation six pointer' (sorry, four pointer) between the **Church House Bollington** and the **Dolphin Dragons** was won comfortably by the former. A similar battle in the B League went the way of the **Plough Horntails** against the **Sutton Mutton**.

Tables

There were no major movers this week. The same three teams (**Dolphin**, **Harrington Academicals** and **Robin Hood**) remain at the top of their respective Leagues; the **British Flag** moved above the **Nags Head** (who didn't play) into the second promotion spot in the B League, but the latter of course now have a game in hand. In the C League, the **Park Timers'** one point was enough to take them above the **Chester Road Tavern** into second place.

Individual

Top scorer this week was **Alice Walker** with 45; **Ashton Davies'**s 42 was the only other score over 40, and only four people managed 39. There were only six personal bests – four of them in the A League, and two of them for the **Church House Bollington** – and as many as 24 people (fairly evenly spread about the three Divisions) failed to beat their previous personal worsts.

In the C League, where none of the top three played, **Andrew Fenton** moved up from sixth place to become the new leader. But only 27 points separate the top eight, and several of them have games in hand, so things are likely to change in the coming weeks.



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A League

Results

Weaver	140	156	Ox-fford 'C'
Alan Gilday	30	45	Alice Walker
Graham Bailey	30		
Church House Bollington	170	131	Dolphin Dragons
Ashton Davies	42	36	Liz Horrocks
Bob Gratton (pb)	36		
John Hargreaves (pb)	30		
Ed Baron	30		
Waters Green Rams	113	166	Royal Oak
Keith Pointon	27	39	Bill Cawley (pb)
David Reynolds (pb)	24	39	Gill Baker

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Dolphin	7	6	0	1	1144	12
Ox-fford 'C'	8	5	1	2	1389	11
Royal Oak	8	5	0	3	1265	10
Ox-fford	7	4	1	2	1112	9
Church House Bollington	8	4	0	4	1275	8
Weaver	8	3	0	5	1297	6
Dolphin Dragons	8	2	0	6	1148	4
Waters Green Rams	8	1	0	7	1185	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 10
Alice Walker	Ox-fford 'C'	8	381	54	45	45
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	8	360	57	39	42
Haydn Thompson	Ox-fford 'C'	8	351	51	30	30
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	7	318	51	36	
Peter McBride	Dolphin	7	288	48	30	
Ed Baron	Church House Bollington	8	282	45	18	30
Alan Gilday	Weaver	8	282	42	27	30
Keith Pointon	Waters Green Rams	8	273	45	15	27
Rosalie James	Royal Oak	8	270	45	21	21
Mark Watson	Ox-fford	5	261	57	48	



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B League

Results

British Flag	133	123	Waters Green Lemmings
Neil Drummond	30	27	Jon Thompson
Plough Horntails	135	96	Sutton Mutton
Anne Jeater (pb)	39	21	Wynne Keith-Davies
Harrington Academicals	152	125	Park Taverners
Rob Parkin	33	39	Graham Wallace

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Harrington Academicals	8	7	0	1	1297	14
British Flag	8	6	0	2	1215	12
Nags Head	7	5	0	2	1088	10
Rushton Diamonds	7	5	0	2	1043	10
Waters Green Lemmings	8	3	0	5	1080	6
Plough Horntails	8	3	0	5	1078	6
Park Taverners	8	1	0	7	1087	2
Sutton Mutton	8	1	0	7	981	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 10
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	8	312	45	30	30
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	8	278	42	27	33
Brian Bogie	Rushton Diamonds	7	264	45	30	
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	8	264	45	21	21
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	7	258	45	30	39
Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	8	255	45	24	27
Anne Jeater	Plough Horntails	8	246	39	24	39
Bob Langstaff	Waters Green Lemmings	8	228	36	21	21
Art Higham	Rushton Diamonds	7	225	45	27	
Stuart Mills	Harrington Academicals	8	219	36	21	27
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	8	219	33	9	27



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C League

Results

Park Timers	116	116	Pack Horse Bowling Club
Andrew Fenton	33	30	Reg Bloor
Sutton Club	125	103	Harrington 'B'
Paul Heaven (pb)	27	33	Martin Biss
Wendy Brown	27		
Cock Inn	124	115	Chester Road Tavern
Peter Wilcox	30	33	Steve Moores

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Robin Hood	7	7	0	0	1012	14
Park Timers	8	5	1	2	1047	11
Chester Road Tavern	8	5	0	3	1058	10
Sutton Club	8	4	0	4	1021	8
Cock Inn	8	4	0	4	996	8
Harrington 'B'	8	3	0	5	988	6
Pack Horse Bowling Club	8	2	1	5	947	5
Brewers Arms	7	0	0	7	832	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 10
Andrew Fenton	Park Timers	8	213	36	15	33
Jackie Hulme	Cock Inn	8	210	42	15	27
Wendy Brown	Sutton Club	8	210	33	6	27
John Green	Harrington 'B'	6	207	39	30	
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	5	201	48	33	
Peter Wilcox	Cock Inn	7	201	36	24	30
John Poyser	Park Timers	7	189	36	18	27
Glyn Bradley	Park Timers	6	186	39	24	
Chris Butler	Sutton Club	7	171	30	18	21
Mitch Moores	Chester Road Tavern	7	168	30	18	18



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Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	GK	Ox-fford	9.47	9.16	7.22	25.85	17.22
2	1	Spec	Ox-fford	10.00	5.72	7.17	22.89	24.69
3	5	GK	Sutton Club	6.52	7.14	6.33	20.00	19.98
4	7	GK	Ox-fford 'C'	10.00	3.28	6.26	19.54	19.10
5	8	Spec	Park Taverners	6.52	4.48	6.72	17.72	(11.45)
6	9	Spec	Park Timers	9.73	0.59	7.00	17.32	(23.61)
7	2	GK	Dolphin Dragons	3.02	7.50	6.22	16.75	17.65
8	3	Spec	Plough Horntails	0.47	9.90	5.76	16.13	
9	2	Spec	Dolphin Dragons	4.55	5.15	6.22	15.91	20.42
10	3	GK	Plough Horntails	3.39	6.80	5.51	15.70	8.76
11	4	Spec	Waters Green Rams	2.01	8.10	5.39	15.50	
12	7	Spec	Ox-fford 'C'	0.51	7.33	5.87	13.71	12.56
13	9	GK	Rushton Diamonds	2.39	4.76	5.39	12.54	14.14
14	4	GK	Waters Green Rams	6.47	0.00	5.22	11.69	18.84
15	5	Spec	British Flag	4.57	0.00	6.72	11.29	24.61
16	6	Spec	Waters Green Lemmings	1.49	4.58	4.97	11.05	14.47
17	10	GK	Robin Hood	0.00	6.86	3.89	10.75	(14.01)
18	8	GK	Chester Road Tavern	2.96	1.08	5.67	9.71	13.96
19	10	Spec	Nags Head	0.00	3.80	5.50	9.30	(7.83)
20	6	GK	Harrington 'B'	1.29	1.04	5.32	7.65	(16.23)

Four games this week were won by the teams that went "first first"; four went the other way, and there was one draw. This suggests that the questions were well balanced, and the spreadsheet bears this out – although like last week, it was a case of the biases in each set cancelling each other out.

The bias in the General Knowledge questions, according to the spreadsheet, was towards the teams that went first (second in the Specialists) but was not excessive. In the Specialist questions there was a more pronounced bias, which was also towards the teams that went first. Overall, the spreadsheet suggests a minimal bias (92% as opposed to 91%) towards the teams that went "first first".

Unfortunately, that's the end of the good news. Neither of this week's sets scored highly for Entertainment; the General Knowledge rounds (set by the **Robin Hood**) got comfortably the worst score of the season so far, while the Specialists (set by the **Nags Head**) currently sit 14th out of 20. According to the spreadsheet these were the most difficult questions we've had so far this season, in both classifications. On the Specialist questions teams scored on average 91% of their average scores; in the General Knowledge the figure was 93%.