



Macclesfield Quiz League

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News and Views: 2018–19 Season – Week 11 – 29 January 2019

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Two games were called off this week due to adverse weather conditions: the **Waters Green Lemmings** and the **Cock Inn** were unable to travel to Rushton Spencer and Rainow respectively. In accordance with the League rules, the points for these two games have been awarded to the **Rushton Diamonds** and the **Robin Hood**.

This decision was taken with reluctance, but the Committee felt that it was the only practicable option. The biggest issue would have been finding a suitable time to play the games, but also some of the players involved had seen the questions, so we would have needed a complete new set.

Results

In a low-scoring week, the closest results were in the C League. **Chester Road Tavern** beat the **Pack Horse Bowling Club** by 99 points to 96, and the **Park Timers** beat the **Harrington 'B'** by 106 points to 99.

In the A League there was a good result for the **Church House Bollington**, who beat the **Dolphin** by 154 points to 137. This was only the Dolphin's second defeat of the season.

The **Plough Horntails** also had a good result (in the B League), beating the **British Flag** by 120 points to 108.

Tables

Victory over the **Royal Oak** moved the **Ox-fford 'C'** to the top of the A League table for the first time since the second week of the season, as the **Dolphin** lost to the **Church House Bollington**. But the Dolphin are still only one point behind, and they have a game in hand.

The Royal Oak dropped from third to fifth, but only three points now separate the top five teams in the A League.

There was very little change in the B League, where the **Harrington Academicals** retained top spot with victory over the **Nags Head**; and none at all in the C League, where the **Robin Hood** maintained their 100% record with assistance from the weather.

Individual

As already noted, it was a very low-scoring week. **Keith Pointon** was top scorer with just 39, and there were six scores of 36. Only two people achieved personal bests: take a bow, **Keith Bebbington** and **Billy Stubbs**. On a week when there were only seven games (hence 56 players), no fewer than 25 people failed to beat their worst scores of the season.



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A League

Results

Ox-fford 'C'	147	117	Royal Oak
Haydn Thompson	36	27	Bill Cawley
Waters Green Rams	124	140	Ox-fford
Keith Pointon	39	36	Mark Watson
Keith Bebbington (pb)	24		
Church House Bollington	154	137	Dolphin
Ed Baron	36	36	Alan Hodgson
Ashton Davies	36		

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Ox-fford 'C'	9	6	1	2	1536	13
Dolphin	8	6	0	2	1281	12
Ox-fford	8	5	1	2	1252	11
Church House Bollington	9	5	0	4	1429	10
Royal Oak	9	5	0	4	1382	10
Weaver	8	3	0	5	1297	6
Dolphin Dragons	8	2	0	6	1148	4
Waters Green Rams	9	1	0	8	1309	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 11
Alice Walker	Ox-fford 'C'	9	411	54	30	30
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	9	396	57	36	36
Haydn Thompson	Ox-fford 'C'	9	387	51	30	36
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	8	354	51	36	36
Peter McBride	Dolphin	8	321	48	30	33
Ed Baron	Church House Bollington	9	318	45	18	36
Keith Pointon	Waters Green Rams	9	312	45	15	39
Mark Watson	Ox-fford	6	297	57	36	36
Rosalie James	Royal Oak	9	294	45	21	24
Alan Gilday	Weaver	8	282	42	27	



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B League

Results

Rushton Diamonds			Waters Green Lemmings
Match void - Rushton Diamonds win by a walkover			
Harrington Academicals	138	120	Nags Head
Rob Parkin	36	30	Billy Stubbs (pb)
Plough Horntails	120	108	British Flag
Anne Jeater	27	24 24	Phil Davies Tony Browne

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Harrington Academicals	9	8	0	1	1435	16
British Flag	9	6	0	3	1323	12
Rushton Diamonds	8	6	0	2	1043	12
Nags Head	8	5	0	3	1208	10
Plough Horntails	9	4	0	5	1198	8
Waters Green Lemmings	9	3	0	6	1080	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 11
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	9	342	45	30	30
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	9	315	42	27	36
Anne Jeater	Plough Horntails	9	273	39	24	27
Brian Bogie	Rushton Diamonds	7	264	45	30	
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	8	264	45	21	
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	7	258	45	30	
Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	8	255	45	24	
Tony Browne	British Flag	9	240	45	18	24
Bob Langstaff	Waters Green Lemmings	8	228	36	21	
Phil Davies	British Flag	7	225	48	15	24
Art Higham	Rushton Diamonds	7	225	45	27	



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C League

Results

Park Timers	106	99	Harrington 'B'
Tim Brewin	24	21	Martin Biss
Pack Horse Bowling Club	96	99	Chester Road Tavern
Tim Bloor	21	21	Mitch Moores
Cock Inn			Robin Hood
Match void - Robin Hood win by a walkover			

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Robin Hood	8	8	0	0	1012	16
Park Timers	9	6	1	2	1153	13
Chester Road Tavern	9	6	0	3	1157	12
Sutton Club	8	4	0	4	1021	8
Cock Inn	9	4	0	5	996	8
Harrington 'B'	9	3	0	6	1087	6
Pack Horse Bowling Club	9	2	1	6	1043	5
Brewers Arms	7	0	0	7	832	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 11
Andrew Fenton	Park Timers	9	231	36	15	18
John Green	Harrington 'B'	7	225	39	18	18
Jackie Hulme	Cock Inn	8	210	42	15	
Wendy Brown	Sutton Club	8	210	33	6	
John Poyser	Park Timers	8	204	36	15	15
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	5	201	48	33	
Peter Wilcox	Cock Inn	7	201	36	24	
Mitch Moores	Chester Road Tavern	8	189	30	18	21
Glyn Bradley	Park Timers	6	186	39	24	
Tim Bloor	Pack Horse Bowling Club	8	186	33	12	21



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Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	GK	Ox-fford	9.75	8.94	7.22	25.90	17.22
2	1	Spec	Ox-fford	10.00	6.08	7.17	23.25	24.69
3	5	GK	Sutton Club	8.12	6.71	6.33	21.15	19.98
4	2	GK	Dolphin Dragons	6.38	7.82	6.22	20.42	17.65
5	7	GK	Ox-fford 'C'	10.00	3.23	6.26	19.49	19.10
6	3	GK	Plough Horntails	6.40	6.60	5.51	18.51	8.76
7	4	Spec	Waters Green Rams	3.48	8.98	5.39	17.85	
8	8	Spec	Park Taverners	6.97	4.08	6.72	17.77	(11.45)
9	3	Spec	Plough Horntails	2.12	9.76	5.76	17.64	
10	9	Spec	Park Timers	9.77	0.00	7.00	16.77	(23.61)
11	9	GK	Rushton Diamonds	5.85	5.46	5.39	16.70	14.14
12	7	Spec	Ox-fford 'C'	2.21	8.45	5.87	16.52	12.56
13	2	Spec	Dolphin Dragons	5.59	4.64	6.22	16.45	20.42
14	10	GK	Robin Hood	4.56	6.78	3.89	15.23	(14.01)
15	4	GK	Waters Green Rams	8.15	0.21	5.22	13.58	18.84
16	5	Spec	British Flag	5.51	0.67	6.72	12.90	24.61
17	6	Spec	Waters Green Lemmings	2.93	4.71	4.97	12.61	14.47
18	6	GK	Harrington 'B'	5.28	1.39	5.32	11.98	(16.23)
19	8	GK	Chester Road Tavern	6.15	0.00	5.67	11.82	13.96
20	10	Spec	Nags Head	1.83	3.71	5.50	11.03	(7.83)
21	11	GK	Brewers Arms	0.00	3.30	3.89	7.19	(11.16)
22	11	Spec	Sutton Mutton	0.00	3.33	3.17	6.50	11.5

It was a tough week in the Macclesfield Quiz League, with only one team (the **British Flag**) managing to score more than their average total. The two sets of questions occupy the bottom two positions in both the Entertainment marks and the overall table.

The Specialist questions, set by the **Sutton Mutton**, were the hardest we've had so far this season (according to the spreadsheet) and scored zero for difficulty. The balance wasn't too bad, with a slight bias in favour of the teams that went first, but their overall score of 6.50 is the lowest we've had for at least the past three seasons.

It was a similar story for the General Knowledge questions, set by the **Brewers Arms**, which also scored zero for difficulty. These showed a significant bias towards the teams that went second (first in the Specialists), but as they're compared to a different set of scores they actually did slightly better than the Specialists for balance.

Overall, the teams that went "first first" scored on average 91% of their average scores, while those that went "second first" managed only 85%. On an average team score of 140, this would mean an advantage of eight or nine points to the teams that went "first first".