

Macclesfield Quiz League

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News and Views: 2019–20 Season – Week 2 – 8 October 2019

Results

Once again there were some very close results this week, with five of the ten games being decided by seven points or fewer. Closest of all was the one in which the renamed **King's Gambit** eventually made their debut: they missed out by just one point, to the **Brewers Arms**.

Seven games were won by the teams that went "first second". One team in each League managed to buck the odds: the **Dolphin**, **Waters Green Lemmings**, and **Park Taverners**.

According to the spreadsheet the overall balance was close to perfect; for details, please refer to Page 5.

Tables

Still early days obviously, but there are just five teams that have played two and won two: **Nags Head 'B'** and **Dolphin** in the A League, **Waters Green Rams** in the B, **Park Taverners** and **Brewers Arms** in the C.

(Let's not go into those that have played two and lost two.)

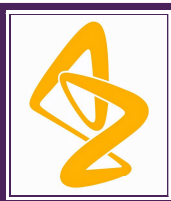
Special mention to the **Brewers Arms**, who last year took until Week 15 to record their second victory of the season.

Individual

Highest score this week was 51, by **Alice Walker** and **Mark Watson**. In case you were wondering (I know I would be), Alice went first on the team going "first first", and Mark went second on the team that went "second first".

You still can't put a sheet of paper between Alice and Mark at the top of the A League table; they have identical records so far.

The next best score was 45, by **Keith Pointon** and **Wendy Brown**. Wendy remains on top of the C League Individual table by some margin, while in the B League Keith is second to **Dave Partington** whose 48 last week is still the best score of the season so far outside the A League.



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A League

Results

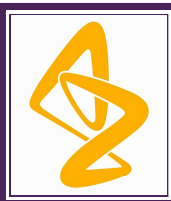
Queens	164	171	Nags Head 'B'
Alice Walker	51	51	Mark Watson
Rushton Diamonds	153	160	Weaver
Brian Bogie	42	39	Graham Bailey
Dolphin	152	131	British Flag
Alan Hodgson	42	30	Neil Drummond

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Nags Head 'B'	2	2	0	0	358	4
Dolphin	2	2	0	0	324	4
British Flag	2	1	0	1	293	2
Weaver	1	1	0	0	160	2
Queens	2	0	0	2	335	0
Royal Oak	1	0	0	1	157	0
Rushton Diamonds	1	0	0	1	153	0
Church House Bollington	1	0	0	1	152	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 2
Alice Walker	Queens	2	99	51	48	51
Mark Watson	Nags Head 'B'	2	99	51	48	51
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	2	87	45	42	42
Peter McBride	Dolphin	2	81	45	36	36
Paul Morrissey	Nags Head 'B'	2	78	42	36	36
Haydn Thompson	Queens	2	75	39	36	36
Neil Drummond	British Flag	2	63	33	30	30
Caroline Massey	Queens	2	54	30	24	24
Mark Shaw	Nags Head 'B'	2	51	33	18	18
Tim Massey	Queens	2	51	27	24	24



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B League

Results

Waters Green Lemmings	128	123	Robin Hood
Jon Thompson	30	33	Jim Kennelly
Nags Head	158	125	Harrington Academicals
Alasdair Reid Paul Prior	36 36	39	Dave Partington
Plough Horntails	148	151	Waters Green Rams
Malcolm Asquith	33	45	Keith Pointon

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Waters Green Rams	2	2	0	0	332	4
Nags Head	2	1	0	1	317	2
Robin Hood	2	1	0	1	289	2
Dolphin Dragons	1	1	0	0	190	2
Waters Green Lemmings	1	1	0	0	128	2
Harrington Academicals	2	0	0	2	288	0
Plough Horntails	1	0	0	1	148	0
Chester Road Tavern	1	0	0	1	102	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 2
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	2	87	48	39	39
Keith Pointon	Waters Green Rams	2	84	45	39	45
Paul Prior	Nags Head	2	78	42	36	36
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	2	75	42	33	33
Lorraine Hilton	Robin Hood	2	69	39	30	30
Alasdair Reid	Nags Head	2	69	36	33	36
Andy Johnson	Nags Head	2	66	39	27	27
David Reynolds	Waters Green Rams	2	54	30	24	24
Adum Carr	Waters Green Rams	2	51	30	21	21
Bob Thompson	Waters Green Rams	1	48	48	48	
Dave Pennington	Nags Head	2	48	24	24	24



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C League

Results

Park Taverners	143	123	Broken Cross Club
Graham Wallace	33	24	Jackie Hulme
Shauna Barstow	33	24	Anne Goddard
Harrington 'B'	124	142	Park Timers
Geoff Parkin	30	30	John Poyser
Martin Biss	30	30	Glyn Bradley
Sutton Club	138	99	Pack Horse Bowling Club
Wendy Brown	45	21	Michael Murphy
Brewers Arms	98	97	King's Gambit
Kenny Davenport-Slater	21	24	Michael Taylor

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Park Taverners	2	2	0	0	290	4
Brewers Arms	2	2	0	0	235	4
Sutton Club	2	1	0	1	276	2
Park Timers	2	1	0	1	266	2
Sutton Mutton	1	1	0	0	154	2
King's Gambit	2	1	0	1	97	2
Pack Horse Bowling Club	2	0	0	2	243	0
Harrington 'B'	1	0	0	1	124	0
Broken Cross Club	2	0	0	2	123	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 2
Wendy Brown	Sutton Club	2	81	45	36	45
Shauna Barstow	Park Taverners	2	69	36	33	33
John Poyser	Park Timers	2	66	36	30	30
Tim Bloor	Pack Horse Bowling Club	2	51	36	15	15
Tim Brewin	Park Timers	2	51	27	24	27
Trisha Ridgway	Brewers Arms	2	48	36	12	12
Heather Wallace	Park Taverners	2	48	27	21	27
Kenny Davenport-Slater	Brewers Arms	2	48	27	21	21
Simon Rumsey	Sutton Club	2	48	27	21	21
Pete Dykstra	Park Taverners	2	45	33	12	12
Andrew Vickerstaff	Pack Horse Bowling Club	2	45	27	18	18
Andrew Fenton	Park Timers	2	45	24	21	24



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Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	2	GK	Dolphin Dragons	3.78	8.74	5.65	18.17	17.65
2	1	Spec	Rushton Diamonds	6.12	5.20	6.67	17.99	
3	1	GK	Rushton Diamonds	7.85	0.36	6.28	14.49	18.63
4	2	Spec	Sutton Mutton	4.62	5.18	4.11	13.91	8.61

Neither of this week's sets could better last week's on Entertainment, and neither scored well for Difficulty either. But the **Dolphin Dragons'** General Knowledge questions got an excellent score for Balance, which puts them at the top of the table so far.

The **Sutton Mutton's** Specialist set scored an average mark for Balance, the spreadsheet detecting a slight bias in favour of the teams that went second (105% to 98%). Overall this week's questions were of exactly average difficulty, and there was a very slight bias in favour of the teams that went "second first" (101% to 99%). On an average team score of 136, this is unlikely to have affected the results of more than one or two games despite there being several close games this week.

These two teams had sharply contrasting results last season: the Dragons' General Knowledge questions finished fourth overall, while the Mutton finished fourth from bottom. Similarly to this season, the Dragons' greatest strength was their Balance, while the Mutton's score for Difficulty is a lot better this time round.

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