

News and Views: 2021–2 Season – Week 6 – 18 January 2022

Thanks to **Dave Partington**, who has 'volunteered' to post a thread on our new Forum each week and hopefully generate some discussion. This week however he was beaten to the off by **Rob Parkin**, who like many of you was not convinced by Elton John's alleged "number one hits in six consecutive decades". And it turns out he was right to be unconvinced!

Why not check in and see what Rob has to say? Maybe even add your own two penn'orth – and indeed return each week to follow Dave's thoughts. There's a link on the home page (bottom left).

Results

There were eight games this week, and four of them were decided by fewer than ten points. In the B League, **Harrington Academicals** beat the **Park Taverners** by 139 points to 133, while in the A League the **Nags Head 'B'** beat the **Waters Green Weavers** by 162 points to 157. The C League's closest game was a 128–125 victory for the **Park Timers** over the **Sutton Mutton**, but the closest of all was at the **Dolphin**, where the **Poachers** beat their hosts by just one point – 155–154.

In the C League, the **Pack Horse Bowling Club** enjoyed their first victory of the season when they played the **King's Gambit**. But in all fairness it was only their third game.

It was a different story for the **Park Timers**, who were also playing only their third game. Their narrow defeat to the **Sutton Mutton** was their first of the season.

Another of those narrow defeats – **Park Taverners** going down to the Academicals – put paid to the last remaining 100% record in the B League. The only perfect records now are held by the **Queens** and the **Poachers**; these two play each other next week, so something has to give.

Tables

Two of those aforementioned close games had repercussions at the top of the B and C League tables. In the B League the top three are now separated only by goal difference; the **Academicals** leapfrogged the **Park Taverners** thanks to their 4–point victory, but they couldn't catch the **Nags Head** who now lead the field.

At the top of the C League, the **Sutton Mutton** swapped places with their stablemates, the **Sutton Club** (who were on question setting and mastering duties).

Individual

Top scorer this week was **Peter McBride**, with a new personal best (for this season) of 51. The only other score of more than 40 was **Mark Watson's** 45. Top scorer in the B League was **Paul Prior** with 39, and best in the C League was **Andrew Fenton's** 36.

There's a new leader in the C League Individual table, where the Sutton Club didn't play and last week's pacemaker, **Chris Butler**, dropped to fifth place. **Mick Graves** now tops the table, and previous leader **Andrew Fenton** returns in third place (having dropped out of the Top Ten last week!).

There were 11 personal bests this week – 5 in the A League, and three each in the B and C Leagues. But 26 people failed to better their lowest scores of the season – 10 in the A League, 9 in the B and 7 in the C.

A League

Results

Dolphin	154	155	Poachers
Peter McBride (pb)	51	36 33	Bob Gratton John Hargreaves (pb)
Nags Head 'B'	162	157	Waters Green Weavers
Mark Watson Laurence Plant (pb)	45 39	36	Ian Grieve
Queen Bs	163	132	Harrington Diamonds
Neil Drummond (pb)	39	39 33	Brian Bogie Chris Bogie (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Queens	5	5	0	0	872	10
Poachers	5	5	0	0	680	10
Nags Head 'B'	5	3	0	2	652	6
Queen Bs	6	2	0	4	889	4
Dolphin	5	2	0	3	798	4
Harrington Diamonds	5	1	0	4	731	2
Waters Green Weavers	5	0	0	5	776	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 6
Alice Walker	Queens	5	240	54	42	
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	5	225	54	33	33
Haydn Thompson	Queens	5	219	48	36	
Peter McBride	Dolphin	5	198	51	27	51
Ian Grieve	Waters Green Weavers	5	192	42	33	36
Graham Bailey	Waters Green Weavers	5	177	42	30	30
Tony Browne	Queen Bs	6	174	42	21	27
Ian Tams	Queen Bs	6	165	36	24	27
Ashton Davies	Poachers	4	162	51	21	21
Brian Bogie	Harrington Diamonds	4	162	42	39	39
Neil Drummond	Queen Bs	5	162	39	24	39

B League

Results

Park Taverners	133	139	Harrington Academicals
Graham Wallace	30	33	Dave Partington
Heather Wallace (pb)	27		
Waters Green Lemmings	85	167	Nags Head
Bob Langstaff	24	39	Paul Prior
		36	Andy Johnson
		33	Ian Musgrave (pb)
Chester Road Tavern	126	156	Dolphin Dragons
Jim Moores (pb)	30	30	Liz Horrocks
		30	Dave Barber

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Nags Head	5	4	0	1	841	8
Harrington Academicals	5	4	0	1	774	8
Park Taverners	5	4	0	1	716	8
Dolphin Dragons	5	3	0	2	789	6
Plough Horntails	5	2	0	3	701	4
Waters Green Lemmings	5	1	0	4	520	2
Chester Road Tavern	6	0	0	6	672	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 6
Paul Prior	Nags Head	5	204	42	39	39
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	5	177	42	30	33
Andy Johnson	Nags Head	5	168	42	27	36
Dave Barber	Dolphin Dragons	5	168	42	27	30
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	5	165	39	27	27
Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Dragons	4	162	48	30	30
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	5	150	36	27	30
Ian Musgrave	Nags Head	5	150	33	24	33
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	5	147	33	18	
Anne Jeater	Plough Horntails	5	144	42	18	

C League

Results

Pack Horse Bowling Club	99	65	King's Gambit
Tim Bloor (pb)	27	18 12	Sam Barker (pb) Helen Hughes (pb)
Sutton Mutton	128	125	Park Timers
Mick Graves	27	36	Andrew Fenton

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Sutton Mutton	4	3	1	0	517	7
Sutton Club	4	2	1	1	565	5
Park Timers	3	2	0	1	414	4
Pack Horse Bowling Club	3	1	0	2	326	2
King's Gambit	4	0	0	4	346	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 6
Mick Graves	Sutton Mutton	4	108	36	21	27
Mike Proctor	Sutton Mutton	4	102	33	18	24
Andrew Fenton	Park Timers	3	99	39	24	36
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	4	99	27	24	24
Chris Butler	Sutton Club	4	93	27	18	
Simon Rumsey	Sutton Club	3	87	36	21	
Wendy Brown	Sutton Club	4	87	24	21	
John Poyser	Park Timers	3	84	30	24	24
John Green	Sutton Club	3	75	33	21	
Michael Taylor	King's Gambit	3	69	24	21	

Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	3	GK	Waters Green Weavers	8.91	9.16	7.00	25.08	11.37
2	4	GK	Cock Inn	6.54	8.99	6.56	22.11	(21.38)
3	1	GK	Nags Head 'B'	7.71	5.81	7.67	21.18	25.60
4	1	Spec	Nags Head 'B'	7.40	5.53	7.06	19.99	23.74
5	6	Spec	Sutton Club	5.09	7.11	6.42	18.62	(18.04)
6	2	GK	Shamrock Bar	7.15	5.55	6.06	18.76	11.51
7	2	Spec	Harrington Academicals	6.73	5.26	6.33	18.34	20.57
8	5	Spec	Harrington Diamonds	5.29	6.03	6.78	18.10	21.29
9	3	Spec	Waters Green Weavers	6.69	4.77	6.11	17.56	18.04
10	5	GK	Harrington Diamonds	5.74	4.26	6.42	16.42	16.28
11	4	Spec	Park Taverners	6.95	1.13	6.33	14.41	13.42
12	6	GK	Plough Horntails	5.48	2.58	5.78	13.84	(7.62)

Both sets scored average marks for Difficulty, with most teams scoring close to their average marks. Best performance was by the **Chester Road Tavern**, whose total of 126 was 124% of their average; the only teams that really seemed to struggle were the **Waters Green Lemmings**, who were a player short again, and the **Sutton Mutton**.

Both sets favoured the teams that went "second first". The bias was particularly pronounced in the General Knowledge, when those teams (the ones that went "second first") scored on average 104% of their average scores while those that went "first first" managed only 92%. This is reflected in the Balance scores – as shown in the table.

The Entertainment marks tell a similar story. As in the overall table above, the **Sutton Club's** score of 6.42 puts them equal sixth out of twelve, while the **Plough Horntails** were the first setters to get less than 6 for Entertainment this season.