



# Macclesfield Quiz League

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## News and Views: 2021–2 Season – Week 8 – 8 February 2022

### Results

Contrasting fortunes in the A League, where the **Waters Green Weavers** won their second successive game, having lost the first five; and conversely, the **Poachers** *lost* their second successive game having *won* the first five.

The **Nags Head** enjoyed a resounding victory over **Harrington Academicals** (who had replaced them at the top of the B League table last week), while **Plough Horntails** came out top in a mid-table clash with the **Dolphin Dragons**.

Second played third in the C League, and the result was a narrow victory for the **Sutton Club** (previously in third place) over the **Park Timers**.

### Tables

**Waters Green Weavers** climbed out of the A League drop zone, at the expense of the **Queen Bs**, with their second victory of the season (over the **Poachers**).

In the B League, leaders **Harrington Academicals** fell to third place after their second defeat of the season – which, like the first, came at the hands of the **Nags Head**. But it was the **Park Taverners**, and not the Nags, that returned to the top of the table, with a victory over the **Chester Road Tavern**.

Big changes also at the top of the C League table – where the leaders, the **Sutton Mutton**, had another week off. The **Sutton Club**'s narrow victory (as already mentioned) meant that they replaced their stable-mates in first place, while the **Park Timers** slipped to third. But it's still the Mutton who are undoubtedly best placed – level with the leaders on points, but with a game in hand.

### Individual

Congratulations to **Alasdair Reid**, who was the top scorer this week with 51. Top scorers in the A League were **Alice Walker** and **Haydn Thompson**, each with 48; there were also 45s for **Alan Hodgson** and **Rob Parkin**, and **Julian Amey**'s 45 was his best score of the season so far, by some distance.

**Ian Grieve** and **Phil Davies** both notched up personal bests of 42, and the top scorer in the C League was **John Poyser** with 39 – yet another personal best.

There were 19 personal bests in total: 6 in the A League, 9 in the B League and 4 in the C League. And only 12 people failed to beat their best scores of the season so far.

There were no major changes in the A League Top Ten, but in the B League **Rob Parkin** replaced **Dave Partington** in second place behind **Paul Prior**. Meanwhile, **Simon Rumsey** and **Wendy Brown** were big movers in the C League - each moving up four places, to third and fourth respectively.



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## A League

### Results

<b>Poachers</b>	157	<b>165</b>	<b>Waters Green Weavers</b>
Ashton Davies	48	42	Ian Grieve (pb)
		39	Alan Gilday (pb)
		27	Adum Carr (pb)
		27	Graham Bailey
<b>Harrington Diamonds</b>	151	<b>182</b>	<b>Queens</b>
Brian Bogie	39	48	Alice Walker
Chris Bogie (pb)	36	48	Haydn Thompson
<b>Dolphin</b>	<b>167</b>	159	<b>Queen Bs</b>
Alan Hodgson	45	42	Phil Davies (pb)
Peter McBride	39		
John Brown (pb)	33		

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Queens</b>	7	7	0	0	1237	14
<b>Poachers</b>	7	5	0	2	972	10
<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	6	4	0	2	809	8
<b>Dolphin</b>	7	3	0	4	1097	6
<b>Waters Green Weavers</b>	7	2	0	5	1099	4
<b>Queen Bs</b>	7	2	0	5	1048	4
<b>Harrington Diamonds</b>	7	1	0	6	1015	2

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 8
<b>Alice Walker</b>	Queens	7	<b>339</b>	54	42	48
<b>Haydn Thompson</b>	Queens	7	<b>318</b>	51	36	48
<b>Alan Hodgson</b>	Dolphin	7	<b>312</b>	54	33	45
<b>Peter McBride</b>	Dolphin	7	<b>273</b>	51	27	39
<b>Ian Grieve</b>	Waters Green Weavers	7	<b>273</b>	42	33	42
<b>Ashton Davies</b>	Poachers	6	<b>252</b>	51	21	48
<b>Graham Bailey</b>	Waters Green Weavers	7	<b>240</b>	42	27	27
<b>Brian Bogie</b>	Harrington Diamonds	5	<b>201</b>	42	39	39
<b>Phil Davies</b>	Queen Bs	6	<b>201</b>	42	27	42
<b>Ian Tams</b>	Queen Bs	7	<b>198</b>	36	24	33



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## B League

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<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	148	<b>176</b>	<b>Nags Head</b>
Rob Parkin (pb)	45	51	Alasdair Reid (pb)
Dave Partington	36	39	Paul Prior
Mike Hewitt (pb)	24	36	Ian Musgrave (pb)
<b>Plough Horntails</b>	<b>160</b>	143	<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>
Julian Amey (pb)	45	33	Dave Barber
<b>Park Taverners</b>	<b>143</b>	119	<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>
Heather Wallace (pb)	33	30	Jim Moores (pb)
		30	Bill Moores (pb)
		21	Karl Burgess (pb)

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Park Taverners</b>	7	6	0	1	992	12
<b>Nags Head</b>	7	5	0	2	1147	10
<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	7	5	0	2	1094	10
<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>	7	4	0	3	1094	8
<b>Plough Horntails</b>	7	3	0	4	954	6
<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>	6	1	0	5	609	2
<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	7	0	0	7	791	0

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 8
<b>Paul Prior</b>	Nags Head	7	<b>264</b>	42	21	39
<b>Rob Parkin</b>	Harrington Academicals	7	<b>249</b>	45	27	45
<b>Dave Partington</b>	Harrington Academicals	7	<b>249</b>	42	30	36
<b>Dave Barber</b>	Dolphin Dragons	7	<b>231</b>	42	27	33
<b>Andy Johnson</b>	Nags Head	7	<b>228</b>	42	24	24
<b>Liz Horrocks</b>	Dolphin Dragons	6	<b>222</b>	48	30	30
<b>Alasdair Reid</b>	Nags Head	6	<b>210</b>	51	21	51
<b>Graham Wallace</b>	Park Taverners	7	<b>210</b>	36	24	24
<b>Ian Musgrave</b>	Nags Head	7	<b>207</b>	36	21	36
<b>Malcolm Asquith</b>	Plough Horntails	7	<b>195</b>	33	18	30



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## C League

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<b>Sutton Club</b>	<b>150</b>	141	<b>Park Timers</b>
Simon Rumsey (pb)	36	39	John Poyser (pb)
Emma Griggs	27	33	Tim Brewin (pb)
Wendy Brown (pb)	24	33	Andrew Fenton
John Green	24		

### Table

	<b>Played</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Drawn</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>Sutton Club</b>	5	3	1	1	715	7
<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	4	3	1	0	517	7
<b>Park Timers</b>	5	3	0	2	695	6
<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>	4	1	0	3	419	2
<b>King's Gambit</b>	4	0	0	4	346	0

### Individual Top Ten

	<b>Team</b>	<b>Played</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Highest</b>	<b>Lowest</b>	<b>Week 8</b>
<b>Andrew Fenton</b>	Park Timers	5	<b>159</b>	39	24	33
<b>John Poyser</b>	Park Timers	5	<b>156</b>	39	24	39
<b>Simon Rumsey</b>	Sutton Club	4	<b>123</b>	36	21	36
<b>Wendy Brown</b>	Sutton Club	5	<b>111</b>	24	21	24
<b>Mick Graves</b>	Sutton Mutton	4	<b>108</b>	36	21	
<b>Mike Proctor</b>	Sutton Mutton	4	<b>102</b>	33	18	
<b>John Green</b>	Sutton Club	4	<b>99</b>	33	21	24
<b>Wynne Keith-Davies</b>	Sutton Mutton	4	<b>99</b>	27	24	
<b>Emma Griggs</b>	Sutton Club	3	<b>93</b>	33	27	27
<b>Chris Butler</b>	Sutton Club	4	<b>93</b>	27	18	

### Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>GK</b>	<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>	<b>8.94</b>	<b>9.65</b>	<b>6.22</b>	<b>24.81</b>	<b>(10.57)</b>
2	3	GK	<b>Waters Green Weavers</b>	8.81	8.30	7.00	<b>24.12</b>	11.37
3	4	GK	<b>Cock Inn</b>	6.50	9.84	6.56	<b>22.90</b>	(21.38)
4	1	GK	<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	7.52	6.39	7.67	<b>21.58</b>	25.60
5	1	Spec	<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	7.39	5.05	7.06	<b>19.50</b>	23.74
6	6	Spec	<b>Sutton Club</b>	5.19	7.23	6.42	<b>18.84</b>	(18.04)
7	5	Spec	<b>Harrington Diamonds</b>	5.24	6.51	6.78	<b>18.54</b>	21.29
8	2	Spec	<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	6.80	5.13	6.33	<b>18.26</b>	20.57
9	2	GK	<b>Shamrock Bar</b>	7.09	5.05	6.06	<b>18.20</b>	11.51
<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Spec</b>	<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>	<b>5.46</b>	<b>6.22</b>	<b>6.11</b>	<b>17.79</b>	<b>(15.35)</b>
11	3	Spec	<b>Waters Green Weavers</b>	6.72	4.79	6.11	<b>17.62</b>	18.04
12	5	GK	<b>Harrington Diamonds</b>	5.64	4.65	6.42	<b>16.71</b>	16.28
13	4	Spec	<b>Park Taverners</b>	7.04	1.54	6.33	<b>14.90</b>	13.42
14	6	GK	<b>Plough Horntails</b>	5.39	3.20	5.78	<b>14.37</b>	(7.62)
15	7	GK	<b>Queen Bs</b>	4.82	4.04	5.33	<b>14.19</b>	10.99
16	7	Spec	<b>Queen Bs</b>	2.86	5.22	5.94	<b>14.02</b>	18.11

The big news this week is that we have a new leader in the Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy table. According to the spreadsheet, the **Waters Green Lemmings'** General Knowledge questions were the easiest we've had so far this season, although they just failed to beat the easiest from last season.

(We are still counting the scores from last season, even though we are now more than half-way through this shortened season. After next week most of us – in the A and B Leagues at least – will have played eight games, which is half of a normal season, so provided time allows the spreadsheet will be amended to stop taking last season's scores into account and just go by this season.)

The spreadsheet couldn't fault the General Knowledge questions for balance either; the teams going "first first" and Second first" all scored, on average, 115% of their average scores. The fact that they scored 9.65 and not a perfect 10 does however mean that the balance was not quite perfect (the percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number).

The spreadsheet suggests that the Specialist questions, set by the **Pack Horse Bowling Club**, were of pretty much average difficulty, with teams on average scoring 101% of their average scores. There was a moderate bias towards the teams that went "second first" (105% to 98%).

Overall the questions favoured those teams slightly (111% as against 108%). On an average team score of 136, this could potentially have made a difference of about 4 points.