



# Macclesfield Quiz League

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## News and Views: 2021–2 Season – Week 10 – 1 March 2022

### Results

The most notable statistic this week is that all seven matches were won by the away teams! There were no really close games, all seven being decided by margins of 20 or more. One of the biggest margins was in the local derby in **Sutton**. The previous meeting between these two resulted in this season's only draw to date, but this time the **Club** came out on top with 137 points to the **Mutton's** 95.

The biggest margin of all came in the A League, where the **Poachers** beat the **Harrington Diamonds** by 169 points to 96.

### Tables

In the A League, the **Nags Head 'B'** slipped to fourth place after defeat by the **Dolphin**. The **Poachers** are now the nearest challengers to the **Queens** – who are in a strong position with only three games to play, but each of those games is against one of their three nearest rivals – two of which have a game in hand!

Meanwhile, the **Waters Green Weavers**, who were asking the questions in the A League, slipped into the relegation zone on goal difference – but they now have a game in hand on the **Queen Bs**.

The **Park Taverners** swapped places with the **Nags Head** again at the top of the B League table, but the Nags will play their game in hand next week. If they win they will return to the top on goal difference.

No change in the C League, but the **Sutton Club** will take the title if they win their final game next week.

### Individual

In a low-scoring week, the highest scorer was **Alan Hodgson** with 51. There were only two scores in the 40s - **Ashton Davies** scoring 48 and **Mark Watson** 42 - and the biggest individual score outside the A League was 33, by five people: **Dave Partington**, **Rob Parkin**, **Alan James** (all representing the **Harrington Academicals!**), **Julian Amey** and **Emma Griggs**.

In the A League, **Alan Hodgson's** score puts him above your Web Editor in second place. With the Nags Head not playing, Paul Prior's lead at the top of the B League table took a massive hit, his nearest rival now being Rob Parkin. And in the C League, **Emma Griggs** went from ninth place to third; **Andrew Fenton** held on to first place, but the top four are separated by just twelve points (four questions).

There were only four personal bests this week: none at all in the A League, and two each in the B and C Leagues. But in a night when only 55 people took part (the Waters Green Lemmings being a man short yet again), 24 of them - ten each in the A and B Leagues, and four out of eight in the C League - failed to beat their lowest scores of the season so far.

In the C League we have now reached the stage where some people's lowest scores are starting to be discounted. With each team playing eight games, each player's best six scores will count come the end of the season. In the A and B Leagues it'll be the best ten, from a maximum of twelve.



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## A League

### Results

<b>Harrington Diamonds</b>	96	<b>169</b>	<b>Poachers</b>
Richard Briand	21	48 39	Ashton Davies
<b>Queen Bs</b>	127	<b>159</b>	<b>Queens</b>
Tony Browne	33	39	Alice Walker
Phil Davies	33	39	Haydn Thompson
<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	130	<b>155</b>	<b>Dolphin</b>
Mark Watson	42	51	Alan Hodgson

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Queens</b>	9	9	0	0	1568	18
<b>Poachers</b>	8	6	0	2	1141	12
<b>Dolphin</b>	9	5	0	4	1396	10
<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	8	5	0	3	1107	10
<b>Queen Bs</b>	9	2	0	7	1319	4
<b>Waters Green Weavers</b>	8	2	0	6	1243	4
<b>Harrington Diamonds</b>	9	1	0	8	1244	2

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 10
<b>Alice Walker</b>	Queens	9	<b>423</b>	54	39	39
<b>Alan Hodgson</b>	Dolphin	9	<b>408</b>	54	33	51
<b>Haydn Thompson</b>	Queens	9	<b>402</b>	51	36	39
<b>Peter McBride</b>	Dolphin	9	<b>327</b>	51	21	33
<b>Ian Grieve</b>	Waters Green Weavers	8	<b>312</b>	42	33	
<b>Ashton Davies</b>	Poachers	7	<b>300</b>	51	21	48
<b>Mark Watson</b>	Nags Head 'B'	6	<b>285</b>	51	42	42
<b>Graham Bailey</b>	Waters Green Weavers	8	<b>267</b>	42	27	
<b>Phil Davies</b>	Queen Bs	8	<b>261</b>	42	27	33
<b>Brian Bogie</b>	Harrington Diamonds	7	<b>258</b>	42	18	18



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## B League

### Results

<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>	122	<b>151</b>	<b>Harrington Academicals</b>
Liz Horrocks	27	33 33 33	Dave Partington Rob Parkin Alan James
<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	107	<b>142</b>	<b>Plough Horntails</b>
Bill Moores Mitch Moores	24 24	33	Julian Amey
<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>	94	<b>114</b>	<b>Park Taverners</b>
Bob Langstaff (pb) Nick Peck (pb)	30 18	24 24	Shauna Barstow Pete Sykstra

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Park Taverners</b>	9	7	0	2	1227	14
<b>Nags Head</b>	8	6	0	2	1319	12
<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	8	6	0	2	1245	12
<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>	9	5	0	4	1346	10
<b>Plough Horntails</b>	9	4	0	5	1190	8
<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	9	1	0	8	1015	2
<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>	8	1	0	7	790	2

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 10
<b>Paul Prior</b>	Nags Head	8	<b>300</b>	42	21	
<b>Rob Parkin</b>	Harrington Academicals	8	<b>282</b>	45	27	33
<b>Dave Partington</b>	Harrington Academicals	8	<b>282</b>	42	30	33
<b>Liz Horrocks</b>	Dolphin Dragons	8	<b>267</b>	48	18	27
<b>Dave Barber</b>	Dolphin Dragons	9	<b>267</b>	42	15	15
<b>Graham Wallace</b>	Park Taverners	9	<b>261</b>	36	21	21
<b>Andy Johnson</b>	Nags Head	8	<b>252</b>	42	24	
<b>Alasdair Reid</b>	Nags Head	7	<b>249</b>	51	21	
<b>Shauna Barstow</b>	Park Taverners	9	<b>243</b>	33	21	24
<b>Ian Musgrave</b>	Nags Head	8	<b>240</b>	36	21	

## C League

### Results

<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	95	<b>137</b>	<b>Sutton Club</b>
John Stein (pb)	21	33	Emma Griggs (pb)

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Sutton Club</b>	7	5	1	1	968	11
<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	6	3	1	2	723	7
<b>Park Timers</b>	5	3	0	2	695	6
<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>	5	2	0	3	536	4
<b>King's Gambit</b>	5	0	0	5	427	0

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 10
<b>Andrew Fenton</b>	Park Timers	5	<b>159</b>	39	24	
<b>John Poyser</b>	Park Timers	5	<b>156</b>	39	24	
<b>Emma Griggs</b>	Sutton Club	5	<b>150</b>	33	24	33
<b>Simon Rumsey</b>	Sutton Club	5	<b>147</b>	36	21	24
<b>Wynne Keith-Davies</b>	Sutton Mutton	6	<b>141</b>	27	18	18
<b>Mike Proctor</b>	Sutton Mutton	6	<b>135</b>	33	12	12
<b>Chris Butler</b>	Sutton Club	6	<b>135</b>	27	18	24
<b>Mick Graves</b>	Sutton Mutton	6	<b>132</b>	36	6	6
<b>Wendy Brown</b>	Sutton Club	7	<b>126</b>	24	15	15
<b>John Green</b>	Sutton Club	5	<b>120</b>	33	21	

## Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	8	GK	<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>	8.98	7.88	6.22	<b>23.05</b>	(10.57)
2	1	GK	<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	7.09	7.08	7.67	<b>21.64</b>	
3	3	GK	<b>Waters Green Weavers</b>	10.00	4.22	7.00	<b>21.22</b>	11.37
4	6	Spec	<b>Sutton Club</b>	5.21	8.98	6.42	<b>20.62</b>	(21.28)
5	5	Spec	<b>Harrington Diamonds</b>	5.32	8.41	6.78	<b>20.50</b>	21.29
6	4	GK	<b>Cock Inn</b>	5.33	6.47	6.56	<b>19.36</b>	21.28
7	3	Spec	<b>Waters Green Weavers</b>	9.09	3.94	6.11	<b>19.15</b>	17.48
8	2	Spec	<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	10.00	2.41	6.33	<b>18.74</b>	20.57
9	6	GK	<b>Plough Horntails</b>	4.33	7.52	5.78	<b>17.63</b>	(7.62)
10	2	GK	<b>Shamrock Bar</b>	7.58	3.66	6.06	<b>17.30</b>	11.51
11	5	GK	<b>Harrington Diamonds</b>	4.52	5.70	6.42	<b>16.63</b>	16.28
12	1	Spec	<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	9.39	0.00	7.06	<b>16.45</b>	
13	4	Spec	<b>Park Taverners</b>	9.16	0.72	6.33	<b>16.20</b>	(13.42)
14	9	Spec	<b>Poachers</b>	3.39	6.22	5.72	<b>15.33</b>	14.53
15	8	Spec	<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>	4.33	4.14	6.11	<b>14.59</b>	(15.35)
<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Spec</b>	<b>Nags Head</b>	<b>6.52</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>6.50</b>	<b>13.50</b>	<b>10.99</b>
17	7	GK	<b>Queen Bs</b>	3.62	4.04	5.33	<b>12.99</b>	18.11
18	7	Spec	<b>Queen Bs</b>	0.00	2.78	5.94	<b>8.72</b>	<b>19.63</b>
19	9	GK	<b>Poachers</b>	3.02	0.00	5.11	8.13	11.71
<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>GK</b>	<b>King's Gambit</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2.38</b>	<b>5.11</b>	<b>7.49</b>	<b>7.40</b>

This was another week of challenging questions. The Specialists, set by the **Nags Head**, were of average difficulty (teams scoring exactly 100% of their average scores), but according to the spreadsheet, the General Knowledge (set by the **King's Gambit**) were the most difficult we've had so far this season – average scores 84%.

Both sets were also, according to the spreadsheet, significantly biased in favour of the teams that went "first first". In the Specialists those teams scored on average 106% of their average scores, while their opponents scored only 94%. In the General Knowledge the averages were 89% (first first) and 79% (second first).

On an average team score of just under 130, the overall difference of 10% is likely to have made a difference of around 13 points; but the good news is that this is unlikely to have affected any results (the lowest margin of victory for any team going "first first" being 25 points).

The low scoring was reflected in the Entertainment marks. The General Knowledge questions were marked highly in the C League but very lowly in the B League – average over the Leagues 5.11. The Specialists scored better, especially in the B League: average 6.50.