

News and Views: 2022–3 Season – Week 2 – 15 November 2022

Results

After all the high-scoring fun last week, the scores returned to somewhere near normal this week, with the highest team scores in the 170s.

In the A League the **Poachers** recorded their second victory, while the **Nags Head 'B'** (who didn't play last week) came out top in a close game against the Dolphin. The highest team score in the B League was 161 for the **Dolphin Hammers**, also recording their second victory – as were last week's high scorers, the **Waters Green Nags**.

Tables

The **Poachers** top the A League table as the only team that's played two matches and won them both. In the B League there are three teams with similar records; the **Waters Green Nags** lead the **Dolphin Hammers** on goal difference, by 335 points to 332 (that's just one question!), with the **Park Taverners** just a bit further behind..

Individual

The three top individual scores this week all came in the same game (Nags Head 'B' vs. the Dolphin), where **Mark Watson**, **Alan Hodgson** and **Peter McBride** each scored 48. Top scorer in the B League was **Graham Wallace** with 45.

Alan Hodgson is the early pace setter in the A League Individual table, with a highly creditable 102 from his first two games; **Ashton Davies** and **Alice Walker** are close behind with 99 each.

In the B League, **Graham Wallace** is top on 90 points, with **Paul Prior** one question behind on 87.

Questions

The **Sutton Club**'s questions would have struggled to equal the scoring of last week's offering, but they did score reasonably well all round. The spreadsheet suggests that they were just slightly more difficult than the average going back to the start of last season, with pretty good balance – just a slight bias towards the teams that went first in the Specialists. They also scored quite well for Entertainment – 6.46 for the Specialists and 5.68 for the General Knowledge.



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A League

Results

Poachers	172	144	Nags Head
Ashton Davies	45	36	Phil Davies
Nags Head 'B'	172	167	Dolphin
Mark Watson	48	48 48	Peter McBride Alan Hodgson
Harrington Diamonds	131	176	Queens
Art Higham	30	45	Haydn Thompson

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Poachers	2	2	0	0	362	4
Queens	2	1	0	1	351	2
Harrington Academicals	1	1	0	0	191	2
Waters Green Weavers	1	1	0	0	187	2
Nags Head 'B'	1	1	0	0	172	2
Dolphin	2	0	0	2	332	0
Harrington Diamonds	2	0	0	2	284	0
Nags Head	1	0	0	1	144	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 2
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	2	102	54	48	48
Alice Walker	Queens	2	99	57	42	42
Ashton Davies	Poachers	2	99	54	45	45
Haydn Thompson	Queens	2	93	48	45	45
Peter McBride	Dolphin	2	90	48	42	48
Bob Gratton	Poachers	2	87	45	42	42
Ed Baron	Poachers	2	72	48	24	24
Caroline Massey	Queens	2	63	33	30	30
Richard Briand	Harrington Diamonds	2	54	33	21	21
Gill Baker	Harrington Diamonds	2	51	27	24	24



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B League

Results

Dolphin Hammers	161	115	Plough Horntails
Dave Barber	39	30	Malcolm Asquith
Chris Wearne	39		
Chester Road Tavern	91	147	Park Taverners
Tony Moores	30	45	Graham Wallace
Park Timers	124	136	Waters Green Nags
Andrew Fenton	33	39	Paul Prior
Sutton Mutton	105	111	Pack Horse Bowling Club
Wynne Keith-Davies	27	27	Reg Bloor

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Waters Green Nags	2	2	0	0	335	4
Dolphin Hammers	2	2	0	0	332	4
Park Taverners	2	2	0	0	313	4
Pack Horse Bowling Club	2	1	0	1	247	2
Sutton Club	1	1	0	0	179	2
Plough Horntails	2	0	0	2	270	0
Sutton Mutton	2	0	0	2	266	0
Chester Road Tavern	2	0	0	2	224	0
Park Timers	1	0	0	1	124	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 2
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	2	90	45	45	45
Paul Prior	Waters Green Nags	2	87	48	39	39
Ian Musgrave	Waters Green Nags	2	78	48	30	30
Dave Barber	Dolphin Hammers	2	75	39	36	39
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	2	69	42	27	27
Chris Wearne	Dolphin Hammers	2	69	39	30	39
Reg Bloor	Pack Horse Bowling Club	2	66	39	27	27
Tony Moores	Chester Road Tavern	2	66	36	30	30
Mick Graves	Sutton Mutton	2	60	39	21	21
Sauna Barstow	Park Taverners	2	60	36	21	21

Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	GK	Nags Head 'B'	10.00	9.21	8.16	27.37	21.64
2	1	Spec	Nags Head 'B'	10.00	0.00	8.16	18.16	19.80
3	2	Spec	Sutton Club	4.23	7.18	6.46	17.88	23.38
4	2	GK	Sutton Club	3.97	7.52	5.68	17.17	(-)

The **Sutton Club** were runners-up to the Nags Head 'B' in the Question Setters' Trophy (sponsored by Cars & Vans 4U) table last season, so it would be no surprise to see them challenging the leaders again this time round.

According to the spreadsheet, the questions were just slightly more difficult than the combined averages of last season and last week. But they were closer to the lowest scores of last season than the high standard set last week, which means that they scored slightly on the low side for Difficulty. The Balance was pretty good, with just a slight bias in both sets towards the teams that went first in the Specialists. Overall, those teams scored 101% of their averages, while those that went second scored 97%. On an average team score of 143 this may have made a difference of six or seven points, which means that the closest game this week (Pack Horse Bowling Club vs. Sutton Mutton) could have been even closer.

The Entertainment scores were not bad; 6.46 would have put the Specialist questions in the top ten last season, while the General Knowledge, with 5.68, would have been solidly in mid-table.