



News and Views: 2022–3 Season – Week 3 – 22 November 2022

Results

Six of the seven matches were won by the teams that went "first first". The only team to buck this trend was the **Nags Head 'B'**.

According to the spreadsheet, the teams that went "first first" scored 106% of their averages, while those that went second managed only 88%.

Having said that, there were no obvious shock results. Only two teams beat another that finished above them in the Leagues last season, and in neither case was there a big gap. They both came in 'derby' matches: **Sutton Mutton** (3rd in the C League) beat the **Sutton Club** (1st) by 20 points, and **Harrington Academicals** (1st in the B League) beat the **Diamonds** (7th in the A League) by just six. There were however some big margins of victory, in games that might have been expected to be somewhat closer.

Tables

In the A League there are three unbeaten teams, although each of them has played only two matches. The **Poachers**, **Harrington Academicals** and **Nags Head 'B'** are separated by just 17 match points. In the B League, where most teams have now played three matches, only two are unbeaten: the **Dolphin Hammers** and the **Park Taverners**.

Individual

Highest scorer this week was **Julian Amey** with 48. **Alan Hodgson** and **Rob Parkin** were the top scorers in the A League, each with 45.

Alan retains top spot in the A League Individual table with 147 points from three games, now closely followed by his team-mate **Peter McBride** with 132. **Paul Prior** tops the B League table with 120, with **Graham Wallace** and **Wynne Keith-Davies** in joint second place on 108.



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A League

Results

Nags Head 'B'	173	144	Nags Head
Mark Watson	42	36	Ian Tams
Harrington Diamonds	156	162	Harrington Academicals
Art Higham	39	45	Rob Parkin
Dolphin	157	137	Waters Green Weavers
Alan Hodgson	45	30 30	Ian Grieve Graham Bailey

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Poachers	2	2	0	0	362	4
Harrington Academicals	2	2	0	0	353	4
Nags Head 'B'	2	2	0	0	345	4
Dolphin	3	1	0	2	489	2
Queens	2	1	0	1	351	2
Waters Green Weavers	2	1	0	1	324	2
Harrington Diamonds	3	0	0	3	440	0
Nags Head	2	0	0	2	288	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 3
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	3	147	54	45	45
Peter McBride	Dolphin	3	132	48	42	42
Alice Walker	Queens	2	99	57	42	
Ashton Davies	Poachers	2	99	54	45	
Haydn Thompson	Queens	2	93	48	45	
Mark Watson	Nags Head 'B'	2	90	48	42	42
Bob Gratton	Poachers	2	87	45	42	
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	2	87	45	42	45
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	2	81	45	36	36
Richard Briand	Harrington Diamonds	3	78	33	21	24
Gill Baker	Harrington Diamonds	3	78	27	24	27

B League

Results

Park Timers	90	145	Park Taverners
Andrew Fenton	21	36	Shauna Barstow
Plough Horntails	170	77	Chester Road Tavern
Julian Amey	48	24	Jim Moores
Sutton Mutton	132	112	Sutton Club
Wynne Keith-Davies	39	27	Chris Butler
Waters Green Nags	117	149	Dolphin Hammers
Paul Prior	33	39	Liz Horrocks

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Dolphin Hammers	3	3	0	0	481	6
Park Taverners	3	3	0	0	458	6
Waters Green Nags	3	2	0	1	452	4
Plough Horntails	3	1	0	2	440	2
Sutton Mutton	3	1	0	2	398	2
Sutton Club	2	1	0	1	291	2
Pack Horse Bowling Club	2	1	0	1	247	2
Chester Road Tavern	3	0	0	3	301	0
Park Timers	2	0	0	2	214	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 3
Paul Prior	Waters Green Nags	3	120	48	33	33
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	3	108	45	18	18
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	3	108	42	27	39
Ian Musgrave	Waters Green Nags	3	105	48	27	27
Dave Barber	Dolphin Hammers	3	102	39	27	27
Shauna Barstow	Park Taverners	3	96	39	21	36
Julian Amey	Plough Horntails	2	93	48	45	48
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	3	84	30	24	30
Mick Graves	Sutton Mutton	3	78	39	18	18
Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Hammers	2	75	39	36	39

Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	GK	Nags Head 'B'	10.00	9.45	7.85	27.30	21.64
2	2	GK	Sutton Club	3.98	8.58	5.68	18.24	(-)
3	2	Spec	Sutton Club	4.20	7.56	6.46	18.22	23.38
4	1	Spec	Nags Head 'B'	10.00	0.00	8.16	18.16	19.80
5	3	Spec	Queens	4.31	2.16	6.39	12.86	13.29
6	3	GK	Queens	3.12	0.00	6.18	9.30	20.02

The latest Cars & Vans table makes painful reading for this week's setters. It was a low-scoring night, although not excessively so – with teams scoring on average 97% of their average scores. But there was a distinct bias to both sets of questions, in favour of the teams that went 'first first'. Overall, those teams scored 106% of their averages, while those that went second managed only 88%.

The **Balance** marks were consequently very low – the Specialists being saved by the fact that the bias was not quite as extreme as in Week 1. The **Difficulty** marks were slightly better, with the Specialist questions scoring only slightly less than average.

Despite all this however, the questions seem to have gone down reasonably well. The **Entertainment** marks were quite respectable, and both sets would have been in the top half of the table last season on this measure.

It's probably worth noting that several people have commented on the number of points that were won on conferred questions; and in at least two A League matches, very few questions went unanswered. This would seem to suggest that there were very few really hard questions, and while the overall standard may have been quite hard, there were a lot of questions that at least one person in each team could answer. This is a team game after all, and if someone in each team can answer a question then (IMHO) it can't really be said to be too hard.

The setters will take some comfort in that thought!