

News and Views: 2022–3 Season, Week 16 – 4 April 2023

Results

Six of this week's games were won by the teams that started second. The only team to win by starting first were the **Dolphin Hammers**.

The **Chester Road Tavern** won their second game in a row, and only their third of the season overall.

Tables

Congratulations to the **Dolphin Hammers**, whose victory over the Sutton Club confirms them as B League champions. They remain unbeaten with only two games left to play, against the **Pack Horse Bowling Club** and the **Park Timers**.

The **Chester Road Tavern** moved off the bottom of the B League table thanks to the aforementioned victory. The **Pack Horse Bowling Club** must pick up at least a point from their final two games (or score 160 points more than the CRT do in their final game) to avoid the wooden spoon.

The **Poachers** returned to the top of the A League with a narrow victory over the Nags Head 'B'. The **Queens**, who last week went top for the first time this season, didn't play this week and dropped to third, as the **Dolphin** went second by beating the Harrington Diamonds. The Queens need to beat the **Waters Green Weavers** next week to retain any hope of winning the title, while any hopes the Dolphin might still harbour are already hanging by a thread.

Individual

There were 14 personal bests this week: nine in the A League and fourteen in the B League. With the season nearing its completion, this must mean that the questions posed few difficulties.

Top scorer was **Ed Baron** with 51, and **Paul Prior** was close behind with 48. There were nine other scores in the 40s – six in the A League and three in the B.

Alan Hodgson extended his lead slightly at the top of the A League table, but either **Ashton Davies** or **Alice Walker** might think they still have a chance of catching him in the final run-in. In the B League however, **Paul Prior's** lead is looking pretty unassailable.

Questions

The **Park Taverners'** questions seemed to suit most people. The Specialists were particularly received, going by comments on the Forum, and are in second place in the Cars & Vans 4U Trophy table – behind the Nags Head 'B's' General Knowledge set from Week 1. There are a few detailed comments about this week's General Knowledge questions, but these also scored quite well and are 15th (out of 30).



Macclesfield Quiz League

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A League

Results

Waters Green Weavers	178	157	Harrington Academicals
Ian Grieve	42	45	Dave Partington
Lesley Davies (pb)	39		
Alan Gilday	39		
Nags Head 'B'	179	186	Poachers
Mark Watson	45	51	Ed Baron (pb)
Mark Shaw (pb)	39		
Paul Morrissey (pb)	39		
Harrington Diamonds	147	174	Dolphin
Brian Bogie	42	45	Alan Hodgson
Gill Baker	30	45	Peter McBride
Mike Hancock (pb)	24		

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Poachers	13	10	0	3	2188	20
Dolphin	13	9	0	4	2116	18
Queens	12	9	0	3	2043	18
Nags Head 'B'	12	7	1	4	1978	15
Waters Green Weavers	12	7	1	4	1924	15
Harrington Academicals	12	3	1	8	1863	7
Nags Head	12	1	1	10	1698	3
Harrington Diamonds	12	1	0	11	1613	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 16
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	13	525	54	42	45
Ashton Davies	Poachers	12	510	54	39	39
Alice Walker	Queens	12	507	57	36	
Haydn Thompson	Queens	12	495	51	36	
Mark Watson	Nags Head 'B'	11	477	51	39	45
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	12	453	48	27	45
Peter McBride	Dolphin	13	444	48	33	45
Ian Grieve	Waters Green Weavers	12	420	48	30	42
Ed Baron	Poachers	13	399	51	24	51
Graham Bailey	Waters Green Weavers	12	396	48	30	36



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B League

Results

Dolphin Hammers	147	141	Sutton Club
Liz Horrocks	36	36	John Green
Dave Barber	36		
Park Timers	146	153	Chester Road Tavern
Glyn Bradley (pb)	42	39	Steve Moores (pb)
John Poyser	33	36	Tony Moores
Tim Brewin	24	27	Mitch Moores
Karyn Johnston (pb)	21	24	Chris Moores (pb)
Plough Horntails	163	124	Pack Horse Bowling Club
Anne Jeater (pb)	42	30	Reg Bloor
Malcolm Asquith (pb)	42		
Sutton Mutton	143	134	Waters Green Nags
Wynne Keith-Davies	39	48	Paul Prior (pb)
Mick Graves	33	24	John Manix (pb)
Mike Proctor	21	24	Sunil Peck
John Stein (pb)	18		

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Dolphin Hammers	14	14	0	0	2230	28
Waters Green Nags	14	10	0	4	2006	20
Plough Horntails	15	9	0	6	2089	18
Park Taverners	14	8	0	6	1942	16
Sutton Club	14	8	0	6	1896	16
Park Timers	14	5	0	9	1576	10
Sutton Mutton	14	4	0	10	1780	8
Chester Road Tavern	15	3	0	12	1699	6
Pack Horse Bowling Club	14	3	0	11	1539	6

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 16
Paul Prior	Waters Green Nags	14	492	48	33	48
Dave Barber	Dolphin Hammers	14	432	42	30	36
Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Hammers	13	396	42	24	36
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	14	393	42	24	39
Shauna Barstow	Park Taverners	14	378	39	24	
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	12	351	45	18	
Anne Jeater	Plough Horntails	14	348	42	21	42
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	13	348	42	18	42

John Green	Sutton Club	12	345	51	18	36
Ian Musgrave	Waters Green Nags	9	339	48	27	

Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	GK	Nags Head 'B'	10.00	8.46	7.85	26.31	21.64
2	16	Spec	Park Taverners	10.00	8.60	7.22	25.82	19.42
3	10	GK	Park Timers	9.14	9.78	6.85	25.77	22.99
4	10	Spec	Park Timers	9.14	8.34	7.27	24.75	(-)
5	15	Spec	Waters Green Weavers	8.07	8.86	7.25	24.18	21.69
6	11	Spec	Harrington Academicals	7.62	8.97	7.27	23.86	20.88
7	12	Spec	Pack Horse Bowling Club	6.27	8.78	6.75	21.81	15.35
8	2	Spec	Sutton Club	5.53	9.82	6.46	21.81	23.38
9	8	Spec	Poachers	6.33	8.47	6.79	21.58	19.68
10	14	Spec	Sutton Mutton	6.82	8.20	6.21	21.23	(-)
11	6	GK	Dolphin Hammers	4.47	9.97	5.67	20.12	(-)
12	1	Spec	Nags Head 'B'	9.40	2.32	8.16	19.88	19.80
13	2	GK	Sutton Club	3.72	9.88	5.68	19.28	(-)
14	13	Spec	Dolphin	5.74	6.40	6.47	18.61	8.13
15	16	GK	Park Taverners	5.77	6.91	5.87	18.55	(-)
16	12	GK	Pack Horse Bowling Club	8.68	3.42	6.41	18.51	(-)
17	13	GK	Dolphin	3.53	9.10	5.54	18.16	17.80
18	5	Spec	Harrington Diamonds	5.18	7.51	5.39	18.08	23.04
19	8	GK	Poachers	3.08	8.88	5.77	17.73	7.85
20	6	Spec	Dolphin Hammers	6.86	4.18	6.33	17.36	11.27
21	15	GK	Waters Green Weavers	3.29	7.63	6.12	17.04	20.94
22	5	GK	Harrington Diamonds	3.76	7.70	5.10	16.55	14.09
23	3	Spec	Queens	5.73	4.34	6.39	16.45	13.29
24	7	GK	Nags Head	1.22	8.29	4.72	14.23	13.01
25	14	GK	Sutton Mutton	3.14	5.17	4.41	12.72	16.26
26	4	Spec	Waters Green Nags	4.54	2.93	4.91	12.38	18.17
27	3	GK	Queens	2.64	3.45	6.18	12.27	20.02
28	11	GK	Harrington Academicals	3.60	2.16	5.91	11.66	(-)
29	7	Spec	Nags Head	2.07	3.08	5.18	10.32	15.87
30	4	GK	Waters Green Nags	1.69	0.00	4.54	6.23	23.49
31	9	GK	Plough Horntails	0.00	0.26	3.74	4.00	18.45
32	9	Spec	Plough Horntails	0.00	0.00	2.50	2.50	(-)



According to the spreadsheet, the **Park Taverners'** Specialist questions were the easiest so far this season, and were well balanced. They also got a decent mark for Entertainment – the sixth highest of the season so far – and overall this puts them in second place, behind only the Nags Head 'B's General Knowledge set.

This week's General Knowledge are in a highly respectable 15th place (out of 32) in the overall table. This despite being somewhat harder than the Specialists (pretty much average difficulty), not quite so well balanced, and slightly less well received (19th out of 32 for Entertainment).

In the Specialist rounds, every single team scored more than their average for the season so far – except for the Waters Green Nags, who unfortunately had only three players once again. The teams that went second did slightly better – 120% of their average scores, compared with 115% for those that went first.

In the General Knowledge, every one of the teams that went first (second in the Specialists) beat their average score, but four of the seven teams that went second did not. On average, the teams that went first scored 110% but those that went second scored 101%.

Overall, the teams that started second scored 114% of their averages, while those that started first scored 107%. On an average team score of 142, this may have made a difference of nine or ten points; there were one or two games where the result may have been affected.