



# Macclesfield Quiz League

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## News and Views: 2017–18 Season – Week 13 – 13 February 2018

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### Results

Interestingly, all the teams that went "first first" in the A and C Leagues won, and in the B League all the teams that went "second first" won. I don't think there's anything we can or should read into this; surely just a coincidence!

The team scores were remarkably consistent, with 14 of the 18 teams scoring between 117 and 139 points.

The most notable result of the week was probably the **Waters Green Lemmings'** victory over the **Nags Head**, by 128 points to 118.

### Tables

In the A League, the **Dolphin Dragons** climbed out of the relegation zone and into the top half of the table, with a victory over the **Wharfies** – who dropped into seventh place as a result.

The only other movement this week was in the C League, where the **Park Timers** moved ahead of the **Pack Horse Bowling Club** with a victory over a clearly out-of-sorts **Cock Inn**.

The **Nags Head** remain on top in the B League despite their defeat, but the **Waters Green Rams** (who didn't play this week) now have two games in hand.

### Individual

Top scorers this week were **Alice Walker** and **Mark Watson**, with 48 each. Alice's score equalled her personal best for this season.

There were just six other personal bests this week, and 15 personal worsts. The six personal bests were **Kenny Davenport-Slater** with 33, **Simon Rumsey** (30), **Tom Aindow** and **Andrew Clark** (24), **Martin Biss** and **Becky Turner** (21).

In the C League, **Wynne Keith-Davies'** week off cost him four places in the individual standings. The biggest beneficiary was **Graham Wallace**, whose 39 (the highest score outside the A League this week) lifted him from eighth to third. Graham is now just three questions behind the new leader, his team-mate **Shauna Barstow**, with two games in hand – so we can expect to see that gap close if he manages to make many more appearances this season.



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## A League

### Results

<b>Dolphin</b>	139	<b>169</b>	<b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>
Alan Hodgson	42	48	Alice Walker (pb)
<b>Wharfies</b>	132	<b>139</b>	<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>
Art Higham	36	36	Dave Cooper
<b>Ox-fford</b>	<b>155</b>	132	<b>British Flag</b>
Mark Watson	48	33	Ian Tams

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>	10	9	0	1	1713	18
<b>Ox-fford</b>	10	8	1	1	1611	17
<b>Dolphin</b>	9	5	1	3	1415	11
<b>Dolphin Dragons</b>	10	4	0	6	1440	8
<b>Weaver</b>	10	3	1	6	1517	7
<b>Church House Bollington</b>	10	3	1	6	1489	7
<b>Wharfies</b>	11	3	0	8	1533	6
<b>British Flag</b>	10	3	0	7	1388	6

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 13
<b>Haydn Thompson</b>	Ox-fford 'C'	10	462	54	36	42
<b>Alice Walker</b>	Ox-fford 'C'	10	417	48	33	48
<b>Mark Watson</b>	Ox-fford	9	405	51	33	48
<b>Alan Hodgson</b>	Dolphin	9	384	51	36	42
<b>Brian Bogie</b>	Wharfies	10	384	51	24	24
<b>Peter McBride</b>	Dolphin	9	363	51	30	30
<b>Graham Bailey</b>	Weaver	10	360	45	30	
<b>Liz Horrocks</b>	Dolphin Dragons	10	339	45	21	33
<b>Alan Gilday</b>	Weaver	9	330	48	27	
<b>Ashton Davies</b>	Church House Bollington	9	318	51	30	



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## B League

### Results

<b>Royal Oak</b>	<b>131</b>	119	<b>Robin Hood</b>
Rosalie James	30	24	Andrew Clark (pb)
<b>Plough Horntails</b>	<b>125</b>	117	<b>Harrington 'B'</b>
Anne Jeater	27	27 24 21 21	John Green Tom Aindow (pb) Martin Biss (pb) Geoff Parkin
<b>Nags Head</b>	118	<b>128</b>	<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>
Andrew Wright	36	27 24 21	Bob Langstaff Jon Thompson Becky Turner (pb)

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Nags Head</b>	11	8	0	3	1583	16
<b>Waters Green Rams</b>	9	8	0	1	1356	16
<b>Royal Oak</b>	10	7	0	3	1498	14
<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	10	5	1	4	1364	11
<b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>	10	4	1	5	1302	9
<b>Plough Horntails</b>	9	4	1	4	1115	9
<b>Robin Hood</b>	11	2	1	8	1462	5
<b>Harrington 'B'</b>	10	0	0	10	1149	0

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 13
<b>Alasdair Reid</b>	Nags Head	11	372	54	21	30
<b>Andrew Wright</b>	Nags Head	11	366	51	24	36
<b>Dave Partington</b>	Harrington Academicals	10	357	48	24	
<b>Keith Pointon</b>	Waters Green Rams	9	333	45	27	
<b>Alan James</b>	Royal Oak	10	312	42	21	21
<b>Rosalie James</b>	Royal Oak	10	300	45	21	30
<b>Jon Thompson</b>	Waters Green Lemmings	10	291	42	15	24
<b>Rob Parkin</b>	Harrington Academicals	8	285	48	24	
<b>Jim Kennelly</b>	Robin Hood	9	273	42	21	
<b>Malcolm Asquith</b>	Plough Horntails	9	273	39	24	24



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## C League

### Results

<b>Park Taverners</b>	<b>136</b>	123	<b>Sutton Club</b>
Graham Wallace	39	30	Simon Rumsey (pb)
<b>Cock Inn</b>	78	<b>135</b>	<b>Park Timers</b>
Jackie Hulme	18	24	Tim Brewin
<b>Prince of Wales</b>	<b>127</b>	103	<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>
Kenny Davenport-Slater (pb)	33	21	Mitch Moores

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Park Taverners</b>	10	8	0	2	1292	16
<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	9	7	0	2	1112	14
<b>Sutton Club</b>	11	6	1	4	1319	13
<b>Cock Inn</b>	10	5	1	4	1175	11
<b>Park Timers</b>	9	5	0	4	1084	10
<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>	10	4	0	6	1176	8
<b>Prince of Wales</b>	11	3	0	8	1250	6
<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	10	1	0	9	1071	2

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 13
<b>Shauna Barstow</b>	Park Taverners	10	261	51	12	30
<b>Andy Ridgway</b>	Prince of Wales	11	255	39	12	27
<b>Graham Wallace</b>	Park Taverners	8	252	42	24	39
<b>Jackie Hulme</b>	Cock Inn	10	249	36	9	18
<b>Wynne Keith-Davies</b>	Sutton Mutton	9	246	42	15	
<b>Chris Butler</b>	Sutton Club	10	234	39	12	15
<b>Mike Proctor</b>	Sutton Mutton	9	225	39	12	
<b>John Poyser</b>	Park Timers	9	222	36	18	21
<b>Peter Wilcox</b>	Cock Inn	9	222	33	6	6
<b>Glyn Bradley</b>	Park Timers	8	201	36	15	

## Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Wk		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'mnt	Total	Last yr
1	12	GK	Park Timers	10.00	8.46	7.07	<b>25.53</b>	23.61
2	1	Spec	Ox-fford	10.00	7.86	7.22	<b>25.08</b>	24.69
3	3	Spec	British Flag	7.58	9.85	7.11	<b>24.55</b>	22.17
4	6	GK	Sutton Club	7.13	8.48	5.79	<b>21.40</b>	19.98
5	7	Spec	Wharfies	4.58	8.39	5.44	<b>18.41</b>	14.58
6	4	GK	Waters Green Rams	5.19	6.93	6.22	<b>18.34</b>	18.84
7	5	GK	Ox-fford 'C'	4.40	8.28	5.37	<b>18.05</b>	17.41
8	2	GK	Royal Oak	4.24	7.06	5.72	<b>17.02</b>	8.20
<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Spec</b>	<b>Church House Bollington</b>	<b>4.48</b>	<b>5.87</b>	<b>6.22</b>	<b>16.58</b>	<b>20.49</b>
10	12	Spec	Harrington 'B'	4.91	5.02	6.28	<b>16.21</b>	(10.27)
11	4	Spec	Pack Horse Bowling Club	2.61	8.19	4.40	<b>15.20</b>	(13.95)
12	2	Spec	Sutton Mutton	4.10	7.53	3.44	<b>15.07</b>	(11.50)
13	6	Spec	Sutton Club	4.70	4.72	5.22	<b>14.64</b>	(19.98)
<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>GK</b>	<b>Church House Bollington</b>	<b>2.23</b>	<b>7.13</b>	<b>5.22</b>	<b>14.58</b>	<b>15.79</b>
15	3	GK	British Flag	2.38	6.49	5.67	<b>14.54</b>	(22.17)
16	8	GK	Chester Road Tavern	4.94	3.83	5.67	<b>14.45</b>	(20.47)
17	8	Spec	Waters Green Lemmings	2.08	7.99	4.32	<b>14.39</b>	22.21
18	5	Spec	Ox-fford 'C'	3.82	3.69	5.79	<b>13.30</b>	19.47
19	7	GK	Wharfies	3.97	5.94	3.33	<b>13.24</b>	22.03
20	1	GK	Ox-fford	6.65	0.00	6.50	<b>13.15</b>	17.22
21	11	GK	Dolphin	3.13	5.48	4.33	<b>12.94</b>	14.05
22	9	Spec	Prince of Wales	0.00	8.80	3.83	<b>12.63</b>	(11.16)
23	10	GK	Plough Horntails	3.08	1.98	5.11	<b>10.17</b>	(16.35)
24	9	GK	Nags Head	0.00	3.31	5.11	<b>8.42</b>	(14.19)
25	10	Spec	Cock Inn	2.73	1.72	3.83	<b>8.27</b>	(14.69)
26	11	Spec	Dolphin	3.18	0.00	4.67	<b>7.85</b>	20.37

The General Knowledge questions proved a challenge to many teams, with several scoring well below average. Otherwise the **Church House Bollington**'s questions scored pretty well all round, and both sets are sitting comfortably in mid-table.

According to the spreadsheet, the Specialist questions showed a significant bias to the teams that went first (107% to 96%). In the General Knowledge rounds there was a slight bias to towards the same teams, and overall the bias in favour of the teams that went "first first" was to the tune of 99% to 92%. It may be worth noting that given an average team score of 128, the 7% difference translates to nine points; there was just one game where the team that went "first first" won by less than nine points.

As ever (even if not always explicitly stated), these statistics are not claimed to be definitive; the idea is just to give an overall comparison between the different sets of questions over the course of a season.