



News and Views: 2018–19 Season – Week 4 – 6 November 2018

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Results

No fewer than eight of this week's nine matches were won by the teams that went "second first". The only team to buck this trend was the **Ox-fford**. More details in the Cars & Vans 4U section (at the end of this document).

Just as remarkable, although probably of less consequence, was the fact that eight of the nine matches were won by the away teams.

The closest game was at the Royal Oak, where **Rushton Diamonds** beat the **British Flag** by 139 points to 132. Oddly enough this was exactly the same score by which the Flag won last week.

Tables

We now have two unbeaten teams in each league. The **Dolphin**, **Harrington Academicals** and **Park Timers** are setting the pace in their respective leagues, although with some teams having played four games and others only two, the tables probably don't mean all that much at this stage of the season.

Individual

Mark Watson was the top scorer again this week, with 54 - the highest score of the season so far. Next highest was **Ashton Davies** with 45. The highest scorer outside the A League was **Andy Johnson** with 42, while in the C League three players scored 39.



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A League

Results

Dolphin Dragons	139	161	Royal Oak
Dave Turner	30	39	Rosalie James
Dave Cooper (pb)	27	36	Bill Cawley (pb)
Church House Bollington	144	169	Ox-fford
Ashton Davies (pb)	45	54	Mark Watson (pb)
Weaver	154	162	Dolphin
Alan Gilday	39	42	Alan Hodgson

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Dolphin	3	3	0	0	487	6
Ox-fford	3	2	1	0	504	5
Royal Oak	4	2	0	2	627	4
Weaver	3	2	0	1	507	4
Ox-fford 'C'	3	1	1	1	511	3
Church House Bollington	3	1	0	2	469	2
Dolphin Dragons	3	0	0	3	416	0
Waters Green Rams	2	0	0	2	331	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 4
Mark Watson	Ox-fford	3	156	54	51	54
Alice Walker	Ox-fford 'C'	3	144	51	45	
Rosalie James	Royal Oak	4	141	45	27	39
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	3	138	48	42	42
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	3	132	45	42	45
Haydn Thompson	Ox-fford 'C'	3	129	45	39	
Alan James	Royal Oak	4	129	39	30	30
Bill Cawley	Royal Oak	4	123	36	21	36
Peter McBride	Dolphin	3	120	42	39	39
Ed Baron	Church House Bollington	3	117	45	33	33



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B League

Results

Sutton Mutton	122	144	Park Taverners
Wynne Keith-Davies	30	36	Graham Wallace
Mick Graves (pb)	24		
Plough Horntails	129	158	Nags Head
Julian Amey	36	42	Andy Johnson (pb)
		30	Billy Stubbs (pb)
		30	Alasdair Reid
Rushton Diamonds	139	132	British Flag
Brian Bogie	39	33	Phil Davies

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Harrington Academicals	3	3	0	0	508	6
Rushton Diamonds	3	3	0	0	451	6
British Flag	4	2	0	2	596	4
Plough Horntails	3	1	0	2	416	2
Park Taverners	3	1	0	2	408	2
Sutton Mutton	3	1	0	2	399	2
Nags Head	2	1	0	1	302	2
Waters Green Lemmings	3	0	0	3	380	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 4
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	3	123	45	39	
Phil Davies	British Flag	3	117	48	33	33
Brian Bogie	Rushton Diamonds	3	117	42	36	39
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	3	108	45	30	30
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	3	108	42	33	
Stuart Mills	Harrington Academicals	3	99	36	30	
Tony Browne	British Flag	4	99	30	18	21
Bob Langstaff	Waters Green Lemmings	3	96	36	27	
Anne Jeater	Plough Horntails	3	93	36	27	30
Art Higham	Rushton Diamonds	3	90	36	27	27



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C League

Results

Pack Horse Bowling Club	114	151	Harrington 'B'
Tim Bloor	33	39	John Green (pb) Martin Biss
Brewers Arms	116	139	Chester Road Tavern
Andy Ridgway Kenny Davenport-Slater	24 24	30	Tony Moores
Park Timers	125	141	Sutton Club
Glyn Bradley (pb)	39	33 30	Wendy Brown (pb) Simon Rumsey (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Park Timers	4	3	0	1	540	6
Chester Road Tavern	4	3	0	1	522	6
Sutton Club	3	3	0	0	417	6
Harrington 'B'	4	2	0	2	525	4
Robin Hood	2	2	0	0	317	4
Pack Horse Bowling Club	4	0	0	4	448	0
Cock Inn	3	0	0	3	362	0
Brewers Arms	2	0	0	2	227	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 4
John Green	Harrington 'B'	4	138	39	30	39
Andrew Fenton	Park Timers	4	114	36	21	21
Jim Moores	Chester Road Tavern	3	102	39	27	27
Glyn Bradley	Park Timers	3	99	39	27	39
Wendy Brown	Sutton Club	3	93	33	27	33
Tim Bloor	Pack Horse Bowling Club	4	93	33	12	33
Andrew Vickerstaff	Pack Horse Bowling Club	4	93	30	18	24
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	3	90	48	42	
Jackie Hulme	Cock Inn	4	90	42	21	
John Poyser	Park Timers	4	90	36	21	

Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	Spec	Ox-fford	9.55	7.79	7.17	24.51	24.69
2	1	GK	Ox-fford	7.79	9.30	7.22	24.32	17.22
3	2	GK	Dolphin Dragons	5.27	8.92	6.22	20.42	17.65
4	3	GK	Plough Horntails	5.17	9.32	5.51	20.01	8.76
5	4	Spec	Waters Green Rams	4.65	9.96	5.39	20.00	
6	2	Spec	Dolphin Dragons	6.14	6.73	6.22	19.09	20.42
7	3	Spec	Plough Horntails	3.70	9.33	5.76	18.80	
8	4	GK	Waters Green Rams	6.44	0.77	5.22	12.43	18.84

It was very much a game of two halves for the Waters Green Rams' questions. The Specialists were almost perfectly balanced (according to the spreadsheet), and only slightly harder than average. They received one of the lowest Entertainment marks of the season, but their total score of exactly 20 would have put them in seventh place last season.

The General Knowledge set, on the other hand, showed a distinct bias in favour of the teams that went first ("second first"). Teams that went "first first" scored exactly 100% of their average scores, on average, but those that went "second first" scored 117%. This is the heaviest bias we've seen for some time. The General Knowledge questions were somewhat easier than average, but they scored poorly for Entertainment.

Overall, the teams that went "first first" also scored (on average) exactly 100% of their average scores, while those that went "second first" scored 110%. This is borne out by the fact that eight of the nine games were won by the teams that went "second first"; the only team to win against these odds was the Ox-fford.