

News and Views: 2018–19 Season – Week 7 – 4 December 2018

Results

Two games this week were decided by just one point ... and both beneficiaries were from the same stable! The **Waters Green Rams** (should we be calling them Frank Lampard's Waters Green Rams now?) beat the **Dolphin** by 156 points to 155, while the **Lemmings** beat the **Sutton Mutton** 145–144.

Three other games were decided by margins of less than ten points, and in the C League the biggest margin was just eleven (**Harrington 'B'** over the **Brewers Arms**).

Tables

After last week we were left with one unbeaten team in each League. This week two of those records went (the **Dolphin** and **Harrington Academicals**), leaving the **Robin Hood** as the only unbeaten team.

Defeats for the Dolphin and the Ox–fford meant that we have a new leader in the A League: well done to the **Royal Oak**. Meanwhile in the C League, the **Robin Hood** took advantage of the two teams above them not playing and leapfrogged to the top of that table.

Individual

Congratulations and commiserations to **Ashton Davies**, who became the second player this season to miss out on a perfect game by just one question. Playing fourth on the team that went "first first", Ashton answered each of his first 18 questions correctly but failed on the penultimate one: the one about gaslighting. He now heads the A League individual table, although there is a pack of players behind him each with a game in hand.

Next highest scorer was **Bob Thompson** with his customary 51, while there were 45s for **Ed Baron** and **Tony Browne**. Top scorer in the C League was **Jim Kennelly** with 42.

There were sixteen personal bests this week ... but also twenty personal worsts.



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A League

Results

Royal Oak	171	112	Ox-fford
Rosalie James	42	27	Dave Robinson
Church House Bollington	183	161	Weaver
Ashton Davies (pb)	57	42	Alan Gilday (pb)
Ed Baron (pb)	45		
Bob Gratton (pb)	33		
Waters Green Rams	151	150	Dolphin
Bob Thompson (pb)	51	36	Alan Hodgson

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Royal Oak	6	4	0	2	938	8
Dolphin	5	4	0	1	811	8
Ox-fford	6	3	1	2	945	7
Ox-fford 'C'	5	3	1	1	880	7
Church House Bollington	6	3	0	3	948	6
Weaver	6	2	0	4	972	4
Waters Green Rams	5	1	0	4	781	2
Dolphin Dragons	5	1	0	4	715	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 7
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	6	270	57	39	57
Mark Watson	Ox-fford	5	261	57	48	
Alice Walker	Ox-fford 'C'	5	243	54	45	
Haydn Thompson	Ox-fford 'C'	5	228	51	39	
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	5	225	51	36	36
Rosalie James	Royal Oak	6	216	45	27	42
Ed Baron	Church House Bollington	6	213	45	18	45
Alan Gilday	Weaver	6	213	42	27	42
Paul Morrissey	Ox-fford	6	204	45	24	24
Peter McBride	Dolphin	5	195	45	30	30



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B League

Results

Sutton Mutton	144	145	Waters Green Lemmings
Wynne Keith-Davies	39	33	Jon Thompson
Mike Proctor	30	27	Sunil Peck (pb)
Mick Graves (pb)	27	21	Nick Peck (pb)
		21	Bob Langstaff
Park Taverners	146	166	Nags Head
Nick Crowdy (pb)	36	39	Andrew Wright (pb)
Shauna Barstow (pb)	33	33	Alasdair Reid (pb)
Graham Wallace	33		
Plough Horntails	129	148	Rushton Diamonds
Anne Jeater	30	30	Richard Briand (pb)
		30	Brian Bogie
		30	Art Higham
Harrington Academicals	156	163	British Flag
Dave Partington	42	45	Tony Browne (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Rushton Diamonds	6	5	0	1	892	10
British Flag	6	4	0	2	910	8
Harrington Academicals	5	4	0	1	826	8
Nags Head	5	3	0	2	750	6
Plough Horntails	6	2	0	4	813	4
Waters Green Lemmings	5	2	0	3	674	4
Park Taverners	6	1	0	5	823	2
Sutton Mutton	5	1	0	4	663	2

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B League - Continued

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 7
Brian Bogie	Rushton Diamonds	6	219	42	30	30
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	5	210	45	39	42
Art Higham	Rushton Diamonds	6	195	45	27	30
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	5	183	45	30	33
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	5	180	42	33	36
Anne Jeater	Plough Horntails	6	180	36	24	30
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	5	174	45	27	39
Tony Browne	British Flag	6	165	45	18	45
Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	5	162	45	24	33
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	6	159	33	9	27



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C League

Results

Brewers Arms	118	129	Harrington 'B'
Jon Souness (pb)	21	36	John Green
Andy Ridgway	21		
Tim Hayes	21		
Chester Road Tavern	132	138	Robin Hood
Tony Moores	27	42	Jim Kennelly
Cock Inn	137	134	Sutton Club
Peter Wilcox	33	27	Simon Rumsey
Jackie Hulme	27		
Peter Bullivent	24		
Anne Goddard (pb)	21		

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Robin Hood	5	5	0	0	724	10
Chester Road Tavern	6	4	0	2	810	8
Park Timers	6	4	0	2	784	8
Harrington 'B'	6	3	0	3	778	6
Sutton Club	5	3	0	2	649	6
Cock Inn	5	2	0	3	622	4
Pack Horse Bowling Club	6	1	0	5	693	2
Brewers Arms	5	0	0	5	570	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 7
John Green	Harrington 'B'	6	207	39	30	36
Andrew Fenton	Park Timers	6	165	36	21	
Glyn Bradley	Park Timers	5	150	39	24	
Jackie Hulme	Cock Inn	5	141	42	21	27
Tim Bloor	Cock Inn	6	141	33	12	
Andrew Vickerstaff	Pack Horse Bowling Club	6	138	30	18	
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	3	132	48	42	42
John Poyser	Park Timers	5	132	36	18	
Mitch Moores	Chester Road Tavern	5	132	30	21	21
Jim Moores	Chester Road Tavern	4	126	39	24	24

Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	Spec	Ox-fford	9.53	7.76	7.17	24.45	24.69
2	1	GK	Ox-fford	7.45	9.24	7.22	23.91	17.22
3	5	GK	Sutton Club	6.36	8.70	6.33	21.39	19.98
4	2	GK	Dolphin Dragons	4.97	8.85	6.22	20.03	17.65
5	3	GK	Plough Horntails	4.94	9.48	5.51	19.93	8.76
6	4	Spec	Waters Green Rams	4.61	9.88	5.39	19.88	
7	7	GK	Ox-fford 'C'	7.83	5.62	6.26	19.71	19.10
8	2	Spec	Dolphin Dragons	6.18	7.14	6.22	19.53	20.42
9	7	Spec	Ox-fford 'C'	3.76	9.26	5.87	18.88	12.56
10	3	Spec	Plough Horntails	3.69	9.36	5.76	18.82	
11	5	Spec	British Flag	6.12	5.60	6.72	18.44	24.61
12	6	Spec	Waters Green Lemmings	3.96	7.66	4.97	16.59	14.47
13	4	GK	Waters Green Rams	6.22	1.07	5.22	12.51	18.84
14	6	GK	Harrington 'B'	3.97	2.56	5.32	11.85	(16.23)

The results suggest a reasonable balance in the questions, with four games won by the teams that went "first first" and six by those that went "second first".

The **Ox-fford 'C'**'s questions scored reasonably well for Entertainment, taking fifth and eighth place of fourteen sets so far. The Specialists were slightly harder than average (average score 97%) while the General Knowledge were among the easiest we've had so far this season (114%). On the other hand, the spreadsheet suggests that the Specialists were better balanced - with a 2% bias towards the teams that went first; in the General Knowledge, the spreadsheet detected a more pronounced bias towards the other teams (going "second first"): 118% to 109%. Overall, there was a slight bias towards those teams (going "second first") - 109% to 105%. On an average team score of 137, this would mean a points difference of a fraction under 5.5 points.

Four teams went "first first" and lost by seven points or fewer: the **Dolphin**, **Sutton Mutton**, **Harrington Academicals** and **Sutton Club** may consider themselves slightly unlucky. Although it must be emphasised that this is only the opinion of the spreadsheet and is not to be taken as Gospel!