

News and Views: 2018–19 Season – Week 9 – 8 January 2019

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This being Week 9, we are now half way through the 2018–19 season.

Results

There were some good scores this week, and a few close games. Highest score of the week was 190 by the **Ox–fford 'C'**; this was the highest score of the season so far. (Two scores beat it last season: the **Ox–fford** scored 194 in Week 6, and the **Dolphin** scored 196 in Week 12.)

Four games were won by seven points or fewer – two in the A League and two in the C League. Closest of all were the victories of the **Dolphin** over the **Royal Oak** and the **Chester Road Tavern** over the **Sutton Club** – both of which were by just two points.

Tables

At the half–way stage of the season, the **Dolphin**, **Harrington Academicals** and the **Robin Hood** top their respective divisions. The Robin are the only undefeated team, as they have been for a few weeks now. They have a four–point lead over the **Chester Road Tavern** and the **Park Timers**; the CRT currently hold the second promotion place by just twelve match points.

In the B League, three teams are two points behind the Academicals and are separated by just 45 match points.

The biggest movers this week were **Rushton Diamonds**, who led the B League table last week but dropped to fourth on their week as question setters – the three teams that were closest behind them all winning.

Individual

Top scorer this week was **Haydn Thompson** with 51. Five players scored 48, including **Andrew Wright** – this was the highest individual score of the season so far in the B League.

There were 20 personal bests, and 15 personal worsts.



Macclesfield Quiz League

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A League

Results

Ox-fford 'C'	190	157	Church House Bollington
Haydn Thompson (pb)	51	48	Ashton Davies
Alice Walker	48	39	Ed Baron
Caroline Massey (pb)	42	33	Bob Gratton (pb)
Dolphin Dragons	158	154	Waters Green Rams
Trevor Bithell (pb)	33	42	Bob Thompson
Liz Horrocks	33	42	Keith Pointon
		21	David Reynolds (pb)
Royal Oak	161	163	Dolphin
Alan James (pb)	45	48	Peter McBride (pb)
		48	Alan Hodgson
		21	Derek Owen (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Dolphin	7	6	0	1	1144	12
Ox-fford 'C'	7	4	1	2	1233	9
Ox-fford	7	4	1	2	1112	9
Royal Oak	7	4	0	3	1099	8
Weaver	7	3	0	4	1157	6
Church House Bollington	7	3	0	4	1105	6
Dolphin Dragons	7	2	0	5	1017	4
Waters Green Rams	7	1	0	6	1072	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 9
Alice Walker	Ox-fford 'C'	7	336	54	45	48
Haydn Thompson	Ox-fford 'C'	7	321	51	39	51
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	7	318	57	39	48
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	7	318	51	36	48
Peter McBride	Dolphin	7	288	48	30	48
Mark Watson	Ox-fford	5	261	57	48	
Ed Baron	Church House Bollington	7	252	45	18	39
Alan Gilday	Weaver	7	252	42	27	
Rosalie James	Royal Oak	7	249	45	27	33
Paul Morrissey	Ox-fford	7	246	45	24	
Keith Pointon	Waters Green Rams	7	246	45	15	42



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B League

Results

Waters Green Lemmings	142	170	Nags Head
Jon Thompson	30	48	Andrew Wright (pb)
Bob Langstaff	30	45	Paul Prior (pb)
Sunil Peck (pb)	27		
Nick Peck (pb)	24		
Sutton Mutton	121	159	Harrington Academicals
Wynne Keith-Davies	33	42	Dave Partington
Park Taverners	139	172	British Flag
Graham Wallace	36	39	Ian Tams (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Harrington Academicals	7	6	0	1	1145	12
Nags Head	7	5	0	2	1088	10
British Flag	7	5	0	2	1082	10
Rushton Diamonds	7	5	0	2	1043	10
Waters Green Lemmings	7	3	0	4	957	6
Plough Horntails	7	2	0	5	943	4
Park Taverners	7	1	0	6	962	2
Sutton Mutton	7	1	0	6	885	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 9
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	7	282	45	30	42
Brian Bogie	Rushton Diamonds	7	264	45	30	
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	7	246	42	27	27
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	7	243	45	27	33
Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	7	228	45	24	30
Art Higham	Rushton Diamonds	7	225	45	27	
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	6	219	45	30	36
Andrew Wright	Nags Head	6	213	48	27	48
Anne Jeater	Plough Horntails	7	207	36	24	
Bob Langstaff	Waters Green Lemmings	7	207	36	21	30



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C League

Results

Harrington 'B'	107	153	Robin Hood
Geoff Parkin	27	36	Lorraine Hilton (pb)
Martin Biss	27	36	Jim Kennelly
		21	Andrew Clark (pb)
		21	Tony Wilkinson
Brewers Arms	129	136	Cock Inn
Kenny Davenport-Slater (pb)	39	27	Jackie Hulme
Andy Ridgway (pb)	30	24	Anne Goddard (pb)
		24	Peter Wilcox
		24	Peter Bullivent
Chester Road Tavern	133	131	Sutton Club
Steve Moores (pb)	42	30	Wendy Brown
		27	Chris Butler
		24	Emma Griggs (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Robin Hood	7	7	0	0	1012	14
Chester Road Tavern	7	5	0	2	943	10
Park Timers	7	5	0	2	931	10
Sutton Club	7	3	0	4	896	6
Harrington 'B'	7	3	0	4	885	6
Cock Inn	7	3	0	4	872	6
Pack Horse Bowling Club	7	2	0	5	831	4
Brewers Arms	7	0	0	7	832	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 9
John Green	Harrington 'B'	6	207	39	30	
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	5	201	48	33	36
Glyn Bradley	Park Timers	6	186	39	24	
Jackie Hulme	Cock Inn	7	183	42	15	27
Wendy Brown	Sutton Club	7	183	33	6	30
Andrew Fenton	Park Timers	7	180	36	15	
Peter Wilcox	Cock Inn	6	171	36	24	24
Tim Bloor	Pack Horse Bowling Club	7	165	33	12	
John Poyser	Park Timers	6	162	36	18	

Chris Butler	Sutton Club	6	150	30	18	27
Mitch Moores	Chester Road Tavern	6	150	30	18	18

Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

For the full spreadsheet, please click [here](#).

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	GK	Ox-fford	9.22	9.62	7.22	26.06	17.22
2	1	Spec	Ox-fford	10.00	7.09	7.17	24.26	24.69
3	7	GK	Ox-fford 'C'	10.00	4.38	6.26	20.64	19.10
4	5	GK	Sutton Club	5.97	7.90	6.33	20.20	19.98
5	9	Spec	Park Timers	9.80	2.13	7.00	18.93	(23.61)
6	8	Spec	Park Taverners	6.47	4.21	6.72	17.40	(11.45)
7	2	GK	Dolphin Dragons	2.12	8.49	6.22	16.83	17.65
8	2	Spec	Dolphin Dragons	4.36	5.50	6.22	16.08	20.42
9	4	Spec	Waters Green Rams	1.78	8.67	5.39	15.84	
10	3	Spec	Plough Horntails	0.00	9.77	5.76	15.53	
11	3	GK	Plough Horntails	2.34	7.00	5.51	14.86	8.76
12	7	Spec	Ox-fford 'C'	0.15	6.78	5.87	12.80	12.56
13	6	Spec	Waters Green Lemmings	1.19	5.58	4.97	11.73	14.47
14	9	GK	Rushton Diamonds	1.22	5.10	5.39	11.70	14.14
15	4	GK	Waters Green Rams	5.97	0.00	5.22	11.19	18.84
16	5	Spec	British Flag	4.43	0.00	6.72	11.15	24.61
17	8	GK	Chester Road Tavern	1.95	1.06	5.67	8.68	13.96
18	6	GK	Harrington 'B'	0.00	1.30	5.32	6.62	(16.23)

As we are at the half-way point of the season, we now discount last season's scores and the comparison is purely between this season's questions. There were one or two sets last season that were significantly easier than any other; consequently the easier questions from this season have benefitted because they are no longer compared with those.

This has had the effect of reversing the top two positions, although as both sets concerned were set by the same team, this is of little consequence! The **Ox-fford's** General Knowledge questions are now in top place, their Difficulty mark having gone up from 7.48 to 9.22 and the total from 23.89 to 26.06.

In terms of positions in the table, the biggest beneficiaries of the change were the **Ox-fford 'C's** General Knowledge questions, which move up from ninth place to third.

This week's Specialist questions, set by the **Park Timers**, were very popular, scoring the third highest Entertainment mark of the season so far – behind only the **Ox-fford's** two sets from Week 1. This is no less than we've come to expect from the Timers, who have been runners-up in the Cars & Vans 4U stakes in each of the last four seasons. Unfortunately, this season they were

slightly let down (according to the spreadsheet) by the balance: teams going first scored on average 108% of their average marks, while those going second scored 117%.

The General Knowledge questions, set by the **Rushton Diamonds**, were equal 14th on entertainment, and were quite difficult (according to the spreadsheet); on average, teams scored 96% of their average marks. The balance was slightly better than on the Specialists, but the bias worked the other way; the teams going second (first in the Specialists) scored on average 99% of their average marks, while those going first (second in the Specialists) scored only 93%.

The good news is that because the balances in the two sets worked against each other, the overall balance was just about perfect. There was no difference in the "average" percentage between the teams that went "first first" and those that went "second first" – the scores being on average 103% of the average scores, in both cases.

As the overall balance was so good (according to the spreadsheet), it shouldn't have affected any results; but for the record, six games were won by the teams going "second first", and three went the other way. The three that were in the minority were the **Dolphin, Nags Head** and **Robin Hood**. Those are the top teams in the A and C Leagues and the second-placed team in the B League, but if we believe the spreadsheet this was just a coincidence.