# News and Views: 2018-19 Season - Week 12-5 February 2019 

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## Results

Possibly the most significant result this week came in the A League derby at the Dolphin, where the Dragons emerged victorious. This was only the Dolphin's third defeat of the season, but the second in two weeks; it was also the Dragons' third victory of the season.

In the other A League derby, the $\mathbf{O x}$-fford beat the $\mathbf{O x}$-fford ' $\mathbf{C}$ ' by 157 points to 140 .
The form book was upset in a couple of B League games: the Park Taverners beat Rushton Diamonds, and Waters Green Lemmings beat the Harrington Academicals. For the Accies this was only their second defeat of the season.

In a promotion four-pointer in the C League, Park Timers consolidated second place with a victory over the Chester Road Tavern by 127 points to 98.

## Tables

In the A League, the Ox-fford hold the cards following their derby victory and the Dolphin's defeat. The $\mathbf{O x}$-fford ' $\mathbf{C}$ ' are hanging on to the top spot, but only by goal difference - and both the Ox-fford and the Dolphin have a game in hand.

The only change in the $B$ League was the Waters Green Lemmings moving above the Plough Horntails (who didn't play) into fifth place on goal difference.

Similarly in the C League, the only change was that the Harrington ' $\mathbf{B}$ ' moved above the Cock Inn (who did play) into fifth place on goal difference.

## Individual

The scoring this week was only slightly better than last time. Mark Watson was the top scorer by some margin, with 48, and three people (Rosalie James, Peter McBride and Phil Davies) scored 39. There were four personal bests (Heather Wallace, Nick Peck, Jenny Edwards and Tom Aindow), and 31 of the 80 contestants failed to better their lowest scores of the season.

## Macclesfield Quiz League <br> \section*{Sponsored by AstraZeneca}

## A League

## Results

| Ox-fford 'C' | 140 | $\mathbf{1 5 7}$ | Ox-fford |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Alice Walker |  |  |  |
| Haydn Thompson | 33 | 48 | Mark Watson |
| Royal Oak | 33 |  | Weaver |
| Rosalie James | 345 | $\mathbf{1 5 2}$ | 36 |
| Alan Gilday |  |  |  |
| Dolphin Dragons | $\mathbf{1 3 9}$ | 122 | Dolphin |
| Liz Horrocks | 30 | 39 | Peter McBride |

Table

|  | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Total | Points |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ox-fford 'C' | 10 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 1676 | 13 |
| Ox-fford | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1409 | 13 |
| Dolphin | 9 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 1403 | 12 |
| Royal Oak | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 1527 | 10 |
| Church House Bollington | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 1429 | 10 |
| Weaver | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 1449 | 8 |
| Dolphin Dragons | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 128 | 6 |
| Waters Green Rams | 9 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 1309 | 2 |

Individual Top Ten

|  | Team | Played | Total | Highest | Lowest | Wk 12 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alice Walker | Ox-fford 'C' | 10 | 444 | 54 | 30 | 33 |
| Haydn Thompson | Ox-fford 'C' | 10 | 420 | 51 | 30 | 33 |
| Ashton Davies | Church House Bollington | 9 | 396 | 57 | 36 |  |
| Peter McBride | Dolphin | 9 | 360 | 48 | 30 | 39 |
| Alan Hodgson | Dolphin | 8 | 354 | 51 | 36 |  |
| Mark Watson | Ox-fford | 7 | 345 | 57 | 36 | 48 |
| Rosalie James | Royal Oak | 10 | 333 | 45 | 21 | 39 |
| Ed Baron | Church House Bollington | 9 | 318 | 45 | 18 |  |
| Alan Gilday | Weaver | 9 | 318 | 42 | 27 | 36 |
| Keith Pointon | Waters Green Rams | 9 | 312 | 45 | 15 |  |

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$B$ League
Results

| Park Taverners | $\mathbf{1 3 5}$ | 110 | Rushton Diamonds |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Heather Wallace (pb) | 36 | 21 | Art Higham |
| Sutton Mutton | 111 | $\mathbf{1 5 3}$ | British Flag |
| Wynne Keith-Davies | 36 | 39 | Phil Davies |
| Waters Green Lemmings | $\mathbf{1 3 1}$ | 96 | Harrington Academicals |
| Nick Peck (pb) | 27 | 36 | Mike Hewitt |

Table

|  | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Total | Points |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Harrington Academicals | 10 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 1531 | 16 |
| British Flag | 10 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 1476 | 14 |
| Rushton Diamonds | 9 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 1153 | 12 |
| Nags Head | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 1208 | 10 |
| Waters Green Lemmings | 10 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 1211 | 8 |
| Plough Horntails | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 1198 | 8 |
| Park Taverners | 9 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 1222 | 4 |
| Sutton Mutton | 9 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 1092 | 2 |

Individual Top Ten

|  | Team | Played | Total | Highest | Lowest | Wk 12 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dave Partington | Harrington Academicals | 10 | 360 | 45 | 18 | 18 |
| Rob Parkin | Harrington Academicals | 9 | 315 | 42 | 27 |  |
| Wynne Keith-Davies | Sutton Mutton | 9 | 300 | 45 | 21 | 36 |
| Graham Wallace | Park Taverners | 8 | 285 | 45 | 27 | 27 |
| Jon Thompson | Waters Green Lemmings | 9 | 276 | 45 | 21 | 21 |
| Anne Jeater | Plough Horntails | 9 | 273 | 39 | 24 |  |
| Tony Browne | British Flag | 10 | 270 | 45 | 18 | 30 |
| Phil Davies | British Flag | 8 | 264 | 48 | 15 | 39 |
| Brian Bogie | Rushton Diamonds | 7 | 264 | 45 | 30 |  |
| Art Higham | Rushton Diamonds | 8 | 249 | 45 | 24 | 24 |

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## C League

## Results

| Pack Horse Bowling Club | 88 | $\mathbf{1 3 0}$ | Robin Hood |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Andrew Vickerstaff | 21 | 24 | Jenny Edwards (pb) |
| Chester Road Tavern | 98 | $\mathbf{1 2 7}$ | Park Timers |
| Jim Moores | 27 | 27 | John Poyser |
| Brewers Arms | 99 | $\mathbf{1 1 3}$ | Sutton Club |
| Trisha Ridgway | 27 | 18 | Wendy Brown <br> Simon Rumsey <br> Chris Butler |
| Harrington 'B' |  | 18 | 18 |

Table

|  | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Total | Points |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Robin Hood | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1142 | 18 |
| Park Timers | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1280 | 15 |
| Chester Road Tavern | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 1255 | 12 |
| Sutton Club | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 1134 | 10 |
| Harrington 'B' | 10 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 1196 | 8 |
| Cock Inn | 10 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 1085 | 8 |
| Pack Horse Bowling Club | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1131 | 5 |
| Brewers Arms | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 931 | 0 |

Individual Top Ten

|  | Team | Played | Total | Highest | Lowest | Wk 12 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| John Green | Harrington 'B' | 8 | 252 | 39 | 18 | 27 |
| Andrew Fenton | Park Timers | 10 | 252 | 36 | 15 | 21 |
| John Poyser | Park Timers | 9 | 231 | 36 | 15 | 27 |
| Wendy Brown | Sutton Club | 9 | 228 | 33 | 6 | 18 |
| Jackie Hulme | Cock Inn | 9 | 219 | 42 | 9 | 9 |
| Peter Wilcox | Cock Inn | 8 | 213 | 36 | 12 | 12 |
| Jim Kennelly | Robin Hood | 5 | 201 | 48 | 33 |  |
| Mitch Moores | Chester Road Tavern | 9 | 201 | 30 | 12 | 12 |
| Tim Bloor | Pack Horse Bowling Club | 9 | 195 | 33 | 9 | 9 |
| Andrew Vickerstaff | Pack Horse Bowling Club | 9 | 195 | 30 | 18 | 21 |

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|  | Week |  | Setters | Difficulty | Balance | Ent'ment | Total | Last Yr |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1 | GK | Ox-fford | 9.74 | 8.93 | 7.22 | $\mathbf{2 5 . 8 9}$ | 17.22 |
| 2 | 1 | Spec | Ox-fford | 10.00 | 5.99 | 7.17 | $\mathbf{2 3 . 1 6}$ | 24.69 |
| 3 | 2 | GK | Dolphin Dragons | 6.40 | 8.41 | 6.22 | $\mathbf{2 1 . 0 3}$ | 17.65 |
| 4 | 5 | GK | Sutton Club | 8.08 | 6.12 | 6.33 | $\mathbf{2 0 . 5 3}$ | 19.98 |
| 5 | 7 | GK | Ox-fford 'C' | 10.00 | 3.46 | 6.26 | $\mathbf{1 9 . 7 2}$ | 19.10 |
| 6 | 3 | GK | Plough Horntails | 6.51 | 6.38 | 5.51 | $\mathbf{1 8 . 4 0}$ | 8.76 |
| 7 | 4 | Spec | Waters Green Rams | 3.47 | 9.30 | 5.39 | $\mathbf{1 8 . 1 6}$ |  |
| 8 | 3 | Spec | Plough Horntails | 2.23 | 9.99 | 5.76 | $\mathbf{1 7 . 9 9}$ |  |
| 9 | 9 | GK | Rushton Diamonds | 5.86 | 6.56 | 5.39 | $\mathbf{1 7 . 8 1}$ | 14.14 |
| 10 | 8 | Spec | Park Taverners | 7.13 | 3.79 | 6.72 | $\mathbf{1 7 . 6 4}$ | $(11.45)$ |
| 11 | 9 | Spec | Park Timers | 9.90 | 0.43 | 7.00 | $\mathbf{1 7 . 3 4}$ | $(23.61)$ |
| 12 | 2 | Spec | Dolphin Dragons | 5.71 | 4.46 | 6.22 | $\mathbf{1 6 . 3 9}$ | 20.42 |
| 13 | 7 | Spec | Ox-fford 'C' | 2.20 | 6.61 | 5.87 | $\mathbf{1 4 . 6 9}$ | 12.56 |
| 14 | 10 | GK | Robin Hood | 4.61 | 5.38 | 3.89 | $\mathbf{1 3 . 8 9}$ | $(14.01)$ |
| 15 | 4 | GK | Waters Green Rams | 8.07 | 0.00 | 5.22 | $\mathbf{1 3 . 2 9}$ | 18.84 |
| 16 | 8 | GK | Chester Road Tavern | 6.22 | 0.84 | 5.67 | $\mathbf{1 2 . 7 3}$ | 13.96 |
| 17 | 6 | Spec | Waters Green Lemmings | 2.96 | 4.46 | 4.97 | $\mathbf{1 2 . 3 9}$ | 14.47 |
| 18 | 6 | GK | Harrington 'B' | 5.22 | 1.83 | 5.32 | $\mathbf{1 2 . 3 8}$ | $(16.23)$ |
| 19 | 5 | Spec | British Flag | 5.60 | 0.00 | 6.72 | $\mathbf{1 2 . 3 2}$ | 24.61 |
| $\mathbf{2 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | Spec | Church House Bollington | $\mathbf{0 . 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{6 . 7 9}$ | $\mathbf{5 . 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 . 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 . 1 3}$ |
| 21 | 10 | Spec | Nags Head | 1.72 | 3.76 | 5.50 | $\mathbf{1 0 . 9 8}$ | $(7.83)$ |
| $\mathbf{2 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | GK | Church House Bollington | $\mathbf{2 . 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 5 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 . 8 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 . 4 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 . 7 4}$ |
| 23 | 11 | GK | Brewers Arms | 0.00 | 3.16 | 3.89 | $\mathbf{7 . 0 5}$ | $(11.16)$ |
| 24 | 11 | Spec | Sutton Mutton | 0.00 | 3.16 | 3.17 | $\mathbf{6 . 3 3}$ | 11.5 |

If it weren't for last week (and one set the week before), this week's questions - all set by the Church House Bollington - would have been the lowest scorers so far this season. They were 19th and 21st out of 24 for Entertainment, and one place lower in each case overall.

The scores in the Specialist rounds were very similar to last week - teams recording on average $88 \%$ of their average scores. According to the spreadsheet there was a slight bias in favour of the teams that went first, who scored $90 \%$ as opposed to $87 \%$ for those who went second.

The teams that went first in the Specialist questions also benefitted (according to the spreadsheet) from a more pronounced bias in the General Knowledge questions, scoring $92 \%$ as opposed to 84\%.

Overall, the teams that went "first first" scored $91 \%$ of their average scores, and those that went "second first" scored $85 \%$. On an average team score of 140 , this would have made a difference of eight or nine points (very similar to last week).

