### 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 **Ox-fford** beat the **Ox-fford** '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 **Ox-fford '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 '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.



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#### A League

#### Results

Ox-fford 'C'	140	157	Ox-fford
Alice Walker Haydn Thompson	33 33	48	Mark Watson
Royal Oak	145	152	Weaver
Rosalie James	39	36	Alan Gilday
Dolphin Dragons	139	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	135	110	Rushton Diamonds
Heather Wallace (pb)	36	21	Art Higham
Sutton Mutton	111	153	British Flag
Wynne Keith-Davies	36	39	Phil Davies
Waters Green Lemmings	131	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	130	Robin Hood
Andrew Vickerstaff	21	24	Jenny Edwards (pb)
<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	98	127	Park Timers
Jim Moores	27	27	John Poyser
Brewers Arms	99	113	Sutton Club
Trisha Ridgway	27	18 18 18	Wendy Brown Simon Rumsey Chris Butler
Harrington 'B'	109	89	Cock Inn
John Green Tom Aindow (pb)	27 21	18	Peter Bullivent

#### **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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#### Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	GK	Ox-fford	9.74	8.93	7.22	25.89	17.22
2	1	Spec	Ox-fford	10.00	5.99	7.17	23.16	24.69
3	2	GK	Dolphin Dragons	6.40	8.41	6.22	21.03	17.65
4	5	GK	Sutton Club	8.08	6.12	6.33	20.53	19.98
5	7	GK	Ox-fford 'C'	10.00	3.46	6.26	19.72	19.10
6	3	GK	Plough Horntails	6.51	6.38	5.51	18.40	8.76
7	4	Spec	Waters Green Rams	3.47	9.30	5.39	18.16	
8	3	Spec	Plough Horntails	2.23	9.99	5.76	17.99	
9	9	GK	Rushton Diamonds	5.86	6.56	5.39	17.81	14.14
10	8	Spec	Park Taverners	7.13	3.79	6.72	17.64	(11.45)
11	9	Spec	Park Timers	9.90	0.43	7.00	17.34	(23.61)
12	2	Spec	Dolphin Dragons	5.71	4.46	6.22	16.39	20.42
13	7	Spec	Ox-fford 'C'	2.20	6.61	5.87	14.69	12.56
14	10	GK	Robin Hood	4.61	5.38	3.89	13.89	(14.01)
15	4	GK	Waters Green Rams	8.07	0.00	5.22	13.29	18.84
16	8	GK	<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	6.22	0.84	5.67	12.73	13.96
17	6	Spec	Waters Green Lemmings	2.96	4.46	4.97	12.39	14.47
18	6	GK	Harrington 'B'	5.22	1.83	5.32	12.38	(16.23)
19	5	Spec	British Flag	5.60	0.00	6.72	12.32	24.61
20	12	Spec	Church House Bollington	0.22	6.79	5.10	12.11	17.13
21	10	Spec	Nags Head	1.72	3.76	5.50	10.98	(7.83)
22	12	GK	Church House Bollington	2.08	3.55	4.82	10.45	14.74
23	11	GK	Brewers Arms	0.00	3.16	3.89	7.05	(11.16)
24	11	Spec	Sutton Mutton	0.00	3.16	3.17	6.33	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).