

News and Views: 2018–19 Season – Week 13 – 12 February 2019

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Results

Congratulations to the **Brewers Arms**, who scored their first victory of the season – by 145 points to 121 over the **Chester Road Tavern**. The **Pack Horse Bowling Club** also won, meaning that the bottom of the C League table is now a bit closer than it was a week ago.

The closest result this week was in the A League, where the **Dolphin** beat the **Weaver** by 178 points to 175. There was a good result for the **Dolphin Dragons** – who have now won four of their last six games, having lost their first four. (Could this be down to a change of personnel at all?)

In the B League's bottom-of-the-table clash, the **Park Taverners** scored a narrow victory over the **Sutton Mutton**. But they need more of the same to secure their B League status for next season.

After two or three low-scoring weeks, scores were much more respectable this week. A total of 2,659 points were scored in the nine games – an average of 148 points per team – compared to 2,444 in ten games last week (average 122). On average, teams scored 106% of their average scores for the season.

Tables

In the A League, the **Ox-fford** and the **Dolphin** both won their games in hand, moving into first and second place respectively at the expense of the Ox-fford 'C' (who didn't play).

There was a bit of jockeying for position in the B League, where the top three pairs all swapped places. The **British Flag** are currently top on goal difference, but the **Harrington Academicals** have a game in hand.

There was no change in the C League, except that (as noted above) the bottom half of the table is now a bit closer than it was a week ago as the bottom two teams both won.

Individual

Top scorer this week was **Mark Watson** with 51. Close behind with 48s were **Peter McBride**, **Alan Gilday** and **Graham Bailey**. Joint top scorers in the B League were **Andrew Wright** and **Wynne Keith-Davies**, each with 42; in the C League, **Tim Hayes** took the honours with a personal best 36.

There were 23 personal bests this week, and only 7 people failed to better their lowest scores of the season (compared to 4 and 31 respectively last week).



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A League

Results

Royal Oak	152	176	Dolphin Dragons
Alan James	36	45 42	Robin Morrell (pb) Liz Horrocks (pb)
Ox-fford	164	150	Church House Bollington
Mark Watson	51	36 36	Bob Gratton (pb) Jon Wilkie (pb)
Dolphin	178	175	Weaver
Peter McBride (pb)	48	48	Alan Gilday (pb)
Jeff Corry (pb)	42	48	Graham Bailey (pb)
Alan Hodgson	39		
Derek Owen (pb)	21		

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Ox-fford	10	7	1	2	1573	15
Dolphin	10	7	0	3	1581	14
Ox-fford 'C'	10	6	1	3	1676	13
Royal Oak	11	5	0	6	1679	10
Church House Bollington	10	5	0	5	1579	10
Weaver	10	4	0	6	1624	8
Dolphin Dragons	10	4	0	6	1463	8
Waters Green Rams	9	1	0	8	1309	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 13
Alice Walker	Ox-fford 'C'	10	444	54	30	
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	10	426	57	30	30
Haydn Thompson	Ox-fford 'C'	10	420	51	30	
Peter McBride	Dolphin	10	408	48	30	48
Mark Watson	Ox-fford	8	396	57	36	51
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	9	393	51	36	39
Alan Gilday	Weaver	10	366	48	27	48
Rosalie James	Royal Oak	11	360	45	21	27
Alan James	Royal Oak	11	342	45	21	36
Graham Bailey	Weaver	9	339	48	30	48
Paul Morrissey	Ox-fford	10	339	45	24	36

B League

Results

Park Taverners	141	125	Sutton Mutton
Shauna Barstow (pb)	33	42	Wynne Keith-Davies
Heather Wallace	33	27	John Stein (pb)
Pete Dykstra (pb)	30		
Nags Head	173	141	Plough Horntails
Andrew Wright	42	39	Anne Jeater (pb)
British Flag	178	126	Rushton Diamonds
Ian Tams (pb)	39	36	Neil Scott (pb)
Tony Browne	39	24	Derek Goldstraw (pb)
Phil Davies	39	21	Mike Hancock (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
British Flag	11	8	0	3	1654	16
Harrington Academicals	10	8	0	2	1531	16
Nags Head	9	6	0	3	1381	12
Rushton Diamonds	10	6	0	4	1279	12
Plough Horntails	10	4	0	6	1339	8
Waters Green Lemmings	10	4	0	6	1211	8
Park Taverners	10	3	0	7	1363	6
Sutton Mutton	10	1	0	9	1217	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 13
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	10	360	45	18	
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	10	342	45	21	42
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	9	315	42	27	
Anne Jeater	Plough Horntails	10	312	39	24	39
Tony Browne	British Flag	11	309	45	18	39
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	9	306	45	21	21
Phil Davies	British Flag	9	303	48	15	39
Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	9	276	45	21	
Ian Tams	British Flag	10	273	39	15	39
Brian Bogie	Rushton Diamonds	7	264	45	30	



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C League

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Harrington 'B'	121	139	Pack Horse Bowling Club
Geoff Parkin	30	30	Mike Vickerstaff (pb)
John Green	27	30	Reg Bloor
Tom Aindow (pb)	21	27	Michael Murphy (pb)
Chester Road Tavern	121	145	Brewers Arms
Mitch Moores	27	36	Tim Hayes (pb)
		33	Andy Ridgway (pb)
		33	Trisha Ridgway
Sutton Club	132	122	Park Timers
Chris Butler (pb)	30	27	John Poyser

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Robin Hood	9	9	0	0	1142	18
Park Timers	11	7	1	3	1402	15
Chester Road Tavern	11	6	0	5	1376	12
Sutton Club	10	6	0	4	1266	12
Harrington 'B'	11	4	0	7	1317	8
Cock Inn	10	4	0	6	1085	8
Pack Horse Bowling Club	11	3	1	7	1270	7
Brewers Arms	9	1	0	8	1076	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 13
John Green	Harrington 'B'	9	279	39	18	27
Andrew Fenton	Park Timers	11	273	36	15	21
John Poyser	Park Timers	10	258	36	15	27
Wendy Brown	Sutton Club	10	255	33	6	27
Mitch Moores	Chester Road Tavern	10	228	30	12	27
Geoff Parkin	Harrington 'B'	10	222	36	9	30
Jackie Hulme	Cock Inn	9	219	42	9	
Andrew Vickerstaff	Pack Horse Bowling Club	10	219	30	18	24
Chris Butler	Sutton Club	9	219	30	18	30
Peter Wilcox	Cock Inn	8	213	36	12	



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Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	GK	Ox-fford	9.70	9.09	7.22	26.01	17.22
2	1	Spec	Ox-fford	10.00	4.96	7.17	22.13	24.69
3	5	GK	Sutton Club	8.05	6.89	6.33	21.27	19.98
4	2	GK	Dolphin Dragons	6.46	8.36	6.22	21.04	17.65
5	7	GK	Ox-fford 'C'	10.00	3.79	6.26	20.05	19.10
6	3	GK	Plough Horntails	6.38	7.04	5.51	18.93	8.76
7	8	Spec	Park Taverners	7.14	4.73	6.72	18.60	(11.45)
8	4	Spec	Waters Green Rams	3.43	9.67	5.39	18.49	
9	9	GK	Rushton Diamonds	5.76	7.12	5.39	18.27	14.14
10	3	Spec	Plough Horntails	2.35	9.26	5.76	17.37	
11	13	GK	Cock Inn	7.68	3.95	5.56	17.19	7.42
12	9	Spec	Park Timers	9.83	0.00	7.00	16.83	(23.61)
13	2	Spec	Dolphin Dragons	5.74	4.02	6.22	15.98	20.42
14	10	GK	Robin Hood	4.57	6.53	3.89	14.99	(14.01)
15	13	Spec	Harrington Academicals	7.60	1.24	5.83	14.66	18.04
16	7	Spec	Ox-fford 'C'	2.26	6.17	5.87	14.31	12.56
17	8	GK	Chester Road Tavern	6.06	1.59	5.67	13.32	13.96
18	6	GK	Harrington 'B'	5.11	2.82	5.32	13.25	(16.23)
19	4	GK	Waters Green Rams	7.97	0.00	5.22	13.19	18.84
20	5	Spec	British Flag	5.59	0.29	6.72	12.60	24.61
21	12	Spec	Church House Bollington	0.34	6.59	5.10	12.03	17.13
22	10	Spec	Nags Head	1.78	4.69	5.50	11.98	(7.83)
23	6	Spec	Waters Green Lemmings	2.97	3.94	4.97	11.88	14.47
24	12	GK	Church House Bollington	1.96	4.08	4.82	10.86	14.74
25	11	GK	Brewers Arms	0.00	3.06	3.89	6.95	(11.16)
26	11	Spec	Sutton Mutton	0.00	3.74	3.17	6.91	11.5

As mentioned at the top of this page, match scores were more respectable this week after two or three low-scoring weeks. The same could be said for the Cars & Vans 4U Trophy scores, where both sets are comfortably in mid-table both for Entertainment and in the overall standings.

Both sets scored in the high fives for Entertainment (an average score) and the Difficulty scores were also very similar – teams scoring on average 109% of their average scores in the Specialists (**Harrington Academicals**), 104% in the General Knowledge (**Cock Inn**), and 106% overall.

Both sets, especially the Specialists, were however let down somewhat by their Balance scores. According to the spreadsheet, both showed a marked bias towards the teams that went "second first": 114% compared with 104% in the Specialists, 109% compared with 100% in the General Knowledge, and 111% compared with 101% overall.

On an average team score of 148, this would have made a difference of about 15 points.

Three teams – one in each league – won going "first first": the **Dolphin**, **Nags Head** and **Sutton Club**. Of the six that were won by the team going "second first", three – also one in each league – may have been affected by the bias, if the spreadsheet is to be believed.

It should also be said that the **Cock Inn's** score of 17.19 is a marked improvement on their score for last season.