

## News and Views: 2018–19 Season – Week 14 – 26 February 2019

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### *Results*

There were some very close results this week, but also some resounding victories.

Closest of all was the **Weaver's** two-point victory over the **Ox-fford**. In the bottom-of-the-table clash in the C League, the **Brewers Arms** beat the **Pack Horse Bowling Club** by four points. By contrast, at the opposite end of the C League, the **Robin Hood** beat the **Park Timers** by 71 points. This was the biggest margin this week, closely followed by the **Church House Bollington's** 66-point victory over the **Waters Green Rams**.

In the B League, all three games were decided by eight or nine points. The most notable of these results was probably the **Plough Horntails'** eight-point victory over the league leaders, **Harrington Academicals**.

### *Tables*

Congratulations to the **Robin Hood**, who are now assured of promotion back to the B League at the first attempt. One more point will see them confirmed as C League champions.

The Weaver's narrow victory over the Ox-fford opened things up at the top of the A League, where the **Ox-fford 'C'** returned to the top on goal difference. The **Dolphin** are now in pole position, one point behind the top two with a game in hand, but as they still have to play both of those top two, anything can happen.

In the B League, the **Harrington Academicals** returned to the top by just one match point, despite losing to the **Plough Horntails** – as the **British Flag** didn't play. At the other end of the table, the **Park Taverners** moved out of the relegation zone at the expense of their opponents, the **Waters Green Lemmings**.

### *Individual*

Top scorer this week was **Mark Watson** yet again, with his second 57 of the season. Batting second for the team that went "second first", the only one that Mark didn't get was his second question: the one about the Plain of Jars. He wasn't alone; nobody got a three-pointer for this one!

At least it was your second question Mark, and not your second last.

Other than Mark, no one else scored over 45. There was one 45 in each League, among whom special mention should be made of **Andy Ridgway**. This was Andy's second consecutive personal best, a full 12 points (four questions) better than the previous one, and in fact it was his best score ever – an ATPB. It was his first score in the 40s since current records began.

The other two 45s were scored by **Ashton Davies** and **Paul Prior**.

Individual scores in general were unremarkable, with only eight personal bests and 15 personal worsts.

Some teams in the C League have now played twelve games, so we are at that stage of the season where the lowest scores start to slip out of contention in the individual tables.



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## A League

### Results

|                                |            |            |                                      |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Dolphin Dragons</b>         | 139        | <b>163</b> | <b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>                  |
| Liz Horrocks (pb)              | 42         | 42         | Alice Walker                         |
| <b>Church House Bollington</b> | <b>185</b> | 119        | <b>Waters Green Rams</b>             |
| Ashton Davies                  | 45         | 33<br>30   | Keith Pointon<br>David Reynolds (pb) |
| <b>Ox-fford</b>                | 169        | <b>171</b> | <b>Weaver</b>                        |
| Mark Watson (pb)               | 57         | 39         | Lesley Davies                        |

### Table

|                                | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Total | Points |
|--------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|--------|
| <b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>            | 11     | 7   | 1     | 3    | 1839  | 15     |
| <b>Ox-fford</b>                | 11     | 7   | 1     | 3    | 1742  | 15     |
| <b>Dolphin</b>                 | 10     | 7   | 0     | 3    | 1581  | 14     |
| <b>Church House Bollington</b> | 11     | 6   | 0     | 5    | 1764  | 12     |
| <b>Weaver</b>                  | 11     | 5   | 0     | 6    | 1795  | 10     |
| <b>Royal Oak</b>               | 11     | 5   | 0     | 6    | 1679  | 10     |
| <b>Dolphin Dragons</b>         | 11     | 4   | 0     | 7    | 1602  | 8      |
| <b>Waters Green Rams</b>       | 10     | 1   | 0     | 9    | 1428  | 2      |

### Individual Top Ten

|                       | Team                    | Played | Total | Highest | Lowest | Wk 14 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------|-------|---------|--------|-------|
| <b>Alice Walker</b>   | Ox-fford 'C'            | 11     | 486   | 54      | 30     | 42    |
| <b>Ashton Davies</b>  | Church House Bollington | 11     | 471   | 57      | 30     | 45    |
| <b>Mark Watson</b>    | Ox-fford                | 9      | 453   | 57      | 36     | 57    |
| <b>Haydn Thompson</b> | Ox-fford 'C'            | 11     | 453   | 51      | 30     | 33    |
| <b>Peter McBride</b>  | Dolphin                 | 10     | 408   | 48      | 30     |       |
| <b>Alan Gilday</b>    | Weaver                  | 11     | 402   | 48      | 27     | 36    |
| <b>Alan Hodgson</b>   | Dolphin                 | 9      | 393   | 51      | 36     |       |
| <b>Graham Bailey</b>  | Weaver                  | 10     | 375   | 48      | 30     | 36    |
| <b>Paul Morrissey</b> | Ox-fford                | 11     | 375   | 45      | 24     | 36    |
| <b>Liz Horrocks</b>   | Dolphin Dragons         | 11     | 369   | 42      | 24     | 42    |



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## B League

### Results

|                               |            |            |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Park Taverners</b>         | <b>126</b> | 118        | <b>Waters Green Lemmings</b> |
| Graham Wallace                | 27         | 33         | Bob Langstaff                |
| Heather Wallace               | 27         |            |                              |
| Shauna Barstow                | 27         |            |                              |
| <b>Harrington Academicals</b> | 124        | <b>132</b> | <b>Plough Horntails</b>      |
| Rob Parkin                    | 33         | 33         | Dave McGuinness (pb)         |
| <b>Nags Head</b>              | 159        | <b>168</b> | <b>Rushton Diamonds</b>      |
| Paul Prior (pb)               | 45         | 42         | Art Higham                   |
| Dave Pennington (pb)          | 36         | 39         | Brian Bogie                  |
|                               |            | 39         | Chris Bogie (pb)             |

### Table

|                               | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Total | Points |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|--------|
| <b>Harrington Academicals</b> | 11     | 8   | 0     | 3    | 1655  | 16     |
| <b>British Flag</b>           | 11     | 8   | 0     | 3    | 1654  | 16     |
| <b>Rushton Diamonds</b>       | 11     | 7   | 0     | 4    | 1447  | 14     |
| <b>Nags Head</b>              | 10     | 6   | 0     | 4    | 1540  | 12     |
| <b>Plough Horntails</b>       | 11     | 5   | 0     | 6    | 1471  | 10     |
| <b>Park Taverners</b>         | 11     | 4   | 0     | 7    | 1489  | 8      |
| <b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>  | 11     | 4   | 0     | 7    | 1329  | 8      |
| <b>Sutton Mutton</b>          | 10     | 1   | 0     | 6    | 1217  | 2      |

### Individual Top Ten

|                           | Team                   | Played | Total | Highest | Lowest | Wk 14 |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------|-------|---------|--------|-------|
| <b>Dave Partington</b>    | Harrington Academicals | 10     | 360   | 45      | 18     |       |
| <b>Rob Parkin</b>         | Harrington Academicals | 10     | 348   | 42      | 27     | 33    |
| <b>Wynne Keith-Davies</b> | Sutton Mutton          | 10     | 342   | 45      | 21     |       |
| <b>Anne Jeater</b>        | Plough Horntails       | 11     | 336   | 39      | 24     | 24    |
| <b>Graham Wallace</b>     | Park Taverners         | 10     | 333   | 45      | 21     | 27    |
| <b>Tony Browne</b>        | British Flag           | 11     | 309   | 45      | 18     |       |
| <b>Phil Davies</b>        | British Flag           | 9      | 303   | 48      | 15     |       |
| <b>Brian Bogie</b>        | Rushton Diamonds       | 8      | 303   | 45      | 30     | 39    |
| <b>Jon Thompson</b>       | Waters Green Lemmings  | 10     | 294   | 45      | 18     | 18    |
| <b>Art Higham</b>         | Rushton Diamonds       | 9      | 291   | 45      | 24     | 42    |



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## C League

### Results

|                            |            |                |  |
|----------------------------|------------|----------------|--|
| <b>Brewers Arms</b>        | <b>127</b> | 123            | <b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>           |
| Andy Ridgway (pb)          | 45         | 27             | Andrew Vickerstaff                       |
| <b>Chester Road Tavern</b> | 89         | <b>106</b>     | <b>Harrington 'B'</b>                    |
| Jim Moores                 | 24         | 18<br>18<br>18 | Geoff Parkin<br>Tom Aindow<br>John Green |
| <b>Robin Hood</b>          | <b>166</b> | 95             | <b>Park Timers</b>                       |
| Jim Kennelly               | 39         | 30             | John Poyser                              |

### Table

|                                | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Total | Points |
|--------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|--------|
| <b>Robin Hood</b>              | 10     | 10  | 0     | 0    | 1308  | 20     |
| <b>Park Timers</b>             | 12     | 7   | 1     | 4    | 1497  | 15     |
| <b>Chester Road Tavern</b>     | 12     | 6   | 0     | 6    | 1465  | 12     |
| <b>Sutton Club</b>             | 10     | 6   | 0     | 4    | 1266  | 12     |
| <b>Harrington 'B'</b>          | 12     | 5   | 0     | 7    | 1423  | 10     |
| <b>Cock Inn</b>                | 10     | 4   | 0     | 6    | 1085  | 8      |
| <b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b> | 12     | 3   | 1     | 8    | 1393  | 7      |
| <b>Brewers Arms</b>            | 10     | 2   | 0     | 8    | 1203  | 4      |

### Individual Top Ten

|                           | Team                    | Played | Total | Highest | Lowest | Wk 14 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------|-------|---------|--------|-------|
| <b>John Green</b>         | Harrington 'B'          | 10     | 297   | 39      | 18     | 18    |
| <b>John Poyser</b>        | Park Timers             | 11     | 288   | 36      | 15     | 30    |
| <b>Andrew Fenton</b>      | Park Timers             | 12     | 276   | 36      | 18     | 18    |
| <b>Wendy Brown</b>        | Sutton Club             | 10     | 255   | 33      | 6      |       |
| <b>Andrew Vickerstaff</b> | Pack Horse Bowling Club | 11     | 246   | 30      | 18     | 27    |
| <b>Jim Kennelly</b>       | Robin Hood              | 6      | 240   | 48      | 33     | 39    |
| <b>Geoff Parkin</b>       | Harrington 'B'          | 11     | 240   | 36      | 9      | 18    |
| <b>Mitch Moores</b>       | Chester Road Tavern     | 11     | 240   | 30      | 12     | 12    |
| <b>Trisha Ridgway</b>     | Brewers Arms            | 9      | 228   | 36      | 15     | 24    |
| <b>Jackie Hulme</b>       | Cock Inn                | 9      | 219   | 42      | 9      |       |
| <b>Chris Butler</b>       | Sutton Club             | 9      | 219   | 30      | 18     |       |



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## Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

|           | Week      |             | Setters                        | Difficulty  | Balance     | Ent'ment    | Total        | Last Yr      |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1         | 1         | GK          | <b>Ox-fford</b>                | 9.82        | 9.00        | 7.22        | <b>26.04</b> | 17.22        |
| 2         | 1         | Spec        | <b>Ox-fford</b>                | 10.00       | 5.96        | 7.17        | <b>23.13</b> | 24.69        |
| 3         | 2         | GK          | <b>Dolphin Dragons</b>         | 6.45        | 8.55        | 6.22        | <b>21.22</b> | 17.65        |
| 4         | 5         | GK          | <b>Sutton Club</b>             | 8.04        | 6.54        | 6.33        | <b>20.91</b> | 19.98        |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>14</b> | <b>GK</b>   | <b>Dolphin</b>                 | <b>5.87</b> | <b>9.25</b> | <b>5.78</b> | <b>20.90</b> | <b>13.17</b> |
| 6         | 7         | GK          | <b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>            | 10.00       | 3.15        | 6.26        | <b>19.41</b> | 19.10        |
| 7         | 8         | Spec        | <b>Park Taverners</b>          | 6.92        | 5.74        | 6.72        | <b>19.38</b> | (11.45)      |
| 8         | 3         | GK          | <b>Plough Horntails</b>        | 6.34        | 7.25        | 5.51        | <b>19.10</b> | 8.76         |
| 9         | 9         | GK          | <b>Rushton Diamonds</b>        | 5.79        | 7.77        | 5.39        | <b>18.94</b> | 14.14        |
| 10        | 4         | Spec        | <b>Waters Green Rams</b>       | 3.22        | 9.68        | 5.39        | <b>18.29</b> |              |
| 11        | 9         | Spec        | <b>Park Timers</b>             | 9.70        | 0.79        | 7.00        | <b>17.49</b> | (23.61)      |
| 12        | 2         | Spec        | <b>Dolphin Dragons</b>         | 5.54        | 5.71        | 6.22        | <b>17.47</b> | 20.42        |
| 13        | 13        | GK          | <b>Cock Inn</b>                | 7.60        | 4.14        | 5.56        | <b>17.29</b> | 7.42         |
| 14        | 3         | Spec        | <b>Plough Horntails</b>        | 2.15        | 9.19        | 5.76        | <b>17.11</b> |              |
| 15        | 7         | Spec        | <b>Ox-fford 'C'</b>            | 1.99        | 7.92        | 5.87        | <b>15.77</b> | 12.56        |
| 16        | 13        | Spec        | <b>Harrington Academicals</b>  | 7.40        | 2.35        | 5.83        | <b>15.58</b> | 18.04        |
| 17        | 10        | GK          | <b>Robin Hood</b>              | 4.63        | 6.55        | 3.89        | <b>15.07</b> | (14.01)      |
| 18        | 10        | Spec        | <b>Nags Head</b>               | 1.34        | 7.03        | 5.50        | <b>13.88</b> | (7.83)       |
| 19        | 5         | Spec        | <b>British Flag</b>            | 5.46        | 1.53        | 6.72        | <b>13.71</b> | 24.61        |
| 20        | 8         | GK          | <b>Chester Road Tavern</b>     | 6.01        | 1.72        | 5.67        | <b>13.40</b> | 13.96        |
| 21        | 4         | GK          | <b>Waters Green Rams</b>       | 7.89        | 0.00        | 5.22        | <b>13.11</b> | 18.84        |
| 22        | 6         | GK          | <b>Harrington 'B'</b>          | 5.01        | 2.65        | 5.32        | <b>12.98</b> | (16.23)      |
| 23        | 6         | Spec        | <b>Waters Green Lemmings</b>   | 2.66        | 5.09        | 4.97        | <b>12.72</b> | 14.47        |
| 24        | 12        | Spec        | <b>Church House Bollington</b> | 0.13        | 7.07        | 5.10        | <b>12.30</b> | 17.13        |
| 25        | 12        | GK          | <b>Church House Bollington</b> | 1.90        | 4.38        | 4.82        | <b>11.10</b> | 14.74        |
| 26        | 11        | Spec        | <b>Sutton Mutton</b>           | 0.00        | 5.99        | 3.17        | <b>9.16</b>  | 11.5         |
| <b>27</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>Spec</b> | <b>Dolphin</b>                 | <b>2.29</b> | <b>0.00</b> | <b>5.22</b> | <b>7.51</b>  | <b>7.84</b>  |
| 28        | 11        | GK          | <b>Brewers Arms</b>            | 0.00        | 2.70        | 3.89        | <b>6.59</b>  | (11.16)      |

It was very much a game of two halves for the **Dolphin's** questions.

The General Knowledge were of pretty much average difficulty and very well balanced, according to the spreadsheet. With an Entertainment score that put them solidly mid-table, they sit in a creditable fifth place overall.

Sadly it was a different story for the Specialists. The biggest issue (according to the spreadsheet) was the balance; the teams that went first scored pretty much in accordance with their averages, but those that went second scored only 89% of their averages. This meant that the questions scored zero for Balance and only 2.29 for Difficulty, and with a lower than average score for Entertainment they are in last but one place in the table.

The questions tended to be more popular in the higher divisions.