



Macclesfield Quiz League

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News and Views: 2019–20 Season – Week 1 – 1 October 2019

Results

Every one of this week's nine games was won by the team that went "first first". The Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy spreadsheet agrees that the questions were heavily biased in favour of those teams – especially the General Knowledge section. There may however be some mitigation! For more details, please refer to the relevant section [below](#).

There were some very close games – not least at the **Queens**, where the **Dolphin** won by just one point. The next closest game was at the **Robin Hood**, where the home team beat the **Harrington Academicals** by three points.

Ye Olde Kings Head's debut, at home to the **Broken Cross Club**, was unfortunately called off as the visitors were unable to field a team. Believing they had a week off (which they did until three or four days before the kick-off), several of the Club's players had made other arrangements. The King's Head were deemed to have won by a walkover and were awarded the points – not a bad start, at the end of the day!

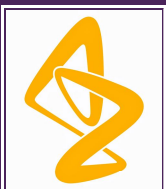
Tables

With three or four teams in each League having played one and won one, and three or four having played one and lost one, the tables this week depend more or less on who scored most (or least) points. The honours in the respective Leagues go to the **Nags Head 'B'** with 187, **Dolphin Dragons** with 190, and **Sutton Mutton** with 154.

Individual

The best score this week was **48**, achieved by four players: **Dave Partington**, **Bob Thompson**, **Alice Walker** and **Mark Watson**. **Alan Hodgson** and **Peter McBride** each scored 45, while nine players scored 42. One of the nine was **Wynne Keith-Davies**, who was the top scorer in the C League.

Also in the C League we have a Top 14 this week, as five players tied for tenth place with 27 points.



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A League

Results

Royal Oak	157	187	Nags Head 'B'
Alan James Bill Cawley	42 42	48	Mark Watson
Queens	171	172	Dolphin
Alice Walker	48	45 45	Alan Hodgson Peter McBride
Church House Bollington	152	162	British Flag
Ashton Davies	42	36	Helen Davies

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Nags Head 'B'	1	1	0	0	187	2
Dolphin	1	1	0	0	172	2
British Flag	1	1	0	0	162	2
Queens	1	0	0	1	171	0
Royal Oak	1	0	0	1	157	0
Church House Bollington	1	0	0	1	152	0
Rushton Diamonds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weaver	0	0	0	0	0	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 1
Alice Walker	Queens	1	48	48	48	48
Mark Watson	Nags Head 'B'	1	48	48	48	48
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	1	45	45	45	45
Peter McBride	Dolphin	1	45	45	45	45
Alan James	Royal Oak	1	42	42	42	42
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	1	42	42	42	42
Bill Cawley	Royal Oak	1	42	42	42	42
Paul Morrissey	Nags Head 'B'	1	42	42	42	42
Haydn Thompson	Queens	1	39	39	39	39
Bob Gratton	Church House Bollington	1	36	36	36	36
Helen Davies	British Flag	1	36	36	36	36



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B League

Results

Harrington Academicals	163	166	Robin Hood
Dave Partington	48	42	Jim Kennelly
Dolphin Dragons	190	102	Chester Road Tavern
Liz Horrocks Dave Turner	42 42	27	Mitch Moores
Nags Head	159	181	Waters Green Rams
Paul Prior	42	48	Bob Thompson

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Dolphin Dragons	1	1	0	0	190	2
Waters Green Rams	1	1	0	0	181	2
Robin Hood	1	1	0	0	166	2
Harrington Academicals	1	0	0	1	163	0
Nags Head	1	0	0	1	159	0
Chester Road Tavern	1	0	0	1	102	0
Plough Horntails	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waters Green Lemmings	0	0	0	0	0	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 1
Bob Thompson	Waters Green Rams	1	48	48	48	48
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	1	48	48	48	48
Dave Turner	Dolphin Dragons	1	42	42	42	42
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	1	42	42	42	42
Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Dragons	1	42	42	42	42
Paul Prior	Nags Head	1	42	42	42	42
Andy Johnson	Nags Head	1	39	39	39	39
Keith Pointon	Waters Green Rams	1	39	39	39	39
Lorraine Hilton	Robin Hood	1	39	39	39	39
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	1	39	39	39	39



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C League

Results

Park Taverners	147	138	Sutton Club
Shauna Barstow	36	36	Wendy Brown
Sutton Mutton	154	144	Pack Horse Bowling Club
Wynne Keith-Davies	42	36	Tim Bloor
Brewers Arms	137	124	Park Timers
Trisha Ridgway	36	36	John Poyser
Ye Olde Kings Head	–	–	Broken Cross Club
Ye Olde Kings Head won by default			

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Sutton Mutton	1	1	0	0	154	2
Park Taverners	1	1	0	0	147	2
Brewers Arms	1	1	0	0	137	2
Ye Olde Kings Head	1	1	0	0	0	2
Pack Horse Bowling Club	1	0	0	1	144	0
Sutton Club	1	0	0	1	138	0
Park Timers	1	0	0	1	124	0
Broken Cross Club	1	0	0	1	0	0
Harrington 'B'	0	0	0	0	0	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	High	Low	Wk 1
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	1	42	42	42	42
John Poyser	Park Timers	1	36	36	36	36
Shauna Barstow	Park Taverners	1	36	36	36	36
Tim Bloor	Pack Horse Bowling Club	1	36	36	36	36
Trisha Ridgway	Brewers Arms	1	36	36	36	36
Wendy Brown	Sutton Club	1	36	36	36	36
Mike Proctor	Sutton Mutton	1	33	33	33	33
Pete Dykstra	Park Taverners	1	33	33	33	33
Reg Bloor	Pack Horse Bowling Club	1	30	30	30	30
Andrew Vickerstaff	Pack Horse Bowling Club	1	27	27	27	27
Kenny Davenport-Slater	Brewers Arms	1	27	27	27	27
Nick Crowdy	Park Taverners	1	27	27	27	27

	Team	Played	Total	High	Low	Wk 1
Paul Heaven	Sutton Club	1	27	27	27	27
Simon Rumsey	Sutton Club	1	27	27	27	27

Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

The **Rushton Diamonds'** questions scored well for entertainment; last season, only nine of the 36 sets achieved scores of more than 6.00, and the Specialists' score of 6.67 would have put them in fifth place in the final Entertainment table. As mentioned at the head of this page however, the evidence seems at least on the face of it to suggest that this week's questions were heavily biased in favour of the teams that went "first first".

Not only did all of those nine teams win, but overall they scored 118% of their average scores from last season, while those that went "second first" scored 104%. The difference was especially marked in the General Knowledge questions, where the figures were 122% and 105% respectively. In the Specialist questions, the teams that went first scored on average 110% of their averages, while those that went second scored 103%.

In mitigation it may be worth pointing out that all four relegated teams, who may be expected to score more than last season's averages, went "first first"; on the other hand, two of the promoted teams also went first, while one went second and one (Rushton Diamonds themselves) didn't play. Will the figures look any better after the half-way stage, when only this season's scores will count? Watch this space!

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	Spec	Rushton Diamonds	6.08	5.31	6.67	18.06	–
2	1	GK	Rushton Diamonds	7.80	0.51	6.28	14.60	18.63