

News and Views: 2019–20 Season – Week 12 – 28 January 2020

Results

Nine of the ten games this week were won by the teams going "first first". The only team to buck this trend was the **Broken Cross Club**; the table would seem to suggest that their victory over the **Brewers Arms** was something of a minor triumph.

In the B League, the sixth and seventh-placed teams played each other. The **Harrington Academicals** and **Plough Horntails** were level on points at kick-off, but the former had a significant advantage on goal difference. It was a damned nice thing, as the Duke of Wellington might have put it, but at the end of the evening the Accies won by just one point.

Tables

Rushton Diamonds moved out of the A League relegation zone with an away victory in their local derby, leaving the **British Flag** (who were asking the questions this week) in seventh place.

The aforementioned victory for the **Harrington Academicals** moved them up two places to fourth in the B League. They may still have a bit of work to do however, as they are level on points with the **Robin Hood** and **Waters Green Lemmings**, and the **Plough Horntails** are only two points behind with a game in hand.

The only change in the C League table was that the **Harrington 'B'** took advantage of the **Pack Horse Bowling Club's** week on question-asking duty, to move above them into sixth place with a victory over the King's Gambit.

Individual

Top scorer this week was **Haydn Thompson** with 51. There were 48s for the three 'A's – **Alice Walker**, **Alan Hodgson** and **Ashton Davies** – and 45s for **Peter McBride** and **Wynne Keith-Davies**. Top scorer in the B League was **Dave Partington** with 42.

There were 23 personal bests – not bad for this stage of the season – and only five people failed to better their lowest scores of the season.

The first four individuals named above moved ahead of **Mark Watson** (who didn't play this week) in the A League table. But Mark now has a game in hand on all of them except Ashton; he won't be fifth for long!

In the B League, the top four was unchanged; the biggest movers were **Alasdair Reid** (up from seventh to fifth) and **Malcolm Asquith** (up from eighth to sixth). In fairness however we should point out that neither of the two they replaced – Liz Horrocks and Paul Prior – played this week.

In the C League there were re-entries for **Wynne Keith-Davies** and **Mike Proctor** – at the expense of Simon Rumsey, Tim Bloor and Andrew Vickerstaff (from last week's Top Eleven).



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A League

Results

Royal Oak	150	173	Rushton Diamonds
Gill Baker (pb)	30	42	Chris Bogie (pb)
Alan James	30	36	Art Higham
Bill Cawley	30	36	Brian Bogie
		30	Richard Briand (pb)
Church House Bollington	166	173	Dolphin
Ashton Davies	48	48	Alan Hodgson
		45	Peter McBride (pb)
		33	Derek Owen (pb)
Queens	187	160	Weaver
Haydn Thompson (pb)	51	39	Graham Bailey
Alice Walker	48	39	Ian Grieve
Caroline Massey (pb)	33		
Tim Massey (pb)	30		

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Nags Head 'B'	9	8	0	1	1524	16
Queens	10	7	0	3	1678	14
Dolphin	10	6	0	4	1593	12
Church House Bollington	9	6	0	3	1436	12
Weaver	9	4	0	5	1419	8
Rushton Diamonds	9	3	0	6	1331	6
British Flag	9	2	0	7	1225	4
Royal Oak	9	1	0	8	1373	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 12
Alice Walker	Queens	10	453	54	33	48
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	10	447	57	39	48
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	9	432	54	42	48
Haydn Thompson	Queens	10	417	51	24	51
Mark Watson	Nags Head 'B'	9	414	51	42	
Peter McBride	Dolphin	10	381	45	27	45
Brian Bogie	Rushton Diamonds	9	324	42	21	36
Graham Bailey	Weaver	9	312	42	27	39
Alan Gilday	Weaver	9	297	39	24	30
Rosalie James	Royal Oak	9	291	48	18	27



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Alan James	Royal Oak	9	291	42	24	30
Ian Grieve	Weaver	9	291	42	18	39

B League

Results

Harrington Academicals	140	139	Plough Horntails
Dave Partington	42	33	Malcolm Asquith
Steve Dale (pb)	27	33	Julian Amey
Nags Head	169	125	Robin Hood
Andy Johnson (pb)	39	30	Lorraine Hilton
		27	Tony Wilkinson (pb)
Waters Green Lemmings	127	146	Waters Green Rams
Sunil Peck	24	30	Adam Carr (pb)
John Thompson	24	30	Keith Pointon
		27	David Reynolds
		21	Keith Bebbington (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Waters Green Rams	10	9	0	1	1475	18
Nags Head	10	8	0	2	1480	16
Dolphin Dragons	8	5	0	3	1209	10
Harrington Academicals	10	4	0	6	1388	8
Robin Hood	10	4	0	6	1317	8
Waters Green Lemmings	9	4	0	5	1140	8
Plough Horntails	9	3	0	6	1186	6
Chester Road Tavern	8	0	0	8	796	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 12
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	10	390	48	27	42
Keith Pointon	Waters Green Rams	10	357	45	27	30
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	9	303	48	21	
Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	9	303	45	24	24
Alasdair Reid	Nags Head	9	282	42	21	36
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	9	273	36	21	33
Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Dragons	8	270	42	21	
Andy Johnson	Nags Head	9	267	39	18	39
Paul Prior	Nags Head	8	252	42	21	
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	7	219	39	27	



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C League

Results

Brewers Arms	117	128	Broken Cross Club
Andy Ridgway (pb)	36	33 24	Jackie Hulme (pb) Anne Goddard (pb)
Sutton Mutton	147	141	Sutton Club
Wynne Keith-Davies (pb)	45	33	Wendy Brown
Mike Proctor	30	27	Emma Griggs (pb)
John Stein (pb)	24	27	Chris Butler
Gill Dyson (pb)	21		
Park Taverners	127	146	Park Timers
Shauna Barstow	30	33 30 27	Glyn Bradley (pb) John Poyser Tim Brewin (pb)
King's Gambit	104	141	Harrington 'B'
Michael Taylor (pb)	27	30 30	Geoff Parkin John Green

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Sutton Club	11	8	0	3	1423	16
Park Taverners	11	8	0	3	1399	16
Park Timers	11	7	0	4	1322	14
Brewers Arms	11	6	0	5	1256	12
Sutton Mutton	10	6	0	4	1227	12
Harrington 'B'	10	4	1	5	1209	9
Pack Horse Bowling Club	10	4	0	6	1169	8
Broken Cross Club	11	3	1	7	1110	7
King's Gambit	11	1	0	10	899	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 12
Andy Ridgway	Brewers Arms	11	315	36	18	36
John Poyser	Park Timers	11	306	39	12	30
John Green	Harrington 'B'	10	285	36	21	30
Wendy Brown	Sutton Club	9	276	45	18	33
Shauna Barstow	Park Taverners	10	249	36	15	30
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	9	243	33	18	27
Kenny Davenport-Slater	Brewers Arms	11	237	30	15	18
Tim Brewin	Park Timers	11	237	27	12	27
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	7	225	45	24	45
Mike Proctor	Sutton Mutton	9	222	33	12	30

Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	12	Spec	Chester Road Tavern	9.92	9.56	7.03	26.51	(15.29)
2	7	Spec	Royal Oak	9.47	8.39	5.15	23.00	8.43
3	4	GK	Waters Green Rams	7.13	9.11	6.20	22.44	18.84
4	4	Spec	Park Timers	10.00	5.47	6.47	21.94	18.44
5	1	Spec	Rushton Diamonds	8.24	6.45	6.67	21.36	
6	6	Spec	Queens	5.59	8.34	6.03	19.95	15.92
7	9	GK	Broken Cross Club	6.27	8.84	4.43	19.54	18.23
8	2	GK	Dolphin Dragons	5.17	8.33	5.65	19.16	17.65
9	3	Spec	British Flag	2.69	9.89	6.03	18.61	14.50
10	6	GK	Queens	6.07	5.81	5.86	17.74	21.09
11	11	GK	Church House Bollington	4.81	6.50	6.09	17.39	11.71
12	1	GK	Rushton Diamonds	10.00	0.58	6.28	16.86	18.63
13	2	Spec	Sutton Mutton	6.27	5.95	4.11	16.33	8.61
14	11	Spec	Church House Bollington	4.65	3.84	6.67	15.16	11.85
15	7	GK	Royal Oak	4.10	4.93	5.98	15.01	17.10
16	5	GK	Sutton Club	6.74	1.71	6.11	14.56	21.28
17	12	GK	Pack Horse Bowling Club	6.30	1.84	5.97	14.12	(21.93)
18	8	Spec	Brewers Arms	0.00	9.98	3.86	13.84	(8.05)
19	9	Spec	Robin Hood	1.55	7.20	4.37	13.12	(15.73)
20	8	GK	Nags Head	1.70	7.00	4.08	12.78	(15.49)
21	10	GK	Harrington 'B'	0.00	4.50	5.28	9.78	13.84
22	5	Spec	Sutton Club	3.43	0.00	6.19	9.62	
23	3	GK	British Flag	3.71	0.00	5.04	8.75	
24	10	Spec	Plough Horntails	0.36	2.90	4.19	7.45	(19.31)

Specialist Rounds

Entertainment marks:	A League	7.00	B League	6.83	C League	7.25	Overall	7.03	Last year	6.44
Average team score going "first first":		62	Average team score going "second first":		62	Season's average:		55		
On average, teams going "first first" scored					113%	of their average for the season				
On average, teams going "second first" scored					114%	of their average for the season				
The difference between these two figures is statistically insignificant.										

General Knowledge Rounds

Entertainment marks:	A League	6.50	B League	5.17	C League	6.25	Overall	5.97	Last year	5.96
	Average team score going "first first":		92	Average team score going "second first":			75	Season's average:		79
	On average, teams going "first first" scored					111%	of their average for the season			
	On average, teams going "second first" scored					98%	of their average for the season			
	On average, the teams going "first first" did					13%	better than their opponents			

Overall

Average team score going "first first":	154	Average team score going "second first":	137	Season's average:	134
On average, teams going "first first" scored		112%	of their average for the season		
On average, teams going "second first" scored		104%	of their average for the season		
On average, the teams going "first first" did		8%	better than their opponents		

Thanks and congratulations to the **Chester Road Tavern**, whose Specialist questions were judged by both the contestants and the spreadsheet to be the best of the season so far. In fact the spreadsheet reckons they're the best we've had since we've been marking the questions this way (in other words, since the start of the 2006–7 season). Only one previous set has scored more than 26: the **Ox-fford's** General Knowledge in Week 5 of the 2012–13 season.

So far this season, the only Specialist questions that people have found easier than the CRT's contribution were the ones set by the **Park Timers** in Week 4. The spreadsheet couldn't argue with the balance of the latest set; on this criterion they're second only to the **British Flag's** questions from Week 3. And on Entertainment they are the first set this season to score over 7.

The gauntlet is well and truly thrown down to those setting questions in the remainder of this season – not least the **Nags Head 'B'**, whose turn comes in Week 18 this time.

The General Knowledge questions, set by the **Pack Horse Bowling Club**, scored well on Entertainment and Difficulty but (according to the spreadsheet) were let down by their Balance.

Overall, teams going "first first" did 8% better (compared to their average scores this season) than those going second. On an average team score of 140, this could have made a difference of 11 points. It's always dangerous to read too much into these figures, but this may have affected the results of up to three matches.