



Macclesfield Quiz League

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News and Views: 2019–20 Season – Week 16 – 3 March 2020

Results

There was some disruption in the C League this week, as the **King's Gambit** were unaware that they were supposed to ask the questions as well as setting them. Three of the games were able to go ahead, but by the time the game between the **Broken Cross Club** and the **Pack Horse Bowling Club** was ready to start both teams felt that it would have finished too late, so the match was abandoned as a draw. At this stage of the season, we can safely say that this will not affect the sharp end of either the team or individual tables.

This was a genuine error on the part of the King's Gambit, who apologise profusely for any inconvenience caused. This is their first season in the League and they are now fully aware of how the structure works etc. The Committee has decided that this shall be the end of the matter.

Tables

Congratulations to the **Nags Head 'B'**, who have secured the A League title for the second consecutive year – after what was for them a quite lean period of only one win in nine. There will of course be a new name on the trophy due to their change of venue!

The bottom of the A League table is also now decided: the **Royal Oak** and the **British Flag** will both be playing in the B League next season.

Of the teams hoping to make the reverse journey, the **Nags Head** are almost there; but they've played all their games and must wait for other results. **Waters Green Rams** may well go above them if they win one of their two remaining games, while the **Dolphin Dragons** are still in with an outside chance of joining one of those two (and it could be either) in the A League next season. And they play the Rams in Week 18!

At the other end of the B League, **Waters Green Lemmings** must score heavily in their last two matches – and win at least one of them – if they are to avoid joining the **Chester Road Tavern** in the C League next season.

In the C League, where each of the top four still has two games to play, the **Sutton Club** and **Park Taverners** have it in their hands, with the **Sutton Mutton** best placed to take advantage if they slip up.

Individual

Top scorers this week were **Alice Walker**, **Alan Hodgson** and **Haydn Thompson** – all with 42. Highest score in the B League was 36, for **Alasdair Reid** and **Paul Prior**; best in the C League was 33 for **Emma Griggs**.

There were just four personal bests this week: congratulations to **Ian Tams**, **Lesley Davies**, **Jim Moores** and the aforementioned **Emma Griggs**. 34 people (out of 72) failed to better their lowest scores of the season.

Ashton Davies still leads the A League table, but **Alice Walker** is now just one question behind him. Similarly in the C League, **Wendy Brown** is now only one question behind **John Poyser**.

In the B League, only an unprecedented couple of scores from either **Keith Pointon** or **Liz Horrocks** can deny **Dave Partington** a fourth title in five years.



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A League

Results

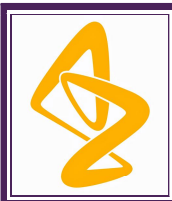
Queens	148	138	Church House Bollington
Alice Walker	42	36	Ashton Davies
Haydn Thompson	42		
Nags Head 'B'	139	129	British Flag
Mark Watson	36	36	Ian Tams (pb)
Dolphin	130	165	Weaver
Alan Hodgson	42	39	Graham Bailey
		36	Lesley Davies (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Nags Head 'B'	13	12	0	1	2164	24
Queens	12	9	0	3	2000	18
Weaver	12	7	0	5	1906	14
Church House Bollington	12	7	0	5	1867	14
Dolphin	13	6	0	7	2004	12
Rushton Diamonds	12	5	0	7	1740	10
British Flag	12	2	0	10	1605	4
Royal Oak	12	1	0	11	1784	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 16
Ashton Davies	Church House Bollington	12	513	54	39	36
Alice Walker	Queens	12	510	54	39	42
Mark Watson	Nags Head 'B'	13	504	51	42	36
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	13	498	57	42	42
Haydn Thompson	Queens	12	477	51	36	42
Peter McBride	Dolphin	13	426	45	27	33
Brian Bogie	Rushton Diamonds	12	411	42	30	
Graham Bailey	Weaver	12	402	42	27	39
Alan James	Royal Oak	12	372	42	24	
Ian Grieve	Weaver	12	366	42	24	30



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B League

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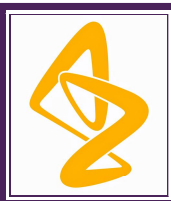
Waters Green Lemmings	102	113	Dolphin Dragons
Nick Peck (pb)	30	21 21	Liz Horrocks Dave Turner
Plough Horntails	98	126	Nags Head
Anne Jeater	24	36 36	Alasdair Reid Paul Prior
Robin Hood	132	80	Chester Road Tavern
Jim Kennelly	30	27	Jim Moores (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Nags Head	14	11	0	3	2022	22
Waters Green Rams	12	10	0	2	1769	20
Dolphin Dragons	12	9	0	3	1742	18
Harrington Academicals	13	6	0	7	1816	10
Robin Hood	13	5	0	8	1699	10
Plough Horntails	12	5	0	7	1585	10
Waters Green Lemmings	12	4	0	8	1461	8
Chester Road Tavern	12	0	0	12	1164	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 16
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	13	444	48	33	
Keith Pointon	Waters Green Rams	12	390	45	27	
Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Dragons	12	372	48	21	21
Jim Kennelly	Robin Hood	12	363	48	21	30
Paul Prior	Nags Head	12	363	45	21	36
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	12	351	45	21	21
Jon Thompson	Waters Green Lemmings	11	348	45	18	18
Alasdair Reid	Nags Head	11	345	42	21	36
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	10	318	39	24	
Andy Johnson	Nags Head	12	312	39	18	15



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C League

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Park Taverners	75	112	Sutton Mutton
Nick Crowdy	15	21 21	John Stein Mike Proctor
Harrington 'B'	76	85	Brewers Arms
Geoff Parkin	18	24	Trisha Ridgway
Broken Cross Club	(N/A)		Pack Horse Bowling Club
<i>(Match abandoned as a draw)</i>			
Sutton Club	114	94	Park Timers
Emma Griggs (pb)	33	27	John Poyser

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Sutton Club	14	10	0	4	1755	20
Park Taverners	14	10	0	4	1740	20
Sutton Mutton	14	9	0	5	1688	18
Park Timers	14	8	0	6	1686	16
Brewers Arms	15	7	0	8	1606	14
Broken Cross Club	15	6	2	7	1473	14
Pack Horse Bowling Club	14	6	1	7	1522	13
Harrington 'B'	14	5	1	8	1585	11
King's Gambit	14	1	0	13	1172	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 16
John Poyser	Park Timers	14	351	39	24	27
Wendy Brown	Sutton Club	12	348	45	18	18
Andy Ridgway	Brewers Arms	15	336	36	18	15
John Green	Harrington 'B'	14	330	39	15	9
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	11	324	45	15	15
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	12	309	33	12	12
Shauna Barstow	Park Taverners	13	306	36	15	12
Geoff Parkin	Harrington 'B'	13	291	33	12	18
Mike Proctor	Sutton Mutton	12	288	33	12	21
Jackie Hulme	Broken Cross Club	12	279	33	6	



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Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Wk		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	12	Spec	Chester Road Tavern	9.99	9.78	7.03	26.80	(15.29)
2	4	GK	Waters Green Rams	8.00	9.80	6.20	24.00	18.84
3	7	Spec	Royal Oak	9.37	8.06	5.15	22.58	8.43
4	4	Spec	Park Timers	10.00	5.35	6.47	21.82	18.44
5	1	Spec	Rushton Diamonds	8.15	6.63	6.67	21.46	
6	9	GK	Broken Cross Club	7.32	9.35	4.43	21.11	18.23
7	6	Spec	Queens	5.59	9.08	6.03	20.70	15.92
8	2	GK	Dolphin Dragons	6.48	8.20	5.65	20.33	17.65
9	16	Spec	Harrington Academicals	5.88	8.51	5.89	20.28	18.04
10	14	Spec	Dolphin	7.80	6.04	6.39	20.24	7.84
11	11	GK	Church House Bollington	6.23	7.57	6.09	19.89	11.71
12	6	GK	Queens	7.16	6.18	5.86	19.20	21.09
13	3	Spec	British Flag	2.81	9.31	6.03	18.15	14.50
14	5	GK	Sutton Club	7.62	4.24	6.11	17.97	21.28
15	13	Spec	Weaver	3.28	8.22	6.00	17.50	14.14
16	2	Spec	Sutton Mutton	6.21	6.55	4.11	16.87	8.61
17	1	GK	Rushton Diamonds	10.00	0.00	6.28	16.28	18.63
18	7	GK	Royal Oak	5.91	4.13	5.98	16.02	17.10
19	8	GK	Nags Head	4.12	7.69	4.08	15.89	(15.49)
20	14	GK	Dolphin	7.30	2.73	5.56	15.59	20.20
21	12	GK	Pack Horse Bowling Club	7.28	1.86	5.97	15.11	(21.93)
22	11	Spec	Church House Bollington	4.64	3.14	6.67	14.46	11.85
23	15	GK	Park Taverners	5.36	3.29	4.97	13.62	21.38
24	8	Spec	Brewers Arms	0.00	9.33	3.86	13.19	(8.05)
25	9	Spec	Robin Hood	1.65	6.86	4.37	12.88	(15.73)
26	10	GK	Harrington 'B'	2.98	4.17	5.28	12.43	13.84
27	13	GK	Weaver	3.29	3.38	4.72	11.39	18.07
28	3	GK	British Flag	5.52	0.63	5.04	11.19	
29	15	Spec	Waters Green Lemmings	0.75	5.72	4.29	10.76	12.78
30	5	Spec	Sutton Club	3.36	0.00	6.19	9.55	
31	10	Spec	Plough Horntails	0.24	3.13	4.19	7.57	(19.31)
32	16	GK	Kings Gambit	0.00	5.15	2.28	7.43	



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Specialist Rounds

Entertainment marks:	A League	6.83	B League	6.50	C League	4.33	Overall	5.89	Last year	5.83
Average team score going "first first":	59		Average team score going "second first":	56		Season's average:	55			
On average, teams going "first first" scored					101%	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 " second first" did					3%	better than their opponents				

General Knowledge Rounds

Entertainment marks:	A League	3.00	B League	1.67	C League	2.17	Overall	2.28	Last year	N/A
Average team score going "first first":	56		Average team score going "second first":	58		Season's average:	78			
On average, teams going "first first" scored					69%	of their average for the season				
On average, teams going "second first" scored					74%	of their average for the season				
On average, the teams going " second first" did					7%	better than their opponents				

Overall

Average team score going "first first":	115		Average team score going "second first":	114		Season's average:	132			
On average, teams going "first first" scored					82%	of their average for the season				
On average, teams going "second first" scored					87%	of their average for the season				
On average, the teams going " second first" did					6%	better than their opponents				

The **Harrington Academicals'** Specialist questions were slightly easier than average, and (according to the spreadsheet) pretty well balanced. They are solidly in mid-table on Entertainment (16th out of 32), and in the overall table they're in a creditable 9th place.

Unfortunately it was a different story for the **King's Gambit's** General Knowledge set. Most teams, if not all, struggled; only the Weaver came close to their average score for the season (95%). The balance was not too bad, with a slight bias (according to the spreadsheet) towards the teams that went "second first".

Not surprisingly, given the low scoring, the General Knowledge questions were not popular; their Entertainment score was the lowest of the season so far.

It's too late to change this, but we should take into account the fact that this was the Gambit's first attempt at setting questions for the Quiz League. Hopefully they will benefit from the experience and come back with a more approachable set next season.

Overall (according to the spreadsheet), the questions showed a distinct bias towards the teams that went "second first". On an average team score of 114, the 6% bias might have made a difference of seven points; but there were no games where the margin of victory (either way) was less than this.