

News and Views: 2021–2 Season – Week 4 – 4 January 2022

Results

Most matches this week were won by the teams going "second first". Only the **Poachers** and **Harrington Academicals** won going "first first".

Ruston Diamonds scored their first win of the season, beating **Waters Green Weavers** by 162 points to 148.

The narrowest victory went to the **Dolphin Dragons**, by just four points over the **Nags Head**. This was the Nags' first defeat of the season.

Tables

There are still two unbeaten teams in the A League; the **Queens** remain top of the table, having played one more match than the **Poachers** – who moved up from fourth to second with a win over the Queen Bs.

The Dolphin Dragons' narrow victory over the previously unbeaten Nags Head was good news for the **Park Taverners**, who are now the only unbeaten team in the B League and remain top of the table despite not playing this week.

It was "all change" at the top of the C League table, where the **Park Timers** and **Sutton Club** both moved ahead of the Sutton Mutton (who didn't play). The Timers are now top by one point, despite having played one game less than the Club.

Individual

We now start recording personal bests, as most teams have played at least three games. There were 17 this week: seven in the A League, and five in each of the B and C Leagues. Three of them were recorded by **Rushton Diamonds**.

Top scorer was **Ashton Davies** with a "personal best" 51. There were four scores in the 40s: **Alice Walker** and **Liz Horrocks** each scored 45, **Haydn Thompson** and **Ian Grieve** 42 each.

Alice took advantage of **Alan Hodgson**'s week on QM duties to replace him at the top of the A League individual table, and **Ashton Davies** is also just about within striking distance with a game in hand.

There are now two Dragons at the top of the B League individual table: **Dave Barber** and **Liz Horrocks**. Last week's leader **Anne Jeater** dropped to 4th, her team-mate **Malcolm Asquith** remaining in 3rd place.

Top scorer in the C League was **Simon Rumsey**, whose score of 36 took him from 10th place last week up to 2nd in the individual table – behind **Chris Butler**, who was 5th last week. These two displaced **Mike Proctor** and **Mick Graves**, who didn't play this week and dropped to 3rd and 6th respectively.

A League

Results

Queen Bs	138	178	Poachers
Phil Davies (pb)	36	51	Ashton Davies (pb)
Nags Head 'B'	120	181	Queens
Mark Shaw (pb)	33	45 42 33	Alice Walker Haydn Thompson Tim Massey (pb)
Rushton Diamonds	162	148	Waters Green Weavers
Brian Bogie Mike Hancock (pb) Gill Baker (pb) Richard Briand (pb)	39 33 33 30	42	Ian Grieve (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Queens	4	4	0	0	711	8
Poachers	3	3	0	0	525	6
Dolphin	3	2	0	1	492	4
Nags Head 'B'	3	2	0	1	490	4
Rushton Diamonds	4	1	0	3	599	2
Queen Bs	4	0	0	4	565	0
Waters Green Weavers	3	0	0	3	472	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 4
Alice Walker	Queens	4	192	54	42	45
Haydn Thompson	Queens	4	171	48	36	42
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	3	150	54	45	
Ashton Davies	Poachers	3	141	51	42	51
Brian Bogie	Rushton Diamonds	3	123	42	39	39
Ian Grieve	Waters Green Weavers	3	123	42	39	42
Peter McBride	Dolphin	3	120	48	30	
Graham Bailey	Waters Green Weavers	3	114	42	30	30
Ian Tams	Queen Bs	4	114	36	24	30
Richard Briand	Rushton Diamonds	4	114	30	27	30

B League

Results

Chester Road Tavern	111	150	Harrington Academicals
Chris Moores (pb)	30	39	Rob Parkin (pb)
Jim Moores (pb)	30		
Waters Green Lemmings	103	137	Plough Horntails
Bob Langstaff (pb)	30	30	Dave McGuinness (pb)
		30	Malcolm Asquith
Dolphin Dragons	159	155	Nags Head
Liz Horrocks	45	39	Paul Prior

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Park Taverners	3	3	0	0	442	6
Dolphin Dragons	4	2	0	2	633	4
Plough Horntails	4	2	0	2	591	4
Nags Head	3	2	0	1	494	4
Harrington Academicals	3	2	0	1	470	4
Waters Green Lemmings	3	1	0	2	351	2
Chester Road Tavern	4	0	0	4	449	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 4
Dave Barber	Dolphin Dragons	4	138	42	27	33
Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Dragons	3	132	48	39	45
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	4	129	33	30	30
Anne Jeater	Plough Horntails	4	126	42	21	21
Paul Prior	Nags Head	3	123	42	39	39
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	3	111	42	30	30
Alasdair Reid	Nags Head	3	111	39	33	33
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	3	108	39	33	39
Andy Johnson	Nags Head	3	99	42	27	30
Dave Cooper	Dolphin Dragons	3	96	42	24	24
Sauna Barstow	Park Taverners	3	96	33	30	

C League

Results

Pack Horse Bowling Club	121	141	Sutton Club
Michael Murphy (pb)	30	36 27	Simon Rumsey (pb) Chris Butler (pb)
Park Timers	146	110	King's Gambit
Glyn Bradley (pb) John Poyser (pb)	33 30	24 24	Susan Taylor Michael Taylor

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Park Timers	3	3	0	0	429	6
Sutton Club	4	2	1	1	565	5
Sutton Mutton	3	2	1	0	408	5
Pack Horse Bowling Club	3	1	0	2	227	2
Cock Inn	3	0	0	3	209	0
Kings Gambit	2	0	0	2	200	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 4
Chris Butler	Sutton Club	4	93	27	18	27
Simon Rumsey	Sutton Club	3	87	36	21	36
Mike Proctor	Sutton Mutton	3	87	36	18	
Wendy Brown	Sutton Club	4	87	24	21	21
Andrew Fenton	Park Timers	3	84	39	21	24
Mick Graves	Sutton Mutton	3	84	36	24	
John Poyser	Park Timers	3	84	30	24	30
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	3	81	33	24	
John Green	Sutton Club	3	75	33	21	21
Emma Griggs	Sutton Club	2	66	33	33	
Glyn Bradley	Park Timers	2	66	33	33	33

Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	3	GK	Waters Green Weavers	8.89	9.52	7.00	2541	11.37
2	4	GK	Cock Inn	6.54	9.12	6.56	22.22	(21.38)
3	1	GK	Nags Head 'B'	7.74	5.72	7.67	21.13	25.60
4	1	Spec	Nags Head 'B'	7.47	5.64	7.06	20.17	23.74
5	2	GK	Shamrock Bar	7.13	5.47	6.06	18.66	11.51
6	2	Spec	Harrington Academicals	6.73	5.36	6.33	18.42	20.57
7	3	Spec	Waters Green Weavers	6.73	4.50	6.11	17.34	18.04
8	4	Spec	Park Taverners	6.95	0.98	6.33	14.26	13.42

Both of this week's sets scored average marks for Entertainment and for Difficulty, but for Balance the General Knowledge (set by the **Cock Inn**) scored very well whilst the Specialists (**Park Taverners**) scored very poorly.

According to the spreadsheet, the teams going "second first" scored on average 114% of their average Specialist marks, while those going "first first" scored only 97%. For the General Knowledge questions the scores were much closer together: 104% and 103%, respectively.

Overall, the teams going "first first" scored exactly 100% of their average match scores, but those going "second first" scored 108%. On an average match score of 141 this could have made a difference of around 11 points, so any team that went "first first" and lost by that number or fewer may count themselves unlucky.

One team that went "first first" had only three players and were missing their two strongest individuals, and the above figures should be viewed in this light. But if that team had equalled its average match score, the overall figure for the teams that went "first first" would have been 103% – not all that different from the actual one.