

News and Views: 2022–3 Season – Week 4 – 6 December 2022

Results

There were some very close games this week: three of the seven games were won by five points or fewer. Closest of all was the **Waters Green Weavers'** victory over the **Nags Head**, by 145 points to 144.

Pack Horse Bowling Club vs. **Park Timers** and **Plough Horntails** vs. **Sutton Mutton** were also very close.

Tables

Four of our five previously unbeaten teams played each other this week.

In the A League, **Harrington Academicals** hosted the **Poachers**. The result was what looks like a fairly comfortable victory for the **Poachers**, who remain top. Academicals slipped to third place, the **Nags Head 'B'** (also unbeaten) going second with an even more comfortable victory over the **Queens**.

Waters Green Weavers' narrow victory (referred to above) moves them above the Dolphin (who didn't play) and the Queens, into fourth place.

The **Dolphin Hammers** are now the only unbeaten team in the B League, after their victory over the **Park Taverners**. The Taverners remain in second place, their closest rivals being the **Plough Horntails** who enjoyed a narrow victory over the **Sutton Mutton**.

Individual

It was a low-scoring week on the Individual listings. The highest score was 42, which was notched up by three people: **Rob Parkin**, **Ashton Davies** and **Mark Watson**. In the B League there were four top scorers, with 33 points each: **Shauna Barstow**, **Wendy Brown**, **Malcolm Asquith** and **Anne Jeater**.

This being Week 4, we start to register personal bests. There were eight – four each in the A and B Leagues. In the A League, out of eight people in the Top Ten who played this week, six of them failed to beat their previous lowest scores.

Questions

It was another week that the question setters may want to forget. Of 14 teams, only four scored more than their averages; star performers were the Nags Head 'B', with 110%.

The spreadsheet suggests a distinct imbalance in both sets of questions, but the bias went different ways in the two halves. This meant that the balance overall was not too bad. The teams that went 'first first' did do better, scoring 95% of their average scores compared to 91% for their opponents. If the spreadsheet is to be believed it is possible that one or two results may have been affected, and in fact five of the seven games were won by the teams on the 'favoured' side.

The questions were not well received; this week's sets currently occupy the bottom two places in the Entertainment table as well as the overall one.

More details, including the latest table, on [Page 4](#).

A League

Results

Nags Head	144	145	Waters Green Weavers
Tony Browne (pb)	30	36	Graham Bailey
Ian Tams	30		
Harrington Academicals	143	164	Poachers
Rob Parkin	42	42	Ashton Davies
		36	John Hargreaves (pb)
Queens	138	176	Nags Head 'B'
Alice Walker	39	42	Mark Watson
		39	Laurence Plant (pb)
		30	Mark Shaw (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Poachers	3	3	0	0	526	6
Nags Head 'B'	3	3	0	0	521	6
Harrington Academicals	3	2	0	1	496	4
Waters Green Weavers	3	2	0	1	469	4
Dolphin	3	1	0	2	489	2
Queens	3	1	0	2	489	2
Harrington Diamonds	3	0	0	3	440	0
Nags Head	3	0	0	3	432	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 4
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	3	147	54	45	
Ashton Davies	Poachers	3	141	54	42	42
Alice Walker	Queens	3	138	57	39	39
Mark Watson	Nags Head 'B'	3	132	48	42	42
Peter McBride	Dolphin	3	132	48	42	
Haydn Thompson	Queens	3	129	48	36	36
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	3	129	45	42	42
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	3	114	45	33	33
Graham Bailey	Waters Green Weavers	3	108	42	30	36
Laurence Plant	Nags Head 'B'	3	105	39	33	39

B League

Results

Park Taverners	116	134	Dolphin Hammers
Shauna Barstow	33	27	Liz Horrocks
Sutton Club	140	112	Chester Road Tavern
Wendy Brown (pb)	33	30	Mitch Moores (pb)
Pack Horse Bowling Club	89	92	Park Timers
Reg Bloor	15	24	Andrew Fenton
Plough Horntails	126	121	Sutton Mutton
Malcolm Asquith (pb)	33	36	Wynne Keith-Davies
Anne Jeater (pb)	33		

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Dolphin Hammers	4	4	0	0	615	8
Park Taverners	4	3	0	1	574	6
Plough Horntails	4	2	0	2	566	4
Waters Green Nags	3	2	0	1	452	4
Sutton Club	3	2	0	1	431	4
Sutton Mutton	4	1	0	3	519	2
Pack Horse Bowling Club	3	1	0	2	336	2
Park Timers	3	1	0	2	306	2
Chester Road Tavern	4	0	0	4	413	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 4
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	4	144	42	27	36
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	4	129	45	18	21
Shauna Barstow	Park Taverners	4	129	39	21	33
Dave Barber	Dolphin Hammers	4	123	39	21	21
Paul Prior	Waters Green Nags	3	120	48	33	
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	4	117	33	24	33
Ian Musgrave	Waters Green Nags	3	105	48	27	
Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Hammers	3	102	39	27	27
Anne Jeater	Plough Horntails	4	102	33	21	33
Julian Amey	Plough Horntails	2	93	48	45	
Mick Graves	Sutton Mutton	4	93	39	15	15

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	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	GK	Nags Head 'B'	10.00	9.99	7.85	27.84	21.64
2	2	Spec	Sutton Club	4.34	7.74	5.68	18.54	(-)
3	2	GK	Sutton Club	4.05	8.48	6.46	18.21	23.38
4	1	Spec	Nags Head 'B'	10.00	0.00	8.16	18.16	19.80
5	3	Spec	Queens	4.41	2.35	6.39	13.16	13.29
6	3	GK	Queens	3.10	0.00	6.18	9.28	20.02
7	4	Spec	Waters Green Nags	2.70	1.44	4.91	9.05	18.17
8	4	GK	Waters Green Nags	2.16	0.23	4.54	6.93	23.49

As mentioned in the introduction to this page, this week's questions (rather like last week's) scored poorly all round. Not only did they receive the lowest two scores of the season so far for Entertainment, but the scores suggest that they were the hardest we've had so far this season.

The spreadsheet also suggests that both sets were heavily biased. In the Specialist questions, the teams that went 'second first' did better (102%, compared with 85% for those that went second), but in the General Knowledge the teams that went 'first first' scored 102% while their opponents only managed 83%. On the positive side, the imbalance in the two sets went in opposite ways and so they tended to cancel each other out. Overall, the teams that went 'first first' did better, scoring 95% of their average scores compared to 91% for their opponents – and winning five of the seven games.

For the full spreadsheet, please click [here](#).