



## News and Views: 2022–3 Season – Week 6 – 3 January 2023

### *Results*

Six of the seven games this week were won by the home teams; and probably more pertinently, six of the seven were won by the teams that went "first first". The only team to win "against the odds" were the **Dolphin**, who came out victors over the Nags Head.

All four results in the B League were quite close – none being decided by more than 13 points. Closest of all was the **Sutton Club's** victory over the **Plough Horntails**, by 129 points to 127.

One of the three remaining unbeaten records was dashed this week, as the **Queens** scored a narrow victory over the **Poachers**. This leaves the **Nags Head 'B'** as the only team in the A League with a 100% record, while the only unbeaten team in the B League – **Dolphin Hammers** – didn't play.

The **Chester Road Tavern** enjoyed their first win of the season, over the **Pack Horse Bowling Club**.

### *Tables*

The **Poachers** now lead the **Nags Head 'B'** only on goal difference, and the Nags have a game in hand. The **Queens** swapped places with the **Harrington Academicals**, who also didn't play, and the **Dolphin** moved ahead of the **Waters Green Weavers** with a victory over the **Nags Head**.

The **Dolphin Hammers** remain on top of the B League despite not playing this week, but their lead was cut to two points by victories for the **Waters Green Nags** and the **Sutton Club**. The narrow victory for the latter over the **Plough Horntails** (see above) saw the Horntails slip from second to fifth.

### *Individual*

Top scorer this week was **Haydn Thompson** with 48. There were two scores of 45 in the B League, for **Paul Prior** and **Nick Crowdy**, and in the A League, **Ashton Davies**, **Mark Watson** and **Alan Hodgson** all scored 42.

Nick Crowdy's 45 deserves a special mention; Nick has been a regular reserve for the Taverners for quite a few years now, but according to our records his highest previous score was 36.

The top three places in the A League table are unchanged from last week. **Mark Watson** returns to the Top Ten in seventh place (with a game in hand on most of those above him), while **Ian Tams** makes a first appearance of the season.

In the B League, **Paul Prior** moved above **Shauna Barstow** into first place, and **Ian Musgrave** moved up from fifth to second (above Shauna only by virtue of his higher highest score).

### *Questions*

The **Dolphin Hammers'** questions scored quite well – particularly the General Knowledge, which are in second place in the Cars & Vans 4U Trophy table. The Entertainment marks suggest that there weren't too many problems; there are however a few comments on the Forum, suggesting issues with a couple of individual questions.



# Macclesfield Quiz League

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## A League

### Results

<b>Poachers</b>	156	<b>170</b>	<b>Queens</b>
Ashton Davies	42	48 36 30	Haydn Thompson (pb) Alice Walker Tim Massey (pb)
<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	<b>179</b>	134	<b>Harrington Diamonds</b>
Mark Watson Steve Carter (pb) Laurence Plant	42 36 36	33 27	Brian Bogie (pb) Gill Baker (pb)
<b>Dolphin</b>	<b>161</b>	134	<b>Nags Head</b>
Alan Hodgson	42	30 30	Neil Drummond Neil Johnson

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Poachers</b>	5	4	0	1	834	8
<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	4	4	0	0	700	8
<b>Queens</b>	5	3	0	2	835	6
<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	4	2	1	1	656	5
<b>Dolphin</b>	5	2	0	3	784	4
<b>Waters Green Weavers</b>	4	2	0	2	608	4
<b>Nags Head</b>	5	0	1	4	726	1
<b>Harrington Diamonds</b>	4	0	0	4	574	0

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 6
<b>Alan Hodgson</b>	Dolphin	5	<b>234</b>	54	42	42
<b>Alice Walker</b>	Queens	5	<b>225</b>	57	36	36
<b>Haydn Thompson</b>	Queens	5	<b>219</b>	48	36	48
<b>Peter McBride</b>	Dolphin	5	<b>195</b>	48	27	36
<b>Ashton Davies</b>	Poachers	4	<b>183</b>	54	42	42
<b>Ed Baron</b>	Poachers	5	<b>177</b>	48	24	27
<b>Mark Watson</b>	Nags Head 'B'	4	<b>174</b>	48	42	42
<b>Rob Parkin</b>	Harrington Academicals	4	<b>162</b>	45	33	
<b>Dave Partington</b>	Harrington Academicals	4	<b>159</b>	45	33	
<b>Ian Tams</b>	Nags Head	5	<b>150</b>	36	27	27



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## B League

### Results

<b>Sutton Club</b>	<b>129</b>	127	<b>Plough Horntails</b>
Chris Butler	33	24	Dave McGuinness
Emma Griggs (pb)	21	24	Anne Jeater
<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	<b>117</b>	112	<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>
Jim Moores (pb)	33	27	Reg Bloor
Tony Moores	21	24	Andrew Vickerstaff (pb)
Chris Moores (pb)	15		
Bill Moores	15		
<b>Park Timers</b>	<b>143</b>	131	<b>Sutton Mutton</b>
Glyn Bradley	39	36	Mike Proctor (pb)
<b>Waters Green Nags</b>	<b>155</b>	142	<b>Park Taverners</b>
Paul Prior	45	45	Nick Crowdy (pb)
		24	Pete Dykstra (pb)
		24	Heather Wallace

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Dolphin Hammers</b>	5	5	0	0	802	10
<b>Waters Green Nags</b>	5	4	0	1	755	8
<b>Sutton Club</b>	5	4	0	1	694	8
<b>Park Taverners</b>	6	3	0	3	846	6
<b>Plough Horntails</b>	6	3	0	3	838	6
<b>Park Timers</b>	5	2	0	3	561	4
<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	5	1	0	4	650	2
<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	6	1	0	5	616	2
<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>	5	1	0	4	548	2

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 6
<b>Paul Prior</b>	Waters Green Nags	5	<b>207</b>	48	33	45
<b>Ian Musgrave</b>	Waters Green Nags	5	<b>183</b>	48	27	33
<b>Sauna Barstow</b>	Park Taverners	6	<b>183</b>	39	18	18
<b>Wynne Keith-Davies</b>	Sutton Mutton	5	<b>171</b>	42	27	27
<b>Malcolm Asquith</b>	Plough Horntails	6	<b>165</b>	33	21	21
<b>Dave Barber</b>	Dolphin Hammers	5	<b>162</b>	39	21	
<b>Graham Wallace</b>	Park Taverners	5	<b>159</b>	45	18	
<b>Anne Jeater</b>	Plough Horntails	6	<b>150</b>	33	21	24
<b>Liz Horrocks</b>	Dolphin Hammers	4	<b>138</b>	39	27	
<b>Reg Bloor</b>	Pack Horse Bowling Club	5	<b>135</b>	39	15	27

### Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	GK	<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	10.00	9.70	7.85	<b>27.55</b>	21.64
2	6	GK	<b>Dolphin Hammers</b>	4.49	8.71	5.67	<b>18.87</b>	(-)
3	1	Spec	<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	10.00	0.00	8.16	<b>18.16</b>	23.38
4	2	Spec	<b>Sutton Club</b>	4.19	7.78	6.46	<b>18.43</b>	19.80
5	2	GK	<b>Sutton Club</b>	3.97	8.38	5.68	<b>18.03</b>	(-)
6	5	GK	<b>Harrington Diamonds</b>	4.19	8.28	5.10	<b>17.56</b>	14.09
7	5	Spec	<b>Harrington Diamonds</b>	3.64	8.53	5.39	<b>17.56</b>	23.04
8	6	Spec	<b>Dolphin Hammers</b>	5.85	3.75	6.33	<b>15.93</b>	11.27
9	3	Spec	<b>Queens</b>	4.35	1.41	6.39	<b>12.25</b>	13.29
10	3	GK	<b>Queens</b>	3.08	0.37	6.18	<b>9.63</b>	20.02
11	4	Spec	<b>Waters Green Nags</b>	2.75	0.53	4.91	<b>8.19</b>	18.17
12	4	GK	<b>Waters Green Nags</b>	2.15	0.00	4.54	<b>6.69</b>	23.49

The **Dolphin Hammers'** questions were of pretty much average difficulty (according to the spreadsheet), and both sets received a decent score for Entertainment. The General Knowledge set was quite well balanced, and the only real criticism this week is that the Specialists showed a significant bias towards the teams that went "first first".

Those teams scored 110% of their average Specialist totals, compared to their opponents' 97%. This was counterbalanced somewhat by the General Knowledge, where the teams that went "second first" scored 103% while their opponents' scores were exactly average (100%).

It was mainly the Balance score that put the General Knowledge questions in second place – albeit some distance behind the General Knowledge set from Week 1. Conversely, it was the Balance score that let down this week's Specialist questions, which are placed in "lower mid-table".

On an average team score of 142, the overall balance of 105% to the teams going "first first" and 101 to "second first" may have made a difference of five or six points. There were a couple of games in the B League that may have been affected, but as ever we should emphasise that this is not an exact science.