

News and Views: 2022–3 Season, Week 8 – 24 January 2023

Results

There were some big wins in the League this week. Five of the seven matches were decided by 25 points or more, and two by over 50. Of the other two, the **Park Taverners'** victory over the **Sutton Mutton** was still fairly comfortable, while in the only really close match, **Waters Green Weavers** defeated the **Queens** by 171 points to 169.

The **Nags Head** (presumably) enjoyed their first victory of the season, over the **Harrington Diamonds**.

Tables

The **Poachers** lost their one–game advantage this week, being on question setting duties, and this allowed the **Nags Head 'B'** to go above them on goal difference into first place in the A League (with a victory over Harrington Academics). As we approach the half–way mark, both of the top two teams have lost one game so far this season.

Waters Green Weavers moved up two places to third in the A League, thanks to their victory over the **Queens**, while the **Dolphin** (who had no game this week) slipped from third to sixth.

There was just one change in the B League table. In losing to the **Waters Green Nags**, the **Plough Horntails** not only missed out on the chance to go second on goal difference, but they allowed the **Sutton Club** to move above them into third place with a resounding victory over the **Park Timers**.

Individual

Top scorer this week was **Alice Walker** with 51. There were four scores in the 40s: **Haydn Thompson** scored 48 and **Mark Watson** 45, while **Ian Grieve** and **Ian Musgrave** both scored 42.

There were 10 personal bests and 15 Personal worsts. Both bests and worsts were evenly divided between the two Leagues (with the odd personal worst coming in the B League).

None of last week's top three in the A League table played this week. **Ashton Davies** slipped from second to sixth and **Peter McBride** from third to seventh, but **Alan Hodgson** held on to top spot despite **Alice Walker's** challenge. The other climbers were **Haydn Thompson**, **Mark Watson** and **Dave Partington** – all of whom moved up two places.

Further down the A League table, **Ian Grieve** returned to the Top Ten for the first time since Week 1.

By contrast, everyone in the B League Top Ten *did* play, and the most significant change was that **Dave Barber** (previously fourth) swapped places with **Wynne Keith–Davies** (previously third).



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A League

Results

Waters Green Weavers	171	169	Queens
Ian Grieve	42	51	Alice Walker
Lesley Davies (pb)	39	48	Haydn Thompson (pb)
Nags Head 'B'	171	136	Harrington Academicals
Mark Watson	45	33	Rob Parkin
Steve Carter (pb)	36	33	Alan James
Harrington Diamonds	119	144	Nags Head
Neil Scott	27	39	Phil Davies (pb)
		33	Neil Drummond (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Nags Head 'B'	6	5	0	1	1022	10
Poachers	6	5	0	1	991	10
Waters Green Weavers	6	4	0	2	921	8
Queens	6	3	0	3	1004	6
Dolphin	6	3	0	3	935	6
Harrington Academicals	6	2	1	3	928	5
Nags Head	6	1	1	4	870	3
Harrington Diamonds	6	0	0	6	814	0

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 8
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	6	282	54	42	
Alice Walker	Queens	6	276	57	36	51
Haydn Thompson	Queens	6	267	48	36	48
Mark Watson	Nags Head 'B'	6	261	48	42	45
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	6	234	48	27	27
Ashton Davies	Poachers	5	231	54	42	
Peter McBride	Dolphin	6	228	48	27	
Rob Parkin	Harrington Academicals	6	210	45	15	33
Ian Grieve	Waters Green Weavers	6	207	45	24	42
Graham Bailey	Waters Green Weavers	6	204	42	27	27



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B League

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Dolphin Hammers	164	113	Pack Horse Bowling Club
Dave Barber (pb)	39	30	Tim Bloor
Park Timers	99	152	Sutton Club
John Poyser	21	33	Wendy Brown (pb)
Tim Brewin	21	30	Emma Griggs (pb)
Karyn Johnston (pb)	15		
Andrew Fenton	15		
Plough Horntails	113	157	Waters Green Nags
Julian Amey	36	42	Ian Musgrave
Sutton Mutton	119	132	Park Taverners
Wynne Keith-Davies	30	27	Heather Wallace (pb)
		27	Shauna Barstow

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Dolphin Hammers	7	7	0	0	1102	14
Waters Green Nags	7	6	0	1	1041	12
Sutton Club	7	5	0	2	955	10
Plough Horntails	8	4	0	4	1047	8
Park Taverners	7	4	0	3	978	8
Park Timers	7	3	0	4	776	6
Sutton Mutton	7	1	0	6	877	2
Pack Horse Bowling Club	7	1	0	6	738	2
Chester Road Tavern	7	1	0	6	710	2

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 8
Paul Prior	Waters Green Nags	7	273	48	33	33
Ian Musgrave	Waters Green Nags	7	255	48	27	42
Dave Barber	Dolphin Hammers	7	231	39	21	39
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	7	228	42	27	30
Shauna Barstow	Park Taverners	7	210	39	18	27
Malcolm Asquith	Plough Horntails	8	198	33	15	15
Liz Horrocks	Dolphin Hammers	6	189	39	24	24
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	6	183	45	18	24
Reg Bloor	Pack Horse Bowling Club	7	174	39	12	27
Anne Jeater	Plough Horntails	7	171	33	21	21
Wendy Brown	Sutton Club	7	171	33	18	33

Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	GK	Nags Head 'B'	10.00	9.58	7.85	27.43	21.64
2	8	Spec	Poachers	5.45	8.24	6.79	20.48	19.68
3	8	GK	Poachers	3.39	9.86	5.77	19.02	7.85
4	2	Spec	Sutton Club	4.66	7.70	6.46	18.82	23.38
5	6	GK	Dolphin Hammers	4.56	8.46	5.67	18.69	(-)
6	1	Spec	Nags Head 'B'	10.00	0.10	8.16	18.26	19.80
7	2	GK	Sutton Club	4.02	8.35	5.68	18.05	(-)
8	5	Spec	Harrington Diamonds	4.07	8.17	5.39	17.63	23.04
9	5	GK	Harrington Diamonds	4.26	8.21	5.10	17.57	14.09
10	6	Spec	Dolphin Hammers	6.21	3.97	6.33	16.50	11.27
11	7	GK	Nags Head	2.10	7.29	4.72	14.10	13.01
12	3	Spec	Queens	4.78	1.52	6.39	12.69	13.29
13	3	GK	Queens	3.18	0.22	6.18	9.58	20.02
14	4	Spec	Waters Green Nags	3.30	0.03	4.91	8.24	18.17
15	7	Spec	Nags Head	0.00	2.12	5.18	7.30	15.87
16	4	GK	Waters Green Nags	2.26	0.00	4.54	6.80	23.49

The **Poachers'** questions scored well on the whole, and are in second and third places in the overall table. Although there were wide variations in the average scores – some teams doing much better than average and some much worse – overall, the average scores were very close to the average over this season and last. So although the Difficulty scores were themselves only average, the Balance scores were high.

In the General Knowledge, the teams going 'first first' did slightly better – 104% to 100% – but in the Specialists, both figures were 98%. Overall, the teams going 'first first' did very slightly better: 100% to 99%.

The main talking point this week was the preponderance of questions on the subject of Arts and Entertainment – over 40 in the General Knowledge alone (and the vast majority of them on the Entertainment side). This seemed to suit most people however; the Specialist questions were voted into third place in the Entertainment table and the General Knowledge eighth (out of 16).

What this all adds up to is that the **Poachers'** questions are the nearest challengers yet to the General Knowledge set in Week 1 by the **Nags Head 'B'**, occupying second and third places in the Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy table.