



# Macclesfield Quiz League

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## News and Views: 2022–3 Season, Week 10 – 7 February 2023

### *Results*

This was a high-scoring week. The **Waters Green Weavers'** score of 194 is the second highest so far this season – beaten only by the **Waters Green Nags'** 199 in Week 1.

### *Tables*

The only change in the A League this week was that the **Waters Green Weavers** moved above the **Nags Head 'B'** (who didn't play) into second place behind the **Poachers**.

The top five teams in the A League table are separated by only two points.

In the B League, the **Park Taverners'** defeat by the **Plough Horntails** allowed the **Sutton Club** to go above them into third.

### *Individual*

Exactly half of the 56 players this week equalled or beat their previous highest scores for the season, and everyone managed to beat their lowest scores. That's 28 personal bests (13 in the A League and 15 in the B League), and no personal worsts!

Top scorer was **Ashton Davies** with 54. There were also 51s for **Alice Walker**, **Alan Hodgson** and **Julian Amey**, and eight scores in the 40s.

The biggest change in the A League table was that **Mark Watson**, who didn't play this week and now has a game in hand, slipped down a few places. In the B League, **Julian Amey** returned to the Top Ten for the first time since Week 5. Julian has only played five games this season, and in Week 6 (when most players had played five games) his total score of 219 would have put him in joint third place in the A League table.

### *Questions*

Most teams found the **Park Timers'** questions very accessible. According to the spreadsheet they were the easiest we've had since Week 1, when the Nags Head 'B' set the bar very high. The Timers didn't quite manage to beat them in either Entertainment Value or total score, but they came very close. They are in third and fourth place in the Entertainment Value table, and second and third (behind the Nags 'B's General Knowledge) in the overall table.

At the time of writing, there are no real complaints on the Forum – just a couple of niggles about possible alternative answers. And at the end of the day, the only issue with these questions is that they were maybe just a bit too easy!



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## A League

### Results

<b>Harrington Diamonds</b>	151	<b>194</b>	<b>Waters Green Weavers</b>
Richard Briand (pb)	45	45	Alan Gilday (pb)
Gill Baker (pb)	36	39	Lesley Davies (pb)
Neil Scott (pb)	30	36	
<b>Queens</b>	<b>189</b>	171	<b>Harrington Academicals</b>
Alice Walker	51	48	Dave Partington (pb)
Caroline Massey (pb)	42	36	Alan James
Haydn Thompson	42	30	Steve Dale (pb)
Tim Massey (pb)	33		
<b>Poachers</b>	178	<b>188</b>	<b>Dolphin</b>
Ashton Davies (pb)	54	51	Alan Hodgson
		48	Peter McBride (pb)
		42	John Brown (pb)
		21	Derek Owen (pb)

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Poachers</b>	8	6	0	2	1309	12
<b>Water Green Weavers</b>	8	5	1	2	1250	11
<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	7	5	1	1	1157	11
<b>Queens</b>	8	5	0	3	1336	10
<b>Dolphin</b>	8	5	0	3	1267	10
<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	8	2	1	5	1216	5
<b>Nags Head</b>	7	1	1	5	986	3
<b>Harrington Diamonds</b>	8	0	0	8	1051	0

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 10
<b>Alan Hodgson</b>	Dolphin	8	<b>372</b>	54	39	51
<b>Alice Walker</b>	Queens	8	<b>366</b>	57	36	51
<b>Haydn Thompson</b>	Queens	8	<b>336</b>	48	27	42
<b>Ashton Davies</b>	Poachers	7	<b>330</b>	54	42	54
<b>Peter McBride</b>	Dolphin	8	<b>309</b>	48	27	48
<b>Dave Partington</b>	Harrington Academicals	8	<b>306</b>	48	24	48
<b>Mark Watson</b>	Nags Head 'B'	7	<b>300</b>	48	39	
<b>Ian Grieve</b>	Waters Green Weavers	8	<b>273</b>	45	24	36
<b>Graham Bailey</b>	Waters Green Weavers	8	<b>273</b>	42	27	39
<b>Alan James</b>	Harrington Academicals	8	<b>264</b>	39	21	36



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## B League

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<b>Plough Horntails</b>	171	<b>159</b>	<b>Park Taverners</b>
Julian Amey (pb)	51	39	Nick Crowdy
Anne Jeater (pb)	36	33	Pete Dykstra (pb)
Pat Jeater (pb)	33	33	Graham Wallace
Dave McGuinness (pb)	27		
<b>Dolphin Hammers</b>	<b>182</b>	138	<b>Sutton Mutton</b>
Dave Cooper (pb)	45	36	Mike Proctor (pb)
		27	Mick Graves
		27	Wynne Keith-Davies
		24	Gill Dyson (pb)
<b>Sutton Club</b>	<b>155</b>	126	<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>
John Green	33	24	Reg Bloor
Emma Griggs (pb)	30	24	Tim Bloor
Wendy Brown	30	24	Helen Barker
<b>Waters Green Nags</b>	<b>177</b>	145	<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>
Paul Prior (pb)	48	42	Tony Moores (pb)
Ian Musgrave (pb)	48	33	Jim Moores (pb)
Sunil Peck (pb)	33	24	Chris Moores (pb)

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Dolphin Hammers</b>	9	9	0	0	1455	18
<b>Waters Green Nags</b>	9	8	0	1	1351	16
<b>Sutton Club</b>	9	6	0	3	1203	12
<b>Park Taverners</b>	9	5	0	4	1257	10
<b>Plough Horntails</b>	9	5	0	4	1218	10
<b>Park Timers</b>	8	3	0	5	839	6
<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	9	2	0	7	1124	4
<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>	9	1	0	8	951	2
<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	9	1	0	8	926	2

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 10
<b>Paul Prior</b>	Water Green Nags	9	<b>360</b>	48	33	48
<b>Ian Musgrave</b>	Water Green Nags	9	<b>339</b>	48	27	48
<b>Dave Barber</b>	Dolphin Hammers	9	<b>303</b>	39	21	33
<b>Sauna Barstow</b>	Park Taverners	9	<b>276</b>	39	18	30
<b>Wynne Keith-Davies</b>	Sutton Mutton	9	<b>270</b>	42	15	27
<b>Liz Horrocks</b>	Dolphin Hammers	8	<b>252</b>	39	24	27
<b>Graham Wallace</b>	Park Taverners	8	<b>234</b>	45	18	33

<b>Reg Bloor</b>	Pack Horse Bowling Club	9	<b>222</b>	39	12	24
<b>Wendy Brown</b>	Sutton Club	9	<b>222</b>	33	18	30
<b>Julian Amey</b>	Plough Horntails	5	<b>219</b>	51	36	51

## Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	1	GK	<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	10.00	9.05	7.85	<b>26.90</b>	21.64
<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>GK</b>	<b>Park Timers</b>	<b>9.14</b>	<b>9.23</b>	<b>6.85</b>	<b>25.22</b>	<b>22.99</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Spec</b>	<b>Park Timers</b>	<b>9.68</b>	<b>7.06</b>	<b>7.27</b>	<b>24.01</b>	<b>(-)</b>
4	8	Spec	<b>Poachers</b>	6.63	9.13	6.79	<b>22.55</b>	19.68
5	2	Spec	<b>Sutton Club</b>	6.12	9.58	6.46	<b>22.16</b>	23.38
6	1	Spec	<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	10.00	3.87	8.16	<b>22.03</b>	19.80
7	6	GK	<b>Dolphin Hammers</b>	4.54	9.55	5.67	<b>19.76</b>	(-)
8	2	GK	<b>Sutton Club</b>	3.64	9.75	5.68	<b>19.07</b>	(-)
9	6	Spec	<b>Dolphin Hammers</b>	7.53	4.48	6.33	<b>18.33</b>	11.27
10	8	GK	<b>Poachers</b>	2.94	9.35	5.77	<b>18.06</b>	7.85
11	5	Spec	<b>Harrington Diamonds</b>	5.65	7.01	5.39	<b>18.05</b>	23.04
12	3	Spec	<b>Queens</b>	6.18	3.99	6.39	<b>16.56</b>	13.29
13	5	GK	<b>Harrington Diamonds</b>	3.75	7.31	5.10	<b>16.16</b>	14.09
14	7	GK	<b>Nags Head</b>	1.39	7.86	4.72	<b>13.97</b>	13.01
15	3	GK	<b>Queens</b>	2.59	4.06	6.18	<b>12.83</b>	20.02
16	4	Spec	<b>Waters Green Nags</b>	5.10	2.72	4.91	<b>12.73</b>	18.17
17	7	Spec	<b>Nags Head</b>	2.40	2.49	5.18	<b>10.07</b>	15.87
18	4	GK	<b>Waters Green Nags</b>	1.80	0.40	4.54	<b>6.74</b>	23.49
19	9	GK	<b>Plough Horntails</b>	0.00	0.00	3.74	<b>3.74</b>	18.45
20	9	Spec	<b>Plough Horntails</b>	0.00	0.00	2.50	<b>2.50</b>	(-)

The **Park Timers'** questions scored well all round. They weren't quite able to dislodge the **Nags Head 'B'**'s General Knowledge set from top spot, but they did relegate their Specialists to 6th place. This week's General Knowledge questions are currently in second place, and the Specialists in third.

On Entertainment Value alone, the Park Timers' questions are in third and fourth place, behind both Nags Head 'B' sets.

Every single team scored more than their average this week. Star performers were the **Chester Road Tavern**, with 141%.

According to the spreadsheet there was a slight bias towards the teams that went "second first", who averaged 120% compared with 115% for those that went "first first". The bias was more pronounced in the Specialists, where the figures were 121% and 112%, while in the General Knowledge it was 119% to 117%.

On an average team score of 166, the apparent bias may have made a difference of around eight points. The only result that may have been affected was the match between the Poachers and the Dolphin, which the team going "second first" won by ten points.