



## News & Views: 2022–3, Week 11 – 14 February 2023

### *Results*

Six of the seven games were won by the teams that started second, and the spreadsheet agrees that while the Specialist questions were very well balanced, in the General Knowledge there seemed to be a distinct bias towards the side went "second first". The only team to win by going "first first" were the **Park Taverners**.

One of the teams that went "second first", and won, was the **Waters Green Nags**, who managed to pretty much equal their average match score for the season despite having only three players. This was the first time this has happened this season.

### *Tables*

The **Poachers** took advantage of the **Waters Green Weavers** not playing, and a defeat for the **Nags Head 'B'** at the hands of the **Dolphin**, to move two points clear at the top of the A League table. The next four teams are now separated by a single point!

The only change in the B League was that the **Park Taverners** moved above the **Sutton Club**, who didn't play this week, into third place (behind the **Dolphin Hammers** and the **Waters Green Nags**).

### *Individual*

There were four scores of over 50 this week. **Alan Hodgson's** 54 was the highest of all, while **Alice Walker**, **Ashton Davies** and **Mark Watson** all scored 51. Top scorer in the B League was **Liz Horrocks** with a new personal best for the season, of 42.

There were 11 personal bests in all this week - 4 in the A League and 7 in the B - and only four people (3 in the A League and 1 in the B) failed to beat their lowest scores of the season.

### *Questions*

Most teams seem to have found the Specialist rounds distinctly on the easy side, with the Dumb Britain round making a welcome return. The General Knowledge were of pretty much average difficulty overall, but while the teams going first ("second first") did much better than average, those going second seemed to struggle.

Very few adverse comments on the Forum this week, for the second week running!

## A League

### Results

|                   |            |                |  |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|--|
| <b>Nags Head</b>  | 131        | <b>185</b>     | <b>Poachers</b>                                      |
| Phil Davies       | 36         | 51<br>36<br>36 | Ashton Davies<br>John Hargreaves (pb)<br>Bob Gratton |
| <b>Dolphin</b>    | <b>172</b> | 160            | <b>Nags Head 'B'</b>                                 |
| Alan Hodgson (pb) | 54         | 51<br>36<br>30 | Mark Watson (pb)<br>Laurence Plant<br>Mark Shaw (pb) |
| <b>Queens</b>     | <b>182</b> | 126            | <b>Harrington Diamonds</b>                           |
| Alice Walker      | 51         | 30             | Chris Bogie  |

### Table

|                               | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Total | Points |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|--------|
| <b>Poachers</b>               | 9      | 7   | 0     | 2    | 1494  | 14     |
| <b>Queens</b>                 | 9      | 6   | 0     | 3    | 1518  | 12     |
| <b>Dolphin</b>                | 9      | 6   | 0     | 3    | 1439  | 12     |
| <b>Nags Head 'B'</b>          | 8      | 5   | 1     | 2    | 1317  | 11     |
| <b>Waters Green Weavers</b>   | 8      | 5   | 1     | 2    | 1250  | 11     |
| <b>Harrington Academicals</b> | 8      | 2   | 1     | 5    | 1216  | 5      |
| <b>Nags Head</b>              | 8      | 1   | 1     | 6    | 1117  | 3      |
| <b>Harrington Diamonds</b>    | 9      | 0   | 0     | 9    | 1177  | 0      |

### Individual Top Ten

|                        | Team                   | Played | Total      | Highest | Lowest | Wk 11 |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------|------------|---------|--------|-------|
| <b>Alan Hodgson</b>    | Dolphin                | 9      | <b>426</b> | 54      | 39     | 54    |
| <b>Alice Walker</b>    | Queens                 | 9      | <b>417</b> | 57      | 36     | 51    |
| <b>Ashton Davies</b>   | Poachers               | 8      | <b>381</b> | 54      | 42     | 51    |
| <b>Haydn Thompson</b>  | Queens                 | 9      | <b>381</b> | 48      | 27     | 45    |
| <b>Mark Watson</b>     | Nags Head 'B'          | 8      | <b>351</b> | 51      | 39     | 51    |
| <b>Peter McBride</b>   | Dolphin                | 9      | <b>351</b> | 48      | 27     | 42    |
| <b>Dave Partington</b> | Harrington Academicals | 8      | <b>306</b> | 48      | 24     |       |
| <b>Ed Baron</b>        | Poachers               | 9      | <b>282</b> | 48      | 18     | 30    |
| <b>Ian Grieve</b>      | Waters Green Weavers   | 8      | <b>273</b> | 45      | 24     |       |
| <b>Graham Bailey</b>   | Waters Green Weavers   | 8      | <b>273</b> | 42      | 27     |       |



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## B League

### Results

|                                |            |            |                            |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Plough Horntails</b>        | 137        | <b>158</b> | <b>Dolphin Hammers</b>     |
| Julian Amey                    | 36         | 42         | Liz Horrocks (pb)          |
| <b>Park Taverners</b>          | <b>133</b> | 118        | <b>Chester Road Tavern</b> |
| Heather Wallace (pb)           | 33         | 33         | Mitch Moores pb)           |
| <b>Waters Green Nags</b>       | <b>147</b> | 106        | <b>Park Timers</b>         |
| Bob Langstaff                  | 39         | 33         | Tim Brewin (pb)            |
| Paul Prior                     | 39         |            |                            |
| <b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b> | <b>139</b> | 121        | <b>Sutton Mutton</b>       |
| Tim Bloor (pb)                 | 33         | 27         | Mike Proctor               |
| Andrew Vickerstaff (pb)        | 30         | 24         | Wynne Keith-Davies         |
| Reg Bloor                      | 30         | 18         | Mick Graves                |
|                                |            | 15         | John Stein (pb)            |

### Table

|                                | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Total | Points |
|--------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|--------|
| <b>Dolphin Hammers</b>         | 10     | 10  | 0     | 0    | 1613  | 20     |
| <b>Waters Green Nags</b>       | 10     | 9   | 0     | 1    | 1498  | 18     |
| <b>Park Taverners</b>          | 10     | 6   | 0     | 4    | 1390  | 12     |
| <b>Sutton Club</b>             | 9      | 6   | 0     | 3    | 1203  | 12     |
| <b>Plough Horntails</b>        | 10     | 5   | 0     | 5    | 1355  | 10     |
| <b>Park Timers</b>             | 9      | 3   | 0     | 6    | 944   | 6      |
| <b>Sutton Mutton</b>           | 10     | 2   | 0     | 8    | 1245  | 4      |
| <b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b> | 10     | 2   | 0     | 8    | 1090  | 4      |
| <b>Chester Road Tavern</b>     | 10     | 1   | 0     | 9    | 1044  | 2      |

### Individual Top Ten

|                           | Team                    | Played | Total      | Highest | Lowest | Wk 11 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------|------------|---------|--------|-------|
| <b>Paul Prior</b>         | Waters Green Nags       | 10     | <b>399</b> | 48      | 33     | 39    |
| <b>Ian Musgrave</b>       | Waters Green Nags       | 9      | <b>339</b> | 48      | 277    |       |
| <b>Dave Barber</b>        | Dolphin Hammers         | 10     | <b>333</b> | 39      | 21     | 30    |
| <b>Sauna Barstow</b>      | Park Taverners          | 10     | <b>306</b> | 39      | 18     | 30    |
| <b>Liz Horrocks</b>       | Dolphin Hammers         | 9      | <b>294</b> | 42      | 24     | 42    |
| <b>Wynne Keith-Davies</b> | Sutton Mutton           | 10     | <b>294</b> | 42      | 15     | 24    |
| <b>Graham Wallace</b>     | Park Taverners          | 9      | <b>258</b> | 45      | 18     | 24    |
| <b>Julian Amey</b>        | Plough Horntails        | 6      | <b>255</b> | 51      | 36     | 36    |
| <b>Reg Bloor</b>          | Pack Horse Bowling Club | 10     | <b>252</b> | 39      | 12     | 30    |
| <b>Chris Wearne</b>       | Dolphin Hammers         | 9      | <b>237</b> | 39      | 15     | 24    |



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## 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       | 8.79        | 7.85        | <b>26.64</b> | 21.64        |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>11</b> | <b>Spec</b> | <b>Harrington Academicals</b> | <b>8.27</b> | <b>9.52</b> | <b>7.27</b> | <b>25.06</b> | <b>20.88</b> |
| 3         | 10        | <b>GK</b>   | <b>Park Timers</b>            | 9.14        | 8.89        | 6.85        | <b>24.88</b> | 22.99        |
| 4         | 10        | <b>Spec</b> | <b>Park Timers</b>            | 9.67        | 7.35        | 7.27        | <b>24.29</b> | (-)          |
| 5         | 8         | Spec        | <b>Poachers</b>               | 6.62        | 9.26        | 6.79        | <b>22.66</b> | 19.68        |
| 6         | 2         | Spec        | <b>Sutton Club</b>            | 6.00        | 9.73        | 6.46        | <b>22.20</b> | 23.38        |
| 7         | 1         | Spec        | <b>Nags Head 'B'</b>          | 10.00       | 3.41        | 8.16        | <b>21.57</b> | 19.80        |
| 8         | 6         | GK          | <b>Dolphin Hammers</b>        | 4.60        | 9.23        | 5.67        | <b>19.50</b> | (-)          |
| 9         | 2         | GK          | <b>Sutton Club</b>            | 3.72        | 9.29        | 5.68        | <b>18.69</b> | (-)          |
| 10        | 6         | Spec        | <b>Dolphin Hammers</b>        | 7.44        | 4.61        | 6.33        | <b>18.38</b> | 11.27        |
| 11        | 5         | Spec        | <b>Harrington Diamonds</b>    | 5.58        | 7.19        | 5.39        | <b>18.16</b> | 23.04        |
| 12        | 8         | GK          | <b>Poachers</b>               | 3.05        | 8.94        | 5.77        | <b>17.76</b> | 7.85         |
| 13        | 5         | GK          | <b>Harrington Diamonds</b>    | 3.79        | 7.68        | 5.10        | <b>16.58</b> | 14.09        |
| 14        | 3         | Spec        | <b>Queens</b>                 | 6.15        | 4.03        | 6.39        | <b>16.57</b> | 13.29        |
| 15        | 7         | GK          | <b>Nags Head</b>              | 1.41        | 7.54        | 4.72        | <b>13.67</b> | 13.01        |
| 16        | 3         | GK          | <b>Queens</b>                 | 2.78        | 4.19        | 6.18        | <b>13.14</b> | 20.02        |
| 17        | 4         | Spec        | <b>Waters Green Nags</b>      | 5.03        | 2.61        | 4.91        | <b>12.56</b> | 18.17        |
| <b>18</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>GK</b>   | <b>Harrington Academicals</b> | <b>3.60</b> | <b>2.33</b> | <b>5.91</b> | <b>11.84</b> | (-)          |
| 19        | 7         | Spec        | <b>Nags Head</b>              | 2.36        | 2.69        | 5.18        | <b>10.23</b> | 15.87        |
| 20        | 4         | GK          | <b>Waters Green Nags</b>      | 1.88        | 0.00        | 4.54        | <b>6.42</b>  | 23.49        |
| 21        | 9         | GK          | <b>Plough Horntails</b>       | 0.00        | 0.17        | 3.74        | <b>3.91</b>  | 18.45        |
| 22        | 9         | Spec        | <b>Plough Horntails</b>       | 0.00        | 0.00        | 2.50        | <b>2.50</b>  | (-)          |

It was a game of two halves for the **Harrington Academicals'** questions. The Specialists scored well all round and are second only to the Nags Head 'B's' General Knowledge set in the table; but this week's General Knowledge, while they're solidly in the middle of the Entertainment table, scored poorly for both Difficulty and Balance and are currently 18th out of 22 overall.

In the Specialist rounds, the teams going first averaged 109% of their average marks for the season so far, while those going second did slightly better with 111%. This makes them among the easiest of this season's questions, and for balance they are ranked (among the Specialist sets) second only to the Sutton Club's questions from Week 2. By contrast, the teams going first in the General Knowledge (second in the Specialists) managed only 89% of their averages, but those going second scored 108%. This meant that overall (according to the spreadsheet) there was a significant advantage to the teams that started second, who scored 109% overall while those that started first managed only 97%.