



# Macclesfield Quiz League

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## News and Views: 2022–3 Season, Week 15 – 28 March 2023

### *Results*

In the A League's top-of-the-table clash, the **Queens** opened up a useful lead by half-way through the General Knowledge but only just managed to hang on to it by the end. Meanwhile in the B League, the **Chester Road Tavern** enjoyed their second win of the season.

### *Tables*

The **Queens** moved above the **Poachers** to top the A League table for the first time this season, but only on quite a narrow goal difference. The only other change in that table was that the **Nags Head 'B'** went above the **Waters Green Weavers**, who set the questions and were asking them.

In the B League, something very weird happened. Here the leaders (**Dolphin Hammers**) were asking the questions, but 2nd played 4th, 3rd played 5th, 6th played 8th, and 7th played 9th. And in every case, the tables were turned as it were: 4th beat 2nd, 5th beat 3rd, 8th beat 6th, and 9th beat 7th. The **Waters Green Nags** (who unfortunately were one player short once more) managed to hold on to second place, but the **Sutton Club** dropped two places to fifth, as both the **Park Taverners** and the **Plough Horntails** went above them on goal difference; and the **Sutton Mutton** swapped places with the **Pack Horse Bowling Club**.

The **Hammers**, who are already promoted (next season's League structure permitting), can secure the B League title if they win next week, as they will be at least six points clear of the WG Nags with only two games to play. In fact they have it in the bag right now, to all intents and purposes, as they have a virtually unassailable advantage in game points.

### *Individual*

Top scorers this week were **Ashton Davies** and **Haydn Thompson**, each with 51. There were four scores in the 40s: 48 for **Alan Hodgson**, 45 for **Alice Walker**, and 42 each for **Neil Drummond** and **Peter McBride**. Top scorers in the B League were **Malcolm Asquith** and **Paul Prior** with 36 each.

There were only five personal bests this week, but only the same number of people failed to beat their lowest scores of the season so far.

**Mark Watson** is beginning to catch a few people who've now played their 'counting quota' of eleven games, and moved up from 8th to 5th in the A League table. In the B League there was no change in the top five, but **Malcolm Asquith** returned to the top ten for the first time since Week 9 thanks to a personal best 36 this week.

### *Questions*

This week's questions were set by the **Waters Green Nags**. The Specialists went down well and are 5th in the table for Entertainment; the General Knowledge are 16th (out of 30) – solidly in mid-table. There are literally no complaints on the Forum.

Some teams struggled slightly with the General Knowledge – particularly those that went first in the first half. But overall the questions were slightly easier than average and pretty well balanced (according to the spreadsheet).

More details on pages 4 and 5.

## A League

### Results

|                            |            |            |                      |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| <b>Queens</b>              | <b>178</b> | 167        | <b>Poachers</b>      |
| Haydn Thompson (pb)        | 51         | 51         | Ashton Davies        |
| <b>Harrington Diamonds</b> | 129        | <b>170</b> | <b>Nags Head 'B'</b> |
| Neil Scott (pb)            | 39         | 39         | Mark Watson          |
| <b>Nags Head</b>           | 152        | <b>174</b> | <b>Dolphin</b>       |
| Neil Drummond              | 42         | 48         | Alan Hodgson         |
| Phil Davies                | 33         |            |                      |
| Neil Johnson (pb)          | 30         |            |                      |

### Table

|                               | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Total | Points |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|--------|
| <b>Queens</b>                 | 12     | 9   | 0     | 3    | 2043  | 18     |
| <b>Poachers</b>               | 12     | 9   | 0     | 3    | 2002  | 18     |
| <b>Dolphin</b>                | 12     | 8   | 0     | 4    | 1942  | 16     |
| <b>Nags Head 'B'</b>          | 11     | 7   | 1     | 3    | 1799  | 15     |
| <b>Waters Green Weavers</b>   | 11     | 6   | 1     | 4    | 1746  | 13     |
| <b>Harrington Academicals</b> | 11     | 3   | 1     | 7    | 1706  | 7      |
| <b>Nags Head</b>              | 12     | 1   | 1     | 10   | 1698  | 3      |
| <b>Harrington Diamonds</b>    | 11     | 1   | 0     | 10   | 1466  | 2      |

### Individual Top Ten

|                        | Team                   | Played | Total      | Highest | Lowest | Wk 15 |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------|------------|---------|--------|-------|
| <b>Alan Hodgson</b>    | Dolphin                | 12     | <b>519</b> | 54      | 389    | 48    |
| <b>Alice Walker</b>    | Queens                 | 12     | <b>507</b> | 57      | 36     | 45    |
| <b>Ashton Davies</b>   | Poachers               | 11     | <b>501</b> | 54      | 30     | 51    |
| <b>Haydn Thompson</b>  | Queens                 | 12     | <b>495</b> | 51      | 36     | 51    |
| <b>Mark Watson</b>     | Nags Head 'B'          | 10     | <b>432</b> | 51      | 39     | 39    |
| <b>Dave Partington</b> | Harrington Academicals | 11     | <b>432</b> | 48      | 24     |       |
| <b>Peter McBride</b>   | Dolphin                | 12     | <b>429</b> | 48      | 30     | 42    |
| <b>Ian Grieve</b>      | Waters Green Weavers   | 11     | <b>402</b> | 48      | 24     |       |
| <b>Graham Bailey</b>   | Waters Green Weavers   | 11     | <b>387</b> | 48      | 27     |       |
| <b>Ed Baron</b>        | Poachers               | 12     | <b>366</b> | 48      | 18     | 30    |



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## B League

### Results

|                                   |            |                |   |
|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------|---|
| <b>Plough Horntails</b>           | <b>151</b> | 143            | <b>Sutton Club</b>                                  |
| Malcolm Asquith (pb)              | 36         | 30<br>30<br>30 | Wendy Brown<br>John Green<br>Simon Rumsey           |
| <b>Pack Horse Bowling club</b>    | 110        | <b>132</b>     | <b>Chester Road Tavern</b>                          |
| Reg Bloor                         | 33         | 30             | Steve Moores  |
| <b>Sutton Mutton</b>              | <b>117</b> | 109            | <b>Park Timers</b>                                  |
| Wynne Keith-Davies                | 24         | 21<br>21<br>21 | Tim Stylanides (pb)<br>John Poyser<br>Andrew Fenton |
| <b>Park Taverners</b>             | <b>146</b> | 120            | <b>Waters Green Nags</b>                            |
| Shauna Barstow<br>Heather Wallace | 30<br>30   | 36             | Paul Prior  |

### Table

|                                | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Total | Points |
|--------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|--------|
| <b>Dolphin Hammers</b>         | 13     | 13  | 0     | 0    | 2083  | 26     |
| <b>Waters Green Nags</b>       | 13     | 10  | 0     | 3    | 1872  | 20     |
| <b>Park Taverners</b>          | 14     | 8   | 0     | 6    | 1942  | 16     |
| <b>Plough Horntails</b>        | 14     | 8   | 0     | 6    | 1926  | 16     |
| <b>Sutton Club</b>             | 13     | 8   | 0     | 5    | 1755  | 16     |
| <b>Park Timers</b>             | 13     | 5   | 0     | 8    | 1430  | 10     |
| <b>Sutton Mutton</b>           | 13     | 3   | 0     | 10   | 1637  | 6      |
| <b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b> | 13     | 3   | 0     | 10   | 1415  | 6      |
| <b>Chester Road Tavern</b>     | 14     | 2   | 0     | 12   | 1546  | 4      |

### Individual Top Ten

|                           | Team                    | Played | Total      | Highest | Lowest | Wk 15 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------|------------|---------|--------|-------|
| <b>Paul Prior</b>         | Waters Green Nags       | 13     | <b>477</b> | 48      | 33     | 36    |
| <b>Dave Barber</b>        | Dolphin Hammers         | 13     | <b>423</b> | 42      | 27     |       |
| <b>Liz Horrocks</b>       | Dolphin Hammers         | 12     | <b>381</b> | 42      | 21     |       |
| <b>Wynne Keith-Davies</b> | Sutton Mutton           | 13     | <b>378</b> | 42      | 24     | 24    |
| <b>Shauna Barstow</b>     | Park Taverners          | 14     | <b>378</b> | 39      | 24     | 30    |
| <b>Graham Wallace</b>     | Park Taverners          | 12     | <b>351</b> | 45      | 18     | 27    |
| <b>Ian Musgrave</b>       | Waters Green Nags       | 9      | <b>339</b> | 48      | 27     |       |
| <b>Anne Jeater</b>        | Plough Horntails        | 13     | <b>327</b> | 39      | 21     | 24    |
| <b>Malcolm Asquith</b>    | Plough Horntails        | 12     | <b>321</b> | 36      | 15     | 36    |
| <b>Reg Bloor</b>          | Pack Horse Bowling Club | 13     | <b>312</b> | 39      | 15     | 33    |

## Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

|           | Week      |             | Setters                     | Difficulty  | Balance     | Ent'ment    | Total        | Last Yr      |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1         | 1         | GK          | Nags Head 'B'               | 10.00       | 8.64        | 7.85        | <b>26.49</b> | 21.64        |
| 2         | 10        | GK          | Park Timers                 | 9.13        | 9.88        | 6.85        | <b>25.86</b> | 22.99        |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>15</b> | <b>Spec</b> | <b>Waters Green Weavers</b> | <b>8.62</b> | <b>9.17</b> | <b>7.25</b> | <b>25.05</b> | <b>21.69</b> |
| 4         | 10        | Spec        | Park Timers                 | 9.74        | 7.96        | 7.27        | <b>24.97</b> | (-)          |
| 5         | 11        | Spec        | Harrington Academicals      | 8.15        | 9.17        | 7.27        | <b>24.59</b> | 20.88        |
| 6         | 2         | Spec        | Sutton Club                 | 5.91        | 9.88        | 6.46        | <b>22.26</b> | 23.38        |
| 7         | 8         | Spec        | Poachers                    | 6.69        | 8.72        | 6.79        | <b>22.19</b> | 19.68        |
| 8         | 12        | Spec        | Pack Horse Bowling Club     | 6.73        | 8.52        | 6.75        | <b>22.00</b> | 15.35        |
| 9         | 14        | Spec        | Sutton Mutton               | 7.28        | 7.95        | 6.21        | <b>21.44</b> | (-)          |
| 910       | 1         | Spec        | Nags Head 'B'               | 10.00       | 2.63        | 8.16        | <b>20.79</b> | 19.80        |
| 11        | 6         | GK          | Dolphin Hammers             | 4.55        | 9.94        | 5.67        | <b>20.16</b> | (-)          |
| 12        | 2         | GK          | Sutton Club                 | 3.75        | 10.00       | 5.68        | <b>19.42</b> | (-)          |
| 13        | 13        | Spec        | Dolphin                     | 6.13        | 6.75        | 6.47        | <b>19.36</b> | 8.13         |
| 14        | 5         | Spec        | Harrington Diamonds         | 5.51        | 7.56        | 5.39        | <b>18.45</b> | 23.04        |
| 15        | 12        | GK          | Pack Horse Bowling Club     | 8.71        | 3.28        | 6.41        | <b>18.41</b> | (-)          |
| 16        | 13        | GK          | Dolphin                     | 3.57        | 9.19        | 5.54        | <b>18.29</b> | 17.80        |
| 17        | 6         | Spec        | Dolphin Hammers             | 7.33        | 4.25        | 6.33        | <b>17.90</b> | 11.27        |
| 18        | 8         | GK          | Poachers                    | 3.08        | 8.91        | 5.77        | <b>17.75</b> | 7.85         |
| 19        | 3         | Spec        | Queens                      | 6.13        | 4.76        | 6.39        | <b>17.28</b> | 13.29        |
| <b>20</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>GK</b>   | <b>Waters Green Weavers</b> | <b>3.35</b> | <b>7.52</b> | <b>6.12</b> | <b>16.99</b> | <b>20.94</b> |
| 21        | 5         | GK          | Harrington Diamonds         | 3.75        | 7.75        | 5.10        | <b>16.60</b> | 14.09        |
| 22        | 7         | GK          | Nags Head                   | 1.25        | 8.22        | 4.72        | <b>14.19</b> | 13.01        |
| 23        | 4         | Spec        | Waters Green Nags           | 4.86        | 3.03        | 4.91        | <b>12.79</b> | 18.17        |
| 24        | 14        | GK          | Sutton Mutton               | 3.17        | 5.07        | 4.41        | <b>12.65</b> | 16.26        |
| 25        | 3         | GK          | Queens                      | 2.64        | 3.63        | 6.18        | <b>12.45</b> | 20.02        |
| 26        | 11        | GK          | Harrington Academicals      | 3.63        | 2.22        | 5.91        | <b>11.76</b> | (-)          |
| 27        | 7         | Spec        | Nags Head                   | 2.27        | 3.29        | 5.18        | <b>10.74</b> | 15.87        |
| 28        | 4         | GK          | Waters Green Nags           | 1.74        | 0.00        | 4.54        | <b>6.28</b>  | 23.49        |
| 29        | 9         | GK          | Plough Horntails            | 0.00        | 0.24        | 3.74        | <b>3.98</b>  | 18.45        |
| 30        | 9         | Spec        | Plough Horntails            | 0.00        | 0.00        | 2.50        | <b>2.50</b>  | (-)          |

The **Waters Green Weavers'** Specialist questions scored well all round: the Entertainment, Difficulty and Balance marks were respectively the fifth, sixth and equal sixth best of the season. The General Knowledge scored almost as well for Entertainment and Balance, but several teams found them quite hard and they were held back by the Difficulty mark.

Most of the teams that struggled slightly with the General Knowledge had started first; on average they scored only 94% of their average marks for the season so far, while those that started second scored 101%. Even so, the Balance mark was more than respectable: 17th out of 30.



Overall, the teams that started first scored (on average) 101% of their average for the season, while those that started second scored 104%. On an average team score of 142 this can only have made a difference of four or five points at most, and there were no matches where the result was that close.