

## News and Views: 2022–3 Season, Week 18 – 18 April 2023

### *Results and Tables*

In the A League, the top three played the bottom three this week, and the top three all won. So there was no change at the top or bottom of the table and our congratulations go to the **Poachers**, who finish as champions for the first time. The team formerly known as the Church House Bollington have been in the A League for the last five seasons; last year they were runners-up, and this year their name will be on the trophy.

In the middle of the table, the **Waters Green Weavers** scored a relatively narrow victory over the **Nags Head 'B'** (the priorities of the latter's star player being elsewhere on this particular Tuesday evening). This meant that the Weavers leapfrogged their opponents into fourth place.

The **Dolphin Hammers** were confirmed as B League champions last week, despite losing their 100% record. But with the Plough Horntails on question setting duties, the **Waters Green Nags** (who had a full complement of four players, for the first time in a while) knew that they'd finish as runners-up if they avoided defeat against the **Sutton Club** (or scored more than 142 points). In fact they only managed a modest 104 points, but the Club scored the same – the match ending in the B League's first (and only) draw of the season. The Nags duly moved above the Horntails to finish in second place.

The only other change in the B League table was that the **Sutton Mutton** moved above the **Park Timers** into sixth place by beating the Chester Road Tavern, while the Timers were the latest victims of the Dolphin Hammers.

We can't be sure about promotion and relegation until we know how many teams will be taking part in the League next season. But in anticipation of at least two teams being promoted, we congratulate the **Dolphin Hammers** and the **Waters Green Nags**.

### *Individual*

After several weeks of above-average scores, this was a low-scoring week. Top of the tree were **Brian Bogie** and **Ashton Davies**, with 45 each (on opposite sides in the same game), and no one else managed more than 40. **Peter McBride** and **Alan Hodgson** each scored 39, and the top scorer in the B League was **Dave Barber** – whose 36 was the only score above 27 in that league.

In what we currently expect to be the Harrington Diamonds' last ever game, **Brian Bogie's** 45 was his best score of the season. He was the only player in either League to achieve that feat this week; and by contrast, no fewer than 28 people – 14 in each League – failed to beat their previous lowest scores of the season. This is the equivalent of seven teams, or nearly half of all those taking part this week.

There were no changes in either Top Ten, which means that the League individual champions are **Alan Hodgson** and **Paul Prior**. This is Alan's 13th A League individual title, but his first since the 2013–14 season. Paul retains the trophy he won for the first time last season; and it looks as though he'll be challenging for one in the A League next year.

Paul won the B League title by a margin of no fewer than 54 points from **Dave Barber**, but in the A League it couldn't have been much closer. **Alice Walker** was just one question behind Alan, and **Ashton Davies** was only two behind Alice.

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## A League

### Results

<b>Queens</b>	<b>143</b>	122	<b>Nags Head</b>
Alice Walker	33	30	Phil Davies
Haydn Thompson	33		
<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	114	<b>130</b>	<b>Waters Green Weavers</b>
Laurence Plant	30	33	Graham Bailey
<b>Dolphin</b>	<b>151</b>	125	<b>Harrington Academicals</b>
Peter McBride	39	36	Dave Partington
Alan Hodgson	39		
<b>Harrington Diamonds</b>	131	<b>146</b>	<b>Poachers</b>
Brian Bogie (pb)	45	45	Ashton Davies

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Poachers</b>	14	11	0	3	2334	22
<b>Queens</b>	14	10	0	4	2346	20
<b>Dolphin</b>	14	10	0	4	2267	20
<b>Waters Green Weavers</b>	14	9	1	4	2233	19
<b>Nags Head 'B'</b>	14	8	1	5	2274	17
<b>Harrington Academicals</b>	14	3	1	10	2142	7
<b>Nags Head</b>	14	2	1	11	1982	5
<b>Harrington Diamonds</b>	14	1	0	13	1886	2

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 18
<b>Alan Hodgson</b>	Dolphin	14	<b>525</b>	54	42	39
<b>Alice Walker</b>	Queens	14	<b>522</b>	57	39	30
<b>Ashton Davies</b>	Poachers	13	<b>516</b>	54	39	45
<b>Haydn Thompson</b>	Queens	14	<b>495</b>	51	36	33
<b>Mark Watson</b>	Nags Head 'B'	12	<b>486</b>	51	39	
<b>Dave Partington</b>	Harrington Academicals	14	<b>468</b>	48	36	36
<b>Peter McBride</b>	Dolphin	14	<b>450</b>	48	33	39
<b>Ian Grieve</b>	Waters Green Weavers	14	<b>435</b>	48	30	27
<b>Rob Parkin</b>	Harrington Academicals	13	<b>411</b>	45	27	24
<b>Graham Bailey</b>	Waters Green Weavers	14	<b>405</b>	48	30	33

## B League

### Results

<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>	79	<b>108</b>	<b>Park Taverners</b>
Tim Bloor	24	24	Graham Wallace
<b>Park Timers</b>	114	<b>142</b>	<b>Dolphin Hammers</b>
Glyn Bradley	24	36	Dave Barber
<b>Waters Green Nags</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>Sutton Club</b>
Bob Langstaff	27	24	John Green
<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	<b>105</b>	82	<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>
Mike Proctor	24	15	Jim Moores

### Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
<b>Dolphin Hammers</b>	16	15	0	1	2487	30
<b>Waters Green Nags</b>	16	10	1	5	2218	21
<b>Plough Horntails</b>	16	10	0	6	2256	20
<b>Park Taverners</b>	16	10	0	6	2187	20
<b>Sutton Club</b>	16	9	1	6	2146	19
<b>Sutton Mutton</b>	16	5	0	11	2007	10
<b>Park Timers</b>	16	5	0	11	1825	10
<b>Pack Horse Bowling Club</b>	16	4	0	12	1768	8
<b>Chester Road Tavern</b>	16	3	0	13	1781	6

### Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Wk 18
<b>Paul Prior</b>	Waters Green Nags	16	<b>492</b>	48	33	15
<b>Dave Barber</b>	Dolphin Hammers	15	<b>438</b>	42	30	36
<b>Wynne Keith-Davies</b>	Sutton Mutton	16	<b>399</b>	42	27	18
<b>Liz Horrocks</b>	Dolphin Hammers	14	<b>396</b>	42	24	24
<b>Sauna Barstow</b>	Park Taverners	16	<b>378</b>	39	24	15
<b>John Green</b>	Sutton Club	14	<b>375</b>	51	24	24
<b>Graham Wallace</b>	Park Taverners	14	<b>375</b>	45	21	24
<b>Anne Jeater</b>	Plough Horntails	15	<b>360</b>	42	24	
<b>Malcolm Asquith</b>	Plough Horntails	13	<b>348</b>	42	18	
<b>Reg Bloor</b>	Pack Horse Bowling Club	16	<b>342</b>	39	24	15
<b>Ian Musgrave</b>	Waters Green Nags	9	<b>339</b>	48	27	



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## Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Week		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	16	Spec	Park Taverners	10.00	8.78	7.22	<b>26.00</b>	19.42
2	10	GK	Park Timers	9.27	9.81	6.85	<b>25.93</b>	22.99
3	1	GK	Nags Head 'B'	10.00	8.02	7.85	<b>25.87</b>	21.64
4	10	Spec	Park Timers	9.19	8.75	7.27	<b>25.21</b>	(-)
5	15	Spec	Waters Green Weavers	8.08	9.19	7.25	<b>24.51</b>	21.69
6	11	Spec	Harrington Academicals	7.67	8.40	7.27	<b>23.34</b>	20.88
7	12	Spec	Pack Horse Bowling Club	6.21	9.12	6.75	<b>22.08</b>	15.35
8	2	Spec	Sutton Club	5.56	9.95	6.46	<b>21.98</b>	23.38
9	14	Spec	Sutton Mutton	6.81	8.07	6.21	<b>21.09</b>	(-)
10	8	Spec	Poachers	6.33	7.96	6.79	<b>21.07</b>	19.68
11	6	GK	Dolphin Hammers	5.22	9.71	5.67	<b>20.60</b>	(-)
12	1	Spec	Nags Head 'B'	9.45	2.67	8.16	<b>20.29</b>	19.80
13	2	GK	Sutton Club	4.62	9.99	5.68	<b>20.28</b>	(-)
14	17	Spec	Chester Road Tavern	7.21	5.33	7.10	<b>19.64</b>	22.70
15	13	Spec	Dolphin	4.50	9.46	6.47	<b>19.51</b>	8.13
16	16	GK	Park Taverners	6.36	6.87	5.87	<b>19.10</b>	(-)
17	12	GK	Pack Horse Bowling Club	8.86	3.64	6.41	<b>18.91</b>	(-)
18	13	GK	Dolphin	5.71	6.58	5.54	<b>18.76</b>	17.80
19	8	GK	Poachers	4.13	8.72	5.77	<b>18.62</b>	7.85
20	15	GK	Waters Green Weavers	4.25	7.70	6.12	<b>18.08</b>	20.94
21	5	Spec	Harrington Diamonds	5.18	7.83	5.39	<b>17.63</b>	23.04
22	5	GK	Harrington Diamonds	4.70	7.83	5.10	<b>17.36</b>	14.09
23	6	Spec	Dolphin Hammers	6.87	4.16	6.33	<b>17.36</b>	11.27
24	3	Spec	Queens	5.67	4.66	6.39	<b>16.72</b>	13.29
<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Spec</b>	<b>Plough Horntails</b>	<b>3.35</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>4.37</b>	<b>15.72</b>	
26	7	GK	Nags Head	2.59	8.24	4.72	<b>15.55</b>	13.01
27	14	GK	Sutton Mutton	4.20	4.90	4.41	<b>13.50</b>	16.26
28	3	GK	Queens	3.79	3.50	6.18	<b>13.47</b>	20.02
29	4	Spec	Waters Green Nags	4.53	2.96	4.91	<b>12.41</b>	18.17
30	17	GK	Chester Road Tavern	5.98	0.00	6.41	<b>12.39</b>	(-)
31	11	GK	Harrington Academicals	4.52	1.94	5.91	<b>12.37</b>	(-)
<b>32</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>GK</b>	<b>Plough Horntails</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8.32</b>	<b>3.37</b>	<b>11.69</b>	
33	7	Spec	Nags Head	2.02	3.38	5.18	<b>10.58</b>	15.87
34	4	GK	Waters Green Nags	2.95	0.59	4.54	<b>8.08</b>	23.49
35	9	GK	Plough Horntails	1.60	0.61	3.74	<b>5.95</b>	18.45
36	9	Spec	Plough Horntails	0.00	0.00	2.50	<b>2.50</b>	(-)



The final results are now in, and the news is that the winners of the Cars & Vans 4U Question Setters' Trophy this year are the **Park Taverners'** Specialist questions, from Week 16. After Week 17 they were tied with the **Nags Head 'B'**'s General Knowledge set from Week 1, but Week 18's questions were so out of the ordinary (see below) that the latter have dropped to third place and the runners-up are the **Park Timers'** General Knowledge (from Week 10). The Timers' Specialist set are in fourth place, so congratulations to them on a consistent all-round set.

This week's questions were set once again by the **Plough Horntails**, and the good news is that (according to the spreadsheet) the overall balance was just about perfect; each of the two individual sets were themselves pretty well balanced, with a slight bias in each half towards the teams that went first.

Most teams struggled to answer the questions however, and on average scored only 83% of their averages over the season. This makes Week 18's questions the hardest we've had, except for the Horntails' first set (Week 9). The Entertainment marks reflect this: the Specialist questions are 33rd out of 36 (with an average score of 4.37 across the Leagues) and the General Knowledge are 35th (with 3.37).

The Horntails definitely drew a short straw when the question setters were selected for this season, and we hope they fare better next year. At the very least we hope that they will be able to call on some vetters.