

News and Views: 2023–4 Season, Week 9 – 30 January 2024

Results and Tables

Scores this week were slightly above average, with the **Poachers** and the **Queens of the Castle** just failing to reach the elusive double century. Their respective scores of 199 and 198 were the highest since the opening week of the season, when the Queens scored 222.

Second played third in the B League, and the **Park Taverners** got the better of the **Bate Hallers**, who slipped to fourth on goal difference as the **Sutton Club** beat the **Park Timers** by 143 points to 134. There was no change in the bottom four places; the **Sutton Mutton** put up a good showing against the **Waters Green Nags**, but not good enough to beat the leaders, and the **Chester Road Tavern** recorded their first victory since Week 2.

There was no movement at all in the A League, where the bottom two teams weren't playing and the top three all won against those in mid-table.

Individual

Alice Walker just failed to notch an unprecedented second full house (of the season) this week, scoring 57. The one she didn't get was the King George VI Chase (Kempton Park). **Alan Hodgson** scored 51, and there were four people on 48. In total, ten people (out of 24) in the A League scored over 40.

Top scorer in the B League was **Shauna Barstow** with 39, while **Anne Jeater** and **Ian Musgrave** each got 36. Nine people (out of 32) in the B League scored 30 or over.

There were 15 personal bests this week – seven in the A League and eight in the B League – and only four people failed to beat their lowest scores of the season so far.

Five of the personal bests (as well as Alice's 57) were registered by people in Seat 2 – first on the side that went "second first". Three were in Seat 3, two in Seat 5, one in Seat 6 (well done **Dave Cooper**), and two each in Seats 7 and 8. There were no personal bests in Seats 1 or 4.

Questions

... were set by the **Waters Green Weavers**. They seem to have been well received, with no issues mentioned on the Forum. The vetters (**Harrington Academicals**) apparently found the final draft "hard but fair", so the Weavers' captain (**Ian Grieve**) did some reworking to produce a set that most teams found to be friendly enough.

The spreadsheet also judged them to be slightly easier than average, and the overall balance was good – the teams that started second doing just slightly better than their opponents (compared to average scores).

A League – Summary

Results

Note: in this section, the home teams are on the left and the away teams are on the right.

Nags Head	163	198	Queens of the Castle
Neil Drummond	45	57	Alice Walker
Phil Davies	42	48	Haydn Thompson
Tony Browne (pb)	33	33	Tim Massey (pb)
Dolphin	149	184	Nags Head 'B'
Alan Hodgson	51	48	Steve Carter (pb)
		45	Mark Watson
		30	Mark Shaw (pb)
Poachers	199	155	Dolphin Hammers
Greg Spiller	48	42	Dave Barber
Ashton Davies	48	39	Liz Horrocks (pb)
Bob Gratton (pb)	39	39	Dave Cooper (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Poachers	7	6	0	1	1226	12
Nags Head 'B'	7	6	0	1	1178	12
Queens of the Castle	7	5	0	2	1254	10
Dolphin	7	4	0	3	1138	8
Dolphin Hammers	7	4	0	3	1068	8
Nags Head	7	2	0	5	1002	4
Harrington Academicals	7	0	1	6	1074	1
Waters Green Weavers	7	0	1	6	1051	1

Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 9
Alan Hodgson	Dolphin	7	342	54	39	51
Alice Walker	Queens of the Castle	7	330	60	36	57
Haydn Thompson	Queens of the Castle	7	321	57	27	48
Ian Grieve	Waters Green Weavers	7	285	48	27	
Ashton Davies	Poachers	6	282	60	39	48
Mark Watson	Nags Head 'B'	6	273	54	39	45
Peter McBride	Dolphin	7	273	51	33	39
Dave Barber	Dolphin Hammers	7	267	45	30	42
Greg Spiller	Poachers	6	264	51	33	48
Dave Partington	Harrington Academicals	7	249	45	18	

B League – Summary

Results

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Pack Horse Bowling Club	95	138	Chester Road Tavern
Tim Bloor (pb)	33	33 24 24 21	Tony Moores Mitch Moores Karl Burgess Chris Moores (pb)
Park Taverners	154	137	Bate Hallers
Shauna Barstow	39	36 24 24	Anne Jeater Dave McGuinness (pb) Malcolm Asquith
Sutton Club	143	134	Park Timers
Chris Butler (pb) Simon Rumsey Emma Griggs (pb)	33 30 27	33	John Poyser
Waters Green Nags	145	126	Sutton Mutton
Ian Musgrave Paul Prior Sunil Peck (pb) Vick Usk (pb)	36 27 24 21	33 27 21 9	Mike Proctor Mick Graves Wynne Keith-Davies John Stein (pb)

Table

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Points
Waters Green Nags	7	6	0	1	1099	12
Park Taverners	7	5	0	2	990	10
Sutton Club	7	5	0	2	979	10
Bate Hallers	7	5	0	2	903	10
Chester Road Tavern	7	3	0	4	919	6
Park Timers	7	2	0	5	887	4
Sutton Mutton	7	2	0	5	876	4
Pack Horse Bowling Club	7	0	0	7	726	0

Individual Top Ten

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A League – Full Results

Note: in this section, the teams that went "first first" (first in the Specialist questions) are on the left in the tables. In the headings, the home teams are given first.

Nags Head vs. Queens of the Castle

Nags Head	Spec	GK	Total	Queens of the Castle	Spec	GK	Total
Ian Tams	15	9	24	Alice Walker	24	33	57
Neil Drummond	12	33	45	Haydn Thompson	21	27	48
Philip Davies	15	27	42	Caroline Massey	6	21	27
Tony Browne (pb)	15	18	33	Tim Massey (pb)	9	24	33
Conferred	7	11	18	Conferred	11	10	21
Passed over	0	1	1	Passed over	5	7	12
Totals	64	99	163	Totals	76	122	198

Dolphin vs. Nags Head 'B'

Dolphin	Spec	GK	Total	Nags Head 'B'	Spec	GK	Total
Peter McBride	15	24	39	Mark Shaw (pb)	12	18	30
John Brown	6	12	18	Mark Watson	18	27	45
Alan Hodgson	24	27	51	Laurence Plant	12	15	27
Derek Owen	6	3	9	Steve Carter (pb)	18	30	48
Conferred	12	15	27	Conferred	11	11	22
Passed over	1	4	5	Passed over	3	9	12
Totals	64	85	149	Totals	74	110	184

Poachers vs. Dolphin Hammers

Poachers	Spec	GK	Total	Dolphin Hammers	Spec	GK	Total
Ed Baron	15	21	36	Liz Horrocks (pb)	18	21	39
Bob Gratton (pb)	12	27	39	Pete Sayers	3	3	6
Greg Spiller	21	27	48	Dave Cooper (pb)	15	24	39
Ashton Davies	21	27	48	David Barber	15	27	42
Conferred	6	10	16	Conferred	11	15	26
Passed over	4	8	12	Passed over	3	0	3
Totals	79	120	199	Totals	65	90	155

B League – Full Results

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Pack Horse Bowling Club vs. Chester Road Tavern

Pack Horse Bowling Club	Spec	GK	Total	Chester Road Tavern	Spec	GK	Total
Andy Vickerstaff	3	9	12	Chris Moores (pb)	3	18	21
Martin Williams	3	9	12	Mitch Moores	9	15	24
Mike Vickerstaff	0	0	0	Karl Burgess	6	18	24
Tim Bloor (pb)	15	18	33	Tony Moores	15	18	33
Conferred	15	16	31	Conferred	13	12	25
Passed over	4	3	7	Passed over	2	9	11
Totals	40	55	95	Totals	48	90	138

Park Taverners vs. Bate Hallers

Park Taverners	Spec	GK	Total	Bate Hallers	Spec	GK	Total
Graham Wallace	15	18	33	Dave McGuinness (pb)	9	15	24
Nick Crowdy	9	12	21	Anne Jeater	12	24	36
Shauna Barstow	21	18	39	Malcolm Asquith	3	21	24
Heather Wallace	18	15	33	Pat Jeater	9	9	18
Conferred	3	13	16	Conferred	14	10	24
Passed over	5	7	12	Passed over	5	6	11
Totals	71	83	154	Totals	52	85	137

Sutton Club vs. Park Timers

Sutton Club	Spec	GK	Total	Park Timers	Spec	GK	Total
Simon Rumsey	12	18	30	John Poyser	15	18	33
Emma Griggs (pb)	12	15	27	Glyn Bradley	15	12	27
Chris Butler (pb)	15	18	33	Andrew Fenton	6	18	24
John Green	9	12	21	Karyn Johnston	6	12	18
Conferred	8	12	20	Conferred	10	13	23
Passed over	4	8	12	Passed over	2	7	9
Totals	60	83	143	Totals	54	80	134

B League Full Results – Continued: Waters Green Nags vs. Sutton Mutton

Waters Green Nags	Spec	GK	Total	Sutton Mutton	Spec	GK	Total
Ian Musgrave	12	24	36	John Stein (pb)	6	3	9
Sunil Peck(pb)	6	18	24	Mick Graves	12	15	27
Vic Uske (pb)	9	12	21	Mike Proctor	9	24	33
Paul Prior	12	15	27	Wynne Keith–Davies	12	9	21
Conferred	7	13	20	Conferred	10	16	26
Passed over	7	10	17	Passed over	7	3	10
Totals	53	92	145	Totals	56	70	126

Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy

	Wk		Setters	Difficulty	Balance	Ent'ment	Total	Last Yr
1	6	Spec	Park Taverners	10.00	9.93	6.83	26.76	26.00
2	1	GK	Nags Head 'B'	10.00	7.05	7.16	24.21	21.64
3	5	GK	Harrington Academicals	8.34	7.96	5.83	22.76	12.37
4	9	Spec	Waters Green Weavers	5.38	9.25	6.93	21.56	24.51
5	7	GK	Nags Head	6.04	8.47	6.25	20.76	15.55
6	6	GK	Park Taverners	4.85	7.80	5.67	18.31	19.10
7	2	Spec	Sutton Club	2.75	7.98	6.66	17.39	21.98
8	7	Spec	Nags Head	3.69	6.76	6.75	17.20	10.58
9	9	GK	Waters Green Weavers	6.07	4.48	6.46	17.01	18.08
8	8	Spec	Waters Green Nags	2.64	8.21	6.16	17.01	15.55
9	4	Spec	Dolphin Hammers	1.58	8.85	6.17	16.60	11.27
12	1	Spec	Nags Head 'B'	8.71	0.00	7.25	15.96	19.80
10	3	Spec	Queens of the Castle	0.00	8.39	5.50	13.89	16.72
11	2	GK	Sutton Club	4.29	2.87	6.58	13.75	20.28
14	3	GK	Queens of the Castle	3.80	3.20	5.75	12.75	13.47
13	5	Spec	Harrington Academicals	3.24	3.82	5.67	12.74	23.24
15	4	GK	Dolphin Hammers	3.38	0.00	5.16	8.54	20.60
16	8	GK	Waters Geeen Nags	0.00	5.52	2.93	8.45	8.08

We are now half way through the 2023–4 season, and this is the stage at which we forget about last season's scores and just take this season into account. This often brings about some significant changes in the rankings, and this season it has meant a change at the top: the **Park Taverners'** Specialist questions have gone above the **Nags Head 'B'**'s General Knowledge. It may or may not be some consolation to the Nags 'B' to know that their Specialist set has gone above the two that were previously above it – the **Sutton Club's** General Knowledge and the **Queens of the Castle's** Specialists. Otherwise there are only a couple of slight readjustments.

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Cars & Van 4U Question Setters' Trophy - Continued

This week's questions, set by the **Waters Green Weavers**, have come in at a very creditable fourth and ninth place (Specialist and General Knowledge respectively). Both sets were just slightly easier than average and got good marks for Entertainment; the difference (according to the spreadsheet) was in the Balance, where the Specialists were very good but the General Knowledge only average.

In the Specialist questions the teams that went first scored on average 104% of their averages, while those that went second scored 102%. In the General Knowledge, the teams that went first (second in the Specialists) did better – scoring 108% compared with 101%. Overall, the teams that went first in the Specialists scored 102% and those that went second scored 106%.

On an average team score of 151, this could have made a difference of about six points. But only three of the seven games were won by the teams that started second, and the smallest winning margin in those three games was 35. It's therefore most unlikely that any results were affected by the apparent slight imbalance in the questions.

For the full spreadsheet, please click [here](#).

B League: Individual Top Ten

	Team	Played	Total	Highest	Lowest	Week 9
Paul Prior	Waters Green Nags	7	288	57	27	27
Ian Musgrave	Waters Green Nags	7	264	48	24	36
Graham Wallace	Park Taverners	7	231	39	27	33
Anne Jeater	Bate Hallers	7	219	39	21	36
John Poyser	Park Timers	7	219	36	24	33
Wynne Keith-Davies	Sutton Mutton	7	213	48	15	21
Shauna Barstow	Park Taverners	6	192	42	21	39
Andrew Fenton	Park Timers	7	180	39	12	24
Heather Wallace	Park Taverners	6	174	51	12	33
Tim Bloor	Pack Horse Bowling Club	7	171	33	15	33