

The Quiz League of London

Team Times

#27, 2007-11

2007-2008 Season update

The Division 1 table after 9 games sees champions Broken Hearts top, with 3 teams on 12 points expecting a top 4 place.



Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Broken Hearts	9	8	0	1	440	361	79	16
Nomads	9	6	0	3	441	357	84	12
Atletico	9	6	0	3	436	371	65	12
Old Itonians	9	6	0	3	400	384	16	12
Allsorts	9	4	0	5	412	402	10	8
Aldersgate	9	3	0	6	367	418	-51	6
Barb	9	3	0	6	346	419	-73	6
Telstars	9	0	0	9	307	437	-130	0

In Division 2, Waterloo Sunset have the league's only 100% record and every team has at least 3 points.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Waterloo Sunset	9	9	0	0	404	258	146	18
Pineapple	9	6	1	2	364	311	53	13
Gray Monks	9	6	0	3	382	316	66	12
Belly	9	5	0	4	344	344	0	10
Rosslyn Park	9	3	1	5	330	340	-10	7
Ovalytes	9	3	0	6	299	356	-57	6
Accrington Cylindricals	9	1	1	7	298	364	-66	3
London Scottish	9	1	1	7	247	379	-132	3

President's Cup 2007-2008

Just before the half-way point in the President's Cup season, a dramatic turnaround for Sussex (compared to last season) sees them top the table. Oxford have become the draw specialists after a second tie at Beds & Herts. Fred Filby brought the home team to parity on the very last question pair scoring 21 points in the match.

Team	P	W	D	L	2s	Pts
Sussex	4	4	0	0	55	8
Mastermind Club	4	2	1	1	43	5
Oxford	4	1	2	1	40	4
Beds & Herts	4	1	1	2	34	3
Cambridge	4	1	0	3	43	2
London	4	1	0	3	37	2

Age Concern Quiz Week 2007, December 1 to 8

Age concern quiz week takes place in early December. The questions will be sent for play after the friendly on 4th December. The package will include full instructions.



Results

Home teams are encouraged to get the results to Robert Willer as soon as possible after the match, so that results can be published as promptly; ideally so teams know where they stand before the next week's fixture.

Questions review

Feedback about question sets is requested by the questions review panel. Forms have been sent to the mailing list so teams can comment on the set as a whole particularly with regards to balance, difficulty and spread or on specific questions.

Fixtures 2007-2008 Week 10-Week 18

Week 10 - 2007-11-27

Allsorts v Aldersgate	Belly v Accrington Cyl.
Broken Hearts v Atletico	Ovalytes v Gray Monks
Old Itonians v Barb	London Scot. v Pineapple
Telstars v Nomads	Waterloo Sun. v Rosslyn Park

Week 11 - 2007-12-04

Barb v Atletico	Belly v London Scot.
Nomads v Broken Hearts	Accrington Cyl. v Ovalytes
Aldersgate v Old Itonians	Gray Monks v Rosslyn Park
Allsorts v Telstars	Pineapple v Waterloo Sun.

Week 12 - 2007-01-08

Telstars v Aldersgate	Rosslyn Park v Accrington Cyl.
Broken Hearts v Allsorts	Pineapple v Belly
Barb v Nomads	Waterloo Sun. v Gray Monks
Atletico v Old Itonians	Ovalytes v London Scot.

Week 13 - 2007-01-15

Aldersgate v Atletico	Gray Monks v Accrington Cyl.
Allsorts v Barb	Ovalytes v Pineapple
Broken Hearts v Telstars	London Scot. v Rosslyn Park
Old Itonians v Nomads	Belly v Waterloo Sun.

Week 14 - 2007-01-22

Nomads v Atletico	Gray Monks v London Scot.
Aldersgate v Broken Hearts	Belly v Ovalytes
Allsorts v Old Itonians	Pineapple v Rosslyn Park
Barb v Telstars	Accrington Cyl. v Waterloo Sun.

Week 15 - 2007-01-29 - Free week, positions calculated.

Week 16 - 2007-02-12 - P1 v P4, P2 v P3, P5 v P8, P6 v P7

Week 17 - 2007-02-19 - P3 v P1, P4 v P2, P7 v P5, P8 v P6

Week 18 - 2007-02-26 - P1 v P2, P3 v P4, P5 v P6, P7 v P8

Blockbuster Quiz

Rumour has it that the next major quiz by Olav Bjortmont (Broken Hearts) is due for launch soon or will have already been launched when you read this. This will be the 4th in the series, following the Monster, Colossus and Behemoth. Check out: thequizblogger.blogspot.com

Congratulations

... to Katie Bramall of Pineapple who advanced to the next stage of Mastermind. Answering questions on Erasure, Katie scored 17 with no passes and a grand total of 27 to win her heat.

... to Jesse Honey (Broken Hearts) for his excellent victory at a quiz tournament in Oxford in October.

... to Kevin Ashman (Allsorts) for his victory at Round 10 of QU12 2007 in Kent.

Charity Quiz Night 2008

This season's Charity Quiz Night will be held at The Counting House on Tuesday, 5th February 2008. The charity supported will be the Royal London Society for the Blind www.RLSB.org.uk. Tables will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis with forms going out in the near future. BBC News 24's Chris Lowe will again be hosting.



Quiz Leagues

A service exists to match quizzers with quiz leagues around the country. 123quiz.net/w/QL lists nearly 200 organisations running team quiz competitions. The site aims to increase participation with and communication between leagues up and down the country and has already matched dozens of quizzers with leagues.



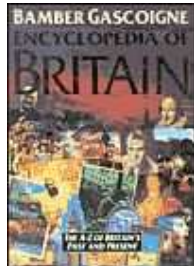
Quiz

- 1) What is special about mountain Gangkhar Puensum?
- 2) Who wrote the black comic novel, London Fields?
- 3) What charity that assists elderly people is also the title of a song by Pulp?
- 4) In which two countries will Euro 2012 take place?
- 5) What is the westernmost borough in Greater London?
- 6) In 1872 who became the first woman to be presented with the Freedom of the City of London?
- 7) For whom did Bernard Bee coin a famous nickname at the first battle of Bull Run?
- 8) How was Michael Van Wijk better known in a game show of the 1990s?
- 9) What is the administrative capital of Sri Lanka?
- 10) Who appeared in 12 films and a TV series for over 20 years wearing the same coat?

Answers in the "A Quiz" section on www.QLL.org.uk

Sourcing books

Books can be hard to find. With the Internet, it's much easier than it was years ago. Here are a few tips that have yielded copies of Bamber Gascoigne's Encyclopedia of Britain (ISBN: 0028971426), and John Smith's How to Win Any Pub Quiz (ISBN: 0851126456) amongst others:



- Find the ISBN in Google and search on it. This can reveal many different sellers from all around the world.
- Many rare book search tools exist. bookfinder.com is one, but there are loads more.
- Use the "save a search" tool on eBay so they can mail you when someone is selling the book.
- To save money when buying in a timed auction, bid what you're prepared to pay very very late (e.g. 15 seconds to go). This is called sniping and reduces the probability of someone out-bidding you after your bid.
- Avoid ninja-bidding (bidding an outrageous amount late in the auction to secure a purchase). This can back-fire disastrously if someone else is ninja-bidding.

Contestant Calls

Many opportunities exist to appear on television and radio quiz and game shows. Here are some e-mail and web addresses to obtain application forms.

BrainBox: brainbox@bbc.co.uk

Duel: www.gallowgatetv.com/contestants

Mastermind: www.bbc.co.uk/mastermind

Weakest Link: weakestlink@bbc.co.uk

For more calls and information: www.ukgameshows.com

Thursday night buzzer quiz

A quiz takes place in Skype on Thursday nights at 10pm. Players from around the UK take part, and the field often includes Who Wants To Be A Millionaire, Mastermind and Brain of Britain winner Pat Gibson. You don't need a microphone/speaker as we just use the chat facility. You can download Skype from www.skype.com - once done, adding the username will_jones (including the underscore) will enable me to add you to the room at the time.



Quiz in the News

Alan Coren

Writer and frequent panel game contributor Alan Coren has died from cancer at the age of 69. Coren was a regular panellist on The News Quiz and a team captain on the 90s/00s revival of Call My Bluff.



Ladies please!

Mastermind is to advertise in women's magazines in an effort to encourage more female applicants. At present only a quarter of applicants are female, and no woman has won the title since Anne Ashurst in 1997.



Ned Sherrin

The original and long-serving host of Counterpoint, has died of complications from throat cancer. He was 76.



50/50

Who Wants to be a Millionaire? bosses have created a spin-off show based on the 50/50 lifeline. Called 50/50, surprisingly enough, the quiz will see pairs of contestants competing for big cash prizes by accepting or rejecting alternative answers to questions.

Game over for ITV Play

ITV has announced that its phone-in quiz programming on ITV1 + ITV2 is to be axed by the end of the year. The company's executive chairman, Michael Grade, announced the decision.

Boyle goes Bollywood

Trainspotting director Danny Boyle is to base his forthcoming movie on the Indian version of hit TV quiz show Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Based on a true story, Slumdog Millionaire, will shoot in Mumbai from a script by Simon Beaufoy, who penned The Full Monty.

Submissions

Submissions / text / ideas / quizzes for inclusion in future issues are welcome, please get in touch. By way of a declaration of interests, I should note that I am involved with the running/editing of UKGameshows.com (used as a source for news) and 123quiz.net

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