

# The Quiz League of London

# Team Times

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## Welcome

Welcome to the February edition of Team Times. The second issue of this newsletter is normally published at the time of the Charity Quiz Night. This year, that takes place on 16 March in aid of Talking Newspapers UK.



## Team Photos



**Gray Monks** (Will Jones, Peter Ediss, Mark Cooper, Paul Sinha)  
We'd like team photos for all the team pages on the website. To submit yours, send it to [mail@QLL.org.uk](mailto:mail@QLL.org.uk)

## 2009-2010 Season update

Nomads led Division 1 prior to the Christmas break, but the title now looks to be a fight between Broken Hearts and Pericardium.

Division 1		P	W	D	L	Avg	B	Pts
1	<b>Pericardium</b>	18	15	2	1	51.17	8	<b>72</b>
2	<b>Broken Hearts</b>	17	14	1	2	52.53	12	<b>70</b>
3	<b>Nomads</b>	17	12	2	3	50.53	11	<b>63</b>
4	<b>Atletico</b>	17	11	1	5	48.59	7	<b>53</b>
5	<b>Old Itonians</b>	17	9	2	6	45.88	9	<b>49</b>
6	<b>Allsorts</b>	17	10	1	6	47.88	4	<b>46</b>
7	<b>Telstars</b>	18	7	0	11	42.11	5	<b>33</b>
8	<b>Pineapple</b>	18	4	1	13	38.44	4	<b>22</b>
9	<b>Barb</b>	17	4	1	12	38.41	3	<b>21</b>
10	<b>Waterloo Sunset</b>	17	2	0	15	37.47	1	<b>9</b>
11	<b>Five Bells</b>	17	1	1	15	37.94	1	<b>7</b>

Division 2		P	W	D	L	Avg	B	Pts
1	<b>Gray Monks</b>	17	15	0	2	49.29	8	<b>68</b>
2	<b>Banana Splits</b>	17	13	1	3	44.06	3	<b>57</b>
3	<b>Eclectics</b>	18	11	0	7	40.39	4	<b>48</b>
4	<b>Rosslyn Park</b>	17	11	0	6	40.18	4	<b>48</b>
5	<b>Accies</b>	17	11	0	6	38.24	2	<b>46</b>
6	<b>Sons of the Dessert</b>	18	8	1	9	38.83	5	<b>39</b>
7	<b>Ovalytes</b>	17	7	0	10	38.88	4	<b>32</b>
8	<b>Mealy Bugs</b>	17	7	0	10	38.88	3	<b>31</b>
9	<b>Outcasts</b>	17	5	1	11	34.29	6	<b>28</b>
10	<b>London Scottish</b>	18	3	0	15	30.28	1	<b>13</b>
11	<b>Wharfside</b>	17	2	1	14	30.47	2	<b>12</b>

## 2009-2010 President's Cup update

The title is between Sussex and Oxford who meet each other on 28 February.



Table	P	W	D	L	2s	Pts
1 <b>Sussex</b>	8	6	0	2	93	<b>12</b>
2 <b>Oxford</b>	8	5	1	2	67	<b>11</b>
3 <b>London</b>	8	4	0	4	87	<b>8</b>
4 <b>Beds &amp; Herts</b>	8	4	0	4	81	<b>8</b>
5 <b>Mastermind Club</b>	8	3	1	4	104	<b>7</b>
6 <b>Cambridge</b>	8	1	0	7	67	<b>2</b>

## 2009-2010 Ashman Trophy table

Olav Bjortomt will take some catching, but the gap has narrowed since the winter break. The division 2 top average chase is a straight fight between the dickie birds.

Player	Team	P	Avg	2sA	2sB	Max
1 <b>Olav Bjortomt</b>	Broken H	10	15.8	<b>6.20</b>	8	21
2 <b>Jesse Honey</b>	Broken H	13	16.08	<b>5.92</b>	7	22
3 <b>Gavin Fuller</b>	Allsorts	16	19.19	<b>5.88</b>	8	26
4 <b>Kevin Ashman</b>	Allsorts	12	17.92	<b>5.83</b>	8	22
5 <b>Robert Willer</b>	Atletico	16	15.94	<b>5.50</b>	7	19
6 <b>Peter Ediss</b>	Gray Monks	17	15.06	<b>5.35</b>	8	21
7 <b>William De Ath</b>	Atletico	17	13.76	<b>5.29</b>	8	20
8 <b>Paul Sinha</b>	Gray Monks	12	14.58	<b>5.25</b>	7	19
9 <b>David Stainer</b>	Pericardium	17	16.53	<b>5.18</b>	7	20
10 <b>Mick Lancaster</b>	Five Bells	16	17.5	<b>4.94</b>	7	22
11 <b>Paul Steeples</b>	Nomads	15	13.53	<b>4.87</b>	7	16
12 <b>David Lea</b>	Nomads	17	13.47	<b>4.71</b>	8	19

## 2009-2010 Team 2s% table

Team	D	FA	AA	+/-A	2s%	Max	1st
1 <b>Broken Hearts</b>	1	52.53	41.06	11.47	<b>60.48</b>	65	10
2 <b>Nomads</b>	1	50.53	43.53	7.00	<b>56.80</b>	58	1
3 <b>Atletico</b>	1	48.59	44.47	4.12	<b>56.25</b>	59	9
4 <b>Gray Monks</b>	2	49.29	36.24	13.06	<b>54.60</b>	62	8
5 <b>Pericardium</b>	1	51.17	40.22	10.94	<b>53.47</b>	57	11
6= <b>Allsorts</b>	1	47.88	43.41	4.47	<b>48.35</b>	64	7
6= <b>Old Itonians</b>	1	45.88	44.35	1.53	<b>48.35</b>	53	10
8 <b>Telstars</b>	1	42.11	44.28	-2.17	<b>41.32</b>	54	9
9 <b>Rosslyn Park</b>	2	40.18	38.29	1.88	<b>39.52</b>	45	10
10 <b>Banana Splits</b>	2	44.06	34.88	9.18	<b>38.97</b>	60	7

## Seat analysis

The seat analysis shows the order from best to worst in terms of points scored compared with points predicted based on averages to be: 1A, 3B, 2A, 4A, 4B, 2B, 3A, 1B. Ignoring whether a team goes 1st or 2nd in the match shows Seat 3 to be the best followed by 2, 1 and 4 in that order. It has also been slightly more lucrative (on average) to go 1st rather than 2nd (worth 0.04 2s per player per game). These statistics change from week to week and depend on the division, but the calculation is designed to eliminate bias.



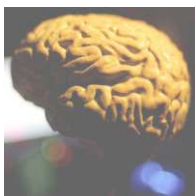
## Number Cruncher

The software used to generate the statistics, records and analysis found above and on the website is available to quiz leagues who wish to make use of it. It also compiles league tables. If this is of interest to you or a contact in another quiz league, please let us know:

[www.QLL.org.uk/w/QLL:Numbers](http://www.QLL.org.uk/w/QLL:Numbers)

## Brain of Britain

Brain of Britain concluded on Monday 1 February with a massive victory for Ian Bayley (Broken Hearts, Oxford). Having dominated his heat with 33 points versus two 10s and a 7 from his opponents, he managed a narrow semi-final victory (19 v 18, 17 & 6) before another 23 point margin to win the final with 32 against a remarkable three 9s by David Clark, Rob Hannah and Anne Hegerty.



## Mastermind

Several QLLers have appeared in the ongoing and protracted series of Mastermind that is nearing the end of the heats. Mark Grant (Broken Hearts, Masterminders) won with Edouard Manet 17&0+10&2=27&2. Ian Orriss (The Banana Splits and Sussex) won with The first Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem 16&1+11&3=27&4. William de'Ath (Atletico) was 2nd with The Life and Works of Kurt Vonnegut 15&1+10&3=25&4 and may sneak a runner-up place. Jesse Honey (Broken Hearts) won with The London Borough of Wandsworth 14&2+13&1=27&3, and Andy Crane was 2nd with The Summer Olympics 1968 to 1988 14&1+9&2=23&3. The series is also noteworthy for the record low score by Kajen Thuraaisingham on The Life of Mustafa 'Ataturk' Kemal 4&4+1&7=5&11.

## Masoquizm 3

The QLL was represented in four of the eight teams at the third re-running of the US National Academic Quiz Tournaments (NAQT) Intercollegiate Championship in the UK - titled Masoquizm 3 and organised by Rob Linham. It was won by Broken Hearts (Ian Bayley, Olav Bjortomt, Sean Carey, Mark Grant, Jesse Honey and David Prevezer) who beat Milhous Warriors (Kevin Ashman, Pat Gibson, Tim Westcott and Brian Wilkins) in the final. David Brewis (Pineapple), Kathryn Johnson and David Stainer featured in the Pericardium and Friends team who finished 3rd, while Gray Monks (Mike Abbott, Paul Sinha, Will Jones, Mark Kerr and James Webb) finished 7th. In the hotly-contested quest for the Flakes for the most -5s for incorrect interruptions to starters, Paul Sinha's 16 negs in 14 games won him the title but not the prize as he had departed to be funny in Reading.

In terms of points per 20 starter questions heard, Kevin Ashman finished comfortably top. (QLL-related in bold):

Player	Team	PP20
1 <b>Kevin Ashman</b>	Milhous Warriors	51.49
2 Pat Gibson	Milhous Warriors	29.80
3 <b>Jesse Honey</b>	<b>Broken Hearts</b>	29.19
4 Toby Cox	Box of Frogs	28.62
5 <b>Ian Bayley</b>	<b>Broken Hearts</b>	28.36
6 Luke Pitcher	<b>Pericardium+</b>	27.43
7 <b>Olav Bjortomt</b>	<b>Broken Hearts</b>	24.87
8 <b>Mark Grant</b>	<b>Broken Hearts</b>	24.71
9 <b>Kathryn Johnson</b>	<b>Pericardium+</b>	23.67
10 Ken Owen	Oxford B	21.17

Details: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/BuzzerQuiz/167656979475>  
[http://www.naqt.com/stats/tournament-teams.jsp?tournament\\_id=3228&playoffs=1](http://www.naqt.com/stats/tournament-teams.jsp?tournament_id=3228&playoffs=1)

## Only Connect Champion of Champions

Between Christmas and New Year, BBC4 aired the Only Connect Champion of Champions show featuring the winners of the first two series'. The Crossworders: Ian Bayley, Mark Grant and David Stainer won 33-11 – congratulations to them. Series 3 is currently showing on Monday nights and can be accessed by flipping over to BBC4 after University Challenge.

## Winter Olympics Quiz



1. In which sport did James Foster, Carl Erhardt, Gordon Dailley, Archibald Stinchcombe, Edgar Brenchley, John Coward, James Chappell, Alexander Archer, Gerry Davey, James Borland, Robert Wyman, Arthur Child and John Kilpatrick win a gold medal for Great Britain at the 1936 Winter Olympics in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany?
2. Tony Nash and Robin Dixon won which event at the 1964 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck after being loaned an axle bolt by Italian Eugenio Monti, who finished third but would be given the first De Coubertin Medal for sportsmanship?
3. At the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy, which country finished top of the medal table with 11 gold, 12 silver and 6 bronze? They had also finished top at Albertville in 1992 and Nagano in 1998.
4. Who won the women's skeleton event at the 2010 Winter Olympics in the Whistler Sliding Centre, Canada?
5. Apart from Eddie Eagan who won a light-heavyweight boxing gold at the 1920 Summer Olympics in Antwerp, and a four-man bobsleigh gold at the 1932 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, who is the only person to win a gold medal at both the Summer and Winter Olympic Games?
6. Alexandre Bilodeau won the first Olympic gold medal for Canada in Canada when he won which Freestyle skiing event at the 2010 Winter Olympics?
7. Which American won the Men's halfpipe snowboarding event at the 2010 Winter Olympics at Cypress Mountain. Hitting a 46.8 in run 1 of the final he had already secured the gold medal, but performed his second run anyway, successfully completing a double McTwist 1260 and improving on his initial score with 48.4?
8. It was the first Winter Olympics to be held without the Summer Olympics in the same year, and they are notable for being the last Winter Olympic Games to date to be held in a small town. At which year's Olympics did Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, ice dancing champions from ten years earlier, compete again, this time winning bronze?
9. Originally referred to as L and S, for "Large" and "Small"; L took offence at this and changed her designation to A, with S commonly being referred to as B, although with August and September as their birth months, A and S designations are perhaps more fitting. Which Chinese Olympic-medalist short-track speed skaters are these?
10. For which country did Didier Dégano win the Men's Downhill on the Dave Murray Downhill course at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Whistler, British Columbia? Stéphane Lambiel, having scandalously been given an oblong flag to wave for the country at the opening ceremony.

Answers: [www.QLL.org.uk/w/QLL:Quizzes](http://www.QLL.org.uk/w/QLL:Quizzes)

## Contestant Calls

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## The end bit...

Items, ideas and quizzes for inclusion in future issues are welcome.

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