

KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS 2024–2025

Updated Friday 18 April 2025

This season's knockout competitions will use a new format: a group qualifying stage followed by 'normal' semi-finals and finals. Knockout games will continue to use randomly chosen, unpaired questions; matches will still be handicapped using average league scores from the 2023-24 season.

The new format has a number of benefits:

All teams (except one) will now play a minimum of five and a maximum of six knockout matches during the season, with the exception playing four times. Under the previous format some teams played just one game and even the winners may have played as few as three.

The season, which has shrunk as we have lost teams over recent years, will be extended to accommodate the additional knockout fixtures.

*Setting of questions will be more equitable: every team will set half-a-quiz on a group stage bye week, and three teams will have to set on **both** bye weeks.*

Each team has been allocated randomly to a three-team qualifying group. Each team will play the other two teams in its group twice, home and away.

The Dave Badley Cup semi-finals will be contested by the group winners and the best of the runners-up – to be determined by group points and then by average score (including handicap) if level on points. The Plate semi-finals will be between the other two runners-up and the two best third-placed teams. The third-placed team with the worst record will be eliminated and will set the questions for the semi-finals. Questions for the Dave Badley Cup and Plate finals will, as now, be set by the finalists in the 'other' competition.

Semi-finals

Thursday 17 April 2025

Dave Badley Cup

Smart Alex (+0)	68 - 70	Alexandra (+5)
Tiviot (+11)	74 - 71	Swan w. Two Necks (+28)

Plate

Swan & Railway (+4)	79 - 74	HMRUFC (+19)
Griffin (+22)	88 - 77	Armoury (+17)

Finals

(to be played at [Our Lady's Club](#))

Thursday 8 May 2025

Questions by finalists

Dave Badley Cup

Tiviot (+11) v Alexandra (+5)

Plate

Swan & Railway (+4) v Griffin (+22)

Qualifying Group A

Table

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Avge	Pts
Swan w. Two Necks (+28)	4	2	0	2	299	300	74.75	4
Griffin (+22)	4	2	0	2	285	292	71.25	4
Swan & Railway (+4)	4	2	0	2	280	272	70.00	4

Fixtures/Results

Week 1 Thursday 17 October 2024

Swan & Railway (+4) 66 - 73 Swan With Two Necks (+28)

Bye: Griffin

Questions by: Griffin and Smart Alex

Week 2 Thursday 14 November 2024

Swan With Two Necks (+28) 87 - 73 Griffin (+22)

Bye: Swan & Railway

Questions by: Swan & Railway and Armoury

Week 3 Thursday 12 December 2025

Griffin (+22) 66 - 58 Swan & Railway (+4)

Bye: Swan With Two Necks

Questions by: Swan With Two Necks and HMRUFC

Week 4 Thursday 23 January 2025

Swan With Two Necks (+28) v Swan & Railway (+4)

Bye: Griffin

Questions by: Alexandra and Smart Alex

Week 5 Thursday 27 February 2025

Griffin (+22) 80 - 72 Swan With Two Necks (+28)

Bye: Swan & Railway

Questions by: Tiviot and Armoury

Week 6 Thursday 27 March 2025

Swan & Railway (+4) 75 - 66 Griffin (+22)

Bye: Swan With Two Necks

Questions by: Swan With Two Necks and S&C Fliers

Qualifying Group B

Table

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Avge	Pts
Tiviot (+11)	4	3	0	1	271	255	67.75	6
Smart Alex (+0)	4	2	1	1	269	254	67.25	5
S&C Fliers (+16)	4	0	1	3	259	290	64.75	1

Fixtures/Results

Week 1 Thursday 17 October 2024

Tiviot (+11) 74 - 57 S&C Fliers (+16)

Bye: Smart Alex

Questions by: Smart Alex and Griffin

Week 2 Thursday 14 November 2024

Smart Alex (+0) 72 - 72 S&C Fliers (+16)

Bye: Tiviot

Questions by: Swan & Railway and Armoury

Week 3 Thursday 12 December 2025

Smart Alex (+0) 58 - 63 Tiviot (+11)

Bye: S&C Fliers

Questions by: Swan With Two Necks and HMRUFC

Week 4 Thursday 23 January 2025

S&C Fliers (+16) 68 - 77 Tiviot (+11)

Bye: Smart Alex

Questions by: Alexandra and Smart Alex

Week 5 Thursday 27 February 2025

S&C Fliers (+16) 62 - 67 Smart Alex (+0)

Bye: Tiviot

Questions by: Tiviot and Armoury

Week 6 Thursday 27 March 2025

Tiviot (+11) 57 - 72 Smart Alex (+0)

Bye: S&C Fliers

Questions by: Swan With Two Necks and S&C Fliers

Qualifying Group C

Table

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Avge	Pts
Alexandra (+5)	4	2	0	2	280	265	70.00	4
Armoury (+17)	4	2	0	2	279	267	69.75	4
HMRUFC (+19)	4	2	0	2	271	298	67.75	4

Fixtures/Results

Week 1 Thursday 17 October 2024

Armoury (+17) 57 - 66 HMRUFC (+19)

Bye: Alexandra

Questions by: Smart Alex and Griffin

Week 2 Thursday 14 November 2024

HMRUFC (+19) 63 - 84 Alexandra (+5)

Bye: Armoury

Questions by: Swan & Railway and Armoury

Week 3 Thursday 12 December 2025

Armoury (+17) 62 - 65 Alexandra (+5)

Bye: HMRUFC

Questions by: Swan With Two Necks and HMRUFC

Week 4 Thursday 23 January 2025

HMRUFC (+19) 70 - 92 Armoury (+17)

Bye: Alexandra

Questions by: Alexandra and Smart Alex

Week 5 Thursday 27 February 2025

Alexandra (+5) 65 - 72 HMRUFC (+19)

Bye: Armoury

Questions by: Tiviot and Armoury

Week 6 Thursday 27 March 2025

Alexandra (+5) 66 - 68 Armoury (+17)

Bye: HMRUFC

Questions by: Swan With Two Necks and S&C Fliers

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