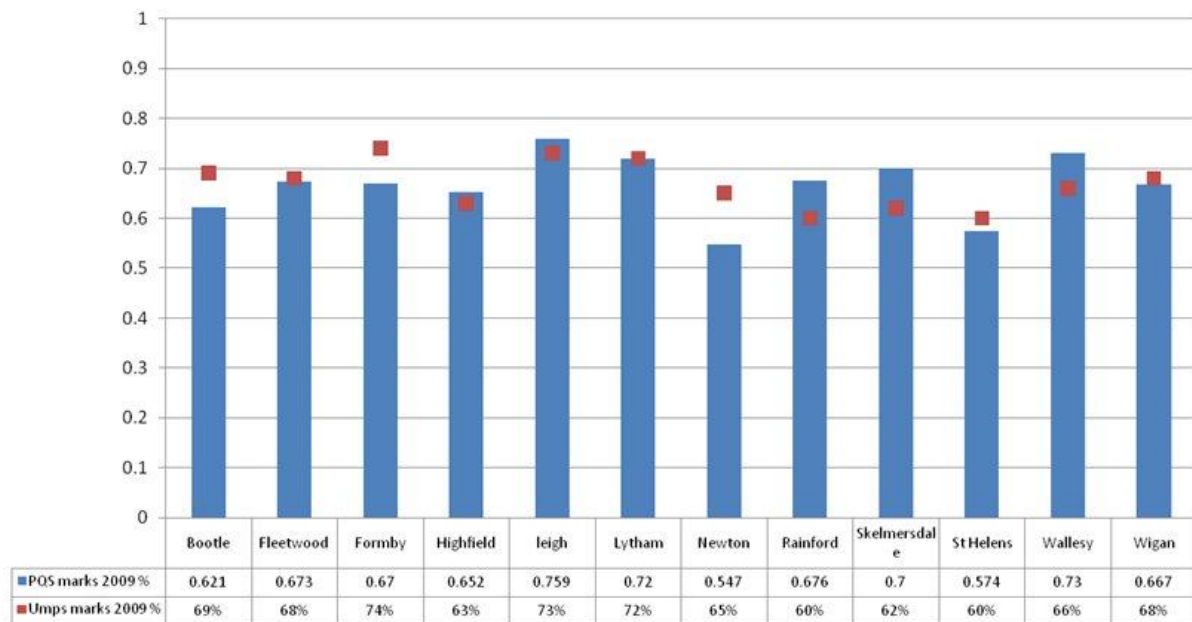


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Club members will recall the presentation held at the start of the season explaining the IOG/ECB PQS system of ground assessments, and the Management Committee's decision to include all full member clubs in a two year assessment programme to be largely funded by ECB.

We also arranged a presentation to the MCUA on the pitch assessment system which ECB has developed over recent years. The Management Committee told MCUA that this system was to be used by umpires when completing their report cards. The system involves the grading of the pitch for consistency of bounce, seam movement, spin and carry. Details can be viewed on this website in Admin Documents>Umpires Forms.

Fourteen clubs were selected for 2009 assessments but unfortunately two clubs had to be postponed until next year. The results for nine of the twelve clubs with completed assessments have been received and details will be forwarded to club secretaries/ground chairmen. However, we have received the overall PQS scores for all twelve and these have been compared with the averaged pitch assessments made by the MCUA umpires after each match. The graph of these results is available on Club & Ground>Reports (Page 2)>PQS Results 2009 and generally shows good correlation between the two assessment systems.

All the assessments give pitches as 'above average' with a few reaching 'good'. Clubs and their ground staff are to be congratulated on these results and my thanks also go to all the MCUA umpires for taking their reporting duties seriously.

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