

## Knockout Cup Final Report

The 2018 Knockout Cup Final was played at the Carnfield Club between the top two sides in the Premier Division, the Staff of Life and the Out of Town.

The Sutton side set and were labouring with just 51 on the scoreboard for nine players until captain Peewee Richardson scored what proved to be the highest three ball score of the night knocking over 15 pins. The Out of Town responded well with 45 scored by the first six players but then a “one” put the Ripley side under pressure and they just managed to match the target score of 66 when Steve North scored eight playing as the anchor man.

The Out of Town then suffered under the pressure setting only 48 in the second leg. An easy target ... you would have thought, but as so often is the case when chasing a low total, that the responding team possibly thought the target too easy and they struggled big time, just managing to match the 48. There were 17 missed balls in this leg, which just shows that even the top two teams in the whole league are human and can score totals that can be beaten.

However the two drawn legs were as close to winning a leg as the Out of Town got as the Staff won both the next two legs 69 to 60 and 59 to 55, with even a stick up from Mick Yeomans of 11 not being enough of a contribution.

So overall, with two drawn legs and two winning legs, the Staff of Life became Knockout Cup Champions for 2018.