

## Report - Knockout Cup Round Two June 4<sup>th</sup>

The Beehive are the sole representatives left from Division Two in the Knockout Cup following this week's second round matches. The Ripley team beat the Black Bulls Head away from home to clinch a place in the Quarter Finals.

The Honeypot won at the Travellers Rest. After losing heavily in the first leg, the Ripley side chased 62 and after a poor start they finished with four 8's to just win the second. In the final leg they set 67 which the home side failed to attain, leaving the Honeypot to join their landlords (the Beehive) in the next round.

The match of the round was at the Staff of Life where the home side just managed to beat the Boot & Slipper. However it was the visitors who started the better, setting 66, which beat the chasing Staff's 65. Then the home side set 69 which the Boot fell 12 pins short of matching. In the final leg the Boot must have been happy to set 74 including a 15 pin stick up from Tony Lowe. But the Sutton side started with a 12 themselves from Peewee Richardson and then went on to score 77 to break the hearts of the Division One team. The pair will meet again in the Sunday Cup Quarter Finals, a tie which both sides must be relishing. But this game is on the Boot & Slipper's alley.

There were easy two leg wins for the Out of Town, versus the Gate and the Black Boy, versus the Crossings Club where J Jenkins scored a 13 pin stick up and the Jolly Colliers beat Division Two leaders White Hart to see the Bargate side lose their first ever match in the Ripley League.

The Victoria won the first leg at the Carnfield Club, albeit by a single pin, but the Premier Division side came back to win the next two.

Finally the Village Inn perhaps surprisingly won away at the Red Lion as the Marehay side are certainly making their presence known this season.