

Match 8 Report

With a third of the season now gone, all three divisions are seeing recent changes to earlier form. None less so than the Station in Division One and the Beehive in Division Two.

The Station are the only team in the League to have won their last three matches seven nil and are quickly rising up the table. This week saw the Westhouses side beat the luckless Keys who themselves scored more pins than any other away side in the Division. However both the Sunnyside Club and Boot & Slipper still head the table and both sides have yet to lose this season. This week, both sides had narrow away wins, the Boot at the Victoria and the Sunnyside Club at the Black Boy where the home side scored 183 pins yet only picked up three points. The French Horn won 4-3 at the Black Bulls Head whilst the Langley Mill MW, now relocated to the Heanor Conservative Club, won 6-1 against the Alfreton Town SC, knocking over 187 pins in the process.

Following on from their cup success the previous night, the Beehive had an easy 7-0 win against the Thorn Tree whilst registering the top total pin score in the division this week with 183. This takes the Ripley team past the Somercotes Snooker Club into second place. The Snooker Club dropped two points whilst winning away at the George as did the White Hart who retain top place despite losing a leg at the Crossings Club. Both S Collington and R Fretwell of the George scored 12 pin stick ups whilst S Beardmore of the White Hart top scored in their match with 27 pins from his three legs. The Eclipse registered nine "ducks" as they lost at the Westhouses Social Club and the Moulders continue winning ways by beating the Devonshire, but this was only by two pins overall.

In the Premier Division, no side are having it their own way as every team in the division won at least one leg this week. Even the Jacksdale SC who are at the foot of the table came close to upsetting league leaders Staff of Life and if they had scored just two more pins they would have done just that. Having drawn the first leg, the Staff edged the second 54-52 but then the home side won the last 61-60 but lost 170-169 on overall pins, so the final score was 4-3 to the Sutton side.

It was also mightily close in Marehay where the Village Inn hosted the Heanor Labour Club, with the away side just edging it. Both sides scored 173 pins each, with the leg scores 59-58, 57-59, 57-56 to the Heanor side. Then the extra point went to the Labour Club winning 28-24 on the Ball a man play off.

The highest scores this week were seen at the Red Lion where the home side beat the Miners 4-3. But it was the away side that scored the highest total pins in the division with 184, whereas the Red scored the highest single leg with 72. There were a couple of excellent individual performances in the game as T Pearson of the Miners scored 28 including a 13 pin stick up and E Jones of the Red Lion scored 26 including a 13 pin stick up. Also this week, the Out of Town were back to winning ways with a victory at the Gate and the Carnfield continue to impress by beating the Honeypot.

The draw for the singles, pairs and fives took place this week and these can be seen on the website.