

Week 14

Never Been Seen Before!

What a match! Top of the Premier League, the Staff of Life visited the top Ripley side the Out of Town and neither side won a leg! What happened was that all three legs were drawn. Has this ever been done? Nothing stands in the records for this, so very possibly not! It was only the inevitable ball a man played which gave the Out of Town the edge to win 4-3. In some leagues, a drawn leg would have resulted in a ball a man for each leg which would have made it possibly the longest ever match played over three legs. Despite this loss, the Staff of Life remain at the top of the table after second placed Heanor Labour Club recorded the lowest overall score in the top league this week scoring only 157 at the Gate who cruised to a 6-1. This should have been a 7-0 scoreline but the Gate crumbled on the last leg to only score 54 which drew the leg. It was also a bad day at the office for the Village who dropped to fourth after a thumping at the Miners where Brian Flint score 25 with an 11 pin stick up. The Red Lion were on form, top scoring the whole league, this week, over three legs with an impressive 208 pins. Also the Carnfield Club beat the Travellers 5-2, helped by A Cornwell who scored 26 including an 11 pin stick up. This included one leg of 77. But credit to the Honeygot who managed to salvage one leg and took 2 points out of the 7 on offer. There were two 12 pin stick ups in the Prem this week, for C Fuller of the Out of Town and S O Neill of the Carnfield Club.

In Division One this week Rob Purser of the Boot & Slipper scored the highest 9 ball total of the week when he scored 28 including a 13 pin stick up as his side won 5-2 at The Keys. The home side did score 69 in the last leg to win two points including a 14 from S McAndrew. This defeat saw The Keys return to the bottom of the division as the Alfreton Town Supporters Club won 6-1 at the Black Bulls Head. The French Horn could only manage one point from tying the first leg at the Station with the home side winning the next two. The Victoria won the middle leg by just a single pin as they lost to the Jolly Colliers 5-2, whilst the Conservative Club continue to impress beating the Black Boy 7-0, totalling 193 pins on the night. The top three ball score in this division was by J Straw with a 14 for the French Horn.

The White Hart have gone 8 points clear at the top of Division Two as they beat a spirited Beehive 5-2 and overall only by 5 pins in Ripley. Their total of 169 pins was only beaten in the division by the Somercotes Snooker Club, scoring 176, who remain second despite a comfortable 7-0 win at the Eclipse. Although the home side are still hanging on in despite only having eight players on the night and were helped by the landlord of the Tip Inn Shaun Pidcock who fired an impressive 14 pin stick up for the Loscoe side. There were also home wins for the Kings Arms (7-0 v the Dev) and the Crossings Club (just edging out the George 5-2) and a good win for the Moulders winning 5-2 at the Westhouses Social Club to stay in fourth spot.

On Monday it was the Quarter Finals of the Knockout Cup. There were comfortable two leg victories for the Out of Town and the Staff of Life, beating lower league sides Black Boy and Beehive and the Carnfield Club came from one leg down at the Honeygot to win 4-2 to earn themselves a place in the semi finals. The final tie saw the Village Inn play the Jolly Colliers. Both teams won one leg apiece with one leg tied, leading to a ball a man play off for the match. It was the Marehay side that just outscored the Colliers to progress. This week sees the Pairs Competition First Round on Monday and the usual round of League fixtures on Tuesday.