

Match 9 Report

After a sluggish start to the season the Heanor Labour Club showed just what they can achieve as they not only beat the Staff of Life on their own alley, they did so scoring the highest total pins in the League this week (205 pins). In fact it could have been better if the Club's last leg performance matched their first two, but the Sutton team scored 73 which couldn't be topped by Heanor.

Jacksdale Social Club showed a marked improvement as they knocked over 191 pins, yet even this was not enough to win the game at the Travellers Rest, where the home side won 4-3 including a leg of 70. The Village were back to winning ways, beating the Honeypot 5-2, however they may be ultimately disappointed, having won the first two legs. The Miners continue to impress with a comprehensive 7-0 win against the Gate and jump two places in the table. In the final game in the division, the Red Lion won at the Carnfield Club 6-1. With two games to go to the half way stage, top place is shared between the Out of Town and the Staff of Life with the Red Lion 3 points back in third and the Heanor Labour Club 6 points behind the leaders in fourth.

In Division One, the Jolly Colliers played two games this week, taking 12 points in total to rise to joint fourth. Both the joint divisional leaders, Sunnyside Club and Boot & Slipper won 7-0, but neither of these sides were top scorers in the division this week. This honour went to the Black Boy who won 7-0 away to the unfortunate Alfreton Town SC. If only the Heage side could find some more consistency, then they would surely be challenging at the top. The Langley Mill MW (HCC) won 7-0 at the Three Horse Shoes, who themselves are a credit to the league, continuing with short numbers but big hearts. Having been the most consistent over the last few weeks, it was back down to earth for the Station who came a cropper at the Black Bulls Head, who climbed two places in the table with a 6-1 win over the Westhouses side. As in the Premier Division, this division is led by two teams, with the French Horn, who continue to fail to impress, in third. The top three must all be looking over their shoulders as the Langley Mill MW (HCC) and the Jolly Colliers on the rise and the Station and Black Boy also still having hopes of promotion.

In Division Two, it was a great match at the Devonshire as they took on the Thorn Tree. The Dev won the first leg by just two pins and then lost the next two by three pins as the Waingroves team took 5 points from the game. The Eclipse were so close to taking a leg off the Crossings Club but the away side just did enough to take all seven points. The Westhouses SC outscored the Kings Arms but lost 4-3, whereas the Somercotes Snooker Club were untroubled as they won their seventh league game on the trot against the Moulders.

With the result yet to be submitted by the White Hart in their home game with the George, the Snooker Club sit at the top of the table and even at this early stage in the season it looks as though the only three teams that will challenge for the title are the Snooker Club, the White Hart and the Beehive.