

## Match 7 Report

In the absence of the Premier league leaders Staff of Life playing this week, this gave the opportunity for second place Out of Town to leapfrog the Sutton side. But although they did, they must be disappointed after a 4-3 reversal against third placed side Red Lion. It was a fairly high scoring affair with the Out of Town scoring one leg of 73 and another leg was tied at 70 all. Star of the night was E Jones of the Red Lion who scored 26 including a 14 pin stick up. But top scorers this week by a big margin were the Labour Club who were the only team in the League to score more than 200 pins. Underachieving so far this season, the Heanor side knocked down 214 pins without a stick up but even this wasn't enough to take 7 points at the Honeypot. The home side had started well winning the first leg but subsequent legs of 70 and 79 gave Heanor 5 points. The Travellers Rest and the Miners also scored highly against the Gate and Carnfield Club respectively but also had to settle for 5-2 victories. Finally in the Premier Division, this week saw the first 7-0 victory this season for the Village Inn who beat bottom side Jacksdale Social Club, who can count themselves unlucky at coming away from Marehay without a point as the home side only won by two pins in each of the first two legs.

In Division One the gap at the top closed to one point as the Sunnyside Club dropped a leg at home to the Langley Mill MW whereas the Boot & Slipper won with the maximum seven points at home to the Black Boy including one leg of 65 pins. However third placed French Horn were surprisingly beaten at home by the Victoria who showed the form of last season when they took the Division Two title by winning 5-2. For the second week running both the Station and The Keys won, something that can't happen next week as the two meet.

Division One sides should note that the Langley Mill MW have relocated to now play at the Heanor Conservative Club for the rest of the season due to the Welfare closing.

The game in Division Two, this week, where the most pins were scored was at the Kings Arms, where Ben Murfin of the Beehive top scored with 26 helping his side to a 5-2 victory. Although it would have been a different result had Kings Arms scored just one more pin as they went down 58 -57 in the final leg. The Moulders Arms jumped two places in the league after a fine 5-2 win at the Thorn Tree and they join the Waingroves side in joint fourth place on 26 points. However at the top it is still the Somercotes and Bargate battle, as both the Snooker Club and the White Hart won their matches 7-0. In the final game the Devonshire continued their trend of only performing against sides towards the foot of the table as, following on from them beating the Westhouses Social Club and the Eclipse, they beat the George 7-0.

Next week sees the second round of the Knockout Cup played on Monday as well as a full list of League Fixtures played on Tuesday.