

Match 10 Report

The Langley Mill MW (aka Heanor Conservative Club) excelled this week as they scored the top three leg score in the division this season. They scored 199 pins against The Keys who struggled for numbers and together with the Jolly Colliers (who also won 7-0 this week), they both leapfrogged the French Horn to share third place in Division One. This was because the Codnor team suffered a home defeat against the Sunnyside Club who themselves, won their tenth consecutive league game. The Sunnyside share top spot with the Boot & Slipper who also have won all ten games this season. This week the Boot comfortably beat the Black Bulls Head. In a battle of last seasons promoted teams, it was the Alfreton Town Supporters Club who came out on top at the Victoria. Top individual performance this week in the division was from Andrew Dady who scored 26 including a 13 pin stick up.

In Division Two, the most exciting game was at the Crossings Club where the home side entertained the Kings Arms. In a close contest it was the Crich side who took four points home, whilst the Codnor Park side took three. The White Hart were coasting at the Moulders after winning the first two legs, but then the Riddings side set 64 in the last. The away side started slowly and when they got to the sixth man, they still needed 32 pins from the last four players. They almost achieved this with three eights and a final seven to take one point from the final leg and six points in the match. In total they scored 195 pins which is the top score in the Division this season and the result keeps them at the top. However the Somercotes Snooker Club won their eighth consecutive game, 7-0 at the Thorn Tree, to get ever closer. The Beehive underperformed but still won 7-0 at the Dev and the George Inn beat the Eclipse 7-0, helped in some way by Ian Tallents 12 pin stick up. The honour of top individual divisional performance this week goes to two players from the Moulders. I Bunting scored a 14 pin stick up but K Bunting scored three nines which is a great feat,

The Gate was opened this week as the Swanwick side finally started producing the form that saw them win Division One last year. Led by James Woodthorpe who scored an impressive 30 pins including a stick up of 15, they easily overcame the Red Lion who had previously only lost twice this season. The top two sides both won but neither had it their own way. The Staff of Life won 4-3 at the Honeypot and looked to be heading for maximum points after winning the first two legs. However in the last leg, the Staff set and the last Honeypot player needed seven to take both the last leg and the extra point. He scored six with the first ball, missed with the next and took the valuable one with his final ball to give the 'Pot three points. The Out of Town lost the first leg at bottom side Jacksdale SC but then won the next two to win 5-2. However the in form team at the moment is the Village who are invincible at home. They have won all four games in Marehay this season and this week convincingly won 7-0 versus the Carnfield Club. This puts the Village in joint third together with the Heanor Labour Club who beat the Travellers 5-2.

In the Sunday Cup Quarter Finals, there were two straight leg wins for the Staff of Life, Honeypot and the Somercotes Snooker Club whereas it took the Beehive three legs to win at the Moulders. The draw for the Semi Finals takes place at this week's meeting.

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 Clubs 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 Honeypt 5-2. However they may be ultimately disappointed, having winning the first two legs, whereas 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 Tow 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 better consistency, then they would surely be challenging at the top. The Langley Mill MW 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 and the Jolly Colliers on the rise and the Station and Black Boy also still having hopes on 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 tow by three pins as the Waingroves team took 5 points from the game. The Eclipse were oh 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.