



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report

Friday 18th April

So near to the end of the season and it is all still worth fighting for. Our opponents this week were the Division 3 champions, The Wanderers. They have only lost a few matches throughout the entire season too; we knew it would be tough, especially when we were playing on their alley. We did beat them back in a cup match in January so we knew that tensions could run high.

Up first was Biker, Andy M and 'edgehog. We matched their scores on hand totals across the card until we had a stroke of bad luck when Des (aka Biker) only scored a 3 in his final two hands to give him a score of 28, this being a far cry from his excellent performance from last week where he scored a good 49. The Wanderers went on to win the set by 7 pins. Up next was Granddad, Dixie and Andy G. Again it was fairly evenly matched but Dixie hit a fantastic 13 spare on his second hand down to give him our teams highest score of the night of 50 so well done to him. Alas this was not enough to secure any sort of a victory due to P. Milsom hitting a good 12 spare in his third hand and a 15 spare in his final one. This powered him on to score their teams' highest score of 53 so well done to him. Not wishing to be out done P. Mcadams hit a good 14 spare in his fourth hand down and he went on to hit a good 49. It was thanks to these good scores that they won this set by 11 pins to give them now a lead of 18 pins and now 4 points. Things did not look good. Into the third set and Kev, John C and Vince took the stand. John C played a good game to hit a good 43 without a spare. Vince on the other hand hit a good 13 spare on his first hand down and went on to score only 41. This proves that there is no justice in the game of skittles. P. Doughty fought back well and he too scored a good spare on his first hand of 15 and went on to score 45. D. Milsom also hit 45 without a spare and J. Milsom hit 46 again without a spare. We lost the third set by 13 pins. By now their lead on the match was a massive 31 pins. Could the anchor set pull the rabbit out of the hat? The Anchor set took the guise of Dave, Vice and Captain Woody. Dave played really well and managed to score a good 13 spare on his final hand down and went on to score a good 47. Captain Woody also scored 47 but his was without a spare. Our final set total was 131. Was this enough? We were up against A. Sherwood, B. Jenkins and S. Milsom. They all played very well indeed. The accolade for their teams highest score goes to A. Sherwood because he hit good 13 spare in his third hand and a 15 spare on his final hand. He went on to score a superb 60, B. Jenkins did not quite manage a spare but he went on to hit a good 48. Due to these fantastic scores we just could not make any dent in the lead that The Wanderers already had. They pulled another 17 pins from us to win the match by a huge 48 pins. Yes they also added the full 14 points to their already vast points cache from the rest of the season.