



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report

Friday 25th April

So here it is. The penultimate match of the current season. We found ourselves playing against The Double Six. Last time we played against them at their alley we managed to score a good 12 points to 2 victory over them. Could we do the same again? Or could we do better? Read on and see...

We had to change round the first set a little from the norm of other matches due to Kev having to go to work. Rather than have him play in the second/third set he was up in the opening set. Our first set consisted of Andy M, Kev, and 'edgehog. We just could not find the spot so our scores were a little on the low side ranging from 34 up to 37. Andy M. managed 37 which was good for him on our home alley. Kev, being on second, only managed 34. Our set total was only 106. P. Kendrick, A. Sweeting and J. Goldsworthy were our valiant opponents. They seemed to have the upper hand with them managing to score a rough average of 7 pins per hand. This ensured that they took the set from us and 2 valuable points. Their set total was 117. Due to this score they were 11 pins ahead. We were now being faced with what could almost be described as an uphill struggle. Our Second set consisted of Granddad, Doug and Andy G. They all played better than the first set. Their set totals were 45, 43 and 43 respectively. Our set total was 131. Playing against us was T. Webb, C. Ager and M. Vowles. I think that their victory on the first set was still ringing in their ears because they only managed to hit 36, 36 and 37 respectively. We thought that it could have gone the other way on the 4th hand where T. Webb hit a good 13 spare so well done to him. Those of you who are good on the old maths have probably gathered that we managed to win this set by a fantastic 22 pins. Totally changing the outlook on the match because we were now in the lead by 11 pins and we too had 2 points to our credit. Was this how it was going to go for the rest of the match? Up next was Dave, John C. and Dixie. Their scores were 42, 39 and 40. Again neither of them could muster a spare of any sort. They all came close on various hands but this was not quite enough. Our set total was 121. For the Double Six our opponents were J. McKenstry, R. Sweeting and R. Harris. They played a little better. Their scores were 33, 43 and 32. Surprisingly none of them scored a spare. This ensured that we again had a victory on this set by a fantastic 13 pins. Another 2 points and we were now ahead on the game by 24 pins. Could we smell success? Or was it something fouler? Read on and see. Our final set consisted of Lee, Vice and Captain Woody. This had to be the best set of the lot as far as we were concerned when Captain Woody hit a good 16 spare in his first hand down. He went on to score a good 44. Vice on the other hand had the best score of the night for our side and his personal highest score for the team this season when he hit a good 14 spare in his fourth hand down. His final total was an excellent 52 so



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very well done to him. Alas the Double Six had a player short so had to play a low score. Unfortunately for them it was only 32. The other two players played well. The highest score of the night and the set went to A. Matthews. He hit a 13 spare on his first hand down and a 16 spare on his fifth. He went on to score an excellent 55. Their set total was 121. Ours on the other hand was an very good 134. This as you can tell by now gave us the victory we so desperately needed by winning the game by 37 pins and securing again 12 valuable points overall.

It would have been nice to have a 14 - 0 win but we were happy with the 12 - 2 we did get. This leaves it still very close at the top of the table for promotion. Our final match next week is to be played away at the Devonshire Road Social Club against Rea. When we played them last on our alley they walloped us 10 points to 4!! We should have won that one - but we were at home - so that probably had something to do with it!