



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report

Friday 25th January 2008

Knock-Out Cup Round 1

The match got off to a good start against the current division leaders The Wanderers. We knew we would have a match on our hands so focus was the aim. Martin aka 'edgehog' was on fighting form and began the ball rolling with an excellent score of 41. Andy G supported him well to hit a fantastic 45 without a spare. Dixie followed with another 41 to give us a fantastic 127 pins on this set. The pins just did not seem to want to fall for The Wanderers until R. Plumley hit an excellent 44. Alas this was not enough for them to win the set so we were thrust forward to a 9 pin lead. Not an awful lot but enough to give us a small edge. Onto the second set. Andy M. got off to a shaky start with a disappointing 4 but like Tigger bounced back in the second hand to score his only spare this season so far of 14. Then powering on to end with a good 46 (not our teams highest score of the match!) In supporting rolls on this set (a bit like the Oscars this!) were Granddad and Doug. Thanks to their valiant efforts we again romped to victory with a fantastic set total of 129. The Wanderers fought on but alas they just could not steal this set from us either. So now we were a fantastic 17 pins up on the match going into the third set. Could we hold onto them? The set began nice and steady with both teams being well matched. John C. began to turn the set to our advantage when in his third hand down managed an impressive 12 spare. This greatly assisted his cause to power him on to one of our teams' highest scores of 47. Not to be outdone The Wanderers upped the anti and fought back. P. Cox played an absolute blinder on his final hand down to smash through with a 17 spare to give him their teams' highest score of 50! - (Well done) This meant that the game for them was very much alive to steal back from us 10 pins from our lead where they hit a fantastic set total of 136. What was going to happen in the final set? When the names went on the board we noticed that they were a player short which meant that they had to play a low score. For them this was 35 which was a shame for them. With the pressure mounting Captain Woody got off to a good start with a spare on his first hand, but alas it did not bear fruit to be proud of. Still keeping up the pressure he powered on to hit our second highest score of the match of 47 so well don to him too. He was supported well with Dave and Vice to give us a set total of 124. A. Milsom battled on and managed an excellent 14 spare to get an impressive 49. It was very close towards the end of the match, especially as this match was solely on total number of pins. We could barely look as the balls were sent cannoning down the alley. On the final hand to be played The Wanderers needed 9 pins to draw the match or 10 to win. We watched with bated breath as the ball left A. Milsom's hand, alas it was not to be, he hit a 7. Victory was ours by 2 pins which gave The Wanderers their second defeat of the season. We look forward to playing them again on our alley later in the season.