



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report

Friday 4th April

As we move into the final five matches of the season, and being out of the running for any of the major cups we now find ourselves set to do battle for promotion into the second division to join the already promoted "Wanderers". We were faced with The Tornadoes at their alley in the Bristol House Hotel. We felt fairly confident this week especially as we beat them last time at home, 12 points to 2 and were hoping to do the double to help keep our dream alive. Andy M, Andy G and 'edghog were up first. Andy M. managed to score his best score of the season of 47 without a spare which was good because it turned out to be our teams' highest score of the night. Could the others follow suite? Unfortunately this was not possible and we slipped to a set defeat of 14 pins and losing 2 points. All three of the Tornadoes hit spares which helped them to win this set. The Tornadoes highest score was thanks to M. Doble with a 15 spare on his 4th hand. His final score was 52 - well done. Into the second set, Kev, Doug and Dixie took to the floor. Kev looked to be on good form when he managed 9 pins on each of his first three hands. Again there were no spares forthcoming for us but all of our team hit good 46's. R. Withers of The Tornadoes hit a good 14 spare in his 4th hand down and went on to score a good 47. It was through our teams' effort that we clawed back some pins and points to win the set. We managed to reduce the deficit of the first set down to a mere 8 pins and to gain 2 most welcome points. Into the third set Granddad, John C and Vice took the floor. Could they fare better? Again not a single spare was forthcoming for us, but surprisingly all three of our players scored 40! Alas this again was not enough to give us the edge when Adam Crawford managed a good 13 spare in his final hand down and went on to hit a very good 48. It was largely thanks to this that they won the set by 5 pins to increase their lead now to 13 pins. They now had 4 points to our 2. Things just did not look good. Into the final set, Vince, Dave and Captain Woody were ready and willing; could they manage to bring us back from the jaws of defeat? Once more they just could not find the mark to get a spare, although Captain Woody tried hard and managed to score a good 46. G. Horler of the Tornadoes was not going to let us have victory and spoilt our chances by hitting 2 spares, his first came in his second hand down when he hit 13 and the other came in the final hand when he hit a good 14 spare. This launched his score to a massive 51. They went on to win the set by 9 pins and another 2 points. They beat us by a rather large 22 pins. One thing that was quite impressive was that they had a total of 10 spares between them and only went on to win by 22 pins. We, on the other hand, did not hit any spares at all for the second week on the trot and another defeat. Our promotion hopes were now beginning to look slightly rocky. We are not downhearted, just committed harder to do better next week against The Dambusters on our alley.