



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report

Friday 4th January 2008

This being the first week back on the alley since before Christmas, we had to get those joints loosened up and our minds focused on the game ahead.

The most positive thing I can say this week is that despite the many illnesses that are currently going round, we had almost every one in our team present giving Captain Woody a bit of a headache in deciding who to play and who not to play. Some had to play because they either were not played on the last match due to a low score the previous week, or were not present due to other commitments.

I think the pins and balls were frozen to the alley due to the weather and not being used over the last couple of weeks because they would just not budge. At least not for us anyway! Neither side had a particularly good first set except T. Smallwood and M. Worrall from REA both managed to hit 40 without a spare. This gave them the edge to clinch victory on the set by 9 pins and snatching 2 points. The second set was fairly well matched player for player. Our Doug Pearce played very well to get our teams highest score of the night with 43 - again this was achieved without a spare so well done. R. Eames from REA also hit 43 - again without a spare so well done to him. Thanks to Doug's effort and being valiantly supported with Dixie and A. Griffiths victory in this set was ours by 13 pins and getting our first 2 points of the game. This gave us a 4 pin lead on the game to go into the third set. N. Ashbee made a welcome return after not being available for a few weeks due to work commitments. He still had the magic scoring 40 - again without a spare. G. Davis also followed suite and he too hit 40 without a spare. We held on by our finger tips to win the set by 1 pin! So now we had 2 more points and a lead of 5 pins to enter into the final set. The REA unfortunately had a player short so they had to field a low score of 31. Our "power" anchor set badly needed a charge! Captain Woody could not find the mark; D. Pearce came out in sympathy to suffer one of his worst games. Vince tried to be the glue holding it together but alas it just wasn't enough. M. Singfield from REA steamrollered away to hit a fantastic 44 - again without a spare - well done. This was their saving grace giving them an overall win on the set of 10 pins to take the final 2 points and the game.

It was strange that neither team managed a spare.

We look forward to playing them again on their alley at the end of the season.

So we have to gather ourselves together ready to start the second half of the season against the Fortyniners next week - again on our alley. Can we overturn the defeat of the last time we met back in August last year?