



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report 10th October 2008

This week we had the great pleasure of playing on our much loved "Home Alley" against the Persuaders. At the time of this report they were second in the third division with ten points more than us. This was going to be a huge ask because we had three of our players away celebrating a wedding, so the reins were handed to Vice to play the team members available.

How did it pan out? Read on and see...

Up first in his usual spot was 'edgehog with Biker and Andy M. bringing up the rear. 'edgehog had a bad first hand where he could only muster a 5. Not wishing this to be a problem he managed to score an excellent 12 spare on his second hand, which was our teams first and only spare of the night. It was thanks to this that he managed to skittle on to score an excellent 40. Not wishing to be out done Biker also scored 40. His was without a spare so well done to him. Andy M let the set down with his lacklustre performance of 35, but this was his best score so far this season. Our Set total was a reasonable 115. The Persuaders, on the other hand, played a steady match and it was thanks to C. Ham playing a strong set to score an excellent 43 without a spare that they just pulled ahead and took the set away from us with a set total of 116. They won the set by a single pin, to take the first points of the game. This match could go any way and it probably would!

On now to the second set. This time we had Andy G. Vince and Doug to battle on. Andy seemed to be having a bad time of it and just could not seem to get his eye in. This meant that he could only score 32, which was fairly low for him. Vince tried valiantly to bring us back up, but alas this did not happen, so he only managed to score 36. Fired up over these performances, Doug pulled out the stops and fired off a fantastic set whereby he scored a brilliant 44 without a spare, this was one of our teams' highest scores of the evening so well done to him. Our set total was only 112 despite these scores. Alas this was not to bear fruit. M. Latchford really upset the apple cart when he scored a 13 spare on his second hand down. He then scored another 13 spare on his fifth hand down. It was thanks to this that he scored their highest score of the night of 52 so well done to him. Their second set total was a huge 127 which was a profit of 15 pins alone on that set. So, yes as you can see they were now 16 pins up going into the third set and they were leading 4 points to 0. Could we salvage anything?

Third set saw Kev and John C back in their usual place being supported by Dave. Kev could not get his eye in so only managed to score 36. John, on the other hand, played well all the way through the set to score a good 42. It was Dave who provided the glue to bring it all together when he scored 44 too; this again was without a spare and was also one of our teams' highest scores. Our set total was 122. We thought the turning point had come, but alas this was short lived when R. Clark of The Persuaders hit an excellent 14 spare on his fifth hand down and went on to score an excellent 47. Their set total was 123. Which as you can see was again only a single pin more than ours. This meant that they were now 6 points ahead and now 17 pins in front. This was beginning to be a nightmare. Could we get anything out of such a close game?



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The final set saw a welcome return to match fitness of Swifty after a period of not being able to play through health problems he was supported by Grandad and Vice. Swifty bowled some really nice steady balls. Unlike his nickname these were trundled off down the alley with a nice smooth action and were very much on target. Alas they just couldn't make the contact they needed and he could only muster 31. Grandad managed to fare better and managed to score our teams' third highest score of 44. Vice, who was still suffering a little with his shoulder, managed to score 36. Our set total was 111. The Persuaders then saw an opportunity and took it with both hands and cannoned onto a set total of 113. We lost another two pins on the game and the final points available. This meant that we had another whitewash of 14 points to 0.

It was unfortunate that we suffered this way at the hands of a good side. But when three players who usually play well were not available then what else is there to do?

Next week we will be playing against The Dambusters, who play at The White Hart. Many of our players seem to play well on this alley. Can they do it and place us back on winning form once more? Tune in next week and see...