



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report 12th September 2008

The second actual match of the new season and our opponents were The Nutters, who at this time are the current top of division leaders. Having played two games and won both of them had a good lead at the top with 24 points. Could they hang on to them? Could we be victorious? Read on and see...

Our first set consisted of Biker, Vince and Andy G. They all played as well as the alley would let them but it would not let us get any spares to barter with. Des aka "Biker" managed to keep a steady game going to score a good 38, Vince on the other hand was not on the same form as last week and only hit 36. Andy G. was the strong arm of the set when he scored an excellent 44 which was achieved without a spare. This gave us a set total of 118. The Nutters managed to keep pace with us for the first two players but alas their final man on the set could not find his mark so only scored 29. Alas this did not help their cause so their set total was only 102. So victory on the first set was ours with an excellent 16 pins profit and two well deserved points. Could we continue this to the second set?

Up next were Lee, Grandad and Doug. Lee had a poor start so needed to get his eye in after the summer break but soon got going. He ended up with a score of 35. Grandad played slightly better but only managed a score of 38. Doug was also not quite on form and only managed 39 to give us a set total of 112. The Nutters still reeling from a first set defeat fought back with fire. Their players hit 41, 37 and 40 to give them a set total of 118. So for this set victory was theirs and our profit was now reduced to 10 pins. We both had two points each and neither side wanted to concede. So just where was this match going?

Into the third set. Up this time were John, Kev and Dixie. John managed our teams' first spare of the match on his 4th hand down where he hit 11. This was short lived when he suffered a bad hand on his final go to hit a 3. His final score was a reasonable 38. Not to be out done Kev fought valiantly and he too managed a spare, this time it was on his final hand. He hit 14 on this hand which gave him an excellent total of 49, but this was not our teams' highest score. This was to come later. Dixie on the other hand just could not keep up the pressure and went on to hit 34 which was low for him on his usual standards. Our set total was a fairly good 121. The Nutters tried to gather pace when S. King managed a 17 spare on his fifth hand down and to score their side's highest score of the night of 47 so well done to him. This was just not quite enough because they only managed to hit 120. We won this set by 1 pin. We were now just 11 pins ahead but we also now had 4 points. It would be all to play for on the final set.

Our final set consisted of Dave, Vice and Captain Woody. Dave started off slowly with a 5 but soon picked up the pace when he hit a 9 on his second hand. His third hand gave him a fantastic 17 spare, only 1 pin away from taking the 18 spare pot we run for the team. He suffered on his fourth hand with a 4 but bounced back once again with yet another 17 spare on his fifth hand down. He finished his go with a 5. This gave him our team's highest score of the night of 58. Vice still suffering with his shoulder could not find the mark and hit a 34. Captain Woody did not fare much



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better when he managed a 36. Our set total was an excellent 128. The Nutters tried to make it back into the game when D. Owen managed a 14 spare on his second hand which helped him to score a good 45. Their final set total was 127 which again was only 1 pin less than ours. Once more victory was ours for another set.

For those of you who have already done the maths, this comes as no surprise that we won the game by 12 pins and managed to end up with 12 very valuable points and the winning run, for the time being, for The Nutters was over and ours was continuing.

Next week we have another important match on where we will be playing at The Majors against The Airways. Can our winning ways continue? See the report next week to find out!