



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report

Friday 5th September 2008

Well it is finally here, the first game of the 2008 – 2009 season. This season will give us a couple of new teams to play against due to them being relegated from higher divisions and not playing one two because they did so well last season and gained valuable promotion.

This week is no exception. Our opponents were the Nalgo. We played against them many years ago when I first joined the team. With them being relegated from the second division we felt that we would need to keep up to the challenge and keep focussed to start the season as we mean to go on.

Up first set we had me, Dixie and Martin aka 'edgehog. We had a marginal first set without many high scores. I started off fairly well but then took a nose dive towards the end of the set, whereas Dixie had a shaky start but then got his eye in and managed to score 38 at the end. 'Edgehog was fairly consistent by only scoring 6 on five out of his six hands finishing up with a 5. This gave him an overall score of 35. Our set total was a respectable 101. The Nalgo on the other hand, did not seem to be able to hit the mark and only managed to score 93. So this gave us a good initial lead and our first 2 points of the season.

On to the second set, could we continue and gather no moss like a rolling stone so the old saying goes? This set saw Steve C. aka Grandad, Doug and Andy G. Grandad and Andy G seemed to play an identical game to both score 35. Doug was really fired up and was going for it scoring a combination of 7's, 8's and 9's to give him a good score of 43 and almost our teams highest score, this was yet to come on another set. Our set total this time was an excellent 113. The Nalgo tried and did slightly better but they could only muster a set total of 104. We were romping ahead so now we had an excellent 4 point lead and 17 pins ahead as a nice comfort zone to go into the third set. This was looking good. Could it continue?

The third set could almost be deemed as a power set with Kev, John C. and Vince taking the stand. Kev began with a stroke of bad luck to only hit 2 with his first hand. He later made up for it when he got the first spare for our side of the season on his 4th hand down. Alas it did not bear much fruit because he only managed a 9 because his spare ball went straight through, which is one of those funny things with this game of skittles that often happens as the most in opportune moments! Our saviour to this set was Vince. He scored an impressive 15 spare on his fourth hand down and romped on to score a superb 47 which was one of our teams highest scores for the night so well done to him. Our set total for this set was 125, just like the old Intercity 125 train, boy does that date me! The Nalgo on the other hand tried their hardest to catch up when M. Brown managed to score a good 42 which was one of their teams' highest scores. Alas this was not enough to secure victory on the set because they only managed to gain 117 pins. So there we were three sets down and 6 fantastic points in our hand and a few more pins in the lead with which to move on into the final set. How was this looking? Well from where I was sitting, this looked quite good. But we shall see what happens.



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The final set and to play this was Dave, Vice and Captain Woody our stalwarts of the team. Just how would they do? Dave played very well indeed to score our teams second highest score of 47 but he managed his without a spare which was really good. Vice played well despite having a slight shoulder problem managed to score a good 44 with a 12 spare on his final hand down. Captain Woody tried to follow suit but could only manage a score of 40. Thanks to Dave's score we managed a set total of 131. The Nalgo on the other hand still could not get the feel of it but they did manage to score their highest set total of the game of 120. This unfortunately was not enough to secure any points.

The final set totals was 470 to us and 434 to them. So our first match of the season netted us a superb 14 points which should be enough to place us roughly in the middle of the table because we had a vacant night last week and the Nalgo managed to score a 12 points to 2 victory, so we will go above them but will not know whereabouts we end up because of the other matches being played round the division.

Next week we will be home against The Nutters. How will we fare in this match?

Tune in next week to find out.