



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 12th December 2008

This week saw us playing at the Devonshire Road Social Club against the REA who at the time of writing this were near the bottom section of the table. We had had a week off last week after having two cup matches in one week. This is enough to make anyone tired, what with it being nearly Christmas and it being cold outside these days. We needed to think about how things were going to pan out with Captain Woody being away and our team being managed by Vice for this week. Just how could we do against them? Especially as the REA had not won many matches at home this season.

Up first for us this week was Andy G, John C. and Kev, away from their usual third set position due to them having to leave early for a prior engagement. This first set did not see any score for us above a 7. Most of the hands saw 6's, interspersed with a 3, 4 and a 5. All of our players hit roughly the same score. The actual ones were 37, 35 and 36. This gave us a set total of 108 which was not a bad effort all things considered. The REA seemed to be having the same sort of luck as us with a range of scores over the set between a 4 going up to and including a 9. Their player totals was 37, 40 and 35. This gave them a set total of 112 which was only 4 pins ahead of us. Unfortunately this meant that they had scored the first points of the match which was not a good sign for us.

The second set saw Biker, Dixie and 'edgehog take to the alley. Again we just could not see the wood for the trees until Dixie hit our only spare of the night on his fourth hand of an 11. His set total was a good 43 which was also our team's highest score of the night, so well done to him. Biker and 'edgehog both tried valiantly to equal his score but could only hit personal totals of 31 and 32. Our set total was a reasonable 106 which was only 2 pins behind our first set total. The REA did not have as much good fortune because R. Frost just could not find the mark with his scores and could only manage a set total of 24. His team mates hit 40 and a 37. This gave them a set total of 101. This meant that we had finally got 2 points on the score board and were now proudly ahead in the match by a single pin. Could we increase it? Or was it a false sense of security?

The third set saw Lee, Andy M. and Vince take to the boards. All three started off reasonably well with a mixed bag of scores between a 3 and all the way up to a 9. The tide began to turn on us when Lee placed all three balls through the pins to score a dreaded V/C. His final set total was 31. Andy M. fared a little better but could only manage a score of 37 come the end. Vince also had a bad night because he too only hit 31. Our set total for the third set was only 99 (got a flake anyone!) The REA kept up pressure with hand totals ranging from 4's up to 8's with a 9 thrown in for good measure. B. Timmins hit their only spare of the night on his fourth hand when he hit a 12 spare. This did not seem to give him much of an edge because he only ended up with a score of 36. R. Crandon just kept whacking them down with nothing less than a 6. He had a couple of 7's for good measure which he backed up with an 8 and a 9. His set total was a good 44 which was their teams' highest score of the night. Their set total was an excellent 113. Again this meant that they had scored two more points and had taken back the lead of the match to the tune of 12 pins ahead to take with them into the final set.



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The final set consisted of Doug, Dave and Vice. They needed to get the magic wand waving if we were to gain any sort of victory in this match. Doug seemed a little off the pace and not on his usual form. He just could not get higher than a 6 and had a couple of 4's sneak in along with a 5. His set total was 31 which was not like him at all. Dave managed to score better when he hit a range of 7's and 8's with a 5 coming in on his final hand. His set total was a good 42. Vice played well when he hit 7's on three of his hands, he slipped a little with a couple of 5's but finished off with a 9. This gave him a set total of 40. Our overall set total was 113 which meant we had an overall total of 426. The REA kept an even keel for this set whereby they were hitting a range of 6's, 7's, 8's and 9's with a 4 and 5 poking in for good measure. Their individual player set totals were 38, 42 and 39. This meant that their set total was 119 which gave them an overall total of 445 and winning the match by 19 pins. This ensured that they had scored the final points on the match giving them a win of 12 points to 2 and a home win that they were in desperate need of.

Next week will be our final match before the Christmas break. We will be on our home alley and playing against the Fortyniners. It could prove to be an interesting match to say the least. So tune in next week for the report on this page.