



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report 23rd January 2009

It seems like a very long time since the last match, especially when we had a vacant night so soon after being back after the Christmas and New Year break. This week saw us back in action on our own alley against The Nalگو. The last time we met them was on their alley way back last year on 5th September where we were lucky enough to win by 14 points to 0. Could we do the same this week? At the time of this report they were lurking around position 10 in the table with us bubbling nicely at position 8. It looked like we could possibly make it a double based on the information we had to hand with regards to the table position. So how then did it go? Well read on and see.

First up for us saw Biker, Vice and 'edgehog. It seemed strange to have Vice play so early, just what was on Captain Woody's mind for this set was any body's guess. A good range of steady bowling took place with most of the balls hitting a target of sorts with scores ranging from a couple of 3's & 4's. These were nicely complemented by a few 6's, 7's and 8's. Alas there were no spares but in direct compensation there were no V/C's either which was a nice bonus to say the least. The scores were reasonable too with them hitting 38, 35 and 38 respectively giving us a nice opening set total of 111. The Nalگو on the other hand seemed to be a little uncomfortable on this alley and their scores reflected this whereby they only managed to hit a range of scores from a 2 up to a couple of 8's with a few 5's, 6's and 7's for good measure. Their player totals were 31, 39 and 28. This gave them a set total of just 98 which gave us a nice opening lead of 13 pins and two points on the board.

Second set saw Grandad, Andy G. and Doug vying for the position of highest score which they did with all guns blazing. Grandad bowled some decent balls to the pack and managed to score a good total of 42. Andy G. on the other hand was a little shaky out of the blocks with a couple of 5's, but he gathered composure on his fourth hand where he managed to score an excellent 16 spare. This was a little short lived, however, when he tumbled to hit a 6 and 5 on his final two hands. His set total on the other hand was an excellent 45. Doug, not wanting to be outdone, began with a 7. He lost a little focus on his second when he hit a 4 but pulled himself together on his third hand when he too scored a 16 spare. He ended the set with a couple of 7's and a 6. His set total was an excellent 47 which was not quite the highest score of the night. This was to come later. Our overall set total was 134. The Nalگو by now had began to settle in a little better when they managed to hit some reasonable scores of a few 8's, 7's, 6's, 5's and 4's. Their player totals were 35, 41 and 36 which gave them a set total of 112. This gave us 22 pins more profit on the game and another 2 points on the score board.

On now to the third set. Playing this time was John C., Lee and Dixie. John C. began really well with a couple of 8's and followed that up nicely with a 14 spare, which he followed again with another 8. Alas this was short lived because on his fifth and sixth hands he slipped up and hit a couple of 5's. His set total was an excellent 48. This was still not the highest score of the night. This was yet to come. Lee, on the other hand, was not quite as lucky when he began with a 3. He picked up a little when he upped the pace a little with scores of 4,5,6,7 and 8 (although not in that order!) Alas his set total was only 33 which sadly turned out to be our sides' lowest score this week. Dixie kept the match alive with scores ranging from a 5 right the way up to an 8. His set total was 40. Once all these were added together our set total was a good 121. The Nalگو seemed a little unsettled by this when they hit scores ranging from a 3 up to a 9 with some 4's, 5's 6's and 7's in for good measure.



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Their player totals were 32, 36, and 36 giving them a set total of 104. Again we had won the set. This time it was by 17 pins. This meant that we were now 52 pins ahead going into the final set.

The final set consisted of Dave, Vince and Captain Woody. It began well with both Dave and Vince hitting 8's but was let down a little when Captain Woody hit a disappointing 5. The pace changed a little on the second hand where Dave and Vince both scored 7's. Captain Woody, smarting a little from his first hand sprung forward with an excellent 11 spare. Dave upped the ante on his third hand when he hit a fantastic 13 spare. Vince slipped a little with a 6 and Woody kept it together with an 8. Dave kept on the pressure for his final three hands when he hit a couple of 7's and an 8. His final set total was our highest score of the night being a fantastic 50 so well done to him. Vince reversed the trend a little on his final three hands when he scored an 8, 5 and 6. This meant that his set total was a reasonable 40. Alas Captain Woody was not quite as successful when he ended the set how he began with three 5's which meant that he ended up with only 39. Our set total was an excellent 129. The Nalgo seemed to take all this in their stride. They began with a couple of 6's and an 8. Their saviour of this set was A. Litten when he hit their only spare of the night on his second hand with a 12 spare. He ended up with their highest score of the night when he too had a total of 50, so well done to him. They then seemed to match each others scores fairly well whereby they hit pins ranging from 5's with some 7's and 8's and a 9. Their other set totals were 39 and 40. So as you have already worked out, they tied the final set because they too scored 129 splitting the two points available for this set in two. Alas this was just not enough because we had secured a match victory which meant that we gained the extra 6 point for a win giving us a well deserved and needed victory of 13 points.

Phew! What a match that was. Next week we will be playing at the Borough Arms pub against The Nutters, so see you then.