



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report 3rd October 2008

It seems a long time since the last match; especially as the last proper league game got cancelled due to our opponents pulling out of the league and last week having a bye into the second round for two of the cups. I think that we might have a fight on our hands in the next round depending on who our opponents are going to be.

Enough of my drivel! So on with the report for this week. Our opponents this week were The Reptiles who's home alley was the Workingmen's Club. It seems a long time since we last played on it and we were also a little rusty after having the break. On first we had Kev, John C and 'edgehog. It all began slowly with Kev having the upper hand on the set for us most of the way through and he ended up with a good score of 41. John managed a respectable 38 being supported with a 35 from 'edgehog. We managed to hold ground to end the set with a score of 114. The Reptiles on the other hand could only manage a score of 103. This meant that we won the set by 11 pins and two valuable points to our credit. Could our good fortune carry on to the second set? Or were we going to crash and burn?

Next up we had Biker, Andy M and Doug fighting for our corner. For some reason we couldn't get the target in our sights so sadly slipped in the proceedings. Biker could only muster a score of 37 which was a little bit less than his previous games score of 38. Andy M managed to do a bit better than his first game of the season to score a paltry 33. Doug on the other hand played better but he could only manage a score of 39. Our set total was a reasonable 109. The Reptiles played better but really upset the apple cart on their second hand down when A. Vincent hit an excellent 15 spare. This meant that he scored their team's highest score of the night of 49. Their total score for the set was 124. So yep, we lost the set by 15 pins. We were now down on the game by 4 pins, but we both had 2 points going into the third set. Just where would this game go? It was anyone's guess.

Our third set consisted of Lee, Neil and Grandad. It was nice to be joined by Neil again after a few weeks not being able to play for one reason or another. It was due to his valiant efforts that he helped hold the set together with his excellent score of 41. Lee managed a good 39 but Grandad fell at the fence to score our team's lowest score of the night of 32. This meant that we could only muster a score of 112 for the set. The Reptiles, on the other hand, flew when D. Roper hit a fantastic 14 spare on his fifth hand. He only just missed out of their highest score by scoring 48. They went on to have a set total of 122. So once more we were down by another 10 pins making us now 14 pins down and a further 2 points. This was getting tough and we needed a miracle to make this happen.



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The final set was released. It consisted of Vince, Dave and Captain Woody. Could we salvage something from being 13 pins down going into this final set? Or were we destined to suffer a crippling defeat? Vince had a shaky start when he scored 4 on his first hand, but then managed to get his eye in and score a good 12 spare on his third hand down which was our only spare of the night so well done to him. He went on to score an excellent 42 which was also our teams highest score of the night. Dave did not seem to be able to get his angle in so only managed a 35. Captain Woody on the other hand did better with a 38. Our final set total was 115. The Reptiles carried on without a care in the world whereby none of them scored less than 40 and without any spares! Their final set total was 122. So again they won the set, this time by another 7 pins and another 2 points. This ensured that they won the match by 12 points to 2. They were also 21 pins up on the game. This was our first defeat so far of the season.

We need to pull out all the stops for next weeks match when we will be at home against The Persuaders. Can we make it back into winning ways? Tune in next week and see.