



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 17th April 2009

With the season rapidly coming to a close, tensions are bound to be running high. Coming so close to a victory in the Front Pin Final last Wednesday meant that we needed to pull off a spectacular win this week, especially as we were playing against the REA, who were about two places below us in the table. Last time we met them on their alley they beat us 12 points to 2. This time we really needed to let them know that we were a force to be reckoned with. So just how did it go? Read on and see...

The first set consisted of Biker, Andy M. and 'edgehog. We got off to a slightly shaky start with a few low scores which ranged from a couple of 2's, a 3, three 4's, two 5's, four 6's, three 7's and three 8's. Andy M. managed to score his highest score of the season of 43 which was good for him especially as he is so far down the averages he needed to try and end the season on a good score. Biker and 'edgehog were not quite as lucky because they only managed to hit 29 and 26. This gave us an overall set total of a mere 98. The REA on the other hand seemed to like this alley and their scores reflected that quite nicely. Their lowest score for this hand was a 4. Other scores for this set were a 5, seven 6's, two 8's and their T. Henwood hit their only spare of the night of 11 on his final hand. Their final scores were 39, 38 and 43. This gave them a set total of a massive 120. The REA had taken the first set points and were 22 pins a head.

The second set consisted of Andy G., Vice and Doug. Things improved dramatically on this set because Vice managed to hit a good 13 spare on his third hand which gave us almost our highest score of the night. He hit a good 46. The other scores on this set for us consisted of a 4, two 5's, three 6's, eight 7's and two 8's. The player totals were 38, 46, and 38 which gave us a set total of 122. The REA looked as if they were out playing us on this set with the scores they were hitting, but the final set total told a slightly different story. Their scores for this set were a 2, two 5's, three 6's, three 7's, four 8's and three 9's. Their player totals were 36, 47 and 37. The 47 turned out to be the REA's highest score of the night from D. Price, so well done to him. Their overall set total was 120. We had taken the second set by only 2 pins. This levelled the match as far as points were concerned and we had reduced the loss down to 20 pins. Could we keep the pressure up and secure a much needed victory?

The third set consisted of Dixie, John C. and Vince. This seemed to be the best set of the entire match because both Dixie and Vince hit spares. Dixie managed a 13 spare on his second hand and Vince managed a 15 spare on his third hand. It was thanks to Dixie's spare that he managed to hit our teams' highest score of 47 so well done to him. The other scores on this set consisted of a 2, a 4, two 5's, four 6's, four 7's two 8's and two 9's. As well as Dixie's score of 47 the other totals for us were 39 and 44. This gave us a massive score of 130 for the set. The REA tried valiantly to keep up the pressure but it just did not want to happen for them. Their scores included a 1, a 2, a 4, seven 6's, a 7 and six 8's. Their set totals were 42, 25 and 43 which gave them an overall total of 110. This meant that we had gained another two points on the match and were now even. It was going to go to the wire on the final set. As I have said on more than one occasion "skittles is a funny game and anything can happen and usually does!"



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The final set for us consisted of A. Newland, Dave and Captain Woody. This was a bit of a shock to the system because Swifty was present and ready to play but Mark seemed to have other ideas. The scores for us on this set consisted of a 3, two 5's, four 6's, five 7's four 8's and two 9's. The player totals were 44, 43 and 35 which gave us a set total of 122. The REA seemed to match the scores of our side. They hit two 5's, seven 6's, five 7's and three 9's. Their player totals were 43, 36 and 43. This also gave them a set total of 122. The final set points were split in two which gave us a single point for this set. We had already got four points from sets two and three and a single one from the final set giving us five points so far. Because there is usually six points extra given to the winning team these also had to be split in half. We were entitled to having three of these which boosted our point total to 8. The REA managed to recoup only 6 points in total. We had won the match as far as points were concerned, but the game overall was a draw.

Next week we shall be away at the 49 club playing against the Fortyniners. Last time they beat us 11 points to 3 so it is all to play for.

Whilst writing this, Captain Woody has decided to throw in the towel and resign as Captain because of an argument over the decision of who was to play in the final set. It was a shame that he felt that he had to do this under the circumstances, but I do not bear him any malice.