



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 17th October 2008

This was meant to be a crucial match in the grand scheme of things. Our opponents this week were The Dambusters whose alley is at The White Hart pub. Again this week Captain Woody was not in his usual position as Captain because he was on holiday. Again the accolade of this fell to Vice. So just how did we do? Read on and see...

Up first for this match we saw 'edgehog in his usual position of being up first. He was well supported by Andy G. and Dixie. There were not many hands that need to be discussed here except on Andy's 4th hand he managed to score a fantastic 12 spare and went on to score a good 44. This incidentally was not our highest score of the match; this was still to come later. 'Edgehog held on and managed to score a good 40 and Dixie played valiantly to score an excellent 46 without a spare. This was still not our teams' highest score. Our Set total was a respectable 130. For The Dambusters, J. Naylor almost upset proceedings when he also scored a spare. His was also on his 4th hand down but his was a 14 spare. Surprisingly though his final score was also 44. His supporting team members on this set could not get where they wanted to be so they ended up with a set total of 125. Victory for the first set was ours by 5 pins and two very welcome points, especially after the drought of last week.

Onto the second set. This time we had Biker, Andy M. and Doug. Could we continue with the pressure and win this match? Biker played extremely well by playing consistently and capped his performance off when he managed to score a good 10 spare on his final hand. This gave him a well deserved 42. Andy M. on the other hand let the set down with his 36. This was mainly due to hitting a disappointing 3 on his third hand down. Doug, on the other hand, played really well when he scored a good 45 without a spare. Our set total was 123. Alas this was nothing to shout about because C. Taylor of The Dambusters began with 8's for his first four hands, but then romped away with a 17 spare on his fifth before slipping to a 7 on his final hand. His final score for the match was a fantastic 56, which turned out to be their teams' highest score, so well done to him. Not wanting to be out of the lime light A. Turner played steady when he was hitting 7's, 8 and 9's before he hit an 11 spare on his final hand down. He went on to hit a total of 51. They went on to score a set total of 146. This meant that they had won the set by a whopping 23 pins and earning their first points of the game. This meant that we were now playing catch up as far as the pins were concerned because we were now 18 pins down on the match.

By now it looked like we were in trouble and needed some sort of miracle. Could it happen? The third set saw Kev, John and Vince. Could they turn it around? Kev began really well by hitting mainly 7's but had a 9 in there for good measure, but he did have a slight wobble on his third hand where he only scored 5. He went on to hit a good 42 without a spare. John, on the other hand, began with a 3 but then stormed back into the game with 7's and a 9 in for good measure. On his fifth hand he managed to grab an 11 spare and went on to hit an excellent 44. Vince on the other hand could not seem to settle and could only muster a score of 33. Our set total was 119. With The Dambusters still on a high from the second set they seemed to play one of their power sets lead by J. Bartlet where he romped on to hit a good 12 spare on his third hand down. He went on to score an excellent 47. The other two players for them hit 43 and 44. They ended up with a set total of 134.



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This meant that they had gained another two points and were now a huge 33 pins ahead and looking down the barrel of a victory.

We knew we needed to pull something phenomenal out of the bag for the final set, so up last we had Grandad, Dave and Vice. Grandad played a consistent set and went on to score a good 40. Dave, on the other hand, played exceptionally well where he scored mainly 8's but had a slight panic when he hit a 5 on his second hand. He more than made up for this by scoring a 15 spare on his fifth hand down. His final score was our teams highest of the match of 52 so well done to him. Vice still a little under the weather could only muster a 38. Our set total was a good 130 which equalled that of our first set. The Dambusters fought on and managed to hit scores of 45, 40 and 35 respectively. Their set total was a reasonable 120. So victory was ours for the set by an excellent 10 pins which reduced the overall deficit down to 33 pins. Ok we lost the match 10 points to 4. It was a close game most of the way through.