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George Davis Cup Round 4 Match Report Wednesday 10th February 2010

This week we were in action away from home at the Majors pub against The Walnut B, who at the time of writing this, were near the bottom of the first division. We knew that it would be a tough match, just as these usually are when we are in this situation. We were not downhearted, we had a job to do and we were going to do it to the best of our ability.

Unfortunately our usual tactics of electing to play second did not seem to be an option, so we needed to play well from the start. Playing first for us was Biker, Dixie and 'edgehog. We were off to a slightly shaky start with our first hand only totalling 15. Things did pick up a little on the second hand but not enough to give us an edge on the match. We still carried on to the bitter end but we could not gain any really high scores in this set. The scores we did hit were two 4's, a 5, six 6's, four 7's and three 8's. This gave us player totals of 35, 38 and 41 with a set total of just 114. The Walnut B, being a first division side seemed to be able to have all the best angles of attack and used them well to their advantage because their first player hit a good 13 spare on his first hand. The other players for the Walnut B played a good solid game by scoring nothing below a 4. The breakdown was three 4's, a 5, six 6's, two 7's, three 8's and the 13 spare. These gave them player totals of 43, 37 and 38 which gave them a set total of 118. They had taken the first set but only by 4 pins. We could still potentially regain this and be victorious. It was still early in the match.

The second set consisted of Kojak, Grandad and Doug. Doug began the set well on his first hand when he hit a good 12 spare. This contributed nicely to him hitting our teams' highest score of the night of 49 so well done to him. The other scores were fairly closely matched so it looked a bit like things could change in our favour. The range of scores hit were two 5's, six 6's, five 7's, four 8's and the 12 spare. These gave us player totals of 36, 40 and 49 giving us a set total of 125. The Walnut B still kept up with the heavy stuff because L. Cox hit a good 17 spare on his fifth hand down and M. Barber hit a good 12 spare on his final hand. The 17 spare contributed nicely to Mr. Cox gaining their highest score of the match of 54 so well done to him. The other scores hit were a 4, three 5's, a 6, five 7's, five 8's, a 9, a 12 spare and the 17 spare. The other two players set totals were both 42 which gave them a set total of 138. They had won the second set too. This was by 13 pins. They were now 17 pins in front and things were beginning to look a little on the whitewash side.

The third set consisted of Mike, John C. and Dave. We needed some good scores on this set if we were to gain anything out of the proceedings. Things once again began a little on the low side with a hand total of only 14. Things began to look a little better for us on the final hand of this set when John C. managed to score a good 12 spare which gave him a set total of a good 44. Dave, on the other hand, played a good set with consistent scores. Alas he could not quite get a spare out of it but nevertheless he did manage to end up with 43. The total rundown of scores for us on this set was two 4's, a 5, six 6's, two 7's, three 8's, three 9's and the 12 spare. Mike ended up with a score of



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39. The set total for us was a reasonable 126. The Walnut B once more kept piling on the pressure because A. Absalom hit their fourth spare of the night of 17 on his fourth hand. This ensured that he hit their teams' highest score of the night of 53 so well done to him. The other scores they hit on this set was a 5, two 6's, seven 7's, an 8, four 9's and the 17 spare. These gave them player totals of 44, 53 and 46 which gave them a set total of a huge 143. They had won the third set by another 17 pins so they were now a whopping 34 pins in front. Things now looked very dicey indeed and we needed nothing less than a miracle to salvage anything from this match.

The miracle was definitely needed on this set because we ended up being two players short so we were forced to put in two low scores, which unfortunately were only of 35. Our only player on this set was Captain Woody so the pressure was well and truly on his shoulders. He kept his head and managed to hit a couple of 7's and 8's all of which gave him a player total of a good 45. When this score was added to the two 35's we ended up with a set total of just 115. The Walnut B could now see a clear view of the finish line and a massive victory. They did not hold back on the pressure, they just kept on firing off good scores. None of them hit any spares on this final set, but the scores were still just as good. They hit a 4, two 5's, six 6's, four 7's, two 8's and three 9's. This gave them player totals of 45 and two 38's which gave them a set total of 121. They had won the final set by 6 pins. This meant that they had thrashed us on all four sets and had won the entire match by 40 pins.

Alas we are now out of this competition, but the odds seemed to be stacked against us before the first ball was even bowled. Better luck next season.