



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 25th September 2009

So here we are on the fourth match of the new season where things so far have not gone to plan. At least not as far as winning, anyway! This week we found ourselves playing at the Regency against the Double Six. This alley has suited us quite nicely over the few times we have played there and we have managed to score some of our highest scores on it. Could we repeat this and gain a much needed victory? Would the dice role in our favour? Or would the home team keep the cubes of destiny tumbling in to their half of the table and win the chips?

Our first set consisted of Biker, Dixie and 'egehog. Biker got off to a slight shaky start with a disappointing 4 but he soon recovered when he managed to hit a couple of 7's and 8's only to have them split up a little with a 5. His final score for the set was 39. Dixie and 'edgehog both played very well and their scores showed this because between them they hit two 5's, two 6's, four 7's and four 8's. This meant that their scores were 40 and 42 which gave us a set total of 121 which was not a bad start as far as the game of skittles goes. The Double Six on the other hand seemed to have all the options covered when they hit a range of scores that consisted of two 4's, a 5, two 6's, two 7's, seven 8's and two 9's. All these meant that their player totals were 39 and two 42's giving them a set total of 123. Once more our luck was not in and we had lost the first set again. Fortunately for us we were only two pins behind so we stood a reasonable chance to recoup them on the second set.

The second set consisted of Swifty, Kojak and Doug. This alley seemed to play well for Swifty as his scores showed. He didn't score anything lower than a 5 but he also managed to hit a 6, a 7 and a couple of 8's giving him his highest score so far of the season of 39. Lee also had a better game than he'd had of late. His lowest score was an unfortunate 3 but he also hit a 6, two 7's, an 8 and two 9's which also gave him his highest score so far of the season of 43. This was not to be our highest score of the night. This was to come in the third set. Doug tried to keep up the pressure with scores ranging from a 6, two 7's and three 8's. His final score was a good 44 which gave us a set total of a respectable 126. The Double Six tried to keep the dice rolling in their favour with scores ranging from a 2, a 5, a 6, eight 7's and five 8's. This gave them player totals of 43, 45 and 33. Alas this was just not quite enough to secure victory on the second set because they had only hit 121. We had taken the set from them by a mere 5 pins and we were now only three pins in front and the points were level. What a close match this was turning out to be.

Our third set was our best set of the match, as far as individual scores went. Playing for us was Kev, John C. and Andy G. Kev was on good form when he hit a fantastic 14 spare on his first hand which turned out to be our only spare of the night. His other scores consisted of two 6's, a 7, an 8 and a 9. His final score was a fantastic 50 which was our highest score of the evening so well done to him. The others both played excellent skittles whereby they hit a 5, two 6's, four 7's, and five 9's. Their scores were 43 and 47 giving us a set total of a huge 140. The Double Six fought on. They seemed to have all the luck, either that or the dice were loaded in their favour when they scored a 5, a 6, eight 8's, a 9, a 13 spare and a 15 spare. Their player totals were 49, 53 (by M. Vowles which was their highest score) and 43. This collectively gave them a set total of 145. They again had won the set and had lowered the pins deficit and were once again two pins in front going into the final set. It was all to play for.



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Our final set consisted of Grandad, Dave and Captain Woody. The pressure was mounting like there was no tomorrow and it showed. Our scores ranged from two 4's, six 6's, two 7's five 8's and two 9's. This gave us player scores of 39, 44 and 40 and a set total of 123. The Double Six seemed to clean up the baize and go for broke. They hit scores ranging from a 4, a 5, three 6's, five 7's, three 8's, three 9's, an 11 spare and a 13 spare (both hit by A. Matthews which was one pin behind their highest score hit on the third set). Their scores were 52, 39 and 46 and their final set total was 137. The overall match totals were 526 to them and 510 to us. They had won the game by 16 pins and gained the final points available on the match.

Once more the odds seemed to be stacked against us and we had suffered yet another defeat. Things can only get better, cant they?

Next week we will be in action on Wednesday and Friday on our first two cup matches of the season before another away match at The Bristol Hotel on 9th October against The Tornadoes. The details of the cup matches can be found on the cup match page of this website.