



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 27th November 2009 George Davis Cup Round 3

After playing well for the past few weeks we seemed to be in good spirits. We are currently in third place in our division and feeling proud. This week we were playing in the third round of the George Davis Cup against a first division side called The Wurzels. This was going to be a good match because it was being played at the Workingmens Club in Weston-super-Mare. The alley is a good one and does have the potential for some good high scores. This match was not going to be any exception.

Our first set consisted of Biker, Andy M. and 'edgehog. It was a very close set all the way through with some similar scores being hit by both sides. To say that this was a high scoring set would be very much a lie especially with scores being hit as follows:- a 3, two 4's, five 5's, two 6's, four 7's, two 8's and two 9's. These gave us player totals of 39, 36 and 35 and a set total of just 110. Not a bad effort really. The Wurzels on the other hand looked as if they had the upper hand, but in reality it seemed to be all smoke and mirrors. They hit a 2, four 4's, two 5's, three 6's, four 7's, two 8's and a 9 giving them player totals of 42, 33 and 32. This gave them a set total of just 107. We had won the first set by just 3 pins. This was not a huge amount but at least it gave us something to bargain with!

The second set consisted of Kojak, Doug and Andy G. This turned out to be the best set for our team during the entire match. All three players were, or seemed to be, on fire with the scores they hit. What was also surprising for us was the fact that all of our spares for the entire match were scored in this set. There were four in total, two of which were scored by Doug on his fifth and sixth hand of a 16 and 14 respectively. Kojak hit a good 13 spare on his second hand and Andy G. hit a 15 on his fifth hand. The complete range of scores for our team in this set, including the spares, were two 4's, two 5's, a 6, five 7's, three 8's, a 9, a 13 spare, a 14 spare, a 15 spare and a 16 spare. These gave us player totals of 46, 59 and 45. The score of 59 by Doug was our teams' highest score of the night so well done to him. Our set total was a huge 150. The Wurzels were not quite as lucky this time. They had a couple of reasonable scores but nothing to really write home about. They hit a 3, two 4's, a 5, five 6's, five 7's, two 8's and two 9's. This gave them player totals of 39, 31 and 45 which gave them a set total of 115. We had won the second set as well, this time by 35 pins. We were now ahead by 38 pins on the match which is a good position to be in on such an important match.

The third set consisted of Kev, Grandad and M. Coleman. It was a fairly well paced set with some of the scores matching The Wurzels. But with this being a cup match all the pins counted towards the final total. Our scores were a 3, three 4's, a 5, four 6's, three 7's, four 8's and a 9. This gave us player totals of 37, 34 and 42 giving us a set total of just 113. The Wurzels could sense a possible change in their fortunes when K. Rutherford hit their only spare of the night on his first hand of 13. This gave him their teams' highest score of the night of 48 so very well done to him. Collectively the other scores for them on this set was a 2, a 4, a 5, three 6's, five 7's, five 8's and the 13 spare. This gave them player totals of 34, 43 and 48 which gave them a set total of 125. They had taken the third set from us by 12 pins which slashed our current lead down to just 26 pins.



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Would we be successful? Or was it about to fall apart like a badly assembled piece of flat pack furniture?

The final set consisted of Cockney Al, Dave and Captain Woody. This was a reasonable set and once more many of the scores were matched across the board. The breakdown was five 5's, three 6's, six 7's, three 8's and a 9. This gave us player totals of 32, 41 and 45 and a set total of just 118. The Wurzels tried to keep up the pressure after their good win on the third set. They hit a 2, two 4's, two 5's, three 6's, four 7's, two 8's and two 9's. This gave them player totals of 38, 25 and 44 giving them a set total of just 107. We had won the final set by 11 pins which gave us an overall victory of a huge 37 pins.

I don't think that this was a bad effort on our part, especially as we were playing against a first division side. The next round of this cup will not be played now until sometime in the New Year so keep checking on the Cup Match pages of this site for further details as and when they are published. Next week we will be playing at the Borough Arms pub against The Nutters so tune in again next week for that all important match report.