



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Wednesday 30th September 2009

George Davis Cup Round 1

Having suffered over the past few weeks since the start of the season, we needed to have something to focus on and show the other teams that we are made of stern stuff and can in fact play skittles, all be it badly on some occasions!

This week we have two games to play, both of which are cup matches. The first of which was played at the White Hart Pub against The Century A team who are at the top of the second Division at the time of this report. Potentially this was going to be a tricky match as far as the statistics are concerned, but we were not going to be downhearted. As I always say in these reports that at the end of the day it is only a game and we are all there to enjoy ourselves and winning, although nice is a bonus.

Playing for us on the first set was Biker, Andy M and 'edgehog. Biker got off to a slow start with a 5 but it was early in the match. The pins were falling in our favour most of the time and were matching fairly closely the Century A teams scores which meant that it was a close set. The scores we hit were six 5's, two 6's, three 7's, four 8's, two 9's and a 14 spare. This was hit by Andy M and was his first spare of the season, coupled with that it was also his highest score so far of this season of 48. This also turned out to be highest score for our side and in fact the match. This made it all the better as far as the match was concerned with this being a cup match and no individual set points to be gained. The result was to be decided on total number of pins alone. Our set totals were 40, 48 and 39. For the record our set total was a respectable 127. The Century A on the other hand, were not quite so lucky in the end result of this set. Their scores ranged from two 5's, five 6's, eight 7's and three 8's. This gave them player totals of 37, 42 and 41 and a set total of 120. We had won the first set by a mere 7 pins. Was this a taste of a much needed victory or would we be crushed like a tissue.

Playing on the second set was Swifty, Grandad, and Doug. Swifty played a steady match with a nice range of scores but one or two balls found a few large gaps. The scores hit on this set were a 4, four 5's, five 6's, two 7's, three 8's and two 9's. This gave us player totals of 34, 42 and 43 and a set total of 119. The Century A's picked up the pace when J. R. Jones hit a good 11 spare on his third hand to assist in giving him a set total of 44 but this was not their highest score of the night, that was to come on the final set with their final man. Their player totals were 44, 43 and 40 which gave them a total of 127. They had taken back the deficit from the first set and were now just a single pin ahead on the match. This was indeed a very close match and it could go either way and to the wire.



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The third set consisted of C. Webb, John C and Andy G. Despite there being a couple of 4's hit during this set the scores were very good which included a 5, two 6's, five 7's, four 8's and four 9's. This gave us player totals of 42 and two 43's and a set total of 128. The Century A fought on as best they could. They gave us a bit of a fright when T. McCann hit a 12 spare on his final hand to give him a score of 41. Their scores ranged from a 2, a 3, three 5's, three 6's, five 7's, two 8's, two 9's as well as the 12 spare. Their set totals were 41, 36 and 42 which gave them an overall set total of just 119. The game was back in our court. We were once again in front but only by 8 pins. It was going to go all the way to the final set.

Our final set was played by Dixie, Dave and Captain Woody. The alley must have warmed up considerably because the scores showed some potential. Our scores ranged from a 4, a 5, seven 7's, six 8's and three 9's. The player totals were 44, 45 and 44 which gave us a set total of a massive 133. The Century A fought on. They hit their second 11 spare of the night on the second hand of the first man but this did not seem to make much of a dent because his set total was only 41. Their scores ranged from a 4, three 5's, a 6, four 7's, six 8's, two 9's as well as the 11 spare. Their player totals were 41, 44 and 45. The 45 turned out to be their highest score of the night by T. Jones so well done to him. Their scores totalled together gave them a set total of 130. The final overall scores for the entire match was 496 to them and a huge 507 to us. We had won this important cup match against the current second division leaders.

We look forward now to the second round in this cup due to be played on Friday 30th October. Keep your eyes on the Cup Match pages on the site for further details as soon as they are available.

We are in action again on Friday 9th October at The Cabot Bars for the first round of the Front Pin Cup. This venue saw us suffer a defeat in the last season's final against The Dambusters. Our opponents this time are The Double Six whom we played against last week at the Regency.

Look out for that report early next week.