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Match Reports

This report is going to be in a slightly different format this week due to unforeseen circumstances in getting the results clarified.

There will be two short abridged reports for Friday 24th September and the George Davis Cup Round 1 on Wednesday 29th September and a more in depth report for the Front Pin Round 1 match on Friday 1st October. The Average sheet takes all the results into consideration as well along with the fixture list update as far as scores and points are concerned. So with those formalities out of the way, I shall now begin. I hope you are sitting comfortably and that you have your favourite brew next to you along with some biscuits as this might take a while!

Friday 24th September

The Wookers Vs the Con B's – we were the away team playing at home!

It felt rather strange to be playing at home on our own alley but as the away team. Somehow it just didn't seem right because we couldn't really sit at the top end where we normally would sit to watch the match and be able to see the score board easily. This was not a problem, because we were nearer the pins at the end so we could easily see what was being hit down.

The Wookers have been suffering a little of late. At the end of last season they ended up near to the bottom of division 2 and currently this season were not doing much better. I don't know if this gave us a false sense of hope or not but we did give us something to go on.

Things began well for both teams with a good range of scores on our first sets. I will not bother listing who played on what set or the breakdown of pins for this report because it was played over a week ago, I hope that you will forgive me on that point. The first set totals for us was 35, 40 and 39 which gave us a set total of 114. The Wookers totals were 33, 35 and 38 which gave them a set total of 106. We had won the first set by 8 pins. So we had our first points on the board.

The second set for us began well too when P. Vincent hit our first spare of the night, ok, it was only a 9 spare but they all count. Our player totals for this set were 38, 37 and 35 which gave us a set total of 110. The Wookers came back with a vengeance with some reasonably good pins being hit. Their player totals were 44, 32 and 47 which gave them a set total of 123. They had won the second set by 13 pins which meant that they were now winning the match by 5 pins over all, but the scores on the board were now level at two points apiece.

The third set was also a very close call. M. Coleman did have a stroke of good fortune when he hit an excellent 13 spare on his fourth hand which also gave him our teams highest score of the night of 43 so very well done to him. The other player totals were 39



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and 38 which gave us a set total of 120. The Wookers responded a little when one of their players hit a spare on their fourth hand. Their player totals were 44, 36 and 37 which gave them a set total of 117. Victory was ours once more. Ok, it was only by 3 pins but it meant that the Wookers were now only 2 pins in front and we were 2 points in front.

The final set began well with a few high scores being hit. Captain Woody managed to get a 9 spare on his final hand of the match but this did not really help the cause too much. The Wookers on the other hand hit a good 11 spare on their third hand down which gave them a tie on their highest score of the match of 47, so very well done to them. The player totals for us on this set were 40, 36 and 41 which gave us a set total of 117. The Wookers managed to score 38, 39 and 47 giving them a set total of 124. The final match totals for this match was 461 to us and 470 to them. They had stolen the set away from under our noses by a mere 7 pins which meant that they had won the match by 9 pins and gaining 10 points overall in the process and us just 4.

This was not the result that we were all hoping to get, but at least we did manage to get some points out of it.

Wednesday 29th September George Davis Cup Round 1 **The Con B's V's the Gatecrashers**

This was the first cup match we were fortunate enough to play in this season. With this being a cup match it meant that the result was going to be decided on overall pins only without the need for individual points per set and an overall win.

Again this will be slightly abridged as opposed to the usual format, so here goes.

For us it began well, or at least that's what we thought from initial scores on the board. Andy M. managed to get his first spare of the season, a nice 11 spare on his second hand. Alas it did not really do much for the overall score at the end because he only ended up with 36. But as has been said in these reports many times over the past few seasons, every little helps. Our player totals for this set were 39 and 36 x2 which gave us a set total of 111. The Gatecrashers seemed to have the edge a little because one of their players scored a 13 spare on their third hand. This gave him a score of 46 but this was not enough to give him their highest score, this was to come later in the match. The other two players both hit 34's. This gave them a set total of 124 which meant that they had a 13 pin lead going into the second set.

The Second set for us seemed to be a little lacking on scores in the higher ranges, but at least pins were falling and we were scoring. Our player totals were 31, 32 and 42 which gave us a set total of 105. The Gatecrashers didn't seem to do much better as far as individual scores were concerned because they didn't gain any spares on this set. Their player totals for this set were 38, 34 and 42 which gave them a set total of 114. They had won the second set too. This time, by 9 pins which meant that they were now 22 pins in front. We now needed to pull something out of the bag and fast.



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M. Coleman pulled a swift one with an excellent 14 spare on his fourth hand which gave him our teams' highest score for the match of 49 so well done to him. One of our players also hit a V/c which is almost unheard of for a normal game where all the pins count. It was unfortunate, but these things do happen. The player totals for us on this set were 49, and 36 x 2 giving us a set total of 121. The Gatecrashers seemed to have crashed on this set because they seemed not to be able to get the connections going. They did hit a range of different scores but nothing really to write home about. They ended up with player totals of 39, 36 and 40 giving them a set total of 115. We had at least won this set by 6 pins which nicely reduced our deficit down to just 16 pins. Could we get our acts together and get some decent points going?

The final set picked up the pace a little when Grandad hit a good 11 spare on his fourth hand which gave him a set total of 42. The other two players on this set for us hit 40 and another 42. This gave us a set total of 124. The Gatecrashers could almost smell the victory and went for it big time. Between them on this set they hit 3 spares, a 9 spare, a 16 spare and a 14 spare. The last two were scored by M. Vaughan which gave them their highest score of the night of a huge 57 so well done to him on that. The other two players for them on this set hit 48 and 47. Their overall score for this set was a massive 152. They had won the set by 28 pins. The final totals for the match were 461 to us and 505 to them. They had won the match by 44 pins.

So there you have it, we were dumped out of the George Davis Cup in the first round.

Front Pin Round 1 Friday 1st October 2010 **The Hornets Vs the Con B's**

This Front Pin match was going to be an interesting match because when we last met The Hornets a few weeks ago on our own alley the match was drawn. Could we make it an outright victory? Or was it going to be a complete disaster? Read on and see...

As regular readers to these reports know, points are only scored once the front pin has been hit. So the potential for high scores are somewhat limited.

The match began with both of the teams hitting very similar scores and most of the time the front pin was hit first to ensure that all the pins counted. Alas there were a few V/c's hit on this set by both teams. Dixie waved some magic over his final hand and hit a good 15 spare which is always very good on a front pin match. It gave him a final score of 27 which was good, but not quite enough for our highest score; this was shared by Andy Mc. on this set and Doug on the next one. Both of whom hit 32's – so well done to them. The player totals for this set for us were 32, 23 and 27 which gave us a set total of 82. The Hornets buzzed on a little better and hit 34, 21 and 30 which gave them a set total of 85. They had won this first set by just 3 pins so it was still very close.



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The second set for us seemed to go really well when Kojak hit a good 12 spare on his fourth hand, but once more this only gave him a player total of just 27 as well. The other scores for us on this set were 22 and 32 which gave us a set total of 81. The Hornets must've been stuck in the woods because they hit 7 v/c's between them. Their player totals for this set were 13, 12 and 14 which gave them a score of just 39. We had won this set by 42 pins. This meant that overall we were now 39 pins in front which is always a very nice position to be in on such a match as this.

The third set began to fall apart for us a little because we hit 7 v/c's between us on this set too. None of our players could get anywhere near a spare but two of our players hit 8's which is always good for this type of match. Our player totals for this set were 20, 21 and 16 which gave us a set total of just 57. The Hornets seemed to have got the buzz a little when S. Fairhurst hit two very good spares, one of 12 and the other of 14 on his first and fourth hands. These assisted in him gaining an excellent score of 51. This was not their highest score either, that was to come in the final set! The other two players hit 37 and 38 which when added to the 51 gave them a set total of 126. They had won this set by 69 pins! This meant that they were now leading the match overall by 30 pins. The match is like a good pendulum, swinging back and forth. It could still go either way!

Our final set did not seem to go the way we planned, again we hit 7 v/c's over the course of the set. The player totals for us on this set were 21, 9 and 28 which only gave us a set total of just 58. The Hornets seemed not to put a ball wrong and it showed too because again they hit 3 spares between them. One of them hit an 11 spare in his second hand which helped give him a player total of 49. The other two spares were hit by P. Mager when he hit a 15 spare on his third hand and a 12 spare on his fifth hand. This gave him their teams' highest score for the match of a massive 57. The third player for them on the set hit 27. Their final set total was a whopping 133. They had won the set by 75 pins! The final totals for this match were 383 to The Hornets and 278 to us. They had wiped the floor with us and won overall by 105 pins. This is a score that I cannot seem to remember ever happening before in the past, at least not to us anyway

So there you have it, another dunking out of a cup match on the first round. This means that possibly we only have another cup to play in this season, this being "The Knock Out Cup", details of that match will appear on the Cup Match page of the site when I have them available.

Next week we do not have a match because the alley area of the club is in use, so the match has been re-scheduled to Wednesday 20th October, this will be documented further next week. So the next match we are playing will now be at The Century Club in Worle on Friday 15th October against The Century A team. I would think this will be an interesting match as well. So see you next time for more thrills and spills.