



SQUAD D REPORT

Daren Knightsbridge produced an outstanding exhibition of tenpin bowling in this squad, the highest scratch game, four game series, and three game series of the entire tournament. He entered the tournament with an average of 208, a great bowler who has been working hard on his game to maximise his dedication and talent. Having completed two squads on day one, he had recorded an eight - game average of 212, with all but one of those scores above the 200 mark. Daren started this squad with a 192, followed by 248 – 287 – 247. He was a striking machine; at one point it looked like he was only going to roll strikes. And those strikes were a sight to behold, most of them were absolutely bang on in the pocket and the pins just kept vanishing, very few 'lucky ' strikes, it was a masterclass. The 287 was particularly awesome, he struck the front 10 but wasn't fully ready for the 11th he took the shot anyway and grabbed the ball at the bottom of the swing and pulled it left, leaving the 3-9-10 split, but he spared anyway, such a shame only two balls off a max. Despite this enormous scratch total of 974 he was still unable to top the squad because of his low handicap.

Bob Ockleford meanwhile was having a strikefest of his own! He bowled 40 pins above his entering average of 189 to compile a scratch total of 917 with scores of 232 - 191 - 225 and a fabulous 269 to finish. This put him top of the squad, 7 pins above Daren courtesy of his 16pin handicap advantage. Bob scored 981 total in Squad A which added to his 1053 in this one guaranteed him his spot in The Masters Final.

There was something about Squad D that seemed to bring out the best in so many bowlers, former Senior bowler of the year Gary Baker, Andrew Tapping, Nick Longworth and Harald Grau all recorded series that averaged over 200, in fact three of those guys had all four scores showing red on the results sheet.

Meanwhile over in the Ladies competition Sandra Simmonds improved on her performance from yesterday! All four of her scores were above average and the 200-scratch benchmark. Again, this serial TPT winner lead the pack from start to finish and her 232 – 213 – 210 – 226 sequence guaranteed her a spot in the Ladies Masters Final. Diane Johnson is off to Columbia to represent England Seniors early in December and this was her final event before her trip across the World for her Country. She was second in this squad with high scores 223 and 234, proving she is good enough get on the plane.

