



# CON B SKITTLES

## Match Report Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009

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This week saw us about to do battle against The Tornadoes. When we met them way back last year we had a successful encounter. Could this be another gentle breeze? Or a raging storm? We felt as if we were in a slightly better position than normal bearing in mind we were not at home and we were currently residing above them in the table. Just how did this go? Well all I can say at this stage is read on and see...

Before the match started I was convinced that I would be left on the bench after my lacklustre performance at home last week, but I was shocked and stunned to hear from Captain Woody that I would be leading the assault and be supported by Andy G. and 'edgehog. Our first hand was a reasonable effort with an 8 and 9 being hit by Andy G. and 'edgehog. I let the side down with a disappointing 5. Things picked up from then on with a nice range of 6's, 7's, 8's and 9's. Another 5 sneaked in and so did a 3 but this did not detract from a good overall start to the game. Our set totals were 39, 43 and 41 which gave us a set total of 123. The Tornadoes were not quite as lucky because they could only hit a range of scores from a 3, a couple of 5's, some 6's, 7's 8's and a 9. Alas this was not quite enough to give them the edge they needed because their set totals were 41, 30 and 40 which gave them an overall set total of 111. The first points of the game were ours and we had a nice 12 pin lead on the game so far.

The second set consisted of Dixie, Grandad and Doug. The pressure was truly on for this set because a range of scores were hit from a couple of disappointing 2's from Dixie on his fourth and fifth hand, all the way up to four 6's, five 7's, two 8's and three 9's. Things really took off on the fifth and sixth hand when Grandad hit a 13 spare and Doug hit an excellent 16 spare on his final hand. Their set totals were 35, 47 and 53 from Doug which was our sides' highest score of the night. All this added together gave us a huge total of 135. The Tornadoes once more could not get the angle correct and seemed to be only able to hit mid-range scores starting from 4's right up to a few 8's. Their set totals were 42, 31 and 37 which gave them an overall set total of 110. This meant once more that we had gained another two valuable points and we were now a whopping 37 pins in front. Could this good fortune continue? Or would The Tornadoes re-fuel the fans of destruction and flatten us like the wolf blowing down the pigs straw house?

The third set consisted of Kev, John C. and Vice. This seemed to be another mid-range set with a couple of 4's, five 6's, five 7's, an 8 and four 9's being bowled. These all added nicely up to player totals of 44, 43, and 39. This gave us an overall set total of 126 pins. The Tornadoes seemed to gather a small amount of composure when L. Lewis scored their first spare of the night which was a reasonable 10 spare. The stakes were slightly higher by now because their set totals were 36, 40 and 41. This gave them an overall total of 117. We had gained another two points and were now a further 9 pins in front which meant that we were now a huge 46 pins ahead. Could this good fortune continue? Or would it end in tears?

The final set saw a slight change to the batting order with Dave on first supported by Biker and Captain Woody. It was a change to see Biker in the final set which is quite far removed from the opening set where he so often plays. The set was evenly played with plenty of 7's and 8's being hit.



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Captain Woody suffered a little on his second hand when he scored a disappointing 4. He managed to pull a little magic out of the hat on his third hand when he hit a spare but it was only a 9 which was a bit of a shame. The set totals were 47, 37 and 39 which gave us a set total of another 123, so ending off the match with the same sort of score as the opening set. The Tornadoes fought on bravely with a plenitude of 7's on the board (eight in all!) and a few 6's. They too hit a 9 spare but this was on their fourth hand. The pins would just not budge for them and their set totals were 36, 35 and 40. Again this gave them an overall set total of 111. The overall match total was 449 to The Tornadoes and a huge 507 to us. Victory was ours, once more, over The Tornadoes and a fantastic 58 pin lead was not to be sneezed at nor was the 14 points we earned ourselves.

Next week we hope to continue our winning streak when we shall be at home playing against The Electric Sports once more. Last time we beat them 12 points to 2. Can we make it another 14 – 0 victory? Tune in next week and see.