



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 1st May 2009

Well, here it is the final actual match report for the 2008/2009 season. There will be a summary report posted on the site in a couple of weeks once I have been able to refresh my memory of the ups and downs of it. For our final match of the season we were fortunate enough to be playing on our home alley which is always nice so that we can look back and reflect on what has just taken place. Our opponents for this final match were The Depoteers. Last time we met them we were unfortunate enough to suffer a fairly substantial loss of 10 points to 4. They had come down from the second division so we knew that potentially they could be a hard team to beat. Could this be our night? Or would it end in disaster...

Our opening set consisted of Biker, Andy M. and 'edgehog. Biker and 'edgehog seemed to be a little out of sorts because they could only manage 5's. They both managed to improve and get a better range of scores as the set went on. As it has already been said in other reports, "every pin counts." Andy M. managed to have a better game this week than he has done on our home alley in the past when he managed to equal his current seasons highest score of 43. The other scores for us on this set consisted of a 3, a 4, four 5's, three 6's, three 7's, four 8's and a 9. The totals were 35, 43 and 32 which gave us a good set total of 110. The Depoteers took a little while to get settled because they suffered a few bad scores along the way. But they did score their first spare of the match on this set when T. Hollingbee managed an excellent 13 spare on his final hand which gave him a massive score of 48 which as it happened was their highest score of the night so well done to him. Their other scores were made up of a 3, two 4's, two 5's, five 6's, two 7's, an 8 and three 9's. Not forgetting, of course, the 13 spare. Their player totals were 29, 48 and 42 which gave them an overall set total of 119. They had won the first set by 9 pins which meant that we had it all to play for. Was this destined to be a whitewash? Or a mere hiccough in the fabric of the game?

The second set consisted of Andy G., Grandad and Doug. All three were fired up to try and turn the match around, their first hands reflected this with Doug managing to hit a 9 and Andy G. a 7. Doug managed to hit good scores throughout this set but suffered a little on his fifth hand when he lost focus and hit a 4. This did not faze him because he came back guns blazing on his final hand to hit an excellent 16 spare which was his tenth spare of the season! His overall score was our teams highest of the night of 48 so well done to him. Had he not have suffered on his fifth hand then I am sure that he could have easily got over 50. Our other scores on this set were a 4, two 5's, five 6's, seven 7's, an 8 a 9 and the 16 spare. These added together gave our players scores of 41, 37 and 48 which gave us a set total of a good 126. The Depoteers tried their hardest to fight back and it looked like it was going to work, especially on their third and fifth hand when J. Nipper hit a couple of spares. A 9 spare and a 12 spare. These helped him to hit a personal score of 40. This perhaps could have been a lot higher because he suffered greatly on his first and final hand when he could only manage to hit a 3 and a 4 respectively. The range of scores for The Depoteers consisted of two 3's, five 4's, a 5, four 6's a 7, an 8, a 9 spare and the 12 spare. Their player totals were 40, 29 and 34 which gave them a set total of just 103. We had levelled the game as far as points were concerned and we were now a good 14 pins in front which is a good position to be in.

Our third set consisted of Kev, John C, and Dixie. This was set to be a good one because John and Kev were back in their usual positions in the third set where they could have their own mini



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battle. There were not many surprises forthcoming as far as high scores go, but they all played on par with each other with similar like for like scores throughout the set. Both John and Kev did have a bit of a scare on their third hand when they both hit low scores. This did not give any cause for concern at all on this set and the overall results conveyed this quite nicely. The range of pins hit for this set for us were a 3, a 4, two 5's, five 6's, two 7's and seven 8's which gave us player scores of 37 and two 40's. Our overall set total was 117. The Depoteers tried to emulate our scores but this did not seem to go their way because they hit a 1, a 4, two 5's, seven 6's, five 7's and two 8's. This gave them scores of 29, 42 and 37 which gave them a set total of just 108. We had managed to win the set by 9 pins so were now 23 pins in front for the final set.

The final set consisted of Vince, Dave and Woody. We needed to keep a level head on the game. By and large this happened well because Vince hit almost an entire hand of 6's. I don't know what happened on his fifth hand because he suffered greatly with a 1. Dave played a consistent steady match but Woody played a similar game to last week because he hit the same score as he did then of 46. This was gained mainly because he hit a good 14 spare on his final hand. Our range of scores for this set were a 1, a 4, a 5, eight 6's, three 7's two 8's a 9 and of course the 14 spare. These gave us player totals of 31, 41 and 46 which gave us a set total of 118. The Depoteers tried valiantly to battle on but seemed to get logistics wrong when one of their players hit a V/C on his first hand which was unfortunate for him. Their range of scores apart from this V/C was a 2, a 3, a 4, two 5's, eight 6's, three 7's and an 8. Their player totals were two 28's and a 40 which gave them a set total of 96. We had won this final set by a huge 22 pins. The overall team totals were 471 pins to us and 426 pins to them. We had won the match by a whopping 45 pins and had stung them 12 points to 2. This seems to prove that we can and have the ability to beat teams who have been better than us in the past.

I am not sure just where this leaves us in the final placing of the table, but rest assured that it does not get us any closer to promotion to the second division. It does, however, show that we are a strong team and that we have the ability to win some good matches.

This then as I said at the start is the final Match report of the season, but I will be publishing an overall summary over the next few weeks when I have looked back through the highs and lows of the season.

The next season should begin either at the end of August or beginning of September, but full details of the start and who our opponents will be will be posted on the website as soon as they become available. So until then enjoy the summer break and thanks for your support throughout the season.