



# CON B SKITTLES

## Match Report Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009

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Well here we are near the end of the season. The clocks go forward at 01:00 hrs on Sunday morning and the new Formula 1 season is just starting. Sorry to say I will not be posting any F1 race reports here because it is a skittles site. Mind you F1 could be more interesting at times. Any way I am getting off the track of this so let's get back to reality. This week we were back home on our own alley and were playing against The Electric Sports. When we played them last year we were fortunate enough to beat them, but it was on their alley. They were residing in the lower quadrant of the table at the time of writing this so we felt, as ever, that potentially there was nothing we could do wrong, except we were at home and you know what that does even to the most seasoned player amongst us. Would this be a victory to go with our recent good fortune? Or would we fall victims once more?

For our first set Swifty, Andy M. and 'edgehog were drawn to face The Electric Sports. It took a little while to get going on this set and the scores reflected it too. All of us were suffering because unfortunately, both Swifty and 'edgehog scored some 1's. Andy M. did not do much better because he hit a 3. To rub salt further into the wound Swifty managed a V/C on his final hand. This was not the first for us either on this game because we had another on our third set, more about that later. Despite the initial bad scores we did manage to hit three 5's, a 6 and seven 7's. Alas these were just not enough to help our cause. Our hand totals were 14, 34 and 33 which gave us an overall set total of 81. The Electric Sports played a little better than us when they hit scores ranging from a 2, with four 4's, six 5's, four 6's and three 7's. Their player totals were not that much different to ours but for the record they were 32 and two 31's which gave them a set total of 94. This gave them a victory on the first set of 13 pins and had two points on the board. We now had to play catch up.

The second set consisted of Grandad, Lee and Doug. We needed a power set to gain pins and points back and they were all set to do it. Unfortunately, this seemed to be a pipe dream because the collective score for the first hand of this set was 13 which was made up of a 5 and two 4's. Things did begin to improve, however, when between them they hit two 6's, six 7's and three 8's. Doug managed to hit a good 12 spare on his fourth hand which seemed to keep the game alive and us afloat. Our player totals were 40, 36 and 37 which gave us an overall set total of 113. This was still not good enough because The Electric Sports just kept the balls making contact with the pins, seeming to destroy any hope we had in this set. Their pins ranged from a 3 all the way up to a 10 spare by M. Baines who, as it turned out, had their teams' highest score of the evening of 47. They had romped away with the set with the others hitting 34 and 42. Their overall set total was 123 and they had gained yet another 10 pin profit on us. They were now 23 pins in front and had 4 points on the board. Things were not looking good.

Playing for us on the third set was Kev, John C. and Andy G. As I have already said earlier in this report we unfortunately suffered our second V/C on this match. Despite this we still had a fairly good range of other scores worthy of a mention which included a 2, two 4's, two 5's, two 6's, five 7's and two 8's. Topping off this set was an excellent 13 spare by Andy G. on his fifth hand which helped greatly. Our set totals were 32, 31 and 41 which gave us a reasonable total of 104. The Electric Sports did not managed to gain a spare on this set but instead were consistent with their other



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scores. For the record they hit a 4, three 5's, three 6's, five 7's and six 8's which gave them totals of 42, 38 and 40 making their set total 120. We had lost yet more pins. This time adding another 16 pins to their already large total which now gave them a huge 39 pin lead and a resounding 6 points too. Things were just not going our way. We needed a miracle. Could we get one on the final set?

The final set consisted of Dave, Vice and Captain Woody. The scores were all fairly well matched on this set and the totals showed. We hit a 3, two 4's, three 5's, two 6's, seven 7's, two 8's and a 9. Our set totals were 35, 35 and 42 which gave us a set total of 112. The Electric Sports seemed to be all over the place with scores of a 1, five 5's, five 6's, two 7's, four 8's and a 9. Their set totals were 35, 36 and 40. This gave them a set total of 111. We had saved a little face on this set by winning by a single pin. This was not quite the whitewash that we were looking at most of the way through this match. At least we had managed to get 2 points! The final overall totals were 410 to us and 448 to The Electric Sports and our final deficit on the pins were a huge 38, which swallows up our massive win of the other week!

As I have often said in these reports, skittles is a funny game and many things can happen and usually do. All I can really say about this is that we must have been saving our energy a little for the Front Pin Final on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at the Cabot Bars when we play against The Dambusters who were at the time of this report the Table leaders (they are probably still going to be there but I have no idea who they were playing or just how far away the team in the second place were.)

As luck would have it we do not have a match next week due to the team we should have been playing against pulling out of the league early on in the season, so we will not now be in action again until the Front Pin Final as mentioned above. So look in later that week for the report on that match and see how well (or badly) we did!