



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 11th December 2009

Things are certainly hotting up for us as far as skittles are concerned, unlike the current spell of bad weather. We are currently in second place in the main table thanks to our past good fortune as far as winning is concerned. This week we were back in action on our home alley against The Elvers, who up until the end of last season were in the second division. Did we have the capabilities to continue with our good fortune? Or would our winning streak be over?

Playing on the first set was Andy M., Grandad and 'edgehog. All three of us began a little on the low side with a couple of 6's and a 5. The other scores we hit did not seem to be very high until you looked closer at the score board and saw that we were in front as far as the individual hands were concerned. The breakdown was two 4's, four 5's, five 6's, three 7's and four 8's, giving us player totals of 36, 39 and 36. This gave us a set total of 111. The Elvers seemed as if they were going to give us a run for our money when their first man hit a 9 on his first hand down. They then began to lose a little bit of pace when they hit a couple of 3's and a few 5's. Their breakdown was two 2's, three 3's, two 5's, three 6's, a 7, two 8's and the 9. This gave them player totals of 38 and two 30's which gave them a set total of a mere 98. We had won the first set by 13 pins which is quite a good start to a game in anybody's book.

The second set consisted of Kojak, Andy G. and Doug. This turned out to be a very good set indeed with our team hitting three of our four spares of the night. Each of the three players hit one of the spares apiece which made it a lot better. The scores hit between them was a 1, a 2, a 3, six 6's, four 7's, an 8 two 13 spares and a 17 spare. The 17 spare was hit by Doug so well done to him. The overall player totals were 39, 44 and 45 which gave us a set total of an excellent 128. The 45 scored by Doug was not the highest score of the night for us even with his 17 spare, this was to come in the final set, but more about that later. The Elvers fought on bravely, but alas they seemed to find more gaps than pins. Their breakdown at the end of the set was a 2, a 3, three 4's, three 5's, five 6's, two 7's and three 8's. This gave them player totals of 40, 33 and 27 and a set total of only 100. We had won the second set by another 28 pins. We were now 41 pins in front going into the third set. Things were certainly looking good for us at the time. Was it going to continue? Or would it all fall apart like badly assembled flat pack furniture?

The third set consisted of Kev, John C. and Cockney Al. This was a rather mixed bag as far as scores were concerned on this set for us because we had Kev firing on all cylinders and Al coming up on the inside being supported by John. But as I always say in these reports, all pins are valuable and count unless this happened to be a Front Pin match, which it wasn't. The breakdown was two 3's, four 5's, three 6's, four 7's, two 8's and a 9. This gave us player totals of 44, 33 and 36 and a set total of 113. The Elvers tried upping the ante but just could not quite match the pace but just couldn't seem to make all the balls connect with the pins. Their breakdown was a 2, a 3, a 4, two 5's, eight 6's, two 7's, two 8's and a 9, giving them player totals of 37, 35 and 34. This gave them a set total of just 106. We had won the third set by 7 pins which meant that we were now a huge 48 pins in front and had a nice six points on the board so far. So, could we carry on the good fortune and get a nice 14-0 win?



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The final set consisted of Dixie, Dave and Captain Woody. This was not quite as good as the third set, as far as the overall total was concerned it came a close second with Dave hitting our teams highest score of the night of 49 thanks to an excellent 14 spare on his fifth hand, well done to him. The others all played well in supporting roles. Their scores were a 3, a 4, three 5's, six 7's, four 8's, a 9 and the 14 spare. Apart from Dave's 49 the other totals were 37 and 41, giving us a set total of 127. The Elvers tried to keep the pressure up and almost succeeded on their third hand when L. Kirby hit a 12 spare which contributed to his teams highest score of 43 so well done to him. This, as it happened, was also their only spare of the night. The complete range of scores they hit were a 2, a 3, three 5's, three 6's, six 7's, two 8's and the 12 spare. These gave them additional player totals of 34 and 36. With their highest score added to this, their set total was just 113. We had won the fourth and final set by 14 pins which gave us an overall profit of a huge 62 pins.

We had done what we set out to do and that was to keep our winning streak alive and win the match 14 points to 0. This certainly looks like it could gain us the top slot in the table for the third division for the CSL league. I won't know this until next week when I am made aware of how the other teams playing fared.

Next week will be our final match before Christmas and we will be playing against The Atoms at the 49 club. This is another team who came down from the second division so it will be interesting to see how this match goes! So until next time...