



# CON B SKITTLES

## Knock Out Cup Round 2 Match Report Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010

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Still suffering the aftershock of our defeat on Wednesday we were in action for the second time in a week on yet another cup match. We were playing at the Weston AFC (2) against the REA. Last time we met them in a regular league match back in November we were victorious. Could we do the double? Or were we going to be faced with another defeat?

In this match we were able to be deemed the away team and play second. This, as I have said before, often plays well in our favour. Could it work this time too? Playing first set for us was Grandad, Dixie and 'edgehog. Things did not begin quite the way we wanted because we could only muster a firsthand score of just 17. For some reason we just could not get a connection with the pins and make many of them count which was unfortunate to say the least. The range of scores hit by us were two 3's, two 4's, two 5's, six 6's, a 7, two 8's and two 9's. These gave us player totals of 31, 36 and 42 giving us a set total of just 109. The REA seemed to be onto a winning streak because their first player, P. Bignell began with a 9 and ended up with a 13 spare on his final hand. This gave him their highest score of the night of 48 so well done to him. The other scores hit were a 2, two 5's, three 6's, four 7's, four 8's, two 9's and the 13 spare. These gave them player totals of 48, 35 and 42 and a set total of 125. They had won the first set by 16 pins. There seemed to be a slight pattern occurring here based upon the performance we had on Wednesday.

The second set consisted of Kojak, Biker and Doug. Alas once more things got off to a shaky start for us when we could only open our assault on the match with a first hand down of 18. Doug managed to keep the dream alive with a good range of scores that included a couple of 8's and a 9 which meant that he ended up with a total of 44. The other scores we hit during this hand were two 4's, three 5's, four 6's, four 7's, three 8's and two 9's. These gave us additional player scores of 32 and 41 which gave us a set total of 117. The REA, however, still seemed to have the slight edge over us and their scores reflected this quite nicely with a good number of 8's and 9's in the mix. The complete range of scores hit was a 3, two 5's, three 6's, six 7's, four 8's and two 9's. Their player totals were 42, 43 and 38 which gave them a set total of 123. They had stolen the second set from us as well. This time it was by another 6 pins, which meant that we were now 22 pins behind. This was not looking to be good. We needed something from somewhere, and fast.

The third set consisted of Kev, John C. and Andy G. This turned out to be an excellent set as far as we were concerned because Andy romped away with two spares on his fourth and fifth hands where he hit a 16 spare followed by a 14 spare. This catapulted him into the lead as far as player totals were concerned in this match because he ended up with a high score of 55 so well done to him. The complete breakdown of scores for this set was a 3, a 4, a 5, five 6's, five 7's, two 8's, a 9, the 14 spare and the 16 spare. The other two player totals were 37 and 40. These added to Andy's score gave us a set total of 132. The REA seemed not to know what had just happened. Their scores were a little on the low side compared with some of the former ones they had hit during the match.



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They hit a 2, two 4's, a 5, six 6's, four 7's, two 8's, and two 9's. These gave them player totals of 39, 34 and 40 giving them a set total of just 113. We had managed to pull back 19 pins from their high profit so we were now just a mere 3 pins behind. Could we just pull back a little further and take the match right from under their noses?

The final set consisted of Mike, Dave and Captain Woody. The pins seemed to be evenly matched across the card with plenty of 6's and 7's taking pride and place on our side. The breakdown was two 5's, four 6's, ten 7's and two 8's. This gave us player totals of 39, 40 and 41. The set total for us on this set was 120. The REA kept matching us fairly closely until M. Singfield hit a good 14 spare on his third hand which gave him a set total of 44. The other scores were three 4's, a 5, five 6's, five 7's, three 8's and the 14 spare. These gave them player totals of 39, 37 and 44 which also gave them a set total of 120. The final set was a draw. Alas this was just not good enough because the match is won on the overall total number of pins. These were 478 to us and 480 to them which was a narrow win of just 3 pins.

Our cup run this season now seems very much over, so we just need to concentrate on playing well for the rest of the season and keeping in the upper quadrant of the table because at the time of this report we once more were in the top slot.

Next week we shall be at home once more against The Tornadoes. Last time we met during the early part of the season we were lucky enough to win the match by 12 points to 2. Can we do it again? Look in next week and see.