



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 13th November 2009

With us having a vacant night last week, due to the Real Walnuts pulling out of the league so soon after joining, there was a chance that we would go off the boil after having had some good results of late. This week seemed to be a strange one because the Cannonballs have changed home alleys from the Rugby Club to Weston AFC (1). This was not really a problem for us because we had played on the alley a few times in the past. Did we have an advantage? Or was it just a psychological feeling? Friday 13th often invokes panic in many people, but to me it is just a normal day. So how did the match go? Read on.

Up first was Biker, Dixie and 'edgehog. This seemed to be the start of a good run of high scores because it saw the first of eight spares hit by our team overall, compared to just one for The Cannonballs. The scores we hit for this set were a 4, three 6's, five 7's, five 8's, three 9's and a 16 spare (by Dixie on his final hand). Our player totals were 38, 54 and 48 giving us a set total of 140. Dixie's score was not our highest of the match. This was to come in the second set. The Cannonballs seemed to be lacking slightly and their scores reflected this when they could only muster a 3, two 4's, two 5's, two 6's, two 7's, seven 8's and two 9's. This gave them player totals of 39 and two 41's and a set total of 121. We had taken an early lead by 19 pins and had managed to get the first points on the score board.

The second set consisted of Swifty, Kojak, and Andy G. This too seemed to be a good set; in fact it was our best as far as overall scores were concerned. On this set alone we managed to get four spares on the board which in itself was a good achievement. The first of them came from Swifty which I think was his first for us so well done to him. Kojak had the best time because he hit two spares, one on his third hand and the other on his final one. These were a 15 and a 12. Andy G. also had a very good spare on his first hand which was a 16. The scores consisted of two 3's, two 4's, a 5, two 6's, two 8's, four 9's, a 10 spare, a 12 spare, a 15 spare and a 16 spare. This gave us player totals of 33, 60 and 50. Kojak had hit our teams' highest score of the night so very well done to him. Our set total was a huge 143. The Cannonballs on the other hand did manage to get their act together a little better and their scores reflected this quite nicely. They hit a 4, five 6's, two 7's, five 8's and five 9's which gave them player totals of 39, 46 and 48. The 48 was scored by J. Thomas and was their highest score of the night so well done to him. Their set total was 133. We had won the set by another 10 pins bringing up our total to now 29 pins ahead and our points nicely up to 4. Things seemed to be going quite nicely in our favour.

The third set consisted of M. Coleman, John C. and Doug. This was another nicely scored set as far as we were concerned. We hit a 3, a 5, two 6's, five 7's, eight 8's and a 14 spare by M. Coleman. The player totals were 43, 46 and 44 giving us a set total of just 133 which was our lowest scoring set. The Cannonballs tried valiantly to keep it together and tried matching the scores where they could. They were more consistent on some of them than we were. They hit a 3, two 6's, seven 7's, three 8's and five 9's which gave them player totals of two 44's and a 45. This also gave them a set total of 133 making us share the points available for the set. Our profit margin was not dented in any way and our points only increased by one. The Cannonballs had also gained a point too.



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The final set could have been our undoing because we were a player short so had to play a low score. This was 33, so we had to get some motion going to ensure that our already high profit was not diminished in anyway. Playing in the two other places was Dave and Captain Woody. Both played well with fairly evenly matched scores because they both hit spares on their second hand. Dave had a 14 spare and Woody a 12. The other scores that they hit were four 7's, four 8's, two 9's and the 12 and 14 spare. Their player totals were 54 and 50. These added to the low score of 33 gave us a reasonable 137. The Cannonballs seemed to sense that they could potentially gain a victory and seemed to pull out some of the stops where they could including their one and only spare of the night by J. Taylor. Their player scores were three 5's, four 6's, four 7's, four 8's and three 9's which includes the 9 spare. Their player totals were 46, 42 and 38 giving them a set total of just 126. We had taken the final set by 11 pins which brought our overall total to a fantastic 40 pins. The final overall totals were 553 to us and 513 to The Cannonballs. We had secured a nice cache of 13 points for the game.

Phew! What a match that was.

Next week we will be back on our home alley against the REA so that should also be an interesting match. The next round of the George Davis cup has been announced and the details of this match can be found on the cup matches page of the web site. So till next time...