



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 15th January 2010

Now the snow and ice has melted away it must be a sure sign that spring and summer might just be on its way. But you and I know that this may well not be the case, so it is back to reality and skittles. This week we were in action again against The Electric Sports on their new home ally at The Golden Lion in Worle. This now being the third time we have met this season so far and the stakes were fairly even. We had both won one of the matches and we needed this one to give us the edge and victory, a bit like a cricket test match but without the rain stopping play!

Being the official away team this week we again, potentially, could have the advantage on the game by knowing exactly what we needed to do to go for the win, which is always a nice thing. Playing for us on the first set we had a slight change in batting order with 'edgehog being promoted to first man rather than anchor for the set. He was supported by Dixie and Andy G. 'edgehog played an excellent set all through. It was not quite as good as a match he played back in December last year against The Atoms, but it was a close second. He managed to hit a good range of 7's over four of the six hands. The other two hands improved, whereby he hit an excellent 17 spare on his fourth hand and an 8 on his fifth. These gave him our teams' highest score of the night of 53 so well done to him. Dixie tried to better the score but just could not match it. Andy G. began well with a 13 spare but then dipped a little on his remaining hands. The complete range of scores were a 3, three 5's, two 6's, five 7's, three 8's, a 9, the 13 spare and the 17 spare. Dixie and Andy hit 43 and 38. These added to 'edgehogs score gave us a set total of 134. The Electric Sports seemed to be still suffering a little from their cup defeat last week because again one of their players unfortunately hit a v/c but this did not deter him in any way. M. Lightfoot managed to hit their only spare of the night on his third hand when he hit a 10 spare which also contributed to him getting their highest score of the night of 45 so well done to him. There were other good scores too on this set. They hit a 4, two 5's, seven 7's, four 8's, a 9 and the 10 spare. These gave them player totals of 43, 30 and the 45 mentioned earlier. These scores gave them a set total of 118. We had won the set by 16 pins. This was a good position to be in at such a point in the match because it gave us a nice cushion and of course we had taken the first points.

The second set consisted of Biker, Grandad and Doug. This seemed to be a power fest of pins with two good spares being hit, one of which was by Biker on his final hand when he hit a good 16 spare which gave him his highest score so far of the season of 44 and also his first spare too, so well done to him. Doug hit the second spare of the set on his third hand when he hit an 11 spare. All of his pins added together also gave him 44. Granddad, on the other hand, played a nice regular game starting off with three 9's but he slipped a little to a 7 then hit two 8's. His final score was 50. All this without a spare too which in itself is excellent. The complete range of scores was a 3, two 5's, three 6's, a 7, five 8's, three 9's, the 11 spare and the 16. The total number of pins hit by us on this set was a huge 138. The Electric Sports looked as if things were going to improve when P. Wintle started off with four 7's. The range of scores they hit was a 2, a 4, three 5's, two 6's, six 7's, three 8's and a 9. These gave them player totals of two 41's and 35 which gave them a set total of 117. We had won the second set by 21 pins which meant that we were now a healthy 37 pins in front and also had 4 points on the board. Things were certainly looking good in our favour.



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The third set consisted of Kev, John C. and Mike. It seemed as if we had peaked too early because the pins did not want to budge off the diamond towards the end of the set. All three players began well with a 7, a 9 and a 10 spare. But then it began to drift apart. We battled on because all the pins were important and the profit we currently had was definitely needed. The complete range of scores were a 2, two 3's, four 5's, four 6's, two 7's, an 8, two 9's and the 10 spare. These gave us player totals of 33, 36 and 39 and a set total of just 108. Things were not looking great. The Electric Sports seemed to sense a potential victory and upped the pace a little. It looked promising as the balls were bowled and the pins fell. The range of scores was a 3, five 5's, four 6's, three 7's, four 8's and a 9. These gave them player totals of 35, 36 and 43 and a set total of 114. They had taken the set by 6 so we were now leading by 31 pins. Not a huge amount by anyone's standards but enough to send a few jitters around.

The final set consisted of Cockney Al, Dave and Captain Woody. All three began on the lower end of the board with slightly disappointing scores of two 5's and a 6. Things picked up for Captain Woody on his final hand when he hit a good 14 spare which assisted in giving him a player total of 43. The other scores for us on this set were a 2, two 4's, four 5's, two 6's, six 7's, two 8's and the 14 spare. The other player totals were 32 and 39 which gave us a set total of 114. The Electric Sports once more upped the pace to fight on valiantly and their scores reflected this quite nicely. They hit two 4's, three 5's, five 6's, two 7's, four 8's and a 9. These gave them player totals of 39, 41 and 37 and a set total of 117. They had won the final set by just 3 pins. The overall totals were 494 to us and 466 to them. We had won the match by 28 pins and added a nice 10 points to our already healthy cache of points.

Next week, on 22nd January, we will be back on our home alley against The Reptiles so until then enjoy the milder weather, but I seem to think that the cold stuff might rear its ugly head once more...Oh what joy!