



# CON B SKITTLES

## Match Report Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009

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Still on a high from last week's win over the Tornadoes and having won our two vital cup matches we seemed to be on a nice feel-good factor. Our opponents this week were The Nalگو who at the time of the match were in the mid part of the table, unlike us who were very near the bottom. But as many people say the only way is up because we cannot get that much lower. We were on our home ally so we should have an advantage.

Our first set consisted of Biker, Swifty and Kev. It seemed strange to see Kev on the first set but he had to shoot off due to work commitments. All three began well with 8, 7 and 6. The pace was steady and most of the balls counted. The scores for this set were two 3's, two 4's, two 5's, seven 6's and two 8's. This gave us scores of 32, 33 and 38 and a set total of 103 which was not a bad start. The Nalگو just seemed to have the upper hand on us and it got a little scary when S. Hare scored their first spare of the night on his final hand. This did not quite go the way he had planned it because the ball sailed straight through leaving him with a mere 9 spare. Their other scores ranged from two 3's, three 5's, five 6's, four 7's, an 8 and three 9's which includes the 9 spare. Their player totals were 36, 41 and 37 giving them a set total of 114. They had taken the first set from us by 11 pins. This was looking a little dodgy, but it was early and it could still go either way.

The second set consisted of Andy M., Kojak and Dixie. Once again their first hands were good with an 8, 6 and our first spare of the night of a 17. Kojak on the other hand was not quite so lucky in the first five of his hands. He seemed to be suffering big time with his scores but he had a change of luck on his final hand when he scored an excellent 18 spare which was well deserved. The range of scores for us were a 2, three 4's, two 5's, four 6's, four 7's, two 8's, a 17 spare and an 18 spare. The player totals were 39, 39 and 49. It was thanks to Kojak's 18 spare that he managed to get his score up. Dixie scored our teams highest score of the night of 49 thanks to his 17 spare at the start of the set. Our set total was 127 which turned out to be our highest scoring set of the night. The Nalگو tried to emulate this but seemed to find too many gaps in the pins. Their scores consisted of two 4's, five 5's, five 6's, four 7's and two 8's. This gave them player totals of 33, 34 and 40 giving them a set total of just 107 which was their lowest number of pins for a set in this match. The scores were level with two points each, but we were now in a commanding position in the match with us now being 9 pins in front. Not an awful lot but at least it was giving us a little more hope on this match.

The third set consisted of M Coleman, John C. and Andy G. Again their first hands were good with an 8, 6 and 8. The rest of the set was also played to the same high standard and the scores reflected that quite nicely. They consisted of two 4's, two 6's, six 7's and seven 8's which gave them set totals of 44, 42 and 38. The set total was a good 124. The Nalگو once more tried to match us as best they could. This just did not seem to go the way that they wanted it to because their scores were two 4's, three 5's, six 6's, two 7's and five 8's. The player totals were 35, 43 and 35 giving them a set total of just 113. We had taken the set by another 11 pins taking the profit up to 20 pins in front and we now also had gained four valuable points. Things were definitely going in our favour. Could we see it on to the end?



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The last set saw Doug, Dave and Captain Woody have the final shoot out. Once more their first hands were good with an 8, 6 and a 7. Doug managed to keep his game together well with an excellent range of scores. Dave on the other hand suffered with some of his lowest scores of the season on a league match. But as I always say in these reports "it is only a game, all pins count and winning is a bonus." The scores that were hit were a 3, three 5's, two 6's, four 7's, five 8's and a 9. The player totals were 44, 33 and 43. This gave us a set total of 120. The Nalgo seemed to come alive on this set and T. Counsell hit their highest score of the night with a 48 thanks to an excellent 13 spare on his third hand. The other scores they hit were two 5's, two 6's, six 7's, seven 8's and the 13 spare. Their player totals were 48, 43 and 42. This meant that their set total was the highest of the entire game with a huge 133. They had taken the final set by 13 pins. This was not enough to win the match. The total pins were 474 to us and 467 to them. We had won the match by just 7 pins and had placed a most welcome 10 points on the board. This should take us a little way up the table. Things are looking up for us as time goes on.

Next week we will be away at the 49 club against the Fortyniners who finished last season just a little below us in the table.

The next rounds for the Front Pin and George Davis Cups have been announced and the details placed on the Cup Matches page of this site.

Till Next time have fun.