



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 18th September 2009

So here we are once again. This is now our third match of the season and our second at home. Our opponents this week were The Depoteers who usually play at the Boro Club. Last season they ended up being three places below us in the table. Were we going to use this as an advantage? Or would things just not go the way we would normally hope?

Our first set consisted of Swifty, Andy M. and Kojak. Swifty managed to send some good balls down the alley which ensured he was soon playing well. There were, however, one or two sticky moments when some of the balls sailed happily through the gaps, which in this game, there are many! Andy M. also found a few gaps as did Kojak. This first set was not the best we had done but it all counts. Our player totals for this set was 26, 36 and 26 which gave us a set total of just 88. The Depoteers seemed to see an opening for some big scores. And boy did they! The Depoteers seemed not to be able to put a ball wrong until their final hand of the set when they hit a disappointing 2. They did manage to score two excellent spares one of 12 by D. Stokes, and one of 11 by D. Sharp. Their player totals were 43, 37 and 41 giving them a set total of 121. They had won the set by a massive 33 pins and had secured the first two points of the match.

The second set consisted of Kev, Doug and Andy G. This seemed to be a high scoring set for us which consisted of a 4, two 5's, four 6's, eight 7's two 8's and a 13 spare! The spare was hit by Andy G. who seems to be playing on top form this season because he has managed to hit a spare on every game played so far. If he keeps this up he will be the proud winner of the team cup for the highest number of spares, won at the end of last season by Doug. The player totals for this set was 40, 40 and 43. This amounted to a total of 123. The Depoteers did not want to take this lying down and fought back with a 14 spare by D. Howell on his first hand and a 12 spare on his third. This gave him their teams' highest score of the night of a huge 47 so well done to him. The other player scores were 38 and 41. This gave them a set total of 126. They had won this set as well but only by 3 pins. They were now 36 pins in front and had 4 points to their credit. Things were not looking good for us at all.

The third set consisted of Grandad, John C. and Cockney Al. This set was not quite as good as the previous one in as much as scores ranged from a disappointing 1 all the way up to four 7's and three 8's. Our player totals were 30, 39 and 38 giving us a set total of 107. The Depoteers kept up the pressure. Their scores reflected this. There seemed not to be any chinks in their armour as they hit a range of scores consisting of two 5's, seven 6's, three 7's and six 8's. This gave them player totals of 41, 36 and 44 which totalled 121. Once more they had pulled further ahead. This time by another 14 pins and were now a huge 50 pins in front. Were we going to salvage anything from this match at all? Or was it going to be a total train crash of despair?

The final set consisted of Dixie, Dave and Captain Woody. The pressure was on them to save a bit of face. Could they do it? The scores for our team consisted of a 3, three 6's, four 7's, seven 8's and two 9's. The set totals were 41, 46 and 43. This set saw our teams' highest score of the night with Dave hitting the 46 so well done to him. The set total was also our highest of the night too of 130. The Depoteers unfortunately had a player short so had to play a low score which was a shame, this meant they already had a score of 36 on the board. The other two players hit a range of scores



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of a 4, a 5, four 6's, two 7's, an 8 and a 9. These gave them scores of a 42 and 38 giving a set total of 116. At last we had won a set! We had stolen back from the deficit a nice 14 pins making the deficit now only 36. This was not as bad as the 50 we began the set with. The final totals were 448 to us and 484 to The Depoteers. Alas now we had suffered two defeats this season, both of which were on our own alley, not a good start.

Next week we will be playing at The Regency against Double Six. This alley has suited us on many an occasion and we have had some of our best scores there.

So that wraps it up for another week.