



# CON B SKITTLES

## Match Report Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010

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Still suffering a little from our two defeats last week on the cup matches, we have something to celebrate and that is the fact that at the time of writing this report we were back on the top of the second division, but only leading by two points. At least we were quite a few points ahead of the team in the third slot, so we could not rest too long on our laurels; we had some work to do. We were at home this week against The Tornados. Last time we played against them in the league we were fortunate enough to win 12 – 2, so we seemed to have a slight advantage. Could we do the double? Or was it going to end in disaster?

Playing for us on the first set was Biker, Doug and 'edgehog. All three began well with scores contributing to a good hand of 20, but this began to tail off a little for the remainder of the set. Despite this the scores collectively were fairly similar throughout. The breakdown of the scores was a 2, a 4, six 5's, three 6's, six 7's and an 8. These gave us player totals of 34, 31 and 39 and a set total of 104. The Tornados, from the start, looked to be lacking a little power because their first hand collectively scored just 15. The others seemed to be fairly similar with scores of a 3, a 4, six 5's, four 6's, five 7's and an 8. These gave them player totals of two 35's and a 34. This also gave them a set total of just 104 which meant that the match was level on all accounts.

The second set consisted of Cockney Al, Kojak and Dixie. Once more this set did not seem to have many significant scores except on the final hand by Kojak, who hit a good 9. It was not enough to give him the highest score for us on the match; this was to come in the third set. The pins hit by us were a 3, two 4's, four 5's, three 6's, four 7's, two 8's and a 9. These gave us player totals of 36, 37 and 35 and a set total of 108. The Tornados tried to pull something out of the bag but just could not do it. They did manage to hit a 9 as well, but this did not seem to help their cause much. Their range of scores was a 2, two 3's, two 4's, two 5's, three 6's, six 7's, an 8 and a 9. These gave them player totals of 37, 29 and 37 and a set total of just 103. We had won the second set, but only by a mere 5 pins. At least it was something to build upon for the rest of the match.

The third set consisted of Kev, John C. and Mike. This turned out to be the best set for our team because there was nothing less than a 5 hit over the entire set, which sometimes in itself is an achievement. John began his run on this set with a fantastic 13 spare and was fairly consistent with the other pins during the set. So much so, that he ended up with the highest score not only for us but the entire match of 49 so very well done to him. This also, as it happened, turned out to be his highest score so far this season, beating his previous high of 46 which he scored against The Cannonballs on their alley back in November last year. The complete scores for us on this set were a 5, four 6's, four 7's, seven 8's, a 9 and the 13 spare. This gave our other two totals of 41 and 45. All together these gave us a massive set total of 135. The Tornados tried hard to put the pressure on us, but alas it was not to be. The highest number of pins they could hit on a single hand was just 8 which meant that sadly they were lacking behind quite considerably. Their range of scores was four 4's, four 5's, five 6's, three 7's and two 8's. These gave them player totals of two 35's and a 33. Once more this gave them a set total of just 103. We had won this set by a huge 32 pins and were now 37 pins in front with a nice five points on the score board. It was certainly looking good, but things could tumble down around our ears on the final set!



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The final set consisted of Andy G., Dave and Captain Woody. This, once more, seemed to be a fairly high scoring set as far as individual hands were concerned, but there were no more spares in the offering. This did not deter them from doing their best. Dave almost equalled the top score but only ended up with a 46. It was still a good effort though. The breakdown was as follows a 4, a 5, six 6's, four 7's, five 8's and a 9. This gave us player totals of 39, 46 and 37 and a set total of 122. The Tornados began to fight back but they could not quite get the spares that they so desperately needed but they did manage to get a couple of 9's in the mix. Their range of scores was a 3, a 4, two 5's, three 6's, three 7's, five 8's and the two 9's. This gave them player totals of 41, 45 and 31. The 45 was their highest score of the night, this was hit by G. Horler, so well done to him. Their set total was just 117. We had won the set by 5 pins which brought our overall profit on the match to 42 pins. We had won the match by 13 points to 1. The overall totals were 469 to us and 427 to them.

These points certainly mean there is a good chance that we stay top of the table, but until I know what the others hit then, like you, I do not know at all.

Next week we shall be away at the Lamb against The Nalgo. Last time we played a league match we won 10 points to 4, but they did beat us in the Front Pin cup match, so it is all to play for.