



# CON B SKITTLES

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

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After a week off last week due to us having a vacant night things certainly changed a little at the top of the table. We sadly have slipped into second place, but the shocking thing is The Electric Sports have leapfrogged into the top slot so this means that the final few matches of the season are going to be very important as far as winning is concerned.

This week we are on home soil against The Cannonballs. When we met them back in November last year, we were victorious and won 13 – 1. Could we do better this time?

Playing for us on the first set was Biker, Grandad and 'edgehog. Because we were a little rusty from not playing last week it took a short while for the balls and pins to get warmed up. The scores reflected this with six 5's and six 6's cluttering up the score board. The other scores we hit on this set were a 3, three 7's and an 8. These gave us player totals of 30, 35 and 38 and a set total of just 103. The Cannonballs themselves did not quite get off the ground that quickly because in their set they hit a couple of 1's. They kept plugging away at it and managed to add a 2, a 4, a 5, six 6's, two 7's, four 8's and a 9 to the pot. These gave them player totals of 27, 40 and 37 giving them a set total of 104. They had won the first set by a single pin. This was not a good start for us and we knew that if we were going to make anything of this match we had to pull our fingers out and get some decent scores on the board.

The second set saw a slight change to the usual bowling order because Kojak was placed with the Son and Father Duo Doug and Dave. This was going to be interesting to see them both together in the same set. This of course put a little pressure on Kojak to play just as well as them or, if he could, slightly better, bearing in mind just how serious Doug takes the game. Doug had the slight edge over his father when he hit a good 12 spare on his fourth hand which gave him a set total of 43. This was not quite the highest score of the match for us because that was to come later. The breakdown of our scores was a 3, a 4, three 5's, three 6's, four 7's, four 8's, a 9 and the 12 spare. The other player totals for this set were 37 and 41 which gave us a set total of 121. The Cannonballs just could not keep it together for this set. Were they intimidated by having Doug and Dave as part of their opponents? – I have no idea, but their scores seemed to be a little on the low side. They hit a 2, a 3, three 4's, three 5's, seven 6's, a 7 and an 8. This gave them player totals of 34, 28 and 34 and a set total of just 96. We had won this set by 25 pins so we were ahead by 24 pins on the game with the point's level. It was still all to play for.

The third set saw a more traditional plan with Kev, John C. and Mike together. This was a fairly high scoring set as far as individual pins were concerned, but collectively it was fairly even. John had a very good set indeed when he hit a good 12 spare on his second hand. This helped him score a total of 46, so well done to him. This was not our highest score of the match; this was to come in the next set. The breakdown of our scores for this set was a 2, a 3, a 4, three 5's, three 6's, two 7's, four 8's, a 9 and the 12 spare. The other player totals for us on this set were 40 and 27 and our set total overall was 113. It was time for the big hitters to take to the alley and see what could be done to limit the possible damage. Things looked very good for them when J. Thomas hit a good 17 spare on his third hand to give him their teams highest score of the match of 50 so well done to him. The complete breakdown of the scores was three 3's, three 5's, five 6's, two 7's, three 8's, a 9



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and the 17 spare. The other player totals were 40 and 28. Their set total was 118. They had won the set by 5 pins which meant that we were now just 19 pins in front and they now had 4 points on the board. We could not afford to lose any more points on this match.

The final set consisted of Dixie, Andy G. and Captain Woody. This was certainly an interesting set because Andy hit a 13 spare followed by a 12 spare on his fifth and sixth hands which gave him the well deserved accolade of our teams highest score of the night which on this occasion was an excellent 52, so well done to him. Captain Woody deserves a mention here too because he managed to hit an 11 spare on his fifth hand but alas this did not help give him a high score because he had a bad final hand. Dixie on the other hand played a steady set scoring nothing lower than a 6 to give him a set total of 42. The complete breakdown for this set was a 3, a 5, five 6's, four 7's, three 8's, the 11 spare, the 12 spare and the 13 spare. All these scores added together gave us a set total of a whopping 133. The Cannonballs fought bravely on but just could not seem to make the connection with the balls and pins count very well. Their breakdown of scores was a 3, two 4's, three 5's, four 6's, two 7's, three 8's and two 9's. Their player totals were 34, 43 and 33 which gave them a set total of 110. We had taken the final set by 23 pins. Victory was ours by 42 pins and we could comfortably add a nice 10 points to our score for the season.

Depending on how the other teams got on this week in their matches will determine just where we end up in the table. Next week we are away at the Devonshire Road Social Club against The REA. Last time we played them in a league match we were lucky enough to win 12 – 2 so here's hoping for another victory.