



# CON B SKITTLES

## Match Report Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009

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Still on a high from winning last week against The Cannonballs we were facing another match on our home alley, this time it was against The REA who are currently near the top of the third division after having had a few good wins over the past few weeks. This week we had a full team of players so we were not forced to play a low score.

On first were Andy M., Doug and 'edgehog'. This was 'edgehog's' first home game of the season. He was either away on the others or he had been dropped due to a low score on the previous match. Doug played exceptionally well, hitting mainly 7's across the board with a 6 creeping in too. On his fifth hand he hit a fantastic 17 spare and went on to hit our highest score of the night of 51 so well done to him. 'edgehog' also had a good set too. He hit mainly 6's with a 7 for good measure but he also scored an 11 spare on his second hand to give him a score of 42. Andy M. was not so lucky because he could only manage a few 7's a couple of 5's and a 6 with a 3 nestling in for the fun of it. He could only score a disappointing 33 so will probably be dropped for the cup match next week. Our set total was 126. The REA were not quite as lucky. They had a fairly consistent range of scores ranging from three 3's, two 5's, five 6's, five 7's and 3 8's. The strange thing was that all three of them scored 36 and a set total of 108. We had secured an early lead in the match by 18 pins so it was all to play for.

The second set consisted of Kojak, Dixie and M. Coleman. This was not such a high scoring set but all pins count. Our pins for this set were two 4's, two 5's, seven 6's, five 7's and two 8's. This gave us player totals of 35, 40 and 36. Our set total was 111. The REA once more played a consistent game and almost matched many of our scores. They hit two 4's, five 5's, a 6, seven 7's, an 8 and a 9. This gave them player totals of 35, 33 and 41 which gave them a set total of 109. Once more we had won the set but this time only by two pins bringing up the profit to a nice round twenty. We were certainly playing well on our alley for a change.

The third set consisted of Grandad, John C, and Andy G. This set turned out to be a little bit like the previous one because there were similar scores hit again. We hit two 3's, a 4, three 5's, two 6's, six 7's, three 8's and a 9. This gave us player totals of 42, 31 and 39 and a set total of just 112. The REA managed to play a little better because they managed to score their only spare of the night when P. Ritchie hit a good 14 spare which gave him their highest score of the night of a 44 so well done to him. The collective range of scores they hit were two 4's, three 5's, four 6's, four 7's, an 8 and the 14 spare. This gave them player totals of 38, 44 and 31 which gave them a set total of 113. They had won the third set by a single pin. Could this be the beginning of the end ?

The final set consisted of Cockney Al, Dave and Captain Woody. Cockney Al played a good set and almost equalled Doug's score from the first set. He hit a good 13 spare on his fifth hand to give him a set total of 49 so well done to him. The other scores in this set were three 5's, three 6's, four 7's, six 8's, a 9 and the 13 spare. The other player totals were 43 and 39 which gave us a set total of a huge 131. The REA tried to keep going but alas they were not as successful. They hit a 3, a 5, six 6's, seven 7's, an 8 and a 9. This gave them player totals of two 40's and a 35 giving them a set total of 115. We had secured another set victory of another 16 pins. We finished the match with a nice 35 pin lead and a total of 12 points on the board.



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We had managed another win on our already good run. Next week we shall be playing against the first division side of The Wurzels at the Workingmen's club in the third round of the George Davis Cup. See you next week for the thrills and spills of the match.