



# CON B SKITTLES

## Match Report Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010

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We were in action this week, back on familiar ground, on our own alley against The Reptiles. Last time we played against them on their alley we were fortunate enough to have a good win of 10 points to 4. Could we do the double? Or were we looking too much into things that possibly were beyond our control?

Up first for us saw Biker in his familiar opening position, supported by Kev and 'edgehog. Things didn't go quite the way we had planned, all three suffered with lower scores than they really wanted at this early stage in the proceedings when they hit 5's and a 4. Not to be downhearted they all fought valiantly on and did manage a few 7's and 8's to bring things up a little. The complete range of scores for us were a 2, a 3, three 4's, three 5's, a 6, four 7's and three 8's. These gave us player totals of 36, 38 and a 29 and a set total of just 103. This was just a little on the low side, but The Reptiles seemed to be suffering too. The saving grace for them was the fact that they did manage to hit a couple of 9's which did help them with what could be deemed as slightly lower score over the course of the set. They hit two 3's, a 4, five 5's, three 6's, four 7's, an 8 and two 9's. These gave them player totals of 38, 33 and 36 which only gave them a set total of 107. They had won the first set by a mere 4 pins so it was a fairly close match at this stage in the game.

The second set consisted of Kojak, Dixie, and Andy G. The saviour of this set for us was Dixie when he hit a good 13 spare on his fifth hand which was our only spare of the night. This also turned out to be our teams' highest score of the night of 44 so well done to him. The ranges of scores were fairly even with a plenitude of 6's in the mix. The collective breakdown of the pins was a 3, two 4's, three 5's, nine 6's, two 8's and the 13 spare. Apart from Dixie's 44 the other players hit 32 and 33 giving us a set total of 109. The scores were going up. The Reptiles kept up the pressure again by having a fairly even spread once more. They also scored their highest score of the night on this set of 45 by K. Merrifield, which was done without the need for a spare too. The scores they hit were a 3, two 4's, a 5, two 6's, seven 7's, three 8's and two 9's. The other two players both hit 37's. These gave them a set total of 119 and had won the set by 10 pins and were now 14 pins in front. We needed help and fast.

The third set consisted of Grandad, John C and Doug. Things began to improve on this set with a range of good scores from us. Ok, there were a couple of suspect hands in the mix, but by and large it was a good scoring set with two of our team hitting 40 or over. The mix of scores was a 3, three 5's, a 6, six 7's, five 8's and a 9. The player totals were 40, 41 and 39 which gave us a set total of 120. The Reptiles tried to keep the pressure on and almost succeeded when D. Roper hit their only spare of the night on his fourth hand of a 12. Their range of scores were a 3, a 4, six 5's, three 7's, three 8's, a 9 and the 12 spare. These gave them player totals of 39, 34 and the 42. Their set total was only 115. We had won the set by 5 pins which meant that we were now just 9 pins behind. It could go right to the wire.

The final set consisted of Dave, Mike, and Captain Woody. They tried to build upon the progress made by the third set, but alas it was too late for any major developments. There were a few glimmers of hope when we hit a few 7's and 8's, but these were crushed like a tissue by a few 5's getting in the way. The collective scores were a 4, six 5's, three 6's, four 7's and four 8's. These



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gave us player totals of 41, 36 and 35. This gave us a set total of 112. The Reptiles played their final set with their cards firmly against their chests. No real surprises coming forth, just basic nibbles at the carrot of what was looking to be a victory for them. They hit a 2, a 4, two 5's, four 6's, three 7's, two 8's and three 9's. These gave them player totals of 39, 36 and 42 and a set total of 117. They had won the final set by 5 pins which meant that they had won the match by just 14 pins and had added 12 points to the global season scores.

Next week we will be playing against The Depoteers on their alley at The Boro Club.