



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 23rd October 2009

The season seems to be warming up nicely, unlike the recent weather we have been having of late. Winter just round the corner and so is Christmas. Just where has this last year gone. I am almost thinking of shouting "Stop the world, I want to get off!" but it can't, never mind.

This week we were at the 49 Social Club playing against the Forty-niners. They've beaten us in the past and we've beaten them too. Could we carry on our good fortune and secure a victory on this match? Or would we be staring into the dark hole of defeat?

Our first set consisted of 'edgehog (back from his holiday in his regular spot,), Doug and Andy G. Both of these players were playing outside of their usual sets. What a move this turned out to be. Doug and Andy were keeping fairly close pin scores between them to keep the set very much alive. Pins scored in this set were three 5's, five 6's, a 7, four 8's and two 9's. This gave us player totals of 37, 46 and 40. Doug's score was not the highest score for us, this came in the next set, it was a good score never the less because it was done without a spare. The final set total for us was a good 123. The Fortyniners were not quite as lucky even though they were on their own alley. They scored seven 5's, two 6's, two 7's, two 8's and three 9's. This gave them player totals of 43, 39 and 34, giving a set total of 116. We had taken the first set in style and had secured an early lead of just 7 pins. It was early days and it could still go either way at the end.

The second set consisted of Kojak, Andy M. and Dixie. Kojak got off to a bit of a disappointing start, but all pins counted on this match so every little helps, as the saying goes. Dixie played well throughout the set and managed to score our teams highest score of the night of 50 thanks to an excellent 14 spare on his fifth hand. Other scores on this set were two 3's, three 5's, seven 7's, an 8 and two 9's. The player totals for the other two were 30 and 44. This gave us a set total of 124 just a single pin more than the first set and this was with a spare too! The Fortyniners, once more seemed not to be able to make the connections with balls to pins. They came fairly close on their final hand when V. Brooks hit their first spare of the night, alas this equated to only a 9 spare come the end. Their other scores for this set were a 3, a 4, three 5's, three 6's, five 7's, two 8's and three 9's which included the 9 spare. The set totals were 41, 35 and 42 which gave them a set total of 118. They were on an upward move because they managed to score two pins more on this set than the previous set. We had taken the second set but this time by only 6 pins. We were now 13 pins in front and had four very valuable points on the board. Things were certainly looking good.

The third set consisted of Kev, John C. and Grandad. This turned out to be the best set for our team this match. Kev came very close to equalling the highest score of the night when he scored an excellent 16 spare on his third hand. Grandad tried as well, but only got a 14 spare on his fourth hand. The scores for this set were five 5's, two 6's, six 7's, three 8's and the 14 and 16 spares. The individual player totals were 49, 38 and 46 which gave us a set total of a huge 133. The Fortyniners fought on valiantly, but once more their efforts didn't pay off. They scored a 3, two 4's, four 5's, two 6's, seven 7's, an 8 and a 9. Their player totals were 39, 32 and 38 which gave them a set total of 109. Once more we had won the set. This time it was by a margin of 24 pins. We were now 37 pins in front and had 6 points on the board. This match certainly was shaping up nicely in our favour.



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The final set consisted of M. Coleman, Dave and Captain Woody. Could we get a clean sweep and take this final set too? We hit a 1, two 5's, five 6's, three 7's, two 8's, four 9's and a 15 spare. The set totals were 41, 48 and 42 which gave us a set total of 131. The Fortyniners again just could not get the angle they needed. For the second time in this match they hit a 9 spare, but this did not really help their cause very much. They hit a 3, a 5, five 6's, five 7's, three 8's and two 9's including the 9 spare. This gave them player totals of 40, 43 and 37 and a set total of 120. We had taken the final set by 11 pins. The final totals were 511 to us and 463 to them. We had won the match by 48 pins and taken a nice 14 point victory.

Phew! What a match that was.

Next week we will be in action once more on Wednesday and Friday when we will be playing in two cup matches. The Front Pin Round 2 on Wednesday and the George Davis Round 2 on Friday. The details on the opponents and venues are available on the Cup Match pages on the site. So watch out for a comprehensive report next week.