



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 26th February 2010

After finding out that we were only two points ahead of second place in the table and that we were due to play against The Nalگو away at The Lamb in Worle, we thought that we would, or could, possibly have a good match. They were near the bottom of the table, but they had never the less beaten us in previous matches. Just how this match was going to go was anyone's guess.

Playing on the first set was Biker, Dixie and 'edgehog. Biker kept a level head and his scores quite nicely reflected that because he did not hit anything below a 5. Dixie, on the other hand, just could not get his position to make the pins count when they needed to. This was a pity. The range of scores hit by us was two 3's, a 4, two 5's, five 6's, five 7's, an 8 and a 9. These gave us player totals of 40, 31 and 36 and a set total of 107. The Nalگو looked as if they were suffering a little on their alley with a load of 6's dotted about the board. Their range of scores for this set was three 4's, a 5, eight 6's, three 7's, an 8 and two 9's. This gave them player totals of 35, 36 and 41 giving them a set total of 112. They had won the first set by just 5 pins. This was not too bad as far as we were concerned, but it meant that we would need to win the next three sets to almost guarantee that we retain the top slot in the table for another week.

The second set consisted of Kojak, Doug and Grandad. This looked like it was going to be a good set when Doug hit a good 12 spare on his first hand. He dropped a little on his second hand when he unfortunately hit a 5. He recovered nicely to finish his hand with three 8's and a 7. These gave him our teams' highest score of 48 so well done to him. The complete breakdown of scores was a 3, four 4's, two 5's, three 6's, three 7's and three 8's. The player totals were 34, 48 and 27 which gave us a set total of just 109. The Nalگو seemed to have become a little un-settled as a result of some of our scores because some of theirs were a little on the low side. Their breakdown was a 1, a 3, two 4's three 5's, four 6's, five 7's and an 8. These gave them player totals of 37, 26 and 38 and a set total of just 101. We had won the second set. Things were starting to look up because we were now three pins in front and the scores were level. We needed to push that little bit harder and increase our lead.

The third set consisted of Kev, John C. and Cockney Al. Collectively this seemed to be a good set as far as pins were concerned especially as Al managed to hit a good 13 spare on his final hand of the match. The complete breakdown was two 4's, four 5's, four 6's, four 7's, two 8's, a 9 and the 12 spare. The player totals were 40, 36 and 42 which gave us a set total of a good 118. The Nalگو tried to come back at us but it did not quite go to plan because one of their team hit a v/c on his fourth hand. Their players did, however, manage to score a few 9's to make things look a little rosier. The breakdown for them was a v/c, two 4's, three 5's, three 6's, three 7's, three 8's and three 9's. These gave them player totals of 41, 30 and 42, this gave them a set total of 113. We had won the third set by 5 pins and we were now just 8 pins ahead at this crucial part of the match. Could we hang on to the lead and win the match?

The final set saw a slight upset to the proceedings because we were a player short so we were forced to play a low score, which as it happened, was just 27 from the second set. The two remaining players were Dave and Captain Woody. Their scores were fairly evenly matched across the board with a good range of 7's being hit. The complete breakdown of scores hit on this set by our team, including the low score, was a 3, three 4's, three 5's two 6's, five 7's and three 8's. Apart from the 27 both Dave and Mark hit player totals of 40. Our set total was just 107. The Nalگو seemed to sense a possible victory when two of the players hit spares. One player hit a 9 spare on his second hand and



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the other a 12 spare on his fourth hand. These contributed nicely to their player totals of two 40's and a 37. These gave them a set total of 117. They had won the final set by ten pins and to win the match overall by just two pins. The total for us was 441 and the total for The Nalgo was 443.

So there you have it. Our dream of victory on this match was short lived and as a result there is a chance that we may end up in second place in the table!

Next week we shall be back home against The Fortyniners. Hopefully things will be kind to us once more because last time we met them in a league match we were fortunate enough have a good 14 – 0 victory.