



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 26th March 2010

This week saw us in Acton against the REA at the Devonshire Road Social club. We have beaten them in the past and we have also been beaten by them too, so it is anybody's guess what will happen in this crucial match.

The first set consisted of Biker, Kojak and 'edgehog. Biker seemed to be on good form for this first set because he managed to hit a good 10 spare on his second hand to give him a set total of 43. This was not our highest score of the night but there was only one player in our team to hit a higher one than that, more about that when we get to it! The breakdown of the scores we hit was a 1, a 3, two 4's, three 5's, three 6's, two 7's, four 8's, and the 10 spare. The other two player's scores were 33 and 32 which gave us a set total of 108. The REA tried to hold it together but just could not make the balls and pins connect. The players hit two 3's, two 4's, six 5's, three 6's, three 7's and a 9. These, added together, gave them player totals of 30, 33 and 35 and a set total of just 98. We had won the first set by a good 10 pins and had two points nicely chalked on the board.

The second set consisted of Doug, Dixie and Andy G. Once more the pins were in our favour and some good scores were obtained. We hit a 2, two 3's, two 5's, two 6's, five 7's, three 8's and two 9's. These gave us player totals of 35, 41 and 37 and a set total of 113. Once more the REA just could not seem to get the connection that they wanted, but they did have a reasonable set when R. Crandon hit their highest score of the match of 44 without a spare, so well done to him indeed. The complete breakdown of the scores were a 1, four 4's, a 5, five 6's, three 7's, two 8's and two 9's. The other players scores was 29 and 34 which when added to the 44 gave them a set total of 107. We had won the second set as well, this time by 6 pins. We were now 16 pins in front and had four points on the board. Things were certainly looking to be going in our favour.

The third set consisted of Mike, John C. and Dave. Initially, from the pins we were hitting, we thought that our scores were going to be really high, but when the entire list of figures are presented in tabular form it tells a completely different story. The cumulative breakdown of our scores was three 3's, a 4, three 5's, five 6's, a 7, four 8's and a 9. These gave us player totals of 35, 33 and 38 which gave us a set total of 106. The REA tried once more to make headway in the match, but alas once more they became unstuck. They hit a 1, two 3's, two 4's, two 5's, four 6's, four 7's and three 8's. These gave them player totals of 37, 26 and 38 which gave them a set total of just 101. We had taken the third set as well. This time by another 5 pins! We were now 21 pins in front and had a nice 6 points on the board. Could we make it a nice 14 – 0 win?



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Things took a tumble on the final set when it turned out that we were two players short so we were forced to play two low scores. This, as it happened, was to be the two 32's scored in the first set, so playing for all his might was Captain Woody. He was certainly all fired up when he hit a fantastic 15 spare on his first hand to follow up with a 9. He dipped a little on his third hand with a 4 but soon bounced back with a 6, 9 and a 7. This gave him the highest score for us on the match of an excellent 50. Add these to the two 32's already on the board gave us a set total of 114. The REA could sense a possible victory when they found out that we only had ten players for the match so seemed to pull out the big guns. Or at least that's the way it seemed. They hit two 3's, a 4, two 5's, three 6's, five 7's, three 8's and two 9's. This gave them player totals of 38, 41 and 36 which gave them a set total of 115. They had stolen the final set from under our noses by a single pin. The final totals were 441 to us and 421 to the REA. We had won the match by 20 pins and we walked away happy in the knowledge that we had added a total of 12 points to our season total. Will this be enough to keep us on the top of the division? Or will it all come crashing down like an avalanche of misery during the final few matches of this exiting season?

Next week is Good Friday so we will not be in action, but the week after we should be at home playing against The Nutters.