



# CON B SKITTLES

## Match Report Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009 Front Pin Round 2

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Having had a few recent wins during the past league matches, we felt that we were in a reasonable position going into the second round of the Front Pin competition. Our opponents were The Nalgo whom we had beaten a couple of weeks ago. We were playing on the Regency alley, which is an alley that we have had success on a few times over the last season. Could we continue this good fortune, or would we go back home with our tails between our legs?

On the first set we had Kev, Cockney Al and Dixie all playing as if their life depended on it. Dixie played extremely well when he hit a good 12 spare on his second hand, but then suffered with a v/c and a 1. Things picked up for his fifth and sixth hands when he hit an 8 and a 9. This gave him our highest score of the night of 35 which is excellent on a Front Pin match. The others were not so lucky because they hit three v/c's, two 2's, two 4's, two 5's, two 6's, a 7 and another 8. This gave them player totals of 25 and 19. These added to Dixie's score gave us a good start of 79 pins. The Nalgo tried valiantly to take control. It almost happened too when D. Hawkes hit a good 13 spare on his second hand and a 7 spare on his final hand. These were not quite enough because he could still only score a total of 33; this was fairly close to their highest score, which was to come in the second set. The player scores they hit for this set were six v/c's, two 2's, a 3, a 5, the 7 spare and three 8's. This gave them player totals of 16, 33 and 24 and a set total of 73. We had won the first set by 6 pins which was a good start, but this is only a small amount and as we have seen before on these matches you need all the buffer possible.

The second set consisted of Kojak, Doug and Andy G. Doug played a good set and was our only player who did not have a v/c on the board, which is a bonus. He began well with a 9 but then petered out a little towards the mid part of the set with a couple of 2's. The scores for us on this set were four v/c's, three 2's, three 3's, three 6's, two 7's, an 8 and two 9's. This gave us player totals of 18, 34 and 21 and a set total of just 73. The Nalgo played their best set of the night this time. They still had a few v/c's lurking though. Their scores were three v/c's, a 3, two 4's, two 5's, six 7's, three 8's and a 9 spare. This gave them player totals of 28, 35 and 33. The 35 was their teams highest score of the night by D. Cook. This gave them a set total of a massive 90 which meant that they had hit 23 pins more than us and were now 17 pins in front going into the third set.

The third set consisted of Biker, John C. and M. Coleman. All three hit v/c's on their first hands which was a bit of a shame. The pins hit by them on this set was 6 v/c's, two 3's, two 4's, a 5, two 6's, two 7's and two 8's. This gave them player totals of 25, 15 and 27 and a set total of just 67. The Nalgo saw an opening to pull further ahead. This they did with a bit of style. By comparison their pins for this set were two v/c's, a 1, two 2's, two 3's, three 5's, two 7's, four 8's and two 9's one of which was a 9 spare. The player totals were 32, 34 and 24 which gave them a set total of 90. They had pulled another 23 pins in front to boost their lead now to 40 pins. This looked like it was going to have to go to the wire. Could we recover? Or was our run in this competition about to end?



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The final set consisted of Grandad, Dave and Captain Woody. They all played well. Captain Woody managed to hit a good 13 spare on his fourth hand to give him a reasonable score of 32. The pins hit in this set were four v/c's, a 2, two 3's, two 4's, a 6, a 7, three 8's two 9's and the 13 spare. This gave them 27 and a 28 to go with Captain Woodys 32. The set total was a good 87. The Nalگو on the other hand weren't quite as lucky because they hit two v/c's, a 1, two 2's, a 4, two 5's, a 6, two 7's and four 8's. This gave them player totals of 31, 21 and 29 and a set total of 81. We had won the final set by just 6 pins. Alas this was not enough to ensure victory for this match. The overall totals were 306 to us and 330 to The Nalگو. They had won the match by 34 pins. Although this was not a huge amount it meant that we are no longer in the Front Pin Competition. A bit of a shame considering we made it all the way into the final last season.

We wish The Nalگو all the best in the final couple of rounds in this cup.