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Match Report Friday 29th January 2010

After our crushing defeat last week against The Reptiles, we had to re-focus and re-evaluate just what we needed to do to gain our position back at the top of the league table where we were a few weeks ago. The last time we played against The Depoteers we suffered a 12 points to 2 loss, so this was going to take some careful planning and strategy when it came to picking the positions our team were going to play in.

Biker took his usual spot playing first for us and was supported by Kojak, and Dixie. This seemed to be a good set with many 7's and 8's being the order of the day. There were, however, no spares by us or them on this set which meant that the set was a really close thing indeed. We hit a 3, three 5's, five 6's, five 7's and four 8's. This gave us player totals of 39, 36 and 40 which gave us a set total of 115. The Depoteers tried to match our scores but just couldn't manage it. They hit a good range of 6's and 8's to make it interesting. They hit a 4, three 5's, seven 6's, three 7's and four 8's. This gave them player totals of 37, 40 and 37 and a set total of just 114. We had taken the first set by a single pin. This was looking like it could go either way.

The second set consisted of Doug, Grandad and Andy G. This turned out to be the best set of the night with excellent scores being hit by our players. The saviour of this set for us was Andy G. who hit a good 17 spare on his fifth hand and went on to hit a score of 53. This was our highest score of the night so well done to him. The other scores we hit on this set were five 6's, five 7's, four 8's, three 9's and the 17 spare. The other two's scores were 46 and 42. These all contributed to an overall set total of a huge 141. The Depoteers seemed to have been caught napping and just could not seem to make contact at all. They hit five 4's, a 5, four 6's, five 7's, two 8's and a 9. Their player totals were just 37 and two 36's which gave them a poor 109. We had won the set by 32 pins so we were now 33 pins ahead at the start of the third set. Things now seemed to be looking good for us. Could we keep piling on the pressure?

The third set consisted of Mike, John C. and Cockney Al. This, once more, was a high scoring set which was greatly helped by Al hitting a good 12 spare on his final hand. This only gave him a final score of 40 but never the less it was still good. Mike played a really strong set consisting of mainly 8's and 9's to end up with a score of 49. The breakdown of the scores was two 5's, seven 6's, two 7's, three 8's, three 9's and the 12 spare. John also ended up with a 40 which contributed to a set total of 129. The Depoteers fought on, but again could not quite hit the mark. They hit two 4's, two 5's, four 6's, four 7's, four 8's and two 9's. Their player totals were 43, 36 and 41 which gave them a set total of 120. We had won the third set as well, this time by 9 pins bringing up our margin to 42 and our points so far to six.

The final set saw a return of Neil after a long absence due to work commitments. He was supported by Dave and Captain Woody. The pins were still falling in our favour on this set and the scores certainly reflected it by the number of 8's and 9's we hit. Surprisingly though, we never hit a spare on this set which was a shame. The scores hit were a 4, three 5's, two 6's, three 7's, five 8's and three 9's. This gave us player totals of 39, 42 and 45 and a set total of 126. The Depoteers once more tried to get it together and almost succeeded when J. Howell hit a 12 spare on his first hand which was their only spare of the night. This gave him their highest score of the night too which was



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45. So well done to him. The scores they hit on this set were two 4's, two 5's, a 6, five 7's, three 8's, two 9's and the 12 spare. Their player totals were 38, 45 and 42 giving them a set total of 125, just a single pin behind us once more like they had done on the first set. The overall totals for the match were 511 to us and 468 to them. We had won the match by a huge 43 pins and had cleaned up on the points as well, romping home with 14 points to 0.

What a match!

Next week we shall be back at home against The Double Six. Let's hope we can turn this match around too because last time we met in a league match back last year we lost 12 points to 2. As you just read above, things can change rapidly and often do!