



# CON B SKITTLES

## Match Report Friday 2nd October 2009

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### Front Pin Cup – Round 1

So here we are on the second cup match this week. Boy oh boy, we were busy little B's this week. We were still on a high after our win on Wednesday against the current Second Division leaders. Could we continue our good form? Could we continue the same sort of success in this cup match to equal our performance last year? Or would it all turn out to be a match we would rather forget?

We were playing this match at the Cabot Bars which was the venue of our Defeat at the end of last season against a team we had lost against only a couple of weeks ago, the Double Six. This was not good karma. Two negatives do not make a positive, but we were going to try our hardest to make something of this match.

Up first for us was Swifty, Dixie and 'edgehog. The front pin matches are the sorts of games where, as I have said on more than once occasion, anything could happen and usually does. Our first hand left a slight gap on the score board when all three just could not seem to hit the front pin first thus v/c's were the order of the day. Things improved on the second hand when Dixie managed a good 9 spare which turned out to be the only one of the night. He went on to hit a good 38 which is excellent on a Front Pin match. This was not our highest score of the match either; this was due to come on the third hand. Swifty could not seem to get to where he wanted to go and suffered totally with a full complement of v/c's, which was a shame. Even well seasoned players get them so it is nothing to be ashamed of either. 'edgehog played a steady game after his first v/c and went on to score a player total of 25. Our team set total was 63, which is still a reasonable score. The Double Six, on the other hand, still had the Ace's up their sleeves when they hit 18 on their first hand down between them. They did have three v/c's creeping into the mix a little, but also a couple of 1's were present. In direct comparison they also had a couple of 9's thrown in just for good measure. Their player totals were 18, 34 and 28 which gave them a commanding position, having scored 80 on the first set. They were 17 pins in front and it looked like they might take us to the cleaners. But as so often happens in these matches, a game could go the other way in the blink of an eye or the toss of a coin.

Our second set consisted of Kojak, C. Webb and Doug. Kojak began well with an 8, but then lost a little focus. Clive had a slight hiccup when he also hit a couple of v/c's, but then picked up the pieces and went for it. Doug was not quite as lucky for his first couple of hands when he hit a 2 and a v/c. He did manage a good 9 on his third hand. Our player totals were 22, 24 and 19 giving us a set total of just 65. The Double Six seemed to be able to smell the victory but from the first hand



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you would not have thought it. Two of their players hit 3's and the other a v/c. Other scores for them on this set included five v/c's, two 3's, three 4's, a 6, three 7's, two 8's and a 9. These gave them player totals of 10, 27 and 36. The 36 turned out to be their highest score of the night. Their set total was 73. They had pulled ahead by another 8 pins which meant that they were now 25 pins in front. This was not looking good. But carry on we must, regardless.

Our third set consisted of Kev, John C. and Andy G. Could they turn this game around? Or would it still trundle off a cliff like an avalanche? Kev began well with an 8. John C was not quite as lucky when he hit our 15<sup>th</sup> v/c of the night. Kev kept firing down the alley and was only one of 4 players in our team who managed not to get a v/c which was in itself an achievement. Our player totals were 40, 23 and 28. Kev had scored our highest score for the night of 40 which was very good especially as it was a Front Pin match. This gave us a nice set total of 91. Again this was quite an achievement. The Double Six seemed to pick up the wrong set of dice. On this set alone, between them they hit 9 v/c's, which was almost half of the amount that we had hit so far in this match. Their player totals were 9, 12 and 18 which gave them an overall total of just 39. This was their lowest scoring set of the entire match. We had gained a lead on this set by 52 which meant that we were now 27 pins in front. You can now see why this type of match can change as quickly as our weather. Now, going into the final set, we were in a better position. Could we cling to the victory? Or was it all going to go south like the birds in winter?

The final set consisted of Grandad, Dave and Captain Woody. Were they going to take up the challenge where the third set had left off? Both Grandad and Dave also had a clear set without any v/c's. Captain Woody was not quite as lucky. He began with an 8, 6 and 9 but then the rot set it a little with a 3, a v/c and a 5. The player totals were 37, 31 and 31 which gave us a wonderful set total of 99. The final totals were 240 to The Double Six and a whopping 318 to us. We had turned the tables in our favour to score a victory of a massive 78 pins.

We live to fight in this competition again. The next round will be on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October. As yet I do not have any further details but they will be posted on the web site in the Cup Matches page as soon as I have them.

Our next match will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October at the Bristol Inn against The Tornadoes. We were lucky enough to end the season above them, so this will give us a slight edge in the pre-match planning.