



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 4th December 2009

Things certainly seem to be looking up, if the past few weeks are anything to go by. We have been on a good winning streak of late and hope that it will continue for a long time yet. This week we were playing at the Borough Arms pub against The Nutters who, at the time of writing this, are down in position 7 of the table which is four places below us. They too have been on a winning streak of late so we knew that this could prove to be a good match.

On our first set we had Biker, Kev and 'edgehog. All three began the set well but then it dropped off just a little bit. There were, however, a couple of 9's on the board which is always nice to see. The complete range of scores for us were a 2, two 3's, a 4, two 5's, two 6's, four 7's, an 8 and two 9's. This gave us player totals of 31, 33 and 39 and a set total of 103 which was not a bad start to the match. The Nutters seemed to be matching the scores fairly closely on one or two of the hands but this did not seem to bother us too much until the actual scores were added up, and then we could see the damage. They hit a 3, a 4, four 5's, three 6's, five 7's and four 8's giving them player totals of 37, 36 and 39. This gave them a set total of 112. They had won the first set and taken the first points of the match. They were 9 pins in front which was not a huge amount but it was enough to invoke a slight ripple through the ranks.

The Second set consisted of Grandad, Doug and Kojak. This turned out to be our best set as far as overall totals were concerned but the highest score for our team was coming up in set 3. Kojak managed to hit the first spare of the match in his first hand of a 16 which helped him to a good player total of 46. The rest of the scores were fairly good and consisted of a 3, a 4, two 5's, four 6's, three 7's, four 8's, a 9 and the 16 spare. These contributed to the player totals of 42, 39 and 46 which gave us a set total of 127. The Nutters tried to fight back with a 12 spare on A. Tupper's fifth hand but this only gave him a player total of 38. Their highest score was to come in the final set. The other scores they hit were a 2, a 3, a 4, five 5's, two 6's, three 7's, four 8's and the 12 spare. The other player totals were 41 and 32 and an overall set total of only 111. We had won the second set by 16 pins so were now just 7 pins in front, but the scores were even, at two points each. The match could still go either way, it was very close.

The third set consisted of Mike, John C. and Dixie. Mike and Dixie both got off to a slow start with a 3 and 4 respectively but John made up the difference with a good 8 to keep us in contention. This set saw us get our second and final spare of the match when Dixie hit a good 16 spare on his fifth hand which helped give him our teams highest score of the night of 53 so well done to him. The other scores were a 2, two 3's, a 4, three 5's, three 7's, six 8's, a 9 and the 16 spare. The other scores were 25 and 43. This gave us a set total of 121. The Nutters fought on and it looked like they were going to steel it from under our noses, especially with the scores that they were getting. They hit four 5's, four 6's, four 7's, three 8's and three 9's. These gave them player totals of 42, 32 and 44 and a set total of just 118. We had just kept the upper hand on the set but only by three pins. We were now ten pins in front and had four points on the board. This could still go either way.

The final set consisted of Andy G., Dave and Captain Woody. This was again an evenly paced set with many scores being matched across the board. All three of our players had a bad hand on at least one part of the set, but this did not cause any grief in the long run. The overall scores on this



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set were a 3, a 4, a 5, six 6's, five 8's and a 9. This gave us player totals of 41, 38 and 39 and a set total of 118. The Nutters tried to keep up with our scores but just could not make the mark they needed to. Their scores were a 2, two 3's, two 4's, a 5, two 6's, three 7's, three 8's and three 9's. Their player totals were 48, 32 and 33. This gave them a set total of just 113. We had won the set by another 5 pins. We had done what we needed to do and kept our winning streak going and added another 12 points to our total for the season. Depending on how the two teams above us in the league did, there is a chance that we could move into the top slot. I will not know this until the results are published on the main CSL web site.

Next week we will be at home playing against The Elvers who at the time of writing this were even lower in the table than the Nutters. The first round of the Knock Out Cup has been announced, it is to be played on Friday 8th January 2010 and you can see who we are playing against on the Cup Match Page of this site. See you next week for more thrills and hopefully no spills in this world of skittles.