



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 5th February 2010

After our very convincing win last week we felt that things were going our way once more. This week we were back at home against the Double Six who at the time of writing this report were near the bottom of the table. We were not going to get complacent over this because when things look to be going in our favour they often don't.

There was a slight change to the opening order this week with Clive opening the proceedings assisted by Dixie and 'edgehog. There were a few 8's appearing in the scores but these were broken a little with a few 5's. There were not any really high scores from us that seemed to show if we were likely to have a victory or not so it was really a case of waiting and seeing what the end result was going to be. The breakdown for us was a 3, a 4, three 5's, five 6's, three 7's and the four 8's. These gave us player totals of 34 and two 38's and a set total of 110. The Double Six suffered a little with a few 4's and 5's but did soldier on with dignity. Their range of scores was a 2, a 3, four 4's, five 5's, five 6's, a 7 and an 8. This gave them player totals of 28, 34 and 29 and a set total of just 91. We had won the first set with a fairly good margin of 19 pins. It is always nice to have a bit of a buffer at an early stage in the game.

The second set consisted of Grandad, Doug and Andy G. Again this set did not seem to have the drive and scores that our players had had on other matches. We were sadly lacking in the spares department, but we tried to do our level best. Our scores were a 3, four 4's, four 6's, eight 7's and an 8 which gave us player totals of two 34's and a 39 and a set total of 107. The Double Six seemed to sense that this could potentially be a change in fortune for them and enable them to clean up especially when they hit the first spare of the night on their final ball of the set. This as it happened was only a 9 spare and it was to be their only one of the night. It was not sufficient though to give them their highest score of the night, this was due to come in the third set. The scores they hit were a 3, two 4's, three 5's, four 6's, six 7's and the 9 spare. These gave them player totals of 35, 37 and 38 which gave them a set total of 110. They had won the second set by three pins. Our lead was now down to just 16 pins and the points were level. It was still early in the match and it could still go either way.

The third set consisted of Neil, John C. and Mike. This turned out to be a slightly better set as far as individual hands were concerned because Mike hit a good 11 spare on his first hand which as it happened was the first of only two spares for us all night. Despite the spare it still did not give him our teams' highest score of the night, this was due to come on the final set by a player who did not even get a spare. The breakdown was a 1, two 4's, three 5's, three 6's, five 7's, an 8, a 9 and the 11 spare. This gave us player totals of 39, 32 and 38 and a set total of just 109. The Double Six could now see that there was possibly an opening after all for them in this match and their scores showed it too. They didn't get any spares in this set either. Their scores were a 1, a 4, a 5, five 6's, six 7's, three 8's and a 9. This gave them player totals of 40, 41 and 34. The 41 was their highest score of the night and it was obtained by M. Vowles, so well done to him. Their set total was a good 115. Once more they had won the set, this time by another 6 pins. Our lead was now down to just 10 pins and things were looking a little rocky to say the least.



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The final set consisted of Cockney Al, Dave and Captain Woody. There was nothing really that stood out from the crowd on this set as far as just looking at the individual scores were concerned except that Dave hit a 9 spare on his third hand, but again this did not give us our teams highest score of the night. The range of scores were a 3, a 4, two 5's, six 6's, three 7's, two 8's, and three 9's. One of which was the 9 spare. These gave us player totals of 39, 38 and 40. Yes the highest score was hit by our own Captain Woody on the final set of 40 so well done to him. These added together gave us a set total of 117. The Double Six fought on and hit a few good scores in the process, none of which gave them a spare. They hit a 2, a 3, two 5's, three 6's, three 7's, three 8's and three 9's. This gave them player totals of 39, 36 and 39 which gave them a set total of just 114. We had won the final set by three pins thus giving us a nice victory again. We had won the match by 13 pins and had gained a nice 10 points in the process.

Next week we will be in action on Wednesday and Friday because the next rounds of the cups take place then. The details of who we are playing against and where can be found on the Cup Matches page of the web site.