



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 8th January 2010 Knock Out Cup Round 1

So here we are in the depths of winter and that fluffy white stuff called Snow is covering the area, we have just had a lovely break for the Christmas festivities and we are currently holding on to the top spot of the Division 3 table – very nice indeed!

I trust that all of you had as good a Christmas and New Year as possible. Well, that's now over and we need to get back to reality and skittles. It is always nice to have a cup a match as our first game back after the break. This week we had the fortune of playing against The Electric Sports who, up until just before the Christmas holidays, have been playing at the Walnut Tree pub, but now they are playing their home games at The Golden Lion in Worle.

I did wonder if the match would get postponed due to the weather conditions, especially as I could not make the match after having a bad fall in the ice outside Tesco on Friday morning (on the way to work) and hurting my arm badly (it is getting better and I am not in too much pain at the moment - so thanks for asking!) You weren't? I must be hearing things then!

This report is being picked up from looking at the scores players hit during the match. So just how did we do? Read on and see...

We were deemed to be the away team for this match, which seemed to be a good thing because we could see what we needed to aim for as the match is won on the total number of pins scored. Playing on the first set was Dixie, Kojak and 'edgehog. They seemed to keep the game together fairly well with a couple of good scores by Dixie keeping up the pressure. This was just not sufficient to give much hope at that particular moment in the game. Our scores were a 3, five 4's, two 5's, three 6's, three 7's, two 8's and a 9. This gave us player totals of 38, 33 and 31 which gave us a set total of just 102. The Electric Sports played a little better but it was unfortunate that their second player hit a v/c on his first hand. This did not deter him in the slightest because he picked up with a range of 6's and 8's to finish with a set total of 34. The Highest score of this set was by P. Turnbull who hit two spares of a 12 and 13 on his second and fifth hand which helped to give him a grand total of 50, so very well done to him. The other scores for them in this set, apart from the v/c, was two 3's, two 4's, a two 5's, four 6's, two 7's, three 8's, the 12 spare and the 13 spare. The other player total was 27. These gave them a set total of 111. They had won the first set by 9 pins. This is not a huge deficit but could prove to be the beginnings of an avalanche to defeat.

The second set consisted of Kev, John C. and Mike. This set seemed to have the makings of being the best of the match when Mike hit a whopping 20 spare on his second hand. This helped him to get our highest score of the night of 49 so well done to him. John C. also managed a well deserved spare on his fifth hand when he hit a good 11 spare and a set total of 39 so well done to him too. The complete range of scores hit by our team on this set were a 1, three 4's, four 5's, two 6's, three 7's, two 8's, the 11 spare and the 20 spare. Kev's set total was 30. All these added together gave us a grand total of 118. The Electric Sports, on the other hand, seemed to lose a little direction with a few disappointing scores but they carried on regardless. The scores they hit were



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three 3's, two 4's, four 5's, three 6's, three 7's, two 8's and a 9. This gave them player totals of 41 and two 30's. This amounted to a set total of 101. We had regained the lead on the match and were now 8 pins in front. This was certainly turning out to be a bit of a tug-of-war match.

The third set saw Grandad, Doug and Andy G. in action. Both Doug and Andy seemed to be playing as if there was no tomorrow by almost matching each other's scores. Andy managed to hit a good 12 spare on his fourth hand. This takes his current total of spares this season to 9. These were made up of three home spares, three away spares and now three cup spares. He is certainly racking them up this season! This helped him get a set total of 46, so well done to him. The complete range of scores for us on this set was a 4, two 5's, four 6's, five 7's, two 8's, two 9's and the 12 spare. The other player totals were 36 and 46. These gave us a set total of 128. The Electric Sports were still suffering a little on this set and almost equalled the scores they hit on the previous set. Their range of scores was a 2, two 3's, three 4's, three 5's, three 6's, two 7's and three 8's. These gave them player totals of 38 and two 30's and their set total was just 98. We had won another set, this time by 30 pins so now we were 38 pins in front on this match. Things seemed to be going in our favour on this match, especially as the last time we met The Electric Sports (back on 4th September 2009) we lost to them quite dismally. Could we keep it going and win this match?

The final set consisted of Cockney Al, Dave and Captain Woody. This did not turn out to be quite as good as the previous one but at least Al did manage to hit a good 10 spare on his fifth hand, so well done to him on that. There were some other fairly good scores in this set and they were a 1, two 4's, two 5's, six 6's, two 7's, two 8's, a 9 and the 10 spare. These gave us player totals of 35, 38 and 39 and a set total of 112. The Electric Sports tried to come back from the edge of the jaws of defeat, but alas it was not soon enough. I have always said that skittles can be a funny game and this one was no different because they suffered another v/c. These normally rear their ugly heads on Front Pin Matches, but that is the way it goes sometimes. The range of scores apart from the v/c were a 3, two 4's, two 5's, three 6's, a 7, three 8's and two 9's. These gave them player totals of 38, 34 and 33 and a set total of 105. We had taken this final set by 7 pins to secure victory by 45 pins. Had this been a normal league match then the points we gained would be very welcome indeed. But this wasn't. We are still in this cup competition and the next round will be played on Wednesday 10th February 2010. The details will be published on the Cup Match Page when I know the details.

Next week we will be in action against The Electric Sports (again), but this time on their home alley. Why do I get the feeling that this may well turn into a grudge match?

Till next time, mind how you go in that snow and ice.