



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 9th April 2010

As this roller-coaster of a season begins to draw to a close, spirits are still on a high because again we are still currently top of the Division 3 table. We only have two matches left after this one and we needed to make it count. The problem we have though is that the final match will be played against the current 2nd place in the table so it is very important that we do well. This week we are on our own alley against The Nutters. We need to score a minimum of 6 points from this match to enable us to remain where we are. Could we do it? Read on and see.

Up first for us were Biker, Kojak, and Andy G. Biker seemed to be a little off the pace and just could not make the connections that he so wanted to. He was well supported by the others but alas it was just not quite enough to make a real difference. The breakdown of scores was a 3, four 4's, four 5's, two 6's, five 7's and two 8's. These gave us player totals of 26 and two 38's and a set total of just 102. The Nutters could sense a possible victory when J. Fox and M. Tupper both scored spares. J. Fox hit a 12 spare on his fourth hand and M. Tupper an 11 spare on his final hand. The downside to all this was the fact that their middle player suffered with a v/c on his final hand. The breakdown of scores excluding the v/c was four 4's, a 5, four 6's, four 7's, an 8, a 9, the 11 spare and the 12 spare. These gave them player totals of 45, 27 and 41 which gave them a set total of 113. First blood so to speak was theirs by 11 pins and two points. Could we pull back on the next set? Or were we about to be trounced in our hour of need?

The second set consisted of Grandad, Dixie and Doug. Both Grandad and Doug managed to score good spares on this set. Grandad hit a 14 spare on his third hand and Doug hit a 15 on his fourth hand. Despite these good spares neither of them was able to claim the highest score of the match. This was to come in the final set. The breakdown was a 3, two 4's, a 5, four 6's, three 7's, an 8, two 9's, the 14 spare and the 15 spare. These gave us player totals of 52, 33 and 44 which gave us a set total of 129. The Nutters were still on a high after winning the first set. Things looked very much like they were going to remain in their favour when S. Hornet hit a good 16 spare on his final hand which contributed to their highest score of the night of 50, so very well done to him. Their breakdown of scores was two 2's, a 4, three 5's, four 6's, five 7's, a 9 and the 16 spare. These gave them player totals, excluding the high score, of 30 and 32, which gave them an overall set total of 112. Surprisingly we had won this second set by 17 pins. Thankfully we were now 6 pins in front so we had something to build on for the next set. The points were even at two each so we still had the potential to maximize on this for the remainder of the match.

The third set consisted of Kev, John C. and Mike. This turned out to be a strange sort of set because neither team seemed to know what they were doing. At least that is what it looked like as far as the scores were concerned when the set was over. The breakdown for us was two 1's, a 3, two 4's, a 5, four 6's, three 7's, two 8's and three 9's. These gave us player totals of 34, 32 and 37 giving us a set total of 103. The Nutters kept on chipping away at the pins and getting fairly average scores here and there. They hit a 3, a 4, five 5's, six 6's, three 7's and two 8's. This gave them player totals of 29, 39 and 37. These gave them a set total of 105. They had won the set by two pins which meant that we were now just 4 pins in front and were lacking behind on the points at this stage.



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The final set picked up considerable pace when Cockney Al, Dave and Captain Woody took to the alley. The highest score for us on this set was scored by Dave thanks to him getting a good 14 spare on his fifth hand and not hitting anything less than a 7 over his entire hand which has got to be good. So well done to him. The entire breakdown of scores for us on this set was two 4's, two 5's, three 6's, three 7's, two 8's, five 9's and of course the 14 spare. These gave us player totals of 35, 54 and 43 which added to the set total of 132. The Nutters fought on bravely but just could not quite hit the mark. Their breakdown of scores was a 3, two 5's, five 6's, three 7's, five 8's and a 9. These gave them player totals of 38, 41 and 39 and a set total of 118. We had won the final set by 14 pins which also meant that we had won the match by 10 points to 4 and the game by 18 pins.

Still it was a very good result. All we need to do now is to keep up the attack and win the final two matches of the season. We do not have a match next week because there are some Cup final matches taking place and as we were knocked out of them we shall not be playing in them. Our next match will be at the Woodspring Pub in Worle High Street against the Elvers before our final match on April 30th against The Atoms. These will prove to be very interesting matches because both of these teams won their matches last week.

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