



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 10th December 2010

Well, the snow and ice seems to have gone, for now. It's still fairly cold but it is nearly Christmas! We now only have two league matches left, including this one, before the break. We have had some good fortune and some bad over the first half of the season which means that we are in the fairly nice position of being near the mid part of the table, but we cannot rest on our laurels. There are matches to play and we need to stay focused and win them. This week we are back on home ground against The Falcons who are just a little below us in the second division. Was this going to be false security? Or would our bones be picked clean? So how did we do?

Playing first set for us this week was Andy M., Doug and Andy G. This was not the usual line-up for our opening set, but I am sure that Captain Woody had his reasons for the order. There were a few good scores amongst them but no spares were forthcoming. The breakdown for this set was two 4's, six 6's, six 7's, two 8's and two 9's which gave us player totals of 39, 41 and 40 and a set total of 120. Doug's score of 41 turned out to be one of the two highest scores for us on this match. The other was to come later, so well done to him. The Falcons were not quite up to speed for this set and their scores reflected that. Their breakdown was a 3, two 4's, three 5's, five 6's, four 7's, two 8's and a 9 which gave them player totals of 38, 35 and 36 and a set total of 109. We had won the first set by 11 pins, which is a good margin for a first set and had two points on the board as well.

The second set consisted of Andy Mc., Kojak and 'edgehog. The set seemed to be a little flat on scores, but we carried on. The breakdown for this set was a 3, four 4's, four 5's, eight 6's and an 8 which gave us player totals of 33, 26 and 36 and a set total of 95. The Falcons seemed to settle down a little and fought back with all they had. I. Lucas played a good steady set with a range of 6's, 7's and 8's which gave them their highest score of the match of 45 so very well done to him. Their breakdown for this set was a 5, three 6's, seven 7's and seven 8's which gave them player totals of 45, 40 and 43 and a set total of 128. They had won the second set by a massive 33 pins and were now 22 pins up on the match. The points were level, so it was all still to play for.

The third set consisted of L. Thomas, Grandad and Dixie. They tried to pull things back and this looked fairly likely when Grandad hit our only spare of the match on his second hand down of a 12. This also had the added bonus of him sharing the highest score for us, of this match, of 41 so, well done to him also. The breakdown for us on this set was two 3's, two 4's, four 5's, four 6's, two 7's, two 8's, a 9 and the 12 spare which gave us player totals of 34, 41 and 34 and a set total of 109. The Falcons were not going to take this lying down at all because they also hit a spare on their second hand down. This was a 15 spare but it was not quite enough to get a higher score than 44. It was still fairly impressive though. Their breakdown for this set was a 2, a 3, a 4, six 6's, three 7's, three 8's and the 15 spare. This gave them player totals of 44 and two 37 which gave them a set total of 118. They had won this set by 9 pins so they were now 31 pins in front and were also 2 points ahead. Things were not looking great for us.

The final set consisted of Cockney Al, Dave and Captain Woody. They all tried their hardest but unlike previous weeks this was not to be. There were no spares and there was even a V/c! The breakdown excluding the V/c was a 3, a 4, a 5, five 6's, three 7's and five 8's. This gave them player totals of 38, 39 and 32 and a set total of 109. The Falcons seemed to be able to smell victory when



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B. Webber hit their second spare of the night on his first hand but this was only a 13 spare. It didn't seem to add much to his overall score because he could only muster a score of 41. The complete breakdown for this set was two 3's, a 4, three 5's, five 6's, two 7's, three 8's, a 9 and the 13 spare. This gave them player totals of 34, 41 and 40 which gave them a set total of 115. They had won the final set by 6 pins and were 37 pins in front. The final totals were 433 to us and 470 to them.

So as you can see a crushing defeat for us this week. But we did manage to score a couple of points which was an added bonus. Next week we shall be playing at Weston AFC2 against The Poachers who at the time of this report were top of the second division so we will really have our work cut out for us on this match.