



# CON B SKITTLES

## Match Report Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011

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Last week's defeat was not brilliant so we needed to try and get that edge back a little. This week we were back home on our own alley which should have meant that we would have a slight advantage over most. Our opponents this week were The Depoteers. When we met them at the early part of last season on their alley we were very fortunate to have won 10 points to 4 so you might say that we could almost claim the psychological advantage of having been victorious once. Could we hang on to that advantage? Or were we dreaming? To find out what happened, just carry on reading.

Playing first set for us was Len, Steve T. and Doc. All three of our players sent steady balls down the alley but unfortunately not many hit the number of pins we wanted. There seemed to be a few lower scores than we wanted, but all pins counted so that was a bonus. The breakdown for us on this set was a 2, three 3's, three 4's, three 5's, six 6's, a 7 and an 8 which gave us player totals of 27, 33 and 29. This gave us a set total of just 89. The Depoteers seemed to be very comfortable on the alley. Even more so when D. Stokes hit a good 11 spare on his second hand, but it was not sufficient to gain him their highest score. This was to come in the second set. Their breakdown for this set was a 4, four 5's, two 6's, four 7's, four 8's, a 9 and the 11 spare. Their player totals were two 40's and a 41 which gave them a set total of 121. They had won the first set by a huge 32 pins and were now two points in front on the board.

The second set consisted of Andy Mc., Doug and Grandad. This set for us was marginally better than the last but still pins were sadly lacking. Again we just couldn't get near to getting a spare which was frustrating to say the least especially because The Depoteers were so far in front, as far as pins were concerned. The breakdown for us on this set was a 2, a 3, three 4's, two 5's, five 6's, three 7's and three 8's. This gave us player totals of 38, 34 and 30 which gave us a set total of 102. The Depoteers still ploughed on with an onslaught of good scores. P. Povey hit a 14 spare on his second hand which helped give him a player total of 48. This turned out to be their highest score of the night so well done to him. The breakdown for them on this set was a 2, a 3, two 4's, two 5's, five 6's, three 7's, two 8's, a 9 and the 14 spare. As well as the 48 already mentioned the other two player totals were 26 and 39. Their set total was 113 which meant that they had won the second set as well, this time by 11 pins. Now they were 43 pins in front and had 4 points on the board. Things were looking a little shaky to say the least.

The third set consisted of Paul, John C. and Dixie. We managed to claw a little back as far as player scores were concerned because Dixie managed to hit a good 14 spare on his final hand which gave him a player total of 44. This turned out to be our teams' highest score of the night so well done to him. The complete breakdown for us on this set was a 3, three 4's, four 5's, two 6's, five 7's, an 8, a 9 and the 14 spare. The other player totals for us on this set were 36 and 33 and our set total was 113. The Depoteers kept up the pressure on this set because they managed to hit two spares. The first one was by S. Phillips of 11 on his fourth hand and the other one of 13 by R. Ferrier on his final hand, so very well done to them. Their breakdown for this set was a 4, three 5's, two 6's, six 7's, an 8, three 9's, the 11 spare and the 13 spare. The player totals were 44, 41 and 47 which gave them a set total of 132. They had won this set as well, this time by 19 pins. This meant that they



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were now 62 pins in front. We desperately needed a change in fortune if we were going to turn this match around.

The final set consisted of Neil, Dave and Captain Woody. We thought that things were beginning to look up when Dave hit a good 11 spare on his fifth hand, but alas his final total was only 35 which was just a single pin higher than that of Doug his son. The breakdown for us on this set was two 2's, a 3, a 4, three 5's, two 6's, six 7's, two 8's and the 11 spare. The other player totals for this set was two 36's which gave us a set total of 107. The Depoteers could afford to purposely throw a few bad balls down the alley and still romp away with the set, but they just kept on going. P. Richards hit a 14 spare on his third hand to give him a player total of 44. Their breakdown for this set was a 4, five 5's, three 6's, four 7's, three 8's, a 9 and the 14 spare. Their player totals for this set including the 44 mentioned earlier was another 44 and 34. This gave them a set total of 122. They had won the final set by 15 pins. The overall match totals were 411 to us and 488 to them. The Depoteers had won the match by a staggering 77 pins and had gained all 14 points.

Next week we shall be at The White Hart against The Dambusters. Last time we played them in November on our alley we lost 9 points to 5 so this could be an interesting match to say the least because at the time of this report they were residing fairly near the relegation zone of the second division. Can we be victorious? Come back next week and see.