



# CON B SKITTLES

## Match Report Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010

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This week we were back in action on our own alley against The Dambusters who, at the time of writing this report, were near the bottom of the second division and struggling a little. They were seasoned players in this division because they were fortunate enough to have gained promotion into the second division in the 2008 – 2009 season. We had beaten them in the past and they us. Because they were so near the bottom of the table we felt that we had a reasonable chance of victory. Did it happen? Or were we crushed and annihilated like the dams in the Second World War with the bouncing bombs and the skills and determination of “The Dambusters”?

Playing first for us was Andy M, Doug and ‘edgehog. Things didn’t begin too well for us but we kept on chipping away at the pins doing our best to get a reasonable score on the board. Alas things did not go quite the way we had planned when we hit few 4’s along with a few 5’s. The breakdown of the scores for this set was three 4’s, three 5’s, three 6’s, three 7’s, three 8’s and three 9’s. These gave us player totals of 44, 36 and 37 and a set total of 117. Not a bad effort for a first set. The Dambusters looked as if they were going to get a valuable victory with their breakdown of scores and their overall player totals. This breakdown was six 5’s, six 7’s, three 8’s and a 9. This gave them player totals of 35, 42 and 40 which as it happened also gave them a set total of 117. We had drawn the first set. This looked like it was going to be an interesting match indeed. Were we going to take it to the wire like the Formula One World Championship race this weekend in Abu Dhabi?

The second set consisted of P. Vincent, L. Thomas and granddad. The set began well with a couple of 7’s for us, but then it began to go a little wrong when we had a couple of 1’s and a 2 defacing the scoreboard. The complete breakdown for us on this set was two 2’s, a 3, a 4, five 6’s, seven 7’s and an 8. This gave us player totals of 26, 35 and 37 which gave us a set total of just 98. The Dambusters could see the cracks appearing and went to plug them. They hit a 3, two 4’s, a 5, two 6’s, six 7’s, three 8’s and a 9. This gave them player totals of 30, 41 and 43 which gave them a set total of 114. They had won the second set by 16 pins and were currently leading the match by 3 points to 1. The match was beginning to look a little rocky.

The third set saw Steve T., John C. and Dixie in action. Things began to pick up for us a little on this set because on his fourth hand Steve managed to get our first spare of the night. This was a good 12 spare and it helped the cause considerably. Surprisingly though it didn’t give him our highest score of the night. This was to come later. The breakdown for us on this set was three 4’s, four 5’s, three 6’s, four 7’s, two 8’s and the 12 spare. This gave us player totals of 39, 34 and 42 and a set total of a good 115. The Dambusters kept up the pressure where they could, desperately trying to find the Achilles heel to steal victory. R. Barton also hit their first spare on this set, this was on his third hand down and it was a 14 spare. So well done to him. The breakdown for them on this set was three 3’s, a 4, a 5, seven 6’s, four 7’s, an 8 and the 14 spare. This gave them player totals of 38, 29 and 43 and a set total of 110. We had won the third set by 5 pins which meant that we both had three points each but The Dambusters were still in the lead overall by 11 pins. Just how close would this match go?

The final set consisted of Kojak, Andy G. and Captain Woody. It was a little slow getting going but at least all players managed to hit a few pins down on each hand. Captain Woody had us



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all on the edges of our seats on his fifth and sixth hands when he hit a 17 and 11 spare respectively. As it happened this gave him our highest score of the night of an excellent 56. So very well done to him on that one. The complete breakdown for us on this set was two 2's, four 5's, four 6's, two 7's, three 8's, a 9, the 11 spare and the 17 spare. This gave us player totals of 28, 39 and the 56 and gave us a set total of 123. The Dambusters turned up the pressure a little when A. Turner hit two very good spares on his second and third hands down, both of which were 13's. So very well done to him on that. These as it happened gave him their highest score of the night of 47. Their breakdown for this set was a 2, two 4's, two 5's, three 6's, five 7's, two 8's and the two 13 spares. This gave them player totals of 31, 40 and 47 which gave them a set total of 118. We had won the final set by 5 pins. The overall match totals was 453 to us and 459 to them. They had won the match by just 6 pins so they took the match win points from our grasp leaving us with a mere 5 points out of a possible 14. At least we did score a few points but alas we were not the victors this week.

The next match for us will be played on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at the Workingmens club against The Gatecrashers who are fairly near the top of the table. So once again it will be an interesting match.

See you next time...