



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 14th January 2011

This week saw the start of the second half of the season where we re-visit the teams played in the first half of the season before Christmas. As you may recall, some we won, some we lost and some we drew. A lot can happen in a season with many highs and lows. Our opponents this week were The Wanderers whom we successfully won against at the start of our season in Division 2. Could we do the double? Or were they going to be just too good for us?

Playing first for us was Swifty, Steve T. and Andy M. We started off reasonably well but the balls just could not connect with the pins the way we would have liked them to. The breakdown for us on this set was a 2, two 4's, two 5's, five 6's, four 7's, three 8's and a 9 which gave us player totals of 33, 35 and 43 and a set total of 111. The Wanderers piled on the pressure a little when S. Fogg hit a good 13 spare on his fourth hand to give him a score of 42 and P. McAdams hit a 9 spare on his first hand. Their breakdown for this set was three 4's, five 5's, two 6's, two 7's, three 8's, two 9's (one of which was the 9 spare) and the 13 spare. Their player totals including the 42 spare were 39 and 37. This gave them a set total of 118. They had won the first set by only 7 pins. They had the first points on the board as well. This looked like it was going to be an uphill struggle. Only time would tell.

The second set consisted of Grandad, Neil and Doug. This looked like it was going to be a good set for us because Grandad hit a good 12 spare on his third hand to give him a player total of 44. Doug on the other hand hit a 13 spare on his third hand and a 9 spare on his fifth hand which gave him a player total of 51. This as it happened meant that he shared the highest score for our team. The other high score was to come in the final set. The breakdown for this set was six 5's, two 6's, five 7's, an 8, two 9's (including the 9 spare), a 12 spare and the 13 spare. Neil's total was 33 and the set total was a good 128. The Wanderers just kept on letting the balls fly along with the pins. B. Brinson hit a good 12 spare on his final hand to give him a set total of 47 but this was not sufficient to give him their highest score. That was to come later. Their breakdown for this set was a 4, a 5, four 6's, five 7's, two 8's, four 9's and the 12 spare. The other player totals were 43 and 42 which helped give them a set total of 132. They had won this set by 4 pins which now meant that they were 11 pins up and had 4 points now firmly on the board.

The third set consisted of Doc, Kojak and Andy Mc. We were still struggling a little on this set to say the least but we kept on going because we desperately needed to get some points on the board to give us something to work with. Kojak managed to hit a 9 spare on his third hand which helped a little. Andy Mc played a good set by almost getting a full complement of 8's. This was only spoilt on his fifth hand when he could only hit a 5. It was still a good effort though. The complete breakdown for this set was a 3, a 4, three 5's, two 6's, three 7's, six 8's and the 9 spare. The player totals for us was 30, 40 and 45 which gave us a set total of just 115. The Wanderers would just not let us have an inch but this was the only set where they did not hit a spare. Their breakdown was a 5, five 6's, six 7's, an 8 and five 9's. This gave them player totals of 46, 39 and 45 and a set total of 130. They had taken the set by 15 pins which meant that they were now 26 pins in front and had six points. This was not going to plan.



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The final set consisted of Cockney Al, Dave and Captain Woody. This on the surface looked as if things could be on the change for us when Dave hit a good 15 spare on his fifth hand which gave him a player total of 48. Captain Woody hit a 13 spare on his second hand which gave him our teams' second highest score of 51 so well done to him. The breakdown for this set was a 4, two 5's, three 6's, four 7's, five 8's, a 9, the 13 spare and the 15 spare. Al's score for this set was 38. Our set total was an excellent 137. The Wanderers would still not let things rest. A. Sherwood hit a 14 spare on his final hand to give him their highest score of the night of 53 so well done to him. D. Johnson tried to equal or better it and came fairly close when he hit a good 15 spare on his third hand to give him a player total of 50. Their breakdown for this set was a 4, three 5's, two 7's, six 8's, three 9's, the 14 spare and the 15 spare. Their other player total was 40. Their set total was 143. They had won this final set by 6 pins which meant that they had won the match by 30 pins and had wiped the floor with us 14 points to 0.

This clearly was not one of our better matches, especially as we could not score a single point! Never mind, better things could be on the horizon. On Friday 21st January we will be playing on our own alley again against The Boxtops. Last time we played them we could only manage to gain a single point. Can we be luckier? See next week.