



# CON B SKITTLES

## Match Report Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2011

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After our very disappointing result last week we needed to re-evaluate the situation and try to recover the bases and get back down to brass tacks and the job in hand called the game of skittles. Our opponents this week were The Century A team from the Century Club in Worle. Last time we met near the beginning of the season we lost 12 points to 2 and we needed to get back into winning ways. If not winning then certainly gaining a few points on the board.

Playing first set was Andy M., Doc and Kojak. The set began a little on the low side with a first hand total of just 10 pins. This was not helped by the fact that Andy only hit a 1 on this hand. With any luck things would improve as the match went on. Alas this was not the case. The complete breakdown for us on the set was a 1, a 2, a 3, two 4's, four 5's, three 6's, four 7's and two 8's. These gave us player totals of 29, 37 and 30 which gave us a set total of just 96. The Century A began by playing a steady set with some fairly mid range scores, but it turned around a little for them on their final hand of the set when D. Jones hit a good 13 spare. This didn't give him much of an edge as far as scores were concerned because he ended up with just 39. Their complete breakdown for this set was two 3's, three 4's, five 5's, two 6's, two 7's, three 8's and the 13 spare. The other two player totals were 41 and 26 and their set total was 106. They had won the first set by 10 pins. Not a huge amount but it meant that we needed to up our game a little.

The second set consisted of Andy Mc., Doug and Dixie. We certainly managed to get better for this set and the scores reflected that quite nicely except we just could not seem to get close enough for a spare, although Doug came close when he hit 9 on his second hand. The complete breakdown for us on this set was a 4, three 5's, three 6's, six 7's, four 8's and a 9. These gave us player totals of 39, 40 and 41 and a set total of 120. The Century A seemed to be a little put off on this set because they seemed to be having a bit of a bad time of it because they couldn't score anything higher than an 8. Their breakdown for this set was two 3's, four 4's, four 5's, three 6's, four 7's and an 8. This gave them player totals of 31, 35 and 30 which gave them a set total of 96. We had won this set by 24 pins so now the tables were reversed and we were now 14 pins in front but the points were now level.

The third set consisted of P. Vincent, Grandad and Cockney Al. This set began well because Grandad hit an excellent 15 spare on his first hand but it was not sufficient to give him our highest score of the night, this was to come in the final set. The breakdown for us on this set was a 2, three 5's, seven 6's, four 7's, an 8, a 9 and the 15 spare. This gave us player totals of 34, 46 and 39 which gave us a set total of 119. The Century A seemed to have a slightly better set this time and it looked like it was going to get better when A. Barnett hit an 11 spare on his third hand. Alas it didn't really give him anything to be really proud of because he could only muster a total of 39. Their complete breakdown for this set was a 2, two 3's, two 4's, four 5's, four 6's, two 7's, two 8's and the 11 spare. The other two players' totals were 32 and 30. These helped give them a set total of 101. We had won this set by 18 pins which meant that we were now in a very good position indeed. We were now 32 pins in front and had four points on the board as well.

The final set consisted of Andy G., Dave and Captain Woody. All three players seemed to be hitting the mark quite nicely with a few 8's and 9's gleaming on the board. Dave had an excellent set



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with mainly 8's and 9's and he hit an excellent 11 spare on his final hand of this set to give him our teams' highest score of the match of 51 so well done to him. The complete breakdown for us on this set was two 4's, two 5's, six 6's, a 7, three 8's, three 9's and the 11 spare. The other player totals for this set were 41 and 31 which gave us a set total of 123. The Century A looked like they were going to have a phenomenal set because two of their players hit 15 spares, one on the first hand and the other on his second. C. Hewitt who had the second 15 spare went on the hit a personal score of 47 which was their highest score for the match. Their complete breakdown for this set was three 3's, a 5, five 6's, two 7's, four 8's, a 9 and two 15 spares. The other player totals for this set was 43 and 39. Their set total was 129. They had won the final set by just 6 pins. The final pin totals for this match was 458 to us and 432 to The Century A. We had won the match by 26 pins and had managed to gain 10 points out of the available 14.

We seemed to be back in a winning form, and we needed it too because we were going to be in action again the following day on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February to play the postponed match from just before Christmas against The Poachers at Weston AFC2. The report for this match follows on from this one because they are being played so closely.

## Match Report Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2011

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Well, here we are for the second report in as many days. Still on a relative high from last night's good fortune we knew that we needed to keep up the pressure because we were playing against the current second division leaders The Poachers who had only lost 3 home matches all season. Not too much to ask but we needed to play well.

Playing first for us on this match was Swifty, John C., and Dave. It began quite nicely with a first hand totalling 19. Things began to crumble a little when one of our players unfortunately suffered with a V/C on his third hand, something that none of us wants to get on such an important match as this was going to be. But it happens to be best players, so we dust ourselves off and get back down to business. The complete breakdown for us on this set was the V/c, five 5's, five 6's, two 7's, four 8's and a 9. This gave us player totals of 39, 30 and 41 which gave us a reasonable set total of 110. The Poachers began to live up to their name and began stealing the pins so to speak. None of them hit a spare but they did hit three 9's though. Their complete breakdown for this set was three 4's, a 5, five 6's, four 7's, two 8's and three 9's. This gave them player totals of 35, 43 and 40 which gave them a set total of 118. They had won this first set by 8 pins and were also two points in front. We needed to get back on track.

The second set consisted of Grandad, Doc and Dixie. All three tried their hardest to recoup some of the losses from the first set and as a result managed to hit six 7's over the course of this set which was quite good. The complete breakdown for this set was a 4, six 5's, a 6, seven 7's, an 8 and two 9's. This gave us player totals of 34, 36 and 45. The 45 turned out to be our highest score of the night by Dixie and without a spare too which was really good. Our set total was 115. The Poachers seemed to be on fire and played on well. R. Clark hit a good 12 spare on his first hand so we knew that things were going to be a bit of an uphill struggle to say the least. The spare was not enough to grant him the highest score of the night for them though; this was to come on the final set. Their



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complete breakdown for this set was a 4, a 5, seven 6's, two 7's, five 8's, a 9 and the 12 spare. This gave them player totals of 40, 46 and 40 and a set total of 126. They had won the second set as well. This time by 11 pins which meant that they were now 19 pins in front and had now gained four out of the available 14 points.

The third set consisted of Cockney Al, L. Thomas and Doug. Al began well when he hit an excellent 13 spare on his first hand, but alas it didn't seem to give him the boost that he needed which meant that he could only manage to hit a total of just 40. The complete breakdown for this set was two 3's, two 4's, two 5's, three 6's, five 7's, two 8's, a 9 and the 13 spare. The other player totals for this set was 34 and 41 which gave us a set total of another 115. The Poachers would just not let us out of their traps and kept piling on the pressure. Ok they didn't manage to hit any spares, but with them hitting a range of 7's and 8's they were not really needed. Their breakdown for this set was a 3, a 4, a 5, four 6's, four 7's, six 8's and a 9. This gave them player totals of 43, 38 and 40 which gave them a set total of 121. They had taken this set too. This time by another 6 pins meaning that they were now 25 pins in front and steaming ahead. They now also had six points on the board to our big fat zero.

The final set consisted of Kojak, Andy G. and Captain Woody. Things seemed to go a little better for us on this set because Captain Woody managed to hit a good 12 spare on his final hand which gave him a fairly good score of 43. The complete breakdown for us on this set was a 2, a 4, two 5's, four 6's, three 7's, six 8's and the 12 spare. The other player totals for us on this set was 40 and 38 which gave us a set total of 121. The Poachers just kept bringing out the big guns especially when D. Parker hit an excellent 18 spare on his third hand which assisted greatly in him getting their highest score of the match of 54, so well done to him. Their breakdown for this set was a 4, five 5's, a 6, four 7's, five 8's, a 9 and the 18 spare. Their other player totals for this set were two 38's. Their set total was 130. They had won the final set by 9 pins. The overall totals were 461 to us and 495 to them which meant that they had won this match by 34 pins and had taken all 14 available points.

So as you can see, some games you win and others you lose! We don't have a match this coming Friday due to cup matches being played, so our next match as luck would have it will be back on the AFC2 alley against the WAFC on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2011. So see you then.