



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 1st April 2011

It might well have been April fool's Day, but there was nothing foolish going on this week as far as skittles was concerned! We were, once again, playing on our home alley for the first of our three remaining matches in our inaugural season in the second division. Our opponents this week were The Rejects who are very much in the relegation zone as far as the league table is concerned. They have had a fairly bad season, only winning a few of their matches. They did, however, beat us in the Knock-Out Cup which proves that they can play a good game of skittles.

Playing first for us was Andy M., Doc and 'edgehog. All three of our players suffered a little during this first set because too many balls found too many gaps and what few balls did connect didn't seem to bear much fruit. Things did look like they might have improved a little when Doc hit our first spare of the match on his fourth hand which was a 10. Alas though, it didn't seem to help much with his overall final score which was just 34. Our complete breakdown for this set was two 3's, three 4's, three 5's, two 6's, three 7's, three 8's, a 9 and the 10 spare. The other player totals were 37 and 38 which gave us a set total of 109. The Rejects were also having a slightly bad time of it as well because they could not seem to score anything above an 8. Their breakdown for this set was two 3's, four 4's, two 5's, four 6's, three 7's and three 8's. This gave them player totals of 31, 28 and 42 which gave them a set total of 101. We had won the first set by 8 pins which was a good start to the match.

The second set consisted of Paul, Kojak and Grandad. This turned out to be a very good set for us as far as spares were concerned. Kojak hit a good 9 spare on his second hand and Grandad hit two 12 spares, one was on his third hand and the other on his fifth. This helped him achieve our highest score of the match of 49, so well done to him. The complete breakdown for this set was four 3's, two 5's, five 6's, a 7, three 8's, the 9 spare and two 12 spares. The other two player totals were 35 and 32 and our set total was 116. The Rejects played a slightly better set this time with a couple more reasonable scores on the board which included a good 10 spare by T. Webb. This was not enough to give them their highest score of the match; this was to come on the final set. The breakdown of scores for this set for them was a 3, four 4's, two 5's, five 6's, two 7's, two 8's, a 9 and the 10 spare. This gave them player totals of 30, 43 and 35 which gave them a set total of just 108. We had won the second set again by 8 pins which meant that we were now 16 pins in front and had a fairly healthy four points to boot as well.

The third set consisted of Dixie, Andy Mc., and Doug. The scores for us on this set seemed to be fairly consistent with each player almost matching pin for pin each other's score. Alas there were not any spares but there were a few reasonable scores never the less. The breakdown for this set was a 3, two 4's, two 5's, three 6's, five 7's and five 8's which gave us player totals of 39, 38 and 37 giving us a set total of 114. The Rejects once more played a good set compared to that of the previous couple. I have already mentioned that there were not any spares from either side on this set. Their breakdown for this set was a 3, a 4, three 5's, four 6's, five 7's, two 8's and two 9's. This gave them player totals of 40, 38 and 37 which gave them a set total of 115. They had won this set by a single pin thus reducing our lead to just 15 pins.



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The final set consisted of Neil, Dave and Captain Woody. Once more for us we could not hit any further spares, but we hit a fair few 7's and 8's as a slight compensation. The breakdown for us on this set was a 3, two 5's, three 6's, six 7's, five 8's and a 9 which gave us player totals of 38, 43 and 41 and a good set total of 122. The Rejects bounced back with a vengeance on this set when R. Lovegrove hit a good 15 spare on his fifth hand and R. Nicholls hit a 14 spare on his third hand. It was the 14 spare that gave them their highest score of the match which was also 49 so well done to him. The breakdown for them on this set was two 4's, two 5's, three 6's, three 7's, five 8's, a 9, the 14 spare and the 15 spare. The other player totals for this set was 40 and 48. Their set total was a massive 137. They had won this set by 15 pins. The overall totals for this match were 461 to us and 461 to them which meant that the match was drawn so we each had 7 points from the available 14. This was the second time this season that we had drawn a match.

Next week we shall be playing our penultimate match against The Falcons at the Victoria Bowling club. Last time we played them on our alley we lost 12 points to 2. With any luck we can carry on our current winning form and earn a few more points to boot.