



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 21st January 2011

The second half of the season seems to be a bit of an up-hill struggle at present, especially with last week's defeat hanging over our heads from The Wanderers. This week looked like it could quite easily go the same way because we were back on our own alley but playing against The Box Tops. When we met them on their home alley at The White Hart we struggled to gain a single point and to make things slightly worse for us they were fairly near the top of the second division. Could we get back into the swing of things and begin to win again?

Playing first set for us was Andy M., Steve T. and edgehog. There didn't seem to be too much to write home about for this set because on the face of things they were fairly non spectacular scores. We did think that we would have lady luck smile on us when 'edgehog hit the first spare of the night but alas it was only a 9. There were, however, a few more spares later in the match but not this set! The breakdown for us on this set was two 3's, six 5's, two 6's, four 7's, three 8's and the 9 spare which gave us player totals of 36, 33 and 40. This gave us a reasonable set total of 109. The Box Tops seemed to be glued to the packet and just could not make the balls connect with the pins. Their breakdown for this set was a 1, a 2, a 3, two 4's, four 5's, four 6's, four 7's, and an 8 which gave them player totals of 26, 39 and 29 and a set total of just 94. We had won the first set by 15 pins which was an excellent start to the match and we had two most valuable points on the board.

The second set consisted of Andy Mc, Dixie and Doug. Things picked up quite nicely for us on this set when Andy Mc hit an excellent 12 spare on his final hand to gain our highest score of the match of 47 so very well done to him. Dixie was fairly consistent with his scores which also helped nicely too. The breakdown for us on this set was a 3, a 4, a 5, three 6's, five 7's, four 8's, two 9's and the 12 spare. As well as the 47 already mentioned the others hit 42 and 38 which gave us a set total of 127. The Box Tops were still struggling a little when one of their players hit an unfortunate V/c, but as you already know even the most seasoned players tend to get them some of the time. It's just how things go sometimes. Their breakdown for this set apart from the V/c was two 3's, four 5's, a 6, four 7's, five 8's and a 9. This gave them player totals of 30, 37 and 42 which gave them a set total of 109. We had won the second set as well, this time by 18 pins, which meant that we were now 33 pins in front and we had 4 points on the board. This is a very good position to be in at such a crucial point in the game.

The third set consisted of Paul, John C. and Grandad. This set seemed to drift off a little but we still kept on going. We didn't manage any spares on this set but Grandad came close when he managed to get all 9 pins with his three balls on his fourth hand. The breakdown for this set was three 4's, four 5's, three 6's, six 7's, an 8 and the 9. Our player totals were 32, 41 and 36 which gave us a set total of 109. The Box Tops looked like they had found the way forward and began to come back from the brink. Their breakdown for this set was two 4's, two 5's, five 6's, five 7's and four 8's. This gave them player totals of 39, 35 and 41 which gave them a set total of 115. They had won the third set by 6 pins which meant that we were now only 27 pins in front and The Box Tops had their first points on the board. Did this mean that the match would get totally turned around?

The final set consisted of Cockney Al, Dave and Captain Woody. Things picked up again for us on this set when Dave hit an excellent 14 spare on his first hand, but it was not quite enough to



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give him highest score, when added to his other hands. He came very close though with a score of 46. Captain Woody began the set a little on the low side but managed to rescue things a little on his final hand where he hit a good 12 spare. The breakdown for us on this set was a 2, two 4's, three 5's, four 6's, four 7's, two 8's, the 12 spare and the 14 spare. The player totals was 35, 46 and 38 which gave us a final set total of 119. The Box Tops still on a comeback from earlier disappointment hit some very good scores including R. Coombes hitting a 16 spare on his fifth hand to give him their highest score of 49 so very well done to him. The complete breakdown for them on this set was a 3, three 5's, five 6's, three 7's, five 8's and the 16 spare. As well as the 49 their player totals for this set was two 38's. This gave them a set total of 125. They had won the final set by another 6 pins. The overall match totals were 464 to us and 453 to them. We had won the match by 21 pins and had won the match 10 points to 4.

The tables were well and truly turned on this match especially after last week's crushing defeat and losing against The Box Tops last time we played them.

Next week we will be away at the Hornets Rugby Club against their team. Last time we played them on 17th September 2010 we held them to a draw. Can we do the same or improve on it. Come back next week and see.