



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 28th January 2011

The season seems to be moving on rapidly now as we are very close to the end of January already. Just where do the days go? It only seems like yesterday since I was doing the last report. At least it is keeping me busy so to speak. This week we were away at the Hornets Rugby club against The Hornets. As you may recall we drew with them when they played on our alley way back last year, but then they slaughtered us in the Front Pin to the tune of 105 pins! That was not a nice night. Well, we needed to focus a little on the job in hand and that was to play the game, get some points on the board and hopefully win. How did it go? Read on and see...

Playing for us first was Swifty, L. Thomas and Dixie. This was an interesting set as far as we were concerned because Dixie managed to hit three excellent spares, a 15 on his first hand, a 13 on his third and a 14 on his fourth. These when added to his other scores for the other three hands totalled a massive 66 which turned out to be our highest score of the night and also our highest individual player score so far this season, so well done to him. The breakdown for us on this set was a 2, two 3's, two 4's, four 5's, a 6, three 7's, an 8, a 9, the 13 spare, 14 spare and the 15 spare. The other player totals were 29 and 27. Our set total was a good 122. The Hornets seemed to be attacking the pins with everything they had. Two of their players hit spares on their fourth hands a 14 spare and a 16 spare. J. Fairhurst's 16 spare helped him hit their highest score of the night of 50 so well done to him. Their breakdown for this set was two 4's, two 5's, a 6, four 7's, five 8's, two 9's, the 14 spare and the 16 spare. Apart from the 50 their other player totals was 46 and 44 which gave them a set total of 140. They had won the first set by 18 pins and were two points in front.

The second set consisted of Doc, Cockney Al and Doug. All of them tried to make improvements and try to recoup some of the losses of the first set, but alas this did not quite happen the way they had planned. There were unfortunately no spares for them on this set but as many of you who read these reports on a regular basis know only too well that this does happen often. The breakdown for us on this set was a 3, three 4's, three 5's, two 6's, five 7's, two 8's and two 9's. This gave us player totals of 39, 33 and 39 which gave us a set total of just 111. The Hornets looked like things were beginning not to go their way as the pins fell over the course of the set because they too could not seem to get a spare either. Their breakdown for this set was two 4's, two 5's, three 6's, three 7's, seven 8's and a 9 which gave them player totals of 38, 39 and 45 and a set total of 122. They had won the second set by 11 pins which meant that they were now 29 pins in front and had 4 points on the board. We needed some assistance from somewhere.

The third set consisted of Kojak, John C. and Andy Mc. Things took a pleasant turn for us on the fourth hand when Andy Mc hit an excellent 17 spare to give him a personal best season score of 51, so well done to him. The breakdown for us on this set was a 3, a 4, four 5's, three 6's, five 7's, three 8's and the 17 spare. The other player totals for this set was 36 and 34. Our set total was 121. The Hornets just kept coming back with everything they seemed to have in their arsenal and didn't hit anything below a 5. By comparison they did not hit a spare either! Their breakdown for this set was two 5's, seven 6's, five 7's, three 8's and a 9. This gave them player totals of 37, 46 and 37 and a set total of 120. We had taken the third set but only a single pin. Every little helps and we now had two points on the board and had reduced the deficit down to 28 pins. Could we recover any more on the final set?



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The final set consisted of Neil, Dave and Captain Woody. Dave fought on bravely and managed to hit a good 13 spare on his second hand which gave him a player total of 50. Captain Woody was not far off with a player total of 46 without a spare so well done to them. The breakdown for us on this set was a 3, four 4's, two 7's, five 8's, four 9's, and the 13 spare. I have already mentioned two of the player's scores earlier. The other score was 34. These gave us a set total of 130. The Hornets seemed to be feeling the heat a little on this set as they seemed to go a little off the boil because they could not hit anything higher than an 8. Their breakdown for this set was a 3, a 4, three 5's, three 6's, five 7's and five 8's. This gave them player totals of 36, 39 and 40 which meant that they could only muster a set total of just 115. We had won this final set by 15 pins and had gained another couple of points. The final totals for this match were 484 to us and 497 to them. The Hornets had won the game by 13 pins. Despite our early losses I think that we managed to pull things back quite nicely.

Next week we are at home against The Wookers who as you already know also play on our Alley on alternate weeks to us. Last time we played them we were unfortunate to lose 10 points to 4. Can we turn it around? Who knows!

The postponed match from before Christmas has now been re-arranged – see the Fixtures page for details.