



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 4th March 2011

Feeling a little down after our defeat a week or so ago we needed to get some good luck going. Now this was, I think, the third time that we had played on this alley over the past few weeks and I thought that we would have a reasonable chance. Were we going to be successful? Or were we going to be defeated once again? We were playing at Weston AFC on alley 2 against the W.A.F.C. Last time we played against them we won 8 points to 6. Could we do better this time? Read on and see...

Playing first for us was Cockney Al, Dixie and 'edgehog. On the face of it the scores looked fairly reasonable with a few 7's and 8's on the board. There were no spares at all for us on this set which was a shame. In fact we failed to score a single one in the entire match. The breakdown for us on this set was two 4's, four 5's, three 6's, five 7's and four 8's which gave us player totals of two 35's and a 43. The 43 was scored by Dixie which turned out to be our highest score of the night so well done to him. The set total was 113. The W.A.F.C. seemed to play a cool set because on the face of things their scores seemed to match ours fairly well with the exception of the fact that they did score a couple of 9's. Their breakdown for this set was two 4's, three 5's, three 6's, five 7's, three 8's and two 9's. This gave them player totals of 43, 34 and 41 and a set total of 118. They had won the set by 5 pins. This was not a huge amount but it was something that we didn't really want to be faced with so early in the match as well as being 2 points behind.

The second set consisted of Swifty, Steve T. and Andy Mc. None of the players seemed to be able to settle into a rhythm to get the balls make contact with the pins which was a shame to say the least. The breakdown for us on this set was three 2's, five 4's, a 5, a 6, two 7's, and six 8's which gave us player totals of 24, 36 and 39 giving us a set total of 99. The W.A.F.C. seemed to be having a similar problem to us in as much as it seemed like they were struggling a little as well. The apple cart was upset a little on their third hand when R. Burnell hit a good 12 spare. This didn't give him the edge to gain their highest score of the match. Surprisingly though, R. Carter hit their highest score on this set of 44 without any spare at all so well done to him. Their breakdown for this set was two 3's, two 4's, three 6's, six 7's, three 8's, a 9 and the 12 spare. Their other player total was 34 and their set total was 119. They had won this set by 20 pins so were now 25 pins in front and had 4 points on the board. We needed to get some points on the board and fast.

Playing for us on the third set was Kojak, Andy M. and Andy G. Again we just couldn't seem to get the edge but we kept on going like the true professionals that we are. The breakdown for us on this set was a 1, three 4's, five 5's, four 6's, four 7's and an 8 which gave us player totals of 33, 34 and 31 and a set total of 98. The W.A.F.C. once more just played on like they had over the past two sets. Their initial scores didn't seem to be that high because their breakdown for this set was three 4's, five 5's, two 6's, four 7's, three 8's and a 9 which gave them player totals of 31, 39 and 40 giving them a set total of 110. They had won this set by 12 pins which meant that they were now 37 pins in front and already had 6 points on the board. Could we come from behind and get the same score as we did last time we played against them? Or was it going to be another whitewash?

The final set consisted of Doug, Dave and Captain Woody. This set seemed to pick up a little for us with the scores being slightly better than the previous sets. The breakdown for this set for us



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was a 4, two 5's, four 6's, six 7's, three 8's and two 9's. This gave us player totals of 40 and two 41's and a set total of 122. The W.A.F.C. unfortunately had a player short so they were forced to play a low score which for them was the 31 gained in the third set. This meant that they had to play even harder than they would probably have done to get over this score. Their breakdown for this set including that of the low score was four 4's, four 5's, two 6's, six 7's, an 8 and a 9. Their other player totals was 41 and 35. Their overall set total was just 107. We had taken this final set by 15 pins reducing the deficit to 22 pins. Not an awful lot but enough never the less. The overall total for this match was 432 to us and 454 to the W.A.F.C. We had at least saved a little face on this match.

Next week we shall be back on our own alley and our opponents will be the Depoteers. When we last played them on their alley we were victorious and won 10 points to 4. Can we continue in that trend and beat them again? Come back and see next week.