



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 5th November 2010

Well this week we were back in action once more having had last week off after being knocked out of the first two cup matches of the season. This week we hoped it was going to be a blast, it was bonfire night and the sky was being lit up with many spectacular fireworks and the air was being polluted with loud bangs and crashes from the rockets and bangers. The rain did not deter the crowds flocking to various displays round the area. Would we still get two full teams to play the match? Or would it get postponed?

We need not have worried. Most of our team turned up and waited, wondering if we had got the wrong venue. Well, we need not have panicked because our opponents soon turned up. We were playing away at the Boro Club against The Depoteers. I am sure that we have played them in the past and lost and they are currently residing in the second place in the table having won 5 out of their first seven matches. This did not look good as far as figures are concerned but strange things happen in this game. So just how did things pan out? Read on and see...

Playing first for us were a couple of the newer players rather than the regular opening batters. These were A. Mcm, P. Vincent and Steve T. From the way the balls were being bowled and the way the pins were falling, things did not look too bad especially with a few 9's adorning the scoreboard. The breakdown of the scores for us was two 4's, three 5's, four 6's, five 7's, two 8's and two 9's. This gave us player totals of 38, 40 and 38 which gave us a set total of 116. The Depoteers seemed to be all fired up because D. Stokes hit two very good spares, one on his third hand down of a 17 and a 15 spare on his fifth hand. This ensured that he got their highest score of the night of a whopping 61 so very well done to him. Their complete breakdown was two 4's, two 5's, three 6's, five 7's, two 8's, a 9, the 15 spare and the 17 spare. The other two player scores for this set were 41 and 33. With the 61 this meant that they had a set total of 135. They had won the first set by 19 pins and had the first points on the score board. Was this going to be a complete whitewash?

The second set consisted of Dixie, Doug and 'edgehog. This looked to be a very shrewd move by Captain Woody when the balls began to roll and the pins began to fall. None of our players could quite manage to get as far as a spare, but they did manage to get three 9's between them this time. So things were looking up as far as pins were concerned. The breakdown for us on this set including the 9's were a 5, four 6's, five 7's, five 8's and the three 9's. This gave us player totals of 44, 45 and 42. Without a spare these were respectable scores indeed. Our set total was an excellent 131. The Depoteers seemed to have lost their spark to the flame on this set and hardly anything seemed to go right for them especially when one of them had the misfortune to hit a V/C. Their breakdown for this set was the V/C, three 4's, five 5's, a 6, five 7's and three 8's. This gave them player totals of 34, 31 and 37. We had won the second set by a huge margin of 29 pins. We were now a mere 10 pins in front and the scores were now level. It's amazing just how quickly a match can turn round.

The third set consisted of Doc, Kojak and Andy G. Once more the game turned to the dark side, or at least that's the how it seemed from the way some of the scores appearing on the board looked. Things did look a little more promising when Kojak hit our first spare of the night on his final



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hand. Alas it was only a 10 spare, but at least a spare is welcome no matter how many pins are hit. The breakdown for us on this set was two 3's, four 5's, three 6's, two 7's, four 8's, two 9's and the 10 spare. This gave us player totals of 35, 42 and 41 which gave us a set total of 118. The Depoteers seemed to find a new box of matches and re-kindled the flame because B. Gregory hit a 15 spare on his third hand to give him a player total of 51 so well done to him. The complete breakdown of scores for this set was three 4's, four 6's, four 7's, four 8's, a 9 and the 15 spare. The other players scores for this set were 36 and 39. The set total for them was 126. They had won the third set by 8 pins and were now just two pins behind in the match but had four points on the board. This was turning into a very interesting match to say the least.

The final set consisted of Cockney Al, Dave and Captain Woody. It began a little on the low side with a couple of 5's, but things soon began to gather much needed momentum when Captain Woody hit a good 13 spare on his second hand so very well done to him on that. This gave him the added bonus of hitting our teams highest score of the night of 49 so again well done to him. The breakdown for us on this set was five 5's, three 6's, five 7's, four 8's and the 13 spare. The player totals for this set was two 37's and the 49 which gave us a set total of 123. The Depoteers seemed to be playing a very similar game to us with the exception that one of their players hit a good 15 spare on his fifth hand. The breakdown for this set was a 3, three 4's, four 6's, two 7's, six 8's and the 15 spare. This gave them player totals of 43, 35 and 44. This gave them a set total of 122. We had won the final set by a single pin! This ensured that we had won the match overall by just 3 pins but the jewel in the crown for this match was the fact that we had scored an impressive 10 points on what seemed, at the start of the game, a huge task.

Next week we shall be back on our own alley against The Dambusters who at the time of this report were near the bottom of the table but they have been very successful in the past which is why they were promoted a couple of seasons ago from the third division.

So look back next time for the thrills and spills of the next instalment of the Con B skittles team.