



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 15th April 2011

So here we are at the final match of this inaugural season for us in the second division. What a season it has been too. I won't dwell on the earlier part of the season in this report; I will do that in the next one that should appear on this page in a few weeks time. I will also be producing a pre-season report once the new season draws have been made so that you can be informed of the fixtures for the 2011 – 2012 Season. All that being said now let's get on with the job in hand which is to say what went on this week. Our opponents this week were The Poachers who had played a truly amazing season. They were leading the second division for much of it with an excellent win record. As a result of this they had already been crowned Division Two Champions so they will be experiencing life in the fast lane of the First Division, so good luck to them.

As you may remember from the end of last week's report I mentioned that they had beaten us last time we played them and it was a revised match due to the snow we all had back in December 2010. Ok, so they are being promoted, it would be nice to end this season with a bang and show them that even some of the better teams can get beaten. Did we do it? Read on and see.

Playing first was Andy M., 'edgehog and Dave. The set started off reasonably well when collectively our players hit a hand total of 20. Things improved on the second hand with a collective score of 23 but then alas things began to slip a little. It might have been the pressure we were all under, but despite that there was not much between the teams overall performance by the time we had reached the end of the set. Our player breakdown for this set was a 3, two 4's, four 5's, two 6's, six 7's and three 8's. The player totals were 32, 38 and 39 which gave us a set total of 109. The Poachers certainly were living up to their name because W. Manville hit a reasonable 9 spare but then J. Maguire hit a good 12 spare on his fourth hand. Neither of these players was fortunate enough to hit their highest score with these scores. That came in the second set. Their breakdown for this set was a 1, two 3's, two 4's, a 5, three 6's, five 7's, an 8, two 9's (including the 9 spare) and the 12 spare. Their player totals for this set were 49, 26 and 36 which gave them a set total of 111. They had won this first set by just two pins. Rather a close start don't you think.

The second set consisted of Andy Mc., Len and Cockney Al. This set seemed to be a direct turn around as far as performance was concerned because it began with a first hand total of just 14. Things improved for us when Andy Mc. hit our only spare of the night on his fourth hand of an excellent 13. This gave us our highest player score of the night of 45 so well done to him. The breakdown for us on this set was a 1, four 3's, a 5, three 6's, three 7's, three 8's, two 9's and the 13 spare. This gave us player totals of 45, 31 and 36 which gave us a set total of 112. The Poachers seemed not to put a ball wrong on this set because they didn't hit anything lower than a 4, but P. Parker hit an excellent 16 spare on his final hand to give him their teams' highest score of the night of 50 so well done to him. Their complete breakdown for this set was three 4's, three 5's, four 6's, four 7's, two 8's, a 9 and the 16 spare. Their player totals for this set in addition to the 50 was 37 and 33. Their set total was 120. They had won this set as well but it was only by 8 pins. They were now 10 pins in front but already had four points out of the available 14. We needed to improve on this if we were to get anywhere.



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The third set consisted of Kojak, John C., and Andy G. Looking at the scores as a collective they didn't look too bad at all because like The Poachers on the previous set we didn't hit anything less than a 4. Ok, we could not get a spare but Kojak had a good go when he hit a 9 on his third hand. The breakdown for us on this set was two 4's, four 5's, four 6's, six 7's, an 8 and a 9. The player totals for this set were 33, 38 and 40 which gave us a set total of 111. The Poachers seemed to be having it all their own way as far as scores were concerned because they managed to hit ten 7's between them. The only problem they had on this set was a rather unfortunate problem that one of their players suffered a v/c. With the amount of 7's already hit this did not seem to matter in the slightest. Their breakdown for this set apart from the v/c was two 5's, three 6's, ten 7's and two 8's. Their player totals was 34, 41 and 39 which gave them a set total of 114. They had won this set as well. This time by just 3 pins bringing their profit of pins to 13 and their score to six points out of the 14.

The final set consisted of Neil, Grandad and Captain Woody. This seemed to be a bit of a mixed bag as far as scores were concerned but alas none of them were above an 8 or below a 3. Together they all soldered on valiantly in an attempt to salvage what was rapidly turning into another whitewash as far as points were concerned. Like the professionals they are they kept on bowling the balls down the alley hoping that some good would eventually come of it. The breakdown for us on this set was two 3's, two 5's, six 6's, five 7's and three 8's. The player totals were 42, 33 and 36 which gave us a set total of 111. The Poachers were all fired up for the kill and went for it big time. P. Angier hit an excellent 12 spare on his second hand and followed it up with two very good 9's. This didn't secure him on their highest score because as I had said earlier that had already been done on the second set. Their breakdown for this set was two 4's, two 5's, three 6's, two 7's, six 8's, two 9's and the 12 spare. This gave them player totals of 39, 45 and 44 which gave them a set total of 128. They had taken this final set by 17 pins and the final available points as well. The overall totals for this match were 443 to us and 473 to them. They had won the final match by a huge 30 pins.

The Poachers certainly deserve to be crowned the Division 2 champions after a performance like that and we would like to wish them well next season in the First Division.

So that just about wraps things up for this season. As I said at the start I will produce an end of season report so keep your eyes peeled for that. I will also post a pre-season report as soon as the new seasons fixtures are available.