



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 4th February 2011

Last week's defeat was a little unfortunate to say the least. Not to be downhearted for long we wanted to bounce back and get some real points on the board. Our opponents for this week were The Wookurs who also play on our ally at the Conservative Club but on the opposite nights to us. Last time we were deemed to be the away team and were crushed like a bug under foot. This time we wanted to show what we were made of. Would it work? Or would it turn out to be a dream?

Playing on the first set was Andy M., Doc and 'edgehog. There were not many high scores hit on this set, but they were all counting. Fortunately the lowest score for us was a 2 but the highest was a 9 without a spare in site. Most of them were fairly close which was reflected fairly well in the breakdown. This was a 2, a 3, three 4's, two 5's, three 6's, five 7's, an 8 and two 9's which gave us player totals of 36, 33 and 37 and a set total of 106. Not a bad start for the alley. The Wookurs looked as if they would pounce and fire down a high score, but alas they too were having slight problems. Their lowest score was a 3 and their highest was also a 9. So they didn't hit a spare either. Their breakdown for this set was a 3, a 4, five 5's, eight 6's, a 7, an 8 and a 9 which gave them player totals of 34, 38 and 32 and a set total of 104. We had taken the first set by just two pins but also had the added bonus of two valuable points as well.

The second set consisted of P. Vincent, Grandad and Doug. Things seemed to heat up for us a little on this set because we managed to hit a few 9's. Again no spares were forthcoming but the lowest score for us was a 4. From where I was sitting it looked to be going quite nicely too. The breakdown for us on this set was two 4's, four 5's, three 6's, four 7's, an 8 and four 9's which gave us player totals of 36 and two 41's which gave us a set total of 118. The Wookurs looked like they were going to romp away with the set because R. Chubb hit their first and only spare of the night of 13 which gave him their highest score of the night of 44 so well done to him. The breakdown for them on this set was a 3, a 4, five 5's, four 6's, four 7's, two 8's and the 13 spare. The other two player totals were 36 and 33 which gave them a set total of 113. Surprisingly we had won this set by five pins which meant that we were now 7 pins in front but also had four points on the board. This was looking good. Could the luck continue?

The third set consisted of Kojak, Andy G. and Dixie. The balls and pins seemed to have warmed up nicely for us on this set because there were a good number of 8's hit. What really made this set come alive for us was the fact that Dixie hit our only spare of the night on his final hand. It was a good 11 spare which also gave him our highest score of the night of 45 just one higher than that of The Wookurs in set two. The breakdown for us on this set was two 4's, a 5, four 6's, three 7's, six 8's, a 9 and the 11 spare. Our other two player totals were 44 and 37 which gave us a set total of an excellent 126. The Wookurs seemed to also be benefiting from the upturn in fortunes because they managed to hit five 9's on this set. This was good in anyone's books. Their breakdown for this set was a 4, four 5's, four 6's, a 7, three 8's and the five 9's. Their player totals were 43, 41 and 40 which gave them a set total of 124. We had won the third set by two pins. We were now in the lead by 9 pins with six valuable points on the board. The lead was not very high which meant that things could very easily be turned upside down and we would lose another match.



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The final set consisted of Andy Mc, Dave and Captain Woody. The heat must have died a little on this set because the pins and balls did not want to connect the way that they had on the previous set. There were some reasonable scores but nothing to really write home about. The breakdown for us on this set was two 3's, a 4, two 5's, six 6's, two 7's, three 8's and two 9's which gave us player totals of 35, 43 and 34. Our final set total was just 112. The Wookurs seemed to struggle a little too on this set because many of their scores seemed to match ours quite well. Their breakdown for this set was a 3, four 5's, six 6's, three 7's, three 8's and a 9. This gave them player totals of 40, 34 and 39 which gave them a set total of 113. They had won the final set by a single pin. The overall totals were 462 to us and 454 to them. We had won the match by a mere 8 pins but victory was ours to the tune of 12 points to 2. This certainly made up for the last time we met them.

Next week we shall be playing at the Green Baize club again (I think we have played there now at least four times so far this season!), our opponents will be The Persuaders who, so far, are not having a good season because they are fairly close to the bottom of the table. Last time we met them in a league match we were victorious and won the match 11 points to 3. Can we do the same this next time? Call back next week and see.