



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Wednesday 17th November 2010

It only seemed like yesterday since the last report was posted on the site but it was a week ago. The reason it seemed strange was because we were in action on Wednesday rather than the usual Friday. This week we had the fortune to play against The Gatecrashers on their alley in the Workingmens club. They had been playing well so far this season and were fairly near the top of the table, whereas we were trotting along nicely with a few wins under our belts, but a few losses as well. So, I hear you ask, how did we get on. Read on and see...

Playing for us on the first set was Andy M., Dixie and Doug. The match began a little on the slow side for all of us including The Gatecrashers but we kept on bowling the balls down the alley into the pins hoping that some good would eventually come of it all. The breakdown for us on this set was a 4, three 5's, six 6's, four 7's and three 8's. This gave us player totals of two 37's and a 38 which gave us a set total of 112. Not a bad effort for the first set. The Gatecrashers kept pace with us on this set but one of their players had the misfortune to hit a V/C on his first hand which, as you can imagine, looked like it would help our cause greatly. Their breakdown for this set apart from the V/C was a 3, a 5, six 6's, five 7's, three 8's and a 9. These gave them player totals of 41, 34 and 37 which surprisingly also gave them a set total of 112. We had drawn the set. I don't know about you but it looks like something odd could be happening with us this season because we seem to be drawing an awful lot of times during the matches. Perhaps it just goes to show that we are well matched in the second division.

The second set consisted of L. Thomas, Steve T. and Andy G. It looked a little like this set would trickle away from us because we hit a couple of 1's. Fortunately these were better than V/C's and we could recover from them. The complete breakdown for us on this set was two 1's, a 4, two 5's, seven 6's, three 7's and three 8's. These gave us player totals of 31, 33 and 39 which gave us a set total of 103. Not quite as impressive as the first set, but at least it was over the hundred. The Gatecrashers seemed to have crashed on this set because each of their players all hit 1's on one of their hands down. Their breakdown for this set was three 1's, three 3's, a 4, two 5's, a 6, five 7's and three 8's. This gave them player totals of 30, 29 and 32 which gave them just 91! We had won the second set by 12 pins. It's always a nice feeling to be in a commanding position.

The third set saw Cockney Al, John C. and Dave in action. This looked like it was going to be a good set when Dave hit our first spare of the match (on his first hand) of a 10. Surprisingly though it didn't give him our highest score. This was to come in the final set. The breakdown for us on this set was a 3, a 4, two 5's, nine 6's, four 7's and the 10 spare. This gave us player totals of 37, 35 and 37 and a set total of 109. The Gatecrashers seemed to be a little fired up on this set because D. Haskins hit their teams' first two spares of the match, a 9 and a 12 spare on his third and fifth hands respectively which gave him a player total of 51. Their breakdown for this set was a 3, three 4's, a 5, two 6's, four 7's, five 8's, the 9 spare and the 12 spare. The other two player totals were 34 and 36. When added to the 51 this gave them a set total of 121. They had won the set by 12 pins which meant that the game was again level as far as pins were concerned and also level on points with three each. This game was going to go to the wire like many others so far this season.



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The final set consisted of P. Vincent, Grandad and Captain Woody. Both Grandad and Captain Woody hit a spare on this set which was most welcome. Grandad hit a 14 spare in his fifth hand which gave him a player total of 40, which was our first this match and Mark hit a good 16 spare on his second hand, this gave him our highest score of the night of 50. This, I think, is the fourth week running when he has hit the highest score for our team in a match. So well done to him. The breakdown for us on this set was a 2, two 3's, two 5's, four 6's, three 7's, three 8's, a 9 the 14 spare and the 16 spare. Our other player total for this set was 36 which gave us a set total of 126 which was our best set this match. The Gatecrashers seemed to sense that things were not quite right somehow and tried desperately to get the scores on the board. It looked like this was going to happen when N. Mead hit a 10 spare on his first hand, but alas it did not come to much and he ended up with a player total of just 38. Their breakdown for this set was a 1, three 5's, six 6's, two 7's, three 8's, two 9's and the 10 spare. The other player totals for this set were 37 and 43. These gave them a set total of 118. The overall totals for this match was 450 to us and 442 to them. Victory was ours to the tune of 8 pins and we had scored 11 valuable points. It looks like we could be back on winning terms once again.

We will have a week's break now until Friday 3rd December when we shall be playing in the Green Baize club against The Rejects because next week there are a couple of cup matches that we are no longer competing in due to us having been knocked out in the first round.

So that just about wraps it up for now.