



# CON B SKITTLES

## George Davis Cup Rd 2 Match Report Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011

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Last week's match now seems like a distant memory, one that many of us wish to forget, especially because we lost against The Persuaders who were below us in the table. This meant that we were now at the bottom. This week, our position in the table was irrelevant because we were playing in the second round of the George Davis cup against The Breakaways at the Balmoral. We knew that this was going to be a fairly tough match as far as opponents are concerned because they are currently in eighth position.

Playing first for us was Andy M., Steve T. and Doug. The set for us seemed to go well with plenty of 7's being hit along with a few 9's. Things began to look hopeful for us when Doug hit a good 15 spare on his third hand. This gave him a player total of a good 51 so well done to him. Andy M. suffered a slight setback on his fifth hand when he could only manage a 5 but saved a little bit of face when he hit a 15 spare on his final hand. This gave him his highest score so far of the season of 52, but alas not the highest score of the night. This came later in the match. The breakdown for us on this set was two 5's, a 6, eight 7's, two 8's, three 9's and two 15 spares. Our other player total was 42 which gave us a set total of 145. The Breakaways began like there was going to be no tomorrow because their third man, J. Trenchard, seemed not to be able to put a ball wrong down the alley because he hit a 15 spare on his first hand then promptly followed that with a 14 spare on his next. These, coupled with the rest of his excellent bowling, meant he hit a player total of a huge 61. This gave him their highest score of the night, so very well done to him. B. Fletcher tried to emulate him on his second hand when he hit a good 13 spare. This only contributed to him getting a player total of 44. Their breakdown for this set was two 5's, four 6's, three 7's, two 8's, four 9's, the 13 spare, the 14 spare and the 15 spare. Their other player total was 44. This helped give them a set total of 149. They had won this first set by just 4 pins. Because this was a cup match it meant that this match was to be won on pins and pins alone.

The second set consisted of Paul, Kojak and Dixie. The set began a little on the low side but it soon picked up. Unfortunately we didn't manage to hit any spares during this set, but at least all hands played meant that pins hit the deck and they all counted towards the final score. The breakdown for this set was two 3's, two 5's, four 6's, four 7's, four 8's and two 9's. These gave us player totals of 35, 40 and 43 and a set total of 118. The Breakaways played a steady set without as much gusto as they had on their first set. They could not get spares either during this set so this seemed to help our cause a little. Their breakdown for this set was three 6's, five 7's, six 8's and four 9's. This gave them player totals of 40, 47 and 50 which gave them a set total of 137. They had won this set as well, this time by 19 pins which meant that they were now 23 pins in front.

The third set consisted of Swifty, John C. and Grandad. Swifty was all at 6's and 7's literally for this set because that was all he could hit. Thanks to this his score was a good 40. John C., on the other hand, played a cracking set by hitting mainly 7's but he did hit a fantastic 17 spare on his third hand and a 13 spare on his final hand. This gave him our highest score of the match of 56 so well done to him. The complete breakdown for this set was two 5's, five 6's, eight 7's, an 8, the 13 spare and the 17 spare. Grandad's score was 38. Our set total for this set was 134. The Breakaways



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seemed not to believe what was happening because they had a few bad hands. They got close to a few spares because they each hit a 9 during the set. Their breakdown for this set was a 2, two 3's, a 4, a 5, two 6's, three 7's, five 8's and three 9's. Their player totals were 38, 39 and 40 and their set total was 117. We had won this set by 17 pins which meant that we were now trailing by just 6 pins. This was certainly turning into a very interesting match.

The final set consisted of Grant, Dave and Captain Woody. Captain Woody played a strong set which consisted mainly of 9's and a couple of 7's. Dave, on the other hand, began the set with a 14 spare. Grant also played a good set by hitting four 8's. This alley seemed to suite them well. The complete breakdown for us on this set was two 5's, two 6's, four 7's, five 8's, four 9's and the 14 spare. The player totals for this set were 44, 49 and 47 which gave us a set total of 140. The Breakaways tried their hardest to keep up the pressure when W. Mousley hit a 13 spare on his second hand and a 12 spare on his third hand. He went on to hit a good 51. Their breakdown for this set was two 3's, a 4, a 5, three 6's, four 7's, five 8's, the 12 spare and the 13 spare. Their player totals were 37, 51 and 38 which gave them a set total of 126. We had won the final set by 14 pins.

The final totals for this match were 529 to them and 537 to us. We had won the match by just 8 pins meaning that we were through to the next round of the cup.

Next week may well seem like "Groundhog Day" because we will be playing them again, but this time on our own alley. Can we do the double and win this match too? Come back next week and see what happens...